

KANSAS NEWS.

Items of Interest from All Parts of the State.

Arkansas City is organizing a state militia company.

Barber county is making laudable exertions to appear well at the world's fair.

Charles Marvin, the trainer of Sunol, used to live at Olathe, where he trained Smuggler.

Some one entered the Odd Fellows lodge room at Arkansas City recently and stole their bible.

Atchison lawyers in the absence of anything else to file, retire to the back yard and file their saws.

A party of Topeka capitalists have purchased "The Lake" near Lawrence. "The Lake" is the Saratoga of Douglas county.

The Troy Chief says that this is the first year that the newspapers have raised less grain than the farmers have harvested.

The Cherryville Republican says "one of the horses sent from here took first premium at the state fair at Salem, Oregon."

expert testimony seems to be conclusive that Kansas Central trains are compelled to run on two streaks of rust for a track.

The Galena Times has two columns of mining notes, showing wonderful prosperity in the zinc and lead outputs in that section.

That operetta in Salina was a grand success. But that is no reason the home talent singers should organize a road company.

Every day shortens the time which Governor Humphrey has given the Union Pacific company in which to relay the track on the Kansas Central.

The Girard Herald reports that C. F. Gregg bought two car loads of apples at 30 cents a bushel and shipped them to Tennessee.

Atchison young men are great admirers of beauty and make frequent pilgrimages to Leavenworth to satisfy their esthetic cravings.

Jim Clarke of Burlington has taken his racer Zannie T. for a tour through Texas. He will enter the Dallas race and go to New Orleans also.

The Eudoria literary society has begun its winter entertainments already. Before spring every member will have a chance to participate.

The "feeling" between the two daily papers at Lawrence has reached that stage of putrefaction which suggests the propriety of an inquiry by the board of health.

The average yield of wheat in Eastern Kansas this year was 16.64 bushels per acre; Western, 14.6, and for Central Kansas, 15.52. In all 58,891,619 bushels were raised.

A Wichita dentist by the name of Creditor is having his wisdom teeth wrenched by the law. He is unable to pass an examination for a license and he persists in practicing without one.

There is a young lady in Butler county named Ada Ratts. And the Abilene reflector rises to a question of personal privilege to ask if she is not afraid to stay in a room alone with her name.

The only items of interest which Usage county papers neglect pertain to coal. It is one of the greatest coal mining regions in the state, and some idea of the output would be interesting.

The Harper Sentinel says that lots of school teachers are looking forward to election day with great impatience. Nightly meetings in the school houses have sweeping the chief occupation of the teachers.

The women of Hiawatha have ostracized the men who dared attend a theatrical show there the other night. It was a female minstrel show. This is probably all right but a little dangerous, as "the good die young."

The Jewell City Republican, in answer to an inquiry as to whether Eastern Kansas apples could be sold in Jewell for 75 cents a bushel, says that Jewell would sell home grown apples in any quantity demanded for 50 cents a bushel.

The Lawrence daily papers have got so mean in their language that the editors are now making affidavits that some outside fell w wrote the article. They were rather bright paragraphs which strengthen the affidavits.

Chancellor Snow of the Kansas university gave his annual reception to the students recently. Each class wore its separate color, and made a rush to pin it upon the assembled professors. The professors good naturedly submitted and were impartially arrayed in all the varying shades.

Florence is discussing a "grand masque or costume ball," to be given in the near future. To keep out of the hot polloi they will issue high priced invitations.

The McCracken Enterprise reports that Rush county has raised cabbages this year in large quantities and of remarkable size. Ordinarily the cabbage crop in Kansas has an up hill fight.

Mrs. C. H. Ward of Junction City recently entertained her lady friends with a "rose tea." Each guest had a hot house rose at her plate with an appropriate verse attached.

ELECTION NEWS.

Returns Regarding Tuesday's Proceedings.

NEBRASKA. OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 5.—To-day Chairman Mercer estimates that Post's majority in the state will be between 8,000 and 10,000. This is estimating his majority in Douglas county at 5,000, which is low. Bemis, republican, carries the city by 3,000. The county and city republican ticket is elected throughout. The republican state central committee claims the election of Post by 10,000. Returns are coming in slowly.

LANCASTER COUNTY. LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 5.—When seen late this morning Chairman Bushnell of the republican county central committee declared his firm conviction that the entire republican ticket is elected by pluralities ranging from 250 to 1,000, while the county will give a majority for Post of 1,200 to 1,500. The independents elect Baker clerk of the district court by a small majority.

KANSAS. TOPEKA, Nov. 5.—Nine district judges were voted for in Kansas and county officers in eighteen counties. It will be difficult even after the returns are in, unless the victory is sweeping, to tell whether the people's party gained or lost during the year. Rain has fallen over the state. The vote was very light everywhere. The sub-alliances failed to vote in blocks, as last year, when they swept the state.

Complete returns from thirty Kansas counties and partial from forty show the election of nine out of twelve district judges by the republicans, with three not heard from. The republicans elected every official in every county.

IOWA. DES MOINES, Nov. 5.—The most exciting state election in the history of Iowa has closed. It is conceded that the election will be close. The most remarkable thing is the increase in the vote cast over last year and two years ago. All reports received indicate the heaviest vote ever cast in the state.

Scattering returns throughout the state indicate that Boies, democrat, was elected governor over Wheeler, republican, by a reduced plurality. The vote will be very close, however, and the democratic plurality is not likely to exceed 5,000. Both committees claim the election of governor. The chairman of the republican committee said: "The returns are very incomplete, but a careful estimate puts Wheeler's plurality at 2,500. It is believed the later precincts will show a greater republican gain, as they will be from the country districts."

OHIO. CINCINNATI, Nov. 5.—The democratic state central committee concedes McKinley's election by 10,000 and the election of a republican legislature. (Ezra) concedes McKinley's election by 15,000 to 20,000.

Chairman Hahn, of the republican state committee, is now claiming the state by from 19,000 to 21,000, and the general assembly by 31 to 33 on joint ballot.

NEW YORK. NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—1,615 districts outside give Flower 177,688, Fassett 190,000. The same in 1888 gave Hill 197,824, Miller 242,279. The 1,734 outside districts not yet heard from, in 1888 gave Miller a plurality 19,641. In case Fassett should have the same plurality his total outside plurality would be 31,975. Flower's plurality in New York city and Kings county being 74,290, his plurality in the state thus would be about 42,300. The democracy carried both congressional districts, the Tenth and Twelfth. Little, of the latter, was elected to succeed Flower and Cochran was elected from the Tenth. Tammany carried all the senatorial districts except one. Flower's majority in 600 districts in the city is 35,739. Fifty-one districts in the state outside of New York and Kings county give Flower 4,660, Fassett 5,162. The same districts in 1888 gave Hill 4,815, Miller, 6,701.

The betting on the result in the state at the Hoffman house was even. The republicans claim the state by over 20,000 majority. Fassett's brother-in-law telegraphed to Elmira that Fassett was elected. It looks as if the democrats had lost four out of twenty-four assembly districts in this city. This is a gain of three republican assemblymen. The Commercial Advertiser bulletin says: Flower's majority in the city is about 75,000. The Mail and Express bulletin puts it at 50,000.

Midnight—The Associated press reports from New York state show fifteen democrats elected to the senate and seventeen republicans. There is some doubt about two of the republicans and one democrat. In the assembly there is a tie. On these figures the republicans have two majority on joint ballot.

ILLINOIS. CHICAGO, Nov. 5.—The local election appears to be a drawn battle. Four hundred out of 555 precincts indicate the election of about half of each ticket.

COLORADO. DENVER, Nov. 5.—It will be very late before definite returns can be had. However, there is no doubt of the election of Judge Helm, republican, to the chief justiceship by over 5,000.

VIRGINIA. WINCHESTER, Va., Nov. 5.—The democrats claim every senatorial district in the state. The democrats will have at least four-fifths of the house. The alliance will have two candidates and one "straight-out" republican has been elected.

MASSACHUSETTS. BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 5.—Governor Russell, democrat, estimates his majority at 5,000. Corcoran, democrat, for lieutenant-governor, is confident of his own election. The Journal and Advertiser, both republican, concede Russell's election.

DOWN A SHAFT.

SEVENTEEN MINERS INSTANTLY KILLED. An Express Train on the Missouri Pacific Robbed Near Omaha and a Rich Haul Made by the Bandits—Important Telegraphic News.

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 5.—At midnight last night, when one shift of men at the Anaconda mine was relieving another seventeen men were killed by the falling of the cage and two were fatally injured. The cage was full of miners returning from work. As they stepped out into the open air their places were at once taken by nineteen men who were to take up the work they had just abandoned. The cage started towards the depths below. The rope had been unwound but a couple of times from the slowly revolving windlass when there was a sudden snap and a cry of horror from the shaft. The rope had broken, and the cage with its nineteen inmates was precipitated to the bottom of the mine. It was some little time before assistance could be sent them. A number of the miners who were through work and waiting to be relieved, were at the bottom of the shaft waiting for the cage to take them out. Amidst them, narrowly missing some, the cage dashed. Little could be done. Of the nineteen men who made the fearful ride seventeen were dead, their forms crushed out of all semblance to human beings, while the two yet breathing have no hopes of recovery.

A Hold-Up at Home. OMAHA, Nov. 5.—The Kansas City express train on the Missouri Pacific road was held up by six masked men, about 10 o'clock last night, one mile west of West Side, eight miles from this city. At that point the train had to stop before crossing the F. E. & M. V. tracks. Two of the men boarded the engine and with cocked revolvers commanded Engineer Hall to get off the engine. The others boarded the express car and, upon being refused the keys to the box, proceeded to break it open with tools which they had secured from a section house. While two worked on the strong box the others compelled the passengers to keep their seats. The thieves secured about \$3,500 from the safe and then, backing off, ordered the engineer to pull out. They then disappeared in the darkness. The sheriff and police officers are out after them.

Arriving in Droves. ASHLAND, Wis., Nov. 5.—Excitement grows intense as the date for filing on the Omaha indemnity lands approaches. Whole colonies of filers arrive on every train, twenty-five coming in a body yesterday from Eau Claire and a similar number from Washburn. Large numbers have gone on to Iron river, where they will squat on land and take their chances of squatters' right giving them ultimate possession of it. A terrible snow storm howled over all of Northern Wisconsin last night, whitening the shivering forms of the land squatters as they hovered over their poor fires in the forest.

Killed by One Cigarette. LEBANON, Ind., Nov. 5.—Corn Neese, aged 18, while returning home from the theatre two weeks ago, was persuaded by her escort to indulge in cigarette smoking. She became ill shortly after returning home and gradually grew worse until she died. The doctors gave it as their opinion that death was caused by nicotine poisoning introduced into her system by smoking the cigarette.

Laid Down on the Track. HOLDREGE, Neb., Nov. 5.—Gust Martinson, a Swede, living at Loomis, this county, came to Holdrege yesterday and after drinking too freely last evening laid down between the rails on the side track to take a sleep. In the night a box car was backed over him, cutting open his head and injuring one eye. The injury, it is said, will not be fatal.

Smashed a Ballot Box. BISMARCK, N. D., Nov. 5.—Edwin Wood, postmaster and clerk of election, was placed under \$1,000 bonds today for smashing a ballot box at Wadena, fourteen miles east of Bismarck. Wood charges fraud in the county commissioners' election, and claims that he smashed the ballot box in a fit of madness.

Terrible Ravages of Cholera. CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 5.—The ravages of Cholera in Damascus show an alarming increase. The record for the past week shows 180 cases and 90 deaths. Owing to the prevalence of cholera Hodeida is in nearly as bad a situation as Damascus, but at Aleppo the plague has subsided.

Murder and Suicide. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5.—Seigfried Goch, a German laborer, murdered his wife and young son this morning by cutting their skulls open with a hatchet, then committing suicide by hanging himself in the yard. It is supposed that he was insane.

Dosen't Want War. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 5.—A special from the City of Mexico says advices from Guatemala are that affairs in Guatemala have undergone a material change in the last two weeks. Absolute liberty in writing is now allowed, and newspaper men are taking advantage of the opportunity to score the government. Barillas, the president, has been advised by friends and his cabinet to leave Guatemala, but refuses till after the elections. He has assured Salvador he does not want war with that country.

Total Depravity.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Among the passengers arriving on the steamship Furst Bismarck, today, was a family named Mueller, who came from Mecklenburg, Germany. It consisted of the mother, who is about fifty years old, a daughter named Margaret, twenty-two years old, two smaller children and a young man who came with them, but claimed no relationship. As they passed the registering clerk's desk it was noticed that the girl Margaret was enceinte. When asked who was the cause of her condition she pointed to the young man. Upon this statement the whole family were detained. The authorities would not allow them to go unless they were married. This they agreed to do and a minister was called. In answer to questions the couple gave the name of Mueller and this caused the dominie to become suspicious. He questioned them both separately and they both affirmed that they came from different families. Upon this assertion the ceremony was performed. Later it became known that the couple were brother and sister. The barge office authorities were furious when they learned this fact and the matter will be referred to the United States district attorney. The family will be sent back to Germany. The marriage, of course, is void, both legally and morally.

Natural Gas Discovered. BUSHNELL, Ill., Nov. 2.—There was much excitement here today over the discovery of natural gas. The city water system is obtained from wells six and eight inches in diameter and 120 feet deep, which are discharged into a large, lightly covered reservoir. A few evenings since the engineer lifted the trap door of the reservoir and thrust in his lantern. Immediately there was a terrible explosion, the roof was lifted off the reservoir, the cement walls partly torn down and the engineer thrown fifty feet. Since then the trap has been opened and there has been a strong smell of escaping gas. Yesterday one of the six inch wells was touched with a torch, and the gas escaping from it has been burning ever since. It shoots a strong, intensely hot flame twelve or fifteen feet high and is steadily increasing in force. Experts assert the brilliancy of the flame precludes the marsh-gas idea and express the belief that it is a fine quality of natural gas.

All Quiet at Briceville. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Nov. 2.—A rumor is current here to the effect that a secret understanding exists between the miners throughout the state to liberate all convicts working in the mines. In consequence it is thought the next move will be on Oliver Springs, Tracy City and Inman, where convicts are employed. A special to the Times says that no further outbreaks have occurred at Briceville, and the miners resumed work yesterday morning. The convicts are scattered over the country fleeing to the mountains of Kentucky. The total number of convicts released will exceed 300. The militia are awaiting orders from Governor Buchanan, but the officers do not think they will be called out, as the damage has been done and there is no need for their presence at Briceville. The matter has created great excitement here and the outcome is looked forward to with interest.

Wales' House on Fire. LONDON, Nov. 2.—Sandringham hall, the residence of the Prince of Wales, was partly destroyed by fire this morning. A postman crossing the park saw smoke issuing from the roof. He gave an alarm and a local volunteer fire brigade was quickly on the scene. For a time it seemed as if the building was doomed. Then gradually the fire yielded, but for four hours the struggle went on. The fire had started in the upper part of the structure and was prevented from working its way down. But the second and third floors, the roof and much valuable furniture were destroyed and the rooms below greatly damaged by water before the fire was extinguished. The damage amounts to £20,000. A spark from a heating flue appears to have caused the fire.

Four Boys Drowned. MIDLAND, Ont., Nov. 2.—John Clarkson, Peter Lewis, Leo Johnson and William Allison, four boys between the ages of twelve and fifteen, left here yesterday in a sail boat for Present island. About 5 p. m. their boat was caught in a squall, capsized and all were drowned. None of the bodies have been recovered.

Robbed in Style. DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Nov. 2.—Robbers made a raid on Jackson and Homer both last night. At Homer they called at the residence of Herman Freeze, cashier of the Homer State bank, and after getting him out of the house under pretense of talking over the political prospects, they drew revolvers on him, making him open the bank and also the safe, from which they took \$1,600, bound and gagged Mr. Freeze and left him, where he remained until 7 o'clock this morning.

Little Sympathy Extended. LONDON, Nov. 2.—The naval authorities at Plymouth do not express much sympathy for the fishermen who claim to have had their boats damaged by the firing practice of her majesty's ships. They claim that the fishermen are in the habit of sneaking their boats into some locality in range of firing so that the boats may be sunk by a stray shot and the fishermen be enriched by a liberal recompense. It pays, the navy people say, better than fishing.

DIVERS CRIMES.

MORE CONVICTS LIBERATED AT KNOXVILLE.

Outlawry Runs Riot in Kansas City—Some Interesting Statistics Regarding Street Railways—A Murder at Boulder, Colorado.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 3.—Three deaths reported within twelve hours here, one a murder and the other two very suspicious looking affairs, indicate that the fact that fourteen murderers are untried in the Kansas City jail is bearing fruit. Six miles east of Lone Jack, in the eastern part of this county, Samuel Smith was killed by John Aldrich, a neighbor, in a quarrel over a set of harness. After the shooting the murderer sent word to the dead man's wife that he had killed her husband and she had better look after the body. Aldrich is now in jail.

Michael C. Grace, a switchman in the Union Pacific yards, died this morning from a fractured skull which he received in a very mysterious manner last evening. His death is laid to John Nichols, another switchman, and he is now under arrest.

At 11:45 o'clock this morning the fire department was called to a fire in a shanty on Tenth street, and after the flames were extinguished they found the dead body of Mrs. Amelia Parker lying on the floor of the house with blood running from a wound in her mouth. The house had been robbed. None of the neighbors knew how the house became fired. The woman has two sons working in Omaha.

More Convicts Liberated. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 3.—At 1 o'clock this morning 200 mounted men came in from the mountains and liberated the 200 convicts working in the mines at Oliver Springs. So quietly was it done that the people of the town knew nothing about what had happened until 6 this morning, when they discovered the stockade a mass of smoking ruins. All the short term prisoners were furnished with citizens' clothing, and with the exception of a few recaptured all are now at large. This makes more than 500 penitentiary convicts turned loose in that locality since Friday evening. The governor of the state was here yesterday, but left this morning for Nashville. It does not appear that there was any resistance on the part of the guards and nobody was hurt. The wildest rumors prevail, one of which is that the miners will immediately proceed to Tracy City and release the convicts there.

Decline of the Car Horse. NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—The Street Railway News of this city, in its issue of this week, will call attention to the remarkable increase in urban rapid transit facilities as shown by the annual address of President Watson at the recent convention at Pittsburg of the American street railway association. These figures show that in 1889 only 476 cities in the United States possessed rapid transit facilities. Now there is not a city with a population of 10,000 or over without its street railway. In November of last year 116,795 horses were employed on street railway lines; today only 88,114 are utilized for the purpose of car hauling, a loss of 28,681 in less than twelve months. Fifty-four cable lines are in operation, against 412 electric and 537 animal; 1,008 companies are operating street railways and seventy-five companies are building new lines.

Denies His Guilt. BOULDER, Col., Nov. 3.—All is excitement over a terrible crime that was committed here last night. George Weiderholt took Dora Anderson, a pretty Swede girl, for a walk and, it is alleged, forced her to take poison against her will. She strongly objected, but he held her nose and forced her to drink a large vial of laudanum. He then threw away the bottle, which was found this morning, still containing some of the poison. As soon as the crime was made known physicians were called and they worked over the girl from midnight last night until 9 o'clock this morning, when the poor unfortunate died. Weiderholt was arrested and lodged in jail. He denies all knowledge of the affair, but the evidence is said to be conclusive.

Fatal Shooting. PEEKSKILL, N. Y., Nov. 3.—Charles Blisch, proprietor of the Eagle hotel in this city, was shot and almost instantly killed shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon by a man who says his name is H. Petts and who lives in Brooklyn. Betts gave himself up. It appears that Blisch knew Petts in Brooklyn. As the story goes, more than a year ago Betts transferred \$100,000 to his wife. He says that Blisch alienated his wife's affections and she left him, taking with her his children. It is surmised that part of the \$100,000 which Betts transferred to his wife was given to Blisch and used in purchasing the hotel. Blisch bought the hotel about ten months ago.

An Iowa man who recently died at the age of 87 was the father of 31 children. He was married three times.

Ate Poisoned Mutton. INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 3.—Seven members of the family of James Douglas breakfasted this morning on cold roast mutton. Three hours later all were taken violently ill, four being delirious and every one showing acute symptoms of violent poisoning. The father and one son will die and the fate of the others hangs in a balance. The meat was purchased from an unknown butcher. Cornell university boasts of the biggest freshman class this year. It numbers over 600, but this, of course, embraces a number of departmentals.

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