Iron County Register

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IRONTON, - - - MISSOURI.

THE president has appointed John L. Peak, of Kansas City, Mo., as minister to Switzerland, vice Broadhead, resigned.

SECRETARY CARLISLE was the principal speaker at the New York chamber of commerce banquet on the night of the 19th. His address was confined to financial topics.

THE coronation of Emperor Nicholas II. has been fixed to take place at Moscow on May 24 next, the date of the seventy-seventh birthday anniversary of Queen Victoria.

ON the 21st Gen. Rt. Hon. Sir Henry F. Ponsonby, many years keeper of the privy purse and private secretary to her majesty, Queen Victoria, died at Osborne cottage, Cowes, aged 70.

CONSUL R. J. KIRK writes the department of state from Copenhagen that the Danish Millers' association has petitioned the rigsdad for a protective duty on all flour imported into Denmark.

AMONG the American missionaries in peril at the eastern Turkey mission are Miss Effie M. Chambers, of Anderson, Ia.; Rev. W. C. Dewey, Loulon, Ill., and Miss Johanna L. Griffin, Springfield, Mo.

MARTINEZ CAMPOS has accepted the services of Winston Leonard Churchill, eldest son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, who has arrived in Havana, as a lieutenant of hussars in the Spanish army in Cuba.

THE magnificent new battleship Indiana became the property of the United States government, on the 19th, through her formal acceptance from the contractors, the Cramp Ship Building Co. of Philadelphia.

THE funeral services over the body of Rev. S. F. Smith, famous as the author of the national hymn, "America," were held at the First Baptist church in Newton Center, Mass., on the 19th, in the presence of thousands.

THE ninth annual convention of the National Fraternal congress opened in Toronto, Ont., on the 19th. President S. A. Will, of Pittsburgh, occupied the chair and read his annual report, which showed progress during the past year.

THE Chickasaw and Choctaw nations, through their delegates, made public their answer to the Dawes commission on the 20th. They refuse the overtures of the commission and make an appeal to the government to see that they are not despoiled of their tribal rights.

ACCORDING to the proclamation of President Cleveland the Nez Perces reservation in Idaho was thrown open to settlement, on the 18th, at noon. It was expected that the scenes enacted in Oklahoma would be repeated there, only on a smaller scale, but such was not the case.

CHINESE papers received by the steamer Empress of China are bitter in their attacks on the Japanese authorities in Corea, whom they blame for the murder of the queen at Seoul. They assert that Japan is a nation pretending to be civilized, but is the most barbarous on earth.

THE entire class of seamen gunners, under instruction at the Washington navy yard, is under arrest for hazing colored members. The class has been cut off from shore leave since the 11th, and there is a possibility that the class may be deprived of the advantages of its special course and sent to sea.

THE Home Market club of Boston held its annual banquet at Music hall on the evening of the 21st. Hon. H. Clay Evans, of Tennessee; Hon. Charles Emory Smith, of Philadelphia, ex-minister to Russia and editor of the Philadelphia Press, and Hon. Warner Miller, of New York, made the principal speeches.

H. H. WENTWORTH, aged 84, and wearing long hair, is said to be performing cures in Atchison, Kas., very much the same as Schlatter, the alleged messiah, did recently in Denver, except that Wentworth does not touch his patients. He is credited with a number of cures, and many are flocking to see him.

UNCERTAINTY as to the construction of the new ore railway from Ishpeming to Marquette, Mich., has been removed by an official statement that the contract has been let to Winston Bros., of Minneapolis, Minn., for the construction of 15 miles of road, terminal tracks, freight and passenger depots and an ore dock.

THE Philadelphia mint has just struck off a bronze medal in honor of John G. Carlisle, secretary of the treasury. It is the first time that one of the national secretaries has been thus honored, and, in consequence, the scramble for the medallions has been indulged in by nearly all of the public officials at the capital.

THE British government has decided to support the project of a fast mail service between Great Britain and Canada to the extent of $875,000 annually for a class of vessels similar to the Teutonic, with a speed capacity of 20 knots an hour. The proposed subsidy is to supplement the $750,000 already voted by the Dominion parliament.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY settlers of South Ashland, Wis., are, by a decision received from the general land office made homeless. Their claims, aggregating 20,000 acres of land, with every quarter section containing a house and barn, will be taken away from them by the government and given to the Wisconsin Central Railroad Co.

ON the night of the 21st, at an enthusiastic meeting in Philadelphia in advocacy of Cuban independence, after several prominent speakers had addressed the audience, a telegram was read from Congressman Amos J. Cummings, of New York, stating that he had already prepared a joint resolution for introduction at the coming session of congress, looking to the recognition of Cuban belligerents.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

IT is true, as Admiral Walker says, that we are not very well prepared for war with a foreign nation; but it is also true that no foreign nation cares to tackle us and take the chances of what we might do in this respect on short notice.

BY way of preparation for the season of Wagnerian opera in St. Louis the first week in December, by the Damrosch opera company, the people have been given a series of lectures recently on Richard Wagner's music-dramas by Charles W. Seidenadel, who ably demonstrated the plots of the various works. It was an unique and thoroughly educational method of anticipating the musical feast.

M. VLANGALI, the Russian ambassador, had a long interview with Baron Blanc, Italian minister of foreign affairs, on the 18th, after which it was reported that Russia had decided upon independent action in the east.

THREE-FOURTHS of the town of Purcell, I. T., was burned early on the morning of the 19th. Purcell was a place of 3,000 inhabitants.

A STATEHOOD convention has been called to meet at Shawnee, Okla., December 4, to name a delegation to go to Washington and lobby for the admission of the territory. The Chickasaw nation will also send a delegation.

A TELEGRAM was received at the war department, on the 19th, from Indian Agent Day of the Southern Ute agency, saying that the murder of the two Indians in that section, supposed to have been done by white men, had been traced to an Indian, the son of the once-famous renegade "Hatch," who was killed several years ago.

A DOUBTFUL report from Havana, on the 19th, said the insurgent leaders had expressed willingness to surrender if granted autonomy.

THE sultan has made an appeal to the pope for the intervention of the vatican in an effort for the pacification of Armenia.

RUSTEM PASHA, the Turkish ambassador to Great Britain, died in London at 3 o'clock on the morning of the 20th.

A SERIOUS rear-end collision between trains occurred on Brooklyn bridge, on the 19th, owing to the dense fog. Several cars were telescoped, and Conductor Thomas Cooper and several passengers were severely hurt. The conductor's legs were cut off, and he cannot recover.

THE cruiser Boston, which was placed in commission on the 18th, at Mare Island, Cal., will be sent to the China station to relieve the gunboat Concord.

A GREAT NORTHERN train was held up by eight or ten men three miles west of St. Cloud, Minn., on the night of the 18th. The robbers cut the train in two and ordered the engineer to go ahead. On its arrival in St. Cloud a posse was organized, and a special train was made up and left for the scene of the hold-up. The amount taken is not known.

FAST MAIL train No. 6, east-bound, on the New York Central railroad, was ditched by train wreckers near Rome, N. Y., early on the morning of the 19th. There were about fifty passengers in the three sleepers, and not one of them was hurt. Engineer Hager was killed. Three men were arrested on suspicion, one of whom confessed.

ON the 20th the supreme court of Minnesota filed its decision in the Hayward murder case, sustaining the action of the lower court and refusing a new trial.

ON the 20th Secretary Herbert ordered the cruiser Minneapolis to take on coal at Norfolk, and sail at once for the European station, to assist the San Francisco and Marblehead in looking after American interests in the sultan's possessions.

THE Bechuanaland chiefs, Khama, Sebele and Bathoen, who have been in London for some time, seeing the sights and being entertained by distinguished persons, paid a visit to the queen at Windsor, on the 20th, and delivered their presents to her majesty, who presented the chiefs with suitable gifts in return.

PETTINGILL, the wild man of the River mountains, has been found dead in his mountain retreat. He went to Montana in the early period of the war, and had ever since lived alone among the wild animals of his mountain home.

IT is stated that Andrew Carnegie has decided to give an organ to the Bethel Evangelical Swedish Lutheran church at Braddock, Pa., to cost about $5,000.

It is stated that the "squeeze" of the salt combine in forcing up prices will cost the leading packers of Chicago $400,000 or $500,000 per year.

THE full crew of the battleship Indiana, placed in commission at the League Island navy yard, on the 20th, will number 420.

RECENT press dispatches announced that anti-foreign riots were apprehended in the Chinese province of Shan-Hei.

THE secretary of the interior, on the 20th, issued a requisition on the treasury for $10,850,000 for the quarterly pension payment. The amount is distributed to agencies as follows: Boston, $1,800,000; Augusta, Me, $750,000; Washington, D. C., $2,205,000; Columbus, O., $3,700,000; Detroit, Mich., $1,800,000; San Francisco, $775,000.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is spending nearly all his time at Woodley. He rarely goes to the White House. He is devoting himself to the preparation of his message to congress, and in order to prevent the possibility of interruption, he is working in his out-of-town cottage.

COL. CHARLES HAYWOOD, commanding the marine corps, in his annual report to the secretary of the navy, makes a strong appeal for an increase in the enlisted strength of the corps, to meet the additional duties imposed upon it by the increase of the navy.

MRS. ADALAIDE MUNIE, who was reared near Belleville, Ill., but who now lives at Pocahontas, Ill., is one of six heirs to a fortune of $2,000,000 which they inherit from a grandfather in France.

ON the 21st Sir Philip Currie, British ambassador to Turkey, had a long conference with Count Goluchowski, Austrian minister of foreign affairs, after which he proceeded to Constantinople.

ALCAEUS HOOPER, the first republican mayor of Baltimore for thirty years, was inaugurated on the 20th. The ceremony of administering the oath was performed in the presence of a large assemblage, who applauded addresses delivered by the incoming and outgoing executives.

THE Wall Street Journal, on the 20th, printed an interview in which Secretary Carlisle is quoted to the effect that there is no foundation for the rumor that he is to be appointed to the supreme court bench. Mr. Carlisle says in the interview that he would, under no circumstances, accept the position if it should be tendered to him.

ON January 1 the Calumet and Hecla company, which has been smelting its reserve mineral, and has increased the output of copper nearly one-third, will probably drop back to former figures of production. Smelters are now several weeks behind in filling orders.

ON the 21st, when Little Mina Schaefer went to a stone quarry near Oakland, Md., to take her father's dinner, she found her father and her uncle, Charles Schaefer, buried beneath a heap of limestone, which they had loosened by a blast of dynamite. Both were dead.

ON the 21st three buildings, occupying nearly a block on the west side of Canal, between Jackson and Adams streets, Chicago, being respectively nine, seven and four stories high, were burned, with an aggregate loss on buildings and stocks of $500,000. Nearly 500 persons, mostly girls and women, were rescued with difficulty, many of them in a bruised and fainting condition. One entire chemical engine company had narrow escapes, while falling walls endangered the lives of hundreds in the streets.

AT Auburn, N. Y., on the 21st, Mrs. Mary T. Mack, the counterfeiter of 2-cent postage stamps, was found guilty and sentenced to the Erie county penitentiary for a term of eighteen months.

GEN. MAXIMO GOMEZ, the insurgent leader, who recently entered the province of Santa Clara, Cuba, from the province of Puerto Principe, on the 20th captured Fort Palyo, on the River Zaza, in the province of Santa Clara.

LLOYD MONTGOMERY, the 18-year-old son of John Montgomery, is under arrest at Brownsville, Ore., charged by the coroner's jury with the murder of his father and mother and D. S. McKeecher, who were found shot to death in Montgomery's house.

THE Pacific limited, which left Chicago at 6 p. m. on the 17th, via the Chicago & Northwestern, Union Pacific and Central Pacific, arrived at San Francisco at 8:45 on the evening of the 20th, reducing the running time between the two cities to practically three days.

SIX boys who were digging a cave at Twenty-eighth and Grayson streets, Louisville, Ky., on the 21st, were buried by a cave-in of the bank. Two were dead when reached, two others were badly injured, and two escaped unhurt. The dead are Howard Ramage and Louis Snow.

JUDGE RINER, in the federal court, at Cheyenne, Wyo., on the 21st, released under a writ of habeas corpus Race Horse, a Bannock Indian, arrested for violation of the Wyoming game laws in Jackson's Hole. The court decides that the Indians have the right, under their treaty, to hunt in Wyoming.

A REPORT of the sex and number of the pelagic fur seal skins landed at the port of San Francisco this season has been prepared by Deputy Collector Wise for transmission to Washington. The report shows that 1,539 males, 4,298 females and 295 skins of which the sex could not be determined were landed.

THE battery of dynamite guns which stretches along the bluffs south of Fort Point, San Francisco, for nearly a mile, is now ready to deal out destruction to any invading navy that may appear within 3 miles of the Golden Gate. The great guns stare up at the sky from behind steep bulwarks, looking not unlike great frogs ready to spring into the ocean.

EX-GOV. GEORGE T. ANTHONY, of Kansas, who is state insurance commissioner, recently denounced the state officers as two-for-a-cent statesmen. Anthony made a junketing trip to Mackinac last summer and charged up $109 as expenses to the state. State Auditor Cole, by direction of Gov. Morrill and other state officers, refused to audit the bill.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

REPRESENTATIVE OTEY, a Virginia congressman, announces his purpose to introduce a bill to appropriate $27,000,000 for the benefit of ex-confederate soldiers, conditioned upon an equal amount being appropriated by the states in which the confederate veterans live. He says $27,000,000 represents the proceeds of captured property turned into the federal treasury during the war, and that the people of the south have a moral claim to the money.

ON the 23d, as George W. Newhouse and wife, of Rush county, Indiana, were driving home from Shelbyville, Ind., their horse backed off a high embankment. The buggy and its occupants fell on a mass of rock, and Newhouse and his wife were instantly killed, their bodies being terribly mangled.

THE weekly statement of the associated banks of New York city for the week ended on the 23d showed the following changes: Reserve, decrease, $809,100; loans, decrease, $221,900; specie, increase, $516,700; legal tenders, decrease, $1,590,000; deposits, decrease, $1,058,000; circulation, decrease, $208,000.

A SAMPLE of compressed fodder has been received by the Canadian government agent at Bristol, England, and inspected by experts, who have made a report highly commending it as especially suitable for the purpose of the army and other large consumers.

A FORTY-TON meteor fell recently on a farm near Round Head, O. A farmer who heard it fall, went out and found the earth around it literally baked. Charles Shanefelt, an archæologist of Kenton, O., took a specimen of the meteor to the state geologist at Columbus.

THE British steamship companies have decided to withdraw their licenses from persons and societies engaged in the business of sending farming pupils abroad, thereby preventing such persons and societies from acting as booking agents.

IT was rumored in Paris, early on the morning of the 25th, that Alexander Dumas, the distinguished author, was dead. The report was not confirmed, but it was known that M. Dumas' condition was desperate.

THE steamship Campania, which sailed from New York for Europe, on the 23d, carried $4,670,331 in gold bars and coin.

FOR September 141 railroads report gross earnings of $60,258,316, an increase of $3,078,272.

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Missouri Odd Fellows.

The grand encampment of the I. O. O. F. of Missouri was held at the state home of the order, south of Liberty.

The grand encampment elected officers as follows: S. W. Hoover, of Harrisonville, grand patriarch; J. W. C. Black, St. Louis, grand high priest; J. G. Adkins, Kansas City, grand senior warden; R. M. Abercromble, St. Joseph, grand junior warden; E. M. Sloan, St. Louis, grand scribe; E. Wilkerson, St. Louis, grand treasurer; Henry Cadle, Bethany, grand reporter; C. A. Conrads, Trenton, grand marshall. Gen. T. T. Parsons, St. Louis, president of the department council, and O. H. P Grunden, assistant adjutant-general, hold their positions until next April.

Department council officers elected: Lieut-Col. M. T. Balaley, Joplin, vice-president; Maj. J. F. Weston, St. Louis, treasurer; Col. T. P. Rixey, Jonesboro, warden; Charles R. Wendler, St. Joseph, guardian; Maj. Charles A. Linck, St. Louis, sentinel.

Both the grand encampment and department council meet in St. Louis next November.

In the drill contest Canton Lincoln, No. 17, Joplin, won the first prize. J. S. Hire, of that canton, captured the medal for the best drilled chevalier.

The encampment closed with a banquet at the home.

Important to Voters.

The supreme court has rendered a decision on a number of important questions as to qualifications of voters and the validity of ballots.

It was in the case of Lankford (dem.) vs. Gebhard (rep.) from Daviess county, a contested shrievalty case, in which the supreme court decided in favor of Gebhard. The court holds that a ballot is not vitiated by the fact that the voter, before depositing his vote in the ballot-box, writes his own name on the ballot. Section 4671 of the Revised Statutes of 1879, under which it was claimed that such a ballot was invalid, is held to have been repealed by section 8 of the act of 1891, amending the Australian ballot law.

The court also sustains the decision of the trial court that a young man is entitled to vote who, when 16 years of age, went to Washington city to live with his father, the latter occupying a government position in Washington, and who remained there until 22 years of age, and then came back to his home in this state, the son testifying that he had never intended to change his residence from Missouri, and the trial court so finding.

Appointed Minister to Switzerland.

The president has appointed John L. Peak, of Kansas City, to be minister plenipotentiary to Switzerland, vice Mr. Broadhead, resigned.

"I can not say much except that I shall accept the appointment and await the president's instructions," said Mr. Peak to a reporter soon after the news was received. "I will not be able to leave before January 1. I highly appreciate the honor the president has done me, and will go to my duties gladly."

Mr. Peak will take his entire family with him to Switzerland, and will place his three daughters in foreign schools.

[John L. Peak is one of the most distinguished members of the Missouri bar. He graduated from the law school in 1860 at Louisville, Ky., in which state he was born in 1839. He came to Missouri in 1868, and has continuously practiced law since then, being associated at different times with John M. Rogers, now of Chicago; Caldwell Yeaman, late member of the state judiciary of Colorado; R. L. Yeager and R. E. Ball. He served three terms as prosecuting attorney of Jackson county.]

Robbed Poor Boxes in Churches.

John Schmidt was arrested in St. Louis for robbing the "poor-box" in a church.

He acquired considerable money by robbing the poor boxes in different churches. For two months the poor-box in one church had been robbed of $40 monthly, and a detective was sent to watch the box. The detective had been concealed behind the altar about an hour when a man who seemed familiar with the church entered and took the seat by the box. As he passed in front of the altar he knelt and bowed, kissed his prayer book devoutly and walked with bended head to the pew. He had not been kneeling long when the detective saw him reach behind him and slip a steel rod into the box. After fumbling around with it he drew it out and then placed in the box corset steels which were formed into tweezers. It only required a few seconds for him to extract a coin from the box. Arrest followed.

Because They Employed a Woman.

The St. Louis board of underwriters has expelled a firm of insurance writers because the firm employed a woman. The woman's husband died a year ago, leaving a family not too well provided for. The firm that employed her husband gave her work, and she has been very successful. Prominent St. Louis women have taken the matter in hand, and it is intimated that women who have property to insure may be heard from.

Boone County Fowls.

The first annual exhibition of the Boone County Poultry association continued three days, and was attended by leading poultry growers from all surrounding counties. Over 400 fowls and twenty varieties were on exhibition.

Prof. G. H. Laughlin.

Prof. G. H. Laughlin, vice-president and professor of English language and literature in the North Missouri state normal school, Kirksville, died of typhoid fever, after an illness of ten weeks.

Judge B. M. McGrary.

B. M. McGrary, judge of the Eastern district of the county court of Howard county, died the other day, aged 70. At different times he held the offices of assessor, sheriff and judge.

Despondent Farm Hand.

Jacob Heathern, aged 21, in the employ of F. W. Roll on a farm 6 miles northeast of California, committed suicide by shooting with a pistol through the heart. Despondency was the cause.

Farmers' Institute at Lebanon.

The state board of agriculture held a two days' session of the farmers' institute in Lebanon. Prominent speakers were present and discussed agricultural and horticultural topics.

Capitalist and Speculator.

John G. Langdon, aged 52, capitalist and speculator, Kansas City, who had been ill for a fortnight, died the other evening. His death was caused by inflammation of the stomach.

Population of West Plains.

West Plains has been found to contain 2,784 inhabitants. The census was taken by the city council. A local option election has been called.

Well-Known Populist Orator.

Geo. W. Kinchelo, a well-known populist orator who formerly resided at Macon, died at the home of relatives in Wright county, aged 64.

Hanging from a Rafter.

Cornelius Burgess, aged 30, committed suicide near Fairville, Saline county. He was found hanging to the rafters of an unfinished house.

Mexico Wants Factories.

A business men's association has been organized at Mexico, for the purpose of encouraging the location of manufacturing enterprises.

Vernon Circuit Court.

The present term of Vernon county circuit court docket contains 255 cases. There are thirty-seven divorce cases and thirty criminal cases.

Robert Clark, Sr.

Robert Clark, Sr., a prominent business man of Kirksville, died suddenly the other morning. Heart failure was probably the cause.

THROUGHOUT MISSOURI.

Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder, aged 71, died at Bowling Green.

Patsy Caton, the 18-year-old son of a widow, was killed in a runaway at Sedalia.

Two colored women held up W. H. Tracey at Warrensburg and relieved him of $170 cash.

The third annual chrysanthemum show at Sedalia was a fine exhibition of autumn queens.

A runaway team ran over J. A. Mitchell, of the Bank of Carthage, breaking his arm and injuring his head.

Secretary of State Lesueur has issued certificates of incorporation to the Cowgill bank of Cowgill; capital stock $10,000.

Mr. T. J. McElroy, a prominent merchant of Independence, and Miss Belle Hays, of Lexington, were married recently.

Gov. Stone has received and accepted the resignation of G. M. Shelly as a member of the Kansas City board of police commissioners.

Wallace G. Miller, clerk in Justice Krueger's court, Kansas City, accused of election frauds, was found guilty and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Gov. Stone has issued a military order assigning Capt. George H. Roach, Seventh United States infantry, as assistant inspector-general of the state militia.

The attendance during the free poultry show at Sedalia, under the auspices of the Sedalia Poultry club, was large. More than 450 chickens were on exhibition.

Mr. W. L. Boyer, state Baptist home missions agent, and Mrs. Laura A. Letterman were married at Cyrene, and on arriving at Marshall were tendered a reception by the Baptist ladies.

At St. Joseph Frank Fox, alias "Sly Dick," was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years on a charge of highway robbery. He was a member of the Pat Crowe gang of train robbers.

Unless some other electric light company other than the one now having the contract makes bids for lighting the town, it is thought that the streets of Kansas City will again be lighted by gas.

From a source close in touch with the Tinsley Tobacco Co., of Louisiana, it is learned that the rumors of its absorption by the American Tobacco Co. and the closing of the plant are wholly without foundation.

An old colored woman named Painter was seriously injured at De Soto. Her daughter was sweeping, and in doing so knocked down an old shotgun, which was discharged, blowing off both the old woman's knee-caps.

The jury empaneled for an inquest over the body of Cy Summers at Bourbon, Crawford county, returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by a blow from an iron bar in the hands of William Turner.

One hundred retail druggists of Kansas City, following out the plans recommended by the National Druggists' association, have formed a stock company to manufacture all proprietary remedies consumed by the local trade.

Mrs. Wm. McClanahan, wife of the mayor of Milan, was probably fatally shot by her 3-year-old son. To quiet him she gave him an old revolver to play with. In playing with it he discharged it, the ball striking his mother in the side.

Mandamus proceedings were instituted to compel the county clerk of Montgomery county to certify to the last election returns, leaving out Wellsville precinct on account of alleged fraud. The proceedings were thrown out of court, and the county seat remains at Danville.

The cyclone that recently struck the gambling fraternity in Louisiana, in shape of the exposure made by Deputy-Sheriff Charles D. Edwards, who dropped $416 in the tiger's lair, has caused a general exodus of many of its members. The grand jury seems to have accelerated the speed in their efforts to shake the dust of "Old Pike."

At an adjourned term of the Scott county circuit court David Matney pleaded not guilty to murder in the first degree, as charged in the indictment. He is the man who shot and killed Mont P. Wade, a deputy internal revenue collector, on the night of October 29. A continuance was granted till the regular April term of court.

Robert Worley, a farmer about 30 miles south of Dexter, was called to his door the other night by a man whose name is said to be Early and three companions and taken away. The next day his disemboweled body was found hanging to a tree. It appears that Worley and Early had a personal encounter, and Early was worsted.

Train Robber Pat Crowe pleaded guilty to the charge of jail-breaking at St. Joseph the other day, after he had already entered a plea of not guilty. Sentence can not be passed until he has been tried for the crime of train robbery, which is set for December 4. If Crowe is convicted of train robbery his sentence in the jail-breaking case will be only six months in jail, but should he establish his innocence of that crime he may consider himself lucky if he gets off with less than three years for jail breaking. In an application for a continuance Crowe laid all the blame for the jail breaking on dead men.

A marriage that was solemnized at Versailles recently, has much of the romantic about it. The groom is Ulysses S. G. Chase, of Woodford, Huron county, O., and the bride Miss Minnie F. Walters, whose parents reside at Lincoln, Benton county, although she has been living with her grandparents at Versailles. A year ago Mr. Chase came into the possession of a photograph of Miss Walters, obtaining it from a friend who had visited at Versailles. A correspondence followed, Mr. Chase visited her at Versailles and proposed, was accepted and they were married the following day.

November 8 Mrs. Mary Johnson, colored, disappeared in Kansas City. The other day Mrs. Venerable, her sister-in-law, notified her husband that she had seen something floating on the water in the well. Venerable began fishing around in the water, and discovered the body of his missing sister. The impression is that the body had been in the well since the woman's mysterious disappearance. The family had been using the water for drinking and culinary purposes as usual. A murder theory was advanced when she disappeared, and her husband, from whom she was parted, was arrested, but released.

FLAME AND DEATH

Work Havoc at Another Great Fire in Chicago.

Four Firemen and One Girl Killed—A Dozen Other Men, Women, and Children Hurt — Forty-Seven Firms Burned Out—Loss, $400,000.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—A fire, disastrous to life and property, swept through the dry goods and woolen exchange this morning. Five firemen, while in the active discharge of their duty under orders and totally unconscious of danger, were carried through a floor and buried under tons of wreckage from the five floors above. Four of the men lie dead, but the fifth was not seriously injured. One girl fell from a window, and received injuries from which she died. A dozen other men, women and girls were hurt or overcome by smoke, and many were rescued from imminent death.

The dead are:

Patrick J. O'Donnell, lieutenant of engine company No. 2, 2840 Wallace.

Thomas J. Prendergast, pipeman, 3023 Butler street.

Martin Sherrock, 2838 Lowe avenue, pipeman.

John Downs, pipeman, 2858 Wallace street.

Kate Landgraff, 802 North Halstead street, employed in A. Stein & Co.'s garter factory.

All the dead and injured firemen were members of Engine company No. 2. Their captain, Lewis Fiene, escaped the awful plunge to death only by hanging to the wall of the window on the second floor until released from his perilous position by firemen on a ladder.

The owners of the burned building are Kuh, Nathan & Fischer, the clothing firm, whose factory and warehouse is at Van Buren and Franklin streets, opposite the scene of death and destruction.

Forty-seven firms were burned out in the L-shaped building, which was one of the most fireproof and ornamental in the wholesale business district.

The loss on the building is $100,000, amply covered by insurance. The aggregate loss of the many tenants is placed at $300,000, the heaviest individual losers being Stein and Biers, $75,000.

Ths fire started at 9:15 o'clock on the fourth floor of the seven-story building, in the garter factory of Stein & Co., where many girls were at work. They ran screaming and half fainting from fright to the windows on the Van Buren-street side of the building.

The frantic girls were determined in the half-crazed mental condition to hurl themselves to the stone flagging, but were partly restrained by the shouts of the citizens on the street and the quick work of the firemen. One extension ladder was run up and a fireman mounted it, but when his feet touched the rungs of the second section, either his weight or some defect in the ladder caused it to slip back to its original position, bringing its top four or five feet below the sill of the fourth-story window, where a large number of girls had gathered. Either crowded from behind or frenzied by fear, Nellie Turner, Kittie Landgraf and Harry O'Neill made a wild attempt to lower themselves so that they could touch the top rung of the ladder. In doing this the foolhardy ones slipped and fell headlong to the pavement.

Capt. Hermanson tried to grasp the dress of Kittie Landgraf as her body flew past him, but he failed, and she struck the sidewalk.

A few seconds elapsed, and the same spot where Miss Landgraf's body had struck was covered with the unconscious form of Nellie Turner, who had taken the terrible plunge in an effort to save herself. She was saved from death, however, by being momentarily held by three firemen in her descent, thus breaking the force of her fall.

Three other girls, who had more presence of mind succeeded in reaching the ladder by dropping from the window sill.

Shortly after 1 o'clock came the second tragedy of the fire. The flames had been practically extinguished and the firemen of Engine company No, 2 were ordered to the fourth floor in the rear to put out any incipent blaze that might be found, much of the contents in that part of the building only being water soaked. No one of the veteran firemen, from Chief Swenie down, imagined there was any danger from falling floors. The unfortunate men had taken their hose from the fourth to the second floor, and no fire being found Capt. Fiene went to the window on the north, and was in the act of shouting to Peter Hart, the driver of the company, to shut off the water when the fatal crash came.

From the top floor came an avalanche of tons of timber, fire-proof tiling, merchandise, safes, radiators, fixtures from the different offices and a mass of other stuff on the heads and on all sides of the firemen, who put duty before fear for safety.

Capt. Fiene clung to the window sill until rescued, and then bravely joined the small band of rescuers whom Chief Swenie sent to the debris. Only one faint voice was heard, that of McNally. All the others had probably been killed instantly.

AN INCENDIARY FIRE.

Results in the Death of Three Persons Near Stony Point, Ky.

BROWNSVILLE, Ky., Nov. 23.—Three persons lost their lives by an incendiary fire in a colored cabin near Stony Point, in this county, Thursday night. The cabin was owned by Gibson Armstrong, colored, who, with his wife, two daughters and niece, Mollie Whitney, were asleep when the fire broke out. Nancy Armstrong and Mollie Whitney were burned to death in the cabin, and Fannie Armstrong was so badly burned that she died yesterday.

AGREED UPON WITH RUSSIA.

An Order Restricting the Catch of Seal by British Ships.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The Gazette announces an order of the privy council which exacts that, after November 21, until the council shall otherwise direct, the catching of seals by British ships be prohibited within a zone of ten miles of the Russian coasts on Behring sea and within a zone of thirty miles around the Kormandorsky and Robben islands, this action being taken in accordance with an agreement with Russia.

GOLD AND SILVER.

Report of the Director of the Mint for the Last Fiscal Year on Coinage of the Precious Metals—An Exhaustive Statement, Covering the Whole Range of Coinage—The Real Demonetization of Silver—The Gold Reserve.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The director of the mint has submitted his report to the secretary of the treasury, covering the operations of the mints and assay offices of the United States during the fiscal year 1895, together with the statistics of foreign countries relative to the production and coinage of gold and silver and the monetary condition of each country.

The value of the gold and silver estimated to have been used in the industrial arts during the calendar year 1894 was approximately $21,541,653, of which $10,658,604 was gold and $10,883,048 was silver.

The estimated metallic stock in the United States on July 1, 1895, was: gold, $636,229,825; silver, $625,863,949; a total of $1,262,084,774.

The estimated product of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1894 was: gold, 1,916,813 fine ounces, of the value of $39,500,000; silver, 49,500,000 fine ounces, of the commercial value of $31,422,000, and of the coining value of $64,000,000.

The estimated production of the world for the calendar year was: gold, 8,737,788 fine ounces, of the value of $180,626,100; silver, 167,752,566 fine ounces, of the coining value of $216,892,200—commercial value, $106,522,900.

Mr. Preston gives an estimate of the approximate stock of money in the principal countries of the world. He places the stock of gold at $4,086,800,000; the stock of full legal tender silver at $3,439,300,000; stock of limited tender silver at $631,200,000, making a total silver stock in the world of $4,070,500,000; the uncovered notes are placed at $2,469,500,000.

He reviews in his report the monetary legislation and monetary system of the United States, commencing with the "coining scheme," submitted to congress by Robert Morris, superintendent of finance, January 15, 1782, making an analysis of the report of Alexander Hamilton, secretary of the treasury, upon the estimate of a mint, submitted to the house of representatives in 1791, and upon which the act of April 2, 1792, establishing a mint and coinage system, was based.

Mr. Preston states that the real demonetization of silver took place in 1853, when the weight of the divisional coins was reduced about 7 per cent. This was not an accident or oversight. It was expressly declared in the house of representatives that the intention was "to make gold the sole standard of value" in large transactions, and silver subservient to it for small ones.

The act of 1873 was only nominal, and conformed the law to the actual monetary condition, as far as the metallic currency of the United States was concerned, that had existed for nearly a quarter of a century.

He says that the currency laws of the United States, since 1873, are not only inconsistent, but contradictory, obstructive of each others' operation, and mutually destructive.

He says that on January 1, 1879, the date of the resumption of specie payments, the only currency, except coin certificates, required to be redeemed in gold coin, was the $346,681,016, legal tender notes then outstanding, which the then secretary of the treasury was of the opinion that the gold reserve of $100,000,000 would be sufficient to maintain so long as there was no increase; but the paper currency redeemable on presentation has been increased to the extent of $155,930,000, issued in payment of silver bullion purchased under the act of July 14, 1890. Of these notes there were outstanding on the 1st inst., $141,092,280, making the total government obligations as money $487,773,296, redeemable on presentation.

Aside from these, there were outstanding November 1, 1895, $333,456,236 in silver certificates and, as the act of July 14, 1890, declared it "to be the established policy of the United States to maintain the two metals at parity with each other, upon the present legal ratio, or such ratio as may be provided by law," there was a total of $821,329,532 resting on the basis of the gold reserve of $100,000,000, and in order to maintain the parity between the two metals, the government has been compelled to borrow $162,000,000 in gold within the past two years.

FATE OF THE BELLE O'BRIEN.

Six of Her Crew Landed in an Exhausted Condition—Others Thought to be Lost.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The chief officer and five of the crew of the American ship Belle O'Brien, Capt. Colley, from San Francisco, June 19, for Queenstown, have landed in a small boat at Kerryhead, south of the entrance to the River Shannon, Ireland. They were in an exhausted condition when they reached the shore.

The chief officer, after he had somewhat recovered, reported that he and the men with him left the ship on November 18. She was then 130 miles north-northwest of Kerryhead. Three other men embarked in the long boat but were lost sight of shortly after leaving the ship. Capt. Colley, his wife and four of the crew were left on board the ship, which was making water fast. It is believed that the vessel has foundered.

A HISTORY LESSON.

It is said that the first Hebrew to be made an English peer was Sir Sampson Gideon, who was created Lord Eardley in 1789 by Mr. Pitt.

Rocking cradles for babies were used by the Egyptians many centuries before Christ. Among the pictures copied by Belzoni is one of an Egyptian mother at work with her foot on the cradle.

Tumblers of nearly the same shape and dimensions as those employed today have been found in great numbers in Pompeii. They were of gold, silver, glass, agate, marble and other semi-precious stones.

Stoves are thought to have been used by the Romans. They were of brick, closely resembling the Dutch earthenware stoves, which give forth heat, but conceal the fire. Antiquarians say that Roman stoves were sometimes heated by building a fire in a large iron or earthenware tube in the middle of a room. Modern stoves were patented in 1821.

The devil fights a good many of his battles with armies that are composed of shadows.