Iron County Register

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

HENRY STANLEY wants Great Britain to proclaim a protectorate over the Congo country.

CASAMICCIOLA was shaken up again by an earthquake on the 23d, but no lives were lost.

RUSSIA is reported to be making extensive military preparations along the Austrian border.

THE municipal council of the Irish National League held its first regular meeting on the 23d.

THE sixtieth session of the Illinois Annual Conference of the M. E. Church began at Danville on the 19th.

THE monument erected by the State of Kentucky to General Zachary Taylor was dedicated on the 20th.

THE Diamond Match Company has issued a circular making a fifty per cent reduction in wholesale price of matches.

CONGRATULATORY telegrams were exchanged on the 21st by officials and commercial bodies of the United States and Brazil.

THE Maryland Democratic State Convention, which met at Baltimore on the 19th, nominated Robert M. McLean for Governor.

THE French have suffered another check in Tonquin, the "Yellow Flags," their allies, being disastrously repulsed near Hai Phong.

HON. WM. HAXON, Assistant Secretary of the Navy under Gideon Wells, died suddenly of heart disease on the 19th at Hartford, Conn.

THE failures throughout the United States and Canada for the week ending the 21st numbered 188, compared with 173 for the previous week.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR is the guest of Seth Barton French at Newport, R. I., who gave a grand dinner in his honor on the evening of the 20th.

THE International Northern Telegraph Company filed its certificate of incorporation in New York on the 19th. The capital stock is $5,000,000.

SECRETARY TELLER has ruled that a settler under the Oregon donation act of 1850 does not forfeit his right to land by failure to file notice under the act of 1853.

GUAYMAS, Mexico, reports nine deaths from yellow fever in twenty-four hours. The weather has turned extremely hot. Horrible stories of plague horrors are told.

THE recent Sunday meetings of the Irish National League in Ireland were orderly. Efforts to hold meetings at places forbidden were interrupted by the police.

THE press of Melbourne, Australia, express dissatisfaction with Lord Derby's dispatch condemning the proposed annexation of the South Pacific islands to Australia.

THREE fine race horses were cremated, a jockey burned to death and $3,000 worth of stables on the Exposition grounds at Pittsburgh destroyed the night of 23d by an explosion of fireworks.

THE Chinese Viceroy at Canton, appreciating the fact that the American Consul maintained a conciliatory attitude, has assured him that a prompt arrangement of American claims would be made.

THE National Association of General Baggage Agents in session at Chicago passed an unconditional resolution of condemnation on the existing system of checking baggage at hotels and residences.

DURING a fire at Brownwood, Tex., on the 22d which destroyed nearly the entire business portion of the place, Mrs. Mary Hall, aged seventy-five was overcome with excitement and dropped dead.

SECRETARY FOLGER holds that under the Civil Service law when names are certified to him from which to fill vacant offices he is bound to give preference to any honorably discharged sailor or soldier whose name may be on the list.

THE requisitions upon the Post-office Department by postmasters for new two-cent stamps are so large that the contractors are unable to supply the demand and the Department consequently is reducing amounts called for in requisitions.

THE Navy Department has been informed that the Tennessee was only slightly damaged by her recent accident. She will probably be ordered into dry dock at New York, however, as a precautionary measure before starting on her proposed cruise to the West Indies.

THE Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department has received from Boston one of the five-dollar notes of the Irish Republic, previously reported in circulation here. It is said by the treasury experts to be a fair imitation of the United States treasury notes.

THE Roman Catholic Ecclesiastical Council of New York, embracing the dioceses of New York, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Rochester, Albany and Ogdensburg, N. Y., and Newark and Trenton, N. J., opened in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, on the 23d. Cardinal McCloskey presided.

CADET JOHN Y. HAMILTON, of the Fourth class of the Military Academy, has been dismissed the service for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. Cadet Thomas L. Kerrin, same class, has been suspended with loss of pay until July 1, 1884, for violation of the rules of the Military Academy.

JOHN BULL, the heroic engineer of the fastest thunderbolt express on the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad, who was so fearfully injured in a collision on that road at Talmadge a few days ago, died on the night of the 23d. He was forty-nine years old, and was the oldest engineer on the road. It has been learned that Bull, by his wonderful presence of mind and bravery, saved the lives of two hundred passengers.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

O'DONNELL is becoming disgusted because no steps have been taken to provide for his defense.

FURTHER disturbances were reported near Agram, Hungary, on the 20th. The soldiers killed ten rioters.

THE Egyptian Government is taking active measures for the suppression of the slave trade. The police recently captured 250 slaves at Ascoot and arrested the chief slaver at Cairo.

THE National Liberal League met in Milwaukee on the 21st.

THE Louisville Convention adopted a resolution favoring Federal aid to education.

BURGLARS blew open two safes in Milwaukee on the morning of the 21st, securing about $250.

NINE hundred and fifty-two invitations for the Governor-General's ball at Ottawa, Ont., on the 21st were accepted.

THE French Prime Minister Ferry has asked for English mediation in case negotiations with China fail.

SUPERVISING ARCHITECT HILL publishes a detailed reply to the report of the Investigating Committee.

AT Lackland, Ohio, on the 21st, Philip Kuhn, a canal boatman, killed a negro named Ezekiel Lee with a blow of his fist.

F. B. THURBER of the Anti-Monopoly league testified before the Senate Labor Committee on the 21st.

THE Chinese people demand that the Empress, who does not seem to be energetic enough to suit the popular demand, shall abdicate in favor of Prince Tun, uncle of the Emperor.

A COMMITTEE of the Lancashire operatives appeal to the trades unionists of Great Britain for assistance for the striking weavers. Ten thousand weavers are idle.

A FARMER named Fitzpatrick was shot and seriously wounded in Clonmore, Ireland, on the 21st. It was an agrarian outrage. Two arrests were made.

MRS. MARY MCGOUGH recovered a verdict in the Kings County (N. Y.) Court, General Term, on the 21st, for $5,000 damages for the loss of her husband, who was killed by the Long Island Railroad in March, 1879.

P. CAIN, charged with the murder of Murdock Campbell, of Clinal Haven, Me., August 4, pleaded guilty on the 21st, and was committed to the Insane Hospital for observation.

AT a banquet following the grand military review in Austria, on the 21st, King Alfonso occupied the seat of honor.

A BELT of woods near Great Falls, N. H., was on fire on the 21st. People were fighting the flames. There is great scarcity of water there.

ZACHARIAH I. SNYDER was found guilty of murder in the first degree at Vernon, Ind., on the 21st, and was sentenced to death. He participated in the killing of John Van Wy, August 17, for eighteen dollars.

A HUNDRED prisoners in the State Prison at Wethersfield, Conn., were taken sick suddenly on the 20th, supposed to be poisoned by corned meat. No serious results were anticipated.

ESTIMATES for the cost of the Russian army for 1883 are 7,000,000 roubles in excess of those of last year.

SECRETARY FOLGER has rendered an important decision on the subject of duties on charcoal and round iron.

THE Secretary of the Navy has expressed willingness to issue rations to destitute people on the Naval Reserve at Pensacola.

DEMPSEY and Boylan, the two pugilists arrested in New York when about to spar in public, have been committed to jail.

A PARTY of fourhunters from Texas were attacked in the Choctaw Nation by a posse in pursuit of horse-thieves and two of them killed.

A district convention of river coal miners will be held on the 28th at Pittsburgh to consider the advisability of asking an advance in wages.

ITALY'S proposition for an International Sanitary Conference has been accepted by all the powers.

THE collections under the Scott liquor tax law in Ohio to the 22d amount to nearly two million dollars.

FIRE in a trunk factory at Memphis, Tenn., the night of the 23d, did damage to the amount of $15,000.

THE journeymen plumbers of Pittsburgh, at a meeting on the 23d, resolved to strike against a proposed reduction of wages.

THE King of Spain has been appointed to the command of a regiment of German troops by Kaiser Wilhelm.

THE Brooks comet is said to be rapidly approaching the earth. It will be visible to the naked eye before Christmas.

IN a collision on the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad near Seymour, Ind., on the 23d, the engineer of one of the trains and a child of Mrs. Taylor were killed, and a number of passengers injured.

CORNELIUS ALLIS, a Detroit (Mich.) drug clerk, was shot in the back of the head on the night of the 22d by some unknown person and killed.

JUDGE HOADLEY is reported to have recovered his health and will be back in Ohio in a few days.

HON. THOS. L. COGAN, an old and esteemed citizen of Nicholasville, Ky., and one of the pall-bearers at Henry Clay's funeral, died on the 23d.

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE COLERIDGE arrived in Chicago the morning of the 23d.

CHRISTINE NILSSON sailed on the 22d from Liverpool for New York.

BY a boiler explosion at Shreveport, La., on the 22d five men were killed and five were terribly injured.

AN express train collided with a freight near Akron, O., on the 22d. Engineer John Bull was killed.

FOUR men were precipitated into a flooded shaft of the Delaware & Lackawana mine at Wilkesbarre, Pa., on the 22d, by the breaking of a scaffold. All were drowned.

MISS SALLIE JOHNSON, a remarkably pretty Baltimore girl, attended church on Sunday and after returning hanged herself to the banister in her home.

CAREY'S widow and other witnesses arrived in England on the 24th from South Africa.

THE London *Times* says France cannot obtain Tonquin without war with China.

THE Corean Embassy [illegible] Brooklyn Navy Yard on the 2[illegible]

THE Catholic Bishops ex[illegible] are negotiating for a [illegible]

QUARANTINE restrictions [illegible] abolished as to vessels arriving at Gibraltar from Egypt.

THERE is a split in the Greenback party of Massachusetts and two conventions are promised.

ALFRED E. HAINS, almshouse steward at Camden, N. J., has been arrested and held for trial for malfeasance in office.

TWO captured rebellious chiefs have been [illegible] by the Congo Government and sentenced to death.

AMERICAN merchants in the Sandwich Islands are alarmed at the prospect of a rupture of the reciprocity treaty.

AT Enfield, N. H., Ira B. Foss was waylaid and fatally assaulted by a neighbor with whom he had a difficulty a few nights ago.

A SHERIFF'S officer on the 24th raided and closed a lot of rendering shops at Hunter's Point, L. I., they having been declared nuisances.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED men returned to work on the 24th at the South Chicago rolling mills at the Pittsburgh scale of wages.

DAVID FRALEY, a North Carolina moonshiner, was sentenced on the 24th to the penitentiary for twelve years for killing an officer.

A STILL exploded in Gaff, Fleischmar & Co.'s distillery at Hunter's Point, L. I. on the 24th, and the distillery burned. Loss $50,000.

AT the rocket factory at the great English Arsenal at Woolwich an explosion occurred on the 24th. Several building were destroyed and two persons were reported killed.

THE convention of colored men commenced its sessions in Louisville, Ky., on the 24th. After an animated tussle Fred Douglass was chosen to preside over the deliberations of the convention.

DR. A. B. MCCUNE, a prominent physician and druggist, of Council Bluffs, Ia., was shot and instantly killed on the evening of the 24th by Dr. E. D. Cross. The murdered man was on his way home to supper when he met Cross. Some words passed when, it is said, they came to blows, resulting in Cross drawing a revolver and shooting McCune through the body. The murderer gave himself up and is in jail. He claims the shooting was in self-defense.

SHAW, the British missionary, who was abused by the French in Madagascar, is advised to file a claim for $10,000 damages.

THE French Government has restored the suppressed stipends to the Catholic clergy and given assurance of pacific intentions toward the Holy See.

BEFORE the Senate Labor Committee on the 24th Thos. D. Devereaux advocated diversion of part of the money now spent on military and naval schools to the survey of Government lands.

THE issue of standard silver dollars for the week ending, September 22 was $558,493. Corresponding period last year, $183,488.

SIMONBACH, SCHWAB & CO., manufacturers and jobbers in clothing at 113 Grand Street, near Broadway, New York, failed on the 24th, with liabilities estimated at $700,000.

TWENTY-SEVEN trunks and packages of goods, valued at about $20,000 were taken from the steamship Alaska at New York on the 24th by the custom authorities. They mainly belonged to dressmakers of the larger cities, who have been systematically defrauding the revenue.

THE Secret Service Bureau of the Treasury Department is informed of the capture at Duluth, Minn., of plates for the printing of counterfeit $10 silver certificates and $10 notes on the Bank of Monroe.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

GENERAL SHERMAN will resign command of the army November 1.

RICHARD CURRIE shot and killed his wife in Boston on the morning of the 25th.

THE rolling-mill at Fair Haven, Conn., burned on the 25th. Loss, $40,000.

THE jail at Ashville, O., burned on the 24th, an unknown prisoner perishing in the flames.

THE Panama Canal Company will open subscriptions for a new loan of 300,000,000 francs.

GILBERT KNOX and S. Vanderlin were fatally injured by a land slide at New Windsor, N. Y., on the 25th.

THE British Government will again negotiate with the Suez Canal Company for a new canal.

TWO men and a boy were killed by a locomotive in Detroit, Mich., on the 25th while crossing the track in a wagon.

THE Massachusetts Greenbackers met in convention at Boston on the 25th and nominated Butler for Governor.

O'DONNELL, Carey's slayer, will be defended by Sullivan, M. P. Defendant had a preliminary hearing on the 25th.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR attended the laying of the corner-stone of the Burnside Memorial Hall at Bristol, R. I., on the 25th.

THE cotton manufacturers and operatives of Lancashire, England, are trying to readjust wages and production so as to prevent a strike.

FERD. MAYER & CO., New York woollen dealers, have failed for $1,750,000. Levy Bros. & Co., clothers, failed for $900,000.

AT the Hutton (Pa.) regatta, on the 25th, the professional oarsmen refused to row because the judges assigned them positions instead of permitting them to draw places by lot.

AT Trenton, giving his name as John A. Perry, fired two shots at the British consul in New York on the 25th. He is lately out of the hospital and exhibits symptoms of crankiness.

THE New York Railroad Commissioners are investigating the reasons why freight rates between New York and Sing Sing should be the same as between New York and Chicago.

THERE was a terrible gale on the lakes on the morning of the 25th. The schooner York State, with seven men, was lost on Lake Erie. Several other wrecks are reported. In Buffalo great damage was done to buildings.

SECRETARY GHANDLER on the 25th directed the acceptance of the highest bids for condemned vessels of the navy. These bids amount in the aggregate to $308,273. The appraised value of all the vessels was $271,300; excess of bids over appraised value, $36,973.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

The first annual meeting of the Northwest Missouri Press Association was held in St. Joseph on Thursday and Friday the 20th and 21st. After the preliminary exercises of opening the Association elected the following permanent officers: President, Jake W. Spencer, of the St. Joseph *Herald*; Vice-Presidents, D. J. Heaston, of the Bethany *Broad-Ax*; George C. Strock, of the King City *Chronicle*; Secretary, J. A. Weimer, of the Stanberry *Sentinel*; Corresponding Secretary, T. T. Pratt, of the Trenton *Sun*; Treasurer, O. J. Hurley, of the Savannah *Democrat*. Col. Childs, of the Richmond *Conservator*, C. C. Gaw, of the Worth County *Times*, and G. G. Strock, of the King City *Chronicle* were appointed a committee on constitution and by-laws. A committee of three was appointed on credentials, consisting of J. H. Bryant, of the Burlington Junction *Post*; J. M. Hasness, of the Holt County *Press*, and A. J. Fleming, of the St. Joseph *News*.

The organization being completed an address was delivered by Geo. M. Gilmore, of the St. Joseph *News*, which was appropriately responded to by [illegible] after which the Association received instruction by experience meeting. Several related their experience and tribulations with the class of advertisers known as dead beats, none of which all seemed to have suffered to a greater or less extent. A communication was received from J. W. Morse, General Passenger Agent of the M. P. Railroad tendering a free trip via Grand Island to Grand Island, for which thanks were duly tendered. The committee on credentials reported the following gentlemen present and entitled to membership in the association:

D. J. Heaston, Bethany *Broad-Ax*.
S. J. Townsend, Denver *New Era*.
W. E. Cansdell, Princeton *Telegraph*.
Za. Rutherford, Bolckow *Herald*.
C. C. Gaw, Worth County *Times*.
John Morehead, Grant City *Star*.
O. M. Gilmore, St. Joseph *News*.
[illegible] Journal.
[illegible] *Republican*.
W. H. Woods, Stanberry *News*.
O. J. Hurley, Savannah *Democrat*.
[illegible] St. Joseph, Union *Journal*.
J. M. Hassness, Holt County *Press*.
J. T. Childs, Richmond *Conservator*.
F. A. Weimer, Stanberry *Sentinel*.
G. G. Strock, King City *Chronicle*.
T. F. Hensley, Princeton *Press*.
Fred Austin, Osborne *Press*.
J. W. Austin, Osborne *Democrat*.
H. [illegible] Bethany *Clipper*.
J. H. Bryant, Burlington Junction *Post*.
S. A. Field, Meadville *Messenger*.
H. N. Webb, Unionville *Republican*.
[illegible] Bolckow *Sentinel*.
S. H. Morehead, Atchison County *Journal*.
W. T. O'Bryant, *New Century*, Putnam County.
W. D. Crandall, Brookfield *Gazette*.
R. E. Chonstant, Lathrop *Herald*.
James Todd, Nodaway *Democrat*.
H. D. Cross, Winston *Independent*.
John Moorehead, jr., Grant City *Star*.

D. J. Heaston, of the Bethany *Broad-Ax*, and D. P. Dobyns, of the Holt County *Sentinel*, were appointed a committee on advertising, and presented the following report at Friday's session, which was adopted:

"Your committee would suggest that this association recommend to all engaged in the publication of newspapers in Northwestern Missouri that the following minimum rates for advertising be charged, as near as practicable:

"For foreign advertising we would recommend that our minimum rates be fifty cents per inch per year for each 100 subscribers upon our respective subscription lists.

"For local advertising we would recommend the following rates: Twenty cents per line for each insertion.

"We would recommend that upon the failure of any foreign advertiser to meet his payment for advertising due any member of this association, said member should notify the Corresponding Secretary of the Association of such failure, and the Corresponding Secretary shall notify all members of this association of said failure.

JOHN MOREHEAD,
D. J. HEASTON,
D. P. DOBYNS.

Messrs. Strock, Crandall and O'Bryant were appointed a committee on resolutions.

Prof. A. B. Dunn, of the Nodaway *Republican*, who was absent by reason of a death in his family, on the "Office and Journalists and Journalism," prepared by him for the occasion, was read by Mr. James Todd, and proved both an able and interesting document. Mr. E. A. Weimer read a paper on "The Country Editor," and Col. D. J. Heaston read an address on "The Newspaper Man as a Law-Maker," both of which contained many good and telling points, and were listened to with interest by the Association.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result: President, W. D. Crandall; Vice-Presidents, D. J. Heaston, Robert E. Chonstant, J. T. Childs; Recording Secretary, E. A. Weimer; Corresponding Secretary, George C. Strock; Treasurer, O. J. Hurley; Chaplain, Rev. John Moorhead.

The members of the Association with a spirit of fraternity, chipped in and made up a purse for Mr. J. H. Bryant, whose office at Burlington Junction was destroyed by a hurricane in July last.

The committee on resolutions reported a series of thanks for everything connected with the meeting that they felt they ought to be thankful for, and after designating Cameron as the place and third Thursday in September as the time for the next annual meeting the Association adjourned, all feeling that their first meeting had been a successful one.

Miscellaneous Items.

Hon. H. H. Sherman, father of the late Judge Sherman, died at his home in St. Joseph a few days ago.

The great billiardists have recently been delighting the patrons of the cue in St. Joseph.

A few evenings since as the Texas express on the Missouri Pacific Road was nearing Kansas City the engine run over and killed a man who was apparently asleep on the track. Just as the train approached the dazed sleeper raised his head and was caught by the plow. The body was shockingly mangled, the head being crushed to a pulp. It is thought the dead man's name was Coolidge.

The Inter-State Association of Underwriters of Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska recently held a two days' session at Kansas City. A revision of districts in Missouri and Kansas was made, and new district committees in those States appointed. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Melton Welch, of Kansas City; Vice-President, F. E. Hoffman, of Sedalia; Secretary, Ali Bennett, of Kansas City, and an Executive Committee of three members from each State.

Two young men named Joseph Robinson and James Spalding, on their way to Dakota, were met by a stranger in St. Joseph a few days ago who offered them five dollars apiece to take a package of some kind to Council Bluffs, the point to which they had tickets. The gentleman who hired them experienced some difficulty in raising the money, but finally succeeded in borrowing $1,800, and they loaned him $107.50, all they had. The package proved to be a strange looking, young [illegible]

Three tramps went to the house of Allen Scott, about five miles from Lathrop, Clinton County, a few days ago while all the family except Mrs. Scott were absent, seized that lady, chloroformed her, and ransacked the premises, securing about $175, with which they made good their escape.

The Kansas City fair opened the [illegible]

Missouri's oldest man is Christopher Mann, of Independence, Jackson County, who celebrated his 106th birthday a few days ago. He is the father of twenty-six children, the oldest seventy-two, the youngest seventeen. Forty grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren claim him as their [illegible]

[illegible] of the Penitentiary at Jefferson City has decided to purchase a fire engine for that institution, for which purpose $10,000 were appropriated last winter.

The police of Kansas City have forced all the gambling-rooms to close.

THE ROUTE OF EVIL.

How the Sudden Access to Comparative Affluence Upset the Life of a Promising Young Man and Made a Criminal of Him—Fast Life and Forgery Hand in Hand as Usual.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 23.

The day of the shooting of President Garfield by Guiteau, District Attorney Corkhill engaged a young lawyer and stenographer to go to Guiteau's cell and report an interview between the attorney and the assassin. Edmund A. Bailey was the name of the reporter, and representing himself to Guiteau as an attache of the New York *Herald*, the assassin talked very freely, and the interview was turned over to Col. Corkhill and became part of the record in the celebrated case. Afterward Bailey made frequent trips to the jail and Guiteau told him the story of his life. Bailey was well paid for his services and subsequently sold copies of the interview to the *Herald* exclusively receiving therefor $6,500. The possession of so much money seemed to have upset the young stenographer and he launched out very recklessly upon a life of dissipation, and succeeded in maintaining his extravagant course of life up to six weeks ago, when he quietly left Washington, leaving numerous creditors. A discovery has been made which in a great measure accounts for Bailey's having so much money. Col. Enoch Totten, a leading member of the district bar, and one of the counsel for the star route defendants, gave Bailey desk-room in his office, in return for which the latter acted as his secretary. It now appears that Bailey took advantage of the confidence reposed in him and forged Col. Totten's name to paper to the extent of $1,000. He became so expert in counterfeiting Mr. Totten's name that the latter finds some difficulty in distinguishing the forged from the genuine signature. A number of other persons who indorsed Bailey's notes for small amounts have found that their names were forged and the amounts increased. He passed the spurious notes on the different banks, and it is thought that at least $10,000 has been procured in this manner. A number of bills for small amounts at hotels, stands and restaurants are left unpaid. Bailey's whereabouts are not known to any of his former associates. He is about twenty-five years of age, about five feet ten inches in height, with an incipient blonde mustache, probably weighs 130 pounds; dresses neatly, but not expensively. Some days ago he staid at the Lafayette House, Philadelphia, where he often stopped before. On his last visit he departed by carriage, and told the driver to collect fare at the hotel. The hotel mourns his loss.

DEATH'S TERRORS.

The Effect of Approaching Death on a Guilty Murderer—George Wallace, Whose Death Sentence the Governor of Georgia Refused to Commute Becomes a Raving Maniac.

SAVANNAH, GA., Sept. 23.

From present indications the hanging of George Wallace, the colored murderer, on Friday of this week, will be a horribly tragic occurrence. About ten o'clock this morning the doomed man's aunt entered his cell and showed him last night's dispatch, announced that Governor McDaniel had refused to commute the death sentence. The news was evidently entirely unexpected by the prisoner, and he appeared almost stunned by the announcement. The woman and the jailers tried to arouse him from his lethargy, but their efforts proved futile and he remained lying on his bed muttering an incoherent jumble of words, in which Masonic expressions were freely interspersed. At four o'clock this afternoon, however, Wallace's conduct suddenly changed and he became maniacal in his violent rage. Springing from his bed like an infuriated tiger he divested himself of every stitch of clothing and then tore the garments into shreds. Tying the strips together he threw one end over the iron grating forming the top of his cell and apparently intended becoming his own executioner. Changing his mind, however, he attacked the woodwork of the cell, in a very few minutes succeeding in wrecking everything inside. Fearing that Wallace would dash his brains out, or in some way make way with himself, five of the most powerful of the attendants about the jail made a rush to overpower the prisoner and shackle him. Realizing their object Wallace picked up a heavy piece of timber, which he had torn from the wall, and fought with furious desperation, during which all of the turnkeys were more or less seriously hurt. Wallace was finally overpowered, however, by sheer force of numbers, and carried struggling to a cold bath, into which he was plunged. Its cooling effect was only temporary, however, and to-night his heart-rending ravings are so loud that they can be heard a block from the jail, despite the thickness of the heavy stone wall. An extra guard is on duty at Wallace's cell, but his freaks are so sudden that self-destruction at any moment would not be surprising.

A MANIAC'S BLOODY WORK.

William Ferry, of Springfield, Mass., in a Fit of Insanity, Makes a Deadly Assault on his Wife with a Razor—A Neighbor who Interposed Badly Cut.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Sept. 23.

Loud cries of "Murder!" and "Help!" came from a house on East Union street this noon, and when Mrs. Harry Mayher, who lives in one part of the house, burst into the tenement of her neighbor, William Ferry, a most sickening and horrible sight met her eyes. William Ferry, a respectable workingman of forty-three years of age, was standing over the kneeling form of his wife, with a bloody razor in one hand and the other holding the crying woman by the hair. Her hands and arms were badly cut, and two deep and fresh gashes had been made across her neck. Mrs. Mayher rushed toward the man and implored him to stop his bloody work. Ferry took no notice of her, but made another dash at his wife's throat. Mrs. Mayher caught the razor hand, screaming for help, which came none too soon, as Ferry fought like an enraged animal, cutting right and left with his razor, and saying he would kill any one who prevented his work. Help having arrived, Ferry was secured and the police called. It was then found that Ferry was violently insane, and in no way accountable for his terrible act. In the meantime Mrs. Ferry had fainted from loss of blood and fright, and Mrs. Mayher was found to be terribly cut about the hands and arms. Ferry after a severe struggle, was handcuffed and taken to the station, where he raved wildly for some time, but at last appeared to realize what he had done and became more calm. Mrs. Ferry's wounds have been sewed up tonight, and it is thought she may recover. Her husband will be examined in the morning, and will probably be taken to the asylum at Northampton.

The Louisiana Lottery Company's Mail.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 23.

The Postmaster at New Orleans has notified the Post-office authorities here that he has been ordered by the State Court to deliver mail matter addressed to the New Orleans National Bank intended for the Lottery Company, and has asked for instructions as to what he shall do. He has been directed to obey orders until it should be reversed or modified, and to consult with the United States District Attorney at New Orleans. The latter official has been directed to take the necessary steps for the removal of the case from the State Court to the Federal Court, and to move at once for a dissolution of the case.

THE NATIONAL COLORED CONVENTION.

Gathering of Representative Men of the Colored Race in Convention at Louisville, Ky.—Fred Douglass Elected Presiding Officer After a Heated Contest.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Sept. 24.

The Colored Convention began its sessions in this city at noon to-day, and it is a notable gathering of representative men of the race. When twelve o'clock came the large hall of the Liederkranz building contained about 243 delegates and a large number of colored and white spectators. M. N. Holland, of Washington, an original signer of the call, called the meeting to order, when Rev. D. W. Arnett, of Nashville, delivered an eloquent prayer. The names of A. M. Greene, of Louisiana; C. H. Tandy, of Missouri; Fred Douglass, of the District of Columbia; George L. Ruffin, of Massachusetts, and Dr. Fitzbutler, of Kentucky, were mentioned in elaborate nominating speeches for temporary Chairman. The name of Fred Douglass was withdrawn at the earnest request of his friends, who designed pushing him for permanent Chairman. Greene, of Louisiana, was elected and introduced to the Convention as a martyr of the race. Announcing the nomination, Rev. Mr. Greene said that he felt it an honor to preside temporarily over such a meeting, on soil made hallowed by the name of Henry Clay and his successor, Cassius M. Clay. In concluding his speech, which recounted the past history of the colored race and looked into its future condition, he exhorted the Convention to stand by the principles set down in the call, and to refrain from discussions of all political questions. J. N. Gregory, of Washington, D. C., was made temporary Secretary.

Pending balloting the following telegrams were received and read to the Convention:

"Recognizing the fact that in a republican government the enactment and enforcement of laws for the protection of the rights of citizens largely depends on the public sentiment of the country, and believing public sentiment is created by representative gatherings of the people, I regret my inability to attend the Convention, owing to the lateness of the reception of notice of my election. I nominate Hon. A. T. Dumont my proxy. Trusting the deliberations of the Convention will be harmonious, dignified, discreet and beneficial to those it represents, I am your obedient servant,

"P. B. S. PINCHBACK."

"NEW HAVEN, CONN., Sept. 24, 1883.

"Connecticut greets the colored men of the nation, and prays them to memorialize Congress in favor of a colored commission bill.

(Signed) "ANDREW J. CHAMBERS."

Among the prominent men attending are: Wm. Mundell, editor of the Baltimore *Vindicator*; W. Calvin Chase, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. J. W. W. Washington, of Chicago; H. Price Williams and H. Hughes, Philadelphia; Jesse Lawson, New Jersey; J. H. McGinnis, Delaware; Colonel George M. Arnold, Virginia; D. A. Straker, South Carolina; T. T. Joseph, Alabama; T. W. Cromwell, Virginia; A. M. Gent, Louisiana; W. R. Pledger, Atlanta, Ga.; J. L. Kennedy, New Orleans, La.; T. H. Vance, Louisiana; Fred Douglass, R. S. Laws, and J. M. Gregory, District of Columbia; George W. Williams, Boston, Mass.; Colonel Murrell, Baltimore, Md.; J. C. Napier, Tennessee; T. H. Bell, St. Louis, Mo.; W. H. Holmsworth, Kansas. Twenty-seven States are represented and no trouble about accommodations, every delegate being provided for. Recess at 2:40 until seven o'clock.

The convention reassembled promptly in the evening and proceeded to the business of organization. The convention got into a protracted wrangle over the permanent chairmanship. Fred Douglass had been put in nomination, but the convention did not show any great desire to elect him. D. A. Straker of South Carolina had a strong following who nominated him and who made a hard fight for him.

The convention, during the early part of the evening session, was orderly, but feeling began to grow, Eastern delegates charging the West and South with a desire to dominate the convention. The points of order were too numerous for Presiding Officer Green to even [illegible] them. Too many wanted to speak at once, and some charged Green with unfairness, which he resented in a dignified manner and threatened to leave the chair, which the convention opposed. Green is an intelligent man and, as far as could be seen, endeavored to do justice to all. Fred Douglass had not entered the hall, but paced the floor nervously just outside the door, awaiting the tardy summons to the President's chair, and probably feeling that his race was none too just towards him.

After nearly four hours of hot wrangling Fred Douglass was brought into the hall amid the wildest enthusiasm of his friends and went upon the stand. The old man was trembling with excitement, and if he had talked his words would have been hot ones. His presence resulted, at the end of four hours, in his election to the permanent Presidency.

The lateness of the hour prevented his delivering a lengthy prepared speech, but he took occasion to deny the report that he had said if Ben Butler were nominated for the Presidency he would screw the colored vote of the Union. A mere slip of the reporter's pencil had nearly caused him to lose the support of his dearest friends. Adjourned.

ROCKETS ON THE RAMPAGE.

An Explosion in Woolwich Arsenal, England, Causes a Fire and a Terrific Fusillade of War Rockets—Two Persons Killed and Considerable Damage to Property.

LONDON, September 24.

An explosion at Woolwich Arsenal caused a fire in the main building, which, including the laboratory building, was destroyed within half an hour after the fire broke out. It contained an immense number of war rockets, which were filled with destructive missiles. The latter flew in all directions, many being projected to and falling upon the other side of the Thames. The explosives caused a fearful destruction of property throughout the town and in the surrounding district. The fire was extinguished at noon, when the rockets ceased their explosions. Old soldiers declared the explosion of the rockets during the fire was as frightful as if occasioned by an actual siege. Two bodies of the victims of the explosion have been found. Some of the rockets were projected a distance of five miles. One of them went through the wall of the arsenal and another struck the artillery barracks. Rockets fell in Erith, Elsham, Charlton and Ilford. One of them plunged into a school for infants at Plumstead; another entered a draper's shop in Woolwich, and still another a grocery store. There was the wildest panic at Woolwich, but no loss of life with the exception of the two persons mentioned, and who were employed in the arsenal. First reports of the fatalities were exaggerated. The principal damage is confined to the rocket factory, which will involve a loss of £2,000.

No One Killed.

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 24.

Later reports from the accident near Seymour, Ind., on the Ohio & Mississippi Road, show no one killed. The five persons left at Mitchell—Willie Dickens, Albert Dickens, J. V. Taylor, wife and child, all bound for Denver, Kansas—are doing well this morning and are in good spirits. The boy reported killed is running about. Engineer Phipps, also reported killed, is still alive. His injuries are severe. He was crushed between the engine and a wrecked car on the side track. Trains had been ordered to go slow past the wreck, but he seems to have reached the point before he was aware, though it is thought it was well marked by bonfires.