THE WEATHER TO-DAY.

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BLOODIER THAN HOLMES

Prisoner at Fort Wayne Makes a Confession of Murders.

VICTIMS IN MANY CITIES

John C. Stone Enumerates a Dozen Persons Whom He Claims to Have Killed—He Was a Member of Bill Dalton's Gang of Bank and Stage Robbers—His Stories Disputed.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 4.—John C. Stone, alias "Vinson," has made a confession to Sheriff Clausmeier, detailing a life of horrible crime.

He was arrested with John Duffy and Wm. Walrath for killing Deputy Sheriff Harrod. Stone is under a ten years' sentence and Duffy's case went to the jury last night.

Stone states that he and Walrath were members of Bill Dalton's gang of Western bank and stage robbers.

He says he, Duffy and Walrath killed a man at Kansas City in 1883, and robbed him, but later gave the money to Henry Donnelly, a policeman, for protection.

He also tells of a murder committed by himself, a Mrs. Stewart and her son Clarence, in Cleveland, Ohio. The next morning Clarence and Stone killed a boy in the Big Four yards in Linville.

In Buffalo, Stone, Walrath, and one Burns, a saloon-keeper, killed a wealthy Western farmer who was looking for a good time.

The money was divided, and Stone and Walrath returned to Chicago and with their shares started a restaurant. Here Walrath married Stone's sister. Mrs. Walrath died, and Stone and Walrath left Chicago.

MURDERED FATHER AND SON.

Later Stone returned and was implicated in the murder of a father and son named Prunty. Three men are now serving life sentences at Joliet for the crime, but Stone was not arrested.

He then tells of a murder at Dunkirk, N. Y., where Duffy stabbed a pal, "Buffalo Jack," four times and buried him in the woods.

Another murder was committed at Union City, Pa., the victim being an old man named Horton or Norton. Another murder was committed by the trio near Youngstown, Ohio, the victim being a resident of Ashtabula.

The last murder committed by Stone, Duffy and Walrath was on April 29, 1895, on a Pennsylvania freight train. At this time Stone was shot and did not get medical aid until South Bend was reached.

The next desperate act of the trio was the robbery of a Grand Trunk train in Michigan, where five watches and money were secured. Two of these watches have been identified since their arrest here.

BRIBED A POLICEMAN.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 4.—The confession of John C. Stone, alias "Vinson," at Fort Wayne, that he, with two other men, killed a man in Kansas City, Kas., in 1883, but gave the money to a policeman named Henry Donnelly, who let them escape, is confirmed here.

The man murdered was named Shubert and he was a musician who lived at Leavenworth. He was shot through the head and robbed of $85 and a gold watch. Jerome Marshal, a saloonkeeper, who died four days ago, testified at the coroner's inquest that the watch resembled one that Donnelly was seen to carry.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 4.—The crime to which John C. Stone confesses as having committed near this city, was committed on the night of December 23, 1894, at Doughton, two miles north of here.

Charles Rocco, an Italian, on his way from Ashtabula to Pittsburg, while riding in a box car on the Lake Shore road, in company with three tramps, was assaulted, shot and after being robbed of $13, was thrown from the train. He lived for several hours after being shot and gave a description of the men to the officers.

The men were seen in this city shortly before the news of the murder reached here, but made good their escape.

THINK STONE IS A CRANK.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 4.—The Cleveland police place no confidence in the confession of John C. Stone, alias Vinson, who is now under arrest in Fort Wayne, so far as it relates to crimes committed in this city. They have no records of the local murders to which Stone confesses.

Stone has written several letters to the chief of police here to the effect that he had information that would lead to the solution of many murder mysteries.

Some of the clews were followed and nothing came of them. The police have long since come to the conclusion that Stone is a crank.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 4.—County Detective Sullivan, who went to Fort Wayne last September to investigate the story, says that so far as Stone's story relates to the Horton outrage at Union City, it is true in every particular.

McDermott, one of the gang, is a Union City man. An attempt will be made to get Stone here to testify against McDermott as soon as he is released from the Allegheny workhouse, where he was sent for carrying concealed weapons. He is a tough character, and Stone told Capt. Sullivan he had known McDermott for ten years.

Great interest in the case obtains here. The Herald contains a long interview with Capt. Sullivan, in which he substantiates what Stone says about Union City and other outrages.

FINDING MORE BODIES.

Verdict of Unavoidable Accident Returned in the Tilly Foster Disaster.

Brewster, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Coroner Penny held an inquest today over the remains of the ten men who were killed in the Tilly Foster mine disaster on Friday last and turned a verdict that it was the opinion of the jury from the evidence adduced that the accident was unavoidable.

A report was circulated this afternoon that two of the three bodies yet in the mine had been removed but upon investigation the report proved to be without foundation.

South Carolina's Convention Ends.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 4.—The constitutional convention was in session for three hours this morning and disposed of the report of the committee on order, style and revision. At 1:38 o'clock the actual work on the new constitution was completed. The convention then took a recess until a later hour when the whole thing was ratified and signed, and the convention adjourned sine die.

Stern Forfeits His Bail.

Munich, Dec. 4.—The sum of 80,000 marks, being the amount of bail given by Mr. Louis Stern of New York for his appearance to undergo the penalty imposed upon him for insulting Baron Von Thuengen, deputy commissioner of the Spa, at Kissingen last summer, was today declared forfeited, Mr. Stern's respite having elapsed and he having in the meantime failed to surrender himself. Mr. Stern was sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 600 marks.

Distinction Won by a Woman.

New York, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Louise Holme Baright of Atlanta, Ga., who claims to be a descendant of the German poet, Schiller, was elected second vice president of the junior class of the law school of the University of the City of New York last night.

Wreck on the Norfolk & Western.

Central City, W. Va., Dec. 4.—Freight train No. 68, south-bound, on the Norfolk and Western railroad, was wrecked at Breeden last night. A wrecking crew was sent from Kenova.

Stoll's December Shoe Selling is giving purchasers the "Best Shoes of our Times" at marvelously low prices. Fourteen clerks: no waiting.

Chew Mint Julep Gum.

PAGES OF NEWS EVERY 12 HOURS,

GLADSTONE CANNOT COME

Declines With Regret an Invitation From the Chicago Press Club.

Had Been Asked to Make an Address on the Armenian Question—Infirmities of Old Age Forbid.

New York, Dec. 4.—The Press Club of Chicago, has had an address from some speaker of distinction in the Auditorium every year for several years. They invited Mr. Gladstone for 1896, and the Mayor of Chicago supplemented the request with a cordial invitation to Mr. Gladstone and his family. These letters were sent to Mr. Depew to be forwarded with a personal letter from him. Mr. Gladstone.

in his answer, says:

"I cannot too strongly express my sense of the honor thus done me and I wish to add that in my opinion no cause more sacred and none more urgent than that of the Armenians has ever been brought before the citizens of your humane and enlightened country.

"It is for the moment, enveloped, so far as the public are concerned, in uncertainty, but yet there are indications that the handwriting on the wall, which warned one ancient despot of his coming doom, has again been traced visibly enough to betoken some approaching crash of a system of government far more impious and iniquitous.

"With these feelings, I still must not blind myself to the facts of my situation. After my long public life I can attempt no public action without considering much besides the truth and even the importance of what I might have to say, and I am far from convinced that my undertaking a public progress—for such it would be—at the present time, would be beneficial to the Armenian cause.

"But all reasoning on such a question is cut short by an undesirable physical unfitness. The blessing of good health is still vouchsafed to me, but diminished strength, imperfect vision and growing deafness incapacitate me from public efforts, which more weighty considerations might lead me to undertake, and confine my intercourse with others to what is purely private and of a very restricted character.

"I send this reply with much regret, but with too full an assurance of its necessity.

"In conclusion, let me hope that the influence of your great, and in such a matter necessarily impartial, country will be powerfully used in the cause of right."

MOTOR AND ENGINE COLLIDE.

Fifty Passengers Have a Narrow Escape From Death.

Lorain, Ohio, Dec. 4.—This evening a motor car and trailer, on which were fifty passengers, became unmanageable at the railroad switch of the Johnson Steel Company's plant.

A freight train was approaching and the men in charge of the motor as well as the passengers realized that a collision and possibly loss of life was imminent. Amid great excitement the motorman made strenuous efforts to stop the car. The brake would not work, however, until the motor had partially passed onto the track, when it came to a stop.

The motorman leaped from his curtained vestibule and escaped just in the nick of time. An instant later and the locomotive crashed into the car and tore off the vestibule.

Fortunately the engineer had become aware that the motor could not stop and he succeeded in slowing down his engine so that the effect of the collision was comparatively light. Several of the passengers on the car were bruised and shaken up, but no one was seriously injured.

ANDREWS WAS EXPELLED.

Loyal Legion Offended by His Conduct as Public Official.

New York, Dec. 4.—William S. Andrews, formerly commissioner of street cleaning and a member of the Loyal Legion, was expelled from membership in the legion by a vote of 161 to 76, at a meeting of the organization held tonight at Delmonico's.

Mr. Andrews was present at the meeting, but did not defend himself in person. He left immediately after the vote was announced and declined to be interviewed upon the action of the legion in expelling him.

At the October meeting of the board of officers of the Loyal Legion Mr. Andrews was found guilty of five of the seven charges against him of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. The charges against the ex-commissioner were mostly outgrowths of the Lexow hearings and the two principal charges were the results of that investigation.

MORE GOLD FIELDS.

New Deposits Discovered in the Vicinity of Cripple Creek.

Denver, Col., Dec. 4.—Besides the Cripple Creek Mining stock excitement, Colorado has three reported new gold fields to interest the public. West Creek, northeast of Cripple Creek, is now a bustling camp, with a postoffice called Pemberton and a number of prospect holes.

In Gilpin county a tellurium belt is alleged to have been traced by miners from Boulder across to the forks of Clear Creek, below Blackhawk, where a number of prospectors are now staking out claims. Reports have come from that district before. Near Salida, specimens of float carrying free gold have been picked up and a local stampede to lay off claims has ensued.

Negotiations for mining property not only in Cripple Creek, but in other well-established camps appears to be unusually active just now. Mining experts are all busy examining properties for Eastern investors. The shipments from Cripple Creek average 700 tons a day.

Will Impeach Stambuloff's Ministry.

Sofia, Dec. 4.—The report of the Parliamentary commission that has been inquiring into the acts of the ministry of M. Stambuloff, the murdered ex-premier, has just been made public. The commission reported many abuses of power on the part of the ministry, including acts of violence, and especially condemned the furnishing of arms to supporters of the government. The report concluded with a recommendation that all the members of the Stambuloff cabinet be imprisoned.

Babes Found Dead in Bed.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 4.—The three-year-old twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Poque of No. 398 Scribner street, were found dead in bed this morning by the side of their mother, who was sleeping. The babies showed symptoms of having been poisoned, and an autopsy will be held. The mother appears to be in great distress over the death of the children, but gives no rational theory as to the cause of their death.

Found Frozen to Death.

Winston, N. C., Dec. 4.—Robert Watkins, a married man, twenty-seven years old, was found frozen to death in his wagon near Hay Meadow, Wilkes county, yesterday morning. He had been over the mountains with a load of produce. When found he was sitting in the wagon, his feet on the double trees and his head leaning against the side of the wagon.

Bar Iron Association Officers.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 4.—The National Bar Iron Association was organized here today, the following officers being elected: President, James G. Caldwell, Louisville; vice president, H. T. Wallace, Wilmington, Del.; treasurer, George M. Bard, Muncie, Ind.; secretary, J. S. Elverson, Catasauqua, Pa.

Winston Grocers Assign.

Winston, N. C., Dec. 4.—Scott & Hudson, one of Winston's leading grocery firms assigned today, naming W. M. Hendrer trustee. Assets aggregate several thousand dollars, liabilities not yet known. The firm hopes to reopen in a few days.

G. A. R. Reunion Program.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 4.—The next encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic as fixed by the administrative council today will be held September 1 to 4 next year. The naval parade will occur on the opening day; on September 2 the regular grand parade of veterans and societies, and on the last two days the regular sessions for business will take place.

"Crocker's."

The most perfectly equipped shoe "shop" is Crocker's famous establishment, 939 Pennsylvania avenue. Home of the Jenness-Miller shoe.

MAY GIVE THEM CONTROL

Old Senate Rule That Makes Republicans Hopeful.

DISCOVERED IN THE CAUCUS

After a Brief Conference Mr. Sherman Was Directed to Appoint a Committee to Fill the Vacancies—Policy Not Yet Outlined as Regards Reorganization.

The Republican Senatorial caucus was in session only a short time yesterday afternoon. It transacted but little business and adjourned.

It authorized the chairman, Mr. Sherman, to appoint a committee of nine Senators whose duty it shall be to fill the vacancies on the committees of the Senate. Heretofore it has been the custom for the caucus chairman to appoint this committee and his action was final.

Yesterday, however, the caucus decreed that the names of the committee selected by Mr. Sherman should be submitted to the caucus for its approval.

It has been decided to make no combination with either Democrats or Populists. If the party is able to organize the Senate it will organize it alone. It will stand alone in its patronage.

They have 42 votes; the Democrats have 39, and the Populists 6. It is rumored that two of the Populists will stand by the Republicans in the organization. If they do, and they were elected by Republican votes, the Republicans will have a majority of one. The credentials of Mr. Dupont were presented today and his seating would give another vote.

GOLDEN RULE TO THEM.

If the Democrats should enter an objection to the election of Republican chairmen for the Senate committees and the members of that party cannot get the necessary majority, it transpires that they can place a majority of their Senators on the committees anyhow.

Some one in the caucus called attention to rule 24 of the Senate. This rule has been in force since 1829, and its pertinence to the present situation was unnoticed until this afternoon. What the Republicans may easily do is apparent upon reading the text of this rule, which is as follows.

"In the appointment of the standing committees, the Senate, unless otherwise ordered, shall proceed by ballot to appoint severally the chairman of each committee, and then, by one ballot, the other members necessary to complete the same. A majority of the whole number of votes given shall be necessary to the choice of a chairman of a standing committee, but a plurality of votes shall elect the other members thereof. All other committees shall be appointed by ballot, unless otherwise ordered. A plurality of votes shall appoint."

Whatever of doubt may exist as to the power of the Republicans to command a majority, there can be no question of the fact that they have a plurality over the Democrats.

GLOOMY DEMOCRATIC OUTLOOK.

When the Democrats give up the patronage of the Senate they do so for at least ten years. Under the most favorable circumstances they cannot get a majority in the Senate inside that time.

It is understood that each party will nominate a set of officers and vote on them. On the Republican side Senator Frye has been agreed on as president pro tem.

Yesterday Charles R. McKenney of North St. Paul, Minn., was appointed enrolling clerk of the House for the Fifty-fourth Congress. He held the same position in the Fifty-first Congress.

The caucus of the Populist Senators does not appear to give the Republicans any concern. The Populists determined that they would not make any effort to reorganize along their own lines, but agreed to stand firmly together. Messrs. Jones and Stewart were present, but the binding force of their agreement is somewhat weakened by the modification to the effect that they should vote solidly until such time as it was apparent that the Republicans had determined upon a plan of reorganization, or the Democrats had decided to make a fight against giving up control of the Senate.

When that hour arrives it is believed that the Populists will divide according to their affiliation for the two parties, which means that two would go to the Democrats and four to the Republicans. To be successful in any effort to maintain control the Democrats would be compelled to command the whole Populist vote in the Senate.

NITRO GLYCERINE EXPLODES.

Torpedo Magazine Demolished and Two Men Blown to Atoms.

Butler, Pa., Dec. 4.—The magazine of the Humes' Torpedo Company, two miles south of Butler, was blown up this morning by the explosion of 1,000 pounds of nitro-glycerine. George Bester and Lewis Black, who were in the magazine, were blown to atoms, while only shreds and splinters remain of their horse and wagon.

Buildings in Butler were shaken and much glass was shattered. Black was twenty years of age. Bester was twenty-five years of age, and leaves a widow with one child. Nothing whatever remains of the magazine building.

Comanche's Maiden Trip.

New York, Dec. 4.—The new Clyde line steamer Comanche, Capt. Pennington, sailed this afternoon on her maiden trip for Charleston and Jacksonville. It is calculated that the speed of the Comanche will enable her to reduce the time from New York to Jacksonville (including a half day's stop at Charleston) by twenty-four hours. She left her pier about 4 p. m. and was reported passing out of Sandy Hook at 5:20 p. m. This is very quick time to the Hook.

Alleged Train Wreckers Arrested.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 4.—The police arrested four men in East Buffalo this morning who, they suspect, were members of the gang that wrecked the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western train at Preble, near Cortland, last Sunday night. The prisoners gave the name of Lawrence Sherman, Frank Frye, Anthony Lewatt and William Lee.

Died in a Peculiar Manner.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 4.—Jacob Kunkle, a prominent resident of Watts Station, met death in a very peculiar manner last evening. He was at the railroad station awaiting a train and while walking on the platform a lad with whom he had been joking pulled the skirt of his coat. Losing his balance Kunkle fell backwards on his head, dislocating his neck and dying in five minutes.

Fighting the Sugar Trust.

New York, Dec. 4.—Papers in a suit to restrain the American Sugar Refining Company from doing business in this State were served on John E. Searles, treasurer of the company today.

Chew Mint Julep Gum.

May Come Down in Spite of Him.

FORCED TO OBEY WILSON

Pittsburg's Postmaster Made to Quit Politics.

Compelled to Give Up the Chairmanship of City Democracy Under Penalty of Resignation.

Pittsburg, Dec. 4.—Postmaster John O'Donnell resigned the chairmanship of the Democratic city committee last night. It was learned today that the postmaster yesterday received the following concise and plainly worded letter from W. L. Wilson, Postmaster General:

"We are informed that you are chairman of the Democratic city committee of Pittsburg. You will either have to resign that office or the postmastership.'

SLEEPING CAR OVERTURNED.

Eight Persons Injured in a Railroad Wreck Near Jacksonville.

Jacksonvil Fla., Dec. 4.—The passenger train on the Savannah, Florida and Western Railway from Atlanta to this city was wrecked fifteen miles north of here at 7:05 tonight by the rails spreading.

The Pullman sleeper was turned completely over and the following passengers were injured:

H. G. Kneedler, Louisville, Ky., chest badly hurt and injured internally.

Mrs. H. G. Kneedler, right arm crushed at elbow.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Martin, Covington, Ky., bruised about head and body.

Six-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Martin, fingers crushed.

Mrs. Teat, mother of Mrs. J. B. Martin, head bruised.

R. M. Butt, back sprained and bruised about body.

J. M. Barnett, colored porter, temporal artery severed.

All of the injured were brought to this city. The road was blocked by the wreck for several hours.

EZETA BENT ON REVOLUTION.

One of His Supporters Loads a Tug With Arms.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—The tug Barclay Golden, which Manuel Cazm, one of the supporters of Gen. Ezeta, has chartered to go down to San Salvador, will probably sail tomorrow. There are no arms or ammunition on the tug and no state of war exists in the South at present, therefore the government has decided to give the boat her papers.

It is stated that the vessel will proceed in the direction of Acapulco and there meet a schooner loaded with arms and ammunition. The tug will not attempt to land at La Libertad or Acajutla, but will proceed to land her cargo at a certain point on the Central American coast.

There are arms and ammunition at one of the Central American ports that will be brought off in barges to the tug.

PEPPER LABORATORY OPENED.

A Valuable Adjunct to the University of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 4.—The formal acceptance and opening of the Pepper Laboratory of Clinical Medicine, attached to the hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, took place this afternoon.

A large assemblage met at the new building at 3 o'clock and was addressed by Dr. J. S. Billings, the director of the University Hospital, who presented the building to the university in the name of Dr. William Pepper, and by Prof. William H. Welch, of Johns Hopkins University.

The building was erected by Dr. William Pepper as a memorial to his father.

Southern Cotton Exposition in Chicago.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 4.—At a meeting of the presidents of the cotton mills in Augusta and other prominent citizens, including ex-Senator Patrick Walsh, ex-Congressman George T. Barnes, F. B. DeBerard of the New York Dry Goods Economist; D. B. Dyer, president of the Augusta Railway, and others, resolutions were adopted, looking to the holding of a Southern Cotton Exposition in Chicago, and committees were appointed to take the matters in charge. Advices have been received from Chicago, of substantial aid in the movement, and it is sure to result in a magnificent exposition of southern products.

Mississippi River Nearly Dry.

St. Louis, Dec. 4.—There is but a little over one foot of water in the Mississippi River. This is the lowest record in nearly twenty years. Navigation is entirely suspended, and will probably not be resumed before next spring. The river at Arlington, Iowa, is frozen solid, and farmers are hauling their produce on the ice.

Carlyle Centenary Meeting.

London, Dec. 4.—The Carlyle Centenary meeting took place at Chelsea today. The Carlyle house, in Cheyne Row, which was bought with money subscribed in England and America, was formally handed over to the trustees. The Hon. John Morley presided at the meeting and made a speech.

Steamer Sunk in Kentucky River.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 4.—The steamer Falls City, in the Louisville and Frankfort trade, struck a snag in the Kentucky river opposite Monterey, at 8 o'clock this morning, and sank in ten feet of water. The crew and passengers were rescued. The boat carried a large cargo.

German Cabinet Changes.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—The Tageblatt asserts that Dr. Von Lucanus, chief of the emperor's civil cabinet, will succeed Herr Von Koeller as Prussian minister of the interior and that Herr Wilmowski, one of the chief officials of the chancellor's office, will succeed Dr. Von Lucanus.

"Diamond Sam" Casney Convicted.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 4.—"Diamond Sam" Casney, whose record as an expert thief is international, was today convicted of stealing $3,000 worth of diamonds from Miss Florence McClelland, of this city, last February, and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Oklahoma Wants to Be Admitted.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 4.—A large and enthusiastic statehood convention was held at Shawnee today and a memorial adopted asking Congress to admit Oklahoma as a State at once.

The Venezuelan Boundary Dispute.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that Lord Salisbury's reply to Secretary of State Olney's note in regard to the British Venezuelan dispute has been forwarded to Washington by mail, and should be here tomorrow. It is awaited with a good deal of interest. That is one thing about the Misfit Clothing Parlors at 407 Seventh street, there is no dispute about the quality of the clothing they offer you. They have an agent in constant communication with all the leading tailors in the country, and when any goods are left on their hands he inspects them, and if satisfactory, makes them an offer. By that means they are enabled to sell excellent custom-made clothing at less than the cost of the cloth.

Vote on the Bond Bill. See announcement on fourth page.

BANKER'S WIFE ELOPES

Mrs. Higginson, a Boston Society Leader, Has Disappeared.

YOUNG LAWYER GONE ALSO

Said She Was Going to Visit the Horse Show—Her Companion a Man Fourteen Years Her Junior—They Are Thought to Have Taken Passage for Italy—Society Tongues Wagging.

Boston, Dec. 4.—Frances L. Higginson, wife of the famous banker, and a social favorite, has forsaken her home and family, leaving no word behind her. She had been gone over two weeks. There is also missing from the same social set Mr. James Wheatland Smith, a young lawyer.

Mrs. Higginson is within a few months of forty years of age, and the mother of four children. Her husband is about ten years her senior.

Smith is only twenty-six years of age. The two have been friends in society for some months past, and the young man's devotion to the matron has caused considerable comment.

TOOK IN THE HORSE SHOW.

Mrs. Higginson left here for New York, saying that she intended taking in the horse show, and that she would be back in two or three days.

Smith went to New York two weeks ago. He said he was going to meet his mother, who resides at the Hotel Savoy, in New York, and that he would be back on Thanksgiving Day. That is the last definite information concerning him.

It is said that he met Mrs. Higginson in New York and attended the horse show with her, and that both of them stopped at the Waldorf at least a part of the time. It is believed that Mrs. Higginson and young Smith took passage on the steamship Columbia for Genoa, November 23.

SOCIETY [illegible]

Society is much wrought up over the dual disappearance and the families of the principals are heart-broken.

It is understood that the steamer Columbia will be met at Genoa by agents of the Higginsons to determine whether or not the belief is well founded. It is not thought likely that an arrest will be made if the couple should be found, but the Higginsons will not say what they propose to do.

Young Smith, it is said, had very little money when he left home. Mrs. Higginson did not have any great amount of cash with her, but she did have some valuable jewelry. None of her friends can account for her conduct, except on the ground that she has become mentally unbalanced.

GEORGIA'S BIGGEST LAND DEAL.

Eight Thousand Acres Bought by One Farmer.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 4.—The Chronicle has received a special from Thomson, Ga., telling of the largest land deal ever consummated in this section of Georgia. The tract of land consists of some 8,000 acres lying in Columbia and McDuffie counties and situated about twenty-three miles from the city of Augusta.

It was sold for division among the heirs of the late Dr. James S. Hamilton and was bought by Mr. John E. Smith, a prosperous farmer of that neighborhood, who paid in cash $33,000 for the tract. This deal simply goes to show that there are farmers in the South who have cash money on hand and who have a faith in the South's present and future.

Mr. Smith will run the farm next year himself, placing on it some 200 plows in addition to those already on the plantation. Less than one-half of the tract is under cultivation at present.

HIS LOVE WAS UNREQUITED.

Attempted Suicide With Rat Poison of a Fourteen-Year-Old Boy.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Eddie Bushman, aged fourteen, lies at the County Hospital, critically ill, as the result of attempting to take his own life today. Eddie worked for the American Artisan, No. 9 McCormick block.

This morning he went down to the engine room and asked the engineer if he had any rat poison. The engineer said he had not, but Eddie must have had better success elsewhere, for a few hours later he was found in an unconscious condition.

He was said to have been in love with the proprietor's daughter.

FATAL WRECK OF COAL TRAINS.

Engineer, Conductor and Brakeman Crushed Under the Cars.

Bluefield, W. Va., Dec. 4.—By a wreck of coal trains on the Norfolk and Western railroad at Lick Branch this evening three men were killed. A double train with pushers was going up a steep grade when the first section broke in two.

The pushers were forced back and collided with the engine of the second section. J. W. Forlines, engineer; W. A. Straley, conductor, and Brakeman G. H. Heilig were buried in the wreck and killed. All resided in Bluefield.

Virginia Muster Rolls to Be Copied.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 4.—In the house of delegates today Mr. Bland, of Portsmouth, introduced a resolution authorizing the governor to appoint one or more commissioners, who shall copy the muster rolls of the Virginia commands in the Confederate army, on file in the War Department in Washington, such copies to be filed with the secretary of the commonwealth and have the weight and effect of official papers, and $500 is appropriated for the purpose.

Mechanical Engineers Convene.

New York, Dec. 4.—The Association of Mechanical Engineers is in session here. A number of important and interesting papers were read to-night. Delegate Henry Adams of Washington is in attendance.

Fatal Free Fights.

Central City, W. Va., Dec. 4.—At Williamson last night in a free fight Rush Ferguson, a deputy sheriff of Pike county, Kentucky, was struck with a chair and his skull fractured. His injuries are fatal.

Crushed Out His Life.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 4.—William J. Evans, aged fourteen years, of Fullerton, while picking waste from the carding machine at the thread mill at noon today, was caught between the backlers and instantly killed. His head and chest were horribly crushed.

Spahn Elected Vice President.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—Herr Spahn, who sits as a representative of Cologne in the clerical interests, was elected second vice president by a vote of 170. The total number of ballots cast was 370, of which ninety were blank.

New Woman's Bible Denounced.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 4.—At its quarterly meeting today, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union adopted resolutions denouncing the "New Woman's Bible"

Chew Mint Julep Gum.

50 CTS. A MONTH

CORBETT HAS BACKED DOWN

Refuses to Meet Fitzsimmons Under Any Circumstances.

Dan Stuart Guarantees a Big Purse and Immunity From Arrest, But to No Avail.

New York, Dec. 4.—Corbett, retired champion, will not agree to meet Fitzsimmons for the $20,000 purse offered by "Dan." Stuart of Texas. The ultimatum was handed to Stuart this afternoon by William A. Brady. Corbett did not meet Stuart.

Stuart submitted articles of agreement to Brady, and made a direct proposal to the manager that Corbett meet "Fitz" for a guaranteed purse of $20,000. "We have retired," was Brady's reply.

Stuart was disgusted, but he has not given up all hope of forcing Corbett into a match with Fitzsimmons. He will now match Maher against Fitzsimmons, and hopes to make Corbett agree to meet the winner.

"Suppose," said Stuart to Brady, "that Fitzsimmons whips Maher; what will you do then?"

"Challenge him in a minute," was the reply.

Stuart will therefore have a meeting with J. J. Quinn, Maher's manager, tomorrow morning and offer a purse for the Irish champion and Fitzsimmons. The fight will take place near El Paso, Texas, about the first of February, during the Mardi Gras festival.

PASSING OF THE RED MAN.

Woman's Indian Association Deplores the Extinction of Aborigines.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—The wrongs perpetrated against the aboriginal inhabitants of this country were portrayed today at the annual meeting of the Woman's National Indian Association, which opened this morning for a two days' conference in the Grace Baptist Church.

The address of welcome was made by Mrs. William Bucknell, of Philadelphia. The Indian, she asserted, has been pushed farther and farther west, his lands and plains taken from him. He has been starved and oppressed, but he does not die fast enough for the white men who are coveting the meager possessions which are now his only holdings.

"Fire water" is accomplishing the desired end, and the Indians are dying from the effects of drunkenness, while to their children they communicate the deadly taint, in the seeds of consumption, which carries them off by hundreds.

The address closed with an appeal to the womanhood represented in the organization to save the Indians and to pledge themselves to earnest, untiring, zealous work for these original owners of the virgin soil.

The response was made by Mrs. Myra F. Frye, of Maine.

STILL WORKING FOR IT.

Chicago Has Raised $34,000 for the Republican Convention.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—A meeting of those interested in having the Republican national convention come to Chicago was held this afternoon at the Union League Club. Of the soliciting committees only one-third reported. They had been pledged, they said, the sum of $34,000. The two-thirds were not ready to report. One hundred thousand dollars is the sum thought requisite by Chicagoans to secure the convention. There will be another meeting Friday and the remainder of the committees are expected to report then. It is also expected to hear from some of the national committeemen.

Indian Shoots His Mistress.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 4.—In Robeson county today Angus Archie Brayboy shot and killed Mary Strong, his mistress. Both are Croatan Indians. He suspected her of being unfaithful and persuaded her to accompany him a short distance from the house late in the afternoon and shot her in the temple. He told some of his friends what he had done and immediately left for South Carolina. He was pursued and shot but escaped. At last accounts he had not been captured.

Beaten by Masked Men.

Nashville, Mich., Dec. 4.—Masked robbers broke into the dwelling of Daniel Jackson, an old farmer, living alone in Maple Grove township, last night. The robbers beat Jackson until he was rendered insensible. Then they bound and gagged him and made off with a wallet containing $600. Jackson was found by some stock buyers this morning, who had gone to the house to purchase some cattle from Jackson. The old man was roughly handled and is in bad shape.

Succeeded in Killing Himself.

Greenwood, S. C., Dec. 4.—Mr. George Harrison, who lives near here, committed suicide at his home about 7 o'clock this morning by shooting himself in the head. This is the third attempt he has made to take his life, one by strychnine, one by an opiate, and this time with a pistol. No cause can be assigned for his act.

Railroad Agent Held Up.

Pawnee City, Nebr., Dec. 4.—At 4 o'clock this morning Will Newlins, Burlington Railroad agent, was startled by a masked man breaking a pane of glass of the station office and pointing a revolver at him, commanding him to hold up his hands. An accomplice went through the safe and money drawer, securing $500.

Virginia Masons Elect Officers.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 4.—The Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia tonight elected J. P. Fitzgerald, grand master; A. R. Courtney, deputy grand master; R. T. W. Luke, grand senior warden; George W. Wright, grand junior warden, and Frederick W. Pleasants, grand treasurer.

Asphyxiated in a Lime Kiln.

Allentown, Pa., Sept. 4.—An unknown man, believed to be a rolling mill puddler, laid down to sleep at a lime kiln here last night, and was asphyxiated by gas. He rolled into the kiln. Both feet were burned off.

Creedon and Smith Matched.

London, Dec. 4.—Jem Smith and Dan Creedon have been matched to fight twenty rounds at the National Sporting Club for a purse of £400 on January 27.

George Augustus Sala's Condition.

London, Dec. 4.—The Chronicle tomorrow will say that the condition of George Augustus Sala is worse and that he is much weaker.

Auction Sales To-day.

Ratcliffe, Sutton & Company, No. 920 Pennsylvania avenue northwest—New Hampshire avenue and M street northwest, two-story and base brick dwelling, lot 8, square 71. Sale Monday, December 2, 3 p. m. Postponed until today at 4:30 p. m.

C. G. Sloan & Company, No. 1407 G street northwest—Columbia street northwest, No. 1525, two-story brick dwelling, and two-story brick dwelling in rear of No. 1522 Ninth street northwest, lots 154 and 165, square 365, by order of C. B. Maury and F. T. Rawlings, trustees. Sale today at 4 p. m.

C. G. Sloan & Company, No. 1407 G street northwest—T street northwest, No. 623, two-story brick dwelling, lot 72, square 441, by order of Same. Sale today at 4:30 p. m.

Duncanson Brothers, Ninth and D streets northwest—L, M, North Capitol and First streets northeast, building sites, all square 673 (except original lots 18 and 19); by order of M. M. Parker and Jno. C. Heald, trustees. Sale Wednesday, November 20, 4:30 p. m. Postponed until Monday, December 2, 4 p. m. Postponed until today at 3:30 p. m.

Duncanson Brothers, Ninth and D streets northwest—Seventh street northeast, No. 1126, two-story brick dwelling, lot 221, square 855; by order of J. L. Johnson and C. F. Benjamin, trustees. Sale today at 4:45 p. m.

Duncanson Brothers, Ninth and D streets northwest—R street northwest, No. 909, three-story brick dwelling, lot 5, square 363; by order of J. L. Johnson and C. F. Benjamin, trustees. Sale today at 4:15 p. m.

Thomas Dowling & Company, No. 612 E street northwest—Oregon avenue northwest, No. 1811, two-story frame dwelling, lot 61, square 132; by order of B. F. Leighton and Fountain Peyton, trustees. Sale today at 4:30 p. m.

IS ACETYLENE A FRAUD?

Its Economic and Practical Value Denied by Investigators.

QUERIES FOR THE COMPANY

Scientific Analysis of the Claims Put Forth by the Acetylene People—Is It Available for the Wealthy Alone? Some Things Prospective Stockholders Should Know.

The promoters of the acetylene gas interests in this city are just now puzzling a great many people, who have been reading the professions of the company as published in all the local newspapers.

The discovery has been paraded as one which will be a great boon to the poor, considering the statements of the cost of production and the captivating comparisons made between it and the Washington Gaslight monopoly in favor of the former.

"But what will acetylene gas cost us?" is the question which has been addressed in more than a half dozen instances to The Times.

Another question is: "Can there be any truth in the statement that the stock of the acetylene people is being bought up by the Washington Gaslight Company?"

This question appears to be well founded, considering the great interest evinced in acetylene stock by coal gas companies of New York, which are said to be getting the new gas to mix with their own product, thus making a better light. The fact of the better light will presumably be used as an argument why the price of the compound acetylene and coal and water gas shall not be reduced.

Complaint is also made to The Times that communications addressed to other local papers, asking for light on the subject of the new illuminant, have been peremptorily declined. This, perhaps, has been the motive in chief for asking a statement of the apparent facts so far as known by The Times, the original communications having been naturally first addressed to the papers supposed to be not remotely connected with the new monopolistic manipulations.

WHAT THE COMPOUND IS.

Acetylene gas is evolved out of calcic carbide and may be stored either in a liquid or gaseous form.

There has been a good deal published about what the discovery will do for the country but, as stated, nothing has so far been developed in which the people at large could possibly have any interest. One of the writers of a communication to The Times puts the situation this way:

"Presumably in common with many of your subscribers, I have read with much interest the various articles which have appeared from time to time in the Star concerning the new illuminant, acetylene, have been present at one of the exhibitions, wherein some of its manifest advantages have been made public, and have tried, in a general way, to get all the information I could regarding this subject.

"As a result, I have ascertained that there are some things which anyone can easily get hold of, while others, quite as important, are not so readily discovered. For instance, one can ascertain for the mere asking where stock may be procured, how much the shares are worth, how the gas is made and of what it is composed, how many times brighter it is than ordinary gas, all about the numerous advantages which would result from its use, such as the doing away with the annoyance and expense of the tearing up of streets in the laying of mains, doing away with meters, and consequently keeping one's gas bills entirely within one's control, less noxious vapors, less heat, etc., all of which are grand good things in themselves, and readily appreciated by gas consumers everywhere. But when one gets right down to business and tries to come at the actual cost of this gas to the consumer, as compared to ordinary gas or any other light, things get hazy, as it were, and there is an indistinct impression created that the figures are being juggled with."

ACETYLENE MATHEMATICS.

It may be of substantial interest and value, however, to call to the attention of the public two or three of the facts from which this writer has drawn his conclusions.

The statement was made by agents of the company to him that one ton of the calcic carbide costs about $20 and that from this ton can be evolved 10,000 cubic feet of acetylene gas; that is to say at first cost the price of the new gas should be $2 per thousand, which is exactly 50 cents per thousand higher than the gas which it is claimed it can supplant. If it cannot supplant it by being cheaper the poor people at least of Washington do not want it.

This $20 cost for the raw material, which by the way is produced by a chemical process, does not include the cost of the plant, transportation rates, etc., which must necessarily be paid by the consumers.

Another curious statement of the acetylene mathematicians is that they can light a house of from ten to thirteen rooms for three months from a cylinder measuring about six inches in diameter and from four and a half to five feet high. This cylinder is to be filled with liquid, which under certain pressure can be remade into acetylene gas.

FIGURES BROUGHT TO BEAR.

According to the calculations of the company a pint of the substance in the liquid form will produce 366 pints of gas, or to make the calculation easy, 400 pints. It is evident, therefore, that the liquid contents of any cylinder when turned into gas will make 400 times the volume of the original liquid.

The cylinder above described being six inches in diameter and four and a half feet high will hold only 1,523 1-2 cubic inches. This is considerably less than a cubic foot, which is 1,728 cubic inches. Supposing, however, for the sake of the example that it did contain a cubic foot of the liquid, and, as it is claimed, that the liquid will produce four hundred times itself in gas, then the utmost limit of the cylinder will be four hundred cubic feet of gas. This is the cylinder, and this is the amount of gas the company says will illuminate a house of from ten to thirteen rooms for three months.

Now the economic basis of calculation is a one foot burner for each room in the house. If one-half of the rooms (6) were lighted with one burner, each for five hours during one night, which is a common limit, the consumption for the six rooms would be thirty cubic feet. This multiplied by thirty nights for a month would give consumption of nine hundred cubic feet, which is five hundred feet more than the total capacity of the cylinder. Only half of the house demand would therefore exceed the capacity of the cylinder by five hundred cubic feet for one month, and yet the claim is made that the cylinder would supply thirteen rooms for three months.

THE REAL COST.

One of the complainants says: "I was told at the office that the cost of the gas per pint (or pound) was 20 cents. I found that one pint, as they say, will expand 400 times, or to go back to their figure, 366 times. A pint is one-eighth of a gallon containing 231 cubic inches. One-eighth of 231 equals, say 29 cubic inches, and 29 times 366 equals 10,614. A cub's

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Dyrenforth's Success.

The wonderful success of the factory sale of clothing at Dyrenforth's is the talk of the town.