

OHIO CULLINGS.

Sues for \$200,000 Damages.

Wellsville, O., March 1.—Attorney P. M. Smith, acting for the Ohio Silica Co., whose plant is at East Liverpool, has filed an action in the United States circuit court in Pittsburgh against the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. for \$200,000 damages. Freight rate discrimination, car shortage and an effort to put the plaintiff company out of business while it was being operated under the name of the Juniata Silica Co. at Newton Hamilton, Pa., are charged. A party defendant company is the Potomac Mining and Milling Co., of East Liverpool, which is owned by 30 manufacturing potteries.

White Repudiates His Confession.

Wooster, O., March 1.—Judge Eason did not give a decision Thursday in the White murder case as to the admission of the confession of White offered by the state, and the boy prisoner took the stand in his own behalf. His evidence was that he was badly frightened at Orville after the shooting of Thomas Dye, and when Mayor Starn promised to see that he got off easy he made a number of statements, and that the confession given while in jail here was made so that he might be released from confinement in a cell.

Refused to Pardon Reynolds.

Columbus, O., March 1.—Harry Reynolds, the Cleveland bigamist, given three years in the pen less than a year ago, was refused a pardon by the state pardon board Thursday. Reynolds had three wives, the first of whom is now caring for her children at her parents' home. She is still faithful, and is awaiting her husband's release to return to him. Wife No. 2 died in Cleveland and No. 3 was Miss Mae Smith, of Norwalk.

Gave Away His Farm and Fled.

Claidon, O., March 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hatch, of Chardon, have moved to a farm in this place which came to Mrs. Hatch under peculiar circumstances. She received a letter recently from her brother, Truman Dayton, a bachelor aged 50, with a deed of the farm, which was his only property. The following day Dayton left town without giving any clue as to his whereabouts.

Gets \$101 for Burned Whiskers.

Wellston, O., March 1.—Samuel Beatty, 78 years old, was on Thursday awarded by the circuit court \$101 damages against the Southern Ohio Gas Co. for his loss of a luxuriant growth of whiskers burned off in a gas explosion in this city two years ago. E. S. Gilliland received \$6,000 for injuries received in the same explosion.

An Undertaker Is Fined.

Cleveland, March 1.—William A. Nunn, an undertaker, was on Thursday found guilty by Police Judge Wheeler of conducting a public funeral for an Italian child who died of scarlet fever three weeks ago, and was fined \$25 and costs. Nunn's attorneys filed a motion for a new trial and the hearing was set for March 5.

Girl Is Sent to Pen for Three Years.

Cleveland, March 1.—Margaret Walsh, an 18-year-old girl who told Judge Chapman Wednesday that she would rather go to the penitentiary than return to the Good Shepherd home, will get her wish. Judge Chapman on Thursday sentenced her to serve three years in the penitentiary for grand larceny.

An Attorney Is Arrested.

Youngstown, O., March 1.—Sensational charges were made Thursday against Attorney George Swanston by Joseph Kenyon, a girl 14 years of age. Swanston is prominent, and the arrest promises to be the first of a series of a similar nature promised by H. A. Steele, the new probation officer.

Would Leave It to Popular Vote.

Columbus, O., March 1.—The legislature at its next session, according to a resolution adopted Thursday by the convention of the State Association of City Solicitors, will be asked to make a law providing that all franchises for public utility companies must be submitted to a vote of the people.

A Fatal Fall.

Cleveland, March 1.—Gus Kaiser was thrown from his wagon and instantly killed Thursday when the wagon plowed over the embankment at the foot of Mills street and tumbled to the bottom of the gully. The horse was not hurt and the wagon was found right side up.

A New Job for Herrick.

Columbus, O., March 1.—Gov. Harris has appointed ex-Gov. Herrick trustee of the State Archaeological and Historical society, to succeed M. S. Greenough.

Libel Law is to be Repealed.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 1.—The bill repealing the Grady-Salus libel act of 1903, which was advocated by Gov. Pennypacker and opposed by the conservative press of Pennsylvania, passed the house of representatives Thursday by a vote of 127 to 0. The bill now goes to the senate.

Finished the Hearing.

New York, March 1.—The interstate commerce commission on Thursday concluded its New York hearing on the investigation of the operations and relations of the Union Pacific system and while there will be oral argument heard at Washington on an April date to be decided later, the testimony has probably all been taken. There has been no decision yet as to an appeal to the courts to compel E. H. Harriman and Otto Kuhn to answer the many questions declined by them. Nothing startling developed at Thursday's session.

THE DANGER SIGNAL AT THE CURVE.



NEWS BOILED DOWN.

Paul Morton has been re-elected president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Six workmen were injured, none seriously, in an explosion at the Eliza furnace of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Co. at Pittsburgh.

Violent anti-Masonic rioting occurred at Rheims, France, recently. Many persons were injured and the police made 150 arrests.

By the explosion of the boiler of a locomotive on the Michigan Central railroad at Chicago August 1897 was killed and a switchman named Swin Brock was fatally hurt.

Firearms consigned to both the Nicaraguan and Honduran governments are being held up at New Orleans, 25 cases of rifles for the former nation and 42 for the latter.

Wendell Phillips Garrison, son of William Lloyd Garrison, the abolitionist, and for more than 40 years editor of the New York Nation, is dead at South Orange, N. J., aged 66.

The Strother Murder Trial.

Culpepper, Va., March 1.—To avenge the wrong done his sister Philip Strother, one of the defendants on trial for the murder of his brother-in-law, William Bywaters, admitted on Thursday that he had not anticipated trouble he "shot to kill" when Bywaters attempted to desert his "bride of an hour." The knowledge of his sister's betrayal, James A. Strother, the other defendant, testified caused him to "become like a crazy man" and when Bywaters attempted to leave the house he determined to bring her betrayer "to a reckoning."

County Officials Took Illegal Fees.

Columbus, O., March 1.—Excessive fees, aggregating \$2,356, are charged against W. S. Roebuck, of the state bureau of accounting, in a report filed Thursday. The period covered is from January 1, 1904, to July 1, 1906. The examiner says he thinks the officials acted through ignorance or precedent and honestly believed they were entitled to all they got.

Administration Ticket Won.

New York, March 1.—The inspectors of election of the New York Life Insurance Co. sent a preliminary report to State Superintendent of Insurance Kelsey Thursday. These figures, which are not final, however, indicate a victory for the administration ticket at the recent election.

Had 33 Cases of Fever on Board.

New York, March 1.—Rear Admiral Coghlan, commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard, said last night that there were 33 cases of typhoid fever taken from the battleship Connecticut when she arrived Thursday from Cuba. None of the men is in a serious condition.

Bomb Exploded in a Cathedral.

Madrid, March 1.—A bomb exploded in the cathedral here Thursday while a service was being held. There was a great panic among the congregation and ten persons sustained serious injuries in the crush to get out of the building.

Spiked the Rails.

Portsmouth, O., March 1.—Another attempt was made last night to wreck a street car at the Millbrook park loop by spiking rails. The car, carrying a few passengers, was derailed. Neither side has made any overtures towards ending the strike.

A Centenarian Dies.

Piqua, O., March 1.—Amy Rook, a Virginia slave, 102 years old, who died Thursday remembered many stirring incidents of the war of 1812 when she nursed many wounded American soldiers.

Scores Employes and Companies.

Indianapolis, March 1.—The state railroad commission in its report to the legislature on the wrecks at Woodville and Fowler and the explosion of a car of powder at Sanford which destroyed a Big Four passenger train, filed Thursday, scores railroad employees for disregarding the rules and recommends a law compelling railroads to install block systems. It is also recommended that no telegraph operators less than 21 years old be employed and that railroads cease to accede to the demand of the traveling public for greater speed.

Congressional.

Washington, March 1.—The senate on Thursday passed the bill extending government aid to the Alaska-Yukon Pacific exposition to be held in 1909 at Seattle, and debated for several hours the denatured alcohol bill, reaching no conclusion on the latter measure. The conference report on the army appropriation bill was adopted. General debate on the ship subsidy bill in the house terminated at 2:15 p. m., whereupon the bill was read under the five-minute rule for amendments. The leaders on both sides were drawn into the debate.

Approves Designs for New Stamps.

Washington, March 1.—Postmaster General Cortelyou has approved the design for a one-cent postage stamp which is to be of the series of stamps commemorating of the Jamestown exposition. The denominations of the stamps will be one cent and two cents. The stamp will be rectangular in form, the one cent being green in color and the two cent carmine. The one cent stamp will bear a vignette of Capt. John Smith and the date of his birth and death, 1580 and 1631. In the upper left hand corner will be a profile of Pocahontas and in the upper right hand corner a profile of Powhatan. The two-cent stamp will bear a fine engraving of the landing of the first settlers at Jamestown.

Is Only a Drop in the Ocean of Need.

Washington, March 1.—The needs of the Chinese are set out in the following cablegram to the Christian Herald, of New York, from the editor of the North China News: "The distribution of relief to famine sufferers by the missionary committee with headquarters at Chinkiang is proceeding smoothly. It is, however, only a drop in the ocean of need. The area of the affected district is enlarging as winter advances and destitution is longer drawn out. Daily the number of deaths is increasing."

Explosion Fatal to Six.

Carmi, Ill., March 1.—By an explosion of dynamite Rev. J. B. Tittle, his father, his wife and baby were killed and two children were fatally injured Thursday. Mr. Tittle, a Baptist minister, had the dynamite in his house, expecting to use the explosive in blowing out stumps. The residence was destroyed.

Street Car Dashed Into a Store.

Pittsburg, March 1.—Two persons were seriously injured, several slightly hurt, a two-story frame building and a street car demolished, causing a monetary loss of \$7,000 last night when an empty street car got beyond the control of the motorman on a steep grade at Webster avenue and Thirty-third street and, after running wild for two squares, left the rails, crashing into Reinacker's confectionery store. The store was filled with patrons when the accident occurred. All were slightly injured.

Stallions Battled in a Car.

Strathroy, Ont., March 1.—After an hour's imprisonment in a box car on a moving train with two stallions in a death struggle, Fred Paisley was rescued here last night. He is terribly injured. Paisley left London with the stallions, one tied at each end of the car. One of the animals broke loose and attacked the other. The latter also broke its halter straps and the animals began a fight which ended only when one was dead. Paisley was knocked down and kicked several times.

The Oldest Mason Dies.

Claremont, N. H., March 1.—William Welch, believed to be the oldest member of the G. A. R. and the oldest Mason in the United States, died Thursday at East Lempster. Mr. Welch was 106 years old on March 22 last.

Shot and Killed Four People.

Bloomington, Ill., March 1.—Thomas Baldwin, a rich farmer and former merchant of Colfax, Ill., on Thursday shot and killed Charles Kennedy and wife and Mrs. Slim Eisman and daughter Cora. Baldwin was arrested. Baldwin, who is 35 years old and a widower, is under bond charged with criminal assault on Cora Eisman, 12 years of age. He had settled with the girl's father for a sum of money, but was subsequently arrested and blamed the Kennedys and Mrs. Eisman for prosecution. Baldwin narrowly escaped lynching.

THAW GIVES OUT A STATEMENT.

He Accuses District Attorney Jerome of Unprofessional Conduct.

New York, March 1.—Harry K. Thaw delivered an extremely dull session Thursday of his trial by giving out to newspaper men a statement in which he accused District Attorney Jerome of having made unprofessional remarks in court, asserted that his wife's testimony was absolute truth and in conclusion declared that Mrs. Thaw's "natural real goodness" was above the comprehension of the prosecuting officer.

It was just before adjournment was taken for the day and after many hours of expert testimony as to the meaning of extracts from eight letters written by the defendant, with their relation to the sanity or insanity of the writer, that Thaw gave out his statement in court. It follows:

"This is Mr. Thaw's second statement since August 10.

"With chances millions to one against her after the catastrophe in 1901, it is wonderful that Mrs. H. K. Thaw prevailed in the cross-examination, against the prosecution backed by blacklegs.

"Her testimony was absolute truth. "Mr. Jerome, finding his informant in certain lines false, concluded by more usual methods, which is to his credit.

"However, from some of his questions and some of his unprofessional remarks in court, it appeared clearly that the natural and real goodness of the witness is above his comprehension."

THE JUDGMENT IS INVALID.

Estate of a Railroad Man Who was Fined \$18,000 for Rebating is Released from Liability.

New York, March 1.—Judge Holt in the United States court Thursday handed down an opinion sustaining the motion of the executrix of Frederick L. Pomeroy to have declared invalid the judgment of \$18,000 against the estate because of Mr. Pomeroy's death.

Mr. Pomeroy was the traffic manager of the New York Central railroad, and as such was indicted and tried in conjunction with the corporation for having violated the Elkins anti-rebating act in having given rebates to the American Sugar Refining Co. With the corporation Mr. Pomeroy was convicted and fined \$18,000. Subsequently Mr. Pomeroy died and his executrix came into court and moved for the vacating of the judgment upon the ground that Mr. Pomeroy was dead, which she claimed vitiated the judgment.

The government opposed the motion, insisting that the fine should be paid. Judge Holt said it was a well settled fact of law that all prosecutions for crime were abated by the death of the person charged. The death would prevent the execution of a penal sentence, but as to the imposition of a fine there was little authority governing the matter.

It collected now, Judge Holt said, the family alone would be punished and in view of all the contentions he vacated the judgment.

Congressmen Will Visit Panama.

Washington, March 1.—A party consisting of Speaker Cannon, Senator Curtis, of Kansas; Representatives Tawney, Minnesota; Loudenslager, New Jersey; Sherman, Littauer and Olcott, New York; McKinley, Illinois; Moore, Pennsylvania, and White Busby, secretary to Speaker Cannon, will sail from New York, March 5, for a cruise to the West Indies, South America, the Panama canal and Cuba.

A Remarkable Measure.

Sacramento, Cal., March 1.—The lower house of the legislature on Thursday passed the "anti-alien property holding bill." It is aimed at Japanese and Chinese property owners and is intended to prevent them from owning property for a longer period than five years.

She Never Could Master It.

"Talkin' about spellin'," said Mrs. Clubberley, "the French are the worst people. They can't even spell common, every day names twice the same way. We met a soldier in Paris by the name of John Darn and he spelled his first name G-e-n. Then I heard them talkin' a good deal over there about somebody else by the name of John Darn, and he spelled it J-e-a-n. Oh, I'd just go crazy if I had to learn that gibberish."

Workhouse Romance.

An interesting workhouse romance has just been brought to light in Brighton, England. A patient in the infirmary, a colored man, was placed, by a curious coincidence, in the bed next a man who was recognized by the negro as his old master. The white man had been a wealthy planter in the West Indies, and after squandering large sums of money, rapidly descended, until he was a Brighton pauper.

Illness from Ozene.

Serious gastric troubles among workmen in large electric plants are attributed by a German authority to ozone poisoning and not to electric radiations. Ozone is produced in large quantities, and with atmospheric nitrogen it forms nitric acid, explaining the acid taste often noticed. An effective remedy is free ventilation and separation of high-tension apparatus from workrooms.

In Famine-Stricken China.



Thousands of Chinese are perishing daily. It is reported, as a result of the famine and plague that has visited their country. Here is a photograph of the king of beggars in the famine district.

IDIOTS ARE SAVANTS

MENTAL FEATS PERFORMED BY INMATES OF IOWA ASYLUM.

One Feeble-Minded Boy Is Walking Dictionary, Another a Marvelous Speller and a Third Has a Freakish Memory.

Omaha, Neb.—The Iowa state institution for the feeble-minded children, located at Glenwood, has several "idiot savants," who are regarded as remarkable. One inmate is used as a calendar and date record, another is utilized as a dictionary, another is employed as a ready rapid calculator and others show the marvelous but unexplainable traits of the "learned idiots."

Dr. A. R. Schler, assistant superintendent of the institution, has just made his report, as required by the Iowa law. The most astonishing case he reports is that of John S., taken into the institution when he was 12 years of age, and who has been there 23 years. He is the mental bookkeeper of the home.

When the date of any occurrence about the institution is desired as information John S. gives it. He recalls without error the date of the employment of any new hand or the entrance or discharge of any inmate.

If he has seen a visitor at the home he can recall the exact date of the visit, the condition of the weather at that time and some of the incidents connected therewith, even though it occurred years before any question is asked him concerning it. It given the day of the month, the month and years of any occurrence as far back as 35 years John S. will, without hesitation, tell upon what day of the week the date fell. Asked how he does it he replies that he does not know.

Marvelous ability is shown by a boy inmate about 16 years of age. He can neither read nor write, yet he can readily spell any word given him, and as Dr. Schler says: "He has been tried with uncommon words times and times again and never fails to spell them correctly. He is constantly called upon to settle spelling disputes, and is as reliable as a dictionary."

G. F. H., aged 18 years, of Danish descent, can multiply three figures by three figures as rapidly as they can be written down. He never fails in his multiplication feats, but his addition, subtraction and division are not correct.

A 17-year-old boy, R. G. L., without education, is able to mold the forms of animals with almost miraculous perfection. Other figures he cannot make. He was found one day mixing saliva with dust and molding the figures of animals, which from his first attempt were perfect in almost every detail.

Divorce Prize at Card Party.

Findlay, O.—A free divorce, a load of crushed stone, a monkey-wrench, a ton of coal, a meal ticket and the free services of a blacksmith to shoe a horse, were the prizes awarded at a card party given here by the City Federation of Women's clubs. A free undertaking was offered as a prize by an undertaker, but it was declined. John Shaffer, a business man, won the prize offered by a lawyer, his free services in obtaining a divorce. Mrs. Charles Kirk won the load of crushed stone, and Mrs. Joseph Kozg, who has no horse, the free horse-shoeing. The proceeds of the card party will be devoted to civic improvements.

America Has 54,794,000 Hogs.

Washington.—The number of hogs and pigs in the United States is estimated officially at 54,794,000, and their value at \$117,471,000.

FIND WHERE EELS COME FROM.

Danish Investigators Establish That They Spawn 550 Fathoms Deep.

London.—The public just learns it does not know where eels are bred, but it acquires the problem long has puzzled biologists. Danish marine investigators have completed researches proving that so far as the European eel population is concerned the creatures spawn at a depth of 550 fathoms in the Atlantic ocean, contiguous to the British Isles and southwest of Europe.

From innumerable eggs there appear tiny larvae called leptocephali, which are transparent, jelly-like, and flat, having something of the contour of a tailless herring. It is not known how long the eggs take to develop the leptocephali, but the latter occupy six months in transition to the familiar eelers, which are about two inches long.

The eelers then migrate in countless swarms to the shores of western Europe, travelling in columns sometimes several yards wide and miles long. Nothing stops their progress. If they encounter a ship they separate to the right and the left, and rejoin in the vessel's wake.

They invade every river and waterway along the coasts, ascending steadily landward. They even ascend small falls, penetrate streams, and wriggle over swampy grounds into ponds and ditches.

IMPRISONED FOR HIS DOUBLE.

Mother Tells Governor Remarkable Story of Close Resemblance.

Annapolis, Md.—Claiming that her son was wrongly convicted because of his close resemblance to a clever sneak thief, the mother of Joseph Leury has appealed to Gov. Warfield to release him from the state penitentiary, where he has served four years.

The woman said her son was so nearly a counterpart of a thief named Cohen that even she could hardly distinguish them apart. She charged that Cohen's crimes had repeatedly got her boy into trouble. Records in Philadelphia and Baltimore were looked up and indicated that Leury had been arrested 26 times on two charges alone, but had generally been acquitted or the prosecution had been abandoned. Mrs. Leury claimed it was proven in several instances that Cohen was the real offender.

Leury formerly lived in Philadelphia, but moved to Baltimore, his mother said, on account of the trouble caused him by his resemblance to Cohen, but the latter followed him.

JUDGE WIELDS HORSEWHIP.

Severely Thrashes Man Who Accuses Him of Drunkenness.

Meridian, Miss.—Judge Robert F. Cochran, one of the most prominent jurists of Mississippi, horsewhipped T. T. Jenkins, a traveling man, in the Grand Avenue hotel lobby in the presence of a crowd, many of whom were women. U. R. L. Murray, a friend of the judge, held Jenkins up with a pistol while the whip was laid on.

At the outset Jenkins struck the judge, knocking him down. Murray then drew his pistol and threatened Jenkins.

Cochran and Murray were arrested and released on bond. No attempt was made to arrest Jenkins. The trouble grew out of fines imposed by Judge Cochran on Jenkins for whipping a negro. Jenkins was preparing evidence to submit to the grand jury, on which he hoped to have the judge indicted for public drunkenness.

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