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DE LESSEPS IN JAIL

Parisians Implicated in the Panama Scandal Arrested.

BOURGEOIS' DECIDED STAND

The Son of the Promoter, Mrs. Fontaine, and Son Leroy Taken Into Custody—Their Houses Searched.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—M. Charles Aime de Lesseps, M. Marius Etienne Fontaine and M. San-Leroy have been arrested by direction of the minister of justice, M. Bourgeois, for their alleged connection with the Panama canal frauds. M. Henri Louis Felix Cottu, for whose arrest an order was also issued, has fled to Vienna. San-Leroy is charged with having accepted a bribe as a member of the chamber of deputies. The charges against the officers of the company, on which summonses were previously served and on which they have now been arrested, are that they have jointly made use of fraudulent imaginary credit; that they have dissipated capital intrusted to them for a specific purpose, and that they have swindled others out of part or all of their means of living on their fortunes. These offenses come within the reach of seven articles of the penal code.

Caused Great Excitement.

The arrests have caused great excitement and the Panama scandal is the only topic of conversation in political and social circles. The papers today contain little of interest to Parisians except matter bearing upon the scandal. The moderate republican papers congratulate the government upon the energy displayed by its members in yesterday's debate in the chamber of deputies. The conservative members claim that the result of yesterday's vote discredits the government. They add that the government had no real majority, while at the same time a mortal wound was dealt to the Panama investigating committee by the chamber refusing to grant the committee judicial powers.

As yet no warrant has been issued for the arrest of M. Ferdinand De Lesseps. The prosecution of M. Charles De Lesseps, Fontaine and San Leroy will be entirely distinct from the others. An enormous quantity of documents have been seized. So great was the number that fourteen vans were required to transport them. The evening papers assert that four more important arrests are imminent.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Vienna says that the scandalous developments regarding the Panama canal enterprise will lead to a rapprochement between Russia and Germany, owing to the fact that the fall of M. Rouvier, the French minister of finance, will prevent the Russian government from obtaining loans in France.

USED THE GUILLOTINE.

Horrible Scenes at the Execution of Eugene Crampon in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Eugene Crampon, the murderer of two men, this morning paid the penalty for his crimes, and the canaille that gathered to see his execution greatly enjoyed the spectacle afforded by the miserable, cowardly wretch as he was literally carried to the guillotine. The execution took place in the Place de la Roquette. At exactly 7 o'clock the prison door swung inward and the procession appeared. Crampon, who was in an agony of fear, was supported by warders and accompanied by a priest. After walking a few feet Crampon raised his eyes and saw the guillotine. With a terrible shriek he threw himself backward and fell to the ground.

It became necessary for the executioner's assistants to lift Crampon to his feet, and they were compelled to carry him to the guillotine. While some of the assistants supported him others quickly bound him and threw him against the bascule. Even then he did not cease his struggles. His contortions were terrible, but they did not last long. The bascule was dropped into place and the assistants shoved it forward until Crampon's neck rested in the lunette. Then "Monsieur de Paris," attired as usual in the conventional frock coat and silk hat, touched the spring holding the knife, the bright blade fell and Crampon's head dropped into the open basket awaiting it.

PRESS CLUB BENEFIT.

The Most Notable Performance Ever Held in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The National Capital Press club with its benefit matinee performance today at Albughs opera house scored a phenominal success dramatically, pecuniarily and socially. Both houses of congress adjourned to do honor to the occasion, and a quorum was present. The Pennsylvania railroad put on special trains for the accommodation of the performance. Some of the most distinguished professionals in the country volunteered their services. In the list were William H. Crane and company, Nat C. Goodwin, Robert Mantell, Minnie Renwood, Fleurette, Miles Fourger, and McNichol and Master Cyril Tyler, the boy soprano, and the Marine band under its new conductor, Fanciule. Over $6,000 was taken in by advance sales of tickets before the doors were opened. It was perhaps the most notable entertainment ever given in Washington.

MEXICO IS MAD.

Insists That the United States Must Protect the Border From Outlaws.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—A special to the Times-Democrat from Monterey, Mex., says, "The Mexican government will demand of President Harrison that he take decisive steps toward breaking up and whipping the bands of revolutionists that have their rendezvous on United States soil in the lower Rio Grande border country. Governor Manual Reys of the state of Nueva Leon, has forwarded to President Harrison documentary evidence in proof that a plot exists among a large force of Mexicans in Texas to make an armed expedition against Mexico. Governor Reys is greatly incensed over the inactivity of the military authorities of the United States in not putting down this proposed revolution in its incipiency.

He said today: "The killing and roasting of those eleven Mexican soldiers and citizens by the band of outlaws who crossed over from Texas is the greatest outrage committed by persons of one friendly nation on the subjects of another that has occurred in the nineteenth century."

It is believed that serious international trouble will grow out of the San Ignacio outrage if the United States government does not show its disapproval of the acts of the revolutionists by putting a large body of troops in the field after the perpetrators and their sympathizers.

The Mexican government is strengthening its already strong force of soldiers on the border by rushing about 2,000 troops to the turbulent from interior garrisons.

WAS A DETROIT MAN.

Now Dakota Creditors Think He Knew Little of Farming.

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 16.—Sherbrooke, Steele county, is excited over the disappearance of Charles Haltiner, who went there from Detroit, in the fall of 1890, as a common laborer. He rented the farm of J. J. Bigbee, and the following winter went heavily in debt, buying stock and machinery. The crop of 1891 was a very good one, so he pulled through. Last spring he plunged still deeper in debt. Strange as it seems, the bankers and all the business men had faith in him and took his paper without inquiry. His operations extended into Trail, Grand Forks, Nelson and Griggs counties.

The crash had to come at last. Crops were short this fall and he was unable to meet his obligations. The chattel mortgages against him aggregate in the neighborhood of $100,000. He had some $30,000 or $40,000 of securities taken for horses he had sold, which were mostly deposited with the banks as collateral, but collections were slow coming in. In consequence he was forced to the wall.

For the last couple of days there has been a great scramble for the property. The bankers and a number of merchants and other business men of Mayville, Portland, Northwood and Cooperstown are involved. Haltiner has not been seen since last Saturday.

JERRY BOYNTON SUED.

He is Alleged to Have Prevented a Railway Bond Sale.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Senator Thomas W. Ferry, of Michigan, Hiram V. Reed and Allen L. Fowler have entered suit in the circuit court to recover $300,000 damages against the Grand River railroad company and J. W. Boynton, its president. Messrs. Reed and Fowler are brokers. The railroad is being constructed between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids, Mich. It is said that ex-Senatory Ferry had an option to sell the $1,000,000 bonds of the railroad which he assigned to Messrs. Reed and Fowler. This option has not yet expired, and the Chicago brokers claim to have secured purchasers who report considerable English capital. After accomplishing everything but the formal sale it is alleged that President Boynton broke the contract by preventing the sale.

HE WANTED MAMMA.

Mrs. Winslow Tells of Her Playwright Husband and His Idiocy.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 16.—The divorce case of Winslow vs. Winslow, imported from New York, promises to be a bitter fight. The plaintiff is Herbert A. Winslow, author of "Chip of the Old Block," "Knotty Affair," and other plays of like character. Mrs. Winslow talked freely of her case.

"All our troubles," said she, "arose over his subserviency to his mother. He was so affected and in subjection to her that up to the time he was twenty-five years of age he never had his hair cut without her consent, which was often given in writing. He had never remained at our house much of the time, but would leave about 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning in order, as he said, to be at his mother's in time for breakfast. This dual life continued for months."

MONTANA IS MAD.

Her World's Fair Building Could Be Duplicated for $5,000.

HELENA, Mont., Dec 16.—The Montana silver statute question having been disposed of to the dissatisfaction of everybody in this state, the world's fair managers now have another scandal on their hands. Mayor Higgins, who has just returned from Chicago, says he went through the Montana building with a competent builder, who says it could be duplicated for $5,000. The contract price was $14,500, within $500 of the limit allowed by law and now a bill for $500 extra comes in. The board has sent for the original plans and specifications and will make a thorough investigation of the matter. A big job is charged.

Made False Returns.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 16.—Isaac Inlinghast, for ten years postmaster at LaPlume, whose business as publisher of the Seed Time and Harvest and Seed Grower made the office a presidential one with a good salary, has been arrested on the charge of making false returns of business of the postoffice and of having a deficiency in the postal note and registry business, the misappropriation of $200 and depositing government bonds in other than a national bank. He gave bail for his appearance at the next session of the district court.

Mining Magnate Arrested.

DENVER, Dec. 16.—Charles N. Perkins, vice president of the Colorado Mining Exchange, was arrested today on complaint of Dr. W. C. Conden. Mr. Perkins is charged with false pretenses, the complaint stating that while the defendant was secretary of the Little Rule Mining company he represented that the stock of that company was paying dividends and sold on this representation to Mrs. W. C. Couden 4,500 shares for $3,000, when in truth the stock was not paying dividends and never had.

Killed by a Cyclone.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—A severe cyclone passed over the town of Orel today. Not much damage was done in the town proper, but several of the suburbs were devastated, houses being blown down and trees uprooted. The damage was particularly severe at Tanzar, where many persons were caught under the falling buildings and killed.

Consecrated a Bishop.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 16.—Trinity Episcopal church today was the scene of a very impressive church service, the third of its kind that has occurred in this diocese. The service was the consecration of the Rev. Wells as bishop of the diocese of Spokane in the state of Washington.

XMAS TRADE IS BIG

The Manufacturers Cannot Fill Their Orders on Time.

ENORMOUS SALES OF COTTON

The Shipment of Gold to Europe Scared the Speculative Markets — The Price of Whisky Advanced.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say: The shipment of $3,000,000 gold to Europe early this week has caused some nominal apprehension in speculative markets. It is true that the gold is demanded by Austria under such circumstances that an exceptional premium is paid for it, but neither Austria or any other country could draw gold from the United States at present unless there were heavy sales of American securities by France.

The exports of breadstuffs, cotton, provisions, cattle and petroleum in November amounted to $72,669,392, indicating aggregate exports of about $95,000,000 per month and an excess of merchandise exports over imports not less than $20,000,000. At the same time silver has been going abroad in large amounts. At Boston general business is steady, cotton mills were never better employed and trade in woolens is heavy, while in boots and shoes business is eminently prosperous. Groceries are active at Philadelphia and trade in jewelry and glass and paints is fairly satisfactory, but in dry goods somewhat dull. Holiday trade at Baltimore is encouraging and there is a growing demand from the south for all classes of products. At Pittsburg the demand for manufactured iron is somewhat less urgent, but the output of pig iron increases and trade in glass is fairly active. The shoe trade at Cincinnati is satisfactory and collections are fair.

Big Holiday Trade.

Trade is active in dry goods, groceries, crockery and holiday articles and fairly good in other lines, and general business exceeds last year's 10 to 15 per cent at Cleveland. At Indianapolis business is comparatively quiet, and at Detroit dull. Trade at Chicago is especially active in holiday lines and collections are good, with not as much need as usual for loans in ordinary business. The St. Louis holiday trade is remarkably large. The great improvement here in rye is felt in the growing shoe, dry goods, saddlery and tobacco business.

Milwaukee's business is larger than a year ago, and at St. Paul and Minneapolis fairly good, though collections are backward. The lumber trade is very active. Trade at Omaha is very active, and at Kansas City decidedly greater than a year ago. Business is especially active in dry goods, groceries and hardware at Sioux City, with a good demand for money. Trade at Denver is very fair. Business at Memphis is dull, but very good in holiday lines at Nashville, and at New Orleans general trade is helped by the movement in prices of cotton.

The output of pig iron, according to the Iron Age, was 176,271 tons weekly December 1, against 171,082 tons weekly November 1. Coal is exceedingly quiet, though the deliveries are continuously larger than in any previous year. The trust has advanced the price of whisky again, apparently hoping that the government will increase the tax. The movement of boots and shoes continues remarkably large.

Cotton Picks Up.

The dry goods business' increased strength is seen in cottons, and sales of wool for the year at the two largest markets have been 288,016,679 pounds, against 286,531,296 for the same weeks last year.

The trade of overcoating has been far in excess of any previous year. Many mills are unable to meet their orders for spring goods.

The movement of gold does not for the present cause especial stringency in the money market here, because currency is coming this way from the interior.

In the cotton market extraordinary speculation continues, with sales of more than 1,600,000 bales for the week.

The business failures during the past seven days number for the United States 279, for Canada 25, total 304, as compared with 297 last week, 269 the week previous to the last and 335 for the corresponding week of last year.

Canada's Business.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Bradstreet's report on the state of trade in Canada says: General trade throughout the Canadian dominion is slack, as is customary at this season. At Toronto woolens are firmer. Travelers are sending in orders for spring delivery. Wheat is at the lowest price this year. The Novia Scotia fishing season generally has been poor.

Bank clearings at the three cities named, with those at Hamilton, aggregate $21,695,000 this week, a trifling increase as compared with the total a year ago, but 13 per cent less than the aggregate for last week. There are thirty failures in Canada this week, against thirty-one last week and twenty-three in the week a year ago.

SPANISH GRANT IS GOOD.

Big Land Case Decision Which Effects Other Suits.

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 16.—In the court of private land claims today, Justice Stuss, with the unanimous approval of the court, handed down an opinion confirming the Alameda grant of 106,274.89 acres in Bernadilla county, an area in Texas of eleven leagues, made in 1710. The case is particularly noteworthy, because the opinion completely ignores the eleven league limitation clause of the act establishing the court of private land claims, and makes it plain that the court will deal with grants according to international law and treaty stipulations without regard to the attempt of congress to limit all grants to eleven leagues or less. The Luceo De Coder grant of 40,000 acres was also confirmed. Both cases were appealed to the United States supreme court.

Bourbon Democrats Are Thinking.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 16.—The Kentucky distillers are rather at sea about the condition in which they are likely to find themselves if the tax on spirits should be advanced from 90 cents to $1.25 per gallon. The general impression is that the result would be to make big money for the trust, which is in a position to be benefited immediately. The holders of Kentucky goods which mature in the natural way, either free or in bond, would be to get the advance of 35 cents per gallon.

IS NOT A ROMANIST.

Mrs. Blaine Denies That Her Husband Joined the Church.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The following card was issued from Mr. Blaine's residence at 10 o'clock tonight:

"MADISON PLACE, WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Blaine, in reply to the many letters of anxious inquiry sent her on this subject, asks me to state that there is not the slightest truth in the report that Mr. Blaine has entered the Roman Catholic church, and that nothing could be further from his thought or intention. It should be needless to state that Father Ducey has never been at the house.

"JAMES G. BLAINE, JR."

USED THE KNIFE.

The Fortifications Appropriation Bill Has Been Cut 35 Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house committee on appropriations has vigorously slashed the fortifications appropriation bill, and as it will be reported to the house, the bill carries an appropriation of about 35 per cent less than the total of the current year. The total amount appropriated by the new bill is $1,735,055, while the act for the year aggregates $2,785,276, a reduction of 899,221. In addition to the amount carried by this year's bill, contracts are authorized to be entered into involving a further expenditure of $500,000, to meet which, appropriations will have to be made during the next and subsequent fiscal years.

Dying Convict Pardoned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The president has granted pardon to Anthem R. Bailey, convicted in Ohio of counterfeiting and sentenced June 16, 1892, to two years' imprisonment. The convict is fatally ill.

Held a Cabinet Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The cabinet meeting was attended today by all the members except Secretarys Tracy and Rusk. The former has gone to New York to remain until Monday, and the latter is on his way home from Florida.

Large Pension Payments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The pension payments for the first half of December have been very large, amounting to $8,952,000. The international revenue receipts for the same fifteen days were $7,672,000.

President Receives Actors.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The president this morning received the actors who participated in the benefit to the National Capital Press club. The president presented to each of the ladies a flower.

Rutherford Will Disgorge.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 16.—Ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes was today made a defendant in an action brought by the Highland Improvement company to recover $37,000 alleged to be due on a contract. The plaintiffs allege that Hayes agreed to give the company twenty-five acres of land, or $25,000 in cash on the completion of the inclined road to the top of the hill; that Hayes now refuses to give the acres or the money.

Witmore Is Ambitious.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—Charles Witmore has sent a proposition to the New Orleans Olympic club to take the place of either Evan Lewis or Ernest Rober in case one of them fails to show up for the match before that club. He has also placed in the hands of the president of the club a challenge to wrestle the winner of the match, and will send to the Police Gazette a forfeit of $1,000 in March.

Boston Democrats Banquet.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—The annual dinner of the New England Reform league was held at the American house this evening. President Henry L. Pierce was presiding officer. The speakers were the Hon. Charles S. Fairchild, secretary of the treasury under Cleveland; the Hon. Harvey M. Shepard, Josiah Quincy and William P. Rice. Covers were laid for about 225.

Extending Its System.

DENVER, Dec. 16.—There was filed with the secretary of state today articles of incorporation of the Wyoming & Utah Railroad company. The purpose of this company is to build a line of road southwest from the town of Casper, Wyo., to the city of Ogden, Utah, with branches from the main line to Rawlins and Lander. The capital stock is placed at $10,000,000.

To Close Hawthorne.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—State warrants were sworn out this evening for the arrest of officers, judges, starter and makers of the books at the Hawthorne rack track. The complaint is made by prominent citizens of Oak Park, in which suburb the track is located, but the names of the complainants do not appear in the warrants.

Russia's Mortality From Cholera.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—Finally official statistics of the cholera epidemic in Russia have just been issued. According to the figures there have been 139,417 deaths from European and 135,343 deaths from Asiatic cholera since the outbreak of the disease in the empire, making a total of 265,760 deaths.

Big Fire in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Dec. 16.—The electric light station on Court street of the General Electric company was destroyed by fire this morning, and most of the valuable machinery was ruined. The fire was caused by electricity, and seems to have been unavoidable. The loss will reach $50,000.

Director Evans Gets Five Years.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Nelson F. Evans, who was convicted of misapplying the funds of the Spring Garden National bank, of which he was a director, was today sentenced by Judge Butler to pay a fine of $300 and serve five years in the eastern penitentiary.

Reading's Latest Scheme.

READING, Pa., Dec. 16.—Capt. John A. Scheers, chief of the Reading Coal & Iron company's pay-roll department here, has been appointed to represent that company in its endeavor to establish a market for its coal in Germany. He will shortly sail for Berlin.

More Gold for Europe.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Kidder, Peabody & Co. have ordered $500,000 gold from the sub-treasury here. It will be shipped by the Cephalonia for Liverpool tomorrow.

HE IS A MURDERER

Attendant David Nevitt Says He Killed Keneuguen,

KICKED IN THE SKULL AND RIBS

The Jackson Swede's Slayer When Intoxicated Tells of Horrible Treatment the Insane Man Received.

KALAMAZOO, Dec. 16.—A disclosure has been made here by an asylum attendant, Daniel Nevitt, regarding the death of William Kneuguen, the Jackson Swede, on December 1, who had been in the institution only three days. Nevitt, while down town last night, drinking and carousing, stated that he had occasion to restrain Keneuguen, and that he knocked him down twice in the hall and jumped on him and kicked him in the side. He also said that when it was discovered that Kneuguen's ribs were broken, he fixed up a story with the attendant, who knew of the affair, it being agreed that he should say the ribs might have been broken by setting him into a chair and that the attendant should say nothing about Nevitt being implicated.

When the jury decided that Keneuguen came to his death from injuries received before he came to the institution he felt that he was set clear.

Gloats Over the Deed.

"I knocked him down," said Nevitt, "and when he came forward to meet me again you never see a man go in such a heap as he did. I did not propose to have him come again, and I kicked him until he called for me to quit."

Dr. Edwards, the superintendent, was anxious to have the matter sifted to the bottom, and stated that if what Nevitt had said could be proven to be facts he would turn him over to Sheriff Downey. Nevitt was brought upon the carpet, after an order had been sent to him that the doctor would go where he was if he did not report.

He admitted talking, but denied that he had criminated himself. Dr. Edwards does not believe the facts, as Nevitt states, but he discharged him from the institution, and Dr. Ostrander stated that he believed the proper thing to do would be to turn him over to the deceased man's relatives. Nevitt was given his walking papers and stated that he did not think he could expect to remain there.

GROSSMAN IS GUILTY.

Jury Says He Killed Albert Molitor Seventeen Years Ago.

ALPENA, Dec. 16.—August Grossman was found guilty of murder in the first dgeree in having caused the death of Albert Molitor. The jury went out at 9 p. m. yesterday and reached a verdict at 4 p. m. today. The prisoner has not yet been sentenced.

Wants Big Damages.

DETROIT, Dec. 16.—Tracy May De France sues the Mutual Reserve Fund Life association for $100,000 damages for alleged false imprisonment and malicious prosecution. Some time ago Mrs. De France sued the company for the recovery of $5,000 on an insurance policy issued to her mother, Helen von Bergman. The company refused to pay on the ground that the policy had been taken out just before Mrs. von Bergman had a cancer removed, which operation was likely to result, as it really did, in her death. Mrs. De France discontinued the suit, but the company then began criminal proceedings against her and the husband, Stonewall J. De France. They charged the De France's with conspiring with Mrs. von Bergman to defraud the company out of $5,000.

Told Him to Fire the Store.

HERSEY, Dec. 16.—The prosecution in the Ross arson case rested their case. About the only new points are the testimony of Frank Torrence, an 18 year old boy, who clerked for Ross. He swore that in March last Ross tried to hire him to fire the store during his (Ross') absence at Grand Rapids, giving him full instructions how to light the fuse which he had prepared and then to wire him about the fire. The boy's nerve forsook him and he did not do as directed, so there was no fire at that time.

Death of a Capitalist.

DETROIT, Dec. 16.—J. Huff Jones, the well-known capitalist, died at 4:30 o'clock this morning in the room which he had occupied for more than twenty years at the Russell house. At the time of his death no one was with him but the hired nurse, his immediate demise not being anticipated. Landlord McCreary had visited him the last thing before retiring and detected no evidence of the fact that the end was so near. At 3 o'clock the dying man fell into what appeared a peaceful slumber, from which he never awakened.

Holland's Electric Light Case.

HOLLAND, Dec. 16.—Judge Hart has rendered his decision in the famous electric light case. The question was whether the vote which was cast in this city last spring for bonding the city for an electric light plant was legal, F. H. Carr and others held that it was not, and served an injunction restraining the city from issuing the bonds. The case went to court and the judge decided against the city. He called attention to several errors.

Burglars at Work.

ST. JOHN, Dec. 16.—Last night burglars effected an entrance into the bazaar store of Harrison Sherman and pretty effectually cleaned out counters and shelves of jewelry, neck scarfs, etc., to the amount of over $800. The store of Clark & Hulse, clothiers, was also raided. The store of Spaulding & Co., hardware dealers, was visited, but only one revolver was missed. Attempts were made upon at least two other places, but they were driven away.

Taylor Seen at Cassopolis.

JACKSON, Dec. 16.—Under Sheriff Truett of Cass City is in the city with prisoners. He says a woman at Cassopolis, seeing the picture of Taylor in a newspaper, recognized him as a man who begged a lunch from her at 5:30 o'clock on the night of Miss Comley's murder. She noticed his hands grimmed, as if they had been rubbed in the dirt, and also the defect in his right eye.

Sues a Sheriff.

LEXINGTON, Dec. 16.—Joseph Maney, of Saginaw, organizer for the State Liquor Dealers' association, sues Sheriff Whalen for $10,000 for alleged false imprisonment. Maney was arrested November 30, and pleaded guilty before a justice, being fined $1. Maney claims that he had no opportunity to give bonds and stand trial; that he pleaded guilty as a last resort to keep out of jail.

Slander Suit at Lyons.

LYONS, Dec. 16.—W. H. Price, formerly a business man in this village, who failed last summer, has sued a Mr. Hale of Orleans for slander, placing the amount of his damages at $10,000. Hale is said to have made this statement: "If Mr. Price had his just deserts he would be behind the bars instead of organizing Sunday schools."

Freight Depot Burned.

MUSKEGON, Dec. 16.—Fire at 3 o'clock this morning destroyed the freight depot of the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad here. The building is almost a total loss and a large quantity of freight was also destroyed. No cars were burned but several were badly scorched. The loss will approximate $10,000.

Pardoned a Dying Burglar.

LANSING, Dec. 16.—Governor Winans has pardoned Arthur Hall, who was sentenced in the recorder's court of Detroit June 15, 1892, to one year's imprisonment in the Ionia house of correction for breaking and entering a store in the day time. The young man is dying of consumption.

Orphans for Adoption.

MENOMINEE, Dec. 16.—The Catholic society has received forty children from a New York foundling institution, to be adopted by members of the church. They are about evenly divided as to sex and range in ages from 1 to 4 years.

Local Option Conviction.

COLDWATER, Dec. 16.—The trial of Christian Viesel, charged with selling liquor in violation of the local option law, in progress before Judge Loveridge for several days, resulted today in the jury bringing in a verdict of guilty.

Battle Creek Failure.

BATTLE CREEK, Dec. 16.—Thelen & Devers' dry goods house on West Main street was closed this morning on a chattel mortgage. The liabilities are between $18,000 and $20,000.

Lost an Arm.

WHITE PIGEON, Dec. 16.—Edward Broderick, brakeman on the Kalamazoo division of the Lake Shore, while coupling cars at Three Rivers this morning lost his right arm.

State News in Brief.

This year's crop of apples from Huron county is the largest ever known. The county was laid desolate by forest fires ten years ago, but this year's crop surpasses all expectations, and pays a handsome revenue to the owners. During the present month 25,000 barrels will come from this region. This represents about $40,000 to the wholesalers and nearly $75,000 to the retail trade. Potatoes are also a large yield, and Sand Beach alone will ship 50,000 bushels.—Harrison Cleaver.

A Belleville barber has purchased a photographer's car and will give a tintype and a shave for 25 cents. If the miniature could be taken at the moment when the barber looks over his shoulder to see a pretty girl go by and dabs you in the eye with his lather brush a collection of them would make an exhibit fit for a dime museum.

One of Brooklyn's fair sex, after burying seven husbands, erected a monument for the whole lot. The monument was a marble hand with an index finger pointing to the sky, and on the base, instead of their names, ages, etc., were the words "Seven up."

Onondaga people subscribed liberally for a creamery to be built by a Chicago concern. The good people now claim that there was too much wind on the part of the men from the windy city, and refuse to pony up the cash. A big suit will follow.

The Michigan Southern people are surveying a line from Saline, through Belleville, to a point on their Toledo branch between Wyandotte and Detroit. This would shorten up their route from Detroit to Chicago about fifteen miles.

Editors who have a big list of delinquent subscribers need not give up hope. The Portland Observer man was a few days ago given a fit of heart palpitation by a subscriber settling his bill who was thirteen years in arrears.

While revival meetings are in progress at Deerfield, the kids enjoy themselves by taking off buggy wheels, etc. Several bad accidents have resulted.

"Nevada, or the Lost Mine," is the play that Caro amateurs will use to yank silver from the pockets of their friends.

One hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars has been spent in Adrian during the past year for the building of homes.

Holly has completed her electric light works, and now the inhabitants spend most of the night on the streets.

A hammerless gun made after an entirely new pattern, is the work of Ira Hutchison, a Fenville genius.

Saginaw's pet drunkard has been fined twenty-one times in as many months for carrying a jag.

Leslie desires to become reputable so the notorious resort known as "Island Lake" has been fitted up.

Mendon has formed a literary club and its members are to inflict their effusions on each other.

An Oxford editor gave the age of a bride six years too high. He had to publish a retraction.

Port Huron doctors are fighting over a patient to know whether he is a case of typhoid or not.

Muskegon sportsmen gave a banquet to Game Warden Hampton Thursday night.

Jackson men are about to start out a minstrel company to barnstorm the state.

Owosso is to have a lecture course which will cost members only 4 cents each.

A copy of Jay Gould's will has been filed in the Detroit probate court.

Young men at Owosso find life made miserable by church fairs.

Mason has a woman insurance agent. Life policies are her pie.

Manistee Congregationalists have a new church.

Kalamazoo has had its annual mad dog scare.

Jackson has finished her water works extension.

Lexington has a new hotel.

WAS A GOOD CHOICE

Bishop Spalding Made Coadjutator to Mr. Kennrick.

FARIBAULT SYSTEM SCORNED

The Prelate Says That the American Church Believes in Home Rule and Wants No Satolli.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—Bishop Spalding of Peoria will be co-adjutator to Archbishop Kennrick of this diocese. The conclusion of the suffragan bishops gives general satisfaction. The priests are very well pleased, and so far as known the venerable metropolitan himself is content to let the result of yesterday's conference stand. The bishop of Peoria is 52 years old, and is a nephew of the great Archbishop of Baltimore, now deceased. He was a lion in the last council of Baltimore, and ranks high with his fellow-workmen. Bold, aggressive, sincere, he has the courage of his convictions.

In an interview today he denounced the idea of a papal ablegate in this country, saying it was un-American, and whether approved by Rome or not, he believed in home rule. He is opposed to the Faribault system, saying it is impracticable. He believes in parochial schools, and says the church can build and maintain its own schools so long as the state will not yield. There will be no compromise. He approves of a solution of the question submitted to him by a layman, whose name he will not give, which has for its prime factor a divided school fund. He says it would be better if the New York conference had never been held, that the Wigger-Corrigan controversy is nonsensical and scandalous.

Returning to the school question, Bishop Spalding said: "I do wish we had a more healthy understanding of the school question. If justice ever takes the place of frenzy you will find a Baptist and a Catholic or a Methodist and a Catholic one on the school question, in the country, in towns and in cities.

Conkey Investigation Commenced.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The investigation of W. B. Conkey's contract for printing the world's fair catalogue was started today before Edwin Walker. Judge Moran and Mark L. Crawford, the investigating committee appointed by the directors. For three hours testimony was heard. Officials of the exposition, representatives of big publishing houses and Mr. Conkey himself told about the contract. Aside from the fact that bids were not asked for the concession, no evidence was brought out that could be said to reflect on the award.

Prisoners Steamed to Death.

BATAVIA, Ill., Dec. 16.—Last night Simon Mitchell, an old resident of Batavia, was locked up in the county jail for intoxication, together with William Ritch from Ohio. The room in which the men were confined is heated by steam pipes. Through some unknown cause an explosion occurred in the steam pipes, which filled the room with hot steam that literally burned the prisoners to death before they could be rescued.

Shot the Ghost Dead.

LIMA, Ohio, Dec. 16.—John Ennison, night watchman at the Bluffton planing mill, has been troubled recently by seeing what he claims to be the ghost of his dead wife at the mill. Last night he saw the apparition and decided to test its density by firing a revolver at it. The ghost dropped, and then it was discovered to be Charles Shelton, telegraph operator. He was killed.

Famous French Publisher Dead.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Jean Georges Hachett, the well-known French publisher, is dead. He was born at Paris February 28, 1838, being the second son of the celebrated editor, Louis Hachett, founder of the publishing house which bears his name. He was judge of the Tribunal of Commerce, and held other honorable positions, besides being decorated with the Legion of Honor.

Murdered His Wife.

WELLINGTON, Ohio., Dec. 16.—The Rev. John Arnold has been arrested here on an affidavit sworn to by Coroner R. E. Braman, before Mayor Couch, charging him with the murder of Eliza Arnold, his wife, by stabbing her in the throat with a penknife. Arnold is an ordained minister in the United Brethren church, and has traveled circuits in Minnesota and other states.

Showalter Defeats Lasker.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 16. — The state chess tournament has been a decided success. Showalter defeated Lasker in the second game last night in two hours and forty minutes. The third, to have been played today, was declared off at Lasker's request and will be played some time in the future. In the state contest Otto Ballard of Anderson won the first prize.

Forty Years to Find a Needle.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 16.—Mrs. William Jackson, living in this county, today pulled a needle out of her shoulder, which had been sore for years. Mrs. Jackson, who is now 60 years of age, swallowed the needle when 17 years old.

That Wyoming Recount Case.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 16.—Argument was concluded before the supreme court today on the application of the democrats to compel a canvass of the vote of Carbon county. A decision, it is said, will be handed down tomorrow.

Prof. James McElroy, at one time superintendent of the Michigan school for the blind, has invented a heater which is being applied to street cars by the Consolidated Car Heating company of Albany, N. Y.

Real Estate Transfers.

Earl E Rebentisch to John H Tenhoopen part lot 2 blk 2 Cedar Spring	$ 1,000
Martin L Sweet to George H Bellamy lots 1 and 12 Sweet's add	3,000
Noyes L Avery to Gideon Barstow lot 2 Ariff's add	2,800
John Rock to George Roelofs lot 5 De Vries' Third add	600
Nelson Higbee to Amos Sellers lots 13 and 14 blk 11 Campbell & Underwood's add	600
Guy Webber to Mrs Mary E Hates lot 28 H Leonard add	100
Cornelius Clark et al. to G R Consolidated Brick & Tiling Co. sw ¼ nw ¼ and part s½ sw ¼ of sec 29 Grand Rapids	45,000
Robert Sprague et al. to G R Consolidated Brick & Tiling Co. part sw ¼ nw ¼ of sec 29 Grand Rapids	25,000
Edward E Kiest to William H Cooper et al. e ½ sw ¼ of sec 31 Cannon	4,000