

1892

Historical Happenings

September 7 New Orleans, Louisiana

Corbett takes title from Sullivan

John L. Sullivan had the weight advantage, 212 pounds to 178, but Jim Corbett had more speed and finesse as he dethroned the world heavyweight champion from Boston in the 21st round. "Gentleman Jim" scored a knockout over his favored opponent, who was clearly out of shape after touring the United States and Australia in a stage production.

September 22 Springfield, Massachusetts

A gasoline-powered motorcar designed and built by the Duryea brothers, Charles and Frank, made its first successful run here today. Propelled by a one-cylinder engine with electrical ignition mounted in a second-hand carriage, it is believed to be the first such vehicle to run in the United States. The two brothers hope to produce more motorcars, which will be offered for sale to the public.

October 23

Chicago, Illinois Chicago World's Fair opens

The dedication ceremony was held today at Jackson Park opening the World's Fair in Chicago celebrating the 1492 discovery of America by Columbus. Free refreshments were served to the 100,000 onlookers and some in the crowd resorted to fisticuffs to grab the limited number of sandwiches.

Two attractions at the fair seem especially popular. One is the Ferris wheel, built by George W.G. Ferris. The device is a giant wheel 250 feet in diameter with 36 boxes or cars attached. Dozens of passengers stand in each box as they are carried up and around the wheel.

The other most popular attraction is a dancer who calls herself "Little Egypt" and purports to be from Persia. She shocks women in the audience by wearing silk trousers and doing a "hoochee-coochee dance," which involves undulating movements as she waves a handkerchief in each hand.

On September 19, 1893 George Wadsworth went to the World's Fair

November 8 Washington, D.C.

Grover Cleveland regained the presidency in today's election, defeating Benjamin Harrison, the Republican who ousted him from the White House four years ago. Neither Harrison in 1888 nor Cleveland this year won a majority of the popular vote. However, they won their respective races by piling up enough electoral votes.

New York City

A bitter fight between two giants of the electrical industry has ended with the merger of Edison General Electric, controlled by Thomas A. Edison and Thomson-Houston Electric, controlled by George Westinghouse. The new company will be called General Electric.

AGE CHART /GEORGE WADSWORTH'S FAMILY

YEAR	GEORGE W.	EMELINE M.	ELMER	ALVAH
1857	21			
1858	22	16		
1859	23	17		
1860	24	18		
1861	25	19		
1862	26	20		
1863	27	21	1	
1864	28	22	2	
1865	29	23	3	
1866	30	24	4	
1867	31	25	5	
1868	32	26	6	
1869	33	27	7	
1870	34	28	8	1
1871	35	29	9	2
1872	36	30	10	3
1873	37	31	11	4
1874	38	32	12	5
1875	39	33	13	6
1876	40	34	14	7
1877	41	35	15	8
1878	42	36	16	9
1879	43	37	17	10
1880	44	38	18	11
1881	45	39	19	12
1882	46	40	20	13
1883	47	41	21	14
1884	48	DIED OCT 12, 1882	22	15
1885	49	PHTHISIS	23	16
1886	50	41 YRS	24	17
1887	51	6 MOS.	25	18
1888	52	18 DAYS	26	19
1889	53		27	20
1890	54		28	21
1891	55		29	22
1892	56		30	23
1893	57		31	24
1894	58		32	25
	Died July 8, 1907		Died July 14, 1917	26
	Pernicious Anemia		Pleuritis	27