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The taking off of four murderers by electricity in Sing-Sing prison, New York, Friday morning, was expeditious, and a pronounced success.

It is said that the Farmers' Alliance is sending out circulars requesting farmers to hold their wheat until a fair price can be obtained for it.

The new steamer, "Fuerst Bismarck," made her run from New York to Southampton in 5 days, 13 hours and 10 minutes. This beats all records of transatlantic travel.

We are an enormously rich man goes on adding to his store he is nothing after all but a bank which is nothing after all but a store of goods.

Evidently, if Judge Burgess can prevent the state's witnesses from giving any damaging evidence against Ed Nolan he is going to do it.

The eastern speculators are all looking to the western crops to bring renewal of business, and the old time prosperity to themselves.

A number of our exchanges are predicting the election of Alex. Lesueur to succeed himself as secretary of State in 1902.

It was the intention to have printed this week the second of the series of articles on Lexington's manufacturing industry, but a heavy rush of job work took much of the time of the member of the Intelligencer's staff.

THE NOLAN TRIAL. The following witnesses are trying Ex-Treasurer E. T. Nolan for a staff of his friends' Joseph Laux, Jacob Miller, M. J. Coyner, August Bossmann, Adam Hofer, Anton Tellmann, J. A. Hunter, A. P. Graham, S. L. Duane, J. M. Enlow, T. L. Hammen, Mathias Ott.

The same attorneys will prosecute that managed the case before and the attorneys and judge who so successfully bamboozled the jury in the first trial will try the same tactics again.

ISSUES DEFINED. The democratic party need not go to Wall street for instructions in running the next campaign.

It is pretty clear already that the republicans must make a campaign of explanation and apology. They are on the defensive, and must repel the assaults that will continually be made upon them.

Their policies have proven so disastrous, their management so ruinous, that it is going to take a good deal of oratory to set them right before the people. They are aware of this fact and are preparing for the struggle.

There are four million farmers in this country—as hard headed a set of men as ever breathed the breath of life. For some months past they have been asking where on earth that big surplus has gone, and why we are now brought face to face with a deficit.

They are millions of other wage earners, not farmers, who are in the same condition the tiller of the soil is. These two elements are together now. They promise to remain together through the coming campaign.

What a turning over of old things, would there be should they move together, would they be together and vote together?

Fortunately the democratic campaign is in reach of all these. The party can make them its strongest allies. All it has to do is to stand where it is on the tariff, and keep away from Wall street when it talks of finance.

A CELEBRATED CASE. The jury in the case of the state of New York vs Amner Ben Ali, alias "Frenchy," brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Some months ago, in room 34 of the East River, New York, hotel, there was discovered one morning a most ghastly spectacle.

It was the body of a woman. It had been cut and slashed in a fearful manner.

The mangled mass of humanity was all that remained mortal of a woman of loose and dissolute character known as "old Shakespeare."

The murderer, for it was evidently murder, had left no clues to his bloody work as he thought, and to the casual observer there was none.

Inspector Byrnes, chief of the New York detectives took charge of the case. While there was that mystery about the case that made it attractive, there was little left to base a hope upon that the perpetrator of the fiendish deed could be brought to justice.

In London a man had committed many murders similar to this one and had escaped detection from month to month; and yet at large, notwithstanding there were as many as and as tangible clues in each case as in this one.

Could Byrnes accomplish a work that had baffled the London police? Byrnes is a man of sagacity. He is also a man of method. It would require more than sagacity and method to bring to the bar of the court the murderer of "old Shakespeare."

The porter of the hotel was examined. All that could be learned was that three persons, the victim and two others, had entered the hotel the night of the murder. Shakespeare and one of them had remained, but this one had not come in when Shakespeare did, and apparently had no connection with her presence there.

It was developed that the one who went away could not have committed the murder, though he may have been accessory to it.

Then who could have committed the deed? It was ascertained that Amner Ben Ali, an Algerian, known as "Frenchy," was the third party who had entered the hotel during the fatal night.

The Algerian had occupied room 36, nearly opposite and across the hall from room 34. In this room were found a few slight spots of blood, and on the wall and door were marks as if bloody fingers had left their imprint there.

But the blood was not arterial, and it had evidently been mixed with other liquid.

This was all Inspector Byrnes could learn. But he had "Frenchy," or Amner Ben Ali, the Algerian, arrested, and spots of blood, corresponding to those in room No. 36, were found on his clothes.

Then he began to draw the cloth of evidence around him. It was a wonderful fabric he wove. No spider ever emeshed a fly with more skill or greater success.

When the case was called the state was prepared to prove: First—that the blood which made stains on Frenchy's clothes; and in room 36 was human blood.

Second—it was from a body already dead. Third—it was anemic, weak or watery. Fourth—it had been mingled with intestinal fluid. Fifth—it represented in a partially digested stage food contents of the stomach. Sixth—This food was corned beef, cabbage and rutabaga. All this was proved by expert testimony.

A post mortem examination of the body of the dead woman had developed the fact that she had died of strangulation, and had been cut to pieces afterward.

Her stomach and intestines had been severed by the knife of the murderer. She had eaten corned beef, cabbage and rutabaga for supper.

The defense tried to break the force of Inspector Byrnes' web of testimony but could not, and the jury sent the man to prison for fifteen years.

It was one of the cleverest pieces of detective work on record.

Electrocution in New York. Four men were officially killed by electricity in Sing-Sing prison, New York Tuesday morning.

One of the eye witnesses briefly told the story of the execution as follows: About 4 o'clock the witnesses and jurors were let into the north chamber. The experts had previously examined everything and said they were satisfied the machinery of death would work perfectly.

At 4 o'clock Slocum walked into the death room accompanied by Father Creeden. He seemed to be making a strenuous effort to keep his composure. He had received Father Creeden's last offices and had declared himself ready to die. He was then firmly strapped into the chair and the death current applied. Death was instantaneous. There was a sudden contraction of the nerves and then all was over.

Ernest Hays left Tuesday afternoon for Chillicothe, Mo., to take a four months course bookkeeping at the Normal college there.

James A. Aull, who has been the guest of his uncle, John Aull, at his home at Philadelphia Tuesday evening.

Charles Loomis, the Franklin avenue druggist, left last evening for a two or three weeks visit to New York and other eastern cities.

Will Geller, traveling for the Simmons Hardware company, of St. Louis, was here this week, the guest of his uncle, Charles Schneidermeyer.

Misses Grace and Rebecca Field, daughters of the judge of the circuit court, left Wednesday morning for a visit to her friends at Booneville.

Mrs. George Barton, of Kansas City, arrived here Wednesday evening on her visit to her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Waddell.

Mrs. Wm. Beck, who has been the guest of the family of her brother-in-law, Capt. S. J. Andrew, left for her home at Denver, Col., Tuesday morning.

R. B. Dickey, superintendent of the gas company, and family have been visiting relatives here Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Dickson, of Booneville, returned home last week. He captured the road home for proficiency in bookkeeping.

Justice Bryant, Mayor from Walker and Night Policeman Charles Mount, of Hugginsville, were here Tuesday, as witnesses before the county court in a larceny investigation.

Miss Nellie Foster, who has been the guest of relatives here, returned to her home at Kansas City Thursday. She received a telegram Wednesday, announcing the serious illness of her mother.

C. E. Hamlett, mother of Chief of Police Hamlett, left for her home at Booneville, Mo., to spend the summer with Mr. Hamlett's sister, Mrs. Emma Littlefield.

Dr. J. C. Crist left Tuesday night for Chicago, where he will join his wife, who is at present an inmate in a hospital in that city, undergoing treatment for a spinal tumor.

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Bert Jennings, of Odessa, visited friends here Sunday.

Miss Olive Albright is spending several days in Independence.

Rev. F. L. Streeter moved into his elegant new residence, and is visiting the family of her brother, James Waterhouse.

Misses Kate Fombls and Eva Buchman, are the guests of the Misses Man, in this city.

John Finnell, daughter and niece of Liberty, are the guests of relatives, near this city.

Miss Agnes Bragg, of Monroe City, will spend the summer with J. Colvert, near this city.

Hugh Pickett went to Kansas City Monday to accept a position in a clothing house. His many friends wish him success.

Quite a nice rain here Tuesday. Farmers are all busy at present threshing.

E. Hoffer shipped a fine lot of cattle to Kansas City Monday.

The Messes Wheeler, of Keytesville, are guests of Miss Ida Conklin.

E. A. Hawk and son, of St. Louis, are visiting their family at this place.

Mrs. Etta Riley and children, of Kansas City, are visiting her parents at this place.

Mrs. Wm. Wilson is spending the warm days visiting her relatives in Howard county.

Among the numerous visitors of this week, we recognize Mrs. Janie Tull, daughter of Dr. Webb.

Mrs. A. Willis returned home Tuesday, after spending several days with her husband at Dwight, Ill.

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Quite a number of our most prominent citizens attended the funeral of W. B. Steele at Lexington, on last Friday.

Quite a delightful Fourth was enjoyed by all, and especially those who went to Hugginsville to see the fireworks.

Waverly. W. Cooper, of Blackburn, is here.

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