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KINCAID'S FATAL SHOT.

Witnesses Tell About the Killing of Taulbee.

THE PROSECUTION'S SIDE.

A Friend of the Ex-Congressman Describes the Scene in the Capitol. How Kincaid Behaved with the Revolver in His Hand.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The taking of the testimony in the Kincaid case was begun in the criminal court to-day. The first material witness called by the prosecution was Samuel Donelson, of Tennessee, who was formerly Doorpeeper of the House of Representatives, and who was with Taulbee at the time of the shooting. He testified that Taulbee and he were standing on the steps leading to the House restaurant, he holding Taulbee by the left arm. He said to Taulbee that he wished to see him, and Taulbee had just asked him: "Sam, what do you want to see me for?" when this witness's attention was called to a loud noise and the remark: "Taulbee, you can see me now." As witness turned Kincaid fired. Kincaid was about five feet from Taulbee when he fired. Witness saw the flash and pistol pointing in the direction of Taulbee. Witness called to Kincaid: "For God's sake don't shoot any more."

On cross examination the defence attempted to break down the strength of the witness's testimony by striving to show that he was a lobbyist before Congress. The defence questioned the witness as to his reason for wishing to see Taulbee on the day of the shooting and elicited the statement that his purpose in asking Taulbee to meet him was for the purpose of asking him to go away to avoid what he presumed to be an imminent difficulty between him and Kincaid—witness having heard that there had been some trouble in the morning.

Clarence P. Lovell, of Boston, Mass., was then called, and testified that he was descending the stairway when the shooting occurred. He thought there was one other person present. He was near the person who fired the shot when he gave himself up to the police officer. The officer asked, "Who shot the man?" The man who had fired the shot replied: "I shot him; he insulted me this morning." Witness did not hear Kincaid say that Taulbee had insulted and assaulted him, and that he had shot Taulbee in self-defense.

A Mother Stands By Her Son.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The trial of Alphonse J. Steppenia for the murder of Clinton G. Reynolds, whom he shot down in his office, began to-day. The trial promises to be an interesting one and it is announced that the prisoner's mother will spend $40,000 to defend her son.

THE COLORED POPULATION.

The Ratio of Increase Among the Negroes Less than Among Whites.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Superintendent Porter, of the Census Bureau, has in preparation an important bulletin giving the population of the South Atlantic and South Central States, Missouri and Kansas by races. The total population embraced in this count is given as 23,875,259, of which 16,868,205 were white, 6,996,166 colored, and 10,888 Chinese, Japanese and Indians.

In the States included were found, in 1890, fifteen-sixteenths of the entire colored population of the United States. The abnormal increase of the colored population in what is known as the Black Belt, during the decade ending in 1890, led to the popular belief that negroes were increasing at a much larger rate than the white people.

The facts as ascertained sustain the theory that the high rate of increase in the growth of the colored population as shown in 1880 was apparent, not real, and it was due to the imperfect enumeration in the Southern States in 1870. During the past decade the colored race has not held its own against the whites. In but three decades, that is from 1800 to 1830, during a part of which time the slave trade was in progress, has the colored race increased more rapidly than the white. Since 1830 the whites have steadily increased at a more rapid rate than the colored people.

SOUTHERN COLORED VOTERS

Say the President Has Done His Best, but Some Senators Haven't.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—The Inter-State Civil and Political Rights Association of the United States, an organization of colored men, has issued an address to the negro voters of the North, in which they say that the President has done all he could to influence such action in Congress as would result in the holding of fair elections in the South, but that some few Senators "have seen fit to vote in such a way as to re-rivet the political chains upon our brethren in the South and negative the influence of the negro voters in the North." Important elections are to be held this autumn in Northern States where the negro vote is the balance of power, and each negro in the North is urged to vote for a friend of his race.

West Virginia Pensions.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—West Virginia pensions: Original—William N. Bailey, Elias W. Dearing, Gabriel M. Chickerter, George W. Fullerton, Martin Champ, Thomas J. Weeks, Joseph Ettison, Joseph Crites, Richard F. Chambers, Henry T. Blake, Corryden McCallister. Additional—John R. Riffee, Jonathan Bonnell, Payton H. McComas, Barton Dummond, John T. Stasel. Increase—William H. Williams, Morris Americs, Alex. Fry, William G. Hamrick, Edward S. Haddox, James Williams, William Kleinserger, David Adkins, Relsene—James Boner, William A. Noland.

West Virginia Postmasters Appointed.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Postmasters appointed to-day were S. J. Moore, vice J. M. Franklin, resigned, Endicott, Wetzel county; J. A. Miller, vice M. L. Shaffer, resigned, Tunnellton, Preston county.

Mahone and Langston Make Up.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—General Mahone and Hon. John M. Langston have, it is stated, settled their differences, and will work hereafter in harmony for the promotion of the interests of the Republican party in Virginia.

The McLure Coke Company's Offer.

SCOTTDALE, PA., March 25.—A sensation was created in labor circles to-night by the McLure Coke Co. posting notices at their plants that they desire their men to start to work in the morning at a seven per cent. reduction with the assurance that mining will not fall lower than $1.00 per hundred. They offer a sliding scale and state that if coke increases to $2.15 they will pay their men the old rates. This Company employes 3,000 men.

MORE RAILROAD SMASHING.

Death and a Destructive Fire Result from a Collision.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., March 25.—A serious wreck occurred on the Northwestern near Racine Junction last night, by which one man was killed, two dangerously hurt and three others more or less injured. A mail car, baggage car and five freight cars were destroyed by fire. The pecuniary loss is estimated at $50,000.

The collision occurred at midnight between a north-bound C. & N. W. passenger train and and a south-bound freight train on the same line. The latter train consisted of sixty-four cars, and was under such headway that it could not be checked suddenly to allow a side tracking. Both trains came together on the main track at the depot, with the above result.

Following is a list of the victims:

Willis Andrews, of Fond du Lac, fireman on freight train, killed.

Martin Rae, of Milwaukee, freight engineer, probably fatally injured.

Dennis E. Burke, of Milwaukee, passenger engineer, dangerously injured.

I. T. Da Silva, of Chicago, express messenger, badly bruised.

John Grobben, of Milwaukee, passenger fireman, badly scalded.

J. Bower, of Evanston, Ills., assistant express messenger, burned and cut.

John Grobben, fireman of the passenger train, who was terribly scalded, was brought to this city this morning, and died in a few hours afterwards at the home of his parents. The chances for the recovery of Engineer Burke, of the passenger train, are very slim.

In the safe of the American Express Company was $10,000 in currency for northern banks from Chicago. So intensely hot did the fire become that when the safe was opened half the currency was found burned to ashes, and the other half partially burned. The express company will lose about $5,000 of the money. Several thousand dollars worth of jewelry was melted and ran into one lump. The United States Express Company also lost a large amount of money.

Wreck Below Marietta.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBUR, W. VA., March 25.—The Baltimore & Ohio South Western freight train that leaves here for Marietta at 9:45 p. m., was wrecked last night at Consultution, half way between this city and Marietta. The axle of a tank car gave away and derailed eight or nine loaded cars. Several lumber cars were overturned and the lumber was piled around promiscuously and the track for quite a distance was torn up.

The Burlington Flyer Wrecked.

OMAHA, NEB., March 25.—The flyer on the Burlington was wrecked this morning near Sutton. As far as can be learned only one man was killed, Engineer Roberts, of Plattsmouth, and one fireman injured.

AN ATLANTIC WRECK.

Nineteen Men Out of Twenty-six Lost—The Steamer Dashed to Pieces.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The British steamer Straithairly, bound from Santiago de Cuba to Baltimore, went ashore yesterday one mile south of Chicamicomico. Out of her crew of twenty-six, nineteen were lost, including all the officers except the second mate. The steamer will be a total loss.

The Utopia's Dead.

GIBRALTAR, March 25.—A diver reports that the damage to the Utopia is slighter than was at first supposed. The Anson's ram ripped the steamer's plates from amidships aft for about twenty feet. The Utopia lies on the Anson's anchor. Twenty-five more bodies recovered to-day were buried at sea. The diver says he believes that there are still many bodies in the wreck. The captain of the Utopia has been found guilty of grave errors of judgment. He was discharged from custody.

CARNEGIE AND THE B & O.

Vice President Smith Knows Nothing of the Scheme—President Mayer is Solid.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 25.—Mr. Charles F. Mayer, President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, is not in town. The article which the Pittsburgh *Dispatch* published this morning about the road and Mr. Carnegie was shown General Orland Smith, the Vice President of the company. He says: "I have heard nothing whatever of any of the matters referred to in the *Dispatch*, and I think if any of them had been discussed in the Central building I should have heard it. In reference to that part of the article which states that Andrew Carnegie is to be president of the Baltimore & Ohio, the facts are that President Mayer holds the voting power of the majority of the stock. I have heard nothing to indicate that he has the least intention of resigning the presidency or surrendering his voting power."

MORE ABOUT THE DEAL.

The Dispatch Seems to be the Only Pittsburgh Paper That Knows About It.

PITTSBURGH, PA., March 26.—The *Dispatch* this morning will attempt to support its story of a Baltimore & Ohio connection with the Pittsburgh & Western road, while the other papers as vigorously denounce it.

The *Dispatch* will publish an interview with Colonel Andrews, prominently connected with the new North River bridge and Panama Canal ventures, in which that gentleman states the connection mentioned has been talked of for years, that the junction connection is made outside the city and is therefore useless for passenger traffic, and besides it can scarcely handle the freight trade now.

Other papers will print interviews with Superintendent Patton and a general denial from all sides, so that for the moment the burden of proof rests with the *Dispatch*, which that paper seems either unable or unwilling to substantiate.

A STUDENTS' REBELLION.

The Frolicsome Fellows will Have Plenty of Time for Sober Second Thought.

DETROIT, MICH., March 25.—The whip of discipline is being cracked over the heads of the students of the Michigan Military Academy at Orchard Lake. The boys at the institution are mostly of the very best families of the State. Of late there has been a distinct mutinous tendency among many of these young men and the rules of the college have been rather recklessly ignored. This tendency culminated on Washington's birthday, when all the students refused to attend studies.

The authorities were slow in taking action on the matter. At last the mills have finally ground out the sentence. L. H. Hollowell, Senior Captain of Company A, is expelled; all commissioned officers are placed on probation, reduced to the ranks and ordered to keep their quarters for the remainder of the year. The crack company is abolished and the Easter holidays are dispensed with. The sentence is particularly hard on young Hollowell, who had only three months more to study in order to graduate.

FASTED FORTY DAYS.

A Pittsburgh Faith Artist's Wonderful Feat.

SHE DOESN'T NEGLECT DUTY,

But Keeps Up her Music Classes, Does her Share of the House Work and is as Useful as When She is Well Fed.

PITTSBURGH, PA., March 25.—Eva Brannock, a faith curist, and incidentally a teacher of music in the Bethany Home, has just finished a successful forty days' fast.

This lady, who is a religious enthusiast, was struck by the fact that whenever and wherever she opened the Bible, there was found a command to fast. This coincidence proved too much for either her superstition or religion, and she began a forty days' fast, which differed from all others in that she attended to her regular duties as a teacher and keeper of a certain number of rooms in the Home.

Her fast ended to-day and yesterday, the thirty-ninth day, Miss Brannock gaily walked to market and purchased a feast which she as joyfully consumed and which did not harm her in the least. There is no doubt as to the lady's having lived forty days on nothing but water, as the story is substantiated by such prominent people as Mrs. Francis Swift, of the national W. C. T. U., Rev. and Mrs. Morrow and other people who have had an opportunity of seeing for themselves.

In opposition to this is the case of Elmer Collins, who fasted thirty days in a theatre here. He is no believer in the faith cure, and is now in a dangerous condition from over eating.

THE MAFIA AFFAIR.

Report to the Mayor—Mr. Parkinson is Modest and Indignant.

NEW ORLEANS, March 25.—In obedience to orders issued by Mayor Shakespeare to investigate the flag incident upon the acquittal of the Italians, the following report has been made by the officers of the Third and Harbor precincts:

About 4 o'clock Friday evening, the 13th, a crowd of Italians numbering forty to fifty men congregated on the levee head of Ursuline street. Three of them, named Guiseppi Lepric, A. Bancetta and Romana Barchielone, the latter a brother-in-law of James Caruse, indicted as one of the assassins of Chief Hennessey entered a shanty at that place which is owned by Italian stevedores, and used by them as a warehouse for baskets, flags, etc., for fruitships and luggers, and took therefrom a number of flags, among them an American flag. Peter Corales, the keeper of the shanty, made an effort to prevent the men from taking the flag. On a flagstaff attached to this shanty Lepric, Lancetta and Barchielone hoisted the flags, the Italian at top and the American turned upside down below it. The affair created considerable excitement and a crowd soon gathered. The names and addresses of a large number of witnesses are appended to the report.

Mr. W. S. Parkerson, of the citizens' committee, states that the letter which appeared in the New York *World* of March 19, purporting to have been signed by him, is a forgery. He says he has never written any such sentiments. "I cant imagine," said Mr. Parkerson, "who could have taken such a liberty with my name. It is in keeping with the report that I am to sign a syndicate letter on the New Orleans affair. Such is far from my purpose. I don't intend to say anything on the subject unless compelled to do so. I am not seeking notoriety and certainly would not be guilty of the bluster and brag contained in the forgery printed in the *World*."

A CROOKED JOB.

It Seems the Electric Light Company's Books were Doctored to Show that a Light was Dim.

NEW ORLEANS, March 25.—The *Picayune* this morning prints an interesting story in support of a charge that the records of the Louisiana Electric Light Company were doctored in order to make it appear that the light at the corner of Basin and Gired streets was burning dimly at the time Hennessey was slain.

Martin Cash was an employe of the company and was recently discharged. He was among the witnesses summoned before the Grand Jury. Cash said he got home after 11 o'clock the night Hennessey was killed, and when he passed the corner of Gired and Basin the light there was burning brightly.

In looking over his reports next day he found that from 9:20 to 11 the light had been burning dimly, but that subsequent to 11 o'clock it was bright. O'Malley came to him in November and sought information touching the number of the Gired street circuit, the inspector who attended it and other particulars.

About the beginning of March Gash observed that the October circuit book had been tampered with, the wire seal being broken. He went to court, and intended, if placed on the stand, to say the original report had been falsified, and to call for the press to prove his assertion. He was never called.

CENTRAL AMERICAN TIMBER.

A Company Formed to Work It Up Extensively into Furniture.

CHICAGO, March 25.—The Honduras Lumber Company, composed of American capitalists, has been formed here with a paid up capital of $2,500 000. The company, of which C. Sherman Wynn is President, possesses stumpage of 2,080,000 acres of land on the Atlantic coast about 100 miles east of Truxmo, in Honduras, and has the privilege of working it twenty-five years free of taxation. The wood on the property is valued at $7,773,000, and consists of rosewood, ebony, sandal wood, mahogany, pine, etc., etc.

Mills will be erected in a short time which will turn out 1,000,000 feet of lumber every day, and in connection with the mills furniture will be manufactured. Everything manufactured or milled will be sent to the Latin American States as far south as Buenos Ayres and also to a great extent to the United States and Europe.

Prominent Educator Dead.

LANCASTER, PA., March 25.—Dr. James T. Wickersham, ex-State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Minister to Denmark under President Arthur, died here early this morning from heart failure, induced by grip, aged sixty-six years. He was one of the originators and President of the National and State Educational associations, and one of the most prominent educators in the country.

Mrs. Pattison Dead.

COLUMBUS, O., March 25.—The wife of Congressman-elect Pattison, of the Eleventh Ohio district, died to-day.

BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS.

A Drummer for a Wheeling House Becomes Despondent and Takes His Life.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

GRAFTON, W. VA., March 25.—Nine's store, a few miles from Terra Alta, W. Va., was the scene of a sensational suicide this morning. H. L. Troxell, a Wheeling drummer traveling for Michael Reilly, shot himself in the presence of a number of people in the store room. Truxell lived at Pawpaw, in Morgan county, and was on his first trip as a salesman for Reilly. He had visited several points with poor success and had become very despondent. This morning he entered Nine's store and after a few words of greeting to those present pulled a revolver from his pocket and, placing the muzzle at his head, blew his brains out.

An INTELLIGENCER reporter called on Mr. James Reilly at his residence on Fifteenth street. Mr. Reilly stated that H. L. Troxell had formerly clerked with J. Neill Oliver, of Davis, W. Va., and had come to M. Reilly's establishment with good recommendations. He was twenty-five years old and seemed to be a bright, energetic young man. Mr. Troxell left on this trip, his first and last, on Tuesday, March 17. Mr. Reilly received a letter last Monday, in which he stated that he had been seized with a chill and was unable to go to Evansville, for which town he had been booked. As a chill is usually followed by fever, it is possible that he committed suicide while in temporary delirium. There was no reason for despondency on the part of the young man, as he had been told on leaving that the trip was for the purpose of enabling him to get acquainted with the trade. He succeeded as well as could be expected and no complaint had been made by the firm. Mr. John Devlin, an employe of M. Reilly, was sent to take charge of the body.

A GLOVE BATTLE AT HUNTINGTON

Held to be a Prize Fight and Everybody Indicted Accordingly.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., March 25.—Huntington is more or less agitated over a peculiar proceeding in the Circuit Court this week. Last Saturday evening a sparring exhibition was given at the gymnasium. It was duly licensed, there was no prize offered, and six-ounce gloves were used. When the grand jury was impaneled this week Judge Harvey especially called its attention to this exhibition and read the law against prize fighting. The jury heard a cloud of witnesses, and last evening returned nine true bills for engaging in or aiding and abetting a prize fight, the principals, seconds, referees and others interested being on the little list. This seems to put a new phase on the law, and will be of interest to the sporting classes everywhere.

PARKERSBURG ELKS.

A Lodge to be Constituted With a Strong List of Names.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., March 25.—The formal application to the District Commander at Wheeling for a charter for a lodge of the B. P. O. E. for the city of Parkersburg was sent this afternoon. The application was signed by forty names. It is the intention now to have the lodge instituted about the 10th of next month, on which occasion a delegation from the Wheeling lodge will visit this city to conduct the instituting exercises.

The charter members whose names are on the application are: Mayor G. B. Gibbens, James L. Simpson, George Campbell, E. E. Akers, Rolla Camden, Wilbur Jones, Edward Nelly, John E. Leach, D. J. Senseman, Camden Rathbone, John Mortimer, F. Cooke Caldwell, A. J. Smith, Robert S. Smith, W. P. Smith, Geo. W. Boss, D. Wagner Boss, Will Hines, H. C. Brown, Ernest Grimm, Henry Keller, G. H. Turner, Frank M. Brown, Edward T. Saodgrass, C. W. Loomis, F. K. Loomis, J. S. Paxton, Gustie Price, H. V. Gillum, H. H. Dawson, G. W. Gandee, Henry F. Tully, John Hogan, C. A. Swearingen, E. L. Nash, Geo. Q. Campbell, J. M. Mitchell, Dr. H. C. Jameson, A. J. Boreman, jr., C. W. Leggett, Capt. W. S. Walker, Ed Miller.

WEST VIRGINIA OIL.

Promising Well in Ritchie County—Strike Near St. Marys.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., March 25.—The Wilson well at Pennsboro was partly cleaned out yesterday and made a flow of nine barrels. This is the best flow yet made by that well, no previous flow making over five or six barrels. They were troubled some with water getting into the well, but expected soon to have the damage repaired. Tracy & Smith will put down a well at Ellenboro. Smith & Allen have let contracts for the material for two new rigs near the Pennsboro well.

The Gale Oil Company struck to-day a paying well on Middle Island at 1,350 feet. This means a good deal for the territory above St. Mary's.

Fashionable Wedding at Charleston.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., March 25.—One of the most interesting society events of the season was the marriage of Charles Stanley Stacey, of Richmond, to Miss Virginia Wilson Lewis, daughter of C. A. Lewis, of this city, which took place at 8 o'clock this evening at the First Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. J. C. Barr officiating. A number of Richmond people came by special car to attend the wedding, among them being J. N. Jones, Purchasing Agent of the Chesapeake & Ohio, and J. R. Branch, manager of the Richmond Theater. Presents were received by the happy couple numerous and costly. They left for the East for a bridal tour, and will make their future home in Richmond.

Another West Virginia Railroad.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., March 25.—The Dunglen Railroad Company was chartered to-day. The company proposes to build a railroad from the mouth of Lower Loup creek at Deep Water, Fayette county, up Loup creek and Piney creek to where the State line crosses Blue Stone river, in Mercer county. The principal office is at Charleston. The capital stock is $200,000, divided into shares of $100, of which S. M. Brown, Malcolm Jackson, Joseph Ruffner and C. B. Couch, of Charleston, and N. M. Jenkins, of Fayette, hold one each.

Bought the Bank and Saved It.

CLEARFIELD, PA., March 25.—The Houtzdale Bank has been purchased by William H. Dill and John B. McGrath, of Houtzdale. Rumors have been in circulation affecting the bank and a run was begun. The new bank will have a capital of $50,000.

Banker Kean Indicted.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Banker S. A. Kean was indicted at noon to-day by the grand jury for defrauding his creditors in connection with the failure of his bank some months ago.

RACINE'S CANDIDATE

For Mayor Indulges in an Ungentlemanly Row.

HE ASSAULTS THE EX-MAYOR

On the Street and Chases Him, Raining Blows as he Goes—J. I. Case, the Pugilistic Candidate, to be Arrested.

RACINE, WIS., March 25.—Jackson I. Case, son of J. I. Case, and candidate for Mayor, had a sensational encounter with ex-Mayor Secor on Main street last night. Case asserted that he had traced the authorship of certain scandalous stories affecting his character to Secor.

Meeting him on Main street, he stepped in front of Secor and charged him with having started the stories. The ex-Mayor denied. The charge was repeated and again denied angrily.

By this time a large crowd had gathered. Finally the wordy war was brought to an abrupt conclusion by Case striking Secor a heavy blow on the chest, staggering him back into the crowd.

As soon as Secor could gather himself up he started on a run down the street with Case in hot pursuit. The latter, being young and more active, soon caught the ex-Mayor and added one or two more blows to that already given. Secor, however, managed to shake off his antagonist and escape. A warrant will be probably sworn out.

WORLD'S FAIR.

Designs for the Woman's Building—An Enterprising Japanese With Ideas.

CHICAGO, March 25.—For the Woman's World's Fair building thirteen designs by women have been submitted and the selection has narrowed down to three, all of the Italian Renaissance style. They are said to be exceptionally fine. The cost of the proposed structure is fixed at $200,000. Jochi Takimine, of Tokio, Japan, wishes to exhibit a Japanese tea garden at the exposition, and he comes backed with $60,000 and the banking firm of Mitsui & Co., of Tokio, to carry out the project. His application for space is being considered.

He asks the privilege of putting up a number of Japanese buildings, and in the main one he will have a hall with suitable seating capacity. Here he proposes to have Japanese dancing girls and oriental exhibitions. In a restaurant will be served pure Japanese tea, birds' nest soup and other dishes of the Empire of the Mikado. The grounds will be ornamented with Japanese plants and flowers, and in the buildings will be quaint and curious exhibits. Mr. Takimine was the Japanese Commissioner to the New Orleans Exposition.

England Accepts the Polite Invitation.

LONDON, March 25.—The British Government, through the Marquis of Salisbury, has formally notified Mr. Blaine, United States Secretary of State, that Great Britain accepts President Harrison's invitation to take part in the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893. Lord Salisbury has also notified President Harrison through Mr. Blaine that a royal commission will be appointed to assist British merchants in exhibiting the products of British industry at the Fair and to further British interests there.

A German Kick at the Tariff.

BERLIN, March 25.—A conference, in which a number of prominent German manufacturers took part, and at which the Chicago World's Fair and the prospects of Germany being there represented, were discussed was held here to-day. The manufacturers concurred in the belief that a representation worthy of the German Empire could only be obtained if the Government sent a commissioner to the United States with power to ensure to the manufacturers of Germany, who might contemplate exhibiting, all the advantages which German industry was entitled to.

Spain Will be Here.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—The Spanish Government has notified the Department of State that it will participate at the World's Columbian Exposition.

Mr. Andrews Exonerated.

NEW YORK, March 25.—In relation to the reported transactions between Mrs. Gen. Grant and W. C. Andrews in the matter of New York Steam Co. and Standard Oil Trust stocks, a letter from Mrs. Grant was to-night handed the Associated Press. She says:

"A statement has been made so unjust to Mr. Andrews that I wish to correct it. It is not true that I accuse Mr. Andrews of any unfair dealings with me.

"The transactions referred to (the purchase of steam stock) was ordered by me, as was also a purchase of Standard Oil Trust stock. I do not cast reflections on Mr. Andrews in the transaction.

"Very truly,

"JULIA D. GRANT."

They Want the Windy City.

MEADVILLE, PA., March 23.—The Harrington family have formed an association to get possession of valuable property in the heart of Chicago. James Harrington, sr., was a surveyor, and assisted in laying out Chicago sixty years ago. Mr. Harrington pre-empted 160 acres of land. Later his son, James Harrington, jr., sold the land, forging the name of his father. An effort will be made to secure the services of Robert G. Ingersoll as counsel. The land in question is almost fabulous in value, as on it is situated the depot of the Chicago & Rock Island railway.

Breaking the Levees.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 25.—Dispatches received this evening report that the crevasse in St. James parish was closed by Superintendent John M. Grant, of the Texas & Pacific Railway, aided by the planters of the vicinity. This crevasse was caused by the blowing of an iron pipe, or rice flume. The White House crevasse is now 500 feet wide. The Concordia crevasse, in East Carroll parish, is 700 feet wide, and the water from it is doing great damage.

The Colorado River on a High.

HOLBROOK, ARIZ., March 25.—A heavy rain storm prevailing in this section the last two days has caused the little Colorado river to rise. If the river continues high some valuable property will be washed down the stream. The railroad company had men and work trains working all last night to prevent washouts. Citizens of Holbrook have been protecting the town by putting in a brush and treading the river bank.

Bellevillite's Flood.

BELLEVILLE, ONT., March 25.—The water is subsiding very slowly. The streets are filled with great cakes of ice, and people are still imprisoned in upper stories without fire. The loss will probably reach $50,000.

L. S. Good sells dry goods the cheapest.

BIG CONCERN IN TROUBLE.

The Sons of Asa Whitney Unable to Run the Big Business.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 25.—The firm of A. Whitney & Son, car wheel manufacturers, are financially embarrassed. The firm is now composed of John R. and James S. Whitney, the surviving sons of the founder. Rumors of the embarrassment of the firm were confirmed by James S. Whitney. Mr. Whitney declined to give any details of the matter beyond admitting the bare fact. He said that what details the public was entitled to would be given out in a few days.

The car wheel works were founded by Asa Whitney in 1848. When the works were built they were among the finest in the country. An immense trade was soon built up and the works were in a flourishing condition. The founder died, however, about 1874, leaving an estate estimated at $1,000,000, and the management of the concern fell to the three sons, George, John R. and James S. After the death of the father it was found that he had left a large dower to his daughter who married Bishop Howe, of Reading. This dower was secured in the manufactory. A couple of years or more ago it was found that the interest on this inheritance had not been regularly paid and an appeal was made to the courts. An order was made assessing the unpaid interest and the plant is said to have been mortgaged to secure its payments. Since 1885, the works have been doing a fair business, but have been gradually falling behind the younger establishments. They have not sold to the main railroad lines, but most of their wheels have gone to small Southern roads. Last year the rating of the firm by the commercial agencies was cut down to between $200,000 and $300,000, but their credit was good at that amount.

FARMERS' ALLIANCE IN NEW ENGLAND.

Failure Prophesied for the Propaganda in the Land of Steady Habits.

BOSTON, MASS., March 25.—The *Herald* has dispatches from several points in New England voicing the sentiment of the farmers on the proposed Alliance movement in the Eastern States. A dispatch from Pittsfield says: "It is the sentiment of the leading Berkshire county farmers that the New England tour of the Alliance leaders Kyle and Simpson will be a practical failure."

Henry A. Barton, jr., of Dalton, ex-Master of the State Grange, says: "I do not believe the State Grange is in sympathy with the movement. I am of the opinion than Grangers generally, and I am acquainted with the leading members all over the State, are not in favor of the Alliance. I do not believe it will be successful in New England."

Henry Noble, of Pittsfield, an ex-member of the State Board of Agriculture, who has been a leading farmer in Berkshire for nearly half a century, said: "I do not see how New England farmers can afford to go into this thing from a political point of view, or any other."

Charles A. Mills, of Williamstown, a member of the present State Board of Agriculture, says: "I am not in favor of the Farmers' Alliance in New England. Any movement to make the farmers move en masse is, in my opinion, unpatriotic. All classes and professions should work together. I do not believe in organizing in classes in this country."

George Z. Dean, Cheshire, President of the Berkshire Agricultural Society, says: "I have taken much interest in this subject, and I do not see how the Alliance can be of any benefit to New England."

Leading farmers in Southern Berkshire express doubt about the success of the Alliance in New England.

LAKE LABOR.

Plans to Form a Big Alliance to Control the Shipping Interests.

CHICAGO, March 25.—A marine trade council will meet next Sunday with a view to forming a general alliance of all the organizations whose members are connected with the shipping interest on the lakes. Delegates from the local heavers, ore trimmers, grain trimmers, lumber shovers' union and Lake Seamen's Benevolent Association will be present. The members of the Seamen's Association are unanimous in demanding a uniform increase in wages to $2 per day upon the opening of navigation. If this is not conceded the seamen are preparing to force their demands by a general strike. The seamen claim that there is a mere handful of non-union men in the city, and that hardly a vessel will be able to leave the Chicago river without the consent of their organization.

Indiana Enforcing the Eight Hour Law.

MUNCIE, IND., March 25.—Superintendent Kennedy, of the pulp works, has been arrested on three indictments charging with a violation of that section of the statutes which provides that eight hours shall constitute a day's work and making it a misdemeanor for the management of any factory to compel men to work more than that length of time for a day's wages. The State claims that at the pulp mill they work one gang of men thirteen and one-half hours and another ten and one-half hours paying them by the day.

Another Big Miners' Strike.

LOUISVILLE, KY., March 25.—The 3,000 coal miners employed in the Laurel-Jellico districts are to strike May 1st. They ask pay on coal before it is screened and eight hours per day. The operators have agreed not to allow the demand.

For Their Sister's Ruin.

IRONTON, O., March 25.—William and Albert Kell, attacked Arthur Haney with clubs last night for having seduced their sister. Haney defended himself with a revolver and mortally wounded Albert Kell. He surrendered to the officers.

TO THE POINT.

Mr. Rufus King, one of the oldest attorneys in Cincinnati, died yesterday, aged 74.

General Count George Frederic Alfred Von Fabrice, President of the Council of the Ministry of Saxony, died yesterday.

John Gail Hamilton Allen, who was suspected of being the murderer of Rettinger, was arrested yesterday at East Wakefield, N. H.

Fire at the vinegar works of C. Miller, of 229 and 232 Pearl street, Cincinnati, yesterday morning caused a loss of $18,000, insurance $3,000.

Henry Whitmore and others have attached property in New York city belonging to the Columbia Iron and Steel Company, of Pittsburgh, to satisfy an execution of $11,757.

John T. Milburn, Supreme Protector, Knights and Ladies of Honor, died at Louisville last night. The immediate cause was uræmic poisoning. He was born at Lebanon, Ky., in 1839.

Fire at Mitchellville, Iowa, yesterday, destroyed two of the principal business blocks. Loss over $25,000; partially insured. The principal loser was O. P. Richard, drugs, who lost $12,000.

A post mortem examination of the body of Rosa Wood, who was found dead at Fergul Falls, Minn., reveals a bullet hole in her breast, and it now looks as if she had been murderer.

AN UNSEASONABLE STORM

Kansas Covered with a Thick Mantel of Snow.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC DELAYED

And Trains Snowed Up Between Stations—It is the Worst Snow of the Winter, and is Causing much Suffering—Effect on Crops.

KANSAS CITY, MO., March 25.—Dispatches from Kansas state that the worst snow storm of the season is raging in that State.

The trains from the West all came in late this morning. The country from Eastern Kansas to Denver has disappeared under an immense fall of snow. At Junction City snow is five inches deep, at Hayes City twelve inches and in Colorado there is a foot and a half of it.

A dispatch from Atchison says that the Central Branch division of the Missouri Pacific is not moving a wheel today on account of the snow blockade.

Several trains have been caught between stations, among them the pay train and a passenger train. The company manages to provide crews and passengers with food, but with difficulty.

A dispatch from Wichita says that a Frisco passenger train is stuck in a drift near Bentley, and near Ellsworth a Union Pacific train is fast.

Unless extremely cold weather follows the storm it is not expected that crops will be injured.

MASSACHUSETTS REPUBLICANS.

The League of Republican Clubs Holds a Big Celebration.

BOSTON, MASS., March 25.—The convention of the Republican State League of Massachusetts was called to order at 11 o'clock this morning, Congressman Elijah H. Morse being permanent chairman.

The Hon. William McKinley, of Ohio, was then introduced, receiving an ovation. He declared that it was only necessary to continue the old Republican principles in order to win. He spoke flatteringly of the work of the last Congress and paid a high tribute to Speaker Reed. He affirmed that the tariff was here to stay and believed we should possess our own markets before going elsewhere.

After minor details had received attention, President Morse introduced Hon. John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, who spoke decisively of the duty of citizens to take interest in the public questions of the day. He outlined the difference between the two great political parties and set forth the purposes of the league. Permanent officers of the league were then elected: President, Hon. Elijah A. Morse, of Canton, Secretary, C. Frank Rice, of Sommerville.

THE DEMOCRATIC CLUBS

To Celebrate Thomas Jefferson's Birthday. A Circular Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—The National Association of Democratic Clubs has issued a circular letter addressed to Democratic clubs throughout the United States inviting them to appropriately celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson on Thursday, April 2. In the circular the simplicity which characterized the life of Jefferson is pointed out and contrasted with what they term the "centralization, prodigality, favoritism and corruption of the last Congress."

"They could go no further," says the circular, "for they have exhausted the surplus in the Treasury, and in the McKinley bill raised taxes and prices to the last points of endurance. The time is especially appropriate which celebrates the birth of the great apostle of liberty to rejoice at once over the popular repudiation and the final adjournment of the odious 'Billion Dollar Congress,' whose existence was a menace alike to the freedom, the prosperity and the business of the country."

Illinois Democrats Jollify.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLS., March 25.—The Democrats of Illinois to-day ratified the election of Gen. Palmer to the United States Senate. The hall of the House of Representatives was thrown open to the public this afternoon and speeches were delivered by Gen. Black, Congressman Mansur, C. H. Jones, Gen. Palmer and others. The Chicago Democrats are making a strong effort to persuade Gen. Palmer to assist Cregier as against Harrison in the Chicago campaign and are all signing petitions requesting him to do so.

HARD ON THE SHEEP.

One Ranch Looses 30,000 From Cold and Starvation.

ST. LOUIS, MO., March 25.—Dispatches from New Mexico report a great deal of distress among cattle, sheep and other live stock in that territory.

Representative Frank Hubble, who has just returned to Albuquerque from his sheep ranch near the Zuni Salt Lake, Socorro county, tells a distressing story about the condition of the sheep.

He has lost in the past few months over thirty thousand head from freezing and starvation, and also reports that the loss is general among all the sheep owners. The weather has been cold and the ground is covered with snow, and the sheep cannot eat. He says he has never experienced such weather as the last two months.

The Well Dressed Men of New York.

NEW YORK, March 25.—There was quite an exciting scene at the real estate exchange in this city to-day when Martin F. Hatch, acting for the Merchant Tailors' Society, stood with gavel in hand before a crowd of several hundred prominent business and society men and sold to the highest bidder about thirty-five unpaid tailor bills. These bills bore the names of well known New Yorkers, and those who did not seize the opportunity to pay up before the sale were held up to public ridicule. The lucky fellows who could settle up had their names stricken from the list. The ridiculousness of the sale can be realized when several bills amounting to seven hundred odd dollars were sold in a bunch to a Jew tailor for $1.

Gamblers Kill a Player.

OMAHA, NEB., March 25.—A gang of gamblers, supposed to be Doc Middleton's gang, went to Covington, Neb., last night and opened up a room. This morning they killed John Peyton, a gambler, and fled. The sheriff is in pursuit.

Two Good Laws.

COLUMBUS, O., March 25.—Laws were enacted to day requiring railway companies to build and keep in repair highway crossings, and requiring telephone companies to place their wires under ground by direction of the municipal authorities.

HOFKHEIMER-ROSENBERG.

A Brilliant Jewish Wedding at Arion Hall Last Night.

The Arion building