

Calendar for January 1897 showing days of the week and dates from 1 to 31.

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

Second Session. In the senate, on the 15th, Mr. Potter (rep.) has a resolution for the appointment of a national monetary commission...

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

CLARENCE Cook, city editor of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Sentinel, was run down by an electric car on the evening of the 13th...

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

The senate was not in session on the 15th. In the house, the bill to refund the indebtedness of the Union and Central Pacific railroads to the United States was reported from the committee...

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

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THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE.

The Thirty-Ninth General Assembly Meets and Prepares for Business.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 7.—The general assembly met at noon yesterday. Under the provisions of the law, Secretary of State Lewis called the house to order and had the members called to the yeas and nays on the eve of election. The temporary organization was effected without debate. Both houses then adjourned until noon today.

The Democratic House Caucus.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 7.—The democratic caucus last night brought out a crowd of 100 members, which was the largest since the caucus was first held in the lobby. The caucus was called to meet at 7:30, but it was nearly an hour later when the members were called to order.

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WAS IT CONSPIRACY?

A Minister Arrested at the Instance of a Bad Woman

For impersonating an officer unanimously acquitted by the jury on the first trial—A conspiracy among the officers against the minister.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 10.—At 5:30 o'clock last evening the jury impeached to try the case of Rev. D. M. Kirkpatrick, who was under arrest charged with impersonating an officer, brought in a verdict of not guilty. The arrest and trial of Pastor Kirkpatrick has been one of the most sensational affairs that has ever occupied the attention of the police of this city.

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THE BOLDEST YET.

A Crowded Chicago Saloon Held Up and Robbed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—Three men armed with revolvers held up a saloon on State street, Chicago's busiest thoroughfare, 8:30 o'clock last night, knocked the proprietor unconscious, robbed the till of the day's receipts, walked out the front door and escaped.

ANOTHER BANKER SUICIDES.

Ill-Health Supposed to be the Cause of the Act.

LEBANON, Pa., Jan. 11.—James H. Gossier, cashier of the Lebanon national bank, the largest banking institution in this city, made a desperate attempt to commit suicide shortly before noon yesterday by shooting himself through the head. He was still alive at a late hour last night, but cannot recover. Ill-health is supposed to have been the cause of the act. Mr. Gossier was about fifty-four years of age and has a wife and two children. He has borne an unblemished reputation and his accounts at the bank are entirely correct. For many years Mr. Gossier was teacher of the largest Sunday-school class outside of Philadelphia, but lately gave up his class on account of ill-health.

A New Trial Asked for Alonzo Walling.

FRANKFORD, Ky., Jan. 11.—The attorney of Alonzo Walling, sentenced to be hanged at Covington for complicity in the Pearl Bryan murder, yesterday filed a petition with the court of appeals asking for a new hearing.

A FATAL WRECK.

Caused by Disobedience of a Train Dispatcher's Orders.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 10.—A disastrous freight collision occurred on the Santa Fe, 15 miles north of here, at three o'clock yesterday morning, when two freight trains came together, completely demolishing both engines, killing Engineer Haggerty and Head Brakeman Matshel. Both were married. Several head of cattle and hogs were killed. The south-bound train had orders to take a sidetrack at 11 o'clock, but disobeyed orders.

Stretches for Their Day.

CHARLESTON, Ill., Jan. 9.—Work on the Eastern Illinois state normal building has been suspended by a strike of the workmen. The men claim that the contractor, August & Gendle, of Chicago, are behind in their pay, and they refuse to do anything further on all the matter is adjusted.

The Mob Dispersed.

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 9.—The mob of several hundred who gathered at Stanton Thursday night with the avowed purpose of lynching Frank Thomas, the negro farm hand who attempted to assault Mrs. Irvine Hall, disappeared without having made an attempt to carry out their purpose. Thomas is in jail here.

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