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News in Brief

A [illegible] girl has been born in Cuba, [illegible] to a negro family of the name of [illegible].

[illegible] Chancellor of Syracuse University, [illegible] to quell the [illegible] that there had been [illegible] in the university [illegible].

A [illegible] of the market in [illegible] the last 24 hours [illegible] of [illegible].

Professor [illegible] of astronomy at Princeton, [illegible] expected [illegible] Venus, [illegible] the 15th.

Deputy T. C. [illegible] has [illegible] Willis, at Hopewell Mills, N. Y., to please his wife, who says she is tired of "being pestered in death."

The funeral of Mrs. Samuel L. Clemens, wife of Mark Twain, was held at Elmira, N. Y., at the home of her brother, General Charles J. Langdon.

With two exceptions there have been no young men elected vice president, these exceptions being John C. Breckinridge, 36, and Theodore Roosevelt, 42.

At Trieste, Rear Admiral Barker and the officers of the American battleship Kearsarge were entertained at a banquet by Rear Admiral von Jedina.

Mrs. Hiram McDonald was burned to death and her husband, John McDonald, fatally injured in a fire at a rooming house on Pine street in St. Louis.

John O'Brien and Joseph Furman, alias Day, who, it is alleged, murdered the aged bachelor hermit, Samuel Ritter, near Lemmon Place, Pa., have been arrested.

The pope received Monsignor Falconi in farewell audience and expressed his sincere congratulations on the civil and religious progress of the United States.

The Shanghai correspondent of the London Morning Post, in a dispatch dated July 14, says the Chinese emperor is reported to be seriously ill of dysentery.

Deputy Cochon, republican, has challenged M. Gerault-Richard, socialist deputy from Gandelupe, France, to fight a duel. The latter called Cochon a "jackanapes."

Resolutions were unanimously adopted by a highly civilized mass meeting of citizens which, in effect, demand that lawlessness and crime must be rooted out of Memphis.

W. H. Hills left Jubilat for Abyssinia. He had with him the treaty of commerce between the United States and Abyssinia. Hills took with him two small rapid fire cannons.

The San Francisco Bulletin says that the finest aquarium in the world is to be established in Golden Gate park by Mr. Henry Tevis as a memorial to his brother, the late Lloyd Tevis.

A negro man, name unknown, has been lynched at Gordo, Ala., for making insulting proposals to two white women. The negro was taken from the jail at Gordo by a mob and hanged.

The United States army transport Thomas, from Manila, brought 304 enlisted men, 268 from various commands, eighty discharged soldiers, eighteen marines and thirty-eight military prisoners.

A side track to the home of Judge Alton B. Parker at Esopus, N. Y., was ordered constructed by the West Shore railroad for the increased business at that point on account of Judge Parker's nomination.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad has removed for five years its home of the Burlington tracks from Concordia, Mo., to Kansas City.

The entire income of the German emperor—$2,750,000—comes from the people of Prussia, whose king he is. He gets no pay for being emperor.

The divorce obtained by Lillian Nordica, the singer, from Adrian Donne has been upheld by the appellate division of the supreme court of New York.

Louis Ames of New York, president; H. A. Mapes, Boston, secretary, and George E. Sears, Chicago, treasurer, were re-elected at the national young people's convention at Providence, R. I.

The London Times correspondent at Tangier exhibits that the British legation notified him that tribesmen intended to molest him during the night and that fifty Moorish soldiers were sent to protect his house.

Congressman Richard Bartholdt of Missouri, a German-American, was given the musical honor of speaking, as center of the day, at the 195th anniversary celebration of the fall of the Bastile.

Another cut of 5 cents in the price of all grades of oil has been made by the Standard Oil company.

Alfred Lowell, assistant superintendent of motive power of the Santa Fe, has been transferred from Topeka, Kan., to Chicago. He will take his office there with him on July 15.

Charles A. Mistone of Chicago, mistaking his wife for a burglar, shot her, inflicting a fatal wound.

Baronne de Mohrenheim, Russian minister at Washington, has been appointed to succeed Dr. De Cingarsky as ambassador to Austria-Hungary.

At the exposition of the Italian colonial general in New York, the king of Italy has conferred the knighthood of the order of Italy upon Heinrich Conrad, director of the Metropolitan opera house, in recognition of his successful efforts to promote the revival of Italian opera in New York.

Two [illegible] in silk hats, white kid gloves and evening dress mauling Mr. Herbert Gilbey, a wealthy [illegible], in Trumpet avenue, the Bronx, New York, and robbed him of $[illegible], a diamond pin and a gold watch and chain.

A passenger train on the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba, plunged into a washout near Grand Forks, N. D., [illegible] of Minneapolis, Mr. [illegible] of Minneapolis, and Fireman W. H. [illegible] of Minneapolis were killed. The train was made up of [illegible] and was [illegible] Minnesota.

FROM W. J. BRYAN

WHAT HE SAYS ABOUT THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

IT IS REALLY A GOOD ONE.

Some Planks He Regards as Stronger Than Others—Imperialism, He Thinks, Will Be the Leading Campaign Issue.

LINCOLN—W. J. Bryan on Thursday made public the following statement relating to the democratic platform adopted at St. Louis:

The plank on imperialism is positive, strong and satisfactory to the entire party and this question becomes the paramount issue of the campaign.

The tariff plank is good, but it was made so on a close vote in the committee and largely against the opposition of Mr. Parker's adherents. The plank which was voted down favored "a wise, conservative and business-like" revision, made "with due regard to existing conditions." The committee thought that these qualifying words emasculated the plank and left it so weak as to give no hope to tariff reformers.

The anti-trust plank is a good one. It demands the enforcement of the criminal law against the trusts; it demands the abolition of rebates and discriminations, and it demands the withdrawal of interstate commerce privileges from the trusts when once convicted. The plank is infinitely superior to the republican plank, and with a president who desired to destroy the trusts would be a sufficient plank, but as this trust plank was also substituted by the full committee there is reason to fear that it may not be in keeping with the ideas of the candidate.

The labor plank is all that could be desired. It declares against government by injunction; it favors arbitration and the eight-hour day, and denounces the methods that have been resorted to in the Colorado strike, but as these planks were added in the full committee some uncertainty exists as to the candidate's position.

The platform declares in favor of the reduction of the army. Upon this the committee was unanimous. The sub-committee reported a plank in favor of an increase of the navy, but this was stricken out in the full committee.

The platform has a plank in favor of the enlargement of the scope of the interstate commerce commission and in favor of irrigation.

On the whole the platform is good. From a western standpoint its greatest defect is that it makes no mention of the money question. An attempt was made to secure a plank opposing the melting of the silver dollar, opposing the asset currency and branch banks, and expressing a preference for the United States note (ordinarily known as the greenback), but, having refused to put in a gold plank, the committee was not willing to leave any phase of the money question alluded to. While the motion to reaffirm the Kansas City platform was voted down there was a considerable vote in favor of its reaffirmation and the western members of the committee, together with a few from the south, stood together and secured enough changes in the platform to make it a presentable document and worthy of the support of the party.

HENRY GASSAWAY DAVIS.
Democratic Nominee for Vice-President of the United States.

Kansas Corn Crop Poor.

TOPEKA, Kan.—F. D. Coburn, secretary of the Kansas board of agriculture, Friday made public a report regarding the condition of Kansas corn. Mr. Coburn has received a report from every county in the state. He says that on account of the backward spring, cold weather and floods the corn is in a ragged, uneven and imperfect condition. Under the most favorable conditions for the remainder of the season, says Mr. Coburn, the yield in the aggregate will be far below the usual.

Big Rush in Now on at Yankton.

YANKTON, S. D.—One of the biggest passenger trains which ever pulled into South Dakota arrived at Yankton at noon Thursday over the Milwaukee road. It was in two sections, contained twenty-six passenger coaches, and carried 1,200 people. The jam in the city is simply immense. There were 2,491 registrations today, bringing the total up to date to 22,236 for Yankton alone. The regular run on the Northwestern road is divided into three sections, and will add 1,500 people to the throng already here.

Company Worried Strangers.

NEW YORK—General Superintendent Bemis of the Western Union Telegraph company said that the message sent by Judge Parker to Mr. Bleakney at St. Louis relative to the platform adopted by the democratic national convention was not delayed by the company. When Telegraph company is [illegible] The message, Mr. Bemis said, was received from Buffalo [illegible] Mr. Bleakney [illegible] Mr. Bleakney [illegible] W. H. [illegible] Mr. Bleakney [illegible] Mr. Bleakney [illegible] Mr. Bleakney