

# Iron County Register

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FRONTON, MISSOURI.

Lecturing at Berlin, Prof. Von Haasemann scouted the idea that cancer is on the increase.

The queen of Holland has given \$500,000 francs for the erection of a hospital for crippled children.

A bell weighing no less than 22 tons has been installed in the Church of Coeur Jesus, in Paris. This bell is rung by electricity.

Without losing a single animal, seven shepherds recently drove a flock of 14,000 sheep from Manana, in Queensland, to Nabri, in New South Wales, a distance of 300 miles.

According to documents found in the archives of Genoa, the discovery of America by Columbus cost a little over \$7,000. The fleet of Columbus was worth about \$3,000. His salary was \$200 a year.

Paderewski, during his recent season in San Francisco, sold his signatures at \$1 each, with a bar or two of music at \$2, toward his share of the fund for the erection of a monument to Chopin in Poland.

In 1899 the government of Russia had 10,234 open stores for retailing spirituous beverages. During the same year 9,203 places were discovered where such liquors were secretly and illicitly sold. This is nearly as many as the number of open government stores.

Wheat flour of domestic manufacture, to the number of 5,533,711 barrels and of the value of \$26,723,461, was exported from this country during the eight months ended February 28, 1905. More than double this quantity, or 13,394,562 barrels, valued at \$53,037,418, was exported during the same period of the preceding year.

The government of Russia is promoting silk culture by distributing silkworm eggs free of charge and sending out teachers to instruct the peasants how to feed and treat the worms. It has also sent teachers from public schools of the southern provinces to the agricultural colleges at Uman and Charkow, where they hear lectures on "Silk Culture."

In 1900 the census showed that there were 86,000 Japanese in this country, as compared with 119,000 Chinese; but while the number of Chinese was declining through the embargo on immigration, the Japanese total was increasing. In 1905 the number of Chinese in the United States is probably 115,000 and that of Japanese 100,000. A large proportion of these Japanese are in Hawaii.

All the vast sums accruing from various forms of taxation in Russia are banked to the credit of two officials named the Imperial treasurers, who discharge all the liabilities of the Russian government. The czar has the first call upon the money paid into the Imperial treasury, and draws upon it whenever he wishes, by simply directing the treasury officials to lodge so much money to his private account, giving them a voucher for the amount.

The report of the Massachusetts fish and game commissioners (the lobster is "game") shows this condition: "The outcome, the commercial extinction of the lobster, is sure to result as day is to follow night. There has been an increase of pots per man, but falling off in the catch per pot from 23 in 1903 to 28 1/2 in 1905, or a decrease of about 14 per cent. In 13 years there has been a decrease of more than 66 per cent. in the catch of lobsters per pot."

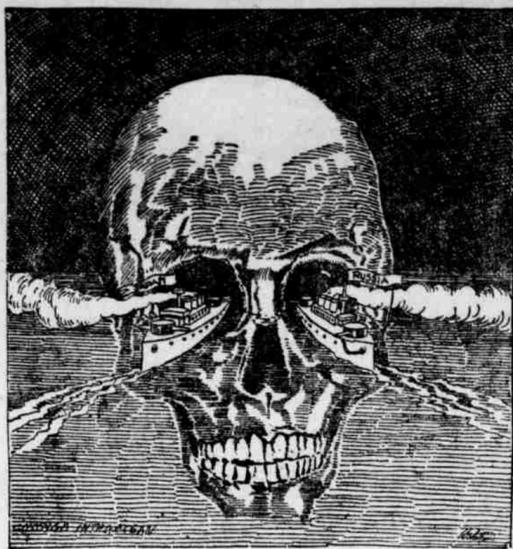
Acetylene gas is the most brilliant and most dangerous. Acetylene is a colorless gas almost as heavy as air, with a characteristic, unpleasant odor which warns of its presence long before the amount of it in the atmosphere reaches the explosion point. It liquefies under a pressure of 280 pounds in a temperature of 32° Fahrenheit and is then the lightest liquid known, its specific gravity being 0.4. Its pressure is said to reach 100,000 pounds per square inch and its temperature 7,200° Fahrenheit during its explosion.

The total number of hogs killed the past year in commercial channels in the west and elsewhere in the United States has been exceeded in a single instance, for the year ending March 1, 1905, the number for the summer season in that year being 1,609,000 greater than for the past summer season, while the record for the winter season now closed exceeds the corresponding period of that year by 116,000. For the past year the total western packing represents 23,918,000 hogs compared with 22,375,000 for the preceding year.

Only ten men who have held the office of president reached or surpassed Mr. Cleveland's present age of 68; only six exceeded it by so much as ten years, and none exceeded it by twenty years. Only ten presidents have survived their retirement from office longer than Mr. Cleveland, and four of these lived to a great age. Washington, who survived his retirement less than three years, thought himself an old man when he was first made president at the age of 57. John Adams survived his retirement a quarter of a century.

If any man might be pardoned for taking a pessimistic view of humanity and the present social order, it would surely be such a personage as Hon. Rufus B. Cowing, who has been a judge in the criminal courts of New York City for the past 27 years, and in that time has had pass before him an army of not less than 35,000 prisoners accused of all the crimes in the category, from picking pockets to murder. But in a recent interview Judge Cowing declared his conviction that "men and women have many, many times more of good than evil in them."

## THE LAST PORT.



## IS ENJOYING ROYAL SPORT SEC. TAFT WILL VISIT TOKIO.

Secretary Loeb Says the President is Looking for Grizzlies.

Camp Will be Moved, Saturday, Twenty Miles Distant From Present Location.

Glenwood Springs, Col., April 21.—That President Roosevelt is enjoying royal sport in his hunt for Rocky mountain grizzlies is attested by Secretary Loeb, who returned from the camp late Thursday, after having spent the night with the party. While the only game pulled down thus far is the bear shot by the president and the bobcat shot by Dr. Alexander Lambert, there has been plenty of recreation. Every day the dogs have followed trails that looked promising, showing that there are more bears to be found in the vicinity now being hunted. Camp will not be moved until Saturday. Then the party will locate on West Divide creek, within 20 miles of the present location, and four miles nearer Newcastle. The point toward which the party is working is Red Store, where camp will be broken on May 14. The private car Rocket will pick up the president there, and he will spend the night at Glenwood Springs. The start home will be made on May 15, with stops of one day each at Denver and Chicago.

## BARRETT TO BE RECALLED.

The Administration Dissatisfied With the Course of Our Minister to Panama.

Washington, April 20.—United States Minister Barrett, in Panama, will shortly be recalled. Whether he will be appointed to some new post or be dropped is not known. It is understood, however, the administration is much dissatisfied with his mismanagement of affairs on the isthmus. One reason for this is disclosed in the installment of advance sheets of "Foreign Relations for 1904," which shows that August 23 last, when the relations between Panama and the United States were in critical condition on account of the objection of Panama to the establishments of ports and the opening of post offices in the canal zone, Barrett reported to the state department that the minister of foreign affairs of Panama preferred that negotiations toward a settlement be continued in Panama, and he suggested that the Panama minister in Washington be advised in that sense. On the very day that Barrett sent this communication to the state department he had received a note saying that it was deemed best to "await further discussion of the main question in Washington before continuing further the discussion in Panama."

## IT HAS SERVED ITS PURPOSE.

"The Crowning Outrage of the Age" May Be Repealed by the Florida Legislature.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 20.—The state senate has passed a bill repealing the Flagler divorce law. This law made insanity grounds for divorce, and under it Millionaire Flagler secured a divorce and remarried. In the course of debate, Senator Bailey referred to the divorce bill as "the crowning outrage of the age." Ever since the bill was enacted it has been an issue in city, county and state politics.

## Kelsey Rosa's Granddaughter.

Fort Madison, Ia., April 20.—Mrs. Rachel J. Wilson Albright, aged 82 years, died at her home here. She was born in Philadelphia, and came to this city in 1841. She was the granddaughter of Kelsey Rosa, who, it is said, made the first American flag.

## Standard Hits Bed Rock.

Emporia, Kas., April 20.—The Standard Oil Co. has cut its price here on oil a half cent, making the wholesale price nine cents. The Webster company, which charges ten cents, says it will make no further reduction.

## Swallowed Poison.

Bloomington, Ill., April 20.—James T. Challis, one of the best-known business men of Bloomington, ended his life by swallowing poison at Indianapolis. He was despondent over ill health.

## Worry Killed Him.

Newcastle, Ind., April 20.—Sanford W. Compton, the ex-trustee of Henry township, who was indicted by a special jury three weeks ago, charged with embezzlement on two counts, is dead from nervous and mental depression.

## SEC. TAFT WILL VISIT TOKIO.

He Will Make the Trip While His Steamer is Taking on Coal at Yokohama.

Washington, April 20.—On further consideration of the matter as laid before him by Secretary Hioki of the Japanese legation, Secretary Taft has concluded to visit Tokio, while his ship, the Manchuria, on which he will make his Philippine trip, is coaling at Yokohama.

The secretary has made such a visit on the occasion of other like detentions at Yokohama, and feels that he could scarcely fail to make an official call on this occasion. It has not yet been decided whether the entire party of 60 accompanying the secretary shall join him in the visit to Tokio.

## GIRLS HURT IN A PANIC.

They Thought Building Was Collapsing and Got Wedged in a Narrow Stairway.

Kansas City, Mo., April 21.—Five girls were hurt during a panic, Thursday, among 50 young women employed on the second floor of the Kaufman Manufacturing Co. Only one, Carolina Ebler, was seriously injured, and it is believed she will recover. The slipping of a large belt from its pulley on the third floor loosened the plaster on the floor below, and the girls, believing the building was about to collapse, made a dash for the only exit, a narrow stairway, which soon was crowded with struggling girls, who piled over each other in their eagerness to escape. Five were bruised and otherwise injured.

## DEED OF A JEALOUS WOMAN.

Shoots Her Husband, Probably Fatally, and Is in Jail in Default of Bail.

Jonesburg, Mo., April 22.—E. L. Bolton, a prominent real estate man, was shot and probably fatally wounded by his wife, Maud Bolton. The bullet from a revolver struck Bolton above the right eye and ranged downward, bursting the eyeball and lodging in the right cheek. The prospects for his recovery are small. Jealousy is supposed to have caused the shooting. After the shooting she was committed to jail in default of \$10,000 bond. Mrs. Bolton is a member of a prominent family of Springfield, Mo., and was married last September.

## MINE EXPLOSION VICTIMS.

Ten Men Imprisoned by an Explosion in a West Virginia Mine Five of Them Dead.

Charleston, W. Va., April 21.—Ten miners were imprisoned in the Cabin Creek mine at Kainford, Thursday night, in a mine explosion. Five of the number managed to reach the surface in a terribly injured condition. The other five are believed to be dead. The catastrophe was probably caused by a powder explosion, which set fire to the tipples and imprisoned the men.

## VETERANS TO BE RETAINED.

Japanese Veterans, Whose Enlistments Expire in May, to Be Retained in the Territorial Army.

Tokio, April 22.—An imperial ordinance has been issued authorizing the secretary of war to retain in the ranks of the territorial army veterans whose enlistments will expire in May. They will be retained while needed. The war department is at present using the territorial army largely for garrison duty.

## Died in His Favorite Chair.

Portsmouth, O., April 21.—Rev. Daniel Lloyd, the oldest Methodist minister in Ohio, who, had he lived until next week, would have celebrated his one hundredth birthday anniversary, is dead. He died while seated in his favorite chair from heart failure.

## Lincoln's Home at Springfield.

Springfield, Ill., April 21.—The Illinois commissioners to the Lewis and Clark exposition met in this city and decided that the Illinois building at the exposition shall be an exact reproduction of Lincoln's old home in this city.

## Committed Hari-Kari.

Cleburne, Tex., April 21.—J. P. McDaniel, living in the southern portion of Johnson county, committed suicide by disemboweling himself with a butcher knife. He had been suffering from asthma and was despondent.

## He Had His Troubles.

Lawton, Okla., April 21.—A. D. Moody, of Elgin, a well-known farmer, killed himself with a revolver. Moody was a brother-in-law to the man who recently killed his own wife and daughter and himself at Marshall.

## LOST IN BURNING CONVENT

Fourteen, and Perhaps More, of the Inmates Perished.

Nine Young Girls, Sister Margaret, The Mistress, and Four Old Women the Victims.

Montreal, April 22.—In the burning of the St. Anne convent in St. Genevieve, near Montreal, 13 lives were lost, so far as known, and it is feared that the number may reach 20.

The sisters of the convent had a number of aged women boarders and four of these are among the dead.

Sister Ragetari, the mistress, lost her life in an endeavor to save the children. Of the latter nine are known to be dead.

Their ages were from 11 to 18. The village has no fire department and an effort was made to get Montreal by telephone so that assistance could be obtained, but the effort failed and the big building was soon a mass of smoldering ruins.

Scenes of frightful suffering followed, as the night was cold and a fierce wind was blowing. There were about 100 inmates, and as they were taken from the building in their night clothes the villagers threw open their homes and took them in.

There were four aged women in the infirmary who perished. The oldest was 98. The others were 88, 86 and 83.

## CEASELESS INWARD FLOW.

Good Friday Brought the Largest Single Day's Arrivals of Immigrants in New York.

New York, April 22.—Four transatlantic steamers which arrived at this port Friday brought 9,675 steerage passengers, the largest number ever passed in quarantine in one day. It was impossible to handle the great throng in one day, and at least 4,000 were compelled to remain over night aboard the ships on which they arrived, as 6,000 is the limit of Ellis island's clearing capacity. Until Friday night, 62,791 immigrants had been landed this month, compared with 42,427 to the same date April last year.

## TACOMA UNDER RUSH ORDERS

United States Cruiser Ordered From Pensacola to San Domingo to Protect U. S. Interests.

Pensacola, Fla., April 22.—Rush orders for the cruiser Tacoma to proceed to San Domingo were received late Friday afternoon. That vessel began to coal immediately, moving down to the navy yard, where fuel and stores were taken on board, and it was expected that she would get away from port before daylight. It is stated here that a number of warships have been ordered to San Domingo by the Italian government, and as trouble is anticipated, the Tacoma was ordered there to protect American interests.

## THREE CHILDREN CREMATED.

Terrible Results of a Fire in Greensburg, Pa., Caused by Explosion of Gasoline.

Greensburg, Pa., April 21.—Three children of John E. Kunkle were burned to death and a fourth so fearfully injured that her recovery is a matter of doubt, as the result of a fire, Thursday night, which originated from the explosion of a bottle of gasoline in the Kunkle home. Three members of the fire department were also badly injured while working to save the property from destruction. Property loss, \$18,000.

## WAS HARD ON THE COYOTES.

Many Ran Themselves to Death Trying to Get Away From the Roosevelt Clutch.

Lawton, Okla., April 21.—Cowboys coming in from the Kiowa-Comanche pasture reservation, in which President Roosevelt hunted last week, state that dead wolves are being found over the entire tract. It is frequently the case that coyotes drop dead suddenly after running several miles. These are supposed to have escaped the dogs and died of hard running.

## ON WAY TO VALDIVOSTOK.

St. Petersburg Learns That Rojensky's Squadron Has Left Kamranh Bay.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—Reports are current here that the Russian second Pacific squadron has already left Kamranh bay, and is on the way to Vladivostok; but the government will proceed with action on the Japanese protest as if the squadron had not continued its voyage.

## Methodists Accept Hospital.

Carlyle, Ill., April 22.—The missionary conference of the Methodist conference, in session here, accepted from the authorities of East St. Louis the Protestant hospital, which was donated to the church on condition that the debt thereon be assumed. The hospital is valued at \$30,000.

## A Tennessee Hotel Burned.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 22.—The four-story hotel owned by Richard Bros., at Oliver Springs, burned at midnight. The loss is \$40,000. All the guests escaped.

## Death of St. Louis Pioneer.

St. Louis, April 22.—Mrs. Oliver Joyall, aged 88, who was born in this city and lived here all her life, is dead. She came of an old French family which settled in St. Louis while the territory was under Spanish rule.

## Chicago Invitations Accepted.

Chicago, April 22.—President Roosevelt, through Secretary Loeb, has sent assurances to the Iroquois, Hamilton and Merchants' clubs that he will soon be their guest and the guest of the city.

## JOE JEFFERSON IS DEAD.

The Well-Known Actor Responds to the Last Call at His Winter Home in Florida.

West Palm Beach, Fla., April 24.—Joseph Jefferson, the eminent actor, died at his home, "The Reefs," at Palm Beach, at 6:15 Sunday evening. The end came after a day of unconsciousness, and after a heroic struggle of days which had exhausted his vitality. At his death he was his wife, his sons, Charles B. and Frank Jefferson, his nurse, Miss Mabel Bingham, Dr. R. B. Porter, and his faithful old servant, Carl Kettler.

Mr. Jefferson was born in Philadelphia February 20, 1829, and had been on the stage since childhood.

The end was not a surprise to his family. Ever since his last sinking spell, which came after a rally on Thursday morning, and which was followed by an apparent improvement until Friday, the family has been waiting for the end. Mr. Jefferson's condition, Saturday night, grew steadily worse, and the family, who had retired, were summoned from their beds, and Dr. Potter was called. The patient's condition continued to grow worse all through Sunday, and the brief bulletins from the bedside contained no words of encouragement.

The illness of Mr. Jefferson, which ended in his death, was contracted, it is believed, while on a recent visit to his son, Charles B. Jefferson, at Hobe sound, a few miles above Palm Beach, where he went to meet his friend, former President Cleveland. It is believed that from a slight indiscretion in his eating there he suffered an attack of indigestion. Since his return to his home his condition grew steadily worse with slight rallies until the end.

The body of Mr. Jefferson will be taken to Buzzard's Bay on a special train, leaving here this evening, accompanied by all the members of his family, who are here. It will reach New York Wednesday morning, and the family hope to reach Buzzard's Bay the evening of that day.

## PRESIDENT'S CHICAGO VISIT.

It is Now Definitely Settled That It Will Occur on Wednesday, May 17.

Chicago, April 24.—President Roosevelt's visit to Chicago will take place Wednesday, May 17. A telegram from Secretary Loeb at Glenwood Springs, Col., was received by President John A. Gauger of the Hamilton club stating that the presidential party would arrive in Chicago at noon on May 17, and that a letter to that effect had been mailed. On the strength of this information, Chairman Marquis of the political action committee of the club, announced that a reception would be given at the club house of the Hamilton club from 2:30 p. m. to 4 p. m. on the day of the president's visit. The time of the banquet by the Iroquois club has not yet been definitely settled.

## A QUIET SUNDAY IN CAMP.

The President and Party Spent the Sabbath Quietly Resting in Their New Camp.

Glenwood Springs, Col., April 24.—President Roosevelt's hunting party, in camp 15 miles northwest of Newcastle, spent a quiet Sunday. The party had been invited to attend church services at Newcastle, but it was decided that hunting dogs would be inharmonious with Easter gladness. After a week in the saddle, the sportsmen welcomed the chance to rest. Bear tracks have been sighted in several directions from the present camp, and it is believed by the party that at least one more bear will be bagged before another move is made. A committee from the Denver board of trade will arrive here to-day to confer with Secretary Loeb in regard to the entertainment of the president in Denver on May 15.

## EARTHQUAKE IN ENGLAND.

Derbyshire and Yorkshire Given a Shaking Up Early Easter Sunday Morning.

London, April 24.—An earthquake lasting several seconds and occasioning much alarm was felt about two o'clock Sunday morning throughout a building. Moore was standing on Yorkshire, Derbyshire and in adjacent districts. There was trifling damage to walls and roofs in some places, but nothing serious is yet reported.

## KANSAS CITIES WITH LID ON.

Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kas., and the Suburban Gardens Nearly All Closed Sunday.

Kansas City, Mo., March 24.—With less than half a dozen exceptions, saloons in Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kas., and wine gardens in the suburbs were closed again Sunday. There were a few arrests for direct violation of the Sunday closing law.

## Loved a Married Woman.

Denver, Col., April 24.—Because Mrs. Cora Walker, who was formerly Miss Cora Overstreet of St. Louis, refused to obtain a divorce from Henry Walker on the grounds of alleged desertion, Henry Bollen, a suitor, attempted to kill her, afterward committing suicide.

## Valuable Missouri Ground.

Carthage, Mo., April 24.—One hundred and sixty acres of prospective mineral land sold here for \$100,000, or \$625 an acre. The property adjoins Webb City, and the purchasers are New York capitalists.

## Record Price for Montana Wool.

Lewistown, Mont., April 24.—The wool clips of William Fergus & Sons, Fergus Bros. and the Fergus Land and Live Stock Co., aggregating 300,000 pounds, have been sold to a Boston firm for 23 cents a pound, the record for several years.

## A Town Named Folk.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 24.—A new town, situated in Osage county, about 15 miles from this city, has been named Folk, in honor of Joseph W. Folk, governor of Missouri.

## DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

An Important Witness in the Alleged Beef Trust Inquiry.

Mrs. Mary E. Marcey, of Kansas City, Author and Stenographer, Has Some Important Evidence.

Chicago, April 25.—The federal grand jury which is investigating the business transactions of the beef industry yesterday completed its examination, for a time, into the operations of the Aetna Trading Co., and the remaining witnesses subpoenaed to tell what they know of this concern were excused. To-day the jurors will take up the testimony of witnesses who are employed by the packers.

One of the most important of these witnesses will be Mrs. Mary E. Marcey, author and stenographer, who was subpoenaed from Kansas City. She will, it is said, produce documentary evidence which she secured while gathering material to write stories concerning the packing industry. Mrs. Marcey was in conference with District Attorney Morrison and other federal officers, and will be one of the first witnesses called. Mrs. Marcey was formerly employed as a stenographer by one of the packing concerns in Kansas City.

District Attorney Morrison said that the jury would continue its investigation of the beef industry until April 29, when the matter will be dropped until May 2, in order to investigate some other matters. After these cases are cleared up the work of inquiry will again be taken up and completed. No indictments on the main issue will be voted until after May 2, according to Mr. Morrison.

## SUNDAY LAW IN MISSOURI.

Its Enforcement in the Larger Cities is Only the Beginning of What is to Come.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 25.—The Sunday closing law will be enforced in every hamlet in this state. Henceforth, unless a general assembly, repeals the present laws, every Sabbath, as far as liquor selling is concerned, will be as dry as the desert of Sahara.

A prominent office holder made this declaration to a reporter in answer to a suggestion that the present closing of saloons in the big cities was but sporadic and would die out inside of a month.

In further conversation this official stated that the public did not thoroughly understand the matter. According to this official, Gov. Folk sent his order to St. Louis immediately after closing down the dram shops of Kansas City. St. Joseph was made dry Sunday, and forthwith every sheriff in the state will get his orders to see that the law is enforced and arrest all saloonists who do not recognize the Sabbath.

The law licensing saloons specially sets forth that liquors may be sold six days in the week, but not on Sunday, so that in the strict sense of the law, saloons may be open on Sundays are virtually outlaws.

## OVERSTAYED THE MARKET.

The Collapse of the May Wheat Corner and the Causes Leading to It.

Chicago, April 25.—The losses in the collapse of the "May corner" in wheat will be heavily augmented when the 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 bushels which it believed the pool still holds is put on the market. This may drive the price down near the July figures, or under 90 cents.

The Gates losses to date are variously estimated from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, and will in all probability reach the latter figure before the "corner" is buried. The big loss is not so hard a blow to the Gates contingent as the humiliation of having failed to "make good," and to have blundered on to inglorious defeat when a splendid victory was at one time within grasp.

It is generally agreed that the May deal collapsed so disastrously because the leaders overstayed the market. They failed to sell out at the right time some months ago. Instead of a possible profit of \$500,000 had the deal been closed in February, it has resulted now in a Waterloo for the Napoleon of plungers.

## RAIN, SNOW AND ICE STORMS

A Blizzard Extends From Montana to Arizona, With Weather Turning Colder.

Denver, Col., April 25.—A heavy storm of rain and snow, reaching the proportions of a blizzard in Colorado and extending from Montana to Arizona, is prevailing in the Rocky mountains. After raining continuously for 24 hours, the weather suddenly turned colder, and wires and trees are encased in a coating of ice. The overburdened wires were unable to bear the strain, and telegraphic communication with the Pacific coast has practically stopped.

## THIEVES PLAY DETECTIVES

Enter Flat in Chicago and Rob Woman and Her Visitor of Valuables Worth \$2,500.

Chicago, April 25.—Under the guise of being city detectives with a search warrant for stolen property, three bandits forced their way into the flat of Mrs. D. Gilmore Sunday evening and robbed her of jewelry worth \$1,800. Edward Giroux, who was visiting Mrs. Gilmore, also was a victim. The total value of the property stolen was \$2,500.

## The Visible Supply of Cotton.

New Orleans, April 25.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows a total of 4,179,889 bales, against 4,184,423 last week. Of this the total of American cotton is 2,943,989, against 2,947,423 last week.

## Burned Church Undebtedness.

St. Louis, April 25.—Notes and mortgages for \$7,500 were burned by Rev. Dr. J. E. McDonald before the congregation of the Lafayette Park M. E. church, south.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Five Girls Hurt in Panic.

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## Gasoline Must Be Inspected.

Attorney General Hadley has furnished to Gov. Folk an official opinion that gasoline must be inspected in this state. Heretofore no fees have been paid to the inspector inspecting gasoline. The officials will be called upon to invoke the penalties of the inspection statute, which are heavy, if the law is not complied with in the future. The Standard Oil Co. contends that the statute does not impose the inspector of gasoline.

## Remorse Prompted Suicide.

Palm Sunday services at St. James Memorial Episcopal church, in St. Louis, were brought to a tragic termination by the pistol shot with which Capt. James A. Rider, the church janitor, aged about 70 years, ended his life in the rear of the church during the services. Shame and remorse that he should have merited the chiding of his best friend, Dr. Duckworth, because of drinking, caused the act.

## Appropriation Bill Signed.

Gov. Folk has signed the general appropriation bill. The bill was approved in full, excepting the two items which were made unnecessary by the governor's veto of other bills. These two items were \$25,750 for the Springfield court of appeals, and \$2,000 for the state bee inspector. The bee inspection bill and the court of appeals bill were previously vetoed by the governor.

## Negro Slayer Dies in Jail.

Fred Berkley, the negro who murdered Robert Herring, April 11, died in jail at New London from wounds inflicted by Herring. The negro was evidently insane. He said he killed Herring because he had sent ghoshs and hobgoblins to haunt him. Berkley tore the bandages from his wounds, hastening death.

## Folk Commutes Sentence.

The unusual circumstance of the Pinkerton detective agency asking c