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Virginia Items.

Once more we can say winter... The oyster supper at C H Morrison's was a very enjoyable affair. Just enough girls and boys to have a fine time and at midnight they were invited to the dining room to partake of oysters, cake, etc... Jack the Taylor lost his overshoes; girls, if you find them use them for Jack is a Taylor and can make another pair... The Huffman boys have brought in the most game so far this season... W K Elliott heartily thanks his neighbors for their assistance in hauling the material to rebuild his burnt house... John Hougland, of Nyhart, was out the other day hunting for two steers he lost in November; he will pay a reward... Remember me when this you see for I have the Christmas candies for thee... Bring on your game, I am in it... Come to Virginia Christmas; trees at both churches, Jas Goodman and family have moved to Lafayette county, as has Frank Canaway... Uncle Israel Nestlerode, accompanied by his daughter Mrs Annie Comiford has gone to McDonald county to visit his son Jim and family... Parish Nickle and John Rankin have traded farms; so Mr N will move 2 miles west of town... John McFadden has gone to Kansas City to buy his Christmas and winter goods... Jay Bright was badly kicked by a horse last week while at work in the coal south of the river... John Hendrickson and Miss Minnie McElroy were married at the residence of the bride's parents one day last week; the boys belted, them to a finish... Another wedding in high life about three miles northeast; boys keep your bells in town.

NELS.

Business is good all over town... Cattle and hog shipments are very few... A. Moudy & Co are feeding three hundred head of cattle and hogs, and are still receiving... Miss May Price is visiting for the winter in Kansas City... The rain, snow and mud raises the very best growl from farmers and town-

...An entertainment given by the young people, was well attended at the opera house Saturday night... The Adian lodge I O O F attended the funeral of Mr. Jack Gipsen at Butler Saturday... Miss Rosa Miller, teacher in the schools, is again on duty after entertaining the "grip" for some time... We have at last got a bud, and it is a good one, too. It consists of twelve members... A crowd of merchants did Kansas City last week and returned with part of the city—holiday goods... The public schools close next Friday for the holidays... Rev. DeJarnette, the blind preacher, is holding services in the Christian church... Our flour mills are busy night and day filling orders... In the near future Adian will have a brand new brick hotel, with all modern improvements. Parties negotiating for the real estate last week. There is no better point in the state than here for a hotel, and we will have a nice one before long... Several boys have rolled into town to spend Xmas with their homefolks... Another business firm has been added. Fowler & Co. dealers in notions... Young & Co have ceased business and returned to Kansas City... The Adian Spring Desk Co. now have an office in K. C.

Answers.

[Written for the Times]
What must I do, when love has flown,
And the less are in the wine?
Can the heart with pleading anguish cry,
And stay sweet love's decline?
When he goes from me on the seas,
And love is cold and dumb
With outstretched arms, if I cry out,
Will he be to that love come?
If in my love, he sees me not,
And love for me is dead,
How must I pray, or plead, or beg,
To mend love's broken thread?
What must I do, when love has flown,
And he has gone away?
If I keep bright this love for him,
Will he return some day?
"What must you do, when love has flown?
Why grieve, and wait, and cry,
And strangle the love that secretly burns—
Or give up hope—and die."
[GILBERT ECHOY,
NOTICE—I am prepared to handle all the poultry that comes, and pay the cash for it. C. F. PHARIS.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE

The Deadly Malady is Bringing Mr. Blaine's Life to an End.

AN ALARMING PROSTRATION

Death For Some Time Appeared to Be Imminent—The Sufferer, However, Rallied and Was Reported Much Easier—A New York Physician Sent For.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Not since the July day of 1881, when President James A. Garfield tossed on his bed of pain in the west chamber in the White house, has there been such a display of interest in the nation's capital in the condition of a sick man as has manifested itself with regard to the condition of Mr. Blaine. In the homes, the hotels, the clubs and in the streets his critical condition has been and is the engrossing topic of conversation and following a general impulse the promenaders bend their footsteps in the direction of Madison place.

This intense interest is due to the fact, acknowledged by his family and the physicians, that for several hours yesterday Mr. Blaine's life was on the very verge of dissolution and that for more than an hour in the forenoon hope was abandoned by everyone and the family assembled expecting the end at any moment.

The distinguished American has, it is now acknowledged, long been suffering from Bright's disease. Recently the ailment, for which there is no known cure, assumed a more virulent form, and shortly after his return to Washington it was complicated by a severe cold and malarial fever. Last week the condition of the sick man varied from day to day, but on the whole he seemed to be bearing up well and there was some hope that he would rally and partially recover his health.

Sunday morning, however, Mr. Blaine was suddenly stricken with a sinking spell, during which his heart almost ceased to act. Drs. Johnston and Hyatt were in constant attendance and heroic remedies were resorted to. These proved effective and by 2 o'clock in the afternoon a considerable improvement had set in. Mrs. Senator Hale, of Maine, who was at the house for several hours to comfort and uphold Mrs. Blaine, said that Mr. Blaine's mind was perfectly clear and that the afternoon's improvement was encouraging.

About 5 o'clock both physicians were sent for and another consultation had. At its close the physicians announced that, while the afternoon improvement was but slight and not sufficient for any great encouragement, the reaction seemed to modify the worst apprehensions. At the same time any fresh complications would result fatally.

In the evening President Harrison and Private Secretary Halford walked over from the White house and expressed gratification at being informed that there had been some abatement of the more alarming symptoms.

During the day the emaciated face of the sick man was as white as marble and at times he seemed scarcely to breathe. During the crisis the physicians and trained nurses used every measure known to bring about the reaction, while all of the family stood by in tears, except Mrs. Blaine, who was outwardly calm and with wonderful self-possession issued orders to the attendants.

During the night there was no necessity for a further consultation of physicians, and when morning dawned the house was still darkened by closely drawn blinds.

A reporter visited Mr. Blaine's house at 9:30 o'clock and was informed by the attendant who answered the bell that "Mr. Blaine is a little better this morning and had a fairly good night's rest." A great many officials stopped at the house on the way to their offices and received the same information.

Secretary John W. Foster was one of the earliest callers and Senator Paddock was not far behind him. Each of them subsequently said that he had been told that there had been a slight improvement in Mr. Blaine's condition since yesterday morning.

DR. ALFRED LOOMIS SENT FOR.
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Dr. Alfred Loomis, the leading specialist in New York city and probably in America on Bright's disease, was summoned to Washington last night to attend ex-Secretary Blaine. Dr. Loomis has never attended Mr. Blaine before; in fact, he has never seen him. The dispatch was received by Dr. Loomis at 9 o'clock last evening as follows:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.
To Dr. Alfred Loomis, No. 19 West Thirty-ninth street, New York:

Can you take the night train and come here and see Mr. Blaine? BLAINE.

Dr. Loomis immediately wired a reply that he would take the midnight train, arriving in Washington at 7 o'clock this morning. At midnight he arrived at the Pennsylvania avenue station, opposite Courtland street and took a sleeper for Washington. He carried a small medicine case.

The doctors have strong hopes that Mr. Blaine will improve so that it will be possible for him to be removed to some more congenial climate, presumably California, where the change would be beneficial if it did not work a complete cure.

Mr. Blaine, it is now known, has often been deeply despondent of late, especially in regard to political ambition, which he recently declared was an ignis fatuus.

It is said Mr. Blaine sat up for a short time and talked with the members of the family in a very cheerful frame of mind. An old friend of the family called and was surprised to be received by Miss Hattie Blaine in a manner that indicated more than words the cheerful feeling that possessed her. She said that her father had a very comfortable night and awoke this morning refreshed and bright.

Dr. Loomis arrived this morning and went at once to the Blaine mansion,

where he remained with Drs. Johnson and Hyatt for more than an hour. He coincided with his colleagues in this city in their view of the case and agreed with them in every particular in regard to the treatment that had been followed. At the close of the conversation the doctor gave out the following statement: Although Mr. Blaine's condition during the past week has given serious anxiety, yet at the present moment he is decidedly better and in no immediate danger. It is impossible to predict what changes may occur, but his condition this morning gives a more hopeful feeling as to the progress of his disease.

THE BENSON REWARD.

Many Claimants For the \$300 Reward Offered For the Murderer.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 20.—Now that the fate of Benson, the butcher of Mrs. Mettman, has been settled, claimants are coming forward for the reward of \$300 offered by Gov. Humphrey for the murderer. Thus far four have filed their claims—A. McGahey, of Emporia, who was at the time of the crime chief of police of Leavenworth; Chauncey Flora, sheriff of Leavenworth county; Samuel E. Lee, the policeman of Camden, N. J., who made the arrest, and J. M. McDonald, the post office clerk of Kansas City, who discovered the package which led to the arrest. McDonald's application is indorsed by Postmaster Nofsinger. While McDonald says he is justly entitled to all the reward, he will be satisfied with half. Sheriff Flora's claim is accompanied by a letter from County Attorney Atwood, in which he says Flora ought to have the full amount. Flora is here to present his claim to Gov. Humphrey in person.

A Horse Thief Partially Lynched.

CLIXTON, Mo., Dec. 20.—Sheriff Callaway, of this county, while coming from Bolivar to Fair Play with Thomas H. Tracy, aged 56 years, an ex-convict accused of horse theft, was met by twenty-five armed citizens, who took the sheriff's arms. Then the mob led the sheriff and his prisoner into the woods, put a rope around Tracy's neck and hanged him, but let him down before he became unconscious and asked him to tell them all about the horse thieving in the county lately. Tracy either could not or would not tell anything, and the sheriff pleaded for the life of his prisoner. Finally the mob turned Tracy over to him, warning the prisoner that if he ever came back they would hang him.

Preferred to Withdraw It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—When the senate bill increasing the pension of wholly disabled and indigent Mexican veterans from \$8 to \$12 per month came up in the house this afternoon, Mr. Wilson, of Missouri, endeavored to secure the passage of an amendment to include members of the First Missouri volunteers, but Mr. Burrows, of Michigan, and Mr. Dingley, of Maine, questioned him sharply, and perceiving that the amendment would continually be defeated on a cry of no quorum, he withdrew it rather than jeopardize the senate measure.

Electrocuted at Sing Sing.

SING SING, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Frederick McGuire, who beat, shot and kicked to death Mrs. Noah Gregory, wife of his employer, near Middletown in the summer of 1891, suffered death by electricity this morning. When the first current was turned on McGuire's body swelled and tugged against the straps and deep gurgling sounds were heard for a second, which were caused by the expulsion of air from the lungs. He died in twelve seconds.

De Mores Badly Wounded.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—La Presse states that the Marquis de Mores is confined to bed in a hotel at Brussels with a severe wound in the right shoulder, received in a duel with a leading Parisian. The duel grew out of a violent discussion on anti-Semitism. The encounter took place several days ago.

Fire at St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 20.—At 1 o'clock this morning fire partially destroyed the stock of the Bee Hive shoe store, owned by Schloss Bros. The loss is estimated at \$12,000; fully insured.

Suit For Breach of Promise.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The jury in the Jacob-Sire breach of promise case brought in a verdict awarding the plaintiff \$25,000 damages. The suit was for \$50,000.

George P. Glaze Dead.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 20.—George P. Glaze, ex-mayor of Macon, Mo., died this morning of pneumonia after a brief illness. He served as president of the city council of Wichita.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

A dismembered corpse of a white man has been found in the railway depot at Quincy, Ill.

France has established a customs service for the coast of Dahomey and raised its blockade.

George Gentry, a boy of 10, killed his little sister while snapping a pistol at Norborne, Mo.

In the public schools of Cleveland, O., the examination system has been done away with.

Charles de Lesseps and his fellow prisoners complain of being treated like ordinary felons.

Ex-Senator Ingalls spoke discouragingly at Philadelphia of the prospects of the republican party.

Gov. Hogg, of Texas, revoked a requisition warrant recently on hearing it was to force the collection of a debt.

Frauds in the weighing of sugar for bounty have been discovered, so government officials at New Orleans say.

Sir Richard Owen is dead at London. He was one of the world's foremost specialists in comparative anatomy.

It is believed by a Union Pacific director that the debt held by the government against that road will be extended.

Locomotive engineers have been in secret session at Jackson, Mich. A big "grievance" against some road was hatching.

Hugh J. Monroe died on Mills river, Montana, recently, aged 110 years. He had lived in Montana for eighty years, reaching there previous to Lewis and Clarke, the explorers.

SAD SEQUEL TO A SHOOTING.

Miss Pearl Mann Dies of Her Wounds.

The Brutal Murderer and His Victim Both Cold in Death.

Miss Pearl Mann, who was shot near Mentevillo, Vernon county, last week by James Hargus, account of which was published in the Times, died of her wounds on Wednesday. The Nevada Mail says:

The details of this touching tragedy are familiar to the readers of the Mail. The dead girl was only 16 years of age and was the oldest of nine children. A year ago her murderer, James Hargus, was employed on a farm adjoining her father's. He saw the girl and admired her. His attentions became pronounced and he asked her to marry him but she refused. He was a wild blade and his boisterous love making repelled the girl. He bided his time and upon being denied a second time, vowed that if he could not marry her no other man should. He went so far as to tell a friend that once more he would ask Pearl Mann for her hand and if she refused he would kill her. He meant what he said. On that fatal Wednesday he carried out his threat to the letter as has already been fully described in these columns. The girl was thought not to be seriously hurt, though his own wound, self-inflicted, was known to be mortal. He lingered in agony for a few hours and died. His victim followed him to the grave just seven days after he had fired the fatal shots.

Thursday she was buried. Followed by a large concourse of sympathetic friends the body was taken to the cemetery at Virgil City, where it was tenderly laid in its last home. Thus the young, the beautiful and the innocent fell a victim to the cruel jealousy of an unreasoning fool.

From our exchanges we notice that quite a number of democratic editors want postoffices. They have all worked hard to secure offices for other men and we hope to see them succeed.—Tribune.

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J. S. PIERCE,

West Side of the Square, Butler, Mo.