

THE SPOOK PRIESTESS

Miss Ava Supposed to Be the Notorious Miss Dis De Bar.

WHAT FATHER KELLY SAYS

He Denies the Truthfulness of the Story She Told in Cincinnati—The Police Remain Silent

St. Louis, Sept. 12.—A clew to the identity of Miss Ava, who mysteriously disappeared from Chicago three days ago, has been unearthed here. In a scrap book in the possession of the alleged Ava, now at Cincinnati, is inscribed the name of Dr. Rumford, No. 1,528 Chestnut street, St. Louis. A reporter called at the number given, but it was discovered that the doctor had left the city three months ago, and is now in Los Angeles, Cal. Further than this nothing could be learned. The reporter then called on a spiritualist medium whom Dr. Rumford frequently visited while in the city. There it was learned the doctor believed in spiritualism and all other isms of the same kind, as well as being a follower of Madame Blavatsky. While it is known Rumford did not visit Chicago while he was here, there is no evidence Miss Ava did not come here. It is thought here that Ava is none other than Ann Odella Dis De Bar.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 12.—The identity of the woman who mysteriously disappeared from Chicago Wednesday with the one who as mysteriously appeared in this city last night, has been fully established by the description of her given by Mrs. Bolton of Chicago. The woman was taken before the chief of police this morning. She told her story in almost the identical language she used last night. Finding no cause for holding her the chief directed that she be taken back to the house of detention to await some action by her friends. When seen by the Associated Press representative to-day Miss Ava was entirely self-possessed, affable and dignified. Upon being told that Mrs. Bolton had given a personal description of her she evinced a lively interest in its details. She was very anxious to identify herself as the Miss Ava who was lost at the college. "Tell Mrs. Bolton," said she, "and that will identify me better than anything else, that the \$8,000 in money and coupons was in her satchel, not mine, and they took it and its contents. Now Mrs. Bolton will know from this that I am Miss Ava." She went on to say she went to the college to attend to a matter of business. She carried the money to pay a little Jesuitical tariff "a la McKinley." They demanded that she publicly renounce her Methodist faith and return to Christ. Refusing she was struck heavily on the breast by a man. Before this the satchel with the money in it had been seized. The woman says from the time she lost consciousness on Wednesday until yesterday afternoon she knew nothing except a dim remembrance of being drenched with water and having her clothes taken off. She denies the suggestion that she was Miss Dis De Bar. The judgment of the police is that she is insane, but she carries herself with remarkable consistency for an insane woman.

Father Kelly of the church on Twelfth street, whom Miss Ava accuses of complicity in her abduction, said to a reporter, in reply to her story, that it was almost too absurd to talk about. He said the woman claimed to be a Catholic and that she talked about her scheme for the reformation of destitute and fallen women, and that she had a large estate in England and a share in Mackey's mines. Father Kelly was asked about her having property in the hands of the Catholic church. He said she never mentioned such a thing, but spoke of having enormous wealth of her own. The priest was shown a picture of Dis De Bar and he said it bore a striking resemblance to Miss Ava.

When Miss Ava was told the general belief in New York and Chicago was that she was the lost Madame Dis De Bar she became furious in her denials. She laughed into a tirade against the police for detaining her and assumed the manner of an insane person as she closed her door against all further questions.

Miss Ava was extremely indignant when told the general belief in New York and Chicago was that she was none other than the noted Dis De Bar. When it was suggested she might solve the puzzle by telling where she had been before going to Chicago, she replied that was her affair. She was quite bitter toward Mrs. Bolton of Chicago for not having been more active in her behalf, and quite angry in comparing Catholics with Methodists, saying until she had an apology from Mrs. Bolton she believed she would prefer to be a Catholic.

Miss Ava still remains in the house of detention. Testimony as to her identity with the notorious Dis De Bar is vague and conflicting. It was stated at the house of detention at a late hour to-night she has not received any letter or telegram from friends or acquaintances, as would naturally be expected if she were a well-known person of large means.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—The chief of detectives here to-day received a telegram from Inspector Byrnes of New York, stating that the present whereabouts of Miss Dis De Bar is unknown. The inspector also says from the description given of Miss Ava he believes she is none other than Miss Dis De Bar.

Father Kelly of the Jesuit church, whom Miss Ava in her Cincinnati story accused of complicity in her so-called abduction, said to a reporter to-day that it was too absurd to talk about. She came to him merely to talk over her scheme for reforming destitute and fallen women. She never mentioned having property in the hands of the church, but spoke of having enormous wealth of her own. She said she had been a nun. "She struck me," said Father Kelly, "as being a remarkable character. After once hearing her talk you would never forget her. She could converse on any subject and her knowledge seemed world-wide." Father Kelly was shown Miss

Dis De Bar's picture and said it bore a strong resemblance to Ava. He says he has a witness who saw Miss Ava enter the church from the side door and pass immediately out at the front, carrying a bag in which were her money and jewels. Another person saw her get into a carriage waiting around the corner and drive away. Chief of Police McClaughay this afternoon received a telegram from Inspector Byrnes of New York giving a description of Miss Dis De Bar, which corresponds to Miss Ava's description, even to the scar on the cheek. A picture of Miss Dis De Bar, with hat and clothing changed with pen and ink to correspond with those worn by Miss Ava, was shown to Father Fitzgerald, Mrs. Bolton and others. All unhesitatingly pronounced it a good likeness of Ava. Further proof of identity is found in the fact that a well known gentleman met Miss Dis De Bar not long ago and warned her against trying any confidence games in Chicago. This information comes from Mrs. Bolton, who says she is not yet at liberty to disclose all details.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The police refuse to say anything about Miss Vera Ava or Dis De Bar. The reporters here, many of whom are well acquainted with the Dis De Bar, state that, judging from the description given of Miss Ava, she is no other than the spook priestess.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The acting superintendent of police declines to discuss the stories from Chicago concerning the probable discovery of the famous "spook priestess," Dis De Bar, in the person of the so-called Vera Ava. The chief of the detective force was asked if he thought the Chicago-Cincinnati woman and Dis De Bar were one and the same. "I don't think they are, if the description telegraphed is correct," replied Byrnes, and that was all he would say.

FOR A THIRD PARTY.

President Polk of the Farmers' Alliance Talks Freely on the Outlook.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 12.—The Star's Topeka, Kan., special says: Colonel Polk, national president of the alliance, in company with Frank McGrath, Kansas president, returned from Holton last night. President Polk talked this morning freely of the political situation. "If the southern farmers are driven to the people's party," said he, "no power on earth can prevent them carrying every southern state."

"But the question is, will they be driven into a third party?" "Four months ago," answered Colonel Polk, "I would have said a new political party was not likely to follow. It now seems impossible to prevent it. The alliance with us is in such a condition that it can be changed in one day into a non-partisan institution and has been conducted as such. The South is a unit on the sub-treasury plan. Whether the supreme council, in February, decides a third party must be placed in the field or not, it will be a go anyhow, and it will receive thousands of votes in the South. The democrats have it in their power to stop the movement by acceding to the St. Louis demands. Nothing short of that will avail, and if it is not done, the South is lost to them."

WILL ISSUE BONDS.

Missoula County Will Pay Its Floating Indebtedness—For New Schools.

MISSOULA, Sept. 12.—The county commissioners to-day decided to issue \$156,000 of 10-year 6 per cent. bonds to cover floating indebtedness. This action meets with general approval, as it will place county warrants at par, thus doing justice to those to whom the county becomes indebted, and enabling the county to get work done at much lower figures than at present.

The school bond election passed off very quietly, only 198 votes being cast. Not so large a vote as this would have been polled if it had not been feared that a strong opposition to the bonds would be made in a certain quarter. The vote stood 186 for the bonds and 12 against the bonds.

THE ROPES BROKE.

Four Unfortunates Lose Their Lives Through Some One's Carelessness.

SALTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 12.—A terrible accident occurred last night at the railroad bridge. A swinging scaffold under the bridge was crowded with nine workmen, who were about quitting when the ropes broke, precipitating the entire party into the river bed, 30 feet below. The river is very low and the men fell in a confused mass on the sharp stones, four of them being fatally injured, while the rest were more or less bruised.

Those fatally injured were: J. C. Reperge, S. W. Rees, W. D. Wilson and George Flemming. James Cunningham was badly injured, but not fatally.

FIVE PRECIOUS LIVES.

A Bad Accident to a Family of Minnesota Settlers.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 12.—A Tribune special from Clicket, Minn., says: Meager particulars have just been received of the drowning of five persons in the St. Louis river. They are said to have been settlers who were going to a claim. In crossing the river their boat capsized and all were drowned. Two were brothers named Jackson and one was a 12-year-old girl. The names of the others were not learned.

Jeffery Doesn't Know It.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—Jeffery to-day said the dispatch from Denver to the effect he is going to succeed Moffatt as president of the Denver & Rio Grande, is the first announcement he has had of his new position. Jeffery is going west with President Manvel of the Atchison road to arbitrate some differences between that company and the Rio Grande.

A Successful Meeting.

NEW CASTLE, Sept. 12.—After the trades union congress closed to-day 40,000 trades unionists marched in a procession through the streets of the city to celebrate the successful termination of the big meeting.

Mrs. Thurman Ill.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 12.—Mrs. Judge Allen G. Thurman is seriously ill and not expected to live. She is 80 years of age.

MYSTIC LAKE.

A Beautiful Body of Water a Short Distance From Bozeman.

BOZEMAN, Sept. 12.—Hardly a day has passed during the last 10 days that Mystic lake has not been visited by one or more parties from Bozeman and the valley. Mystic lake is a name given to a body of water in the mountains south of Bozeman about 15 miles, and can be reached from Bozeman by teams after a three hours' drive. The scenery along the road to the lake is wild and picturesque, but none the more so than the lake itself. Following Bozeman creek up the canyon for about five miles, the canyon suddenly narrows, there being just room enough for one team to go easily between the mountains on each side. The lake is surrounded on all sides by mountains. It is not in a valley, the banks on all sides being the base of mountains. The lake appears to be about half a mile wide by three-quarters in length. Its depth is not known. Parties have let out a line to the extent of 300 feet and failed to find bottom in some places. Owing to the high altitude heavy pressure can be had for irrigating purposes and work is being carried on in that direction at present. Marion Flaherty, M. W. Penwell, Robert Menefee, J. L. Patterson, and others who own ranches, which can be irrigated with water from this lake, have formed a company known as the Mystic Lake Water company and are constructing a large dam across the outlet of this lake, and next year will use the water for irrigating purposes. There has been some fear in Bozeman that this dam which is being built would give way and wash out the city. Mr. Bundeck, a Northern Pacific engineer, was sent for to examine the work and says there is no danger at all, as the superintendent, W. S. A. Clark, is building a dam which will stand for ages. Besides this large artificial dam, there is a natural one in front which bears the greater portion of the weight. There is no danger at all to Bozeman and as the water will be raised about 10 feet higher the lake will become larger. Several parties will have private boats on the lake next season, and the place will likely have a larger run. A boat club is talked of.

ADMIRE THE WORK OF GOD.

Brother Arney, Who Likes Fast Horses, Censured By Bishop Newman.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 12.—The Michigan conference spent most of the forenoon with the case of Rev. J. W. Arney of Saranac, the pastor with a decided proclivity for fast horses. The committee appointed to investigate reported "Brother" Arney had not lived up to the promises made at Muskegon a year ago, and recommended that he be disciplined. Arney was then called before Bishop Newman, who proceeded to admonish him in quite forceful language that his conduct had not been at all pleasing the past year, and unless he curbed his passion for racing he would be asked for his parchment.

DEATH OF WYANDOTTE.

The Great Son of Ambassador Has Run His Last Race.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 12.—The chestnut stallion Wyandotte, owned by W. H. Fasig who was the 221 pace yesterday, died to-day. The horse was valued at \$1,000. He was by Ambassador, dam by Daniel Lambert. There is a strong suspicion that the horse was poisoned. George Hammon of Middleburg, Vt., owner of the mare Tempest, which was entered as a ringer in the 2:40 class Tuesday, was to-day expelled from the National Trotting association.

Reading Railroad Matters.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 12.—Attorneys representing John Lawrence of Scotland, and Alfred Sully and N. B. Randall of New York, have filed a bill in equity in the United States circuit court against the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad company, the Reading Coal & Iron company and the Pennsylvania company for insurance on lives and granting annuities, and complaining that the interest due bondholders has been diverted for other purposes. Complaint is made against the trust company that it did not fulfill its obligations, inasmuch as it should have brought suit against the Reading company as a trustee under the mortgage securing bond for an accounting of the earnings. The bill prays that defendant be restrained by perpetual injunction from diverting from the payment of the interest on preferred bonds any of the earnings, profits and income of said companies which may according to the terms of said bonds and mortgage be justly applicable thereto, and that to that end, it is necessary, a receiver of said earnings, profits and income be appointed.

A Stormy Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—Captain Spring of the schooner General Banning, which arrived here yesterday from Clints Island with a cargo of coconuts, reports that while loading his cargo his vessel was twice blown out to sea by very storms. On each occasion about 100 natives were on board and they hastened ashore in canoes. The second time several of the canoes were upset and eight of the occupants were killed by sharks.

Shot His Wife and Suicided.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—This afternoon William Lamstrom, aged 49, attempted to murder his wife. He shot her, inflicting probably fatal injuries, and then suicided with the same weapon. Because of his abuse and failure to support her, his wife had determined to secure a divorce. The announcement of this was followed by the shooting. A few years ago Lamstrom shot and painfully wounded a former wife who had obtained a divorce.

Large Loss of Life.

ATHENS, Sept. 12.—A corrected estimate of the number of persons drowned in the collision of Cape Colonna between Italian and Greek steamships shows that the Taormina had 45 passengers, among whom was an American named John C. Olyphant. According to the latest figures 66 persons were lost.

WORDS OF AN EMPEROR

A Significant Speech Delivered at a Banquet at Cassel.

WARNING TO OTHER POWERS

News From Berlin About Various Matters Interesting to the Statesmen of Foreign Nations—Russia and Turkey.

BERLIN, Sept. 12.—There was a parade of all troops stationed in the Cassel district to-day which afforded a brilliant spectacle. The emperor and empress, King of Saxony, Grand Duke of Hesse, Duke of Saxe-Weimar, Duke of Oldenburg, Prince Albert and others of high rank were present. Emperor William will now go to Erfurt, where he will review the fourth army corps. Some of the phrases used by his majesty in his speech at a banquet at Cassel have added to the uneasiness which now prevails throughout the country. He recalled the time when, as a staff officer, he entered Cassel in 1871 with the victorious Hessian troops. He trusted, he said, that the Hessians, in event of foreign struggles, would help him to fulfill his duties. Coming so soon after the allusions made at Munich to future triumphs of the Czarian troops, his majesty's utterance is felt to be a veiled menace to foreign enemies and a warning for the country to courageously prepare for trouble. Still, the conviction remains unshaken in official circles that the prolonged period of diplomatic intrigue will precede a collision of the powers.

The Chilean warship, Presidente Pinto, which has caused uneasiness to several of the powers by her attempts to procure arms, is lying at Hamburg with her crew mutinous. Her commander asked assistance of the police to arrest three sailors, but as the vessel belongs to a foreign power, the police refused the request to the senate. The men are riotous and refuse to perform their work.

The leading political development of the week has been a practical adhesion of the Italian prime minister, Rudini, to the policy of Lord Salisbury the English premier. The sultan of Turkey, in the direction of favoring Russia, as instanced in the Dardanelles affair, will now have to bear the weight of the counter-influence of Austria and Italy and probably Germany, for it is stated Herr Von Radowitz, the German ambassador to the port, at an audience with the sultan Wednesday, urged that a favorable hearing be given to the view of Great Britain, and that through his representations Sir William White, British ambassador to Turkey, was given an audience by the sultan yesterday. The gravity of the situation is indicated in a summons calling the envoys of the port at Vienna, Berlin, St. Petersburg and London to Constantinople. The French ambassador, Count de Montebello, who was on the eve of presenting his letters of recall to the sultan, has been instructed by his government to remain at his post in order to prevent the sultan, under the pressure of other diplomats, from weakening and breaking his resolutions.

The foreign office here regards England's difficulty with complicity. Lord Salisbury's solicitations for diplomatic aid forces England into closer union with the triple alliance and thus tends in the direction of bringing about a formal compact between England and Germany, Austria and Italy. Hitherto Lord Salisbury has rejected all overtures looking to England's becoming a party to the dread-bomb compact.

The Munich Tageblatt denies the official statement that Emperor William was accorded an enthusiastic reception on the occasion of his late visit to the Bavarian capital. On the contrary it says he was received with a chilly indifference by the people. It attributes this to the fact that the people of Bavaria see in the emperor an emblem of the dearth of living and a source of approaching war, threatening the ruin of the country. If the imperial government, the Tageblatt says, desires to be loved instead of detested, it must cheapen food and abide by the policy of peace.

An unsavory story is current concerning Dr. Aveling, who is charged with contracting a love union with Eleanor Marx, leaving his legal wife destitute. Mr. Aveling has written a letter to a socialist paper, the Forward, in which he says it is true he has dissolved his Bourgeois marriage and entered upon a love union with Fraulein Marx, but he declared he left his legal wife well provided for. Aveling promised to punish the author of the report that his wife was in a destitute condition. The Forward says Aveling's wife, who is in London, announces she will trace the defrauder and give him a cowhiding.

The hero, Rock, who fled for America after embezzling \$5,000 from the Prussian Mortgage bank, has been traced to a steamer which left Hamburg last Saturday. He doubtless will be taken into custody upon the arrival of the steamer at New York.

Berlin is to have the benefit of an elevated railroad, built on the model of those in operation in New York, but the Berliners will have the advantage in that the motive power employed there will be electricity.

Brothers-in-Law Quarrel.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 12.—Near London to-day E. Hale shot his brother-in-law, Tom Becker, with a pistol in the arm and thigh. Becker wrenched the weapon from Hale's hands and shot him dead. Becker's wounds will probably prove fatal. Both had been drinking.

A Virtuous Exhibit.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—World's Fair Commissioner Mark McDonald and Chief Samuel had an interview to-day with Chief Burnham and pressed California's claim for an annex to the horticultural building for a viticultural exhibit. Commissioner Burnham favors the proposition.

TWO RECORD BREAKERS.

Shot and Hammer Throwing at the Manhattan Association Grounds.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The first of the annual games of the Metropolitan association of the Amateur Athletic union of the United States at the Manhattan field to-day was notable because of the phenomenal performances of George Gray and J. S. Mitchell. The former broke the record (his own) for putting the 16-pound shot by 2 1/2 inches with a put of 46 feet and 4 inches, and Mitchell broke two records. He threw a 16-pound hammer 137 feet 2 inches, breaking Arthur Hale's English record and the world's by 11 inches. Mitchell also threw a 56-pound hammer 33 feet 3 1/2 inches, beating the record by 10 1/2 inches.

SWIFT SWIMMERS.

A Race for the Championship of America and a Good-Sized Prize.

WORCESTER, Mass., Sept. 12.—The mile swimming match for the championship of America and a purse of \$750 between James McCusker of Lowell, John A. Levitt of Newbury and Robert P. Magee of Baltimore, at Lake Quinsigamond this afternoon, was won by McCusker in 27 minutes, 54 1/2 seconds. Levitt failed to finish. Magee's time was not taken.

AMONG THE RACES.

At Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—The feature of the day at Garfield park was the finish in the fourth race, a mile and a quarter. Virgo D'O'or was a strong favorite at 4 to 5, while the California cracker, Aloha and Guido, were next in demand. The entire field ran well bunched for a mile, when Virgo D'O'or showed in the front, followed by Guido and Aloha. A sixteenth from the wire they were on even terms, the riders plying whip and spur unmercifully. Aloha fairly lifted Aloha forward and dashed in a winner by a half a length, while Guido beat Virgo D'O'or a short nose for second place. The time, 2:10, was remarkable, considering the soft condition of the track. Seven furlongs—Fanning won, Cyrus second, Zuke Hardy third. Time, 1:30 1/2. One mile—Mary McGowan won, Royal Flush second, Falerna third. Time, 1:44 1/2. Five furlongs—Overton won, Alturas second, Jim Murphy third. Time, 1:03 1/2. One mile and a quarter—Aloha won, Guido second, Virgo D'O'or third. Time, 2:10. Five furlongs—Gov. Porter won, First Day second, Cruikshank third. Time, 1:03 1/2. Five furlongs—Little Rock won, Corn second, Townsend third. Time, 1:03 1/2.

At Sheepshead Bay.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY, Sept. 12.—The track was fast to-day and the weather cool and clear. Seven furlongs—Ocyptus won, Slavini second, Gertie D. third. Time, 1:24 1/2. One mile and a furlong—Kildare won, Earth second, English third. Time, 1:56. One mile and three furlongs—Longford won, Pessara second, Come to Taw third. Time, 2:23 1/2. Great eastern handicap, Futurity course—Ludwig won, Dagonet second, Curt Gunn third. Time, 1:10 1/2. Futurity—L. Antaka won, E. Ipses second, Tormentor third. Time, 1:11. Sweepstakes, handicap, mile heats—Castaway won, Benediction second, Echal third. Time, 1:45 1/2. Second heat—Castaway won, Benediction second, Iceberg third. Time, 1:15.

At Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 12.—One mile and twenty yards—Speth won, Prospect second, Brutus third. Time, 1:45 1/2. One mile and seventy yards—Little Scissors won, Tarquin second, Happiness third. Time, 1:35 1/2. One mile and an eighth—Longshore won, Princess Time second, Allen Bane third, Adrienne fourth. Time, 1:26 1/2. Five furlongs—Oride won, Hispania second, Greenwich third. Time, 1:02 1/2. Five furlongs—Fildie won, American Lady second, Ragner third. Time, 1:02 1/2.

At St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 12.—To-day the track was fast. Direct broke the local record of 2:15 for the mile by half a second. For the 2:25 station stake—Emperor Wilkes won first place, Mikegon second, Play Boy third, Gebhardt fourth. Best time, 2:25 1/2. In the 2:25 race—Direct won, Telegram second, Frank Dorch third, Sunshine fourth. Best time, 2:14 1/2. In the 2:30 trot—Trumpter won, Andrew Allison second, H. C. T. third, Athero ruled out. Best time, 2:23 1/2.

BASE BALL YESTERDAY.

National League.

At New York—New York 6, Cleveland 2. Second game—New York 7, Cleveland 8. At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 3, Chicago 3. At Boston—Boston 2, Cincinnati 0. At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 3, Pittsburg 13. Second game—Brooklyn 6, Pittsburg 8.

American Association.

At St. Louis—St. Louis 3, Boston 1. At Columbus—Columbus 18, Athletic 5. At Milwaukee—Milwaukee 19, Washington 4. At Louisville—Louisville 7, Baltimore 1.

Standing of the Clubs.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—Following are the percentages of the different clubs:

Table with columns for National League and American Association, listing clubs and their percentages.

The Crop Outlook.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The weather crop bulletin says in part: Oregon—wheat yields from 30 to 50 bushels per acre; corn, good crop; hops, considerably damaged by ice. In California in the northern part the weather is favorable to fruits; hops are turning out well. In the south the weather is too sultry for full crops.

AFFAIRS AT LIVINGSTON

The Government Improving the Roads Through the National Park.

MUST BE CAGED OR KILLED

Owners of a Mountain Lion Must Consider the Safety of the Public—Captured a Robber.

Special to the Standard.

LIVINGSTON, Sept. 12.—F. A. Burlingame has disposed of his interest in the firm of Anlin, Burlingame & Co. of Colcade, to his partners, J. B. Anlin and H. P. DeHart. Mr. Burlingame will leave shortly for the Flathead country with a view of locating there.

Judge J. A. Savage of this city has been compelled to resign as a member of the state delegation which will attend the national irrigation convention at Salt Lake next week. George J. Allen of the Upper Yellowstone will attend in his place. The public schools of this city opened Monday with an attendance of 301 pupils. James Carroll returned the first of the week from Jefferson county, bringing with him two horses that had strayed from his livery barn five years ago. The animals had been taken up under the new estray law.

Government road work in the park is progressing rapidly. The new road over the Continental divide is about completed, and the first party to pass over it from Upper Geyser basin to Yellowstone lake made the trip last Thursday. The opening of this road will do away with the trip over Mary's hill, which has been one of the most perilous trips in the park. Benton Hatch, who has been in charge of the hotel at Fountain Geyser basin, in the park, came down Wednesday evening accompanied by about 20 former employees at the hotel. Mr. Hatch tendered his resignation as manager some time ago, and upon his being relieved the help also quit.

Colonel Bradshaw of Butte was in the city Wednesday for the purpose of making an examination of the Trail creek coal mines for parties in Butte, who contemplate buying them. Vice-President Thompson of the Pennsylvania Central and party arrived from Butte Sunday, and are now making a tour of the park. The party consisted of seven persons, four cars being provided for their comfort. They are carrying their own horses, dogs and servants and have every convenience for making a speedy and enjoyable trip through Wonderland.

The city council at its meeting Monday evening passed a resolution to the effect that the mountain lion now kept on exhibition by Wittich Bros. must either be securely caged or killed within the next 10 days. This is the same animal which nearly killed the son of M. G. Bolles of Boston a few days ago, and the resolution was passed at the instance of Mr. Bolles, who wrote to Mayor Talcott from Helena asking that something be done with the animal at once.

Postmaster Parks has received a letter from Postmaster General Wanamaker requesting him, for the public good, at his own expense, to make an inspection of Park county offices. Owing to the fact that the force in the office at this place are greatly overworked Mr. Parks will be compelled to decline the invitation.

A robbery occurred on the Rosebud last Saturday, which James Ingersoll was robbed of \$168 in money, a Sharp's rifle and other valuable articles. A party started in pursuit of the thief and captured him near Stillwater, where he was given an examination and bound over to the next term of court for Yellowstone county. The \$23,000 school bonds which were sold here recently were purchased by Lamprecht Bros. & Co. at 7 per cent. interest. The sale has been ratified by the board.

The horses gathered under the new estray law were sold at auction to-day. There were only two bidders, Paul McCormick of this state and James Williams of Iowa. Mr. McCormick's bid was an average of \$10 a head and Williams' about \$12.50 per head. They were sold to the latter gentleman. The horses numbered about 70 head.

Richmond Terminal Finances.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—No authoritative denials could be obtained to-day of the rumors of the probable appointment of a receiver for the Richmond Terminal. It is stated by officials of the road that the plan to fund the floating debts of the Richmond Terminal into three year notes is progressing rapidly, and that the creditors representing two-thirds of the floating debt, \$3,000,000, have agreed to an extension. It is also reported that Drexel, Morgan & Co. are arranging the financial affairs for the different companies.

Want It Continued.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 12.—That there may be no delay in the official investigation of the Keystone bank, the citizens' commission have forwarded to the secretary of the treasury a communication notifying him that they could advance any reasonable amount required to meet the expenses of the government experts until congress may make an appropriation for their reimbursement.

Oklahoma Lands.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The president's proclamation, opening to settlement the Indian reservation on the eastern part of Oklahoma will be issued before the middle of the coming week, and that day to be fixed upon which entry may be actually made will follow closely upon the issue of the proclamation.

Killed His Brother.

PRATT, Kan., Sept. 12.—Fred Wiley and John Packer, half-brothers, aged 15 years, quarreled this morning over a horse. Wiley shot and killed his brother. The murderer fled in the direction of the Indian Territory. It is reported to-night he has been captured. If so he will probably be lynched.