

FROM WHITE TO DARK BLUE.

The Experience of a Man Who Took Nitrate of Silver.—It Eventually Cured Him of Epileptic Convulsions.

Nevada Mail.
There are few citizens of Vernon county whose attention has not been called to Samuel Brining, a resident of Nevada who is generally known as the blue man. His peculiar color is the result of nitrate of silver treatment for epilepsy.

It is the general belief epilepsy has no cure and there are thousands upon thousands of people suffering with that mysterious and terrible disease who have renounced all hope of cure.

Today Mr. Brining was asked for the story of his life.

"I am 61 years old," he said, "and am in the enjoyment of good health. When I was about nineteen years of age without being preceded by any injury or sickness, epilepsy came upon me. I was then living near Owen-boro, Kentucky.

After suffering from the fits for sometime, I consulted Dr. Horace Lindley. He told me that he could cure me but frankly stated the penalty which I would be compelled to pay. It was either epilepsy for a life time or the discoloration of my skin. I decided that health was preferable to personal appearance and accepted the treatment.

"Dr. Lindley commenced by giving me minute doses of nitrate of silver three times a day, and also prescribed carbonate of iron to be taken at the same time.

"After a few doses of the nitrate, I noticed the first indication of discoloration. I persisted in taking the medicine and the epileptic convulsions came with less frequency, but the skin steadily grew darker. For eighteen months I kept the treatment up and before the expiration of that time my entire body had reached almost the present color of my face and hands. Under my clothing the skin is lighter as it was protected from the light.

"The epilepsy was cured and never returned.

"Dr. Lindley told me that he could remove the dark color from my skin but said the operation would be a severe one and might involve my health. I did not care to risk it, and have never made any effort to correct the color. I was satisfied with the restoration of my health.

"One peculiar feature connected with my color is the fact that it grows darker when the atmosphere is heavy, but when the weather is bright and the air light, the color becomes very materially lighter.

"In my old county in Kentucky another man took the same treatment for a chronic bowel trouble and was cured. We often met and joked about our color. I remember we sometimes laughingly remarked we would go north and see what the abolitionists would do for us.

"Several years ago, one of the blue men made an investigation, and found that there were 125 of us in the United States. So far as I know, no one ever took this treatment for epilepsy without being cured. I have had people tell me they would rather have the fits than the color, but they do not know anything about it.

"Not long since I was standing on the platform at the depot when a German doctor stepped off the train to speak to me. He knew what had caused the color without asking and said that if I had remained in the dark while taking the treatment the skin would have remained white. From my experience in the matter I am inclined to believe that he was correct.

"I know one woman in Illinois of my color."
Mr. Brining is a laboring man and during his 24 years in Vernon county has proved himself a good citizen.

Honesty, perseverance and skill cannot improve Dr. Sawyer's Cure, because it fully cures indigestion, biliousness and kidney difficulty. Sold by H. L. Tucker.

An Old St. Louis Officer Shot.
St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 20.—Thomas Murphy, a policeman who has been on the force for many years, was shot and fatally wounded last night by William Wright, a colored man, whom he had arrested for carrying concealed weapons. Wright escaped.

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Nerve of a Government Scout.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 22.—Frank Grouard, chief of government scouts and an fighter, underwent a difficult surgical operation here yesterday in having removed from his right side an Indian arrowhead which there for twenty years. Grouard could not be induced to take an anesthetic. When the instruments were placed in position he calmly lighted a cigar and stretched his powerful frame upon the operating table. Cocaine was applied locally and the cutting began. Grouard never twitched nor moved a muscle, but puffed away at his cigar and chaffed the surgeon. The arrow lay directly beneath a large vein in the right groin and an incision of the vein would have meant almost certain death, so the operation was a very delicate one, the surgeon was compelled to use his finger to break the tissues and cut the vein. Still Grouard smiled and talked, and when the doctor became provoked at his audacity, the scout significantly remarked that it was nothing to a man who had had burning splinters thrust into his flesh. Grouard refused to take a carriage to his house. He says he was shot by a Sioux Indian while fighting wit Gen. Crook. The arrow head is of steel, 2 inches long and 1 inch in width.

Charnel House of Bandits.
Mexico City, Mex., Nov. 21.—A hideous discovery has just been made near the town of Churintzio, in the State of Michoacan, by a freighter named Pascual Gomez. The find consisted of thirty human bodies in an advanced state of decomposition, and piled one upon another in a cave, which was almost impenetrable on account of the stench emanating therefrom. Antonio Jimenez, a native of the town, a freighter by occupation, had his head mashed to a jelly by a bandit at Tumbombos recently, and Cleofas Gomez, another man, was robbed and murdered for his money at the same place shortly afterward. Pascual, a brother of the last victim, while engaged in searching for him, made the discovery, which explains many mysterious murders which have occurred in Michoacan in the last few months by a notorious outfit of bandits.

\$40,000 Fire.
Springfield, Mo., Nov. 22.—Early this morning about \$40,000 went up in smoke on Commercial street. Through error only a part of the fire department was called out, and before discovered the flames had made great headway.

The losses are estimated as follows: Moist-Campbell Lumber Company, \$25,000; the mattress factory, \$1,000; Rathbun's barn, \$500; Littleton's barn, \$500; Nicholson & Brown's feed store and stock, \$800; Boyer's second hand store, \$800; Merriman's Block, \$2,000; J. A. Dygart, second floor, Merriman Block, \$200; Seward Bros.' confectionery, \$10,000; Mrs. Roberts, resid. nec, \$1,000; vacant building, 306 Commercial street, \$500; auction store, \$1,500; J. M. White, \$2,500; Dr. Wilkerson's building, \$4,000; row of outhouses in the rear, \$300.

Walked in His Sleep.
Early Wednesday morning a St. Louis policeman was called to the neighborhood of Second and Elm streets to arrest a ghost. On his arrival there he found Ben Hodges walking up and down the street, the tails of his night shirt shifting about in the crisp morning air. Hodges was fast asleep. He was awakened taken to his room and then marched off to the Four Courts.

Hodges was indignant and said to Chief Harrigan: "I told the officer that I was a somnambulist, and he replied that he didn't care what church I belonged to; that it was against the city ordinance to walk the streets without any clothes on."

Hodges, knowing his failing, had strapped himself to an iron bar, but in his sleep he had broken the bar and scaled the wall from a second story window to the ground. He is regarded as one of the soundest sleepers in St. Louis. After relating his story he was dismissed.

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School Report.

School statistics of Bates County 1894

Where our boys and girls attend school.

Rich Hill High School	80
Butler " "	77
Hume " "	43
Adrian " "	42
Rockville " "	34
Butler Academy	48
Appleton City Academy	27
Hooper Institute	3
State Normal (Warrensburg)	44
Mo. University	14
Total	412
Enrollment Co. public schools	8,078
Students over 16 yrs. of age	897
Tardies	5,445
Truancies	513
Corpal punishments	427
Dictionaries in use	47
Globes in use	22
Volumes in library	1,813
Average salaries for males	\$50.14
Average salaries for females	\$36.04
Total expenditures for schools	\$66,128.81
Total receipts for schools	79,587.72

J. P. THURMAN, County School Com.

Fitzsimmons is Free.
Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 22.—The inquest over the body of Cornelius Riordan, the prize fighter, who became unconscious while sparring with Bob Fitzsimmons on Friday night last and died a few hours later was held here tonight. Many witnesses were examined. The jury, which was composed of some of the representative business men of the town, brought in a verdict at 1 o'clock exonerating Fitzsimmons. District Attorney Shove says that despite the verdict he will present the case to the grand jury of Onondaga county.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.
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New York, Nov. 21.—The Russian official crop figures as recorded here today are: Wheat, 272 million bushels, against 336 million bushels, last year; rye, 792 million bushels, against 752 million bushels last year; barley, 176 million bushels, against 224 million bushels last year; oats, 664 million bushels, against 672 million bushels last year. The Russian corn crop is less than one-half that of year.

They Drank It All.

The conductor of the Wagner sleeper that came in from the south on the M. K. & T. last night, says Sunday's Sedalia Gazette, related an experience which gave him considerable scare at the time of its happening. While passing through the Indian Territory the train was boarded by about a dozen stalwart cowboys who carried things with a high hand. They walked through the train until they reached the sleeper. There they demanded whisky which was refused as it is contrary to law to sell intoxicants in the territory. They told the porter to open the buffet or they would blow it open. After being refused they started to make good their word.

The porter begged a truce and induced them to retire to the smoking department. There he served them all the whisky in stock for which they paid \$19. They were now hilariously drunk. Pulling their pistols they prepared to shoot out all the lights. Women screamed and the male passengers began to grow nervous. The cowboys finally put up their guns and got off at the next station.

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Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure constipation, piles, biliousness, indigestion, or dyspepsia, and headaches.

"Dink" Wilson Not in It.

Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Hedgepeth, who exposed the Holmes insurance swindle when tried for the Glendale train robbery for which he is now serving a term of twenty five years at Jefferson City, accused "Dink" Wilson, who was electrocuted at Albany, May 14, for the murder of Detective Harvey of this city, of being the leader in the Glendale affair. "Dink" was a member of Hedgepeth's gang but was not present at the robbery. His brother, Charles F. Wilson, under sentence of death for the murder for which "Dink" was electrocuted, and upon whom Dr. P. J. Gibbons of this city desires to try his theory of resuscitating persons prostrated with electricity, was not with the gang at the time of the Glendale affair.

A Smoke-Stack Fell.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 22.—A sixty foot steel smokestack was torn from the University Club building by the wind yesterday and, crashing into the skylight of the Handy Abstract building, on Washington street, drove a shower of two inch glass into the offices below, dangerously injuring two men and cutting and bruising almost every one of the 125 people in the offices.

Ladies.—The druggist named below will give you a free sample package of Dr. Sawyer's Pills, which cure diseases peculiar to women. Sold by H. L. Tucker.

Two of Cook's Gang Taken.

A letter to the Mail from Andrew Brady dated at Moskegee, I. T., last night says: Several members of the Cook gang came here tonight at 8 o'clock, and stopped at a disreputable resort in the outskirts of town, where they got supper. I was standing in the postoffice when two of the bandits, with Winchester concealed under their coats, called there for mail. At that moment officers appeared and put the bandits under arrest.

Officers are after the remainder of the gang.

The usual treatment of catarrh is very unsatisfactory, as thousands can testify. Proper local treatment is necessary to success, but many, if not most of the remedies in general use afford but temporary relief. A cure certainly cannot be expected from snuffs, powders, douches and washes. Ely's Cream Balm, which is so highly commended as a remedy which combines the important requisite of quick action, specific curative power with perfect safety and pleasantness to the patient. The druggists all tell it.

Want Practical Farmers Only.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 21.—President Hanna of the Kansas Farmers' Alliance is making a tour of the state in the interest of the order. The state convention will be held in Topeka December 5 and 6, and Hanna is anxious that there be a large representation. He therefore urges the officers of the few lodges now in existence to send strong delegations in order that the place may be formulated for reorganizing on a firm non political basis. The Farmers' Alliance was at one time a power in Kansas but it engaged extensively in politics, uniting with the populists and practically went to pieces. The scheme now is to make the order a Farmers' Alliance in every sense of the word, keeping out the wild eyed fellows who farm only with their mouths.

Washington, D. C. November 21.— Governor-elect Lord of Oregon, with Senator Mitchell called on the president to-day. Mr. Lord invited the president to visit Oregon, stating that the people would be glad to see him. Senator Mitchell added that if the president would come at any time after January 1 he would guarantee that the governor of Oregon would meet him at the state line. It will be remembered that Gov. Penneyer refused to meet President Harrison at the state line, and stood on his gubernatorial dignity and staid at the State capital.

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Maysville, Ky., Nov. 21.—Sam W.

Stairs, editor of the "Searchlight," a Populist weekly, published at Dover, and Mrs. Mary S. Graves, a widow of the same place, were married last evening at the home of the bride. Editor Stairs is 45 years old and this is his first venture in matrimony, while his bride has passed the 80th mile stone in life, and has followed two husbands to the grave. She is well off in this world's goods, and acquired considerable notoriety some months since by making a gift of \$5,000 to a young school teacher who came to Dover from Ohio, and to whom she was reported engaged. The engagement did not result in marriage. However, the young teacher is richer by \$5,000.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—The Secretary of the Interior has approved requisitions on the Treasury for pension payments for the following agencies: Washington, \$2,055,000; San Francisco, \$650,000; Detroit, \$1,750,000; Columbia, \$3,750,000; Boston, \$1,875,000; Augusta, Me., \$740,000. Total, \$10,775,000.

Four in One Coffin.

Montgomery City, Mo., Nov. 20.—The charred bones of Mrs. Anna Portucheck, her son John and daughter Anna were gathered from the ashes of their late home, six miles north of this city, and with those of the murderer and suicide, Thomas Portucheck, were placed in a single coffin and brought to this city for burial.

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