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## MINNESOTA TRAGEDY

### MINNEAPOLIS NEWSPAPER MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Frank H. Hamilton Stabs Leonard Day, a Young Millionaire Society Man, to Death in the West Hotel Billiard Room—Other Items.

MINNEAPOLIS: Frank H. Hamilton, a Minneapolis newspaper man, is a prisoner at the central police station, with the charge of murder against him as the result of the stabbing to death of Leonard Day, a young millionaire society man of this city, at the West Hotel early Sunday morning. The tragedy took place in the billiard room soon after a quarrel over a woman, participated in by Hamilton, Day and a number of other prominent men. All had been drinking to a considerable extent. During the fight Fred George, a society leader, was badly cut in the right hand.

George and Day were in company with C. S. Force, another society notable, playing pool, when Hamilton and a few of his friends entered. Hamilton and Day began quarreling. An effort to separate them was made by bystanders and for a few moments quiet was restored. Then the trouble broke out anew and ended only when Day lay dying on the floor. Hamilton, with whom he had been fighting, was the first to bend over him, but it was late, for in five minutes the injured man was dead.

There is a long cut on the top of the dead man's head. His face and wrist were badly bruised, and a knife thrust on the left side of the neck had severed the subclavian artery. The fatal wounds were inflicted with an ordinary penknife.

Coroner Nelson, at the request of friends of the prisoner and the dead man, held an inquest Sunday afternoon, when all of the witnesses of the tragedy testified. None saw the fatal blow struck, but all agreed that Hamilton was the only man with whom Day had been fighting.

Leonard Day was 25 years of age. He had lived for many years in this city. His father died six years ago, and with his mother, he was living at the West Hotel. He was well known in society circles, while among his many companions he was known as a "good fellow" and one of the liveliest young men in the city.

Frank H. Hamilton is comparatively a stranger in Minneapolis. He came to this city last spring, and has since been employed as sporting reporter on one of the local papers.

### SKELETON IN A WELL

#### Remains of Young Girl Found on the Brunot Farm.

FAUNA, Ill.: Much excitement was occasioned in this vicinity Monday by a report that the skeleton of a young girl, presumably 12 or 13 years of age, had been found in a well on the Brunot farm, four miles north of here. In April of last year the dead body of Jane Brunot was found in this same well. Mrs. Brunot was murdered by two of her nephews, who are now serving life sentences in the Chester penitentiary. Monday the work of clearing the well out was commenced, and at the bottom was found the almost perfect skeleton of a young girl. A bracelet, badly water soaked, was found, a comb and key. The deepest mystery surrounds the gruesome find, but it is believed the two young men now serving life sentences may be able to throw some light on the case, and an effort will be made to have them confess. It is believed that the skeleton found is that of a young girl who disappeared from her home in Indiana two years ago during the visit of Mrs. Brunot's two nephews to that state.

### HOPEFUL OF UNDERSTANDING

#### State Department Has Some Favorable News Regarding China.

WASHINGTON: Such information as has come to the state department in the last few days, it is said, indicates a more favorable condition of affairs respecting the chances for a satisfactory understanding among the ministers of the powers than during the early part of last week, when a deadlock seemed imminent. Just what is the nature of this information is not stated, but probably it came as the result of Secretary Hays' latest note to the powers, setting out afresh the object of the United States government as to China. This note contained the instructions that have been sent to Minister Conger, and which are believed to be of such a nature as to constitute an appeal from the extreme course suggested by some of the powers as to the treatment of the Chinese government on some of the matters upon which the ministers have been unable to agree.

### MURDER FOLLOWS STRIKE.

#### Foreman in a Chicago Sash Factory Killed by Unknown Men.

CHICAGO: Harry Farness, foreman of the John Gauger Company's sash, door and blind factory, was shot and instantly killed here Monday by one or two men, believed by the police to be strikers. A strike at the Gauger factory was ordered by the Amalgamated Woodworkers' union Sept. 1 and has been in force ever since. There is much ill feeling among the strikers because their places, as far as possible, were filled with non-union men.

### A Total Wreck.

QUEBEC: News reached here Monday afternoon that the steamer St. Olaf had become a total wreck off Seven Islands and that her crew were all lost. Besides the nineteen men of the steamer's crew it was learned that seven passengers had also perished. The St. Olaf was an iron steamer of 305 tons. She was valued at about \$40,000 and insured for about \$20,000.

### Buller to Be Made a Peer.

LONDON: Gen. Buller's home newspaper, the North Devonshire Herald, says it is understood Gen. Buller will be made a peer when the New Year's honor list is issued, and that he will assume the title of Lord Buller of Ladysmith.

### Monitor Nevada Launched.

BATH, Me.: The United States monitor Nevada, in tonnage the largest government vessel ever built by the Bath Iron Works, was launched Monday, and the ceremony was witnessed by a large number of people.

## BUSINESS IS RECOVERING.

### Both Activity and Tone More Satisfactory Than for Months.

New York: R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: With reasonable promptness business is recovering both activity and tone, and fortunately without the sharp rise in general prices which was seen in the spring, and which was followed by a sudden and serious transition to a more natural range. Manufactured goods are rising in response to a better demand from distributing sources, helped at the end of the week by the more reasonable weather.

The iron and steel market continues active and firm; railroads compete for rolling stock. Two factors militate strongly against activity and strength in wool and woollens. Mild weather has been the chief adverse influence, reducing sales far below normal volume in this vicinity, while liquidation of embarrassed concerns threatens to throw a considerable quantity on the market at forced sales. Undaunted by recent reverses, speculators in cotton advanced the price about \$3.50 a bale in ten days. Receipts have been moderate. Estimates have fallen below 10,000,000 bales because of the slow movement, and this fact, together with last month's record breaking report of exports, form the basis of present prices. Consumption declines on account of the high prices. Failures for the week were 238 in the United States, against 181 last year, and 29 in Canada, against 22 last year.

### WALSH GIVES AWAY SALARY

#### Colorado Mining King Distributes Money Earned at Paris.

DENVER, Colo.: Before leaving for the east Thomas F. Walsh, the mining partner of King Leopold, sent to Father Malone a letter enclosing a check for \$1,000 to be turned over to the Associated Charities of Denver. The gift was one-third of the salary that Mr. Walsh received as commissioner to the Paris exposition. The other thirds Mr. Walsh has expended in a similar manner. The Associated Charities of Washington, D. C., received \$1,000 from him. Another \$1,000 he gave to the Sisters of Mercy Hospital in Ouray, which is near the famous Camp Bird mine of which Mr. Walsh is the owner. Since his return from Europe Mr. Walsh has definitely refused to consider an offer of \$7,000,000 for the Camp Bird mine.

### UNKNOWN SCHOONER LOST.

#### Was in Tow of a Steamer, But the Cable Parted.

POSTLAND, Me.: Passengers on the steamer Numidian, which has arrived here, report that she was in collision with an unknown schooner Nov. 21, and after towing the vessel a whole day the latter broke away and was not seen again. The schooner was leaking badly and fear is felt that she may have gone down. She carried a crew of seven and two of the Numidian's crew had been placed on board to assist in working the pumps. The captain of the Numidian will not give any statement regarding the affair, saying he desired first to make his report to the British vice consul here.

### WILL NOT REMOVE VAN WYCK

#### Gov. Roosevelt Finds New York Mayor Has Not Violated Law.

ALBANY, N. Y.: Gov. Roosevelt has given out his decision in the application for removal from office of Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck of New York city. He declines to remove the mayor on the grounds that, while he is undoubtedly a stockholder in the American Ice Company, there is no proof that he willfully violated the law forbidding a public official to be a stockholder in a corporation having dealings with his municipalities.

### DROWN BY STAGE UPSIDING.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal.: By the upsetting of a coast line stage in Los Pueblos Creek S. W. Parker of Ventura was drowned and four other passengers narrowly escaped a similar fate. The stage while crossing the creek was caught in the current and overturned. The driver and his five passengers were thrown into the creek, which was raging torrent, and Parker was drowned.

### Duke Is a Bankrupt.

LONDON: The Duke of Manchester before sailing for the United States appeared before a registrar in bankruptcy. The receiver told the court the case must be adjourned, as the accounts had not yet been filed, although fully prepared. The liabilities disclosed, he added, amounted to \$37,700; assets, \$7,545. The examination was adjourned until Feb. 2.

### Bulgarian Conspirators Sentenced.

BUCHAREST: The trial of the nine Bulgarians accused of participating in a plot to assassinate King Charles of Roumania, ended in a verdict of guilty. All were sentenced to hard labor for life in the salt mines, or to long terms of imprisonment. The court also sentenced many others, who were in default, to hard labor for life.

### Indians Face Starvation.

SAN DIEGO, Cal.: Several hundred Indians in this county are threatened with starvation. They have made no provision for winter, and already many children and women are naked, and many are suffering for the want of food.

### Convicted of Pension Fraud.

MILWAUKEE: Al Waters, aged 62 years, who has been posing as Atwill E. Yost, a veteran of the civil war, for over fifteen years, was found guilty of defrauding the government by drawing Yost's pension, and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

### McClellan Leaves Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON: The quartermaster general has been informed that the transport McClellan left San Juan, Porto Rico, for New York with Batteries E, and G, of the fifth artillery and Company 1, of the Eleventh infantry.

### Natives on Top in Hawaii.

HONOLULU: Practically complete election returns from all the islands show that Robert Wilcox is elected delegate to congress. The returns also show the independent native party is in full control of the legislature.

### Armed Guards on Trains.

CHEYENNE, Wyo.: The Union Pacific has adopted the plan of placing armed guards upon its trains which carry large shipments of money. Trains Nos. 1 and 4, which takes most of the treasure shipments, have already been garrisoned with these guards.

### Damage to Oil Plants.

TOLEDO, Ohio: It was announced by couriers to the Western Oil Men's Association here that Nov. 21 a severe storm destroyed nearly 5,000 derricks in the oil fields south and east of here.

## TORNADO IN WEST.

### Thousands of Dollars Damage Done by Storm in Colorado.

DENVER: Owing to the demolition of telegraph and telephone wires south and west of Denver, very little news of the havoc caused by the tornado in those portions of Colorado had reached here up to Nov. 23. Trains run without telegraphic orders and arrive hours behind schedule time. Much damage was done in this city. Delayed trains, bringing tired and occasionally frightened passengers, brought fragmentary news of the storm at Colorado Springs and along the road from Pueblo to Denver. As far as learned there were no fatalities, but great damage to property. Colorado Springs was the worst sufferer.

All along the Denver and Rio Grande, Colorado Southern and Santa Fe roads wires and poles were blown down. Engineers were compelled to grope their way through the storm belt without train orders. Nearly every train that came in bore marks of the storm's fury. Coach windows were blown out, glass in engine cabs broken and headlights and coach lamps extinguished.

### GEN. SICKLES LOSES \$40,000.

#### Has New York Broker Arrested on Charge of Grand Larceny.

New York: J. Fletcher Shera, a stock broker and member of the stock exchange, who failed last week, was arrested on the charge of grand larceny. Lemuel W. Baxter, Shera's bookkeeper, was also arrested. The warrants were issued at the instance of Gen. Daniel Sickles. Sickles alleges that some time last summer he gave Shera \$10,000 in cash to invest in stocks, and since that time Shera has refused to give an accounting. The attorney for Sickles said though the specific charge was for \$10,000, the aggregate amount was nearly \$40,000.

### WRECK IN CHEROKEE NATION

#### Train on the "Katy" Ditched by a Broken Rail.

DENISON, Tex.: Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train No. 2, was wrecked at Blue Jacket station, Cherokee Nation. The train, which was traveling at a high rate of speed, when a rail broke, and the engine and tender and every car in the train was derailed. The mail car caught fire and, with all the mail matter, was burned. The two postal clerks in the car barely escaped with their lives. Other cars in the wreck were badly smashed and damaged. No passengers were hurt.

### ALSTAETTER RELEASED.

#### Lieutenant of Engineers Appears in American Camp.

MANILA: Lieut. Frederick W. Alstaetter of the United States engineers, who was captured by the insurgents early last September north of San Isidro, has been released. He entered the American camp at Gapan, province of Nueva Ecija, Nov. 23, his appearance being a great surprise to the Americans. Under the terms of a parole of honor he included only enlisted men.

### Minnesota Results.

MINNEAPOLIS: Practically complete returns from every precinct in the state give Van Sant a plurality of 2,697. The totals are: Van Sant, 152,674; Lind, 149,977; Van Sant's plurality, 2,697. So far as Gov. Lind is concerned, there has been no change in the status of the proposed contest of Capt. Van Sant's election. The governor declines to make any statement regarding his intentions, and says that published statements pretending to reflect his views are without authorization.

### Big Strike at Tampa.

TAMPA, Fla.: The federated trades assembly has declared a general strike as the result of a failure to reach here. Every branch of organized labor will be called out and thousands in no way connected with the cigar industry are affected. There is considerable excitement over the action and the labor bodies are protesting against being forced out.

### Files Petition in Bankruptcy.

UTICA, N. Y.: A petition in bankruptcy has been filed by Barnes R. Ladov, manufacturer of doors and blinds, of Mechanicville. His liabilities are \$68,000; assets, \$42,000.

### Hanging in Pennsylvania.

UNIONTOWN, Pa.: William Simms colored, who shot and killed his wife at Danbar, Pa., August, 1899, was hanged in the Fayette County jail.

### MARKET QUOTATIONS.

St. Louis—Cattle, common to prime, \$2.75@3.50; hogs, \$4.50@4.55; sheep, \$1.75@4.50; wheat, 64c; corn, 26@33c; oats, 20c; butter, dairy, 14@15c; creamery, 22c.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.30; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.20; No. 2 red, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 2, 33c to 40c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 44c to 45c; butter, choice creamery, 24c to 25c; eggs, fresh, 21c to 22c; potatoes, 40c to 46c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$3.55; hogs, choice light, \$4.00 to \$4.90; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2 white, 31c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.80; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 69c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 47c to 48c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.92; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.65; wheat, No. 2, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 37c to 38c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 23c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 52c to 54c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.40; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 38c to 40c; oats, No. 2 white, 25c to 26c; rye, 51c to 52c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 37c to 38c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 21c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 52c to 53c; clover seed, prime, \$6.00 to \$6.30.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2, 38c to 39c; oats, No. 2 white, 25c to 26c; rye, No. 1, 48c to 49c; barley, No. 2, 58c to 60c; pork, mess, \$10.00 to \$10.45.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.70; hogs, fair to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.25; lambs, common to extra, \$4.00 to \$5.10.

New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.45; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2 44c to 45c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 28c; butter, creamery, 24c to 27c; eggs, western, 25c to 27c.

## WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

### SOUTH DAKOTA EVENTS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

#### A. L. Wilson, Principal of Hudson Public Schools, Driven From Town by Father and Uncle of Girl that He Had Insulted—Other Items.

Prof. A. L. Wilson, recently of Sibley, Ill., but who has been principal of the Hudson schools since last fall, was run out of Hudson a few days ago by a number of citizens, led by the father and uncle of one of the young lady students whom it is declared he had attempted to seduce, and whom he had threatened to ruin if she informed on him. Wilson, who is a married man, was first given a good drubbing by the uncle of the girl and then escorted down the railroad track about four miles, the father of the young lady, with a buggy whip, continually urging him to show his best speed. The young woman in the case is only about 17 years old and has always been highly respected and popular. Feeling against Wilson is very bitter, and had the facts become more public before he was run out of town he probably would have fared worse than he did.

### INSANITY DODGE FAILS.

#### "Bob" White Will Have to Serve Ten Years in Prison.

"Bob" White will have a long time in which to regret the crime he committed at the hotel last summer during the ten years he will serve in the penitentiary. Last summer he held a young boy up at the point of a revolver and rode away with his bicycle. He was found guilty by a jury in the circuit court and was sentenced to ten years. During his incarceration in the jail this summer he simulated insanity and kept it up until after the trial, but the hotel jailers think he was insane. White expected to plead the insanity dodge and be confined in the Yankton asylum, but when the matter was explained to him that even if he went to the asylum and was cured of his insanity he would be brought back to Mitchell to receive the ten-year sentence of the court, he was instantly cured of his insanity and admitted to the jailers that he was shamming all the time.

### NEW SETTLERS COMING.

#### People Moving into Country About Huron, Even in Winter.

New settlers are arriving in Beadle County almost daily, something quite unusual for this season of the year. The immigration is usually in the spring, but the coming are practical farmers and are prepared for business; they will also engage in stock raising. Each claims that others from his locality are soon to follow, and from the volume of business being done by real estate dealers it is reasonable to believe that the number of actual settlers coming to this section of the state will exceed that of last year. Among the newcomers are E. Phiske and family of Chatfield, Minn., who located on a farm near Hitchcock; George Fisher and family take up their residence on a half section of land north of Huron, and E. R. Hickox of Webster County, Iowa, will reside on the Judge Burt farm, northeast of Huron, purchased by him a few days since.

### DISTRESSING CONDITION.

#### Aged Couple Found to Have Been Painfully Injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Lilly, living on their farm near Geddes, were discovered by some of their neighbors who happened to call to be in a pitiable condition, both suffering from broken bones and other severe injuries. Their condition resulted from an accident that happened while the old couple were hauling hay. In some way Mr. Lilly fell diagonally across his chest, breaking three ribs. Mrs. Lilly fell or was thrown from the load, striking on her shoulder and dislocating the bones. Not thinking of her own injuries, the brave wife succeeded in getting her husband to the house, where she remained in attendance on him alone until they were discovered twenty-four hours later. They are now receiving excellent care and will recover unless there are internal injuries.

### Bullet in His Head.

James Gates, well known in the southern Black Hills, lies in a precarious condition in Keystone as a result of a bullet in his head, sent there by the Van Auker in a house of ill fame. Miss Van Auker, a four witnesses testified that the shooting was entirely accidental, that she was engaged to be married to Gates very soon, the wedding day having been set. Gates affirms that the girl deliberately shot him. The girl is in jail at Keystone. She comes from a family that has appeared more or less prominently before the public in the past few years.

### Ended in Murder.

Louis Halverson, known as "Big Lou," Albert Reedy, Alfred and Henry Billitt, farmers from the east and west of White Rock, got into an altercation and "Big Lou" struck Henry Billitt, knocking him down. On rising Billitt exclaimed, "I'll kill you," and left the place. He got a shotgun and returned and shot Halverson through the shoulder and lungs. The wounded man died in twenty minutes. Billitt was lodged in jail at Milbank to await the February session of the district court.

### Woodmen Will Contest.

There will be a general strife throughout the state among Woodmen lodges for the banner which is to be held for one year by the lodge that gets the largest number of new members. The principal fight will be made between Vermilion and the lodge at Lead. Vermilion captured the banner last year for having the largest number of new members. Lead Woodmen are confident this year of getting the prize.

### Crushed Between Cars.

While weighing cars at the smelter on a Burlington switch in Deadwood Gus Holton was crushed between two cars and died soon after at the Sister's Hospital. His mother, brother and two sisters live in Omaha. The remains were sent there for burial.

### Charge of Horse Stealing.

The authorities at Deadwood have captured John Lee, who has been wanted for six months on a charge of horse stealing. He is in jail waiting the action of the next grand jury.

## IN FAVOR OF NEWSPAPERS.

### State Supreme Court Hands Down Some Interesting Opinions.

The supreme court has handed down two opinions in which the question of libel of men who are candidates for public office is decided, both cases being in favor of the papers which criticized men who were candidates for office.

One case, in which the opinion was written by Judge Corson, was that of H. Ray Myers vs. John Longstaff, which came up from Beadle County. Longstaff, in the Huronite, had called attention to the fact that an investigation of the books of Myers, as city treasurer, showed a shortage of about 600. This was shown at a time when Myers was candidate for mayor of Huron, and at the same time asking for a federal appointment. Myers sued for libel, but failed in the lower court, and appealed.

The court in the decision says: "The plaintiff has argued the case upon the theory of an ordinary libel, apparently overlooking the fact that the articles published were so published while the plaintiff was a candidate for the office of mayor, and a candidate for a federal office, and were therefore publications, if published in good faith and with probable cause without malice. The rule seems to be well settled that the fitness and qualifications of a candidate for an elective office may be the subject of the freest scrutiny and investigation by the proprietor of a newspaper having an interest in the matter and that much latitude must be allowed in the publication, for the information of voters, of charges affecting the fitness of a candidate for the place he seeks, so long as it is done in good faith, in the honest belief that the matter published is true and without malice. When one becomes a candidate for public office he thereby deliberately places his conduct, character and utterances before the public for their discussion and consideration. They may be criticised by the writer or speaker and the law will protect such writer or speaker, provided that in their statement of or concerning the facts upon which their criticisms are based they preserve an honest regard for the truth, or their criticisms are made in good faith, and in the honest belief, after reasonable investigation, that they are true."

In the other case was that of Josiah Boucher vs. Clark Publishing Company, in which the lower court is reversed, in practically the same language, the decision being by Haney. In this case the Clark Publishing Company was accused of offering men places on the jury if they would assist in his re-election as sheriff.

### THE STATE VOTES NO.

#### Majority Against the Dispensary Proposition Nearly 15,000.

Practically complete returns have now been received of the vote cast at the recent election on the question of the state following the lead of South Carolina and adopting the dispensary system as the best method of controlling the liquor traffic. An amendment to the state constitution requiring the authorities of the state to inaugurate a dispensary system carried at the election two years ago, but the vote cast upon the question was only a small percentage of the vote of the state and the legislature refused to obey the mandate of a very small minority of the voters, those opposed to the dispensary two years ago having failed to vote upon the proposition. This year, however, there was a very good vote on the question. With a complete vote of all the counties but Buffalo and Lyman—each with comparatively small votes—the dispensary is defeated by a majority of 14,724. The vote at present stands 30,314 for the dispensary and 45,088 against it.

### DOUBT IF IT IS SMALLPOX.

#### Disease at Deadwood Certainly Is in a Mild Form.

Since the first case of alleged smallpox came to the notice of the health officers of Deadwood there has been a well founded doubt among some of the physicians as to the genuineness of the disease. Five cases have been reported at Deadwood, several at the Hanks state quarry south of Deadwood, one at Lead and one at Terry. None of the afflicted ones have been sick enough to be confined long in their beds and no deaths have occurred. Several leading physicians have allowed their names to be used in disputing the nature of the disease. They now claim it is not smallpox, but merely a Cuban itch. The symptoms consist of a fever, irritation of the skin and a headache. It is not believed that there is the slightest danger from the disease.

### Senation at Redfield.

A sensation was caused in the eastern part of Spink County by the elopement of Postmaster Sexton of the Talcott postoffice and Miss Libbie Marvin, who was teaching school in that vicinity. They left school had closed for the day, driving to Clark, where Mr. Sexton drew money from the bank, having sold live stock a few days previous. Mr. Sexton, who is a highly respected citizen of the community, is 50 years of age, and Miss Marvin about 29. Mr. Sexton left a wife to whom he had been married for many years.

### Responsibility of Bondsmen.

The case of Yankton County vs. ten bondsmen of Defaulting Treasurer A. W. Patterson, charged with a shortage of \$22,000, was called in the circuit court at Yankton the other day. The motion of State's Attorney Orvis to appoint a referee in the case was allowed so far as the books and accounts are concerned, and E. C. Erickson of Elk Point was appointed. The responsibility of the bondsmen will be tried by a jury. The defaulting treasurer committed suicide by drowning in the Mississippi at St. Louis last December.

### Died of His Injuries.

John Collins, an old resident of Sioux Falls, and a brother-in-law of P. D. Moran a well known conductor on the Milwaukee Railroad, died in the city hospital at Sioux Falls last Friday as the result of injuries received about three months ago by being overcome by the heat and falling from a scaffold while at work on a building at Deadwood.

### Lays Off for Winter.

The day passenger train service of the H. and D. division between Aberdeen and St. Paul has been discontinued for the winter.

### Pythians to Convene at Lead.

Lead has been chosen as the place for holding the next session of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias of the state, commencing on the first Wednesday in June and continuing three days. The Lead lodge has already commenced preparations for the event.

### Honor for South Dakota Man.

At the annual meeting of the National Music Teachers' Association held in Des Moines, Iowa, Prof. Mather of Yankton College conservatory was elected president of the South Dakota division.

## GROVER CLEVELAND.

### Ex-President Brought Into Prominence by Reorganization Talk.

The defeat of William Jennings Bryan at the recent election has led many Democrats to declare that there must be a reorganization of the party to insure its continuance as one of the great elements of American politics. Various plans are suggested and many names are brought forward of probable leaders in the rehabilitation of the party.

The conservative wing of the party the name of Grover Cleveland figures most prominently. The man who dominated the party of Jackson and Jefferson from 1834 to 1896 still has a host of admirers who believe that he can best formulate policies for a reorganized Democracy, and that under his leadership new victories may be achieved.

The ex-President himself is silent. He



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has no comment to make on Bryan's defeat, no prophecies to publish. From the classic environments of Princeton, where the former head of the nation has for the past few years enjoyed all the happiness that a cultivated wife, four bright children and a luxurious home can give a man, there comes no voice of acquiescence in this scheme of reorganization. But newspaper readers who are in touch with Cleveland's close friends assert that the ex-President is not averse to re-entering public life. But whether or not he returns to active politics, Grover Cleveland will always remain one of the most interesting and remarkable figures in American history.

### VICTIMS OF A TORNADO.

#### At Least Twenty-five Persons Are Dead in Tennessee.

Leaving death in its wake, a tornado swept across the central Southern States as darkness fell upon Tennessee and Mississippi Tuesday night. Wednesday the sun rose upon a scene of pitiable desolation in the cities and towns lying in the path where the angry visitor spent its fury. At noon it was estimated that the number of those who had perished would reach twenty-five, while twice that many were badly injured and