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A WICHITAN SUICIDES.

MR. J. A. NEWCOME PROBABLY FATALLY SHOOTS HIMSELF.

The Awful Deed Committed With a Revolver in a Clearwater Bank.

The Bullet Supposed to Have Passed Entirely Through the Brain—His Recovery Very Doubtful.

Financial Troubles Alleged as the Cause of the Terrible Attempt—The Skeleton of an Unknown Found on the Ninnescah River — A Young Lady Killed by Lightning.

Special Dispatch to the Daily Eagle.

CLEARWATER, Kan., May 29.—J. A. Newcome, of Wichita, shot himself in the head with a revolver at 3:30 this evening, the ball entering an inch above the right ear. He is in a very critical condition. Financial trouble supposed to be the cause.

Mr. Newcome had just came down from Wichita to make preparations for accepting a position with Mr. Tillinghast in the bank. The two gentlemen had talked for some time together in the front room of the bank, when Mr. Tillinghast was called away by the entrance of a lady. In a few minutes after he heard the report of a revolver and rushing into the back room found Mr. Newcome lying upon the floor, blood issuing from a wound in his head, and near by upon the floor Mr. Tillinghast's own revolver with which the bloody deed had been done. Soon others were attracted to the spot and several lifted Mr. Newcome to his feet. He stood looking around him for a few minutes and inquired what had happened. Dr. Van Eaton was called, and the wounded man with his assistance and that of Mr. Tillinghast walked to the hotel. Here an examination was made, and although the doctor inserted a probe to the depth of four inches he could not touch the ball. It had evidently passed clear through the brain and lodged upon the opposite side of the skull. Mrs. Newcome was telegraphed to come immediately in company with Dr. Fordice. There is but little hopes of his recovery.

Mr. Newcome came to Kansas some time ago from Painesville, O., where he had been employed for fifteen years in the operating of the Painesville and Youngstown railroad. Mr. Tillinghast was a friend of his and the fortunate investments made by him for Mr. Newcome induced him to give up his business in Ohio and remove here. He purchased and lived in the residence built by Mr. Tillinghast's father, but afterwards removing to Wichita was engaged in business with A. A. Post, afterwards with J. P. Wilcox, and just before leaving for Clearwater, had entered into the pawn business on North Main street, Wichita.

Mr. Tillinghast says that he thinks he was not very heavily involved and that the largest amount of money that he owed was the $1,600 that he was indebted to him.

He was about 50 years of age and besides a wife he has one child. His home was 2525 Second street, Wichita.

WHOSE IS IT?

A Skeleton Found on the Ninnescah With a Knife Attached.

Special Dispatch to the Daily Eagle.

CONWAY SPRINGS, Kan., May 29.—Some of our town boys while fishing on the Ninnescah river, twelve miles north of this city, found yesterday a skeleton of a man with a piece of a butcher knife between the ribs of the left side and the balance of the knife a foot from the skeleton. With it was found a leather scabbard for the knife and a pair of old fashioned bullet moulds. The skeleton was buried on the bank in a sitting position, was dug up and brought to this city and is now in the office of the Conway Springs Star.

POLITICS IN CLARK.

A Lively Time Expected Over the Senatorial Contest—Heavy Rains.

Special Dispatch to the Daily Eagle.

ASHLAND, Kan., May 29.—By far the heaviest rainfall of the season came down upon this section last night. It poured down in torrents for six long hours, the rain being accompanied by some wind and hail. A rousing big crop for Clark county is now an absolute certainty, placing her where she properly belongs—at the head of the procession of western Kansas counties agriculturally.

County politics are growing warmer day by day. However, the smoke of last Saturday's convention to nominate delegates to the senatorial convention at Coldwater, June 3, has passed quietly away, but an undercurrent is extant foretelling the result of the coming contest. While the judicial contest was by some dragged into this present fight, a better feeling seems now to prevail than a few days ago. Willis G. Emerson, of Meade, is a senatorial candidate, and to a small man up a tall tree it very much looks as if the Clark county delegates were favorably disposed to him. The Hon. F. C. Price, who was most heartily endorsed in the delegate convention for re-election to the judgeship, is supposed to stand neutral in the matter. In this he has shown his remarkably good judgment as he does in all things. Judge Price is everywhere acknowledged to be a young man of unusually strong executive ability, and it is the feeling and desire of the people throughout the district to see him returned to the bench of the Thirty-first judicial district this fall.

DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE.

Mc Pherson County Visited by a Terrible Wind Storm.

McPHERSON, Kan., May 29.—A cyclone formed about six miles southwest of this city between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, passing almost directly east through the county, striking the earth three times in its passage. Where it struck everything was destroyed. Three miles east of Elyria it struck John Nightingale's house, taking it from the foundation with all its contents, carrying it entirely away, not a single thing being seen since. The family escaped by taking refuge in the cellar. B. Ratzlof's house was also destroyed and his family likewise saved by taking refuge in the cellar. Corn and wheat were taken out of the ground. A few hail stones fell as large as a man's fist. One was picked up that measured thirteen inches in circumference. A cow was carried some distance in the air; when she reached the ground one leg was broken and both horns broken off. No lives were lost nor any one hurt. The only thing that saved destruction was that no buildings were in its track. Large quantities of machinery was destroyed and also timber.

BARTON COUNTY CROPS.

Special dispatch to the Daily Eagle.

GREAT BEND, Kan., May 29.—We were visited again last night by a very heavy rainfall. This is the fourth good rain within the past month and the indications are that a regular old wet spell has set in. Some fears are expressed that the wheat will be damaged by rust. It is boldly estimated that the Barton county wheat yield will reach 3,000,000 bushels if it is not damaged by hail or rust. Barton county never looked better in her history; all grains fruits and vegetables are looking as good as could be wished.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

A Young Lady Fatally Struck by Lightning Near Guthrie.

Special Dispatch to the Daily Eagle.

ANTHONY, Kan., May 29.—Miss Maud Pickle, a niece of Mrs. B. F. Lee of this city, was struck by lightning Sunday morning near Guthrie, Ok., and instantly killed. There were seven others in the tent and all were stunned. When they recover from the shock they found her dead.

Fine rains last night and more today; vegetation is on the boom. A. D. Buckingham arrived here last evening from Washburn, Ill., and says he saw more fat hogs and cattle and better crops this side of Wichita than in the whole of the state of Illinois.

JAMES MARTIN DEAD.

An Old-Time Kansan Passes Away at Atchison.

ATCHISON, Kan., May 29.—James Martin, father of ex-Governor Martin, and of A. H. Martin, business manager of the Daily Champion, died at his residence in this city last night. He was in his eighty-sixth year and had been a citizen of Kansas since 1857. He was postmaster of Atchison from 1861 to 1873.

JUNCTION CITY JOTTINGS.

JUNCTION CITY, Kan., May 29.—Contracts for a new building at Fort Riley were let today to the amount of $86,000.

The two battallions of artillery ordered here from St. Paul and Little Rock have arrived.

Heavy rains fell throughout Geary county last night. Crops look fine.

KILLED BY THE CARS.

WASHINGTON, Kan., May 29.—Last night Isaac Parks, an old resident farmer and justice of the peace of this county, was killed at a sidetrack and cattle chute called Spencerville, between Hanover and Hollenberg, on the St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad, in this county. He and others were loading some hogs and after finishing this they separated, it being then after night. This morning his team was seen standing hitched in the vicinity and his body was found lying across one of the rails of the sidetrack, almost cut in two. It is supposed he had become intoxicated and crawled or fell under the cars. He leaves a wife and several children.

WELLINGTON'S FAIR.

WELLINGTON, Kan., May 29.—The Sumner County Fair association, which has been in a moribund condition for the past three years, was reorganized at a meeting of the business men of this city and preparations for a grand industrial and agricultural exhibition to take place the last week in August were at once set on foot. P. B. Spears is president of the association; H. E. Frantz, secretary; A. Branaman, treasurer. Sufficient funds were subscribed and guaranteed to pay in full all expenses and premiums, whether the fair is a financial success or not.

BEDWELL ACQUITTED.

LEAVENWORTH, May 29.—At Oskaloosa today W. H. Bedwell, of this city, who was on trial for the murder of John Foran, was acquitted. The case was taken to Jefferson county on a change of venue, Bedwell claiming that he could not get an impartial trial in Leavenworth county. It only required a short time for the jury to reach the verdict. Twenty-one witnesses were examined for the state and only two for the defense.

KANSAS MATTERS AT THE CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The Concordia land district in Kansas has been consolidated with that of Salina, with its office at the town of Salina.

Reports to the general land office show that up to this date fourteen applications to enter town sites have been made in the Kingfisher land district in Oklahoma and twelve in the Guthrie land district.

The following fourth-class postmasters have been appointed in Kansas: F. W. Hollis, Garden Plain, Sedgwick county; F. C. Coons, Goddard, Sedgwick county; W. A. Thompson, Hatfield, Finney county; James H. Murray, Isabel, Barber county; Bartley Smith, Neola, Stafford county; D. L. Gray, Pence, Scott county; W. J. Harrold, Poppleton, Comanche county; H. T. Hill, Welda, Adderson county.

The following pensions examining surgeons have been appointed: At Bolivar, Mo., Mrs. A. P. Mitchell, S. H. Griffin and W. J. Drake; at Council Grove, Kan., Drs. W. E. Crawford, J. I. Harvey and D. H. Painter; at Cottonwood Falls, Kan., D. C. E. Holt, T. M. Lane and C. L. Conaway.

Kansas patents—Francis Allen, Kansas City, railway danger signal; William C. Burtch and E. M. Gurnee, Kansas City, nail driver; John W. and J. W. A. Calhoun, Kansas City, washing machine; Frank J. Case, assignor of two thirds to F. L. and J. H. Case, Arrington, broom; Morgan S. Clark, Toronto, combined shears, buttonhole cutter and ripper; John W. Davis, assignor of two-thirds to E. B. Foster and J. W. Leedy, LeRoy, door spring; Jefferson Fleming, Kansas City, ground auger; Thomas K. Hansbury, Norton, door check; Elmer E. Hescock, Strawn, combination tool; John W. Hill, Valley Falls, tray for egg incubators; Benjamin G. Krapl, Leavenworth, shade holder for lamps; Henderson F. Longworth, Jr., Beloit, stalk fodder harvester; Martin D. Miller, Leavenworth, oil burner; Edward F. Scholder, Fort Scott, post hole digger or earth auger.

INTERIOR APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The following appointments were today made in the department of the interior: William T. Shelley, of Tennessee, chief of the division of depredation claims in the Indian bureau; Lorenzo B. Montgomery, of Galesville, Ore., and Thomas J. Slater, of Missouri, special agents for investigation of depredation claims in the same bureau. Frank M. Thompson, of Arkansas, has been appointed superintendent of the hot springs, vice Charles W. Fields, of the District of Columbia, removed.

KILLING FROSTS IN NEW YORK.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 29.—Killing frosts are reported in Livingstone, Orleans and Monroe counties. Grape vines were wilted and all sorts of garden truck killed. In some parts of Orleans county the damage will be very heavy.

THE HAYTIEN COMMISSION.

Different Reports Still Circulated Regarding the Appointments.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—There is one curious relative to the Haytien matter which does not appear in any of the voluminous publications on this subject. The report is said to originate with persons who have the confidence of the legation of Hayti here. It is to the following effect: "The government of the United States to this amount has continued to recognize the so-called legitimate government of Hayti, of which Legitime is the chief and Mr. Preston the minister here. The Clyde steamer, from New York, loaded with contraband material for the insurgents, is said to have been conveyed through the blockade of one of the ports of the island by a United States vessel stationed there, and the cargo delivered to the insurgents. It is said that one of the objects of the commission to Hayti was to have been, perhaps is still to be, to ascertain whether any such steamer was conveyed there through the blockade in the interest of the insurgents, and if so by what authority and in what interest it was done.

A number of conflicting reports are in circulation as to the manner in which the nomination of the Hayti commission was made, and was then withdrawn. There can be no question raised that the following are the facts: The names of the two commissioners were received at the white house in the usual way on a state department list. The appointment of Beverly Tucker and of General Lew Wallace had been previously determined upon after conferences between the president and secretary of state. These names were given to the official of the white house whose duty it is to keep a record of appointments, to be recorded and sent with the regular list of appointments to the Associated Press for transmission to the country. The list, written in the exceedingly plain hand of Assistant Secretary Pruden, was duly delivered at the office of the Associated Press, by a regular messenger of the white house about 3 o'clock Monday night. It was telegraphed at once, as such appointments always are, to all parts of the country. Some two hours later, or about 10 o'clock, an official of the white house appeared at the office of the Associated Press, after what had evidently been a very hasty journey and stated that he was directed to request the Associated Press to withdraw the appointments of the Haytien commissioners as they were prematurely announced. It is not the custom, however, for news associations to hold important news for two hours, and long before this message of withdrawal came, the names of the two commissioners were in the possession of every newspaper in the United States, and had already been sent to London. All that the Associated Press could do to comply with the request was to send the supplemental dispatch to every one of its subscribers, requesting that the names if those commissioners be "killed," that is in newspaper phrase, that the names be erased from the list of nominations as they had been "prematurely given out." One of the reports now in circulation in some circles is that the state department did not intend to have the names made public and that the commissioners were to have been sent on their mission without any public announcement of the fact. But the white house officials in charge of such matters are men of long experience, of much ability and known everywhere for their great caution. They at least, it is safe to say, quoted no confidence and made no blunders. The fact appears to be that the attention of the president was called very late in the day, probably after the nominations had been in the regular list, to the press, of the points in the record of Beverly Tucker, to which the attention of the public has been somewhat sharply called in the last few days. At all events, Beverly Tucker himself is the authority for the statement that the president informed him that his (Tucker's) name was withdrawn because one of the most prominent "newspaper men" of Washington (naming him) had given the information to the president as to the record of Mr. Tucker. At all events, one of the friends of Mr. Tucker, coming directly from him, said that that was the statement which Mr. Tucker had made, Mr. Tucker must have misunderstood the president in some particulars, for the president had no interview with the gentleman whose name he gave to Mr. Tucker on the subject. But the white house did receive, from some source, information that in the report of the trial of the persons charged with a conspiracy to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln (a book very difficult to obtain and long since out of print), published by Ben Pitman from his own shorthand notes, the name of Beverly Tucker more than once appeared. The president, it appears, was not informed as to Tucker's record, and the moment that he was he directed the nomination to be withheld. No one exactly understands why Beverly Tucker, a man nearly 70 years of age, in feeble health, a constant sufferer from gout, and very frequently quite seriously ill, should have been selected for a mission to a country the climate of which is insalubrious, and where an insurrection is now in progress. Mr. Tucker finds it difficult to travel, and to move about even with all the conveniences of an advanced civilization. A local paper makes this suggestion: "The appointment of Mr. Tucker is said to have been made at the request of Stephen B. Elkins and ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, through Mr. Blaine. Mr. Tucker has been associated with these three gentlemen in the management of the West Virginia Central railroad for some time."

It is a fact that the name of Beverly Tucker is found in the indictment with the name of John Surratt, John Wilkes Booth and others charged with the conspiracy to assassinate Abraham Lincoln. Beverly Tucker was also charged with having been associated with Jake Thompson and others in the movement engineered from Canada to excite insurrection in the north and to aid the confederacy in various ways that are familiar to all readers of history.

NEW ORLEANS, May 29.—The Picayune's Pensacola special says regarding the surmised object of the meeting at this point of the French minister and the commander of the French war vessel Roland, that it has to do with French Hayti's affairs. "Other stories than those wired you last night have been afloat. It is looked upon by the well informed as certain that the French and the Legitime government have come to an understanding whereby in consideration of liberal concessions, the former is to aid the latter in its efforts to subdue Hippolyte, and it is also believed that Secretary Blaine has smelled the mouse and that the recent appointment of commissioners by the United States government to negotiate a peace between the disputants is a checkmate to the French move. Said a prominent gentleman today in the hearing of your correspondent: 'Foreign interference in the affairs of an American republic will never be tolerated by this or any other administration, so long as the danger of such an interference as outlined by Mr. Monroe be kept in view. It is in conformity with the Monroe doctrine that Mr. Blaine is now acting. He has unearthed the game of France with reference to Hayti, and he will block it—peaceably if he may, forcibly if he must.'"

CAPITAL NOTES.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The president has appointed John B. Cotton, of Lewistown, Me., assistant attorney general, vice Robert A. Howard, of Arkansas, resigned. He will have charge of the government business before the court of claims.

The widow of General Sheridan, who has been ill for a day or so, is reported to have rested well last night and is better today.

The court of claims closed up its business here for the term today and has adjourned until the last Monday in October.

ONE MORE RESOURCE.

IRON ADDED TO THE WEALTH OF THE SOUTHWEST.

A Valuable Find of Iron Ore Located Two Miles West of Guthrie.

Experts Pronounce Both Quality and Quantity of the Best—Great Excitement Caused.

Much Interest Manifested in the Coming Election—Marshal Walker Appoints H. D. Baker Chief of Deputies for Oklahoma Territory—The New City of Columbia, Ok.—Items.

Special Dispatch to the Daily Eagle.

GUTHRIE, Ok., May 29.—The people today are in a state of rejoicing on account of the great iron find two miles west of this city. Lots of people are visiting the region and staking off claims. Great stores of fine iron ores are supposed to be ready to be brought forth. The ore is said to be largely pure. Among those who visited it and staked off mineral claims are two persons who claim to be and no doubt are experts, who say it is a very valuable find and is almost equal to the great Saulsbury mines in Connecticut. A specimen of the mineral was forwarded to the EAGLE office for public inspection.

Next Tuesday promises to be the most interesting day for Guthrie since the opening of the Oklahoma country. An election will be held to elect permanent officers to govern the city affairs in the future. Mayor Dyer is spoken of very highly for reelection. Mr. Dyer like many other good men when elected to an office of public trust makes some enemies, though it is said he has the backing of the majority for his reelection. Marshal Needles has ordered three extra troops to be present on the occasion in case any trouble should take place on the day of election. The people hope after the 4th of June to get down to business and make such advancement as should have been made, and would have been made had it not been for the manner in which arbitration board No. 1 put things in, and the passing of certain resolutions by the council and asking Mayor Dyer to sign them upon the spur of the moment, and which he deems it proper and right to first consider.

A very beautiful addition has been laid out, known as Capital addition, in which all of the lots have been taken within the last week. They are hoping to make it the resident portion of the city.

It has rained some very hard rains here within the last twenty-four hours.

There is in course of erection three good brick buildings. One, a bank, is to be three stories, with a stone front. Guthrie has today, safe to say, 5,000 people, as she is, and when the different heads of families get their little flocks gathered around their hearthstones surely there will be some eight or ten thousand gathered together for the sole object of making Guthrie a great city.

The banks all report a good business. The Commercial bank building, on the corner of Oklahoma avenue and Second streets, will, when completed, be one of the most handsome buildings south of Wichita.

We expect to have street cars running in the next sixty days. There are today a great many more people coming in than are going out of this country, and the class that are now coming in are of the very best while it begins to look like business. The iron mines, if a success when developed, will give to this country such a boom as no one has ever dreamed of, and the general opinion is that it is no false alarm but a valuable discovery.

MARSHAL WALKER'S DEPUTY.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 29.—Hon. R. L. Walker, United States marshal, has appointed Captain H. D. Baker, of Guthrie, chief deputy marshal for the Indian territory. Captain Baker will have general supervision of all the deputy marshals in the territory.

COLUMBIA, OK.

Special Correspondence to the Daily Eagle.

COLUMBIA, Ok., May 28.—Much has been said in the EAGLE about the many prosperous towns and localities of Oklahoma, and it may be of interest to your readers to hear from the Canadian river country. This is about as good a region as there is in the territory. Until recently very few claims had been filed on except along the creeks and rivers; but a couple of weeks ago a gentleman from Omaha, Neb., came here and located a town, procuring the requisite petitioners, and secured the reservation of a half section for townsite purposes. His plan seems to be a good one, that of reserving the sale of town lots for public benefit, and whatever there is of increase in value of unsold lots will go toward enhancing the town's resources, thus saving the people largely from the burdens of taxation for their various public expenses. This plan is popular here, and meets with the hearty approval of all the settlers in this neighborhood. There is no chance for individual speculation except the rise in value of lots after they change hands, as the title comes to the buyer of a lot direct through government authority and the number of lots to each purchaser is limited.

The town site is on an eminence fifteen miles west of Oklahoma City, sixteen miles east of Reno and midway between the two Canadians. It is splendidly watered by very large living springs, from which brooks flow in the driest weather, and within a mile of it are seven large white sulphur springs, but the value of their water is unknown. From the town both Canadian rivers are in full view, with the Washita mountain, thirty miles away, distinctly visible, and the country for ten miles up and down the rivers affords a delightful landscape attraction. The uplands between the two Canadians are well watered by springs and running brooks, and the soil is of great depth and fertility. The beauty of this divide is that the lands are very smooth, and just undulating enough for good drainage. In several places we have dug on the highest hills and found the black loam from one and a half to three feet in depth, while the soil toward the streams ranges from two to seven feet deep. The grass on this divide is now a foot high, and timber in great variety is abundant. With such rich natural resources we are hopeful of a good town growing up in our midst. There are a few remaining quarquarters untaken, but will not remain unclaimed much longer. What the railroads will do for this place is not known, but two surveys are pointing toward the townsite, and there are no fears entertained that so important an agricultural region will long remain without ample railroad facilities.

The people about here are all satisfactorily located, as there is scarcely a poor claim in an area twenty miles square, and it is hardly probable that a single contest will go up from this locality. General good health prevails, and as recent copious showers have softened the ground the settlers are very busy plowing and planting, and are hopeful of raising a fair supply of winter food.

NO FEARS OF WAR.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Nobody at the state or navy department expressed alarm at the news coming from Victoria, B. C., that the British North Pacific squadron had been ordered to Behring sea. Commodore Walker, in charge of the detail office at the navy department, says that none of our navy vessels have been ordered to Alaska except the Thetis, which was assigned to that station some time ago and has been regularly engaged in patrolling the Alaskan coast for several summers past. He says he does not think that Great Britain or the United States will war about the seal fisheries.

A LAND GRANT DECISION.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The secretary of the interior in a letter replying to an inquiry from the commissioner of the general land office, has decided that under the act of forfeiture of lands granted to the Texas Pacific Railroad company the odd numbered section within the limit of said grants have been raised in price from single to double minimum, $2.50 per acre, and the price of even sections, not being affected thereby, there is no authority for the re-payment of $1.25 per acre to purchasers who paid $2.50 per acre subsequent to the forfeiture and prior to the act of March 2, 1888.

ITEMS FROM MEXICO.

Rumors of Ceding Lower California to Uncle Sam—Gossip.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 29.—It is rumored that congress in secret session is discussing the question of ceding Lower California to the United States. It is believed, however, that the rumor is groundless and is merely a strategem of the conservatives.

The senators approved of the proposed extensive colonization contract with Senor Ramieriz Varla, offering him a cash bonus for bona fide immigrants from the states of Vera Cruz, Chiapas, Tabasco and Oaxaca.

The through connection via the Mexican Central railway with San Luis Potesi will be completed June 15.

The American colony in this city will give a banquet to Mr. Thomas Ryan, the newly appointed American minister, on Thursday.

Petroleum has been discovered in the Ramieriz Varla land.

ST. LOUIS GRAIN RATES.

ST. LOUIS, May 29.—A rumor to the effect that grain rates from St. Louis were threatened with a break was run down by an Associated Press reporter today. It was ascertained that there has not as yet been any break, and possibly for the reason that there is scarcely any grain for shipment now. Both General Grier and D. P. Stallery stated there was no chance for a break at present, as there was nothing to break on. Representatives of the St. Louis roads claim to know nothing of the matter, but one prominent grain man, who is an oracle on the rate situations, said to the Associated Press reporter:

"There is no break, nor can it be said that a break is at present threatened, but it is not at all impossible that the state of affairs will be changed by next Monday."

COUNTERFEITERS NABBED.

CHICAGO, May 29.—A posse consisting of two sheriffs, a deputy marshal and eight citizens made a raid on a gang of counterfeiters who have been operating in the neighborhood of Versailles, Ill. Four men were captured and besides counterfeiting tools and coins, a large quantity of illicit whisky was found.

Captain Porter of the secret service today took the men to Springfield where he had them bound over in $1,000 each as counterfeiters. The capture bids fair to be of more importance than the officers originally thought.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

NEW YORK, May 29.—At 5:10 this afternoon Bertha Schreyer, a German married woman, was shot four times by John Berken, of 188 Sixth avenue, and was taken to the Manhattan hospital in a dying condition. The tragedy occurred at the woman's home, 403 West One Hundred and Forty-Second street. The murderer after the shooting turned the revolver on himself and blew out his brains. He was 32 years of age.

A HURRICANE IN AUSTRALIA.

SIDNEY, N. S. W., May 29.—A hurricane extending over the eastern coast has prevailed for four days. The rainfall has never been equalled. Railway traffic has been suspended. Many land slides have occurred and a number of lives have been lost.

THE GOOD TEMPLARS.

CHICAGO, May 29.—The grand lodge of Good Templars held a brief session this morning at which a number of committees were appointed and adjourned in order that the members might attend the services over the remains of W. M. Ogelvie, of Charter, Pa., who died suddenly when in attendance on the convention.

SUICIDE.

DENVER, Col., May 29.—C. J. Carbon, druggist, who came to Denver about seven years ago from Sedalia, Mo., committed suicide in this city last night. Morphine was the drug used. No reason is assigned for the act, and it is a mystery as to why he took his life. He was in the drug business in this city with Dr. Cory, who was a silent partner. He leaves a wife and two children.

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