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WHEN the vote of a jury in Germany stands six to six the prisoner is acquitted.

ONLY six children have ever been born in the white house and they were all girls.

MORE people have died from colds than were ever killed in battle, declares an investigator.

AN Illinois man named Storms has named his three sons Hale Storms, Rayne Storms and Snow Storms.

GRANITE is the lowest layer in the world's crust. Perhaps this accounts for its being so high when one comes to buy it.

A MAN who died a short time ago at Berlin, N. Y., left a diary which he began when 18 years old and continued for fifty-two years.

AN exchange says that ammonia applied to a coldsore will kill it. It will also kill the man with the sore unless he is careful in its use.

A YEAR in the planet Neptune, it is said by astronomers, consists of 60,090 days of twenty-four hours each. It is presumed that there are few centenarians living on that planet.

A BOSTON man who has acquired and kept riches says that one of his rules of life has been never to lend money on personal promises to pay that he was not willing to give away and able to lose.

A KENTUCKY woman has broken the matrimonial record. She has been married to four different men within the past two years, and, having just got a divorce from her last husband, is ready for a fifth.

THE insurance companies of the United States lost $137,716,150 by fire in 1892 and $156,445,875 in 1893. This amounts to about 14 per cent. It is evident that the firebug has been doing a flourishing business.

THERE are about 180,000 suicides in the world each year. It would seem that at this rate the crop of fools would soon become exhausted; but such does not appear to be the case, for when one fool dies a dozen are born.

A MILLIONAIRE of Vienna has left provisions in his will for the constant illumination of the vault wherein he now lies. An electric light is to be kept burning for a year, and even the coffin is to be lighted in the interior by electricity.

A BOLT of lightning, near Luling, Tex., struck the corner of a house, passed through a shelf, hit a snuff bottle and leaped to the floor, where it seemed to exhaust itself on a little 2-year-old child. The child was only slightly stunned, but in a short time its back turned perfectly black.

VAILLANT, the French bomb thrower who recently expiated his crime on the guillotine, seems destined to have many imitators among the hare-brained cranks of Paris. Another outrage was perpetrated at a restaurant there the other day and several persons were mangled. The executioner promises to have his hands full if the homicidal mania continues.

DR. CYRUS EDSON, of the New York health commission, announces that the grip will shortly disappear and cease its onslaughts on the human race for a generation. Dr. Edson neglects to state his authority for the assumption that the disease will not reappear for a generation, but then his name would not appear in print so often if he had not made the remarkable prediction.

GERONIMO, the famous Apache chief, has become a justice of the peace in Alabama, and presides with dignity and fairness. He permits no foolishness from the lawyers, and administers justice with an even hand. Who knows but the erstwhile chieftain of a lawless band may yet take a seat in the congress of the nation, and prove himself a public benefactor instead of a public scourge.

JAMES ROBINSON, who for a long time held the title of champion bareback rider of the world, is spending his declining years on his farm in Missouri. He is by no means an old man, but has retired from the circus arena. He still has many of the valuable gifts that he received in many parts of the world, including those from Queen Victoria and the old Emperor William of Germany.

KUCHAN, one of "the cities of the plain" in Persia, had until recently a population of twenty thousand, but an earthquake came and killed twelve thousand of them; also fifty thousand cattle. It reads like a repetition of the old Scripture narrative of Sodom and Gomorrah, though in this instance the people were not punished for their sins, but for the mistake of living in a pleasant and fertile valley. The mountains around the city were scarcely shaken. The east is the land of earthquakes, but thus far it has enjoyed comparative immunity from the car stove.

REPORTS from London indicate that Mrs. Maybrick will soon be liberated from prison. Accompanying them is the claim made that this executive clemency would probably have been shown her sooner but for the impertinent intermeddling of her volunteer American friends. They do not raise a question as to the right of intercession by such friends, but do deprecate their methods. The English authorities who control the fate of the unfortunate Mrs. Maybrick are not proof against appeals to their sympathy, but attempts to browbeat and coerce them delayed executive clemency.

THE cow is a very important factor in this country. According to statistics recently compiled by the government there is $2,000,000,000 in this country in the industry of which the bovine is the basis. In the enumeration there are 15,000,000 cows to give milk and 60,000,000 acres of land to give them food. Seven hundred and fifty thousand men are employed in the various departments of the industry, and 1,000,000 horses to haul the food and the products. The industry is of imposing proportions and still is not large enough to supply the demands, for millions of pounds of imitation butter are sold every year.

UNDER the new rules of the National baseball league profane language by the players is prohibited under severe penalty. This will ameliorate to some extent the condition of the umpire, who expects a cursing as naturally as does a Mississippi river stevedore.

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

Regular Session.

MONDAY, Feb. 12. — The Hawaiian controversy occupied the greater part of the time of the senate. Senator Gallinger (N. H.) introduced a substitute for the Wilson tariff bill which declares that in view of the widespread industrial depression it is the sense of the senate that it is unwise to attempt any change in the tariff laws. In the house a bill authorizing the extension of time for the construction of the high wagon bridge across the Missouri river at Sioux City, Ia., was passed. The urgency deficiency bill was also passed and a message was received from the president transmitting additional correspondence in the Hawaiian matter.

TUESDAY, Feb. 13. — In the senate the Hawaiian resolution was again the subject of discussion. Senator Gray in the course of his remarks said that the administration had ceased its efforts in behalf of the dethroned monarch. In the house the time was spent in debate on the Bland seignorage bill.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14.—In the senate nearly the entire time was consumed in the discussion of the house bill compelling the Rock Island Railroad company to stop its trains at the new towns of Enid and Round Point in the Indian territory. The nomination of Benjamin Lenthier, of Massachusetts, who has been three times nominated, and is now serving without confirmation as United States consul at Sherbrooke, Can., was rejected. In the house Messrs. Quigg and Straus, members-elect from New York city to succeed Messrs. Fellows and Fitch, were sworn in. The seignorage bill was further discussed.

THURSDAY, Feb. 15.—In the senate the newly-elected senator from the state of Mississippi (Mr. McLaurin) made his first appearance and took the oath of office. A bill compelling railroads in Indian territory to establish stations was passed. In the house the Bland seignorage bill was further discussed.

FRIDAY, Feb. 16. — In the senate Wheeler H. Peckham's nomination for associate justice of the supreme court was rejected by a vote of 41 to 32. Senator Hoar introduced a bill for the suppression of lotteries. It defines the word "lottery," which is made to embrace raffles and gift enterprises. In the house Mr. Curtis introduced a bill defining the crimes of murder in the first and second degrees, manslaughter and criminal assault, providing punishment for them and abolishing the death penalty for other offenses. An effort to fix a time for voting upon the Bland seignorage bill was defeated. The first evening session for the consideration of pension bills, was blocked by the lack of a quorum.

FROM WASHINGTON.

THE breadstuffs exported from the United States during the seven months ended January 31 last were valued at $108,927,068, against $122,668,880 during the corresponding time in 1893.

DURING the week ended on the 16th the exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States aggregated $789,281,711, against $888,216,856 the previous week. The decrease, compared with the corresponding week in 1893, was 37.1.

IN the seven days ended on the 16th there were 323 business failures in the United States, against 385 the week previous and 197 in the corresponding time in 1893.

AT the age of 79 years A. Herr Smith died at Lancaster, Pa. He served in the Forty-third, Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth congresses.

IN this country the lowest prices ever known were reached during the week ended on the 16th in wheat, silver, coke and some forms of iron and steel.

HOPEFUL reports of the progress of the movement were made to the national woman's suffrage convention in Washington.

IN the business situation throughout the country no improvement was reported.

THE EAST.

FROM Boston Paul Jones started naked on a tour around the world, but soon had money enough to buy a paper suit and at the end of twenty-four hours had $50 which he had picked up in various ways.

IN a mine at Plymouth, Pa., thirteen lives were lost. The men were caught by a cave-in.

THE Massachusetts house of representatives passed a bill abolishing fast days in that state.

THE whale fishery review for 1893 says that the season in the Arctic ocean was a phenomenal one. The total of towheads by the entire fleet was 294, against 214 in 1892.

THE death of Gen. Edward F. Hincks occurred at Cambridge, Mass., from wounds received while in the civil war. He was the first volunteer.

A JURY in Brooklyn found John Y. McKane, charged with intimidation of voters and gross election frauds, guilty of all the counts in the charge.

FIRE swept away the state normal and training school at Oneonta, N. Y., the loss being $150,000.

NEAR Provincetown, Mass., eight unrecognizable corpses and the timbers of two vessels were washed ashore.

WEST AND SOUTH.

THOMAS J. PARKER, one of the captors of Jeff Davis, died at Allegan, Mich., aged 72.

THE levee at Horn Lake landing, below Memphis, Tenn., broke and 5,000 acres of land were inundated.

FLAMES believed to be of incendiary origin destroyed the greater portion of the colonnade on the world's fair grounds.

A FREIGHT train on the Chicago & Alton was wrecked near Carlinville, Ill., causing a loss of $100,000 to the company.

AT Springfield, Mo., the American national bank was closed by order of the comptroller of the currency.

THE founder and editor of the Chicago Legal News, Mrs. Myra Bradwell, who was distinguished as the first woman in the United States to apply for admission to the bar, died in Chicago, aged 63 years.

FLAMES damaged the Calumet Paper company and the Chicago Toy and Fancy Goods company in Chicago to the extent of $125,000.

IN the arena at the midwinter fair in San Francisco Carlo Thieman, a lion tamer, was attacked by three lions and mangled so that he died.

FLAMES in the Miller block at Columbus, O., did damage to the extent of $250,000.

IN the prison at Jeffersonville, Ind., James E. Stone, who murdered the entire family of Denson Wrattan, six in number, at Washington, on September 18, 1893, was hanged.

GEORGE H. ALTWELL & SONS, shoe manufacturers in Milwaukee, failed for $170,000.

A MOB took Bob Collins, a respectable negro, from his home at Oglethorpe, Ga., scraped and cut him with a blunt knife and left him naked nearly seven hours in a freezing atmosphere. He died just after being found.

IN Chicago prominent residents have formed an organization the mission of which is purification of municipal politics.

AT Lynchburg, Va., Gen. Jubal A. Early, aged 80 years, the ranking officer of the late rebellion, fell downstairs and was probably fatally injured.

THE execution of William Leonard took place at Frederick, Md., for the killing of Jesse Anderson, a railway trackman, on September 6, 1893, at Lime Kiln. He is said to have had four living wives.

THE trans-Mississippi congress in session at San Francisco favored government ownership of the Nicaragua canal and annexation of Hawaii.

AN Indian named Joe Dick, who murdered Thomas Gray last August, was executed at the county courthouse near Eufala, I. T.

AT Roscoe, Cal., robbers ditched a Southern Pacific train and secured considerable booty. A fireman and a tramp were killed.

THE wholesale drug house of Farrand, Williams & Clark in Detroit, Mich., was destroyed by fire, the loss being $170,000.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

AT Odessa Col. Gregorieff was hanged as a spy. For two years he had betrayed Russian military secrets to Austria.

IN a cafe in Paris twenty persons were injured by a bomb thrown by Edeon Breton, who shot an officer before he was arrested. Revenge for the execution of the anarchist, Vaillant, was the motive.

DISPATCHES from Brazil say that the insurgent cruiser Republica sank the government transport Itapa and 600 soldiers were drowned.

JUAN MARTINEZ, a discharged foreman, murdered John Wallace and his Mexican bride on a ranch near Monclava, Mexico.

DURING the recent riots at Yusgat, Turkey, the Turks killed 125 Armenians and wounded 340.

NEAR Penselin, Germany, a barn in which a number of school children sought shelter during a hurricane, was blown down and five of the children were killed.

THE distinguished German pianist, Hans von Bulow, died at Cairo, Egypt. He was born at Dresden January 8, 1830.

DURING the recent storm in Germany six fishing boats on the Baltic sea were lost and twenty-two men were drowned. At Altona, on the Elbe, eleven persons were drowned, and eight foresters were killed near Ziegermort.

ADVICES from Japan say that a fire at Kagoshima destroyed 500 dwelling houses and four men were burned to death.

TWO ENGINES and twelve carriages were destroyed in a railway accident near Jelan, Russia, and thirteen persons were killed and a large number injured.

IN a long letter to Minister Willis at Honolulu President Dole, of Hawaii, gives his grounds for complaint against the United States.

IN a London park a French anarchist was blown to pieces by falling upon a bomb in his pocket.

THE Brazilian insurgents fired three shots at a launch from the United States war vessel Newark.

IN a battle with Mexican troops near Elvia seventy-five Temachians were killed and twenty-five who were made prisoners were shot.

THE German cruiser Braidenburg was on her trial trip near Stollergrund when her boilers burst and forty-one men were killed.

THE steamer Alert was sunk while going from Port Albert to Melbourne, Australia, and all but one of her crew of fifteen were drowned.

LATER NEWS.

THE senate was not in session on the 17th.....In the house most of the day was spent in debating a motion to nonconcur in the senate amendment to the town-site bill, which was finally carried, and conferees were appointed. After the call of committees for reports Mr. Bland moved that the house go into committee of the whole on the seignorage bill, and that general debate close in thirty minutes; but no quorum voting, the motion was lost, and the remainder of the session was taken up in speeches eulogistic of the late representative Gen. William Lilly, out of respect to whose memory the house at 3:10 adjourned.

CHANCELLOR VON CAPRIVI, of Germany, gives official dinners with increasing frequency. He has limited the cost to twenty marks a plate, including wine and beer. His aide-de-camp, who keeps the purse, has the most rigid orders to spend no more than the chancellor's annual salary of 48,000 marks, less the amount exacted for state taxes. The chancellor, while not wishing to save anything, will incur no debts.

THE statement of the associated banks of New York city, for the week ended on the 17th, showed the following changes: Reserve, decrease, $11,069,875; loans, increase, $6,743,300; specie, decrease, $9,212,700; legal tenders, decrease, $2,939,200; deposits, decrease, $4,184,100; circulation, decrease, $447,300.

THE jury in the case of the Mansfield (Pa.) rioters returned a verdict on the 17th. Twenty-one of the fifty-eight prisoners were acquitted, thirty-two were found guilty, two had entered pleas of guilty and three were acquitted by order of the court.

CHAS. YOUNG, alias Lonsdale, released, on the 17th, from an English prison, is wanted in Rochester, N. Y., for murder. Detectives were awaiting him outside the prison.

IT is reported in Rome that Marquis Curtopassi, at present Italian minister at Roumania, will succeed Baron Fava as Italian ambassador to the United States.

THE statue of Napoleon, which was erected at Boulogne in 1854 by Englishmen, has been blown down and broken to pieces.

GOV. MARKHAM of California has brought suit to secure the escheat of the Blythe estate, valued at $4,000,000, to the state.

ON the 10th the New York associated banks held $74,536,825 in excess of the requirements of the 25-per-cent. rule.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Mentioned in the War Claims Bill.

The following Missourians are named in the new war claims bill reported by the war claims committee of the house:

Andrew Allen, Cass county	$ 484 00
Charles Balmer, surviving partner of Balmer & Weber, St. Louis	3,672 25
J. M. Bell, of Vernon county	746 00
Sarah M. Carlisle, administratrix of Geo. A. Carlisle, deceased, late of Iron county	150 00
Geo. W. Claypool, administrator of Reuben Claypool, deceased, late of Greene county	607 00
T. W. Davis, Lawrence county	317 00
Simeon Gilbreath, Bates county	879 00
David Graham, Jackson county	590 00
L. B. Hearrell, Newton county	744 10
A. L. and W. G. Keithler, Taney county	867 00
J. P. Legg, administrator of Arch C. Legg, late of Henry county	1,050 00
John T. Lynch, Houston county	150 00
J. T. Lynch, administrator of David Lynch, deceased, late of Houston county	175 00
M. E. Langston, Howell county	350 00
Pleasant Longacre, administrator of Richard Longacre, deceased, late of Cass county	1,155 00
James H. Moyer, Iron county	500 00
J. L. Peters, surviving partner of J. L. Peters & Co., late of St. Louis	5,115 50
John Robinson, of Webster county	176 00
J. L. Walls, of Pettis county	1,272 00
Geo. Withers, administrator of H. M. Withers, deceased, late of Cooper county	455 00

From Washington.

NEW POSTMASTERS.

Hillsboro, Jefferson county, James T. Moss vice Edward Vollmar, removed.

Goodloe, Taney county, Wm. R. Adams, postmaster.

St. Aubert, Osage county, Emma Riley, postmaster.

Filley, Cedar county, J. T. Stamps, vice J. W. Oaks, resigned.

Little Beaver, Douglas county, George D. Hale, vice J. M. Bunch, resigned.

Omaha, Douglas county, L. A. Smith, vice J. E. Hobbs, resigned.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT

Frank A. Dessert, Macon.
Luther Adams, Aurora.
G. C. Orchard, Poplar Bluff.

POSTMASTERS CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE.

John W. Bennett, Maysville.
Eugene P. Moore, Pierce City.
De Witt Pierce, Kirksville.
H. N. Powell, Thayer.
John F. Shannon, Neosho.

APPLICATION DISALLOWED.

The secretary of the interior has disallowed the application of Robert Webb, of Schra, and George C. Hix, of Camden county, Mo., to survey an island in the Osage river, situated in sections 26, 34 and 36, township 40 north, range 16 west, in Missouri.

VISITED HIS ALMA MATER.

Representative Champ Clark visited his alma mater at Bethany, W. Va., the other day, where he delivered an address on the life and character of Aaron Burr.

Penitentiary Characters.

John Sullivan, the saddle-tree contractor from the state penitentiary, talked interestingly in St. Louis the other day about prison characters.

"The colored men are the best prisoners," said he. "They readily adapt themselves to their surroundings. As long as the food is good and the clothing warm they have no complaints to make. Two fat coons from the cookhouse were in the yard one bitter cold day recently. The cage opened and there came in a very thin, starved-looking fellow wearing the light clothes he had on when arrested last summer. He shivered before the blast that swept across the courtyard. One of the negroes remarked to his companion, as they both looked at the newcomer: 'Looks as if there was hard times outside, doesn't it, Bill?' I have a man in my shop who is serving his fifth term for larceny. I asked him one day why he did not try and keep out of the penitentiary. 'Can't do it, Mr. Sullivan. I is one of these narfhal born thieves.' 'Well, why don't you go somewhere else, and not keep on coming back to Jeff?' 'I know where I is treated like a gentleman, that's why.'"

Obituary.

Mrs. Sarah Thompson, aged 75, wife of Wm Thompson, died at Macon.

Prof. J. F. Reidinger, assistant principal of the Trenton high school, died with Bright's disease, after an illness of only three days.

Capt. J. Shuman, a veteran of the Mexican war and war of the rebellion, died at Sedalia, aged 67.

W. F. Miller, sheriff of Scott county, died at his home in Benton. [The sheriff contracted pneumonia while capturing William Lloyd, who killed Charles Archer. This caused his death.]

Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts died in St. Joseph, aged 71. [With her husband, the late Russell H. Wrinkle, she settled in St. Joseph in 1840, and had continuously resided there ever since. After the death of Russell H. Wrinkle, who was well known to all the St. Joseph pioneers, she married the late Judge William Roberts, whom she survived. Mrs. Roberts was in St. Joseph when the county seat was at Old Sparta, and saw St. Joseph, then a trading post, grow into one of the most prosperous jobbing centers in the west.]

Missouri American Mechanics.

A convention of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics for Missouri was held in Moberly.

It was for the purpose of transacting urgent business pertaining to the order, receive reports for the past year, elect state officers for the ensuing year, and to pass upon other work of the organization. R. J. Armstrong, of St. Louis, is the state councilor. The work of the order is entirely secret. A two days' session was held. A large number of delegates were present. Hannibal was selected as the next place of holding a session of the state council.

[The objects of the order are to maintain and promote the interests of Americans and shield them from the depressing effects of foreign competition; as-ist Americans in obtaining employment; to encourage Americans in business; to establish a sick and funeral fund; to maintain the public school system in the United States of America, and to prevent secarian interference therewith and uphold the reading of the holy Bible therein.]

A Springfield Bank Closed.

The American national bank of Springfield has been closed by order of the comptroller of the treasury.

A few days before the bank was closed an examiner visited it and the result of his investigation was the resignation of Cashier A. B. Crawford and the installment of Vice-President Miller in his place. The American national was established about three years ago, with a paid-up capital of $200,000, the greater portion of which was subscribed in the east. A. B. Crawford has been cashier and absolute managing officer from the commencement until his resignation. The affairs of the bank are in bad condition, but it is believed that while stockholders are hard hit depositors will eventually be paid in full.

Swine Breeders Organize.

The Pure-Bred Swine Breeders' association of Missouri was organized at Moberly.

It was ordered that the president and secretary confer with the secretary of the state board of agriculture in the matter of publishing a report of this meeting for the use of the members. Nearly 100 swine breeders and raisers were in attendance, and the membership of the association starts off large.

Died from a Horse's Kick.

George Marquart, aged 55, was kicked by a young horse, a few evenings ago, at Lexington. He died, never having regained consciousness.

Assaulted a School Principal.

W. H. Williams, principal of a public school in Kansas City, was beaten almost to insensibility by the father of a pupil whom he had punished.

Paper Warehouse Burned.

The warehouse of the Graham Paper Co. in St. Louis was destroyed by fire the other night. The loss is about $50,000; covered by insurance.

Robbed of Her Hair.

Mazy Conway, a St. Louis girl, was left at home alone. Some unknown man entered, knocked her down and cut off her long tresses.

Counterfeiters Arrested.

Three counterfeiters, G. W. Dodge, C. B. Rodmeier and J. J. Rodmeier, were arrested in Willow Springs while plying their vocation.

Baptized in Cold Water.

Two colored ministers baptized sixteen converts in Spring river, near Carthage, the other day. The weather was bitterly cold.

THEY CARE FOR THE INSANE.

Meeting of the Officers and Directors of the Various State Asylums for the Insane—A Fund of Information Regarding the Treatment of the Insane—The Asylums Said to be in a Satisfactory Condition.

The meeting of the officers and directors of the various state asylums for the insane was held at the institution in Fulton, continuing several days. The sessions were almost continuous, and resulted in an exchange and interchange of experiences and opinions on methods and management that can not be otherwise than beneficial to officers, members and inmates of the different institutions. The following gentlemen were present:

Gov. W. J. Stone, ex-officio head of the enterprises.

St. Louis Asylum—R. E. Gibson, chief clerk.

St. Joseph Asylum—R. C. Woodson, superintendent; M. L. Spencer, steward; R. M. Nash, secretary.

Nevada Asylum—Dr. J. F. Robinson, superintendent; Dr. A. F. Brown, assistant physician; D. C. Kennedy and James Groege, members board of managers.

Fulton Asylum—Dr. R. S. Wilson, superintendent; Doctors Nixon, Hull and Hogue, assistants; James Lenoir, druggist; D. P. Bailey, steward, and other officers of the institution.

The discussions elicited a fund of information in regard to the methods, remedial agents and sanitary treatment of patients, including physical treatment, diet, exercise, remedies for the peculiar phases of their disorder, and generally the agencies to be employed in effecting the best results in the briefest time.

The resident and visiting members of the conference expressed the highest gratification at the free and cordial exchange of theories and experiences, embracing not only the science and employment of medical and sanitary arts, but the best methods and most profitable experiences from the use of certain agencies in peculiar cases of disorder. Not only did the medical men reap profit from the discussion of scientific methods, but the directory and business managers received new ideas from this interchange of plans which will lead to economic appliances that experience has proved to be profitable and efficient.

The sessions terminated with an elegant supper given by the officers of Asylum No. 1 and a bal masque in the evening, in the latter of which visitors, citizens and patients participated.

The board of managers, including Gov. Stone, expressed high appreciation of the institution. The institution is in a flourishing condition so far as its business management and curative influences are concerned, and from the other institutions satisfactory reports were made.

Entitled to Surplus Fees.

The case of Vernon county against ex-Recorder Andrew J. King, taken on change of venue to Bates county, has been decided by Judge James H. Lay in favor of the defendant. The suit was for $1,232 surplus fees, which the county claimed should have been paid into its treasury for the year 1890. The matter was left to Referee Casey, of Henry county, who reported the above amount due the county. Mr. King took the position that he was entitled to the surplus for deputy hire. The county, however, claimed that he had forfeited the right to deputy hire, as he had neglected to have the salary of an assistant fixed by the county court. The defendant had paid into the county treasury $4,200, which represented the surplus which he had retained during former years. The county took an appeal.

Mail Stage Robbed.

Two masked men held up and robbed the mail-stage at Briceville, a post office 4½ miles south of Peirce City. They covered the driver with two Winchesters and demanded him to turn over the mail-bags and a large sum of money which he was bringing from Rocky Comfort to deposit in bank for the merchants at that place. They made the driver, Sam Allman, take out his knife and cut the strap. They secured two valuable registered packages. They then threw the mail and bags in the coach and told the driver to move on, and not look back, which he did not do until he reached Peirce City and reported the hold-up. The scene of the robbery is a bare, mountainous country, very thinly populated and will afford them an easy means of escape.

Pettis County's Assessment.

County Assessor J. M. Logan of Pettis county has presented to the county court the completed assessment of the real and personal property of the county for 1894, showing the assessed valuation to be as follows: Real estate, $6,636,900; personal property, $2,046,085; banks and corporations, $506,165. Total, $9,189,150.

A New Departure in Loans.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—A number of banks and trust companies have started out to loan money on wheat and are offering four months' loans, at 3½ to 4 per cent., taking wheat as collateral the same as stocks. This is a new departure.

What Consolidation Would Do.

The city of New York, if the proposed consolidation with adjacent towns is effected, will have a population of nearly 3,000,000 and cover an area of 317 square miles.

Assassinated.

Madison Todd, a wealthy farmer between Waco and Richmond, Ky., was sitting at a table reading a newspaper, when an assassin killed him.

Sudden Death.

Rev. Dr. W. H. H. Strouse, chaplain of the Indiana state prison, south, at Jeffersonville, died suddenly while sitting in a chair at the prison.

Race News in New Jersey.

A bill prohibiting telegraph companies from transmitting race track news has been passed by the lower house of the legislature.

Dearly-Bought Chickens.

John W. Bynum was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary, in the circuit court at Belleville, Ill., for stealing thirteen chickens.

The Colorado Legislature.

The Colorado legislature has been in session a month, at a cost to the state of over $50,000, and as yet not a single law has been enacted.

Death of a Famous Gambler.

Billy Deutsch, the famous gambler, known as the man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo, died at St. Joseph's hospital, Denver, Col.

STEPPING BACKWARD.

That's What the Repeal of the Civil-Service Law Would Be Says Commissioner Roosevelt—The Ends Sought by the Bill Could be Better Attained by Departmental Regulation than by Congressional Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Civil-Service Commissioner Roosevelt, in an interview this morning, in relation to the bills effecting the civil service now pending before the congress, said:

"Concerning Mr. Fithian's bill to repeal the civil-service law, there does not seem to be much necessity for speaking. The repeal of the civil-service law means the re-establishment of the spoils system in all those departments of the government by which it had been expeled. That bill is an effort to reduce our civil service to the level of the system existing in Morocco, Turkey and other barborous countries. An act to repeal the civil-service law comes within a category that will embrace acts to repeal laws against bribery for political purposes and the like. The ends sought to be attained by Mr. Fithian's bill to require certain employes of the government to pass civil-service examinations, could be better attained by departmental regulation than by legislative enactment.

"The main objection of the bill introduced by Mr. Bynum to provide for the apportionment of appointments to congressional districts is that it would enormously increase the expense of the commission. Under the spoils system, the states that are far away from Washington do not get half the appointments to which they are entitled.

"Mr. Bynum's bill to allow reinstatement of railway mail clerks dismissed between March 15 and May 1, 1889, proposes to remedy a wrong committed four years ago by permitting another wrong now, and thereby affording a precedent for the possibility of committing another four years hence and so on.

"About 2,500 clerks were turned out in the time spoken of by this bill by the republican administration, these 2,500 clerks being democratic clerks who had been put into office under the spoils systems by the preceding democratic administration, and the republican clerks having been turned out for their benefit. Of the 2,300 clerks who took their places, but 900 are left in the service."

A MONSTER BLAZE.

A Four-Million-Foot Gas Well in Indiana on Fire.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—A special to the Herald from Muncie, Ind., says: A 4,000,000-foot gas well belonging to the Indiana Iron Co., of this city, and located near West Muncie, a few days ago was frozen up and the pipe near the well burst. Some mischievous person set the escaping gas on fire. The heat soon caused the pipe to burst more, and now the whole product of the well is belching forth in a voluminous flame that reaches far above the tall oaks. The heat is so intense that the men attempting to quench the blaze have been unable to go within 200 feet of the well.

The idea now is to secure dynamite in cans, tie them on the end of long strings of wire, ignite the fuse and hurriedly pull them near the well, where it will explode, with hopes of blowing out the blaze. The men have worked numerous devices, but have not accomplished any good. The noise made by the escaping gas can be heard for miles around, and has attracted great crowds of sightseers. The well is located on the Brindell farm, near several others, and many timid persons refuse to go to bed for fear the fire will spread and result in the whole field taking fire.

THE BLYTHE MILLIONS.

Effort of Gov. Markham of California to Escheat Them to the State.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—A special to the Herald from San Francisco, says:

Gov. Markham has brought suit to secure the escheat of the Blythe estate, valued at $4,000,000, to the state. The complaint alleges that on April 4, 1883, Thomas H. Blythe was the ownerand seized in fee simple absolute possession and occupation of the real property, which is then described; that Blythe died without leaving any wife, issue or heirs to take or inherit his estate or any portion thereof, which has therefore escheated to the state of California for the support of the common schools. D. M. Delma for the Williams heirs, McDermott for the company and Garber, Boalt and Bishop for Florence, do not appear to anticipate much trouble from the state in this pet law suit.

A CLEVER FORGER

Plays a Bold Hundred to One Shot on a Chicago Bank.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Frank H. Harper, who is also known by the name of Frank H. Henderson, and who is said to be from St. Paul, walked into the Continental national bank last Thursday morning, and presented two checks for payment. One called for $3,500 and the other for $3,330. Harper was known at the bank, and as the signatures were genuine, the checks were cashed without hesitation.

It was subsequently learned that the checks had been raised from $33 and $35 checks to one hundred times those amounts. The police are looking for Harper. They know little or nothing of him, but from the description given of him by the officers of the American Trust and Savings Co. they recognized him as a clever forger who has been working the same scheme in the east.

A Diabolical Intention.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The Echo De Paris says it has received information that Emile Henry, who on Monday night last threw a bomb in the cafe of the Hotel Terminus, had planned to cause an explosion in the Comedie Francaise. He intended, the paper says, to throw a bomb in the theater last Monday night when a large crowd was in attendance watching the play "Les Cabotins." Henry found it impossible to procure a seat, and taking an omnibus at the theater, proceed to the Hotel Terminus where he threw the bomb that he intended to use in the theater.

Wanted For Murder.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Charles Young, alias Lonsdale, a convict at Portland prison, has been released, the term for which he had been sentenced having expired. Detectives were awaiting him outside the prison, and as soon as he appeared he was again placed in custody on a nominal charge of fraud. Young is wanted at Rochester, N. Y., to answer a charge of murder. His custodians brought him at once to London, where he was arraigned in the Bow street extradition court for a hearing on the application of the United States authorities.

AN AERIAL HORROR.

Death and Maiming Two Hundred Feet Above the Tennessee River—An Accident to an Aerial Cable Car—Thrilling Experience of Seven Pleasure-Seekers—A Young Lover Killed in the Presence of His Fiance—Was the Cable Cut?

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 19.—A special to the Commercial from Knoxville, Tenn., says: One killed and several slightly hurt, is the result of a most thrilling accident in this city yesterday afternoon. The draw cable of an aerial car snapped in two, leaving the car and passengers 200 feet in midair, while the broken end of the cable smashed through the frail car filled with humanity to do its deadly work.

Longstreet Heights is the name of a beautiful tract of land south of the river and about two miles above the city, owned by a real estate firm. Some interested gentlemen erected from the north bank of the river to a high bluff on the south side an aerial cable line. At its highest point the car is nearly 300 feet above the Tennessee river, and the trip over, while being most thrilling, afforded a beautiful view of the surrounding country to the passengers. A car which would hold perhaps twenty persons hung suspended from two heavy cables, five feet apart and one and five-eighths inches in diameter. The engine house was located on the north bank, and the car was hauled to the dizzy height by an endless cable five-eighths of a inch thick, which wound around two drums.

Yesterday afternoon the car had carried many passengers and made its last trip about 4 o'clock. Seven people were in it, besides C. F. Lewis, who stood at the brake.

When within 100 feet of the bluff the drawing cable snapped in two between the car and engine room and the car started back as if shot from a huge cannon. Near the center of the river, and fully 200 feet above it, its progress was suddenly checked, as the broken end of the cable wound itself like a huge serpent around the car. It went crash-through the wooden car, only to wind itself around and crush through its top again, as if it were but made of paper. There the car and passengers hung for nearly two hours, while every minute the crowd increased until a thousand persons lined the bank of the river.

Employes seemed dazed and it was some time before a long rope was secured. This was slipped down the cable to the car and a steamer anchored itself directly underneath.

Will Kibley, a boy, was the first to be let down, and the crowd cheered lustily as he was landed. Next came Miss Alice Wardell, who stood the shock bravely. Belief gained ground that no one had been hurt, but those familiar knew otherwise, for in the car above Oliver Ledgerwood lay dying, his life blood oozing from two ugly wounds in the head. He had gone with Miss Wardell, his fiance, for the novel trip which ended so disastrously.

One by one the passengers were let down until the car was cleared. When Ledgerwood reached the boat a surgeon pronounced his injuries fatal and in less than ten minutes he was dead. His skull had been fractured in two places.

Mr. Fred McBee, another passenger, suffered a severe injury to one leg, while Henry Hatcher's right hand was badly hurt. Hugh Rule, a boy, was standing near the engine house when the cable broke and was struck by the end and seriously hurt.

Persons in the car say that Ledgerwood never regained consciousness after being struck. He was a promising young lawyer and leaves a widowed mother to mourn his loss.

Before the coroner's jury last night J. E. Patton, one of the lessees and part owner of the cable line, made the sensational statement, under oath, that he believed the cable had been cut. The matter will be fully investigated.