Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, : : : MISSOURI

The March heat record for 33 years was broken at Milwaukee, Wis., on the 18th, when the thermometer registered 72½ degrees.

The Arizona legislative council, passed the equal suffrage bill reported from the house, by a two-thirds majority vote on the 17th.

Jewels valued at about $10,000 embellishing a painting about the high altar of St. Stephan cathedral, in Vienna, were stolen on the 19th.

Former Speaker Henderson was warmly welcomed to his old home in Dubuque, Ia., on the 16th. Men of all parties united in the ceremonies.

Announcement of the coming wedding of Catherine Neilson, daughter of Mrs. Frederick Neilson, to Reginald Vanderbilt, was made on the 20th.

The private levee at Davis island near Vicksburg, was dynamited, on the 20th, to prevent a sudden rush of water when the levee gives way.

The Western Passenger association, on the 19th, made a rate of one fare plus $2 for the round trip for the St. Louis World's fair dedication services.

Methodist women had a Mormon ejected from their missionary meeting in Philadelphia, on the 18th, because he wanted to deliver an address.

Jose Javier, the head of a secret society in the Philippines, was convicted and sentenced to five years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $5,000 on the 19th.

Paxton P. Hibbon, 1903, of Indianapolis, Ind., was awarded the Baird prize, on the 17th, for the best poem in the Princeton senior class contest in poetry.

Maj. L. T. Waller, United States marine corps, who was with the first relief party to enter Pekin, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel on the 17th.

The Missouri legislature, on the 19th, submitted to voters an amendment to increase the salary of members of the legislature from $5 per day to $1,000 per year.

Judge Gray, chairman, and Carroll D. Wright, recorder of the strike commission, called on the president, on the 18th, and presented to him the report of the commission.

Frank J. Ulrich, representative in the Sixth (N. Y.) district, was probably fatally stabbed, on the 20th, by William Getteys, a clerk, in an altercation over two young women.

Secretary Root announced, on the 18th, that he would meet the president in St. Louis April 30, on the occasion of the dedicatory exercises of the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

Dr. A. A. Ames, in custody of Sheriff Dreger, reached Minneapolis on the 17th. Ames' defense, according to W. W. Erwin, his leading counsel, will be insanity. He is charged with bribery.

By direction of Secretary Root the war department, on the 16th, began compiling and publishing a complete roster of the officers and enlisted men of the Union and confederate armies.

The Nova Scotia, one of the largest mines in West Virginia, owned by the Gauley Mountain Coal Co., at Huntington, caught fire, on the 20th, and its complete destruction was threatened.

Sidney Blair, a farmer, aged 60 years, was murdered and his niece, Miss Sallie Walker, was shot three times and seriously wounded by John Broadnax, at Reidsville, N. C., on the 20th.

The senate, on the 17th, ratified the treaty with the republic of Colombia for the construction of an isthmian canal. The vote for ratification was 73 in the affirmative to 5 in the negative.

President David R. Francis of the St. Louis World's fair announced, on the 17th, in New York, that Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy, would soon visit St. Louis and the west.

Two prisoners saved the sheriff and his wife from drowning at Walnut Ridge, Ark., on the 18th, and afterward knocked for admittance at the jail door. The sheriff's baby was drowned.

John H. Demaree was granted a divorce from his wife, Pearl Thompson Demaree, on the ground of cruelty, at Greenville, Ill., on the 19th. Demaree claimed he had been dypnotized by his bride.

N. C. Hickox, who was ordered committed to jail for refusing to answer questions asked by the Missouri legislative bribery investigation committee, on the 20th, was released on his own recognizance until the 21st.

George Metzger, postmaster for Davenport, Ia., was removed from office by Special Examiner Stewart, on the 20th, on demand of his bondsmen. Metzger was formerly department commander in Iowa of the G. A. R.

Ferdinand Sulzberger announced, on the 20th, that his firm, Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, would pay the fine of $5,000 imposed by the Missouri supreme court for combining to control prices of meat, if their attorney so advised.

Simultaneously with the ratification of the Panama treaty by the senate word comes that the initial steps are being taken in the organization of the world's largest construction syndicate, which will bid for the contract for building the canal.

The most remarkable indictment ever returned by the Fayette (Ky.) circuit court was reported, on the 18th, when the grand jury indicted Henry Welch, a farmer, for going to church while afflicted with smallpox. A special statute makes the penalty a heavy fine.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Former President Grover Cleveland celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday anniversary at Princeton, N. J., on the 18th.

Charles Cecil, 13 years old, and Harry Wilkinson, aged 12, were arrested at Marion, Ind., on the 18th, on a charge of attempting to wrecka train.

I. N. Page and N. C. Hickox, on the 18th, against refused to tell the Missouri legislature's bribery investigating committee where they got $1,000 bills.

Prof. T. A. Weaver, the head of an educational institution at Asheville, S. C., was sent to jail, on the 18th, because he refused to be vaccinated.

Col. Henry S. Cohn, a veteran German editor, dropped dead of apoplexy at Louisville, Ky., on the 18th.

Hamilton Fish was appointed assistant treasurer of the United States at New York on the 18th.

A train jumped a trestle at Guelph, Ont., on the 18th. Forty persons were slightly injured and a little child was drowned.

Calvin Price and Jeremiah Graves were arrested at Marion, Ill., on the 18th, charged with killing Mrs. Nellie Reichelderfer.

Henrietta W. Brewer, wife of Bishop Brewer, of the Episcopal diocese of Montana, died, on the 17th, of heart failure, aged 60.

Wilbert McAlpin, of Whittemore, Ia., charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes, was placed in jail at Sioux City, Ia., on the 18th.

Dr. Benjamin Thomas Whitmore, once a prominent St. Louisan, has been indicted in New York for attempted extortion.

Two passenger trains were caught in the flood opposite Memphis, Tenn., on the 18th, and supplies had to be conveyed on handcars to the passengers.

The German reichstag, on the 18th, adopted the appropriation of $375,000 for the St. Louis World's fair, being the first quota of the $750,000 to be appropriated to defray the expenses of Germany's exhibit at the fair.

The hearing in the case of the United States against the $400,000,000 Northern Securities Co., formed for the purpose of consolidating the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington railways, began, on the 18th, before Judges Caldwell, Sanborn, Thayer and Van Devanter of the United States circuit court at St. Louis.

The world's largest elephant, Jingo, 22 years old and weighing six tons, died on board the steamer Georgic, en route from Liverpool to New York, and was dropped overboard. He was valued at $50,000.

The supreme court of Missouri, on the 20th, handed down an opinion, in the case of the state against the meat packers, for unlawful combination, imposing a penalty of $5,000 on each firm, with costs, in default of payment of which within 90 days to be forbidden to do business in the state.

President Francis of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co., made another important capture on the 20th, when he met and conquered all the prominent magazine publishers, who unanimously agreed to put his name on their lists and work assiduously for the success of the fair.

Six persons were killed and a number injured as the result of a collision between the big passenger steamer Plymouth, of the Fall River line, and the freighter City of Taunton, in Long Island sound, early on the morning of the 20th. The Plymouth reached New London in a badly damaged condition.

The jury of award in the Philadelphia McKinley memorial competition has selected five models as worthy of the $500 in prizes offered to contestants. The memorial will be in the form of a statue of the late president, will cost $30,000, and will be placed in Memorial hall in Fairmount park.

Official returns show that the Victorian wheat harvest in Australia, this season will average only one-quarter bushel per acre, owing to the drought. This is the lowest average in 28 years.

The Venezuelan congress assembled in Caracas on the 19th.

The flood situation at Memphis was considerably improved on the 19th.

The Woman's Suffrage association convened in New Orleans on the 19th.

John Cusey, aged 81, a former state senator, died at Bloomington, Ill., on the 19th.

Work was begun, on the 19th, on two half-mile railway tunnels in Taney county, Mo.

Coal cars ran away at Johnstown, Pa., on the 19th, killing three men and injuring nine others.

Gov. Peabody of Colorado appointed an advisory board, on the 19th, to settle the strike at Cripple Creek.

Four men were killed and 78 horses suffocated in a mine explosion at Glace Bay, Cape Breton, on the 19th.

Whittaker Wright, the English promoter, who is wanted in London, was denied bail in New York on the 19th.

A relief train reached Marion, Ark., on the 19th, but the inhabitants who were held by the flood refused to leave, believing themselves safe.

After ratifying the Cuban reciprocity treaty the senate adjourned sine die at 15 minutes past five o'clock on the 19th.

Whitecaps whipped Henry Mathias at Nashville, Ind., on the 19th, because, as they said, he was too lazy to work.

Discovery was made, on the 19th, that the son of President Palma of Cuba and Miss Mabel Jacobs were secretly married in New York February 11.

President Roosevelt received an invitation, on the 19th, engraved on a solid gold plate, to be the guest of the Union League club at San Francisco.

Joseph Bradley, a farm hand, supposed to be unsound mentally, killed Mrs. F. E. Bowerman, dangerously wounded her daughter and attempted to kill her son at Bear Lake, Mich., on the 19th. He then committed suicide.

William G. Hawkins, a traveling man, was burned to death at Grand Rapids, Mich., on the 20th, in a fire which destroyed the Clarendon hotel.

Three men were killed and several seriously injured by an explosion of dynamite at Bluefields, W. Va., on the 19th. Dave Steele's eyes were blown out and his nose and ears were torn away.

The German steamer Nereus, Capt. Bakke, from Portland, Ore., October 31, which arrived at Falmouth, on the 20th, reported that her captain died during the voyage.

John Rooney was sentenced to death at Fargo, N. D., on the 20th, for the murder of Harold Sweet, a boy from White Earth, Minn., last August, during an attempted hold-up.

Ole Olson, who killed his daughter with a butcherknife because she intended to marry contrary to his wishes, was hanged at Atkin, Minn., on the 20th.

Safe crackers wrecked the safe of the State bank at Quincy, Kas., on the 20th, and escaped on a hand car. It is not known how much money was secured.

Former Gov. Francis was the guest of honor at a big banquet in New York on the 19th.

James J. Howland, Powderly's associate in the New York Central strike, died in Washington, on the 20th, aged 57.

William Jennings Bryan spent his birthday serving on a jury in the district court at Lincoln, Neb., on the 20th.

Coal miners in the second bituminous district of Pennsylvania secured an eight-hour day on the 20th.

Two serious breaks occurred in the St. Francis levees in Arkansas on the 20th.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

A. M. Betty, his wife and baby were found dead in Cincinnati on the 22d. Betty left a note saying that she killed the babe and it is supposed that she killed herself owing to domestic troubles. Finding them dead he took his own life.

Nathan M. Hallock, president of the Merchants' national bank of Middleton, N. Y., died suddenly at Los Angeles, Cal., on the 22d. He was a veteran of the civil war and had received a special medal from congress for bravery.

Dr. L. A. O'Brien, the American dentist who is said to have been too friendly with the crown princess of Saxony, arrived in New York on the 22d. He says he left Saxony before the Saxon officials had a chance to expel him.

Bert and Jesse Hills, Indiana desperadoes, were captured, on the 22d, in a wild country known as the Shades of Death. They were chained together and marched into the sheriff's hands at Crawfordsville.

Three masked men in attempting to hold up an electric car in Los Angeles, Cal., on the 22d, killed one passenger and wounded three others. H. A. Griswold, of Manson, Ia., died in his aged mother's lap.

The Venezuelan congress appealed to President Castro, on the 22d, begging him to recall his resignation. He persists in his intention and the matter will be settled finally during the present week.

William S. Watson, a lawyer of San Antonio, Tex., was found dead in bed at the White House hotel, at Warsaw, Ind., on the 22d. A bottle partly full of morphine was found in his room.

Carlos Ezeta, expresident of the republic of Salvador, died in Mazatlan, Mexico, on the 22d, in exile, poor and almost friendless. Gov. Canedo paid the expenses of his burial.

There was a sharp earthquake shock accompanied by subterranean noises at La Union, Mexico, on the 22d. An earthquake shock also was felt at Zihuatanejo.

The dowager empress of China, on the 22d, ordered an appropriation of half a million taels to be made for the Chinese representation at the St. Louis exposition.

The heaviest snowstorm of the winter struck Kansas City and St. Joseph on the 22d.

The river began receding at Memphis on the 22d.

Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, United States minister to Liberia, and C. Washington Ellis, secretary of legation, reached New York, on the 23d, under assumed names, hoping to escape being questioned on the shooting affair in which they were involved.

Charles Arnett, the 25-year-old son of Col. Arnett, a Wheeling (W. Va.) criminal lawyer, walked into the river and, refusing aid from scores of people, was drowned on the 23d. He was temporarily deranged.

Mrs. Louis Burke killed her four children with an ax at her home in the town of Fiskdale, Mass., on the 23d, and then killed herself by cutting her throat. It is thought the woman was insane.

Mrs. Alice Hull Burdick, widow of Edwin T. Burdick, was called to testify in the murder inquiry at Buffalo on the 23d. Letters received by her from Arthur Pennell were read in court.

A revolution broke out at San Domingo on the 23d. The government's commander-in-chief was killed and the minister of foreign affairs sought refuge in the United States legation.

Christian college, at Canton, Mo., belonging to the Disciple church, was destroyed by fire on the 23d. The loss is $50,000. The college was founded 55 years ago and had 250 students.

Rev. George H. Ide, D. D., for 20 years pastor of the Grand Avenue Congregational church in Milwaukee, died in a sanitarium in Kenosha of apoplexy on the 23d.

Treasurer Harry E. Nirdlinger, of the Marguerita Sylva opera company, was robbed of about $3,000 at Milwaukee, on the 23d. A member of the company is missing.

After yawning without interruption for three days, Mrs. William Henry Jenner died at Oshkosh, Wis., on the 23d, physicians being unable to provide relief.

A riot broke out on the Island of Trinidad, on the 23d, and the British had to land marines to restore order. A torch was applied to government buildings.

Judge Hazel instructed the special grand jury at Jefferson City, on the 23d, calling attention to the fact that the legislature held a session on Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Bennet Haggard, who for a long time had been prominent in Illinois Eastern Star work, died at her home in Austin on the 23d.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

"Are All Men Liars?"

"If you can not reach a liar through his conscience, you can perhaps reach him through his hide, and I wish it were possible for me to scourge every person, man, woman and child, who exaggerates the truth by work, look or action," said Rev. E. E. Barclay, of St. Louis, in his sermon on "Are All men Liars?" Mr. Barclay divided liars into three general classes; those who evade an issue, those who exaggerate the truth, and those who lie maliciously. "Of the three, the last named is the most despicable," he continued. "A malicious liar has no place in Heaven and is doomed and damned here. In the class of malicious liars is found the gossiping liar. He is a coward at heart and the trouble he causes is far reaching. They go about whispering, and preface each malignant falsehood with a low-toned, 'Don't tell any one I told you,' that is a sure indication of their character. The making of a liar is often done in childhood. A child with a vivid imagination makes a first-class liar, and if called one often, will grow to believe that he is, and the tendency to exaggerate the truth will develop as he grows older. School teachers can be blamed for having made many liars. This is done through the bad habit, which, unfortunately, is prevalent, of believing that every child is a liar and will lie on all occasions. In these days, when the teacher has even more to do with bringing up a child than its parents, this disposition is having a marked effect upon the truthfulness of the coming generation."

Iowa Invasion of Missouri.

Nearly every county in northern and central Missouri has been subjected to what is called "the Iowa invasion." The deals for Missouri land were made last summer and fall, and the new settlers are now taking possession. Every passenger train from the north brings Iowans to Missouri. Some come in colonies on freight trains, with their household goods and farming tools. The new settlers explain that land in Iowa has advanced so in price recently that they found it profitable to sell their farms there and buy in Missouri.

Primary Held at Night.

An innovation in the way of a primary election was inaugurated by the democrats of Paris. In order that the business and laboring men might have an opportunity to cast their ballots without loss of time the primary was held at night instead of during the day, as heretofore. The polls were opened at 6:30 and closed at 9:30.

His Conscience Hurt Him.

H. D. Foster, auditor of the Burlington in St. Joseph, has received $1 as conscience money from J. W. Strech. The accompanying letter said Strech stole a ride from Lenter to Clarence, a distance of six miles, several years ago. He has since become a Dowieite and is making amends for his past sins.

The Car Turned Over.

Jack Crow, a negro, was killed, W. B. Maddox dangerously injured and Wentford York and Jobe Keller seriously hurt at Carthage. The men were unloading a flat car of waste stone when the car became overbalanced and rolled down a high embankment. The men were caught under the trucks.

Holmes Given Ten Years.

Ollie Holmes, on trial at Hamilton for killing Al Peares, was found guilty by the jury and sentenced to serve ten years in the penitentiary. Holmes shot and killed Peares, whose home was at Cameron, on the street at Hamilton in August, 1901, while the Hamilton fair was going on. Peares was unarmed.

Farmer and Marshal Fight a Duel.

A street duel occurred at Glasgow between Matthew Sartin, a young farmer, and City Marshal John B. Morgan, the result being the severe wounding of Morgan and slight injuries to Sartin. Sartin was resisting arrest. Citizens assisted Morgan and Sartin was overpowered.

A Challenge to Folk.

Harry B. Hawes, president of the Jefferson club, and head of the St. Louis board of police commissioners, denounced, in a speech at a banquet, the alleged crusade against vice in the World's fair city.

Valuable Cattle Lost.

Eight thoroughbred cattle, valued at $1,000, the property of W. E. Bradford, died while being driven from Bradford's farm, near Columbia, to the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad station.

Two Years For Manslaughter.

Robert Craig, a blacksmith, was convicted of manslaughter, in St. Joseph, and sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary. He killed Walter J. Linkenboger, an employe, last fall.

Girl Killed by Street Car.

Esther Carnovsky, five years old, was struck by a Transit street car, in St. Louis, and killed. The body was horribly mangled, the head being completely severed.

He Wanted to Die, Too.

Edward Pfeifer, 23 years of age, shot Belle Copeland, his sweetheart, in St. Louis, and then attempted to take his own life with the same weapon.

Unknown Man a Suicide.

An unknown man committed suicide on the levee at St. Louis by swallowing carbolic acid. He had a gold watch and $24 in cash in his pockets.

Used Mails to Defraud.

R. P. Collins, alias W. P. Gray, was arrested in St. Louis, charged with using the mails in a fraudulent employment bureau scheme.

Fatal Fall From a Train.

John W. Robinson, the leading man in May Sargeant's theatrical company, fell from a train near Carthage and sustained fatal injuries.

Killed a Big Wolf.

A party of two hundred hunters killed a wolf in Oregon county that measured five feet in length and weighed 93 pounds.

Quite Heavy for His Age.

William J. Cinnater, a seven-months-old St. Louis baby, tips the scale at 30 pounds.

MISSOURI LEGISLATURE.

The senate, on the 17th, passed one of the election bills prepared by the Jefferson club of St. Louis. Senator Kinealy's change of venue bill was killed. Senator Rubey's bill, compelling trust companies to keep a reserve fund of 15 per cent. of the demand deposits, passed, 19 ayes and 9 noes. Other bills passed were: Appropriating $100,000,000 for state eleemosynary and penal institutions; appropriating $20,000 to repair levees in Mississippi county; requiring railroad companies to file lists of the property in each county with the proper county officials; Collins' bill, establishing a board of plumbing inspectors in St. Louis.....The house voted down the Duncan resolution to raise a $4,000,000 fund for a new state capitol, and Tickacek's resolution to move the capital to St. Louis was also killed. Other bills passed were: Reappropriating $900,000 for the World's fair; requiring railroad companies to give free return transportation to stock shippers; providing that the board of railroad commissioners shall fix, maintain, establish, reduce and modify freight rates upon all railroads in this state.

The senate, on the 18th, killed Senator Matthews' bill, relating to the appointment or election of road commissioners, but passed a house bill which he championed, allowing the county court of St. Louis county to pay $4 a day for teams for grading and other work on the roads of the county. The bill of Senator Bradley, of St. Francois county, classifying railroads as to passenger rates, passed the senate. A house bill providing for district drainage in Charlton county passed the senate. The senate concurred in the house amendment to the coinsurance bill, making it apply only to personal property, and then passed the bill as amended. House bills passed the senate as follows: Giving each of the two divisions of the supreme court two stenographers; relating to qualifications of mine inspectors; the Clay bill, requiring that a grand jury be called at least once a year in each county; making it optional as between appointment and election of road commissioners in counties. The university and expense appropriation bills and a bill giving St. Louis two more circuit judges were passed..... The house, by a unanimous vote, sustained the boodle investigating committee by adopting a resolution declaring in contempt I. L. Page and N. C. Hickox, the two witnesses who refused to answer the questions put to them regarding the $1,000 and the $500 bills they had changed in Jefferson City. Senator McDavid's bill providing for a new court of appeals in Springfield was passed.

The senate, on the 19th, passed the following: Jefferson club election bill, concerning the assessment and taxation of money, notes, bonds and other evidences of debts, and corporate stocks assessable under the law to the stockholder. Closing all municipal offices in St. Louis on Saturday afternoon, except the fire, police and constables' offices. Requiring railroads to arrange the time schedules of their trains at competing points so as to connect; empowering the state board of arbitration to compel witnesses to testify; to prevent the desecration of the American flag; requiring the testimony of a freeholder in case of challenge in an election in country districts. The following failed of passage: defining habitual criminals; establishing a board of health in each city, village or incorporated town in the state; enabling the payment of dividends alike on preferred and common stocks of corporations.....The house passed a resolution requiring railroads to furnish free transportation for state officials, the question to be submitted to voters as an amendment to the constitution. The house also submitted an amendment to increase the salaries of members of the legislature to from $5 per day to $1,000 a year, and amended the factory inspection law, now applicable to the entire state, so that it will apply only to cities of 30,000 population and over.

The senate, on the 20th, passed the following bills: For the establishment of a normal school in southwest Missouri; to designate the state insane asylums as hospitals; appropriating $50,000 for the state fair; changing the fees for bank examination; changing the form of bank statements for publication; requiring persons who engage in business as private bankers to be residents of the state, with a capital stock of not less than $5,000; refunding the money collected under the special whisky license tax—the amount is $20,742.96; permitting cities of the third class to tax themselves for park purposes. The deficiency appropriation bill and a bill appropriating $75,000 for the state fair; the Crouse bill placing railroad trainmen on an equal footing with passengers in relation to protection and damages passed.....The house ordered Cole N. Hickox committed to the Cole county jail until such time as he answered the questions propounded to him by the boodle investigating committee. Later he was released on his own recognizance. Other house proceedings were: Passage of resolution providing for a state capitol fund; classing the feeble-minded institute at Marshall as an eleemosynary institution; authorizing the sale of thirty-three acres of land at the Fulton school for the deaf and dumb; relieving the World's Fair company from the 2 per cent tax on fire insurance premiums and the license tax on exhibits; allowing the acquisition by cities of the third class of waterworks sites or land for park purposes by condemnation.

The senate transacted no business of importance on the 21st, only a brief session being held.....Among the corporation bills passed by the house were the following: compelling original articles of telegraph and telephone incorporations to be filed with recorder of deeds; compelling at least three directors of local corporations to live in Missouri; compelling original articles of street railway companies to be filed and recorded before they are sent to the secretary of state; requiring amendments to articles to be filed with recorders and secretary of state; requiring corporations to give location and period of existence in certificates. By a vote of 26 to 22 the house concurred in the senate resolution adjourning the general assembly at noon Monday. Both Jefferson club election bills passed by practically unanimous votes.

THEY ARE TIRED OF THE GAME

Chicago Teamsters Will, Hereafter, Refuse to Pull Others' Chestnuts Out of the Fire.

Chicago, March 22.—Coal teamsters have withdrawn officially from the Steam Power Council, and in future will refuse to be drawn into sympathetic strikes to assist firemen, engineers or other workmen. The teamster claim that they have had to bear the brunt of most of the strikes called in the city recently, and that by so doing they are injuring their own standing with their employers, and rendering service to other unions that are not in a position to make any return.

Fire at Pittsburg, Pa.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 22.—The Denny block, a large brick structure on Grant street, near Seventh avenue, occupied principally by wholesale grocers and produce merchants, was damaged by fire to-day to the extent of $150,000.

WHAT PHYSICIANS SAY.

"Death months" are March and April for adults and July and August for children under five years of age, according to the statistician of the twelfth census.

The government of the Punjab has undertaken to immunize 700,000 inhabitants against the plague. The laboratory of Bombay has been asked to provide daily 50,000 doses of anti-plague serum to the physicians of the Punjab.

The deaths from pneumonia per 10,000 of population in 1860 were 4.40; in 1870, 10.24; in 1880, 12.58; in 1890, 18.84; in 1900, 19.78—an aggregate increase of 349.6 per cent. of pneumonia, as compared with an aggregate decrease of 39.5 per cent. of consumption.

The so-called "defective classes of society"—the idiotic, feeble minded, improvident, habitually immoral, inebriate, criminal, insane, and other impaired persons—are as a rule victims of arrested or otherwise imperfect development of brain, attributable largely to malnutrition both before and after birth.

MRS. BURDICK TESTIFIES.

Widow Relates on the Witness Stand a Domestic Chapter in Buffalo Tragedy.

LOVE LETTERS PRODUCED IN COURT.

Pennell's Handwriting Identified—Prosecuting Attorney Shows No Mercy to Central Figure in the Case—Package of Letters Brings Deathly Pallor to Her Face.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 24.—Mrs. Alice Hull Burdick, widow of Edwin T. Burdick, is undergoing a merciless examination by District Attorney Coatsworth in the resumption of the inquest into the death of her husband, who was murdered on February 26. With a package of letters in his hands, some of which were written to Mrs. Burdick by Arthur R. Pennell, corespondent in the divorce proceedings instituted by Mr. Burdick, and other communications between Mr. Burdick and his wife, Mr. Coatsworth forced Mrs. Burdick to tell the story of her relations with Pennell from the time he first made love to her in New Haven, in 1898, until 1901, when these relations were renewed after Burdick had forgiven his wife and had taken her back to his home for the sake of their children.

Witness Pale as Death.

Mrs. Burdick was deathly pale while on the witness stand. She answered questions in a low, faltering tone, evading a direct answer whenever possible and reluctantly admitting facts when the district attorney pitilessly read extracts of the love letters written to her by Arthur R. Pennell.

Not since the inquest into the murder began has there been such intense interest in the proceedings. As early as 11 o'clock in the morning men and women, mostly women, applied at the police court for seats. Judge Murphy ordered the room cleared, and no one was admitted until one o'clock.

There was a hum of excitement when Mrs. Burdick took the witness stand. Mrs. Burdick testified that she would be 42 years of age on April 30. She was married to Burdick in 1886. They had three children.

Met at a Card Party.

Mrs. Burdick met Pennell at a card party five or six years ago at which Mr. Burdick was present. She went to New Haven and New York with the Pennels in 1896. Mr. Burdick did not go, being detained by business. No unusual friendship sprang up between her and Pennell. Witness did not recall a letter from Pennell written in New Haven in 1900, in which he said "yesterday I was at the gateway on the campus grounds, where, more than two years ago, I drew you in in the darkness. This place enshrines me."

Witness Trembles Violently.

The district attorney produced the letter and handed it to the witness, who trembled violently.

"Do you recognize it as Pennell's handwriting?"

"Yes," whispered Mrs. Burdick.

"And you recall the incident now?"

"Yes, sir."

Mrs. Burdick in recalling the incident confessed that Pennell went into a doorway, drew her in, took her in his arms and kissed her. She thought she remonstrated.

Mr. Coatsworth showed the witness several letters, one was written from New York by Pennell and addressed to Mrs. Burdick. She said it was his handwriting, but she did not remember having received it.

Mrs. Burdick's Memory Refreshed.

"I will read it and see if it will refresh your recollection: 'As I looked into your beautiful eyes last night I feared there was some trouble hidden there. I did not know, but I feared it was because of some other reason than because I was going away. If there was, dearest, I wish you would tell me. There is that in the manner of your husband toward you that makes me fear sometimes that I might kill him.' Do you remember receiving that letter?"

"No, sir."

In another letter Pennell wrote:

"'Only a day more and I shall once more see the lovelight in your eyes and experience the paradise within your arms.' What does he mean by that, Mrs. Burdick?"

"I don't know."

"What does he mean by the 'paradise within your arms?'"

"I don't know."

"Pretty strong language, isn't it?"

Mrs. Burdick made no answer. She said she did not know whether her husband was aware of the fact that she was receiving letters from Pennell. Her habit had been to keep her letters locked in a box.

She was finally induced to admit that she took the letters from her trunk and gave them to her husband. She said while she did so Mr. Burdick held her tightly by the throat. The day proved a hard one for the witness.

FROM MANY LANDS.

The practice of fencing has been revived among Japanese young noblewomen.

Electric lights now disturb the ghosts of the Pharoahs in the royal tombs in the valley of the kings.

The Himalayas have several peaks over 28,000 feet and more than 1,000 which have been measured exceed 20,000 feet.

The marine cable industry was confronted by a scarcity of gutta percha, which is used to incase the wires, until a tree producing it was found on the Amazon. Now it has been discovered in abundance in German New Guinea.

Tortillas, the Mexican substitute for wheat bread, are made from selected corn. The kernels are boiled soft in lime water and after being thoroughly washed are rubbed between the hands to remove the outer husk. They are then ground, while wet, to a soft mass with stones or a peanut butter mill, patted into thin cakes, baked on a dry griddle and eaten while still hot.

RUNNING FIGHT IN INDIANA.

Two Desperadoes Caught in Wild Ravine Known as the Shades of Death and Placed in Irons.

Crawfordsville, Ind., March 23.—Bert and Jesse Hills, section men on the Vandalia railroad, in attempting to clean out Brown's Valley Saturday night, first attacked the station agent, Arthur Jordan, who shot one of them with a revolver. They resented his action and went to town to get revolvers. James Patton refused to sell them revolvers, when they picked up scale weights and hurled them at Patton and customers who were in the store. Several people were knocked down, but made their escape, leaving Hills in possession of the store. A posse was formed, and the Hills took refuge in Dr. Brown's office, which they barricaded and successfully resisted the attacks of the posse. In the night they escaped from the office, although the posse built a fire and camped outside. The entire town started in pursuit, and after a 30-mile cross-country chase they were captured. The fugitives circled toward the Shades of Death and managed to elude over one hundred deputies and horse-thief detectives who were in pursuit. The capture was effected in a wild ravine on Sugar creek by Scott Steele, a Crawfordsville policeman, singlehanded and alone. His attention was drawn to the smoke of their camp fire, and creeping up, he caught the desperadoes, worn out with their long chase. They made a show of fight, but weakened when a bullet from his revolver pierced the cap of Jesse Hills. They were chained together and marched at the point of a gun five miles, where they were turned over to the sheriff. Bert Hills, the leader, is suffering seriously from a bullet in the shoulder received when the hostilities were opened at Brown's Valley. Jesse Hills received a flesh wound in the running fight.

FAMILY OF THREE DEAD.

Former St. Louisan Left Note Saying His Wife Killed Their Baby Boy and Herself.

Cincinnati, March 23.—A mysterious tragedy here at the home of A. M. Betty, local manager of the Washburn Crosby mills of Minneapolis, has come to light. The dead bodies of A. M. Betty, his wife Lulu and their boy Harry, aged 20 months, were found by neighbors Sunday night. A note written by Betty was found in which he accused his wife of killing the babe, and the police think the woman may have killed herself and babe on account of domestic troubles. It is stated that divorce proceedings had been instituted two years ago and were withdrawn before the birth of their boy. Betty, it is thought, found the dead bodies on his return home last night and then deliberately took his own life. The body of the babe was found in the basin with no marks on it whatever. It is thought that Betty took it from the crib and tried to revive it by turning on the water. When he found it dead he lay down beside his wife's dead body to die from asphyxiation, and in that position their bodies were found. The odor of the gas led to the search that disclosed the three dead bodies.

While there are indefinite reports about Betty's troubles at home he was prominent in business circles.

RUNNING DOWN SWINDLERS.

Italian Under Arrest Confesses His Part in Million Dollar Insurance Frauds in New York.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 23.—New York detectives who came here to locate several persons connected with the million-dollar insurance frauds in that city have completed their work. With the aid of the local detective bureau they found one of the indicted men in the person of Casimiro Ciccone, an Italian, 82 years old, for whom the New York officers had a bench warrant. Ciccone's life, it is said, was insured for $10,000 three years ago, and a year later a body alleged to be his was buried in Calvary cemetery, New York.

Ciccone had been living at 2508 First avenue, and since his supposed death has been kept in hiding in several different places. He has been in this city about six months. The insurance on his life was paid.

When insured Ciccone was, it is said, represented as being 37 years old. The detectives say Ciccone signed a statement confessing that he was the subject of the insurance and declaring that he received money consideration for his part in the affair. The prisoner is too feeble to remove to New York and the detectives carried back with them a physician's certificate stating that the old man could hardly live six months longer.

Engine Works Destroyed.

Jennison, Mich., March 23.—The entire plant of the Jennison iron and engine works was burned late Sunday night. Loss, $50,000; fully insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Victims of a Wind Storm.

Centre, Ala., March 22.—During a heavy wind storm near Cedar Bluff, Friday evening, Jerry and Yancey Bishop were killed and several other men were injured. They had taken refuge in a clover shed, which was destroyed.

Absence of Rain in Spain.

Madrid, March 22.—The absence of rain for two months over the greater part of Spain has caused apprehension of a bad harvest, which would necessitate large importations of wheat.

A Veteran of the Civil War.

St. Paul, Minn., March 22.—Capt. C. W. Hackett, a veteran of the civil war, and one of the most promising wholesale hardware men in the west, died at his home in this city, Saturday, after an illness of three years, aged 72.

Collided With a Schooner.

Fall River, Mass., March 22.—The steamer Norman, Philadelphia for Fall River, collided with a schooner in the lower bay in the fog Saturday. No lives were lost.