

Scope Pioneer.

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The official report comes from Wyoming that during the past year 10,000 wolves were killed in that state. All of which reminds us that the west is still a trifle "wild and woolly" around the edges.

The news that the society of Boxers in China numbers 11,000,000 men in its membership seems to indicate that the task of weeding them out is not going to be an easy one. It is one of the largest societies of murderers the world has ever known.

The swindler who secured depositors on a promise to pay interest at the rate of 320 per cent. a year, and failed to return the principal, has been sentenced to ten years in a New York penitentiary, the limit of the law. At this rate the get-rich-quick fraternity will exercise more caution.

It appears from a letter of an army paymaster that the soldiers in Hawaii and Negro islands have deposited \$200,000 of their pay as savings during the past six months. He says hundreds of the men intend to remain in the Philippines when their terms of enlistment expire and engage in business, and are hoarding their pay as capital.

Freda Poignee, an 11-year-old Illinois school girl, died as the result of a rope-jumping contest. She jumped the rope 230 times in order to acquire the title of "the champion rope jumper" of the school, but a short time later she became very dizzy, and soon after reaching home died. All of which is something for parents to remember.

A New Orleans man recently announced that he had a scheme for building an electric gun that would throw a shell 20 miles. One of the scientific papers investigated the matter, and it now reports that his scheme is all right, but that to accomplish the results predicted the gun would have to be 1,500 feet long, and it would have to be operated by a plant that would cost \$21,000,000.

An Iowa young man not long ago proposed marriage to a young woman and was accepted. But hearing that her hair was false he declined to fulfill his engagement. She brought suit against him for breach of promise, and, being put on the stand, admitted that she wore a wig, whereupon she was nonsuited on the ground that she had won the young man's affections under false pretenses.

During 1899 the national government redeemed 210 pieces of the old fractional currency, including specimens of every denomination that has been issued, the aggregate value of which was \$3,344.48. More than \$350,000,000 of the fractional paper currency has been issued at various times, but about \$12,000,000 is still unredeemed, one-half of which it is estimated has been destroyed.

Less than two years ago Grant Gillette was perhaps the leading cattle dealer and speculator in Kansas. He was worth millions and bade fair to practically own all the herds in that state. Just before Thanksgiving, 1898, he collapsed through over-speculation. Cattlemen and banks are now fighting over the remains of his once vast estate, and Gillette is now peddling shirt waists to the señoritas of Chihuahua, Mexico.

Gustavus Bates returned to Rochester, N. Y., to plead guilty to an indictment for forgery which was returned against him 25 years ago. He ran away from the indictment and has kept out of its way ever since, but the strain was too much for him and his conscience finally forced him to give himself up. This man has lived as a fugitive from justice for 25 years and the forgery netted him a measly little \$200. The straight and narrow path is the best.

A Chicago paper tells of two boys about 17 years of age who, starting last summer without a cent of outside aid, worked their way to Baltimore, then on a cattle ship to London, and finally to Paris, where, through the assistance of Consul General Gowdy, they obtained remunerative employment, learned the city and the language, and are now advertising to act as guides for American visitors to the Paris exposition. Those boys will be heard from later.

Boston has long been known as the most advanced municipality in the country in undertaking things elsewhere left to private initiative. One of Boston's efforts at this time of year is the free distribution of trees. To be sure, the care and planting of trees in a city is not new, and many cities do it altogether. Boston each spring distributes among its citizens thousands of trees free, the only regulation being that the number each person may have is limited by the extent of the street frontage of his property.

A. E. Stillwell, organizer of the Orient Short Line railway from Kansas City to Port Stillwell on the Pacific coast, states that the road will be 1,800 miles long; will cost \$36,000,000; and trains will be running over the road in 18 months. Kansas City is anticipating great benefits from this new road, because it will be 450 miles the shortest route from that place to the Pacific coast, and it will shorten the water route to South American ports 2,000 miles; that is, Port Stillwell is 2,600 miles nearer the South American ports than San Francisco.

Terrible as are the statistics of coal mine fatalities, there are few worse accidents on record than that a few days ago in the mine near Scofield, Utah. The deaths appear to be more than 200, and the work of recovering the bodies presents all the heart-breaking scenes of such disasters. A battle in which 200 men are killed is more spectacular affair and creates more comment and commotion than the death of the same number of men at their work in a mine, but the sorrow and suffering in the latter case are just as great, if not greater.

A WEEK'S HISTORY

The Important Happenings of a Week Briefly Told.

IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNION

All the Latest News of Interest from Washington, From the East, the West and the South.

THE LATEST FOREIGN DISPATCHES

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

The United States senate was not in session on the 5th. In the house the session amendments to the army appropriation bill were disagreed to and the bill was sent to conference. The sundry civil appropriation bill was passed. The general deficiency and military academy appropriation bills are now the only general supply bills unacted upon by the house.

Senator Teller delivered a speech in the United States senate on the 7th in which he strongly urged the senate to extend its sympathy to the Boers in their contest with Great Britain. A bill was passed to provide for a survey of the Illinois river. In the house bills were passed to grant pensions to widows with incomes of less than \$250 a year; increasing the appropriation for the national guard from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000; to change the name of the steamship Paris of the American line to Philadelphia, and to construct a dam across the St. Joseph river in Michigan.

Consideration of the naval appropriation bill, with the exception of that section relating to armor and armament, was concluded in the United States senate on the 8th. In the house most of the time was devoted to the consideration of private bills and ten bills were passed. A resolution was adopted calling upon the secretary of the treasury for information as to the material used in the manufacture of oleomargarine. A bill was reported requiring a clause in all government contracts that the labor under the contract shall not exceed eight hours daily.

FROM WASHINGTON.

President McKinley has appointed Sanford B. Dole, of Hawaii, to be governor of Hawaii, and Henry E. Cooper, of Hawaii, to be secretary.

The chairman of the house committee on banking and currency reports a net saving of \$6,664,454 by the new currency law.

An officer in the United States navy has invented a shell that no armor plate at present manufactured can resist.

THE EAST.

The death of William C. Endicott, secretary of war under President Cleveland's first administration, occurred in Boston, aged 73 years.

In the National League the percentages of the baseball clubs for the week ended on the 6th were: Philadelphia, 714; Cincinnati, 643; Brooklyn, 571; Chicago, 467; St. Louis, 467; Pittsburgh, 429; New York, 388; Boston, 308.

In New York C. P. Neely was arrested on the charge of having embezzled \$36,000 as treasurer of the post office in Cuba.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in an address to the New York striking cigar makers, urged the men to pay no heed to an injunction issued by Judge Freedman.

Flames on one of the piers of the National Storage company, a branch of the Standard Oil company in Bayonne, N. J., caused a loss of \$500,000.

Poverty led to the suicide together of Martin Arnold and his wife, an aged Brooklyn (N. Y.) couple.

The American hotel was destroyed by an incendiary fire at Geneseo, N. Y., and Lafayette Carney and Sherman Deberry perished in the flames.

In Jersey City, N. J., Edward Clifford was hanged for the murder of W. G. Watson.

Fire wiped out the village of Corbett, Pa.

WEST AND SOUTH.

In St. Louis 3,000 union employees of the Transit company, controlling all but one street car line in the city, went on strike.

In San Antonio, Tex., a tornado caused a loss aggregating over \$150,000.

At Juneau, Alaska, Martin Sivert was hanged for the murder of a man named Christianson.

In St. Louis James Nettles (colored) was hanged for the murder of Samuel W. Wann, on July 4, 1898.

In Union township, Ind., Joseph Corrington, aged 84, and Miss Bertha Boland, aged 64, were married. Neither was ever married and they have been lovers for 40 years.

At his home in Herworth, Ill., Francis Anthony celebrated his one hundredth birthday.

Mrs. Eliza Flowerday and Mrs. M. R. Tutt were drowned at Jacksonville, Fla., by the capsizing of a boat.

A great street car strike is now on in St. Louis. Every line in the city is tied up and mobs rule the town.

In Webster county, W. Va., forest fires destroyed over 2,000,000 feet of fine timber.

The West Virginia republicans elected McKinley delegates to the national convention.

In Ohio West Brookfield and Navarre were swept by fire.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Explorers of a Malay province in lower Siam found a strange primitive race.

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TIE-UP IN ST. LOUIS.

Strike Completely Paralyzes Street Railway Traffic—One Man Dead as a Result.

St. Louis, May 9.—The employees of the St. Louis Transit company, numbering about 3,600 men, made good on Tuesday their threat to tie up the street railway traffic of the city. In doing so they not only paralyzed the business of the company, which operates all the electric and cable roads in the city, with the exception of those owned by the St. Louis & Suburban Railway company, on which a strike has been in progress for two weeks past, but brought matters to a standstill in half a dozen other lines of business as well. It was the most complete tie-up ever seen in St. Louis.

St. Louis, May 10.—The first tragedy in connection with the strike occurred Wednesday night. At nine o'clock, as a suburban car en route to the company's sheds in the western part of the city was passing the Baptist sanitarium, a number of men gathered in the grounds of the institution and threw rocks at the car. Some one on the car fired a shot at the crowd, the bullet finding lodgment in the breast of Frank Lehnrecht. The wounded man attempted to enter the sanitarium, but fell dead on reaching the door. One story is that a police officer on the car fired the shot. Dan Donovan was placed under arrest by the police, charged with firing the fatal bullet. Donovan is employed in a minor capacity by the railway company.

St. Louis, May 10.—The second day of the great street railway strike was as quiet and uneventful as the first was turbulent and riotous. The St. Louis Transit company made no effort to run its cars, and the St. Louis & Suburban made none until late in the afternoon, when, with police massed along the line and a detachment on each car, it succeeded in getting a number through. Far from relieving the situation, however, this demonstration had no further effect than to show that by massing their forces on a single line the police could keep that line open.

Cleveland, O., May 10.—An agent of the St. Louis Street Car company, now tied up by a strike, has opened an office in this city for the purpose of hiring motormen to go to that city. It is said that 300 men have already been engaged here. No conductors are being engaged, only motormen being wanted.

FURIOUS STORMS.

Wind and Rain Cause Great Damage in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Blissfield, Mich., May 9.—Wellsville, four miles north of here, was visited by a cyclone Tuesday afternoon. The storm split two miles west of here, and the part going north struck Burton Rauch's general store, leaving a heap of ruins. Mrs. Rauch was seriously injured. Burtop Rauch's leg was broken, and their five-year-old child was severely injured. Outbuildings were reduced to kindling wood.

Columbus, O., May 9.—Specialists to the State Journal show that severe storms swept over northeastern Ohio Tuesday afternoon. At Lorain a conveying crane 75 feet high at the Lorain steel plant was blown over. The crane, which was built of structural steel and cost \$20,000, was wrecked. At Massillon several houses and the foundry of the Massillon steel plant were blown down. At Canton four new buildings were wrecked, one being turned completely over and a chimney 65 feet high at the Canton spring factory was destroyed. Considerable damage is reported throughout the county districts in Stark county.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 9.—A disastrous windstorm passed over northern Indiana Monday night. Near Winamac two brothers, William and Frank Ringen, were killed by lightning and in the oil country great damage was done. Near Montpelier many derricks and power houses were blown down, causing great loss. The oil production is cut off by the demolition of the power and pumping rigs. At Huntington the slate roof of the Eric construction was blown off and, falling on the office roof, injured a number of men. Great damage is also reported at Peru, Marion, Waterloo and other places.

Covington, Ky., May 9.—During an electrical storm William Heidrick and Louis Moorman, of Covington, Ky., were killed by lightning while fishing in Hank Lick creek, near Latonia race track.

Salisbury Creates a Sensation.

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YATES THE NOMINEE.

Son of Illinois' War Governor Selected by Republicans to Head the State Ticket.

Peoria, Ill., May 10.—Richard Yates, of Jacksonville, son of the great "war governor" of Illinois, was nominated for governor by the republican state convention here on the fourth ballot. He received 971 votes, and his only competitor on this ballot was Walter Reeves, of Streator. Judge Haney and Judge Carter, the Chicago candidates, withdrew after the third ballot had shown that their votes were leaving them. The other state officers nominated were: For lieutenant governor, W. A. Northcutt; for secretary of state, James A. Rose; for auditor, James S. McCullough; for attorney general, H. J. Hamlin; for treasurer, M. O. Williamson; for university trustees, Mrs. Carrie T. Alexander, Samuel A. Bullard and Alexander McLean.

Soon after the convention was called to order in the morning, the committee on the platform adopted the following resolutions: "Resolved, That the platform adopted at the national convention of the republican party in 1896, and the platform adopted at the national convention of the republican party in 1892, be reaffirmed."

The platform adopted reaffirms the St. Louis platform, indorses the action of congress and of the president in the administration of affairs in our island possessions, denounces trusts, indorses Tanner and Cullom and instructs the delegates to vote for the renomination of McKinley for president.

The following were selected to represent the state at the national convention: Delegates at large—Joseph G. Cannon, John J. Brown, Hale Hudson, John A. Smyth. Alternates—C. H. Cassell, W. H. Jamieson, Norman H. Moss and Horace Rosenfeld. H. D. Pierce and John M. Herbert were named as electors at large.

The following were by resolution added to the state committee: John W. Bunn, H. C. Watson, Charles F. Davis, W. H. Robbins, E. H. Morris, Joseph Brucker, Bernard G. Anderson.

AN OPEN SWITCH.

It Is Responsible for the Wrecking of a Train, with a Loss of Four Lives.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 9.—One of the worst wrecks which has occurred in Wyoming in recent years took place on O'Neill Sidetrack, 16 miles west of Rawlins, on the Union Pacific, Tuesday, when an east-bound fast fruit train drawn by two locomotives dashed through an open switch and down a high embankment. The dead are: Lewis Banta, Fremont, Rawlins; James Johnson, Fremont, Rawlins; two boys, aged about 20 years, who were stealing a ride, names unknown. Engineers Rehmyer and Sheeler jumped from their engines before the end of the siding was reached and escaped with a few injuries.

WHOLE TOWN WIPED OUT.

Corbett, Pa., Destroyed and 500 Persons Homeless—Aged Couple Burned to Death.

Galeton, Pa., May 9.—The lumber town of Corbett, five miles west of Galeton, on the Buffalo and Susquehanna railroad, was destroyed by a forest fire Tuesday. The town had 500 population. Only five buildings are left standing. A relief train took away one load of people and started to return after the rest. A mile out of Corbett the fires compelled the train to turn back. George Luke and wife, an aged couple, were surrounded by the fire and burned to death. Many of the women and children who escaped were seriously burned.

EX-SECRETARY ENDICOTT DEAD.

Boston, May 7.—William Crownshield Endicott, secretary of war under President Cleveland's first administration, died at his residence in this city Sunday afternoon of pneumonia, aged 73 years. The funeral will be private and burial will be in Salem. Mr. Endicott's daughter, the wife of Joseph Chamberlain, the English secretary of state for the colonies, was notified by cable.

THE NINE DISASTER.

Salt Lake City, May 8.—W. G. Sharp, superintendent of the Pleasant Valley Coal company, has made a report to the treasurer of the company in regard to the mine disaster at Scofield, in which he says: "Total killed, 190; bodies recovered to date, 195; injured, 7. Of those in the mine, 103 escaped alive and uninjured. There are 105 widows and 270 orphans."

Will Visit Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., May 9.—Mayor Maybury has received a letter from Admiral Dewey announcing that he and Mrs. Dewey will arrive in Detroit on June 8 and stay until June 11. The letter was in response to one from the mayor renewing the city's invitation extended last fall to Admiral and Mrs. Dewey to visit Detroit as the guests of the city.

TRAGEDY IN WISCONSIN.

Shell Lake, Wis., May 10.—Rudolph and Adolph Bartock, brothers, living in Orange, quarrelled Tuesday night while intoxicated. Rudolph shot his brother below the heart, and then, seeing what he had done, turned the weapon on himself and almost blew the top of his head off. Adolph is dying.

Few College Students Die. The death rate in colleges is extremely low. The strict attention to the physique is given as the cause. People outside of colleges, as well as those in, may have health and strength. Hood's Sarsaparilla is well adapted for preventing as well as curing bodily weakness. It is for the blood