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OLD ALLEN'S LETTER

The Aged, Decrepit, Hunted Murderer Nourishes Vengeance.

HIS IMAGINARY GRIEVANCE

Renewed Excitement in Pioneer on the Discovery of a Mysterious Missive Addressed to the Postmaster of the Camp—A Recital of His Adventures as Written by Himself in His Mountain Habitation—He Defies the World and Invokes the Wrath of God Upon the Many People He Holds Responsible for His Blighted Life—His Pursuers Are Warned to Remain at a Safe Distance—He Says He's Deaf, Blind in One Eye, Ruptured, Burdened by the Weight of Time, but His Aim is Unerring, So Beware, Sa. s Philip Allen.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

Deer Lodge, May 19.—Another chapter in the dark crime of Saturday night at the old placer mining camp of Pioneer, by which Mrs. William Emery lost her life, was unfolded at a late hour last night. It did not come in the nature of a message of peace to the already excited populace, but on the contrary has helped to intensify the feeling of consternation and dismay which the sudden reappearance of the murderous fiend caused.

At an hour late in the afternoon, when the sheriff's officers were examining every nook and crevice in the mountains that would likely afford shelter to a fleeing criminal, Jack Wilson was coming down the road that leads from Yam Hill to Pioneer. His eye caught sight of a peculiar object by the side of the road. It was a round stick resembling a broom handle, stuck fast in the soft soil alongside the path he had to travel, and suspended from the top was a small package securely wrapped in brown paper. His curiosity being aroused he immediately unfolded the package and was astounded on finding the contents to be a letter bearing the address:

"Postmaster, Pioneer, Deer Lodge County, Montana."

Mr. Wilson hastened to the town, a mile and a half distant, and with feelings of some impending evil he handed the mysterious missive to Joe Loss, the postmaster. The postoffice was crowded at the time with a throng of anxious residents of the quiet village who were discussing the sensation in all its phases. He read the letter aloud and during the progress of the reading the sturdy miners who never before shrank from danger in any form, turned pale at the bloodcurdling recital of the letter. It reads:

"April the 20th, A. D. 1896.
"To the People of Pioneer, Deer Lodge County, Montana:

"Now I will give you a true statement of my treatment in Pioneer and French Gulch. I went there in the last of April, 1873. I bought claims—Rolland, \$250; Nelson, \$1,500; Addeberger, \$550; Nick Hoffman, \$80; Pat Toner, \$200; Mack Mullen, \$210; Thomas Moss, \$50; Haltner, \$50; Jack Lingie, \$400, which was cash right down. I would not have taken \$15,000 for all of my property. When I left my home I had as good mines as anybody around there. I just got fixed so I could do something, and now I am robbed of everything I had in the world, even down to my finger ring. That will be a bad finger ring. Ballard and Melling started, and George Tibbets started first. They went to Deer Lodge and recorded my ditch right when I was working on it and had been for over three weeks before. They kept the ball on a rolling up till I left. They ran their water and tailings on me. They flooded my boxes and raised my fume and filled up my drain. I stood it all. Then Tibbets came over and told me they would keep on dumping water and tailings on me. I told him I would go out with him, each take a double-barrel shotgun, 10 steps and that will settle it forever. No, he would not do that at all. He turned around and started off and said he would let them flicker. Says I, if you do it it will be to your sorrow. They did not turn the mit, and my boxes were robbed time and again. One week, four nights out of six. So you can see I was working for outsiders, not for myself. Ballard and Melling hired Jack Nelson to look after his place and robbed me. I caught him one time, he busted my door lock in and took what he wanted. He came to me and begged pardon; he said he would not do it any more. I had my lumber stolen off my ditch after I packed it up from French Gulch on my back, which it was about one mile. I had my new horse cut, which cost me \$75. They had stolen nearly all my tools. They stole my rifle. They cut about 300 feet of lumber and split it."

"Ballard & Melling was going to run on me again. There is Gus Wisner and Fred and Ed Moore & Co. jumped my ground which cost me \$600 in cash. Just look what the Pioneer company done to me. They waited till I got the lake fixed and let the water off so I could work and they stayed up there about three weeks. Now you can all see what I stood before they commenced stealing my cattle. I caught Pat Toner a branding my cattle. He took three head out of the band. One three-year-old heifer had my brand on it; a cow and a calf had my brand on it; it was not heeled up yet; you could see the brand 50 yards off. He knew they was my cattle sure. After I turned

my cattle out in the road I went back and asked him what he branded my cattle for. He told me I had better go little slow, so I went to Deer Lodge to try to get the protection of the law. I went before the grand jury and made a complaint. The grand jury took the thieves' part. There was Mr. Hogan use all his influence he could to the grand jury. He took the thieves' part all he could. I walked to Deer Lodge and back in one day, but I had my walk for nothing. So they give the thieves courage. That was in November, 1887. In July, 1888, they stole 14 head of my cattle and run them off. I hunted for them two weeks or more. I found them. I brought them home. In coming home I found two of my calves. They fell right in with my cattle. One of them went to sucking its mother. I went out the next day to look out for the other two. I got on head of Independence Gulch. I looked across on Windy. I see Dave Hogan running, and in going he saw me. He had his rifle with him. He quit running the cattle and started home as fast as his horse could go and in going over I found one of my calves shot. It was dead. He had stole the calves away from me and run them off. I got so angry I got on my horse and went home. So the next morning I went down to see Mr. Hogan and McGuerin. Hogan was not there. I called Mr. McGuerin out. He come out. I ask what he branded my calves for. He called me a liar and every word I would say I was a liar. I took his foot or five times. He was bringing out the

"I bought some of the lumber of the man, packed it upon my back to make the tap, and after I had all this done I was going down the street. Here come Fred Garsey and John Coburn, both of them mad. They started in on me. I suppose they thought they would scare me very quick. They might whip me but I was a hard man to scare. This all before I got into trouble.

"Mrs. Hannah Allen she belonged to the thieving outfit. She gets Ballard & Melling and Bill Emery and Landon. They done me up in good shape. They cleaned me out of everything. She took them all to rob me. When I was very sick I wrote to her to come and take care of me. I begged of her to come. She was not taking any chances at all. I was taking all the chances. She would not come at all nor send me anything at all. She wrote to me and said I was to go later. She would take the bite out of my mouth and give it away to her relations and strangers. She is a hard thief and robber and ——— of a church member and I am just so I can get around a little now. I have but very little use of my legs from my hips down. Two shocks of paralytic Don't make I can stand another one at all. I have had an iron constitution or I could not have stood what I have.

"Now I am coming home. I am a going to give all the thieves a show to murder me. I will never give up while I can move a finger. I am going to die on my own ground. Don't make I can't stand another one at all. I have had my time's work I don't want to live any longer. I have never bought a pound of fresh meat of any kind since I left home. All the meat I bought was bacon. No ham at all. No vegetables of any kind. I have never bought an Irish potato since I left home. I have been five days without eating a mouthful of anything at all. I have had low hungry a good many times sure. Whatever I done I don't know. I was not a bumner. I eat two meals in Casper House and two in Mr. Wilhem's house. I never eat a mouthful in Landon's house at all and I never will. Outside the house to keep out of this sure. I will give you the names of the thieves. Ballard, The Pioneer Co., Melling, Jack Nelson, Bill the Butcher, Mrs. Emery, Bill Emery, Bill Landon, Neil Landon. The cattle thieves—Pat Toner, John Keenan, James McGuerin, Dave Hogan, Bill Doney, to help brand Dunkleberg on the cattle. Gough was one, he knew them all. They had a soft thing on Quinlan and Mason cattle before they took them away. I was drove to do bad. Now from bad to worse. Now they want to make a dead shot. I have lost my hearing nearly and one of my eyes is nearly gone blind and the other one is falling very fast. So you see you have the best of me. I am ruptured very bad. I have to go around holding my bowels up and have been for over five years. This is from Phillip Allen. So good-bye, everybody, forever.

"I was born in Ohio. Raised in Knox county. Butler township, Bladenburg was the postoffice address, Annawan, Henry county, Illinois. They can get my reputation now after the thieves murder me. If I have a friend in this world I want him to take me after I am dead. Take me out and pile up some brush and throw me on it and a can of coal oil and pour it on me and the brush. You will find enough money in my old clothes pockets to pay for it. I don't want to be buried where the thieves is for fear we might quarrel. I worked hard all my life. I lived hard. I worked a many day when she was sleeping. Now I want you all to take your heart's content out of me. This my last and you all want to make good use of me. Here is the name of the thieves: Ballard & Melling, Bill Emery, Mrs. Emery, Bill Landon, Neil Landon and Pioneer Co. They will go in with Mrs. Hannah Allen and rob me of everything I had in the world. The thieves of ———, now I will have revenge or die a trying. This from Phillip Allen.

"I give you all warning; outsiders wants to keep out of this, sure. They took the law in their own hands first, now I will take it in my hands. Now the toughest hide holds out longest. I live in the mountains all alone since I left home, nearly. I have never been in only about five or six family houses since I left home. I have worked hard all my life. I have lived hard and expect to die hard. I wrote to two or three different parties and got no answer at all. It hasnt been but three

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CRUMBLING TO DUST
The "Sound Money" Element Has Little to Console It.

SILVER'S SURE MAJORITY
To Prevent Condemnatory Resolutions Will Be the Effort of the Administrationists—In Ohio Goldbugism is expunged.

Chicago, May 19.—A special to the Post from Washington says: The president has been told that not only will the "sound money" element lose its fight in Chicago, but that a triumphant and merciless free silver majority will insist upon the adoption of resolutions instructing the denunciation of his course on the money question. Senator Harris estimates a free silver majority in the convention of not less than 200. Correspondent McGuerin, who has all the sources of information that centers in John B. McLean of the Cincinnati Enquirer, says that the majority will be nearer 250, and Congressman Bailey of Texas, who is running for silver on a free silver platform, will not be satisfied with a silver majority under 200.

Conservatives have raised their minimum estimated majority from 75 to 125. The free silver sentiment among the democrats has the same ground-swell roll to it that the McKinley movement has among the republicans. The efforts of the administration from now on will be to prevent the adoption of condemnatory resolutions by the national convention. If that can be done, the friends of the president feel they will have cause for congratulation.

Ohio's Silver Democracy.
London, Ohio, May 19.—The democratic convention of the Seventh Ohio district to-day offered the congressional nomination to John W. Bookwalter, who declined it. It is understood Bookwalter is a candidate for delegate-at-large in the interest of free silver. James Johnson, jr., of Springfield and General J. Long of Troy were selected as delegates to the Chicago convention. The congressional nominee and the delegates were instructed by resolution for free silver.

The Good People Tremble.
Chicago, May 19.—The gold standard democrats decided to have a state central committee of their own and to ignore State Chairman Hinrichsen's combination. After two hours of discussion the special committee on state organization reported in favor of organizing a committee consisting of two members from each congressional district and four from the state at large to have charge of the campaign against the present state central committee, Governor Altgeld and free silver. The conference was for the purpose of taking into consideration what should be done in view of the alleged fact that the silver wing of the democracy of the state was resorting to unfair methods in the primary elections to carry the state convention for free coinage. Resolutions were adopted protesting against the methods of the silver men of the party and declaring that they should be taken to the state and national convention if necessary.

Boies for Boies and Silver.
Dubuque, Iowa, May 19.—The democratic state convention will meet to-morrow night. A majority of the delegates have already arrived and have been in caucus to-day. The state committee had decided upon S. S. Wright of Tipton for temporary chairman, but the silver men are talking of a change on account of the objectionable features of his intended speech. Should they refuse the committee choice, E. M. Carr of Manchester is likely to be elected, and he may also be made permanent chairman. The resolutions will be uncompromisingly for free silver at 16 to 1 and for Boies for president. Silver men claim 700 out of 947 delegates, and unless their present programme is changed, will begin the fight on the opposition at the very opening.

Gold Men Gave It Up.
Dubuque, Iowa, May 19.—The fight between the gold and silver factions, which has been expected at the tomorrow's democratic state convention seems to-night to have been practically settled. The gold standard delegates who held a conference this evening have practically given up the contest. E. M. Carr of Manchester, a silver man, will probably be temporary chairman.

Quay and McKinley.
Washington, May 19.—Senator Quay said to-day that if the business of the senate occupying his time could be arranged he was going to his home in Pennsylvania, and would thence go to Canton, Ohio, to talk over the financial question with McKinley.

ONLY \$7,300,000.
The District of Columbia Appropriation Bill Passes the Senate.

Washington, May 19.—The senate today passed the District of Columbia appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$7,300,000. A debate on the question of appropriations for sectarian purposes cropped out on the paragraph making appropriations for charities in the District. On a vote the senate sustained the committee in providing specific appropriations for numerous private charitable institutions, some of them of a sectarian character. A further provision was adopted for an investigation into the charity system of the district with a view to ascertain what, if any, of the public appropriations are used for church purposes.

Shortly after the reading of the bill began a terrific rainstorm broke over the capitol. The senators were first startled by report like the discharge of a heavy gun on the roof. Then torrents of rain swept across the roof,

forcing a way through the glass ceiling until the chamber was filled with a thick mist and large drops fell on the desks of the senators.

That opposed the committee change. He said the best sentiment of the country upheld the view that the government, state or national, ought not to appropriate money to private charities, whether sectarian or not. Peffer also opposed the committee change, saying that the senate should adopt heroic treatment in dealing with the question. Teller said that while in favor of government conduct of government institutions, yet it was felt government charities were not yet adequate in the District of Columbia to permit an immediate abandonment of the old system. Gallinger added a protest against the committee change.

Sherman expressed his belief in the general principles of restricting government aid to government institutions yet, he said, the present private system of charity in the District should not be struck down until a government service is provided for the sick and needy. Gorman and Cockrell supported the committee amendment and George opposed it.

Allison, chairman of the appropriation committee, said the committee amendments were designed to make the largest possible use of the limited government charities in Washington without crippling many worthy private charities. The committee amendment giving stated sums to numerous private charities was agreed to—yeas 35, nays 13—as follows:

Yeas: Republicans—Aldrich, Allison, Cameron, Carter, Chandler, Cullom, Hale, Hawley, McBride, Perkins, Pettigrew, Shoup, Teller, Wetmore, Wilson—15. Democrats—Bacon, Bate, Berry, Blackburn, Caffery, Cockrell, Faulkner, Gorman, Gray, Harris, Hill, Jones (Ark.), Pasco, Roach, Vest, Wallcut and White—H. Populists—Allen, Kyle and Stewart. Total, 35.

Nays: Republicans—Baker, Brown, Burrows, Cannon, Clark, Gallinger, Nelson, Pritchard, Warren—3. Democrats—Chilton, George, Mills—3. Populists—Peffer. Total, 13.

The bill passed at 5:30 p. m. and the senate held a brief executive session and adjourned.

ADJOURNED.
The Battle "Bystander" the Official Organ of the Federation of Miners.

Denver, May 19.—L. W. Rogers, an officer of the American Federation of Labor, addressed the convention of the Western Federation of Miners to-day on the benefits of affiliation with the American Federation. The new officers were initiated and national delegates to the American Federation of Labor selected, as follows: President Boyce, P. H. Clifford, W. R. Phelps and J. G. McDonnell.

Governor McIntyre was, by resolution, thanked for his courteous reception of the committee sent to confer with Robert Lyons, the Bull Hill miner who is serving a term in the penitentiary for inciting a riot.

The Battle, Mont., Bystander was made the official paper of the Federation. The convention adjourned sine die.

WEALTH IN ALASKA
REPORTS OF A VERY RICH STRIKE THERE.

H. Pennock Returns From the Key North to Tell the World That His Claim Is All Right.

Port Townsend, Wash., May 18.—The steam schooner Albion, Captain Lundquist, who recently took a party of tourists and miners from San Francisco to Cook Inlet, Alaska, arrived from the north on the return trip last night. H. Pennock, who was one of the directors and moving spirits of the Excelsior party, is enthusiastic at the luck he met with in the north and came back to purchase sufficient supplies to keep the party at Coal Bay for a couple of years. "As to the other sections of the country," said Mr. Pennock, "I have nothing to say, but if we have not struck a patch that will put the famous Comstock wealth in the shade then I miss my reckoning. We have located an unlimited number of prospects, and if there is a square yard of earth within its boundaries that will not yield a dollar then I'll confess to an untruth and give the fellow who catches me \$1,000."

The Queen's Birthday Honors.
London, May 19.—Among the queen's birthday honors announced are the following: The Marquis of Granby, eldest son of the Duke of Rutland, and Rt. Hon. Edward Hensage, formerly chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, are elevated to the peerage, and Chief Justice Meredith of the court of common pleas of Ontario is knighted. Sir Donald Alexander Smith, resident governor and chief commissioner at Montreal of the Hudson Bay company, is made a knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (G. C. M. G.), and the Hon. Joseph A. Chapleau, lieutenant governor of the Province of Quebec, is made a knight commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (K. C. M. G.).

Bayard Toasted.
London, May 19.—United States Ambassador Bayard was a guest to-night at the banquet of the foreign consuls at the Hotel Cecil. Frederick Rothschild presided. Hon. P. A. Collins, United States consul general in London, in a speech, proposed the toast to the sovereigns and presidents of the world. Bayard replied to the toast, "The Diplomats," in proposing which the Persian consul general, H. S. Foster, eulogized Bayard, who, he said, was honored by all the best people of the United States and Great Britain. Bayard, he said, was one of the best proxies the United States has ever had. As Bayard arose to reply the audience drank to his health. He dwelt upon the mission of the consular service as being equal in importance to that of diplomacy.

A Cyclone in Rock, Kan.
Wichita, Kan., May 19.—A terrible cyclone passed over the town of Rock, 20 miles south of here, this afternoon, but owing to the fact that communication is cut off with that place, no details can be ascertained. Five of the houses of the village are known to be demolished and 10 persons are reported to be injured.

IN THE COMMITTEES
The N. P. Reorganization Bill Commands Attention This Week.

PUBLIC BUILDING MONEY
Senator White on the Deep Water Harbors of the Southern California Coast—Results of Other Conferences.

Washington, May 19.—The bill to authorize the reorganization of the Northern Pacific railroad is absorbing the attention of the committee on judiciary this week. Objections have been made to the bill on account of the questions which representatives of certain interests involved in the reorganization have raised, and it is not unlikely that some important amendment will be made. To-day Morton S. H. Patton of New York, the chairman of the reorganization of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railroad bondholders, spoke against the bill. Bonds of this branch amounting to \$5,558,000 have been guaranteed by the Northern Pacific and under the reorganization it is said that the guarantee will be lost.

Mr. Tawney of Minnesota is endeavoring to secure amendments which will hold the reorganization committee to the guarantees of the titles to land sold by the Northern Pacific in the past. He holds that the warrantees of the land titles will lapse with the reorganization, and that settlers whose titles may be voided by the courts will have no recourse unless special provision is made in the bill. There is much land in the West which this phase of the question affects. Tawney will also try to secure amendments to make the reorganized company assume all past judgments for legal and personal injuries.

Hartman of Montana addressed the committee to-day in favor of certain points of the bill. The features of the plan which forbids the company from combining in any way with the rival lines and take it out of the power of state legislators to authorize commissions which would suppress competition are meeting with support from representatives from the Northwest. Provision to compel the company to sell its grant lands within one mile of the track at \$2.50 an acre is also favored, but some exceptions are taken to the exclusion of mineral timber lands from this rule.

Senator Wilson of Washington urged that an amendment be made which would indemnify lands as well as those in the plan limit, so as to bring the so-called lien lands of Oregon and Washington within the provisions of the bill.

The California Harbors.
Washington, May 19.—There was a spirited scene in the room of the senate committee on commerce this afternoon when Senator White of California appeared before the conference committee engaged on the river and harbor bill. He was invited to give an opinion on the change proposed to be made, naming in the bill commissioners to decide whether the proposed Southern California harbor shall be located at Santa Monica or San Pedro. White took the position that to make this change would be a violation of the agreement made in the senate, and intimated that he would change his opinion if the change proposed were made. The conference report would arouse far greater opposition in the senate than the original report created. Hooker of the house confers intimated he was opposed to all proposed improvements in the vicinity of Los Angeles and it would be best to strike out all appropriations for both outer and inner harbors. To this White reacted, saying that such a course would be taken, if at all, only to annoy him and force him to acquiesce in the proposed change in the commission which, he said, he would not do, because the change would place the entire matter in the hands of the friends of Santa Monica. Growing somewhat excited under the influence of the situation, he declared if the course proposed was persisted in, people would reach the conclusion that congress was under control of ulterior influences. Hooker replied he had no apprehension on that score. The conference committee adjourned for the day without reaching a conclusion as to whether to insert the names of the commissioners or leave the amendment as made in the senate. The committee proposed the commission be composed of Rear Admiral Walker, Prof. T. C. Mendenhall, late superintendent of the coast and geodetic survey; Thomas C. Clark, president of the American Society of Civil Engineers; Alfred Noble and Col. J. H. G. Froot, both of New York. Agreement was reached on all other amendments made by the senate. It is believed the conference will be concluded and a report made to the senate to-morrow.

The Appropriation Changes.
Washington, May 19.—The conference report on the sundry civil appropriation bill was presented to-day. The senate receded from the amendments for a light vessel at Overall Shoal, N. J.; for the relief of a light vessel for the Atlantic coast, and for revenue cutters on the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. These items accordingly go out of the bill. The house acceded to the following amendments, made by the senate: To allow officers and others of the revenue cutter service to make allotments from their pay; for light vessels at Fire Island and San Francisco harbor; for tenders for Second, Seventh and Eighth lighthouse districts; fixing the total for payment of United States marshals and deputies, \$1,900,000; for the United States district attorneys, \$275,000. Important items on which disagreement was reported were the proposed public grounds at Boise City, Idaho; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Helena, Mont.; Los Angeles, Cal., and Salt Lake City, Utah, and the postoffice buildings in Washington and New York.

Money for Schools of Mines.
Washington, May 19.—The house committee on public lands has ordered a favorable report on the bill for the maintenance of school of mines in the public land states and territories by granting each state from the proceeds from the sale of mineral lands \$15,000 for the current year and an annual increase of \$1,000 per year for 10 years.