San Saba News.

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THE green apple and cucumber are preparing to get together and deliberate on the best means of making their presence felt.

THERE is never any dearth of interest and urgent business at a printers' national convention. The typos take to politics and 'lections as naturally as a duck takes to water.

IT would be a useful and salutary thing if some strong government would put a sanitary cordon around Mecca. Pilgrimages that breed pestilence ought to be abolished by force of arms, if need be.

AN Oklahoma judge, recognizing a large and flagrant instance of contempt, descended from the bench long enough to purge the offending lawyer of it. The method was not genteel, but it was striking and more effective than the imposition of a fine that is never collected.

A QUANTITY of royal bones, all properly labeled, have been discovered in a garret of the Louvre. There is still hope for several American millionaires who are looking to marry daughters to royal titles. So long as the label is A No. 1 it doesn't matter whether life and brains go with the royal bones or not.

NEARLY everybody pronounces the name "Samoa" wrong. The man who has charge of the Samoa villagers at the world's fair says: "I notice that the people here pronounce the name of our island in three syllables with the accent on the 'o' —Sam-o-a. This is wrong; it is pronounced in two syllables, with the accent on the first—Sam-oa."

EDWIN BOOTH was a shining example of the man who minded nobody's business but his own. Yet the world complained that he didn't let more people into his private concerns and there were folks, too, who were sadly grieved, if not exasperated, because he didn't give them a chance to mind his business for him. Mind your business!

IN faraway Servia a politician whose campaign speeches seemed likely to disintegrate the pull of the opposition, was lured into a byway and killed. In America he would have escaped with his life, and later, viewing his reputation, would have regretted the fact. The Servian way cannot be recommended, but it is relatively less brutal than it seems when hastily viewed.

AN Oakland man engaged as party of the second part in a family broil shot himself by way of creating sympathy. It is doubtful if he obtained the desired boon. People are decrying the judgment he showed in putting a bullet in his leg while his head gave unmistakable evidence of needing something substantial in it, and ordinary discernment will detect little sympathy in such comment.

THE fact that prince and princess are but human has come to be acknowledged. Aside from the greater probability of being tainted, the blood that courses through the veins of royalty is believed to be much like other blood of other people. Yet there is just a suspicion of pain caused by the announcement that the infanta, scorning angel food and pie, has been filling up on sausage and beer.

THREE judges, good and wise, passed upon the statutes regulating the gates of the world's fair. The result was three entirely different constructions of a law that other men—good and wise also according to their lights—had drawn up with a special view to clearness. If legislators cannot interpret what the legislators say, the gentlemen on the bench might settle grave problems by pulling straws.

A RESIDENT of Helena, Mont., having been apprehended in an attempt to blow up a bank with dynamite, made as excuse the seemingly irrelevant allegation that he was hungry. It does not seem presumptuous to counsel him to seek other means of relief. The next time the pangs of appetite get hold upon him if he will swallow the bomb and then kick himself with a vigor born of despair the result will be found more satisfactory.

A BODY lately in solemn session in Pennsylvania adopted resolutions that the duty of members was to refrain from voting at state and general elections. This was not, as might be supposed, an indication that they did not deem themselves good enough for the franchise, but, on the contrary, meant that the franchise was not good enough for them. Then the pastors went back to their flocks, each cherishing the delusion that he is a useful and pattern citizen.

AN Oregon farmer has Shanghai chickens that are said to boast of fifteen toes apiece. Remarkable poultry. It is not so strange that they should have the toes as that they should realize the fact, and thrill with ostentatious pride thereat.

VENEZUELA has in preparation a new constitution. The old one is so tattered and torn that the revolutionist feels it to be hardly good enough for trampling on. He awaits with what patience he may the promulgation of something worthy of his heel.

THERE is no truth in the statement that a navy yard derrick is to be employed to get Commander Davis down from his high horse after the infanta goes home. The increased weight of his own head will bring him to the ground with a dull thud.

A NEVADA cowboy lassoed another of the craft and dragged him to death. It is of course known that the wild and woolly West is a thing of the past, but once in a while symptoms of the old turbulence will show itself in spots.

ZOLA has had a taste of life's bitter realism, and can feel what he writes hereafter. He has been blackmailed by the French academy, and the misfortune that came upon Lotta when Sorosis rejected her was no greater than this.

IT will not be long before American travelers will have an opportunity to ride to Jamaica and Central American ports in an American line of steamers. The service between these ports and New York promises to be fortnightly.

HANGED AND BURNED.

The Outrager and Murderer of Mary and Ruby Ray Pays the Penalty in Death.

A QUIET BUT A VERY DETERMINED BODY.

Over 5,000 Men, from From Different States, Participate in the Execution of this Fiend of Fiends.

BARDWELL, Ky., July 8.—Seay J. Miller, the negro charged with the outrage and murder of Mary and Ruby Ray, was hanged at 3.27 o'clock yesterday afternoon and his body burned after being horribly mutilated. The negro made a speech proclaiming his innocence, but afterward made a partial confession. John Ray, the father of the murdered girls, counseled patience. The mob boarded the train at Wyckliffe and brought the prisoner to this city, arriving at 11:30 o'clock yesterday. Not less than 5000 men were at the depot, and a train, consisting of eight coaches, was crowded. At 3:21 a rope was swung to a tall telegraph pole directly at the north end of the depot and the negro was drawn up and his clothing torn from the body by the maddened mob. He was heard to say just as they drew him up, "I am an innocent man," but those fully authorized, report he made at least a partial confession as the mob took him from the jail, but this confession implicated a partner in some way, and nothing positive can be learned. He was drawn with his face to the pole, and when his feet were two or three feet from the ground some one shot from the front, the ball passing entirely through the body. In a very few minutes life was fairly extinct. It was ascertained he died at 3:45 o'clock. The body was left hanging until 5 o'clock, during which time some of the toes and fingers were cut off. The body was finally taken down and carried 300 yards to the rear of the town at Harlan's mill, and at that place his ears were cut off, nearly all of the remaining toes and fingers severed and the body otherwise mutilated. The body was then placed between logs and kindling piled upon it, and then enough wood to complete the job of burning. The crowd remained orderly to the last, but very determined. The men who did the hanging were from Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois and Missouri.

A Terrible Cyclone.

CHEROKEE, Ia., July 7.—A destructive cyclone passed through the southern part of this, Cherokee, county Wednesday, cutting a path ranging from a quarter to three miles in width and extending some twelve miles in this county. It is reported that fourteen persons were killed and a large number of the injured have already been brought to this city. The path of the storm is marked by complete desolation, houses, barns and fences being swept completely away, crops ruined and a large number of farm animals killed. The course of the storm was eastward, but how far it extended cannot be ascertained, as the wires are down for several miles east of here. Details are very meages.

Fatal Explosion.

KINGSTON, N. Y., July 7.—During the terrible storm that passed over this city Wednesday night, Van Duzen Brothers' powder magazine at Devil's Lake, a small settlement on the outskirts of the city was struck by lightning and completely demolished. There were about fifty-five kegs of powder in the magazine and their explosion blew the brick structure to atoms, destroyed several buildings near by and injured nine persons, two of them men and the other seven women and children.

Three Persons Killed.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 6.—A Fairmont, Va., special says: Will Sturn, a well known oil operator, with his wife and baby were driving on Pedtler's run Tuesday afternoon, when the horse became frightened and ran off. Mrs. Sturn and baby were thrown from the buggy and instantly killed and Mr. Sturn was so badly mangled that he will die. The horse fell over the cliff and was so badly injured that it had to be shot.

Killed by Lightning.

GAGETOWN, Mich., July 6.—A house on Joe Cross' farm four and three-fourths miles northeast of this place was struck by lightning yesterday and consumed. Five persons were burned to death. Five others escaped. A "Miss Roberts" is probably fatally hurt. The dead are Mr. Babcock, wife and child, of Silverwood, and Mr. Frost of Fostoria.

A Frightful Accident.

OREGON CITY, Ore., July 6.—A team driven by M. P. Bradley ran away Tuesday night and upset, throwing Bradley, his wife and four children over a precipice forty feet high. Mrs. Bradley was killed and two children fatally injured. The others escaped with painful bruises.

Doomed Man Respited.

COLUMBUS, O., July 7.—Gov. McKinley has granted Frank Van Loon, the Columbus Grove bank robber and murderer who was to be executed last night, a respite to August 4 in order to give the condemned man an opportunity to present new evidence.

Killed With a Base Ball Bat.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., July 7.—Wednesday while Eugene Hogue, aged 19 years, was arguing a point on base ball with some companions near Bent's place, he was struck on the head with a base ball ball bat and killed.

Absconding Clerk Captured.

DENVER, Col., July 6.—George W. Stage, the absconding city clerk of Gainesville, O., was captured here yesterday morning. He had on his person $9911 when arrested.

Fa e of a Balloonist.

OMAHA, Neb., July 4.—Roy Elser, a balloonist, made an ascension yesterday evening. The parachute failed to work. He fell in the Mississippi river. The body did not reappear.

Failed to Make a Treaty.

GUTHRIE, Ok., July 7.—The Cherokee commission has failed to make a treaty with the Ponca Indians and that reservation will not be opened with the strip.

Street Car Collision.

NEW YORK, July 6.—One man was killed outright and eight others injured by a collision of trolly cars at Bay Ridge Tuesday night.

Big Fire at Petrolia.

PETROLIA, Pa., July 5.—Fire broke out at 1 o'clock yesterday morning in the Kilroy block and burned the entire block. It then burned up to the boiler house above the railroad track to the Oriental hotel, then to the Pittsburg and then to the Western railroad depot and on Main street above Mrs. Lenhan's store to the corner on Argyle street, including these places; Mrs. Foot's drug store, Starr's grocery, the Central house, Campbell's meat market, Dan Holmes' grocery, Gilchrist's merchant tailor shop, Mr. Ervine's news stand, the postoffice, Campbell and Reyer's livery stable, Torrinski dry goods and clothing, Foster's drug store, English and Fensel hardware, the masonic hall, Mrs. Tenhan's grocery and dwelling and the entire Kirley block, the Home grocery and the Cross dry goods, the the Argyle savings bank building, Campbell's grocery, Root's hardware and tinshop and several private dwellings. Owing to a water plug being open near where the fire started it was impossible to utilize the waterworks. The fire was gotten under control wholly by the efforts of a bucket brigade. The loss on all buildings and contents is estimated at $300,000.

Alabama Sharpers.

MOBILE, Ala., July 3.—In the district court a verdict of guilty of fraudulent use of the mails has been returned against J. T. Stikes, Sam Hiaxon, J. T. Pinkerton, D. G. Morgan, M. Mixon, Abraham Kendrick and E. H. Cook. These defendants, residing near Olivia, Ala., in 1891, pretended to organize corporations and ordered goods from northern and western merchants in large amounts, which when received here were parceled out among the conspirators and used by them. A negro named T. B. Brown was made to figure as head of the business concern. The swindle was facilitated by the use of suitable printed letter heads. The verdict puts a fine of $100 on each, leaving imprisonment as a part of the punishment is yet to be designated by the court.

Got the Drop.

DENVER, Col., July 4.—Information has been received here from Colorado Springs that Henry Starr and Kid Wilson, two members of the notorious Starr gang of train and bank robbers, which has caused the death of a dozen men and terrorized the Indian territory and Arkansas for months, were arrested yesterday morning. The men separated shortly after arriving here, Henry Starr going to a restaurant. Both were heavily armed and would have made desperate resistance if the officers had not first got the drop on them. An attempt was made to interview them without success. A woman who was registered at the Spaulding house as Mrs. Jackson, but is really Mrs. Starr, was arrested. She is about 18 and rather pretty. She admitted the men's identity.

Clearing the Strip.

GUTHRIE, Ok., July 4.—A week ago the soldiers who had been scouting on the Cherokee strip most of the time for the past two years were ordered to Texas, and several companies who have been on the Mexican frontier for years were brought up to guard the strip. Although the troops that have been on the strip so long continually reported no cattle there, the new detachment seems to have better eyesight, for yesterday a squad of them drove 2000 cattle off the strip at Orlando, north of here, and another company is rounding up 5000 more on the Salt Fork. It really looks as though the cattle would be compelled to go, and the prospective settlers are rejoicing accordingly.

Physicians' Opinions.

NEW YORK, July 3.—Of sixty physicians representing all schools and using the Amick Cure for Consumption interviewed to-day, thirty-two agreed with Amick that the bacillus microbe is produced by the disease, and twenty-eight, while admitting Amick's treatment is the only successful one, believed with Koch that the bacillus is the cause. A special from Cincinnati says: Dr. W. R. Amick, when shown the above said: "I will continue sending test medicines to these and all other doctors for each new patient until all realize their success could not come from any false theory."

Outlaw Sontag Dead.

FRESNO, Cal., July 4.—Outlaw John Sontag died in jail yesterday afternoon. He, with his companion, Chris Evans, the bandit who so long evaded his pursuers in the mountains near Visalia, were captured June 11 after a desperate battle in which both were wounded. Evans, whose arm was amputated, is slowly recovering.

A Religious Scandal.

RICHMOND, Ind., July 6.—Rev. John N. Beaver, a well-known divine, shot four times at Thomas G. Gray. One shot took effect in Gray's thigh and produced a serious wound. The cause of the trouble arose from the preacher believing that Gray was trying to alienate his wife's affections.

Run Down by an Engine.

MARION, Ind., July 4.—Mrs. John B. Heath, Miss Daisy Hummell and Miss Eva Ihrig, while crossing the Panhandle track here Sunday, were run down by the engine of a passenger train. Miss Ihrig was killed instantly, Mrs. Heath was dangerously injured and Miss Hummell was injured severely.

Riotous Students.

PARIS, July 5.—Riotous demonstrations were made by the students yesterday at St. Germain Des Pres and in Rue Jacob. The police were unable to disperse the mob. Eventually a large detachment of cavalry charged and scattered the students. The disorder increases hourly.

Over Niagara Falls.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., July 5.—Forty thousand people saw Clifford Calverty perform wonderful feats on his wire stretched across Niagara Falls yesterday afternoon. He beat all time records by running across the wire in 2:35 2-5, which is 1 minute faster than the record.

Banker Ward Suicides.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 7.—Investigation in Forestville develops almost beyond doubt that Banker Ward's suicide was induced by financial losses. The greatest excitement prevails in the little village and depositors fear they will never see any of their money.

Killed at a Picnic.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 5.—Job Maree, James Frances and Dempoly Smith were killed at a picnic near Woodbine yesterday. No arrests have been made.

Married Her Again.

GUTHRIE, Okla., July 3.—Rev. D. S. Briggs was married Saturday to his former wife, from whom he was divorced just fourteen days ago.

POMEROY SWEPT AWAY.

Hundreds Left Homeless and Destitute, Their Homes Being Torn Into Kindling.

ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR ARE DEAD.

And So Far as Heard from Over 100 Are More or Less Injured—Governor Boise Calls Upon Iowans for Help.

FORT DODGE, Ia., July 8.—There are are seventy-four people dead, at least five more to die, and over 100 injured as the result of the cyclone that started at Quinby, south of Cherokee, and ended with awful results at Pomeroy Thursday night. At Pomeroy forty-eight are known to be dead, eight mortally wounded and nearly one hundred injured. Five blocks of residences have been completely wiped off the face of the earth, not more than kindling wood being left of them and 200 hundred families are homeless, they having lost all. The business blocks are badly damaged and the new postoffice block and drug store are completely wrecked and seven churches were wiped out of existence. The financial loss will reach fully $500,000. In the country surrounding, so far as heard from, thirty others are known to be killed. Gov. Boise has called on the mayors of other towns for help for the homeless, suffering and destitute. All contributions to be sent to "Relief Committee, Pomeroy, Ia."

Said Stone Lied.

NEVADA, Mo., July 3.—Gov. Stone, Congressman Morgan, State Senator Wright, Postmaster Engels, Frank P. Anderson and John Cole were sitting in the lobby of the hotel Mitchell when ex-County Recorder King appeared and asked Congressman Morgan if he had heard his (King's) testimony before Referee Casey. Morgan replied that he had not and King exclaimed: "I told the truth, but Stone told a damned lie." The governor, quickly rising, seized Anderson's crutch and struck at King, who warded off the blow with his arm. The next instant the men had grappled, but were at once separated. The governor was thoroughly aroused and used his full command of language to express his indignation. The trouble grew out of a suit of the county now pending against the ex-county recorder.

Buried Alive.

WHITEHAVEN, Pa., July 3.—A sad case of suspended animation was brought to light here a few days ago. A few months since the wife of Charles Bogard of Morrison died. Since then he has been mentally unbalanced. He believed his wife had been foully treated. To satisfy him his friends disinterred the body yesterday and to their horror found that the woman had been buried alive. The clothes were torn to shreds, the flesh furrowed and the hands were clutched in bunches of hair.

Surrounded at Last.

INEZ, Ky., July 6.—Wallace Deskins was shot and killed Sunday at Nolan, W. Va., by Andrew Farmer during a drunken row. The assassin was pursued by a posse and surrounded Monday night. He fired on his pursuers, fatally wounding George Deskins and a man named Thompson, and then made his escape. The posse continued the pursuit successfully and he is now surrounded by a mob who threaten to lynch him. If the sheriff refuses to give him to the mob bloodshed will surely follow.

Killed and Wounded.

ROSEDALE, Ind., July 7.—At mine No. 9, in Parke county, coal range Wednesday evening, three empty cars got loose and ran down a slope. Four miners were caught in a narrow place. Joseph Craven was instantly killed. Otto Grogan crushed about the temples and will die; Rolla Grogan and Joe Blacketer were badly bruised.

Children Burned.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 8.—A boy aged 9, and his sister, aged 11, children of Mr. A. Brown, formerly of Austin, Tex., were fatally burned here yesterday by a powder explosion. The boy threw a match into a can of powder, and in the fire which followed every stitch of clothing was burned from the girl's back.

Uncle Sam's New Gun.

NEW YORK, July 3.—The manufacturers of the new Krag Jorgenson rifle for the United States army will begin to-day at Springfield, Mass. The appropriation of $4,000,000 made by the last congress for use in the manufacture of a new rifle for the army became available July 1.

Claims He is Henry Star.

DENVER, Col., July 8.—Notwithstanding the statement that the bandit recently arrested at Colorado Springs is not the famous outlaw, Henry Starr, the officers here are confident they have the right man. In an interview the prisoner admitted he was Henry Star.

Abolition of Seed Distribution.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The abolition of seed distribution through members of congress and charging of cost of meat inspection upon the packers is likely to be two of the leading recommendations in the annual reports of Secretary Morton of the agricultural department.

Shot and Killed.

HENDERSON, Ky., July 6.—George Kerrick, postmaster at Read's station, shot and killed Ross Leonard, a young farmer. Leonard was drunk and raised a quarrel in Kerrick's store and hurled a chair at Kerrick, which struck Mrs. Kerrick. Kerrick then fired.

Team and Occupants Killed.

LA CROSSE, Wis., July 7.—Wednesday night at Gatesville Anton Falls and Ida Johnson attempted to drive across the track in front of a fast approaching train. The engine struck their carriage, killing them instantly. The horses were also killed.

Found Dead.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 7.—George T. Bassett, a prominent lumber dealer left home Monday. Nothing had been heard from him until yesterday, when his dead body was found a few miles from home. Heart failure was the cause of death.

Killed Himself and Wife.

OSKALOOSA, Ia., July 3.—Alexander Carey killed his wife and then himself yesterday after a family jar.

Coal Mine Explosion.

LONDON, July 5.—At Conhill, Yorkshire, a mine explosion occurred yesterday. One hundred and thirty miners were entombed and the loss of life will be heavy. Four bodies have been already brought out. The day shift went to work as usual in the morning. Ventilation was reported good. All went well until noon, when the workers at the pit mouth were startled by a muffled explosion and by clouds of dense smoke rolling up the main shaft. They tried to communicate with the working men, but found the interior had been cut off from the shaft. The pit managers organized an exploring party and descended slowly through the smoke. They were driven back repeatedly and eventually gave up the purpose of penetrating to the working before the foul gas should be cleared away. After taking up the bodies found at the bottom of the shaft the rescue party waited several hours before making another descent. About the middle of the evening they went down again. The gas had cleared off near the shaft and they were able to examine part of the working. The bodies of miners lay in heaps. Many were sent to the surface. Unremitting efforts are being made to reach the few miners who may still be alive. About 110 are supposed to be killed. Between 11 and 12 o'clock so much gas accumulated in the mine that it was necessary to stop the work of rescue. The men and boys missing number 145.

A Tramp Detective.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 4.—Postoffice Inspector Stuart of Chicago returned yesterday from Port Huron with a great feather in his cap. So important was the case that the thanks of the Canadian government have been extended to the inspector for his hard work. He did in a week, dressed as a tramp, what the entire force of the postoffice inspectors of Canada, the police authorities to Grand Trunk and the thirty United States postoffice inspectors have failed to do in two years. For two years the robbery of American pouches consigned to Canada, and Canadian mails consigned to the the United States, has been the source of great annoyance to both countries. At last Postmaster General Bissell was asked to assign Major Stuart to the case with all power to act. After working on the case some days Stuart became convinced that the thefts were being done on the mail cars in daylight. Finally he saw Charles Ford, superintendent of repairs for the Grand Trunk at Port Huron, an ex-member of the Fort Gratiot council and ex-president of the town council, and for years one of the most trusted employes of the Grand Trunk, enter a car, remove valuable letters from the pouches and reseal the pouches. The railway official then withdrew, locked the car and walked to his private office. He had proceeded but 200 yards when stuart placed him under arrest. A crowd gathered and protested, but Stuart took the prisoner to a quiet place and discovered on Fork's person 348 letters. The official was pressed to make a statement, but all he would say was, "You have me dead to right, so what is the use of talking."

Thousands Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 7.—The steamer Belgic arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohoma Wednesday, bringing advices to the effect that one of the branches of the Weihing river overflowed in consequence of heavy rains. At Shaking and Woele it is estimated that over 1000 persons were drowned. The incessant rains in Manningfu have been succeeded by disastrous floods, devastating a large area of the country, and according to telegrams received by the authorities at Shanghai nearly 10,000 people have been drowned or crushed to death by falling houses.

Steamboat Explosion.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 5.—The steamer Alofonso, a boat employed in the river trade on the Volga, while yesterday approaching Romanov the boiler exploded, killing twenty-six passengers. Among the dead is Gen. Petrushski. The explosion tore away the upper part of the steamer's piers and burning coals blown from the furnace set fire to the wreck. The boat burned to the water's edge and sank.

Wholesale Robbery.

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 6.—A combine has existed in the freight department of the Cincinnati Southern for some months whereby the road has been robbed of between $40,000 and $50,000. Eighteen conductors and eighteen engineers, together with the timekeeper, have been issuing fraudulent time checks. The trouble is in the Somerset division.

Two Men Killed by Lightning.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 5.—While standing under a tree ten miles south of the city yesterday evening Irving Clark and Frank Spaulding were struck by lightning and instantly killed. Mrs. Irving Clark and Minnie Clark were stunned. The party had taken refuge under the tree to avoid the storm.

Porter Resigns.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Hon. Robert P. Porter, superintendent of the census, has resigned to take effect immediately. The bureau hereafter will be in charge of Clerk Warde, who has had the experience of directing the work temporarily during the last two censuses.

Break in the Erie Canal.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 6.—The break in the Erie canal here is more serious than it was at first thought to be. Three miles of the canal is dry and 150 men are at work under Division Engineer Bisgood. Navigation will not be resumed for some time.

Will Not Be Executed.

MUSCOGEE, I. T., July 6.—Judge Shaw granted a writ of habeas corpus for the Choctaws sentenced to be shot at Wilburton Friday. Officers left Tuesday night to serve the writ. The reason of the action is a showing that the condemned men did not have a fair trial.

Killed His Wife and Suicided.

CLARKS, Neb., July 6.—Andrew Dobney, a farmer residing six miles north of this place, Tuesday night shot his wife five times, inflicting fatal wounds, and then jumped in Loup river and drowned himself.

Four Men Drowned.

CARSON, Nev., July 6.—Alexander Traz, Patrick Daly, James Morris and J. A. Carlston were drowned in Lake Tahoe Tuesday by the upsetting of a small boat in which they were sailing.

Five Deaths by Fire.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 7.—Wednesday night a fire at Union Bethel on the river front resulted in five deaths and a large number of injured, some of whom will probably die.

A STATE ENCAMPMENT.

The Railways and Adjutant General Have Agreed and the Orders Will Issue.

A MAN RECEIVES JUST THIRTY GASHES.

A Missouri, Kansas and Texas Engine Jumps the Track—A Beaumont Burglar is Discovered and Skips Out With $50.

AUSTIN, Tex., July 8.—The state encampment is no longer in doubt. The Santa Fe to-day wired Gen. Mabry an unconditional acceptance of his proposition and the general yesterday afternoon prepared his general order calling the volunteer guards into camp here July 23 to 30 inclusive. Everything about the grounds is in good condition, and the advices indicate a full attendance of companies. Col. Swayne, commanding the fifth regiment, has heard from all his companies and all will be on hand. The fifth regimental band will be here on the 23rd and give free concerts on the Ben Hur on a lake trip.

Bold, Bad Robbers.

PALESTINE, Tex., July 7.—The cannon ball train from Longview, No. 1 International and Great Northern, due here at 9 o'clock, was held up and robbed at the nine-mile post, just two miles this side of Neches. No. 1 was about ten minutes late leaving Neches, and at the nine-mile post a man, who was secreted on the blind baggage, crawled over the tender and commanded Engineer Billy Janders to stop the train, pointing a six-shooter at him. At the same time Janders shut off the steam and stopped as soon as possible, but the train did not stop quick enough to suit Mr. Robber, and he fired an ineffectual shot at Janders. When the train was stopped three men went to the baggage car and covered Express Messenger Joe Farmer and Baggagemaster Strawn with pistols and commanded them to open the safe. Mr. Farmer quickly complied with this request, under the threat that he had to open the safe or get his d—d head blown off. The only booty secured was some local express money packages, not over the amount of $500. The through safe, which contained a large amount of money, was not touched. The robbers were all masked, and did not attempt to go through the coaches. They, however, saw a passenger put his head out of a window and shot at him, without effect. The train was delayed about twenty minutes, and as soon as the news was received here the city marshal, Sheriff Pierce and Constable Watts started to the scene with Trainmaster Gregory and a posse and railroad officials in pursuit of the robbers.

Narrow Escape.

HOUSTON, Tex., July 3.—Fire was discovered in the roof of 1611 Congress avenue Saturday morning a few minutes before 10 o'clock, and though the fire department responded promptly to the alarm, the building was totally consumed before the flames were extinguished. In the house was Mrs. Peter Fauer, who was confined with a 2-weeks-old baby by her side and it was only by the heroism of neighbors that the woman and child were saved from the flames.

Rough Experience.

DECATUR, Tex., July 5.—Monday it was heralded over town that some one at the jail was about to kill the sheriff. A great crowd rushed to the jail and found that a crazy man who had been placed in jail had about taken possession of it. He had badly bitten the jailer on the arm and had jumped on to Sheriff Rucker, had him down and it was only the prompt arrival of assistance that prevented the lunatic from ousting the sheriff and his jailor.

Charged With Stealing Chickens.

HALLETSVILLE, Tex., July 6.—Enoch and Lewis Kresta, two young Bohemians who were on Sunday arrested and jailed on a charge of theft of forty game chickens valued at $1 each from Chas. Humphries, a farmer living seven miles above here, and their bonds were fixed at $250 to await action of the grand jury. The officers had considerable trouble in arresting one of them who resisted, and several women undertook to assist him in escaping.

Died on the Train.

LAPORTE, Tex., July 4.—A party of thirty arrived here Saturday evening down Buffalo bayou. They are principally from Hannibal, Mo. Seven of the party boarded the train at Moberly, coming from Ohio. When within a half hour's ride from Sedalia one of the party, a Mr. Nelson, who had in view the location of a glass factory at LaPorte, dropped dead from heart disease while standing on the steps of the vestibule sleeper.

Found with His Throat Cut.

GATESVILLE, Tex., July 6.—A messenger came here for a physician yesterday evening and reported that a Mr. Liken, living ten miles west of here near Peter's Gap, had just been found lying in his smokehouse with his throat cut from ear to ear. No one was on the place but the family and it is supposed he tried to take his own life. He was reported in almost a dying condition.

Jumped the Track.

GREENVILLE, Tex., July 8.—The southbound local freight on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas had a small wreck this side of Kingston about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The engine and tender jumped the track. No damage done. The southbound passenger train due here at 4:30 was delayed an hour.

Just Thirty Gashes.

CORSICANA, Tex., July 8.—Mack Foutz, while returning home near Re from Corsicana, met with a serious accident. His horses ran away, throwing him from a load of lumber onto a barb wire fence and thirty gashes were cut; two in his head cut to the skull.

Snakes and Whisky.

WEST, Tex., July 8.—Ferris, the party exhibiting snakes here, was bitten by a copperhead which had not been tamed. He drank nearly a half gallon of whisky and did not suffer much from the snake poison.

Discovered and Skipped.

BEAUMONT, Tex., July 8.—A burglar entered the house of Mr. George Longham Thursday night and got $50. He was discovered but escaped. No clew.

Miller Eats.

DALLAS, Tex., July 4.—Sheriff Ben T. Cabell stated last night that he had prevailed upon Franklin P. Miller to give up his idea of dying from starvation. Miller, who is waiting the death sentence, after failing to sever an artery in his arm in the early part of last week, undertook to starve himself. Concerning what occurred yesterday the sheriff said: "When I went to Miller's cell he turned his back to me, but he finally dropped his surly manner and talked quite freely. At first he seemed firm in his resolve to starve himself to death, but he finally allowed reason to prevail. After he consented to take his meals he grew more cheerful. I ordered a meal for him which he ate." Miller, as the result of his five days' fast, was beginning to look ghostly.

A Fatal Explosion.

HENRIETTA, Tex., July 6.—Tuesday night, while the Japanese illumination at the ice plant was being carried on, an accident occurred which cost the life of Lulu Nufer, the 7-year-old daughter of J. P. Nufer, living three miles east of here. A spark from the roman candles fell into a box of skyrockets, which exploded and scattered over a crowd of several thousand people. The little girl was struck in the head by the flying debris and her skull was crushed. The little son of J. T. Wyant also sustained a painful scalp wound. Several teams ran away and a number of people were run over and bruised and the clothing of several parties caught fire. The scene presented an awful picture. The parents of the little girl are wild with grief.

Took Poison.

AUSTIN, Tex., July 3.—Saturday morning at 6:30 o'clock a young white man named Earnest N. Clarvo committed suicide in the Carrollton hotel by taking strychnine. He has been in the city since Thursday night. Many seemed to think that he was a member of a gang of train robbers that waylaid a train on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass a few days ago. Credence was given this because he showed such marked interest in reading the reports about the robbery and would pay no attention to other news. United States Marshal Dick Ware, says he is not one of the train robbers spoken of, for the reason that their whereabouts is known to the officers.

Cut to Pieces by a Train.

HOUSTON, Tex., July 5.—Yesterday at noon Justice John Mahoney was called upon to hold an inquest on the body of J. B. Heffner, which was found on the Houston and Texas Central track, fifteen miles above here, near Gum island. It was found and reported by Conductor Snell going north. The body was cut to pieces by being run over by a north bound train, and parts of it were strewn along the track. Letters showed that he was from Enford, Miss., and Palestine. His father, D. T. Heffner, was wired yesterday evening and answered in these words: "Give my son a decent burial in Palestine." The body will be buried there.

Sight Restored.

BONHAM, Tex., July 4.—Several months ago, while driving a nail, the head flew off and struck James Russell in the eye, causing him to lose the sight, and to make the accident more distressing, he was and has been completely blind in the other eye. Soon after the accident the eye became inflamed and Mr. Russell's friends induced him to go to Austin to an occulist. Mr. Russell's sight was finally restored.

Fatal Lamp Explosion.

KYLE, Tex., July 5.—Yesterday evening at a dance and fourth of July celebration by the Germans at Plum Creek, four miles from here, a lamp exploded, and Herman Groos and Miss Blozzen were seriously burned and several others slightly burned. Groos was brought here for attention and Miss Blozzen was taken to Lockhart. She is not expected to recover.

Child Run Over.

ENNIS, Tex., July 6.—Little Alvena, the 5-year-old girl of Mr. and Mrs. Betka, while playing in the middle of Brown street in front of her house, was run over by a team driven by a colored man. The darky was not looking. One of his horses shied at the child and jumped upon its breast and face, inflicting painful injuries, though not necessarily fatal.

Mad Dog Bite.

VERNON, Tex., July 8.—Some days since O. W. Brown, telegraph operator here, was bitten by his dog, which which soon after showed symptoms of madness and was killed. Mr. Brown went to Decatur to try a madstone and it adhered nine hours. On Thursday a petition was circulated to get money to send him to New York to be treated.

Little Girl Shot.

WHITNEY, Tex., July 7.—The little 3-year-old girl of Palmer Greenwades, living 6 miles from Whitney, was accidently shot in the shoulder by Orville Brown, 10 years old, nephew of Mr. Greenwades. The weapon was a 22-caliber pistol and was supposed to be worthless. Attending physicians pronounce the wound dangerous, but not necessarily fatal.

Fell in a Well.

ENNIS, Tex., July 3.—Della Creech, the 8-year-old daughter of Mrs. R. S. Creech, fell into a well Friday evening. The fall was thirty-six feet. Mr. M. C. Allsworth answered the alarm and went down on a rope and brought the little one out alive. Her thigh was broken and she received internal injuries which are considered dangerous.

Kicked by a Horse.

MANOR, Tex., July 7.—Mr. W. C. Puckett's little 3-year-old son, while playing in the horse lot, went too close to one of the horses, which kicked the child, hitting it in the forehead, cutting a terrible gash and stunning the child. It will recover.

Died of His Wound.

WACO, Tex., July 4.—Jessie Lovitt, who was shot Saturday at Reisal, died early yesterday morning. Justice Punchard held an inquest. J. E. Harris, whose bond was $2500 prior to Lovitt's death, was granted the same bond after the inquest.

Convict Killed.

ALVARADO, Tex., July 6.—Daniel Robins, a convict from Gatesville, tried to make his escape Tuesday evening. He was shot and instantly killed. The were working on the Gulf, Colorado and San Fe railroad, about three miles north of this place.

Cut off His Foot.

DENISON, Tex., July 5.—Bud Truitt, a young man residing eight miles east of Denison, while assisting in cleaning off a picnic ground Monday cut the front part of his left foot off. He will recover.

RAILROAD NEWS.

Important Projects and Changes at St. Louis—A New Railway Town.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 30.—Negotiations are in progress which are likely to result in the general use of the Merchant's Bridge Elevated road for all passenger trains entering St. Louis from the East. At present this elevated road is used only for trains crossing the Mississippi over the Merchant's bridge, the trains coming in over the Eads bridge making use of the tunnel, under the heart of the city. There is little competition between the two bridges, which are working on agreed schedule of prices, and it is now proposed to go a step father and use the tunnel for all freight traffic, and the elevated road for all passenger traffic. The popularity of the change would be immense. The daylight or elevated route is a few blocks longer than the tunnel route, but quite as good time could be made and the journey would of course be far more pleasant.

Although a very large number of people are still waiting in hopes of low excursion rates to the World's Fair, the traffic between St. Louis and Chicago still continues to possess record-breaking features. Trains are being run in two sections quite frequently, all the roads having to run extra trains sometimes on the same evening, while the train traffic is remarkable as well. Incoming trains from all points bring in crowds of passengers on the way to the World's Fair, and as far as possible these remain over in the city a few days. All the hotels report business good.

Arrangements are being made to entertain in best possible style the American Florists, who will meet here in convention in about five weeks time. The president of the society is Mr. W. R. Smith, of Washington, D. C., and the Vice-President is Prof. Wm. Trelease of this city. The principal object in the selection of St. Louis for the convention was the opportunity that the delegates would be afforded of inspecting the Missouri Botanical Gardens established by the late Henry Shaw, and by him bequeathed to the city. There will be between 800 and 1000 botanists and horticulturists of national repute at the convention and the gathering will be full of interest to those making a specialty of horticulture.

A new suburban town is to be established north of the city limits and just west of the new water works. The ground lies on the bluff overlooking the river, and although it is well suited for residence purposes, has not been used as freely in that direction as expected. The Burlington road will be able to enter the city from the north end by means of its new bridge during this fall, and it will establish a series of suburban trains bringing in passengers with a fifteen minute ride. Hitherto nearly all suburban town developments have been in the direction of the west or southwest, and this innovation is looked upon with great interest. An electric road will also help the development of this section of the country and one will be in operation in the course of a few months at latest.

First Umbrella.

There is a very general belief that umbrellas were invented and first used by Jonas Hanway, who introduced them into London some time between the years 1750 and 1760. We are told that "after continuing to use them for thirty years he saw them come into general use." But the umbrella dates back two or three thousand years earlier than this. On one of the ancient bas-reliefs brought from Nineveh by Layard, and now in the British museum, there is a representation of a slave holding an umbrella over the head of a king as he rides in his chariot.

Primitive Ways.

The Chewsures—a race of 7000 people—in the department of Troust, government of Tiflis, know nothing of the use of money as a medium of exchange. The unit of value among those primitive people is the cow. A horse is valued at three cows and a stallion at six. If a Chewsure becomes enraged and cracks his neighbor's skull he is obliged to pay sixteen cows. If he breaks a bone of his neighbor's arm five cows will rehabilitate him in the eyes of society. A wound in the forehead calls for three calves.

Chinese Fishermen.

The waters of China abound in fish, and it is estim