

Iowa State Bystander.

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THE young czar of Russia might as well have his measure taken for a suit of boiler iron underclothes.

AS M. ZOLA is coming to this country too, we respectfully submit that he be compelled to wipe off his boots before he is allowed to land.

THE only sweetheart of the poet Whitier is becoming numerous enough to make it probable that the girls believed what the boys told them in those days.

NEW YORK is driving all the tramps out of her limits and the foreign nobleman will hereafter have to court the American heiress by cable and mark it "collect."

CANADA is now supplying almost the whole of the robe mittens eaten in New York, his of beef, most of its butter and all of its eggs. What a curious state of affairs.

WHERE'S the man who predicted an open winter? Let's have him. Let's shake him till his back teeth rattle. His optimistic notions are responsible for acres of goose-pimpled cuticle.

A MAINE schoolboy hanged himself because his teacher frowned on him. If he had grown up to manhood he would probably have killed some good girl because she refused to marry him.

GOFF, of Lexow investigation fame, reached for a year office and has reached for a raise in salary, all of which goes to show that reform enjoys no particular snap in respect of retainers.

If people exercised as much care and shrewdness when investing in advertising as they do when investing in banks, mining stocks and real estate, there would be more believers in the value of printers' ink.

If the unfortunate man whose nose was bitten off by a thug who apologized and said "it was all a mistake" could catch the maker of the mistake a jury will make none in letting him serve an adequate sentence for his "error."

THE kaiser has issued strict orders for the punishment of all officers of the army who maltreat private soldiers. The war-lord of Germany knows that the military power of his country lies in the men in the ranks, and he can afford to disgrace more officers to keep the rifle bearers in good spirits.

It breaks the ice-man's heart to think that next summer will probably be distinguished for its mildness, and that half of the superabundant crop will have no sale. For the thought of reducing the price to the consumer and doubling the quantity sold will never invade the ice-man's skull. It is too humane.

TWENTY years ago millions of buffaloes were roaming over the West. Now it has been found necessary to enact a law punishing with a long term of imprisonment any one who even attempts to kill one of the last twenty-five. What a commentary this is on the recklessness of hunters in this country!

THE report of the agricultural department shows a marked falling off in the number of horses, mules and sheep throughout the country. The value of horses has declined twenty-four per cent, of mules twenty-three per cent and of sheep twenty per cent, while the number and value of milch cows show an increase.

So long as intelligent juries acquit murderers upon the ground that their crimes were the result of hypnotism, ignorant men and women are not to be censured for pleading the spell of witchcraft in extenuation of similar misdeeds. But that is not to say that either plea should be accepted. The prison, if not the gallows, is the place for people of such unbalanced minds.

IMPRISONMENT for life is generally considered preferable to death, but there is room for doubt about it in the case of Marie Jonaux, who has been convicted of triple murder in Belgium. She is to be placed in a cell where daylight cannot penetrate, and is never to see a human face or hear a human voice again. It is hardly to be expected that she will long survive that kind of punishment.

It is an ill blizzard that blows nobody good. During the severe weather of the past month, which ripened the ice crop, twenty thousand men have been engaged at different points on the Hudson river gathering the harvest. These men get anywhere from \$1.50 to \$3 and \$4 a day. Many of them are carpenters, masons and mechanics out of work in their regular occupation. The cold snap was something of a "snapp" to them.

THERE are different methods of saving human life, but that carried out by the "hero of the hour, Stevens, the hardy American sailor, who kept his comrade alive (on a wreck of Long Island) for nearly forty hours by beating him with a rope" is perhaps the most peculiar on record.

"THE priests may ride bicycles," says a contemporary, "but they must do it with due regard to their cloth." And so must other bicyclists. Reckless scorching often plays hob with the rider's cloth.

THAT Yale's brightest graduate should have been frozen to death while in a drunken stupor is no reflection on that great institution of learning, but it does indicate that college training doesn't always give a man sense enough to come in out of the cold.

MILK sold in front of the Vanderbilt and Gould houses on Fifth avenue at \$2 a pitcher recently, and New York talks of it. Why, that is nothing to what water has cost from the same source.

SELECTED HAWKEYE MENTION

ANAMOSA PRISON.

History of the Case of Convict Gillespie. ANAMOSA, Feb. 28.—Another noted criminal has been received from Fort Dodge in the person of Henry Gillespie. He is a mulatto, and has since his residence of three years in Fort Dodge commanded the good will of all with whom he came in contact on account of his great strength and fierceness. About the middle of December there was confined in the city jail for prostitution a girl by the name of Lena Anderson. During the night some one forced the lock from the door and gained an entrance to the cell, blew out the candle the defenseless girl had burning, and committed the crime of rape. In the morning the girl told the story of the assault upon her person and Gillespie was arrested. At a preliminary hearing he was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. He was indicted and his trial was had recently. The jury after being out five hours returned a verdict of guilty. The case created all the more interest on account of the reputation of Gillespie previous to his going to Fort Dodge. He came from Sioux City, and from what was reported at the trial and what has leaked out since, he is supposed to have been implicated in the Haddock murder case. At the time of his going to Fort Dodge his check was good for \$5,000, and he still owns considerable property. For the past year up to the time of his arrest he has been assisting the city of Fort Dodge in various ways and had behaved himself as became a gentleman.

MURDER AT NEWTON.

Ex-Sheriff Zollinger Reaches His Home Bleeding and Dying. NEWTON, Feb. 26.—This community was greatly shocked when the news spread that J. R. Zollinger, a prominent merchant and an ex-sheriff, was found dead and had probably been murdered. Mr. Zollinger left his place of business about 9:30, and when he reached home his wife noticed blood flowing down over his face, and, on inquiring what was the matter, he stated that he had fallen or been hit. These are the only words he spoke. A physician was summoned and on examining a large gash was found on his head. He never regained consciousness, but died between 12 and 1 o'clock. It is a very mysterious case, some believing he was waylaid, and the thug, failing to bring down his victim, had fled without accomplishing his full purpose, that of robbery, nothing on his person having been taken. Others think he was overcome with a stroke of apoplexy and struck his head against an electric wire pole. Which ever it was happened within a few rods of his home. Two clubs were found near the spot where the first blood was visible, which makes it look like a case of murder. Mr. Zollinger had been a captain in the army, and his funeral was conducted by Masonic and G. A. R. organizations of Newton.

TOUGH CROWD.

One Smashed With a Monkey Wrench. FOREST CITY, Feb. 26.—A drunken row in the town of Thompson ended in one man being mortally wounded and the perpetrator under arrest. The circumstances are about this way: A brother of the celebrated Eugene Riley, who was chewed by a bull dog a few years ago, in company with one Whitlock, filled up on illegal whisky and went down to August Garkie's blacksmith shop to get him drunk and induce him to go on Riley's bond, or perhaps, compel him to. When Garkie refused Riley assaulted him with a club and Garkie returned the assault with a large monkey wrench, and broke Riley's skull. Riley is expected to die before morning.

DESPERATE BATTLE AT THE BLUFFS.

Griswold Bank Robbers Surprise the Officers and Attempt to Escape. COUNCIL BLUFFS, Feb. 27.—A desperate battle between the Griswold bank robbers and Deputy Sheriffs A. R. Hooker and Nick O'Brien took place at the south entrance to the court house about 6:30 o'clock Monday evening. Nick O'Brien was shot through the left groin and his recovery is doubtful. One of the robbers, who gave his name as William S. Smith, was shot through the abdomen and his injuries are considered fatal. William Stellard, a motorman on a passing motor car, was shot in the forehead. His injuries are not serious.

NEW JURY LAW.

It Will Go Into Effect on July First. DEBUE, March 1.—Judge Husted, of this city, has received a letter from Attorney General Remley stating that the new jury law of Iowa goes into effect this year, and not in 1896, as a misprint states. All jurors drawn after July 1 next will be under the new law.

ICARIAN COMMUNITY.

The Members Conclude to Divide and Dissolve. CORNING, Feb. 26.—Members of the Icarian Community, founded in France before the revolution, coming to this country and living at various points in the south and at Nauvoo, Ill., finally settling at Corning in 1856, have agreed to a division of property and dissolution of the society. The interests of the heirs and other legal obstacles have rendered it advisable to appoint a receiver and put the matter in the hands of the court.

IN SHERIFF'S HANDS.

CECIL RAPIDS, Feb. 28.—The large retail drug house of L. Louis Hillan has been taken possession of by the sheriff under an execution issued on a judgment for \$800 back rental due. No statement of assets and liabilities is given to the public.

IOWA DEATHS.

JEFFERSON, Feb. 26.—Uriah Wied, a pioneer of central Iowa, died, aged 81. He was a member of the Methodist church for sixty-nine years.

AN INSANE ACT.

Dead Body of Charles Vetter Found in a Cornfield. CARROLL, March 1.—A few days ago the dead body of a man was found in a cornfield near Halbur. Investigation by the sheriff and coroner disclosed the fact that the corpse was that of Charles Vetter. He was a cripple, and by his side lay two canes and a bottle of strychnine and some orange peelings. Vetter was lying on his face, which was black, one hand grasping with the grip of a vice some binding twine, the other his overcoat. The bottle of strychnine was half empty and cracked. In his pockets were found \$100 in gold, \$6.30 in silver and some deeds, tax certificates and receipts. The theory is that he took half the strychnine—enough to have killed half the people in the township—and then ate the orange to remove the bitter taste. Vetter was a bachelor, about 60 years old, and comfortably fixed. He lived with his brother, and for several weeks has complained of a terrible pain in his head, and has been subject to fits of melancholy.

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TRIED TO HANG HIM. Angry Hibernians after the Scalp of an Obnoxious Ex-Priest. SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 28.—Savannah escaped a riot through the assistance of the state militia. The trouble was precipitated by ex-Priest Joseph Slattery's lecture on "Roman Catholic Priesthood." For several days efforts have been made by members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to revoke the ex-priest's permit to deliver the lecture, but the mayor upon legal advice replied that it could not be done. Threats were openly made against the lecturer, a detail of officers being ordered on duty in the hall where the lecture was to be held; the lecturer continued his offensive language, but the crowd gathered outside began to hurl stones through the window in on the audience. The police ordered the crowd to disperse but they refused, and kept shouting hang him. The mayor ordered out the militia. The riot alarm was sent in, and in a few minutes the companies responded. By the time the military arrived the audience had left the hall and a detail of mounted police stood guard at the entrance. The crowd numbered 3,000 by this time, and were largely spectators. The electric lights around the hall were broken by missiles, and for a time the neighborhood was in darkness. After the military arrived on the scene there was comparative quiet. The streets were soon cleared, and the troops remained on guard duty. As soon as the disturbances had subsided the lecturer was brought from the hall and, escorted by the police and surrounded by two battalions of soldiers, walked to his hotel. The crowd followed and jeered along the streets, but there was no attempt at an attack. Half an hour after the ex-priest was escorted from the hotel by a squad of police.

CONDENSED ITEMS.

The first annual convention of the Iowa Liberal League was held in Davenport on the 28th, with an attendance of about thirty. Its object is the repeal of the present prohibitory and mixed laws, and the enactment of a well regulated license law. At Fort Dodge recently, the plaster mill operated by the Duncombe Stocco company and owned by J. F. Duncombe was burned to the ground. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is over \$30,000; insurance, \$15,000. The mill will be rebuilt immediately. The Anheuser Brewing Association, of St. Louis, has a large beer distributing warehouse in Cedar Rapids for Central Iowa. An action has been filed in the superior court asking that it be abated as a nuisance and the beer seized and destroyed. It is alleged that shipments in car lots or less are in contravention of the prohibitory law. Burglars forced an entrance into the First National bank of Griswold. They opened the vault door with explosives, drilled inside to the time lock safe, placing in it a charge, lit the fuse and closed the vault door. The charge proved so heavy that it wrecked the vault, safe and building to the extent of nearly \$4,000. The report from the explosion of the safe was so great that the robbers made a hasty departure, but not before securing nearly \$100 in stamps belonging to the postmaster and \$150 in small change inside the vault door for safekeeping. The small inner safe contained \$20,000, but it cannot be learned if this was stolen until the great mass of wreckage is removed. A large posse is in pursuit of the robbers, who are supposed to be professionals. Later, the inner safe was found to be intact and the contents safe. Emmetsburg dispatch: Marks Murray, aged 34, was run over by a stock train on the Milwaukee road. After the conductor had reached Algona he wired the station agent here that he thought he had run over something just as he was leaving this station. The agent started east, and just outside the yard found the lifeless body of Murray nearly severed in twain and with both hips crushed. Coroner Henry was sent for, who impaled a jury consisting of C. E. Coburn, James Burns and Fred Scott, who held an inquest and returned a verdict that Murray came to his death by attempting to board a train while in motion, and falling was run over by the trucks of the caboose and instantly killed. Another young man from this place named Dan Galliger, was on the same train, and fell off near Cylinder, the first station east, and had one leg broken and received other serious injuries. Galliger will recover.

CITY HALL IN FLAMES.

Brooklyn's Municipal Building Badly Damaged. BROOKLYN, Feb. 27.—Three alarms were sent out at 7:45 o'clock this morning for a fire which started in the apartments of the janitor of the city hall. The firemen experienced great difficulty in getting water on account of frozen hydrants and before the firemen could attack the fire it had spread from the floor to the clock tower and cupola. At 8:45 a. m. the tower fell to the roof with a crash. The large bell formerly used as a fire bell was melted by the intense heat. At 3:30 the fire was under control and was confined to the upper floors. As far as can be learned no one was injured. The family of Keeper Dunne had a narrow escape from death. The loss is estimated at between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

FRIGHTFUL MURDER.

Children Find Body of a Man Who Was Evidently Burned at the Stake. CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 25.—Evidences of what the police think to be a frightful murder mystery were found to-day. Two children discovered the mutilated body of a man at Ninety-fifth and Western avenue, in a sitting position and leaning against a tree. The hands, legs and lower part of the body were burned, deep gashes in the head and around the waist remnants of charred robe. An investigation soon proved that the man was either murdered and an attempt had been made to conceal the crime by burning the body, or he had been burned at the stake. He evidently had been dead some time. The feet were gnawed to the bones by dogs.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

A Mote's Body Horribly Mangled by the Cars. CLANTON, March 1.—Aaron Pierce, a mute, of Lamar, Ill., was instantly killed near here by a Milwaukee freight train. His body was horribly mangled. He was walking on the track.

SENATOR MILLS' PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—Senator Mills has given notice of the following amendment to the sundry civil bill: "All laws which authorize the secretary of the treasury to sell bonds are hereby repealed."

APPROVED.

A Lewistown, Ill., 3-year-old damsel whose mamma combed the little ones' recalcitrant locks of hair with some extra force the other day and who bore it wearily, finally looked up and said: "Mamma, is you all done?" "Yes, dear," was the answer. "Amen," said the little one, devoutly.

CRUELTY.

Minnie—That is what I call downright mean. Mamie—What? Minnie—Why, the church guild is getting up a series of mock marriages, illustrating the rite in various countries and times, and that cat of a Mrs. Potts has asked Belinda Parsany to pose in the "Middle Ages" affair.

NEED OF THE HOUR.

Stover—Here's a furnace that any servant can run. Houser—Confound it, man! I want one that will run in spite of any servant.

SCIENTIFIC FARMING.

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