

CURRENT TOPICS

THE NYE is now spoken of as William Adjutant. NEW YORK has a population of Chinese numbering over 100,000. A NEW YORK manufacturing firm has 115 Williams in its employ. A BRILL live princess keeps a millinery store on Fifth avenue, New York. SIXTY THOUSAND barrels of sour kroust are made at Reading, Pa., every fall. The present season of Congress is the longest in the history of the Republic. F. STRICKLER, of Reading, Pa., has collected over eight hundred boxes of luster-fines. FORESTS are springing up on the abandoned mines and mining towns in California. A "eight-footed horse" was killed as an attraction at the Custer County, Dakota, fair. ITALIANS in Iowa are rebelling against the payment of a tax levied on them by the State. OVER one-third the entire population of New Hampshire have deposits in the savings banks. The first directory of the City of New York was published in 1786 and contained but 86 names. CANADA will experiment with lobsters transplanted to the Pacific from the Atlantic next season. ISABELLA V. WILLIAMS, of Philadelphia, at \$200,000, is accounted the wealthiest bachelor in America. THE Euribia came across the Atlantic on her last trip in six days, one hour and fifty minutes, the quickest time yet made. The annual value of the dairy products of the State of Illinois equals the value of the gold production of the United States. NOT all American society girls marry foreign counts. There are countless thousands who marry plain American citizens. GENERAL NIERMAN'S son and Stenwall Jackson's nephew occupy a desk together in the law office of Senator Evans. A GLOUCESTER, MASS., schooner has just brought in the largest fish of the fall ever landed there. It is valued at \$13,320. It is estimated that one-half of all the drugs imported into the United States are consumed in the manufacture of patent medicines. THE Weather Bureau says that the month of September just gone was the coldest September that has been known in ten years. THERE are eight mission ships now cruising in the North sea, each a combination of church, chapel, temperance hall and dispensary. THE Duke of Westminster has an income of fifty dollars a minute. That is to say, it costs the country about one dollar every time he breathes. An Italian chemist has discovered that the blood of the scorpion is a deadly poison, its effect being similar to that of viper poison. ACCORDING to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, there are seventy-two millionaires in Pittsburgh, Pa., any one of whom can sign a check for \$25,000,000. MAX CAPRANZI is the name of the richest individual in Alaska. She is worth about \$20,000, and lives royally at Sitka, surrounded by slaves. THE grave of Wendell Phillips, at Milton, Mass., is still unmarked. But a monument is soon to be erected by Mrs. Green, the sister of the dead orator. One of the latest advances in electrical illumination is the lighting of the London omnibuses with electricity, the battery to be under the seat of the driver. THE tree from the milk of which the india rubber of commerce is made grows well in Southern California, and extensive plantations are being made for planting in the States. LATE reports from Sagua and Cardenas, Cuba, say that there is no exaggeration in estimating the losses caused by the recent cyclone at over \$6,000,000 in those districts alone. THE bright boy in a Burlington (Vt.) Wesleyan school had a fever which Dr. Will Bagdatt was one who went into the tank of his own accord was sent down to the foot of the class. CAPTAIN WARREN TAYLOR, of Saco, Me., abstracted from the stomach of a whale he captured off Bryant's Rock a few days ago, five pounds of ambergris, which is worth \$50,000. A LAW BOOK weighing 100 pounds and being 64 inches around and 14 inches high, with two 9-inch molar stumps in it, was recently dug up in a bed of hay at Annapolis, Pa. A FEVER has visited the number of yellow fever visits to this country has found that it has been here in eighty-eight different years. The first known case of the fever in America was in 1693. THE justice of the peace at Cosville, Mo., is Samuel Gilmore, who is 40 years of age, and only 2 feet 9 inches tall. He weighs about 200 lbs. Mr. Gilmore is a successful farmer and a prominent man in the county. THE diamond tiara, which the Duke of Aosta presented to his bride, cost \$17,000. It contains 1130 stones, and it is so arranged that it can be taken to pieces and converted into necklaces, bracelets, earrings and a small diadem. THEY are having a good deal of trouble in California and Colorado over the abbreviations of the names of those States. Cal. and Col. look so much alike when written hastily, that mail matter intended for one is continually going to the other. MRS. JARRETT (colored), of Cedar town, Ga., thought the water from a new well on her lot had a queer taste, and asked the white folks about it. It is mineral water, and Mrs. Jarrett has under consideration an offer of \$3,500 cash for a half interest. B. E. HUTTONSON, the Chicago wheat manipulator, is accused of having his photograph taken and has never allowed a photographer to point a camera at him. His son said a few days ago that he would give \$1,000 to get a photograph of his father. THEY have just taken a census in the Russian Capital of St. Petersburg. There are nearly a million of people there, but above the age of sixteen years there are four males to every three females. It ought to be a good place to marry one's girls. A BROOKLYN electrician has discovered a way to stop the cost of serenading himself. He has attached a wire to the back fence, and when the cats alight and begin to sing their insular ballads he turns on the battery. The cats are not injured, but they are so surprised that they are inclined to let the fence alone thereafter.

THURMAN'S LETTER

Accepting His Nomination for the Vice-Presidency.

He Characterizes Cleveland's Administration as One of Greed and Patriotism—Reduction of Demand on Only the Necessaries of Life.

Following is Judge Thurman's letter of acceptance: COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 14, 1888.

HON. PATRICK A. COLLINS and others, Committee—Gentlemen: In obedience to custom, I send you this formal acceptance of my nomination for the office of Vice-President of the United States, made by the National Convention of the Democratic party at St. Louis.

When you did me the honor to call upon me at Columbus and officially notify me of my nomination, I expressed to you my sense of obligation to the convention, and stated that, although I had not sought the nomination, I did not feel at liberty, under the circumstances, to decline it. I thought, as I still think, that whatever I could do to promote the re-election of President Cleveland, I ought to do. His Administration has been marked with such integrity, good sense, manly courage and exalted patriotism that a just appreciation of those high qualities seems to call for the support of the people.

I am strongly impressed with the belief that his re-election would powerfully tend to strengthen that feeling of fraternity among the American people that is so essential to their welfare, peace and happiness, and the perpetuity of the Union and of our free institutions.

I approve the platform of the St. Louis convention, and I can not too strongly express my dissent from the heretical teachings of a monopolist that the welfare of a people can be promoted by a system of exorbitant taxation far in excess of the wants of the Government.

The idea that a people can be enriched by heavy and unnecessary taxation, that a man's condition can be improved by taxing him on all he wears, on all his wife and children wear, on all his tools and implements of industry, is an obvious absurdity. To fill the vaults of the Treasury with an idle surplus which the Government has no legitimate use, and to thereby deprive the people of currency.

NEEDED FOR THEIR BUSINESS. And daily wants, and to create a powerful and dangerous stimulus to extravagance and corruption in the expenditures of the Government, seems to me to be a policy unwarrantable in a free government, and one of the principles of Government and of political economy.

The necessity of reducing taxation to prevent such an accumulation of surplus revenue and the consequent depletion of the circulating medium is so apparent that the wisest of men have not hesitated to come to consider the modes by which the reduction may be made we find a wide antagonism between our party and

THE MONOPOLISTIC LEADERS. Of our political opponents. We seek to reduce taxes upon the necessities of life; our opponents increase them. We say, give to the masses of the people cheap goods, cheap clothing, cheap blankets, cheap tools and cheap lumber. The Republicans, by their platform and their leaders in the Senate by their proposed bill, say, increase the taxes on clothing, blankets, and thereby increase their cost.

MAINTAIN A HIGH DUTY. On the tools of the farmer and mechanic, and upon the lumber which they need for the construction of their modest dwellings, shops and barns, and thereby prevent their obtaining these necessities at reasonable prices.

Can any sensible man doubt as to where he should stand in this controversy? To a sane well-informed man is deceived by any false promise that a system so unreasonable and unjust is for the benefit of laboring men?

Much is said about competition of American laborers with the pauper labor of Europe; but does not every man who looks around him and sees and knows that an immense majority of the laborers in America are not engaged in what are called the protected industries? And to those who are employed in such industries, is it not undeniable that the duties proposed by the party in power called the Mills bill, far exceed the difference between American and European wages, and that therefore, if it were admitted that our workmen can be protected by tariffs against cheaper labor, they would be fully protected and more than protected by that bill?

Does not every well-informed man know that the increase in price of home manufactures, produced by a high tariff, does not go into the pocket of laboring men, but only tends to swell the profits of others?

It seems to me that if the policy of the Democratic party is plainly presented, all must understand that we seek to make the cost of living less, at the same time, to increase the share of the laboring man in the benefits of National prosperity and growth.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant, ALLEN G. THURMAN.

A Curious Experiment

Take a water flask, or a w. de-mouth de-canter or bottle, hold it in a horizontal position, and place a small cork in the neck. It will then seem an easy matter to blow the cork into the bottle; but upon trial it will be found almost impossible to do so, as the harder one blows the more forcibly it is ejected out of the bottle and into the face of the experimenter. The explanation of this peculiar behavior of the cork is very simple. The bottle is already full of air, so that no more can be blown into it, and the only effect produced by blowing is to compress the air already inside. When the pressure is removed, the air being elastic, expands again quickly, and in so doing forces the cork out of the neck, and in the reverse direction to the current from the lungs of the experimenter. The neck of the bottle must be perfectly dry or the cork will adhere to it, and interfere with the success of the experiment.—Popular Science News.

The Mexican Policeman

The Mexican policeman is usually dressed all in white, while a blue cap, and instead of an ugly club he carries a bright spear. He does not walk about at night from block to block, seeking that all is secure, as our police are supposed to do, but after a certain hour of the night he seats himself flat upon the pavement at a street corner, and with his saber drawn and his lantern between his knees patiently waits the midnight cry of "Watch," which notifies him when he is needed. The Mexican policeman is therefore a harmless, good-natured man, and consequently a favorite with the children.

OLD CHURCH FALLS.

Witnessed the Storm of Centuries, But Continuous Earth Trembling Lets It Go With a Crash—The Last of Banispa.

EL PASO, TEX., Oct. 14.—News has just reached El Paso through some Mexican Government official that just one month ago the finishing touch was put to the destruction of Banispa, in North Sonora, by earthquake. Ever since May of last year, when the first great shock occurred, the earth has trembled more or less almost daily, so much so that only two large buildings were erected in the place of the hundreds that stood there before. The old church erected long ago by the Spaniards also stood, although it was very badly damaged and cracked. It had been originally built in the most solid and substantial manner, with very thick and massive walls. The population generally had built temporary shelter out of small logs and branches of trees, being afraid of adobe buildings, as scarcely a day passed without some slight tremor or other. On Saturday, the 10th of September, the people were assembled, without a single exception, in the church, for the purpose of celebrating the Feast Day of President Diaz, which occurred on that day, and to properly prepare for the festivities of Independence Day, the National holiday of the Mexicans, which takes place on the 16th of September. When in the midst of the proceedings the earthquake began to shake. Amidst the most terrible excitement and the shrieking of the women the assembly escaped from the tottering building into the open air, the shaking meanwhile growing constantly worse. Scarcely had the last one got outside when the huge structure came down with a crash, not one stone being left standing. The two buildings rebuilt since last year were also leveled. This is no doubt the last of Banispa, as after this last catastrophe it will never be rebuilt. On the same day the massive church at Bescrera was hopelessly damaged.

HEAD BLOWN OFF.

Sudden Termination of the Life of a Young Rascal Who Was Bent on Robbery and Murder.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Oct. 14.—Jesse Mason, a former eight year old, residing near Billsville, Hendricks County, yesterday sold some of the products of his farm, for which he received \$60. Logan York, a young man of evil reputation, witnessed the transfer of money, and in the evening, in company with an unknown man, knocked at Mason's door and asked for matches. Mason turned to obtain the matches, when he was fired upon by one of the men, but fortunately was not hit. His daughter, a young woman, seized a chair and assailed York, who closed with her, taking one of her fingers in his teeth and biting savagely. While York and the girl were fighting, her brother, Oran Mason, appeared on the scene with a loaded shotgun, which he discharged, almost killing York. The other man escaped in the darkness.

Died at the Age of 103.

GREENCASTLE, IND., Oct. 13.—Mrs. Catharine McMahan died in this city yesterday at the extraordinary age of one hundred and three years. She was a native of County Clara, Ireland, having been born on the 11th of November, 1785. Her maiden name was Flannigan. She came to America in 1833, settling first in New Albany, Ind., and residing subsequently in Dubuque, Ia., Bedford, Ind., and Greencastle, Ind., since 1862.

An Oculoplastic Surgeon.

St. LOUIS, Oct. 14.—George Meyer, a cigar-maker of Belleville, Ill., was fatally shot by Joseph Schrandt, Sen., aged eighty-three years, to-night. Schrandt is a half-wild, fanatical Klansman, five years old, and he found Meyer in his room. He seized a shotgun and filled the intruder with buckshot. Schrandt is in custody, to await an investigation.

Germany Enlarging Her Dominions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—Official announcement is made from the German Consulate of this city of the declaration of a German protectorate over Pleasant Island, located in the South Pacific in 8 deg. 25 min. south and 167 deg. 5 min. east. It will hereafter be subject to the same government as the Marshall Brown and Providence Islands.

On the Decrease.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Oct. 14.—President Neal Mitchell has just issued the following official bulletin for the twenty-four hours ending six o'clock this evening: New cases, 18; deaths, 2; total number of cases to date, 3,504; total number of deaths to date, 213.

Still the Immigrants Come.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—The steamship, Aurania, from Liverpool; La Bourgoigne, from Havre; Suevia, from Hamburg; Hogarth, from Rio Janeiro, and City of Columbia, from Havana, landed 1,299 immigrants at Castle Garden to-day.

Choked on a Raw Turnip.

WINAMAC, IND., Oct. 14.—Samuel Simmons, a farmer living one mile north of Winamac, dropped dead this evening. He was eating a raw turnip at the time, and it is supposed that he choked to death.

Fatal Accident.

METAMORA, IND., Oct. 13.—John Hurley, of this place, fell down the side stairway at Martindale's meat shop Friday night and received injuries from which he died at twelve o'clock p. m.

Sheep Killed by Dogs.

WELLSVILLE, O., Oct. 14.—Thirty fine merino sheep belonging to a farmer named McCoy, living near here, were killed by dogs last night. His loss will reach almost \$200.

A Harlem Man, Mummified by Name.

—A Harlem man, Mummified by name, has christened his twins Minnie and Maximilian. As an example of minimum and maximum this can not be beaten.—Boston Post.

—Almost any grocer's clerk can sell at least four brands of chewing tobacco out of a pall hidden under the counter.—Toledo Blade.

—When a man and woman discuss the subject of matrimony one seldom gets the better of the other. It usually results in a tie.—Tribune Saturday.

HANGED A WOMAN.

The Third Case in the State of Alabama.

Execution of a Colored Girl for the Murder of a Demented Child—Completely Prostrated on the Gallows.

MONTEGOMERY, ALA., Oct. 12.—Pauline McCoy, colored, who was hanged at Union Springs at ten o'clock for the murder of Annie Jordan, white, last February, was the third woman hanged in Alabama since its incorporation as a State and the first since the war. On the scaffold the woman broke down completely, and had to be supported on the trap by two deputy sheriffs. She had not eaten any thing for a day or two, and was kept up by the use of stimulants. She admitted having killed the girl in her last speech, but denied that her motive was robbery. The crime for which the woman was hanged had not its equal in the whole criminal history of Alabama. Her victim had strayed away from her home in this city, being demoted and maddened. Pauline down the railroad asked her to accompany her. That was the last seen of Annie, the fourteen-year-old child, until her dead body was discovered in a plum thicket near the roadside several days after. Pauline was seen in Union Springs a few days later, wearing the shawl hat and jacket belonging to her victim. She was arrested, and said, under oath, that her father, Jake McCoy, killed the girl and brought the clothes home. At the preliminary hearing Jake was discharged, and Pauline committed to jail. On her trial she was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged, which sentence was faithfully carried out to-day.

Heavy Mail Robbery at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 13.—Over a bushel of partly destroyed letters addressed to business firms of this city, were found on the street this morning. They had been rifled of all their contents that could be turned into money. It seems evident that the letters were stolen by some one connected with the post-office. One New York draft of \$25, drawn by Smith's Bank of Perry, was found in the middle of the street torn in two pieces. Many of the letters were scorched, showing that the thief had tried to burn them but was frustrated by the rain storm. The postmaster and police are making an investigation.

Gagged and Drugged the Clerk.

HOUSTON, TEX., Oct. 12.—About half-past two o'clock this morning two men entered the post-office here, forcibly gagged and drugged the night clerk, and went through the pouches just brought in on the through trains from New Orleans and East and San Antonio and the West. It is not known how much money the thieves secured. Alf Roberts, the clerk, has not yet recovered consciousness.

Fever Still Lingering.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Oct. 12.—President Neal Mitchell has just issued the following official bulletin for the twenty-four hours ending six o'clock this evening: New cases, 66; deaths, 4; total number of cases to date, 3,485; total number of deaths to date, 208. Deaths: Mrs. Loya S. Chadwick, Jesse Jenkins (colored), Mr. J. B. Allen (colored for Drugg Hardware Company), E. W. Huger (colored).

Price of Crackers Advanced.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—At a joint meeting of all the cracker-bakers between Pittsburgh and the Rocky Mountains, held this morning, it was unanimously agreed to advance the price of crackers. The advance covers the entire price-list and ranges from half a cent to a cent and a half per pound on the various kinds manufactured. The change goes into effect to-morrow, and is due to the advance in flour and fat.

Yellow Fever at Fernandina.

FERNANDINA, FLA., Oct. 12.—There were fifteen new cases of yellow fever to-day—two whites, Mrs. Cattory and child. Supplies both of country and provisions are needed. Salted or smoked meats, flour, hard, milk, etc., would be especially acceptable. The demands from both white and black for aid are too great to be met by local means.

Under Indictment.

St. LOUIS, Oct. 12.—The grand jury of St. Clair County, Ill., to-day indicted Clovis Noyce for embezzlement while acting as supervisor of the school. He was indicted on January 1878, until the spring of 1888. It is charged in the indictment that he has appropriated \$40,000.

Preacher Riddled With Buckshot.

ATLANTA, Oct. 12.—Dr. Alfred Williams (colored), pastor of the Antioch Colored Church in Edgewood, Ga., was found in the woods with over a hundred buckshot wounds in his body, inflicted by members of his congregation who were hostile towards him.

One Death at Decatur.

DECATUR, ALA., Oct. 12.—Three new cases in the last twenty-four hours—Mr. Ed. Young, Miss Hinda Parker, and Martha Westmoreland, colored. One death—Dan Wilkerson, colored.

More Forgers Discovered.

FALL RIVER, MASS., Oct. 12.—The defalcation of Bosworth of the Stafford Mills, in this city, has been brought up to \$45,000 by the discovery of two more forged notes.

Post-Office Safe Blown.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Oct. 12.—The post-office at Matteawan was robbed last night, evidently by professionals. The safe was blown open and all the money and stamps were taken.

Bonanza Flood Not Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—The report that Jas. C. Flood, the millionaire, was dead is unfounded. There is, however, no noticeable change in his condition.

Oil Struck in England.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—A rich petroleum well has been discovered at Anderton, in Cheshire.

Death From Eviction.

DUBLIN, Oct. 12.—James Dunn, aged eighty years, who was evicted from Captain Singleton's estate at Louisa, died on Thursday in a barn to which his friends had removed him. Dunn had been ejected from his house and placed in the road.

Swallowed a Bottle of Laudanum.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 12.—John Jeanfroid, of Jean's Bend, La., disappointed in the failure of his rice crop, which necessitated the postponement of his wedding, swallowed a bottle of laudanum and died.

A FUNERAL TRAIN.

Fifty-Seven Dead Bodies, Victims of the Mad Run Railway Wreck. Taken to Their Homes.

WILKESBARRE, PA., Oct. 11.—The bodies of the dead, who were killed in the Mad Run railway collision last evening, were removed to White Haven, where undertakers cared for them as best they could preparatory to removal to this city. At half-past six this evening the funeral train arrived in Wilkesbarre bearing fifty-seven dead bodies. They had been partially prepared for burial, and lay upon boards placed upon the backs of seats in three passenger coaches. It was an awful sight indeed to look through the long coaches at the dead bodies, each covered with a white cloth; here the form of a boy of twelve years, and beside it a stalwart man. As the train drew up to the Wilkesbarre depot, a dozen policemen were required to keep back the frantic crowd of friends and relatives who had come from Scranton and Pleasant Valley to meet their dead. A special coach had been provided for the friends, but the train was so packed that the friends could not get on. The bodies were removed to the cars at Wilkesbarre. The train then continued on its way up the Delaware and Hudson road to Miner's Mills and Scranton. The people in the special coach again began to clamor for permission to enter the funeral cars, but were again refused, it being alleged that no one had the keys. Several who were in search of missing friends became desperate, and soon broke down the car doors at a station near Scranton. Many were distorted and in horrible attitudes, and friends endeavored to lessen their frightful appearance. At Miner's Mills the train stopped to leave the body of James Flynn. No lights could be obtained, and much of the work was done in partial darkness. It was as the train drew up at Pleasant Valley that the most heart-rending scenes were enacted. Ropes had been stretched about the depot, and the guards kept the immense throng back. The shrieks and screams of stricken friends and relatives were pitiful in the extreme. The first body carried out was that of Oscar Gillison, thirteen years of age, borne in the arms of his stalwart brother; then, one after another, forty-six white-sheeted bodies were carried out and given into the charge of friends. The shrieks and cries of the women and the hoarse shouts and imprecations of the men made a terrible scene. When all were out the train again pulled out to bear the remaining dead to Scranton, Minoka and points beyond. The seriously injured, to the number of twenty-five, are being cared for in this city.

MANNED BY POLICE.

A Few Cars Are Run on the Chicago West Side Road.

CHICAGO, Oct. 11.—Shortly before four o'clock two cars, the first sent out during the day in the West, were manned by police men were on duty, and succeeded in keeping the crowd, which numbered about five thousand persons, far enough from the track to prevent interference. The cars came out at a rapid pace, and with patrol-wagons filled with policemen in front of them, the crowd was kept back in safety. At one point a stone was thrown, which bounded over the cars and struck a woman in the crowd, knocking her down. At Ann street the brakes on the first car broke, and the driver ran it into a wagon in front. The men in the wagon were thrown out and considerably hurt. At Market street, on the return trip, another stone was thrown, and the man who threw it was arrested. At Halsted street there was a great mob, which flung opprobrious epithets at the new men, one member of it made a dash for one of the cars and began to pound the driver. There was a lively and wicked-looking scene for a time, but the police managed to keep the crowd in check. The driver's assailant was arrested and the cars proceeded.

Decrease in Yellow Fever Cases.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Oct. 11.—President Neal Mitchell has just issued the following official bulletin for the twenty-four hours ending six o'clock this evening: New cases, 47; deaths, 2; total number of cases to date, 3,459; total number of deaths to date, 204. R. W. Johnson and Mrs. Maria Register died to-day. The bride who was taken with the fever during her wedding ceremony last night has a light attack, and will doubtless recover. Nearly all the sick are doing well, and there is a more cheerful feeling to-night. The epidemic does not seem to have a deterrent effect upon those contemplating matrimony. There has been as many as many weddings as usual of late.

Indicted for Murder.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Oct. 12.—The Taney County grand jury has indicted Wm. Mills, who shot and killed Captain Nat Kinney, leader of the famous Bald-Knobsers, for murder in the first degree, and J. S. D. Berry as accessory before the fact. The two prisoners were jailed without bail.

The Quincy Disaster.

QUINCY, ILL., Oct. 11.—The casualties from the falling of the amphitheater at the fireworks display in this city last night are more numerous than at first reported, but so far none have proved fatal. About three hundred were more or less injured.

Car Accountant Kills a Brakeman.

FIDMONT, Mo., Oct. 11.—John Benning, a car accountant, shot and killed John Monahan, a brakeman, on the depot platform at this place. A quarrel about a woman was the cause of the tragedy. Monahan resided in East St. Louis.

Highway Commissioners Indicted.

DANVILLE, ILL., Oct. 11.—The grand jury to-day returned indictments against Manrice Mitchell and John K. Lane, highway commissioners of Danville Township, for conspiracy to defraud the township in letting a bridge contract; also for charging illegal fees and illegally charging fees.

Two Murderers Sentenced to Death.

ALEXANDRIA, MISS., Oct. 11.—John Lee and Martin Moore were convicted of murder of Charles Shivers, at Brandon, and sentenced to be hanged on a date to be fixed by the Governor.

RIOTOUS STRIKERS.

Police and Workmen Come to Blows in Chicago.

The Striking Street Car Men and Their Sympathizers Attack the Car Horses and are Repulsed by Officers of the Law.

SERIOUS TROUBLE.

CHICAGO, Oct. 10.—The first blood in the street car strike was drawn yesterday, and a dozen barricades, a score or more broken tools and half a dozen arrests are placed to the credit of the fourth day of the strike, while the feeling, not only among the strikers, but on the part of the laboring classes generally, is so decidedly ugly that a serious riot is feared.

At every crossing along the route of two miles or more, huge crowds had assembled, and the appearance of the cars with their loads of police officers was the signal for a "teach," "shame" and "blame," but the officers, much to their credit, and in total disregard of the precedent set four years ago, bore the attack with equanimity and simply smiled at the exasperated throngs. The cars proceeded down Madison street amid the unpleasant chorus, but beyond the car at the corner of Fifth and Madison streets the police were not called on to act. When the cars had reached the Western avenue barns on the return trip, however, the trouble was resumed. Several hundred strikers and their adherents had congregated in the locality and Superintendent Nagel, who stood at the barn doors ready to give admission to the cars, was singled out as the especial object of their wrath. Seeing danger, he rang up the patrol wagon for the police, but he had hardly done so when Jack Gleason, a muscular switchman on the Northwestern railroad, sprang forward and struck him a severe blow on the head, felling him to the ground. This was the signal for a general rush of the strikers to the barns and a riot seemed imminent. Fortunately at this moment Captain Aldrich with a detachment of police appeared on the scene, and Gleason, meanwhile fighting like a tiger, was dragged into the barn, the officers clubbing him at every step.

In the meantime there was great irritation on the North Side, where the crowds had been gathered by the clubbing of women and men by the police at the corner of Garfield avenue and Orchard street. Near the car barns the tracks were covered with all manner of obstructions, and the four cars which were running under police protection were stopped every few feet until the tracks could be cleared. The crowd kept up a constant roar of epithets and vituperation, and the importunate men were widely relieved when, after a few brusques with the crowd, the police cleared the way to the barn and the cars were locked up for the night. During the confusion a man said to have been named Furches, who was on the road, had a narrow escape from being mobbed. He saw a little boy, about ten years old, bending over the road, and jumping to the conclusion that he was about to pick up a stone, he ran to him, and with a whip dragged him into the buggy and drove off at a furious pace, pursued for some distance by the crowd.

At other times during the day four men and two boys were arrested, charged with inciting to riot. Last night a large placard, distributed by the strikers, was displayed in store windows and in outdoor fruit stands, reading: "Protect Chicago against Pongus' rania papers; no Carnegie tactics for us."

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

In Indiana Fined Murderer His Mother and Another Lady and Sets Fire to the House to Conceal the Crime—Fugitive Escaped and Perishes with His Victims.

KINGSTOWN, IND., Oct. 10.—Fire was discovered on Monday at the residence of Mrs. Sarah Higgins in the southern part of town. The door was burst in and there was found W. B. Wade at the bed of his mother, Mrs. Higgins nearly suffocated from smoke. He died soon after. His mother was found dead in bed. Mrs. Martha Coates, who had been living at Mrs. Higgins', was not discovered until partly buried up.

The theory is that Wade murdered his mother and Mrs. Coates, and then fired the house to hide the crime. Mrs. Coates was granted a pension of \$1,200 in 1884, and since then has been receiving \$12 per month. Wade made her believe that he was her guardian, she having no relatives up to this time. The Pension Department became aware of these facts and was investigating the matter, and had given Wade until yesterday to make a full settlement of all moneys owed Mrs. Coates, and as he had probably used the money it is believed that he concluded to murder the whole family.

Carriage Manufacturing Company Assigns.

OAKCROFT, WIS., Oct. 10.—The J. L. Clark Carriage Company has made an assignment. The works were built seven years ago by J. L. Clark, the watch manufacturer, now deceased, at a cost of \$250,000. It is the largest of the kind in the northwest. Since his death, four years ago, the business has been managed by his son Herbert, but dilution in trade, slow collections, etc., during the last two years have made the concern a poor investment. An assignee, it is thought, for about \$100,000 liabilities, \$100,000 of the plant is a fine one and it is thought that a stock company will be organized and the affairs straightened up.

"Judge," said the Montana lawyer, as he leaned back in his chair and threw one foot up on the table, "I object to the witness answering that question, and I'm ready to argue the point. It stands to reason—" "So will you, young man," roared the judge. "If you've got any speech to make, get up on your feet or I'll clap you in the calabasso for contempt of court quick and without delay." "And the young lawyer stood to reason."—Chicago Tribune.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

HUNTER VARALL, the sixteen-year-old son of L. Varall, a well-known citizen of Louisville, attempted to take his life at the House of Refuge, the other evening, and at last reports was there at the point of death.

At that time he took a can of coal-oil, poured it over his entire body, sealed a match and set fire to his clothing, which was soon in a mass of flames. It is not thought he can recover. Young Varall has given his parents a good deal of trouble, and to save him from disgrace they had him sent to the House of Refuge.

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