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WEATHER FACTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Ohio: Fair weather, slight changes in temperature.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Aug. 2, 1887.

THE EMERGENCY!

You can hold a mass meeting and resolve that the way in which the thermometer has been conducting itself is an outrage on humanity. Once upon a time, you know that the rats held a meeting and resolved that a bell should be placed on the cat so everybody would know when she was coming. But then arose the question, who would "bell the cat?" Similarly, it seems that any wish to control the weather by doing something with the thermometer would be futile. You can, however, do something with yourself that will be very effective; come and get some of that fine French lisle underwear or Gauze, super Angola, Balbriggan, and knitted, which we are offering now. It is just the thing for hot weather.

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MUGWUMPERY.

George William Curtis Delivers the Address Before the Civil Service Reform League—All is Not Lovely.

Why a Murderer was Not Convicted—Bad Blood in Kentucky—What the World is Saying and Doing This Day.

By the Associated Press.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 3.—At the convention of the National Reform Civil Service league, held here today, George William Curtis, president of the League, delivered the annual address. In referring to public interest in the cause of civil service reform, he said: "Movement of public sentiment may be measured in many ways, especially in discussion of press and in public speeches. Until pension vetoes and recent orders in regard to the return of the rebel flags, partisan hostility to the present administration expressed itself chiefly in censure of its failure to conform to an absolute standard of reform, a conformity, however, which the censuring party does not affect to maintain wherever it has control. This censure and continuous discussion imply, and imply justly, general and profound interest in the subject. Division in the administration party, which is obvious and undeniable, springs from the same question, and is another striking illustration of its stronghold on the public mind. Moreover the possible success of the democratic party in the election of next year undoubtedly depends upon its renomination of the president who is identified in the public mind with the cause of reform, and it is equally beyond question that if the president should formally announce the reform principles that he has delared, and which he honestly cherishes, and should frankly announce that general political reconstruction of the civil service, which, I regret to say, has taken place under his administration, is due to change of conviction upon his part in favor of the spoils system, he would be abandoned by so large a body of citizens as to bring his re-election into serious peril.

Mr. Curtis then reviewed at great length the progress of reform in the national service. He said: "It is now possible, I think, to judge correctly the course of the administration with regard to reform, and I regret to say that during two years and five months of its existence and while the reform law has been respected, within its limited range, and while there are unquestionable and encouraging signs of progress, yet according to information which is undoubtedly authentic, there has been a very significant change in the civil service. In some departments at Washington this is less apparent than others, but in a survey of the whole service almost an entire change, or as near as was practicable, since an entirely new force of totally inexperienced officers would have prevented the regular transactions of public business. The speaker then gave many figures to illustrate the scope and significance of the changes.

Continuing, he said: "While we may willingly acquit President Cleveland of insincerity or indifference, we must yet be as just to ourselves as to him. It would be a great wrong to a cause, of which this league is the authorized national representative, if it didn't plainly and emphatically declare that it does not regard the administration, however worthy of respect and confidence for many reasons, as in any strict sense of words, a civil service reform administration. In regard to the "circular" of the president on the subject of interference in politics by federal office holders, the speaker said: "The circular as a warning has been neglected with impunity, and as an order it is a dead letter. Very recently it has been ostentatiously and flagrantly defied in Baltimore, and should the defiance pass unremarked the circular may be regarded as withdrawn.

A SPLENDID IDEA.

New York Republican Editors Discuss the Situation.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 3.—A conference of editors of republican newspapers in the state of New York was held here yesterday, in connection with the meeting to fix the time for the state republican convention. Its purpose was an interchange of views between the editors themselves and with the gentlemen composing the state committee, with a view to more united and effective work in the future. About one hundred daily papers, chiefly those of interior towns, were represented, and the day was chiefly spent in discussing questions of political policy. Another meeting will be held at the time of the state convention.

The Kentucky Method.

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky., Aug. 3.—Intelligence comes from Manchester, Clay county, that a fierce fight occurred at the polls during the voting on Monday by a score or more men all having revolvers or bowie-knives. Six were killed outright and a number badly wounded. The dead men Jack Hacker, Daughtery White, John H. White, Dale Little and two who are as yet unknown. The first four were prominent citizens of Manchester. The unknown were men from the country. Manchester is the capital of Clay county in the southeastern part of the state.

They Are After Him.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 3.—A special from London, Ontario, says: Rev. Wm. Thomas Abbott West, who was seen in this city last Thursday, is wanted in St. Louis for the murder of Susie Beck. He hurriedly visited his brother, Peter West, who has two of the poisoner's children in his care. It is believed that he has taken refuge near here with some of his former religious associates.

Two Babies Burned.

LEADVILE, Col. Aug. 3.—Fire yesterday destroyed the cabin of Phillip Little, situated in California gulch, opposite the American smelter. The cabin contained two sleeping babies who were burned to a crisp. The father had gone to his work and the mother was at a neighbor's. The children were aged respectively 1 and 3 years. Despite the efforts of many willing hands they could not be saved.

A Great Conflagration.

MONTREAL, Aug. 3.—Last evening fire broke out in the rear of a grocery store on St. Lawrence street, and before it could be got under control the buildings on both sides of St. Dominique from Napoleon to St. Jean Baptiste street, on the west side of St. Hypolite, and thence in the rear of the east side of St. Lawrence street, were destroyed and about fifty families were made homeless.

Wealthy Woman Murdered.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Maiez, widow of the late Juan Maiez, one of the wealthiest and most influential citizens of northern Mexico, was murdered at her residence near Paso del Notre yesterday afternoon. The deed is supposed to have been committed by a man named Telles, an illegitimate son of the late Mr. Maiez.

The Death Record.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—According to the official report, there were 10,236 deaths from cholera in Chili, during the period of from January to June of this year, and the government expended $1,007,000 in fighting the epidemic.

Short in His Accounts.

BATH, N. Y., Aug. 3.—The trustees of the New York Soldiers' and Sailors' Home have ousted Treasurer Robie, he being $9,000 short. His friends will make the amount good.

THE M'COY MURDER TRIAL.

How the Prisoner Escaped a Verdict of Hanging.

PORTSMOUTH, Aug. 3.—Since the discharge of the jury which tried Alf McCoy for the murder of Dr. Northup, there has been considerable speculation as to the causes which prompted the finding of a verdict so totally incommensurate with the crime. There seems now to be an easy solution of the perplexing question. Several of the jurymen who tried McCoy are members of the G. A. R. McCoy is also a member of that organization, and during his trial wore a new G. A. R. uniform, kept his eyes closely upon the jury, and whenever he could do so, as he thought, with safety to himself and them, threw out G. A. R. signals of distress.

It is also learned that two of the jurymen, although admitting that the evidence pointed to a deliberate murder, yet for political reasons would agree to nothing but a verdict for manslaughter. Of the seven who stood out for hanging, five were democrats, and McCoy himself is a democrat. The people, after summing all the things up, think they sinkll a very large sized rat, and protest that the verdict was anything but an honest one. It is probable that some of these circumstances will be urged by the attorneys in their arguments for a new trial and that one will be granted on these and other grounds.

MILITARY RESERVATION.

Contemplated Purchase of a National Camp Ground for Citizen Soldiery.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—A movement is on foot to induce congress at the coming session to provide for the purchase of a large tract of land, on the Virginia shore of the Potomac, for a grand military reservation on a different scale from any which has been contemplated in the past. Land in Virginia, within a few miles of Washington, can be purchased at astonishingly low figures at the present time. There are thousands of acres which are offered for sale at prices ranging from $5 to $10 an acre. It is believed that the day will come when there will be a national militia within the borders of the United States. When that day arrives it will be necessary to have a mustering ground for the citizen soldiery, and it is with this idea in view that the present movement is inaugurated. The government already owns several hundred acres across the Potomac. This tract is embraced in the Arlington estate and the cavalry station known as Fort Meyer. Five hundred acres could undoubtedly be secured near this reservation at very low figures just now, and the acquisition would furnish a grand place for military maneuvers.

STATEMENTS WANTED.

The Condition of National Banks to be Inquired Into.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The comptroller of the currency has called upon the national banks for a report of their condition at the close of business August 1. No report was ever called for in the month of August until last year, when August 27 was the date fixed, nor since 1868 has any date in July later than the 1st been selected. The information to be embodied in the report just called for is expected to be particularly valuable as showing how the banks are prepared to meet the approaching demands for funds to move the crops. All banks that fail to send in reports under the last call within the time specified by law were fined, and the fines have been collected and paid into the treasury. Even political pressure was brought to bear in several cases to obtain a remission of the penalties, but the comptroller would not consent to any such arrangement. He frequently expressed himself as determined to inforce this statute, and has so informed the banks.

Another Man Gone Wrong.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Daniel Desmond, clerk for the dry goods firm of L. E. Boutillier & Bro., was arrested yesterday, charged with having embezzled, during the past year, $12,000, proceeds of sales of laces.

A DANDY FAMILY HORSE.

Officer Temp Wilson Makes a Purchase at the London Stock Sales.

On Tuesday Officer Wilson went to London. He went with the firm purpose of purchasing a nice, quiet, easy-going family horse, and he purchased one. The owner solemnly assured Temp that it was the best family horse in London, and it is a notorious fact that horse-traders never lie. Temp is a model policeman and can smell a "crook" a mile away, but he doesn't know much more about horses, especially the "family" variety, than the horses know about Hebrew. But that made no difference. The owner had assured him that the horse was a very quiet and inoffensive brute, and the owner was a horse trader and horse traders never lie.

Officer Wilson paid $50 for the horse and hugged himself at the thought of getting so fine a bargain. The horse was stabled and then Temp went to dinner. After dinner he invited some of his Clark county friends to go with him to the stable to see the quiet, docile family horse that he had purchased for only $50. He knew that horse was a dandy family horse, because the owner had so assured him and horse traders never lie.

The party reached the stable and one of the number had entered when Wilson's docile family horse laid back his ears, threw a warning glance over his right shoulder, and let drive with both hind feet at the intruder. Presently another gentleman essayed to enter the stable and the family affair's hind hoofs struck the boards so near his head that he beat a precipitate retreat.

It was two hours before anybody could get within reach of that admirable family horse, and even then he exhibited an unhealthy desire to kick everybody in the vicinity over into the next county. Temp will fix him, however. He proposes to hand-cuff him and put a pair of leaders between his fore and hind feet. It will puzzle him to kick then.

It occurred to Temp this morning why that trader called the horse a family horse: Because it will take the whole family to drive him.

THE CONVERSAZIONE.

Regular and Interesting Meeting Last Night.

The regular monthly meeting of the First Presbyterian Missionary conversazione was held as usual last evening in the parlors of the church, the subject for the evening being North American Indians. The programme was unusually interesting. After a few opening words by the president, the regular exercises were begun. Mr. Noble King read a humorous little poem, entitled: "Winding Up a Horse." After the audience had ceased laughing, the reading of the "Budget," the monthly magazine of the society, followed. Much credit is due the editors, Miss Anna Burrows and Miss Alice Smith, for the excellent style in which it was written.

Though treating principally of the early history of the Aborigines, it contained much information of a more recent date. An excellent description of an Indian communion service was given, the editors assuring the audience that although the pastor's name was the Rev. Mr. Stone-that-paints-itself-red, the scene was impressively solemn.

The meeting was then thrown open for general conversation. Messrs. Will Lee and Miner Williams furnished short verbal accounts of their visit to Mr. Moody's summer school at Northfield.

Adjournment was next in order, but the president was interrupted by someone from the back part, informing the society that the Cherokees were the first people, as a nation, who ever adopted a prohibitory law regarding the sale of intoxicating liquors.

MUNICIPAL MASTERS.

Regular and Important Meeting of the City Council—A Vast Quantity of "Bood" Paid Out.

The Factory Street Bridge—The Tax Commission Squabble—Resolutions, Petitions and Ordinances and Other Municipal Business.

The city council met Tuesday evening in regular session, President Thomes in the chair and the following present: Messrs. Biee, Berlew, Burnett, Crumley, Dicus, Fried, Funk, Green, Hoppes, Hanika, McKenna, Miller, Netts, Slack and Smith. This was the first meeting for two weeks and the session was chiefly conspicuous for the large number of pay ordinances.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

By the clerk—Report of the city weigh-master, for July, as follows:

Number drafts	461
" " Not called for	17
" " Remaining	471
" " for June called for	9
Total	480
Proceeds from drafts:	
City's half	$48
Total	896

Referred to auditing committee.

By the clerk—His report for July, showing money paid out:

Fire department	$37 68
Patrol house	2 53
Total	$41 13

Referred to auditing committee.

By the clerk—Report of bids for the material and construction of the superstructure of the Factory street bridge as already reported in detail in the REPUBLIC. Referred to the committee on city improvements with plans and specifications.

By the clerk—Communication from County Auditor Serviss, as follows:

SPRINGFIELD, O., July 26, 1887.

To the City Council of the City of Springfield:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith transmit to you a copy of the certificate of the Tax commission of the city of Springfield, certifying their action and the levies for taxes made by council on the 19th inst.

I shall proceed at once to place said levies as made by council to the extent that they have been approved by the Tax commission upon the duplicate, and decline to place upon the duplicate any of said levies in excess of the amounts as approved by said Tax commission.

Yours respectfully,
O. F. SERVISS, Auditor.

The copy and communication was placed on file.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Burnett—Petition from Jerry Murphy asking an extension of ninety days time to lay sidewalk on Forest avenue. Referred.

By Mr. Dicus—Petition from Mrs. Anna S. Phillips asking vacation of an alley in Ludlow's addition. Referred.

By Mr. Netts—Petition from J. B. McConnell and about thirty other residents of north Isabella street, asking for an improvement of the street, which is now almost impassable, and for the laying of additional water mains. Referred to street committee.

By Mr. Fried—Petition from Lydia Brain, asking for an extension of time for curbing and guttering in front of her property on east High street. Referred to street committee.

A communication was received from E. C. Gwynn, president of the water works trustees, certifying to council the bill for the lowering of water mains on High and Spring streets. The bill is to be found elsewhere. The communication was referred.

By Mr. Funk, of the committee on city improvements—A resolution that the committee be authorized to have the abutments on Factory street, both sides of the creek, raised not to exceed four feet, if in their judgment it becomes necessary. A debate ensued, Mr. Crumley chiefly opposing the measure on the grounds that it was giving the committee "too much rope." Mr. Funk said the resolution was offered at the suggestion of the city engineer. The resolution was finally adopted by a vote of 14 to 1.

Bills were presented and referred.

By Mr. Dicus, of the finance committee—The following:

Resolved, That the needs of the city require that twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) of the market house bonds, amounting, with the pro rata share of the premium, to the sum of $27,833 32, be issued, and that the purchasers of said bonds, Messrs. Albert Netter & Co., of Cincinnati, be and they are hereby requested to take and pay for said bonds to the above amount by September 1, 1887.

Passed.

PAY ORDINANCES.

By Mr. Funk, of the city improvement committee, the following pay ordinances, which were passed:

Armstrong Brothers, crossing and culvert plates	$91 25
James Clayton, bridge railing at Plum street	6 30
Pat Doolan, culvert at North and Lime stone streets	152 60
A. E. Jones, sign boards	3 00
Total	$253 05

By Mr. Netts, of the claims committee, the following pay ordinance out of general expense fund:

J. S. Shewalter, cash and salary	$120 97

Passed.

By Mr. Fried, of the police committee, the following pay ordinance:

Costs, supplies, repairs, etc	$ 398 91
J. R. Ambrose, police pay roll	2,005 33
Total	$2,414 24

Passed.

By Mr. Slack, of the committee on rules and printing, the following pay ordinance:

Springfield Publishing company, advertising	$ 70 82
Globe Printing and Publishing company, books	90 00
Total	$160 82

Passed.

By Mr. McKenna, of the water works committee—The following pay ordinance, which was regularly allowed:

Out of water works fund—	
Wm. H. Boeh, services as expert	$300 00
V. C. Coblentz, analysis of water	300 00
J. D. Moler, services	124 75
Out of street cleaning fund—	
Water works trustees, lowering pipes on High street	559 97
Total	$1284 72

By Mr. Berlew, of the committee on health and hospital—The following pay ordinance, which was allowed:

T. B. Peet, galvanized iron	$222 31
Ackerson & Son, slate	48 00
F. A. Rice, insurance	90 00
Springfield Gazette, advertising	1 40
Daniel Sullivan, sanitary marshal	52 00
Total	$413 31

By Mr. Burnett, of the gas committee—Pay ordinance in the sum of $1,497.35. Passed.

By Mr. Smith, of the street committee—Pay ordinance as follows, which was passed:

E. A. Williams, pay of street hands	$1234 85
James Nelson, repairs	7 50
G. W. Kelly, brooms	1 50
Total	$1243 50

By Mr. Hoppes, of fire department committee—Pay ordinance as follows, which was passed:

W. H. Schaus, claims	1 00
Mrs. Garrett, washing	7 00
Kearns Bros., horse shoeing	20 85
Total	$31 75

Mr. Fried, of the police committee, presented a communication from James R. Ambrose, chief of police, stating that he has inspected the station house from time to time during the month of July and has invariably found it in good and excellent order. Also the resignation of George S. Rizer, accompanied by a communication by Mayor Kelly, stating his acceptance of same.

Also the report of Station House Keeper Dillon for July, as follows: Number of arrests, 245; number of meals served, 1,733; loaves of bread, 251; number of prisoners serving out sentences during the month, 42; cost of supplies, $79.41. All reports filed.

The ordinance granting the Champion Electric Light Co. permission to lay pipes for conveying oil for power and heating was read third time and passed.

By Mr. Dicus—The following resolution: That the resolution of council passed September 28, 1886, accepting a proposition of the P. C. & St. L. to grant to the city a right of way across Southern avenue, and several other streets, in consideration of the city's granting said railway company the right to lay an additional track and to rearrange and remodel the tracks across Market street, in this city, be and the same is hereby rescinded, said railroad company having failed to perform the provision upon which said proposition was accepted and the city not having accepted any of the rights of way offered in said proposition; and that the city clerk be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to said railway company.

The resolution was adopted after considerable debate.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Dicus—That the city solicitor be directed to have the full amount of the taxes levied by council placed upon the tax duplicate. Adopted. Messrs. Green, Hanika and Netts voting nay.

By same—A resolution providing for the borrowing of not to exceed $12,000 in anticipation of the general revenue fund, $6,000 to be placed to the credit of the street fund and $3,000 each to the credit of the fire department and bridge funds. Adopted.

By Mr. Miller—Resolution directing the sanitary marshal to place notices prohibiting fast driving over and the posting of bills upon the same, upon the Lagonda avenue bridge.

Mr. Miller also presented a resolution directing the police committee to investigate the alleged improper conduct of Officer Kennedy in the arrest of Chas. Tutt, and report same to council.

The following additional resolutions were presented: That street and alley crossings be constructed on Madison avenue and Stanton avenue where needed. Referred. That the crossing ordered on east side of Main street at Park be changed to George street, west side of Main. Adopted. Setting aside $200 to complete the grading of Isabella street, north of Malden lane. Referred. Instructing the committee on city improvements to examine into the condition of the Plum street bridge and make necessary repairs and that one-fourth of such improvements be charged to the street railway company.

Mr. Berlew, from committee on health and hospital, presented a communication from the hospital commissioners, asking approval of council upon plans and specifications of heating, plumbing, etc. Resolution approving same was adopted.

The deed of Ross Mitchell and Warder, Bushnell & Glessner to the city of Springfield of the right to lay and maintain water main, was accepted on Solicitor Summers's motion.

Adjourned.

COURTLY KNIGHTS.

Ohio's Divisions of the Knights of Pythias in Camp at Dayton—Interesting Description of the Camp.

The divisions of the Uniformed Rank of Ohio Knights of Pythias are in camp on the Fair grounds at Dayton, Springfield being represented by Divisions 6 and 44. The encampment has been named Camp Douglas in honor of one of most eminent members of the order.

All the blazonry and inspiriting grandeur of military life may be seen in this convocation of civic soldiery. The tented field, camp life, the marshaling of troops, the band music, the bugle calls, the parades, the drills, the hurrying to and fro of brave men and handsomely uniformed Knights in seeming war-like alarms, but only in peaceful convocation, all tend to awaken and arouse the soldier and martial impulse.

The Dayton *Journal* gives the following description of the encampment:

The grounds are dotted with tents arranged in military style. The general headquarters and Fourth regiment tents are pitched immediately south of Exposition hall. The tents of the other regiments are arranged along Main street, east and north of that building, with the headquarter's tents in the center of each regiment. The tents are of the large wall pattern, and are intended for four cots each, giving plenty of room. Each is provided with a board floor, and some with carpets in addition. The general headquarter's tents are larger, neatly furnished with tables, chairs, campstools and other conveniencies necessary for the transaction of the business required, the comfort of the occupants and those who have business to transact there as well as of visitors generally. Immediately south of Exposition hall the K. of P. flag floats from a high staff and to the east of which are the headquarters of the Brigadier General commanding, Supreme Chancellor, Grand Chancellor and the Executive Committee. All divisions on arriving are escorted in front of general headquarters, to which they report and are assigned to their quarters by the committee appointed for that purpose.

The camp has been arranged with military precision and is located in the shadies and most convenient part of the grove, from which is had the finest view of the Great Miami, which, winding in the distance, has the highlands to the south and west as a background. Drinking water and gas are provided in abundance on every street between the rows of tents.

A large shed on the elevated ground to the west has been converted into a dining hall capable of seating, at one time, a thousand persons, where the best of rations are served in the most approved style. Ice cream, soda water, lemonade, peanuts and popcorn booths are erected at various points, for general accommodation. Stimulants are prohibited upon the ground, but the initiated, if provided with the proper pountersigh, might possibly, in an extreme emergency, find a "wee drop" that does not intoxicate, but may exhilerate.

Exposition hall has been fitted up in fine style for theatrical performances. A large stage with pleasing scenery on each side, an organ and other things have been provided, making it a neat, airy, roomy hall for the purpose intended. Much credit is due the local committee and all others who had a hand in the planning or the execution.

THE WORK COMPLETED.

Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly's Creditors' Committee Finish Its Labors.

General A. S. Bushnell and Mr. Amos Whiteley, of this city, Colonel M. Churchill, of Zanesville, Mr. Alexander Gebhart, of Dayton, and Mr. Walter Potte, of Boston, the committee appointed by the creditors of Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly to investigate the affairs of that firm, have been in session for two days and have finally agreed upon a report. The report was filed this morning with Mr. S. A. Bowman and General J. Warren Keifer, the attorneys in the case, and those gentlemen are now engaged in writing and arranging the report for presentation to the creditors themselves. The report will be put in circular form and mailed to the creditors.

Mr. Bowman, who was seen by a representative of the REPUBLIC, said that nothing could yet be given to the public about the nature of the report, but that an abstract of it might be given to the newspapers for publication tomorrow. Mr. Bowman declined even to intimate what the conditions of the report are.

Miss Mollie Demyer is visiting Miss Delia McCormick of this city.

TERRIBLE FIRE.

J. C. Wallace's Large Barn Consumed at Medway—Horses, Hogs, and a Bull Burned to Death—Other Losses.

Immense Amount of Hay, Grain and Machinery Consumed—A Spark from the Engine—A Little Girl's Narrow Escape.

Perhaps the most disastrous rural fire that has occurred in the recent history of this county, took place between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon on the farm of J. C. Wallace, a well-to-do and well known farmer living a mile northeast of the village of Medway, Bethel township.

Mr. Wallace and a

FORCE OF MEN WERE THRESHING

at the time, a separator owned by Stafford, Funderburg & Brubaker, of New Carlisle, being stationed inside the barn and connecting with the engine placed some distance away. The building was quite a large bank barn, being 172 feet long by 60 feet in width. It was surrounded by numerous out-buildings, the largest of which was a big double corn-house forty feet away.

At about three o'clock

A SPARK FROM THE ENGINE

flew into one of the upper doors of the barn and lighted in a hay-mow. In an instant the work of destruction commenced and the building was sheathed in flames, which played along its entire length like a liberated pool of fire. It was immediately apparent that nothing could be done to save the building, which burned with the rapidity of tinder, and the entire attention of the small force of available men was given toward

RESCUING THE LIVE STOCK

and getting out some of the machinery. But in the face of the situation, this was no easy task. In a short time looking into the large doors, the interior of the barn presented the appearance af a fiery furnance. The barn was filled with hay, grain, live-stock and all the machinery used to run two large farms. All that was saved of this was a binder, a hay-rake and some live-stock. The flames communicated with the corn-crib and other buildings, and they were also destroyed. Confined under the corn-shed there were thirty-six hogs

WHICH HAD BEEN LOCKED UP

to keep them from bothering around straw stacks. Every one of these thirty-six hogs was roasted alive, and their half human, altogether fearful cries, as they fought and struggled and slowly died the most horrible of deaths, could be heard high above the cracking flames, the falling of timber and the confusion of the fire. Inside the barn two fine horses and a valuable short-horned bull

WERE BURNT TO DEATH,

it being impossible to rescue them. In an incredibly short time the spot where the barn and out-buildings had stood, was only black with cinders and ashes and covered with the twisted metal parts of ruined farming machinery.

The separator was entirely destroyed, and its loss falls upon its owners, the New Carlisle firm mentioned. It was almost new and was worth, probably, $400. The loss in detail is as follows:

The barn, corn-shed and out-buildings.
800 bushels of wheat.
50 tons of hay.
175 bushels of old oats and all of this year's crop.
A large quantity of corn in the ear.
Two grain drills and two mowers.
Several harrows, cultivators and other minor farm machinery.
A number of sets of harness.
A wind-pump on the barn.
The separator and shafting.
The two horses, bull and thirty-six hogs mentioned above.

The combined loss will reach between $5,000 and $6,000, partially insured in the Ohio Farmers', Ira Wallace's agency, as follows: $1,600 on the barn, $500 on the hay and grain, $500 on live stock, $200 on corn-house. The machinery was uninsured.

The fire was very

NEARLY ATTENDED BY THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE.

A little girl named Debbie Dellavan, living on Cedar street, this city, is visiting Mrs. Wallace, and was playing about the barn at the time of the burning. When the fire broke out she was clear across the barn, and some distance from the entrance. A moment more and the barriers of flame would have effectually cut off her last chance of escape. At this critical juncture a hand named Metz rushed into the barn and succeeded in getting the child out through the dense and asphyxiating smoke and past the

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on either side. A boy, whose name could not be learned, jumped out of the barn and thus escaped.

URBANA CAMP-MEETING.

Preparations Being Completed for the Meeting, Which is to be a Good One.

The Urbana camp-meeting, which, by the way, is almost as much of an event for Springfield as for our sister city, commences a week from tomorrow, Thursday, August 11. The Rev. Frank G. Mitchell, of this city, has just returned from Urbana and reports that preparations are progressing encouraginly. The fences and buildings have just been newly whitewashed, and the grounds put in first-rate condition throughout. Rev. R. E. Hudson of Alliance, O., has been selected to lead the singing and have the music department under general charge. Mr. Carey Boggess, of this city, will have charge of the music of the young people's meeting, and it is sure to be a success under his leadership. The young people's pavillion has just been nicely fixed up and improved and now presents a handsome appearance. It has a seating capacity of 300 people.

More Springfield people will have tents at the camp meeting this year than ever before. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones are the last to secure a cottage. The REPUBLIC will shortly publish a list giving all who attend from this city.

Three new cottages are being built at this time, one by a gentleman from Delaware being particularly beautiful.

Dr. Runyan Given a Vacation.

The official board of the Central M. E. church has granted the pastor, Dr. Runyan, a leave of absence of two weeks, for his midsummer vacation. He leaves tomorrow for the Loveland camp-meeting, and, indeed, will spend the entire time it is understood, at the New Carlisle, Loveland and Urbana camp-meetings.

Regular Meeting of the Flower Mission.

The Flower Mission holds its regular weekly meeting tomorrow at room 4 Black's opera house. Let there be a liberal contributions of flowers on the part of the public. They will be judiciously distributed.

LOOKS LIKE A JOB.

Mack Mason, the Fleet-Footed Texan, Beats Ed Neal with Great Ease—Another Match Arranged.

The hundred-yard sprint race between young Ed Neal, of this city, and Mack Mason, the "Champion agent (?)" from Texas, took place at the fair grounds last (Tuesday) evening at 7 o'clock in the presence of a crowd of between 300 and 400 people. The interest in the race was intense, and Neal's supporters, chiefly from the shop of Mast, Foos & Co., were out in large numbers. They were positive that their man was going to win and blew themselves in on him to the extent of their combined wad. Today they are dividing their time between a wild desire to kick themselves to death and a vehement impression that it would be a good idea to murder Neal.

The Texan "win" with infinite ease. He did not let himself out until within about fifty feet of the scratch, and then he drew away from Neal as easily as if the latter had been standing still and crossed the scratch about ten feet ahead. The time was announced as 11¾ seconds, but a good many who are in a position to know say it was 10 seconds flat.

More money changed hands on the result than upon anything of the kind in Springfield for years. Neal was supported heavily by his friends, and dropped about $400 on the race.

The suspicion is becoming strongly fixed that the boys have been worked by Mack Mason and his backers. He came to town as a Champion agent, but as such he has a remarkable amount of leisure and a remarkable speed. You can find a hundred fellows today who will insist that he is a professional runner, and that he and the other Champion agents who backed him so heavily and successfully, are traveling for the purpose of making just such hauls as they made last night. The match was for $50 a side, and Superintendent Webster, of the Champion Malleable, was stake holder. One excited party insisted to a reporter this morning that "Mason" wasn't the name of the winner at all, but that he was none other than Johnson, the celebrated sprinted of Cincinnati.

Another match was arranged right on the heels of last night's. For several days past a smooth, genteel looking fellow has been in the city, and associated himself with the sporting men. He gave his name as Harry Williams, of Patterson, N. J., and said he was on his way to Cincinnati to run a race with Johnson. He asked Lew Hagerman, Harry Rhonemus and several others, out to the Fair grounds to time him in a few spurts just for fun, and obtained their good feelings in that way. At the conclusion of the race last night, Williams rushed up to Mason and challenged him for a race this evening at 6 o'clock. The challenge was accepted and $250 put up at once in Ed. Sullivan's hands. Among those who are heavily backing Williams are Sullivan and Hagerman. The REPUBLIC may have a funny tale to tell tomorrow.

AN IMPORTANT ENTERPRISE.

The Board of Trade Meeting Fails to Pan Out, But a New Manufacturing Establishment is Discussed.

There was to have been a meeting last night at the court house of all those interested in the Board of Trade movement, but for some reason the interested parties, with the exception of perhaps a dozen, failed to materialize.

The few of the faithful who did appear passed an hour on the south steps of the court house chatting informally about various topics.

Finally Mr. J. S. Miles expressed his regret that no meeting could be held as he had intended to deliver a communication of considerable importance to those present. He stated that he had been approached by a gentleman who desired to locate in Springfield and start a manufactory that would employ almost exclusively female labor. He was not at liberty, he said, to state what the nature of the manufactory was, but that if anybody desired to investigate the matter with a view to investing some money in the enterprise, he would be glad to unfold the details to him.

The gentleman who wants to come to Springfield is at present superintendent of a large factory, the capital of which is $30,000. It was established three years ago, and during that time the firm has cleared $75,000. They employ about 125 women and girls.

The work is easy and clearly and in every way suited to female operatives. The gentleman told Mr. Miles that he desired to locate in Springfield for two reasons: First, because the population was largely American; and second, because he found that there is in Springfield a large amount of unemployed female labor. He has some capital himself, and hopes to interest some of Springfield's moneyed men in the enterprise. The product of the factory will be sold exclusively to wholesale houses and there is a constant and growing demand for it.

Those who heard Mr. Miles' statement were of the opinion that the enterprise ought by all means to be secured by Springfield, and it is probable that some definite steps will be taken towards that end in a few days.

THE "STONE MAN."

Like a Cat, Has Nine Lives, and Its Spirit Goes Marching On.

Our readers will remember, says the Xenia *Gazette*, that some time last summer a story went the rounds of the newspapers about a man over in Mercer county being burned by fire from heaven and turned to stone for having given vent to his wrath by some terribly profane utterances. It was evolved wholly from the facile brain of a newspaper man, Mr. John W. Osbon, formerly of Xenia, and was originally published in the Springfield REPUBLIC. Of course the story was so improbable that every one with a grain of common sense recognized it as a hoax. But ridiculous as the fact may appear, there is on exhibition in a dime museum in New York, a stone image, which is exhibited as the man who was burned and turned to stone in Ohio by the wrath of God. And there are countless numbers of fools who gaze upon the image with awe and swallow the story.

The Springfield's Lose Again.

The Hush-Up base ball club, of this city, were again defeated by the Zanesvilles at the latter place yesterday by the score of 17 to 4. The game was a degree better than Monday's and that is all that can be said of it. The boys play their final game with the Zanesvilles this afternoon and the come home by the X. Y. Z. railroad—Xenia, Youngstown and Zanesville. Let 'em come.

The Nelsons went to New Moorefield today to play the rural team of that metropolis.

Police Court.

Judge Young yesterday disposed of the following cases: George Davis and H. Lucas, disorderly, $5 and costs each; Pat Ward, same, $10 and costs; Henry Miller and John Roth, drunk and disorderly, $10 and costs; Wm. Gross, committing an indecent act, $10 and costs; James Collins, loitering, $5 and costs. Philip Grube, charged with assault, and F. Cunningham, charged with carrying concealed weapons, were dismissed.

Notwithstanding the Extreme Hot weather and the numerous cheap sales, closing sales and bankrupt sales last week, Starkey & Scowden of the famous one price cash boot and shoe house did an enormous business, especially Saturday, day and evening, their store looked like a grand dress party. Good goods at low prices will win. They are the only house in Springfield that retail at wholesale prices.

SUMMER
CLEARANCE SALE
BARGAINS:
Ginghams, 5c per yd., worth 10c.
Ginghams, 8c per yd., worth 12c to 15c.
American Satteens, 10c, worth 12 1-2c to 15c.
Box, Wash, Suits at one half of former price.
Bargains extraordinary in Dress Goods, 5c, 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c and 25c per yard, all at less than one-half former price.
Remnants Summer Goods at one-half former price.
MURPHY & BRO.
48 & 50 Limestone.

John McLaren & Bro.
"Cash and One Price"
DRY GOODS
HOUSE,
34 and 36 South Limest