

CITY AND COUNTY DIRECTOR.

Courts--Circuit Court. Judge--A. E. Cole. Commonwealth's Attorney--T. A. Curran...

COUNTY COURT.

Judge--Wm. P. Coons. County Attorney--J. L. Whitaker. Clerk--W. W. Ball.

Magistrate's Court.

Magistrate--J. W. Alexander. Deputy--J. W. Alexander.

Justices of the Peace.

Justices--J. W. Alexander, J. W. Alexander, J. W. Alexander.

Notary Public.

Notary--J. W. Alexander. Deputy--J. W. Alexander.

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City Government.

The Board of Council meets the first Thursday evening in each month.

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FRAUDULENT SPECTERS.

PROSECUTING A WOMAN "MEDIUM."

A Queer Case of So-Called Spiritual Manifestations--A Prominent Editor Who Was Badly Taken In and Done For.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.--A thorough exposure of the fraudulent practices of a medium is published in the Chronicle...

About three years ago Mrs. Carrie Sawyer, professional materializing medium, of this city, was detected and thoroughly exposed...

Since then, others of that class, grown bold, have imposed upon credulous persons to a greater extent than ever, and complaints come from honest believers in spiritualism...

A woman calling herself Elsie Reynolds, was recently arrested and held for trial for obtaining money under false pretenses.

At one of her materializing seances, held August 28th last, complainant, G. B. Miller, had his suspicions aroused. He determined to discover if there were frauds connected with the alleged materialization of spirits, and, seizing one of the professed ghostly visitants, had uncontrovertible evidence that it was a dummy made up for the occasion.

Mrs. Reynolds and others interfered forcibly, so he was not able to retain his hold of the dummy, but, feeling that he and others had been grossly imposed upon, he has brought criminal action against Mrs. Reynolds and assured a reporter that he has ample evidence to secure conviction.

Among the many dupes of this woman is G. F. Parsons, former editor of the Sacramento Record-Union, now on the New York Tribune. Parsons a short time ago published in a Philadelphia paper devoted to spiritualism, a letter denouncing Mrs. Reynolds's accusations and championing her cause, and alleging that he has repeatedly, through her agency, been enabled to see and converse with a beloved daughter who died about a year ago. It is evident that Mrs. Parsons and his wife were deceived, for Mrs. Nellie Smith, a young woman, confessed that she personated Mr. Parsons's daughter several times for Mrs. Reynolds, and always did so for her own seances, which Parsons and wife attended. She had one blue dress fixed for this special purpose, which she was told was the favorite color of Parson's daughter. Jason Smith, a photographer in Oakland, and the former husband of Nellie Smith, states that she was present at a seance in O'Farrell street when Parsons and his wife were called up to the cabinet to kiss their daughter, who soon after called him up, and he found he was kissing his own wife.

THE UNITED STATES JAIL.

Trying to Pick Flaws With a "Model Institution."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.--In his annual report to Congress, Attorney General Brewster was pretty severe in his language concerning the administration of justice in the District of Columbia, and the warden of the jail was also placed under fire. It is alleged that the attack on the latter was instigated by Mr. Brewster Cameron, chief special agent of the Department of Justice, who desires to succeed Warden Crocker. The only United States Jail is located here, and it is said to be the model institution of the kind in the country. The position of the warden is worth but \$1,800 per annum, so far as the salary is concerned, but the perquisites are said to be double this sum. One of the guards at the jail is authority for the statement that he was approached by an agent of the Department of Justice who desired to obtain points against the present warden. He was assured that his communications would be confidential, and in the event of a change he would be retained as a guard if he desired it, and probably promoted. Instead of complying with the proposition the guard promptly reported the conversation to Warden Crocker, whereupon the attention of the Attorney General was invited to the subject, and an investigation is now in progress.

A Sociable Burglar.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 9.--Mr. B. Young, an attorney, was aroused from his sleep by the glare of a light in his face. When he opened his eyes he saw a man standing by his bedside wrapped in a long black coat and wearing a slouch hat down over his eyes of rather rough gray eyes, which looked straight into his own. In his left hand the man held a dark lantern, and in his right hand a big revolver, which he directed at Mr. Young's head. "Keep quiet," said the man, and then he said that he came for money and wanted to know quickly where to get it. Mr. Young began a chat with the visitor which lasted fifteen minutes. Young had no money except seventy-five cents, which the burglar declined to take. He then became communicative, but kept Young covered with his revolver all the time. "Your police ain't worth a damn," he said. "I could get through any house between College Avenue and Washington street and take what I please. In the meantime the children had been aroused and began to scream. Mr. Young, convinced that his visitor intended to harm them by robbing, told the children to keep quiet. Just then one of them ran into the room and stopped near the burglar, who placed his hand upon the child's shoulder and told her to get back to bed, as he would not harm her. The child obeyed. Then the burglar, concluding there was nothing to be gained, backed down stairs and withdrew. Mr. Young says his visitor was the coolest man he ever met.

Narrow Escape From a Riot.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 9.--Quite an excitement was caused on Second avenue, and fears were manifested that a riot would be inaugurated by loafers. One half of the street is closed up at this point while water pipes are being laid, and Saturday several teamsters refused to move on and let others pass, in consequence of which a blockade nearly a mile in length was caused. The drivers got into an angry dispute, but a number of policemen were sent out and the blockade lifted without serious disturbance.

Major Robbins Retires With a Grievance.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 9.--Major Irving Robbins, Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police, resigned Friday under pressure. He demands a session of the Police Commissioners to consider his resignation. Robbins had grown very overbearing and unpopular, taking the law into his own hands. Captain Long, of the present force, will be his successor.

A BARBAROUS DUEL.

Further Particulars of Last Week's Italian Sensation.

LONDON, Dec. 9.--The duel which was fought near the city of Rome, between Signor Nicotera, formerly Minister of the Interior, and Signor Lovito, Chief Secretary of the Minister of the Interior, was conducted in so unusual and gentlemanly a manner that the whole affair is condemned in disparaging terms by the Italian press. It seems that as soon as Signor Lovito was wounded, Nicotera's sword penetrating his arm, contrary to the established rules of the duel, he seized his adversary's weapon and attempted to take an unfair advantage. Nicotera, instantly realizing his danger and the treachery of the act, cried, "Assassin!" The witnesses instantly drew their swords, closed in on the combatants, and for a few moments a general fight seemed imminent. This scene of confusion was finally ended by the prompt action of Nicotera's friends, who succeeded in extricating their principal from the melee, not, however, until he had been severely wounded in the face and hands. Several of the witnesses state that Lovito wounded Nicotera while he clutched his sword, and after the seconds had cried out to him to stop. During the rush which followed Lovito's extraordinary attempt to kill his opponent, two of the spectators were wounded by the random thrusts which were made in all directions. Signor Lovito's friends are making efforts to suppress particulars of the meeting, and in reference to the grabbing of Nicotera's sword say that it was an accident. They deny that Nicotera was wounded after this occurrence, asserting that he received his wounds in the rally which preceded it.

THE CATTLE PLAGUE.

Reports Regarding its Ravages Exaggerated.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 9.--Regarding the cattle disease, a gentleman who has been over Douglas and Jefferson Counties for a couple of days, just interviewing the stockmen, finds that the disease existing as reported, but says that as yet the disease is doing no alarming damage, not seeming to spread in either of the above counties. Miller, in his paper, the Troy Chief, says: "It seems to be a fact that a fatal disease has got among the cattle in some parts of the State of Kansas. A large number have died in the northern part of this county and parts of Brown. It is a disease of the belly and lungs, and usually takes cattle off very soon after showing signs. One of the Lawrence papers, denies the existence of such a disease in the State. There is truth in it, however, and the papers may as well own it, and stir up the owners to try and discover the cause and a remedy, instead of trying to suppress the truth until the cattle are all dead. The disease is fatal and spreading, whatever it is. The disease is certainly a peculiar one." A prominent veterinary surgeon of this city, who has been out this week among the sick cattle, reports instances of five animals dying within two hours after taking sick.

NEWSPAPER NEWS.

Renowned Changes in the St. Louis Republican.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.--It is stated on the authority of gentlemen who are well posted that important changes are about to be made in the office of the Missouri Republican. Gerard B. Allen is about to resign control and is in favor of accepting the resignation of Mr. William Hyde, the present Managing Editor. When this is done Mr. Hyde's place will be filled by Mr. Newton Crane, Mr. Allen's son-in-law. On Thursday last Mrs. Knapp, widow of the late Geo. Knapp, filed her resignation as trustee of the estate, and all heirs-at-law of the deceased joined with Mrs. Knapp in a request to the Court that Gerard B. Allen be appointed in her place. The stock of the Republican is altogether \$500,000. When Gerard B. Allen becomes trustee of Knapp's estate he will be able to vote \$275,000 of the stock, of which \$150,000 will be what belongs to Knapp and \$125,000 belonging to the Paschall estate. This gives him a controlling interest.

PREDICTION VERIFIED.

Rough Weather on the Atlantic As For Announcement.

LONDON, Dec. 9.--The prediction received from the weather bureau on the second inst., stating that "several centers of disturbance will effect the British and Norwegian coasts during the week, and that he one arriving between the fifth and eighth is likely to develop dangerous energy," has been amply verified. Small depressions passed over the Northern coasts and Norway during the week, while yesterday the weather completely changed, and snow and sleet supplanted the heavy wet and murky weather of the last few weeks. At the same time heavy gales visited the southeastern coasts, causing several casualties to shipping, but, happily, without loss of life. In the extreme North, and over Scandinavia, the barometer is falling. In the Northeastern coasts and in the North Sea gales are blowing, and the seas very rough, indicating a further fulfillment of the latter part of the prediction.

Result of an Old Feud.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 9.--Saturday night, near Mooreburg, Tom Prater, whose name is at Lenoir's, was killed by John Maxwell. Both the men worked in the quarry near where the killing occurred, and on the night mentioned Maxwell was called upon at his house by Prater and other parties and asked to go to a store near by. He asked who it was called for him, and when informed that it was Prater he went back in the house and returned with a shotgun, which he pointed at Prater and fired. The shot pierced the breast, passing through the body killed Prater instantly. The dead man's body was sent to this city on a freight train and taken to Lenoir's yesterday for burial. Maxwell's act seems to be a very deliberate one, and no doubt was the culmination of an old feud between the parties.

Recherche Afloat Near Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.--Out at an old tavern in the Brighton Road, Saturday evening, Jerry Donohue, twenty-seven years old, sailing from Baltimore, and weighing 150 pounds, and Richard Cuddy, twenty-eight years old, weighing 150 pounds, shed their resters into a splendid, improvised ring. The arrangements were for a fight at 225 side, Marquis of Queensbury rules, and an attendant ruffian was chosen referee. It speedily degenerated into a fistfight and Cuddy fought it out in one round by whipping Donohue badly and pounding his face a jelly.

MAGLINTY LOSES TEETH

AND LIKEWISE THE STAKE MONEY.

Agreeable Social Event in a Chicago Stable--"The Ferret" and Another Eminent Animal Slug Each Other.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.--The dimly lighted floor of an up town stable was the scene of a hard glove fight between Pat Maglenty and Phil Brogden, a colored man. Around the ring about sixty well known sporting characters assembled paying five dollars a head for the privilege of witnessing the mill. Brogden, better known as "the Ferret," was the winner of three fights previous to the one he won last night, while Maglenty is a new light in the arena. Both men are feather weights and the stakes were seventy-five dollars a side. In the first round Maglenty showed considerable pluck and good science, but was easily subdued by his antagonist. In the second round Pat received a frightful left hander in the month, which split his upper lip and knocked out three front teeth. Time was called, and in the third round both men fought hard for an "opener," and Pat sent a left hander straight from the shoulder at Brogden's head, but missed the mark and required in turn a cross cut that sent him whirling over the rope. When the fourth round was called Maglenty failed to see the mark and "the Ferret" was declared an easy winner. Time, thirteen minutes. Betting was heavy, and a considerable amount changed hands.

A Pair of Italian Duelling Cranks Poke at Each Other With Swords.

ROME, Dec. 9.--A duel with swords was fought at 11 o'clock Friday morning at a place a few miles outside this city, the combatants being Signor Nicotera, formerly Minister of the Interior, and Signor Lovito, Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior. They fought furiously but somewhat wildly. Lovito received a cut in the arm, while Nicotera was wounded in the face and hand. The seconds then separated the duellists. Lovito, who had been grossly insulted by Nicotera, accepted the result of the meeting as an ample vindication of his honor.

Why a Postmaster Was Removed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.--The postmaster at Brightseat, Md., was on Friday removed. This action was based upon a report of an Inspector who was sent to investigate the cause of the great increase in the business of the office, which had advanced from \$30 per quarter to \$300. The Inspector found that this was due to the fact that Mr. Suit had sent his mail from that office, and had entered into an agreement with the Postmaster to share the commission derived from the cancellation of the stamps. The same man, by withdrawing his mail from a neighboring office, had reduced it from the "Presidential rank to a fourth class office.

A Swindler Nabbed.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 9.--A special dispatch from Helena, Mont., says: During the month of October a man representing himself as Post Office Inspector Henderson, and, afterward, as Inspector Henderson, visited the postoffices between Miles City and Helena and swindled officials and banks. On Friday of last week, Assistant Superintendent Jameson of the Railway Mail Service, spotted him at Missoula, and on Thursday last caused his arrest. The swindler gave the name of S. W. Scott, and the authorities were requested to hold him. After Montana is through with him, he is wanted by Inspector Stuart, of Chicago.

The Nickle Plate and the Passenger Pool.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 9.--General Passenger Agent Ford, of the Pennsylvania Company, who has returned from Chicago, was interviewed regarding the action of the Nickle Plate Road in withdrawing from East-Bound Passenger Pool. He declared that the Nickle Plate Road was not in the passenger pool at all. The Nickle Plate, he says, uses the Lake Shore track from Chicago to Cleveland, and is controlled by the New York Central, a Vanderbilt road, and, as both the Lake Shore and the New York Central are in the pool, the Nickle Plate could do nothing that would interfere with either of them.

A Poor Place to Get Work.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 9.--It is stated on good authority that there is a larger number of workmen, clerks, book-keepers, etc., out of employment in Pittsburgh at the present time than have been known since the worst of the years following the panic of 1873. An advertisement in a daily newspaper for male help of any kind brings hundreds of responses. Not only are the large manufacturing establishments in many instances reducing their forces of workmen, but mercantile establishments are doing likewise, so that the army of unemployed is daily receiving large accessions.

An Indian Row Satisfactorily Settled.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.--The trouble in the Creek Indian Nation, which caused the calling out of troops last summer, then the appointment of a Commission to arrange peace, and finally of an election, is now put at an end by the inauguration of Chief Perryman. This took place yesterday, and, according to a dispatch received at the Indian Office from agent Telf, all was satisfactory. He further adds that Ispahsabee and Chisota, rival candidates, had been chosen delegates to Washington and thus all factions were pleased.

THE BRUSSELS FIRE.

Two Dead Bodies Taken From the Ruins of the Burned Palace.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 9.--Up to a late hour Friday afternoon two corpses had been taken from the ruins of the palace of the Legislative Chamber, and it is feared that others are buried beneath the debris. Several firemen, dangerously wounded, are lying in the hospital, two of whom it is said cannot recover. The building and contents were uninsured.

The Convivial Deity at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 9.--William Bachus, President of the Ohio Liquor Dealers' League, is in the city making arrangements for a meeting of the liquor interests at the Grand Opera House here December 27 and 28. The object of the meeting is to formulate an expression of what they desire from the Legislature. It is thought that a repeal or radical modification of the Scott law will be asked. Four hundred delegates are expected.

OUT OF THE DRIFTS.

Arrival of Kansas Pacific Snow-Bound Train at Denver.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 9.--The snow-bound Kansas Pacific passenger train, which was announced as being unheard from arrived here after having been beleaguered in the drifts for thirty-six hours. The passengers fared comparatively well, although they told many sensational stories of how they foraged for food and water with which to appease their hunger. The engine struck the first drift on Wednesday evening beyond Deer Trail, about 100 miles from Denver. The passengers, among whom were the Aldermen of Denver, who had been on an excursion, assisted the trainmen, and the snow was dug away sufficiently for the engine to butt its way through it. Five miles further on the engine stuck perfectly fast. For a mile ahead the tracks appeared to be hopelessly covered. Preparations were made to stay there all night, or until assistance arrived. The express car was entered, and everything of an edible nature made use of. During the night the water gave out, and melted snow was used. The night and the next day passed, and the situation was indeed becoming critical. About midnight the headlight of an engine was seen advancing. It was a relief party from Denver. Three engines and snow plows were used cutting through the heavy snow banks, and an hour or two later the snow-bound party was released. The coal on the beleaguered train had given out, and had not the relief came when it did the passengers would have suffered.

A PREACHER'S NECK IN DANGER.

The Men of Carondelet Ready to Lynch the Rev. Jacob Schlitter.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.--Since Carondelet was made a city its people were not more incensed than they were when the doings of the Rev. Jacob Schlitter were laid bare before them. Had he been in the city, instead of safe with his stepdaughter Annie in Chicago, he would have been given a taste of lynch law, for the girl's brother Fred, was there as a leader, and when the truth was made known to him he vowed vengeance on the girl's betrayer and swore to kill him did he ever returned to Carondelet. Hundreds of his friends indorsed his sentiments and promised to give him a helping hand. Since yesterday's developments it has been found that the preacher was in the habit of bringing Annie to St. Louis, and after those visits she always returned home loaded down with presents, which she had had given her by her stepfather. The latter's wife is still his friend, and claims that his conduct towards his stepdaughter was wholly due to spiritualistic influences, and that when he led her astray he was unconscious of wrong doing. Officers, armed with a warrant for Schlitter's arrest, are still looking for that individual, and if he is returned to Carondelet he will certainly be lynched.

TOO PROSPEROUS.

What a Stroke of Fortune Did for John Mackey.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.--John Mackey, a middle-aged Scotchman, presented to the cashier for foreign exchange at the Union National Bank, a draft for \$2,500 on a London house, purporting to be drawn in his favor by N. K. Fairbank & Co., of this city, saying he wanted to exchange for a draft on a New York house. The cashier delayed Mackey while he sent a messenger to the office of N. K. Fairbank & Co. to inquire if the draft was all right. A reply came quickly back that it was a forgery. Mackey was immediately arrested and taken to the Harrison Police Station. As soon as he was arrested Mackey pretended to be very drunk and refused to answer questions. The prisoner is a married man, and lives at South Evanston. For a long time he was bookkeeper for N. K. Fairbank & Co. Eight months ago he received a legacy from Scotland. This piece of good fortune drove him to dissipation, and the firm contemplated discharging him, but he resigned.

The Terrible Tramp.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 9.--A person giving the name of Jack Taylor called at the residence of Mr. H. Hodges, a farmer a few miles south of the city, and asked for his dinner. Mr. Hodges told him that dinner was not ready, and if he would wait till he got another load of fodder he could have dinner. While Hodges had gone for the fodder Taylor insisted on having dinner at once, and began to abuse Mrs. Hodges, using vile epithets, and finally he jerked out a revolver and shot at Mrs. Hodges, though luckily the bullet went wide of its mark and Mrs. Hodges escaped unhurt. Taylor then fled. He was subsequently arrested at Joliet. Public feeling ran high, and had he not been hustled off he would have been severely dealt with.

Drowned at a Ford.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 9.--Information has been received here of the accidental death by drowning of Elder J. Wrightman, in Swan Creek, near Chadwick, Terrell County. He was crossing the stream, which was swollen by rains in the back country, when the team, being unable to pull against the current, he got out and mounted one of the horses. The horse stumbled and threw him off. At last accounts his body had not been recovered. Mr. Wrightman was a preacher, writer and a wealthy man, and President of the bank at Harper, Kansas. He had been to Forsyth to look after county bonds in his possession, recently refunded. He was about seventy years old.

Turned on His Pals.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 9.--A. J. Oshields was arrested in Chattanooga for having in possession a stolen watch. He was brought here on requisition, and has confessed to the Chief of Police that he planned the burglary of Askew's saloon two weeks ago, in which \$4,000 were taken. The money, he says, is secreted in the city. He implicates Joe Denham, Bill Trip and Sharper Conley, young men about town, as his accomplices in the crime. They were arrested and identified by him. Developments as to other burglaries are promised.

Test Liquor Cases.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 9.--Under the Sunday liquor law, Fred Dieboldt, a prominent liquor dealer, was fined \$100 and given ten days in the work-house for keeping open saloon on Sunday. This was in the Police Court. Judge McKinney, of the Court of Common Pleas, has rendered several decisions, holding that the law does not presume a saloon to be open for the purpose of selling liquor, but that it must be shown that the place was open for business.

CHEROKEE TROUBLES.

Serious Accusations That Are Apparently Without Foundation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.--At the last session of Congress \$300,000 was appropriated for the Cherokee Indians. It is now charged by Colonel E. C. Boudinot, a Cherokee half-breed, that Mr. Phillip, the Cherokee Representative here, has failed to turn in \$22,5