

For many years the railroads have been badly in need of some good legislative medicine...

Owing to the disagreements between the republican factions in the present Iowa legislature...

Ex-President Cleveland has accepted the position of president of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents...

Japan is Hostile. Try ever so hard, the Washington authorities are unable to conceal the fact that Japan is hostile...

When this country joined with Great Britain and helped furnish the money which helped Japan to prosecute a successful war against Russia...

Women's love for dry goods and men's love for wet goods cause a great deal of domestic trouble.

President Roosevelt, in the breezy language of the distinguished John L. Sullivan, 'still has his punch.'

Andrew Carnegie may be trying to bribe the Old Man with the Scythe. He is quoted as saying that he would give \$200,000,000 for a ten years lease of life.

While the German socialists have lost some of their representation in the Reichstag, the final election returns show that they have lost none of their popular strength...

A Florida Letter. St. Petersburg, Fla., Jan 29, 1907. EDITORS DEMOCRAT: The tourists of Acres Cottage are comfortable, although they find the weather rather too warm sometimes...

When I was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mohr they took us in a row boat over to the Gulf by way of John's Pass.

Miss Lydia Parsons attended the dance in Lanont last Thursday evening. Mrs. Al Clark was in Manchester last Wednesday to see her brother, Bert Croyle.

Later we went across the Key to the Gulf where the waves tried to catch us as we picked up a few little shells.

on a sandbar and wouldn't be along until eleven o'clock at night, we went out to the boat landing to find the crowd standing in the cold wind without any shelter.

There will be a creamery meeting at Martin's Hall this Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Will Chambers are the proud parents of a baby boy born January 31.

Amsey Work visited Thursday with his son, Ralph Work. Miss Grace Wrenthorn visited from Sunday until Wednesday at Elias Tripp's.

A party shelled 1200 bu. of corn for J. Mensch last week which was sold to Geo. Barr. A very large crowd attended the masquerade dance here last Friday evening.

Mr. Irvin Cole of Storm Lake transacted business in Earlville last week to visit relatives at Colesburg last week.

The Great Southern Comedy played to a large, but very much disappointed audience Thursday evening. The entire program was not equal to the poorest medicine show that ever struck the town.

Mr. Rohr of Monticello returned to her home Wednesday after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. John Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Maroney spent Sunday at Masonville.

C. Zarr, who lives on the Wm. Ede farm west of town, will hold an auction on Friday, February 8. Rev. Parkhill of Hopkinton preached both morning and evening in the Congregational church Sunday.

The Missionary Society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. C. A. Kendall Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Anton Smith of Luxemburg is moving his family into the H. Bisgrove house this week.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Ida South, a former resident of Earlville to Mr. Brooks of DePue, Ill., a son of Dr. Brooks, a prominent Milwaukee physician. Congratulations.

Guy Fultz of Dyersville visited his parents here Monday. Geo. Dittmer and Mr. Bergeman of Colesburg transacted business in town Monday. James Rae of Cherokee was in town last week.

Mrs. Anna Cox is on the sick list this week. The Out Look Club met at the home of Mrs. W. L. Bender last Friday. Refreshments were served and a good time was indulged in after the meeting.

Mrs. Dave Laxon was called to Elkader last week by the serious illness of her sister, Miss Luers. Telegraphic Reports of Important Events Occurring During Past Few Days.

Items of Special Interest Caught from the Wires and Prepared for Our Readers. Walnut, Ia., Jan. 31.—The report of the death of Mrs. Amanda Copley and her infant child in Washington, D. C., with the arrest of her husband created profound surprise in this town.

First Iowa at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. He served in the Philippines and on his return married Amanda Bunker, only child of William Bunker, who was reared on a farm near Walnut. Later he took a civil service examination at Omaha and about two years ago went to Washington, where he entered the census bureau.

Iowa Roads Abandon Lobby. Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 1.—James C. Davis, representing the Northwestern railroad, appeared before the senate railroad committee and said that he went there would be no secret gains of the railroads before the legislature. He gave the names of the attorneys who will represent the railroads in public hearings before the committee on the 22nd and 23rd of this month.

Death of First Cleveland Boomer. Marshalltown, Ia., Feb. 1.—Byron Webster, former editor of the Marshalltown Statesman, is dead. He was the first editor to suggest the name of Grover Cleveland for the presidency upon the election of Mr. Cleveland as governor of New York in 1884. Mr. Cleveland after being elected president appointed Mr. Webster as interior secretary there where he was also the first man to urge the candidacy of Horace Boies as governor of Iowa.

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth II. Washington, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, wife of Representative Longworth of Ohio, and daughter of the president, is ill at her home in this city with what is stated at her home to be a slight attack of grip. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt spent some time at the Longworth home and were very much concerned about their daughter's health.

Chicago Automobile Show. Chicago, Feb. 4.—The seventh annual automobile show was formally opened here with upwards of 100 manufacturers of auto cars and accessories represented.

DOZEN MEN IN THE BOX

Jury to Try Harry Thaw for the Murder of Stanford White Is Completed. JEROME NOT QUITE SATISFIED Defense Will Not Likely Consent to Any Changes.

Trial Begins in New York and Thaw's Pleas Seem Sure to Be Emotional Insanity—Names of the Jurors.

New York, Feb. 4.—At the afternoon session Attorney Gleason, in his opening speech, said the defense would be one of insanity.

New York, Feb. 4.—The case of the people against Harry K. Thaw, charged with the murder of Stanford White, was presented to the jury in less than two hours of the morning session of the trial, and in the afternoon Attorney John H. Gleason began the opening for the defense.

New York, Feb. 1.—Sensations were frequent in the Thaw murder trial, and before the two sessions of court had ended three jurors had been released from further service in the case, making five in all summarily excused from the trial during the last three days.

The third was allowed to go upon a physician's certificate that his life would be impeded by the close confinement of jury service. Three satisfactory tamen were found to replace the excused jurors, so that when the rapidly shifting situation underwent a survey at the close of the day there were again eleven men in the jury box, the same number that had been seated at the close of the previous day's session.

Jury Finally Completed. New York, Feb. 2.—The Thaw jury as completed is as follows: Foreman, Dealing B. Smith, aged 55, retired manufacturer; George P. Moff, 45, lawyer; Charles H. Ecker, 45, shipping agent; Oscar A. Pink, 46, salesman; Henry C. Harney, 50, planor; Harry C. Brealey, 35, advertising agent; Malcolm S. Fraser, 40, salesman; Chas. D. Newton, 65, retired railway official; Wilbur S. Steele, 60, manufacturer; John S. Deane, 35, railway freight agent; Joseph R. Bolton, 57, clerk; Bernard Gerstman, 30, manufacturers' agent. All are married men except Deane.

The selection of the twelfth juror came as a complete surprise at the end of a long and tedious day—the eighth of the trial—and immediately after his last name was called the juror had been sworn in Justice Pitney ordered an adjournment of court until 10:30 a. m. Monday.

Jerome is Not Quite Satisfied. District Attorney Jerome, who has been contending for the removal of one of the men in the jury box, who he called to gain the consent of the defendant's counsel to a change, was still reluctant as court adjourned to begin the actual proceedings without a further opportunity to plead with Thaw's attorney. At this request, therefore, the judge ordered all twelve men who have not yet been examined to be in court Monday morning ready for jury service in case any are needed. Jerome then announced that if there should be no change in the composition of the jury, he would proceed to place all his direct testimony before the jury at the Monday morning session. The defense was notified to be in readiness to proceed by Monday afternoon.

DEFENSE LIKES THE JURY Not Likely to Consent to Any Change—Probable Pleas of Thaw. "We are entirely satisfied with the jury," said Clifford W. Hartbridge, Thaw's leading counsel, and he added the intimation that he would not consent to any further alterations of the jury. "The defense will be ready to proceed the minute the prosecution has finished its case," declared John B. Gleason, another Thaw's attorney. Assistant District Attorney Garvan will make the opening address for the prosecution. His remarks will be very brief, occupying perhaps not more than twenty minutes. The state then will introduce only such witnesses as are necessary to prove that Stanford White was shot and killed by Harry K. Thaw on the Madison Square Park garden the night of June 25 last.

A sensation was caused when a taleman under examination declared in reply to straight question that he had been spoken to about the case since coming into court. "Roger O'Mara, stand up," commanded Assistant District Attorney Garvan. The witness, a man of about 40 years of age, appeared for the first time in the case. The taleman said that O'Mara was not the man. Then he explained that he had simply conversed in a general way with those about him as to what was going on in the court room, and said that his final answer was an exact reply to the question put. Everybody was laughing when the incident was closed.

From the question which has so persistently been put to the taleman by Thaw's attorneys as to any prejudice against a defense of insanity it is at last generally conceded that the plea of emotional insanity will be the main defense of the young defendant. This probably will lead to a cross questioning of the state's witnesses as to any peculiarity they may have noticed in Thaw's conduct the night of the tragedy, in which event the conclusion of the state's direct testimony may take longer than is now anticipated.

Close Call for a Horror. Davenport, Ia., Feb. 2.—The Golden State limited passenger train on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad jumped the track on the bridge over the Mississippi river here. Five coaches were derailed and damaged by jumping into the sides of the bridge. There were no casualties, though it was a narrow escape from a wholesale tragedy.

Death from a Scratch. Marshalltown, Ia., Feb. 4.—A scratch from an embalmer's needle while preparing a corpse for burial a fortnight ago has caused the death of D. Simkins, an undertaker, in this city.

Woman Arrested for Murder.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 2.—Mrs. Fred West, proprietor of a "baby farm," was arrested on a charge of murder in the first degree. It being alleged that she put an infant to death by means of lundum because of its blindness. Affidavits were filed with the local magistrate in which it is charged that bodies of a number of infants born at Mrs. West's farm were burned in the furnace and the ashes dumped in a cinder pile. Mrs. West was placed in the county jail.

Attacked by a Wildcat. Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 2.—Peter Wamman, living near Dubuque, while chopping wood in the Wisconsin woods was attacked by a wildcat. The beast sprang at him from a tree and buried its claws in his neck and shoulders. Wamman was only armed with a stick. He made a desperate fight for his life, but the animal could not be shaken off until hunters, attracted by cries, came to the rescue. The man fainted from loss of blood.

Charlestown, W. Va., Jan. 31.—Four bodies have been recovered from the Stuart mine, one being that of John C. Quack, the others being mutilated past identification.

Charlestown, W. Va., Jan. 31.—Late advices received from the scene of the disaster at the Stuart company's mines at Stuart, Fayette county, is that the number of victims will be about sixty. The list of those known positively to have been in the mine at the time of the explosion includes thirty-eight white miners and ten colored miners. Besides these there was a number of foreigners whose names are not known.

The efforts of the rescuers are directed at placing brattices in the shaft and clearing the debris from the entries. This is slow work, but considering the difficulties to be overcome good progress has been made, and the rescuing party hopes soon to be able to reach the bottom of the mine where the men are supposed to be. There is very little hope expressed that any of the entombed miners will be found alive.

Mother and Babe Slain. Washington, Jan. 31.—Washington police officials are busy trying to solve the mystery as to whether Mrs. Annand M. Copley and her 3-month-old baby, Ruth, who were found dead in bed shortly after midnight, were murdered or whether Mrs. Copley shot the infant and then committed suicide. The latter theory is the explanation given by the husband, William G. Copley, a clerk in the census office, who is held at the Ninth Precinct police station pending an investigation.

Iowa Mine Inspector Dead. Ottumwa, Ia., Feb. 4.—James Campbell, state mine inspector under Governor Jackson, Drake, Shaw and Cummins, is dead of tuberculosis.

End of a Meteoric Career. New York, Feb. 4.—Death has ended the eventful career of Hugh O. Brown, a lawyer, a Socialist, an anarchist, a disciple of Henry George, an atheist, an infidel, a free thinker and an editor. His first sensation was in 1887, when he preached a sermon in the house of the Chicago anarchists, who had just been hanged.

False Economy. There is a vast difference between the economy which administers wisely and that which administers miserly and that which administers miserly and that which administers miserly.

Curious Coincidences. When the Ring theater, in Vienna, was burned, with great loss of life, one of the other playhouses of the Austrian capital was playing Pailleur's "Le Monde on l'on S'ennuie," when the Stadt theater, in Vienna, was burned another theater in that city was playing "Le Monde on l'on S'ennuie," and on the evening of the day when the fire in the charity bazaar in Paris took place the Theatre Francaise was announced to play "Le Monde on l'on S'ennuie."

Jealousy. "That word 'communist,' my dear," observed the young husband, correcting her, "has the accent on the first syllable." "How do you know?" "The dictionary says so." "I never saw a man as prejudiced in favor of dictionaries as you are," exclaimed the young wife. "I wish you had married a dictionary."

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Advertisement for J. H. Allen, Clothier and Merchant Tailor. Includes an illustration of a man in a suit and text: 'From the way my Trousers fit you would say they were born, not made. They have the touch of a creative genius.' 'Ask for my mark on TROUSERS WAISTCOATS "/>

Advertisement for The Furniture House of Baxter. Text: 'We spent five days at the great furniture market in July and the goods are just beginning to arrive. No we did not buy the entire output of all the big factories, but just a nice little assortment of the "good ones," just such goods as you would like to have and just such goods as I like to have in my home.' 'About Prices.. Well I guess we can make prices as low as anybody as our expenses are very low and we can afford to sell on a small margin. Just come in and look us over, we won't press you unduly to buy nor fill you full of "Hot Air." Our goods talk for them.' Includes phone numbers 327, 328, 329 and 'BERT B. BAXTER Furniture Undertaking'.

Advertisement for Dress Goods To Close. Text: 'We are over stocked in some lines of Dress Goods, and have decided to place a price on them as will move them at once, and today place on sale the following. You should see them. Note the price.' '18 Pieces, Former Price 50c, now 29c. 14 Pieces, Former Price 75 to 85c, now 49c. 15 Pieces, Former Price \$1.00, now 67c.' 'Respectfully, W. L. Drew'.

Advertisement for AUCTION SALE PUBLIC SALE. Text: 'Having sold our farm in Milo town ship, one mile north of Golden and six miles south of Manchester, we will offer for sale on the premises on Thursday, February 14, 1907. Sale to begin at 10 o'clock a. m. the following described property: 25 head of cattle; 10 cows, six fresh, and rest coming in soon; 1 Durban bull heifer, 5 yearling heifers; 1 Durban bull coming two years old, 3 calves. He has 5 cows, three coming two years old and two coming one year old. Hog: 11 brood sows, 5 shoats, 1 thoroughbred Jersey Red boar; so we all Jersey Reds except one, which is a Poland China. Grain, etc.: 30 tons of hay, 700 bushels of corn, 300 bushels of oats, 40 bushels of barley. Also one Hallowell weaver. FREE LUNCH AT NOON. TERMS: All sums under \$10.00, approved cash; on all sums over \$10.00, approved notes at 7 per cent interest. DUNHAM BROS. L. A. ADDRIU. John Malven, Auctioneer. 6w2'.