

CURRENT COMMENT.

THE school children of Delaware, by an overwhelming vote, have asked the legislature to adopt the peach blossom as the state flower.

BOSTON maintains an official called the city forester, and during the busy planting season in the spring and fall he has over 100 men at work in beautifying the streets and parks.

THE promotion of Gen. Schofield to be lieutenant-general has caused one more general officer than is needed for the military department. On his retirement, however, in September the old status will be restored.

THE drama has found its way to the borders of the Arctic zone and "The Streets of New York" was recently thrilling the hearts of the sturdy diggers of gold on the banks of the ice fringed Yukon. A stock company gave the play.

SENATOR SHERMAN is to preside over the Ohio republican state convention this year, making the seventh time that he has performed that service. His first appearance as a presiding officer was in the convention of 1853, which nominated Chase for governor.

A SUICIDE club has been formed by the young ladies of Beecher hall at the University of Chicago. They refuse to give the names of the members and declare that as they drop out of the world their names will be learned. The officers of the society embrace a master of ceremonies, director of cortege, deviser of new methods, connoisseur of poems, soothe of consciences, guardian of the knife, toastmaster to the dead, composer of epitaphs and halo modiste.

SENATOR JONES, of Arkansas, one of the members of the United States delegation to the proposed international monetary conference, in a recent interview said that he knew of no progress being made toward the hearing of such a conference and expressed the opinion that the next democratic national platform would declare unequivocally for the free coinage of silver independent of action by other nations, and that the republican platform would declare in favor of bimetalism and an international agreement.

At the conference of the supreme officers of the Knights of Pythias at Indianapolis, Ind., recently it was decided to wage war on the seceders from the order who have started "The Improved Order Knights of Pythias." Chancellor Commander Ritchie was in doubt about the wisdom of bringing on a fight, but the other supreme officers insisted that no quarter should be given. The opposition order had its origin in the action of the last supreme body in deciding that hereafter the English language only should be used in the secret work, and the Germans objected.

THE lion Parnell, belonging to Col. E. Daniel Boone, met his death recently in the Monterey, Mex., bull ring while fighting a Mexican bull. About 7,000 persons occupied seats in the amphitheater and seemed to be highly gratified with the entertainment, though the lion refused to make any attack whatever except as a last extreme, when he was being unmercifully gored. More than a dozen times in all the lion was tossed to the top of the cage and the injuries that he received caused him to die within an hour from the time the fight commenced.

THE waste of wealth in America through conflagrations was considered in an article in the North American Review recently. The American pays proportionately for his fire insurance twelve times as much as the Frenchman, seven times as much as the German, four times as much as the Englishman and much more than the business man in any other European country. The fire insurance premiums in this country average \$300,000,000 a year. By making their buildings fire proof the French cover their annual losses by an outlay of only \$25,000,000 in premiums.

At Portland, Ore., S. Kinsman, stockman and H. Seibel, and the Sichel, capitalists, have incorporated as the Oregon Packing & Fertilizing Co., with a capital stock of \$20,000. The object is to slaughter and can horse meat. These men think they can find a market for the meat in France and Germany. They have 6,000 horses bought, and options on as many more. They will begin slaughtering so soon as machinery for canning can be put in. The new company will receive no accommodation from cattle meat companies, as they refuse to have anything to do with it.

THE action of the pension bureau in construing the legal meaning of dependence under the act of June 27, 1890, has been reversed by Assistant Secretary Reynolds in a decision on a dependent mother's case. The ruling provided that where the property possessed by a mother having no other means of support was so small that it would not yield an income sufficient to support her during her life, it should not deprive her of the right to a pension. By "adequate means of support" the law was interpreted to mean a comfortable maintenance of the pensioner during the remainder of her life.

For the first time, it was said, since the organization of the Grand Army, a department commander has recommended that the national government pension the soldiers of the confederacy. In an address recently at Denver, Col., to the delegates to the state encampment, Gen. N. Rollins declared in favor of financial assistance to needy survivors of the lost cause. The convention received the recommendation with apparent approval, but the resolution for a special committee to present the matter to the national encampment at Pittsburgh next September was tabled after a hot debate.

NEWS OF THE WEEK!

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. The London Times said on the 7th that in consideration of Japan's abandonment of the Liao Tung peninsula, she will receive an additional indemnity of \$50,000,000.

A REPORT from Washington said that the deposits of gold in the mints had fallen off and that private parties were buying the products of the refineries and that the metal was drifting to New York. Many persons thought that the foundation was being laid for another bond deal by the Morgan-Rothschilds syndicate, as the syndicate had an option on any new bonds that might be issued before October 1, and that they were cornering gold to that end.

THE state department has received the reply of Spain to Secretary Gresham's demand in the case of the Alliance. The Madrid government admits that the assault upon the American steamer by the Spanish cruiser was unwarranted, and expresses regret at the occurrence.

At Columbia, S. C., United States Judges Simonton and Goff decided that the provision of the South Carolina dispensary law preventing importations of liquor for private use was contrary to the interstate commerce act and was null and void. An injunction was issued restraining the seizure of such liquor.

THE executive committee of the Democratic Honest Money league at Chicago has decided to at once begin the work of organizing the wards of that city against free silver. This means the first step in a fierce battle for the national delegation, which will be elected next year. The work will be begun in Cook county and the agents of the league will press it until it ramifies throughout all Illinois.

THE general assembly of Delaware adjourned sine die on the 9th without selecting a successor to Senator Higgins, although the republicans claim their leading candidate, Col. Henry A. Dupont, was legally elected. The 21th ballot since the deadlock began four months ago, resulted: Henry A. Dupont, republican, 15; J. Edward Adickes, republican, 4; Edward Ridgeley, democrat, 1.

THE third observance of Wesleyan day, in memory of the founding of the Methodist church, was celebrated at the Auditorium by the Methodists of Chicago on the 9th. Between the addresses, musical numbers were rendered on the great Auditorium organ, a chorus of 1,000 voices taking part.

PRESIDENT THAYNOR of the supreme council of the American Protective association, delivered his annual address at Milwaukee. It was a very long document, making suggestions and recommendations covering practically every leading question of the day.

THE bill making the birthday of Abraham Lincoln a legal holiday has passed both houses of the New York legislature.

MISCELLANEOUS. TWELVE men, employed by the Illinois Steel Co., of Chicago, struck on the 7th, and the strike was expected to extend to other departments. Two of the three furnaces were shut down. The men demanded better wages and asked for more help, claiming that they were compelled to work unnecessarily hard.

THERE was a severe earthquake at Mendocino, Brazil, on the 7th. The inhabitants were terror-stricken and fled from the town. Mendocino is situated about 35 miles southeast from the volcano of Aconagua. The place was destroyed by an earthquake in 1893.

THE region around Camden, Ark., was visited by a bad hailstorm recently, damaging many residences and beating vegetables into the ground. The corn crop was said to be stamped out and would entail new planting. The fruit crop was knocked off fully 90 per cent. A old negro woman was frozen to death and two other negroes were seriously injured by their house blowing down.

THE international convention of the Y. M. C. A. opened its annual session at Springfield, Mass., on the 8th with about 500 delegates present, representing forty states and territories, besides several provinces in Canada. The nomination committee brought in a list of officers and the voters immediately approved. The report showed an aggregate membership of 344,077. The financial reports showed an increase in the property held by the Y. M. C. A. of more than \$2,000,000 with a total of \$16,252,875.

At Coney Island, N. Y., on the 6th Jake Kilrain, of Baltimore, and Steve O'Donnell, of Australia, met in the ring to have a twenty-five round go, but in the twenty-first round O'Donnell knocked Kilrain down and although the Baltimorean staggered to his feet the referee stopped the bout and awarded it to O'Donnell as a matter of mercy. Kilrain looked very beefy when he stripped and O'Donnell's blows lacked force.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Columbia College in New York President Seth Lowe made a formal offer to assume personally the cost of erecting the new college library building as a memorial to his father. The new library, it was estimated, would cost \$1,000,000.

Two armed bandits made a wholesale raid through the country 30 miles east of Guthrie, Ok. Near Tryon, they robbed McClelland of a large sum of money, then went to a neighbor's stable and stole two fresh horses. A number of other houses were visited and the occupants held up. They reached George Ross' place, near Dale, whom they robbed of \$650, a watch and a gun.

FIRE early on the 6th, at Buffalo, N. Y., destroyed M. Strauss & Son's tannery, postal station A. Groben's coal yard, barns, several freight cars, two dwellings, a number of horses and a large amount of stock in East Buffalo. The loss was estimated at \$250,000, with \$125,000 insurance.

JOHN CAMEKON, clerk to the Cincinnati board of health, died on the 9th from the excessive use of cigarettes. The deceased started to death, and from 180 pounds he fell to ninety pounds. He smoked fifty and seventy-five cigarettes a day.

MOSES NEAL, of Oklahoma City, has been appointed to look after the allotments of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians. They have in all about 3,500 claims and it is the intention to lease them so that improvements can be made.

THE action of the National tube works, of McKeesport, Pa., in granting their 4,000 employes an increase of 10 per cent in wages is regarded as very significant in manufacturing circles in Pittsburgh. The National tube works is the largest pipe mill in the world, and as a result of the increase in wages a material advance in the price of pipe is expected soon.

PETER FULLERDA, aged 73, was found dead in his bed in an attic room of a business block in Muskegon, Mich. He begged his living from door to door and was never suspected of having a cent. In the mattress under him was found hidden over \$4,000 in bonds, certificates and cash. He had literally starved to death.

THE boiler in the sawmill of John Bennett, north of Kokomo, Ind., exploded on the 7th, blowing the mill to fragments. James Gatt, the foreman, was instantly killed, and Frank Doan, Fred Phillips and John Busch were badly injured.

AT Eau Claire, Wis., Judge Bailey, in sentencing Elizabeth Harry B. Master, declared that the only way to suppress such cases of embezzlement was to strike at the root of public gambling. The Chicago board of trade, he believed, had caused more distress, ruined more men and wrecked more families than civil war.

ALL the union molders in Indianapolis, Ind., struck on the 9th for a rigid scale of wages from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per day. They were receiving from \$2.00 to \$2.40. A recognition of the union was also demanded. The owners of the ten plants involved will, they said, grant neither demand.

LIGHTNING struck a small boat in the harbor at Duluth, Minn., during a storm on the 9th and two of the occupants were instantly killed.

WHILE a party of workmen were drilling in the rock at the foot of a 30-foot precipice at Unalutown, Pa., a ledge became loosened and fell, burying three of them. Michael Jones was crushed to death, Patrick Ryan was fatally injured and an Italian was seriously hurt. The ten days' lockout of the union painters at Indianapolis has ended. The union painters accepted the terms of the bosses and all went back to work. The bosses on their part agreed to take back the men without prejudice and not to discriminate against union men.

It was reported on the 26th that the British had occupied Corinto and that the Nicaraguans would not pay the indemnity demanded until compelled to do so, in order to avoid being forced to resign office.

THE biennial congress of the American Trotting association was held at Chicago on the 7th. Besides the election of officers several changes in the rules of the association were made.

A MISAPPROPRIATE hail and windstorm visited Dayton, Tenn., on the 6th. The streets were inundated and two of the bridges on the principal streets washed away. A number of small houses were blown over and there was great destruction of growing crops. Gardens and fruit trees were destroyed. No fatalities were reported.

WICHITA, Kan., May 12.—Miss Lucy Gatewood, the young lady who was thrown from a buggy Thursday night, died yesterday. George Ellerton was with the young lady at the time of the accident. He is a young man connected with the railway mail service.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 12.—A complaint charging Governor Morrill with having obtained money under false pretenses was filed in the office of Justice of the Peace Grover yesterday. It is sworn to by G. W. Peters, a storekeeper of the state penitentiary, and contains two counts.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 12.—Lincoln post, G. A. R., the largest in Kansas, has adopted resolutions in which it protests against the erection of a monument in the city of Chicago in memory of the Confederate dead. In even stronger terms the resolutions condemn the G. A. R. post of Chicago, which has signified its intention of participating in the ceremonies at the Confederate monument on Decoration Day.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 12.—W. C. Donaldson, alias W. K. Crow, has been arrested here for a \$4,500 post office robbery at Caldwell, Kan.

KINOMAN, Kan., May 12.—While engaged in making repairs in a mill in this city J. A. Russell, a carpenter, allowed his clothing to come in contact with the main shaft, by which he was thrown on his back across the rapidly revolving shaft and instantly crushed to death as well as horribly mangled.

CADDO, I. T., May 12.—This was the day set for the execution by shooting of Johnson Jacob, a full-blooded Choctaw, at Poshmatata district court grounds, thirty miles east of here, for the murder of his wife last fall. In accordance with the Indian custom he was permitted to go where he pleased since conviction, but news received here shows that he has adopted the white man's tricks and left for parts unknown.

GUTHRIE, O. T., May 12.—Byron Henderson, a colored man, was arrested yesterday on the charge of assaulting Mrs. Mary J. Davis, a white woman. Mrs. Davis is a respectable woman and had hired Henderson to work for her. He kicked in her door, cursed and beat, and choked the woman, inflicting painful wounds.

A Nebraska Town Fire Swept. CHESICO, Neb., May 11.—The entire business portion of this town was destroyed by fire early this morning. The post office, banks, hotel and every store were consumed.

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A BOYCOTT.

Five Republics to Form a Commercial Alliance Against England.

ADM. MEADE'S RETIREMENT.

Detached from the North Atlantic Squadron the Rear Admiral Asks to Be Retired Under the Forty Years' Service Clause.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Five Central American republics will join in a commercial boycott of Great Britain, according to information received here through diplomatic channels. This is one result of the recent building of Nicaragua. Representatives of the Central American republics in this city, while possessing no official information as to the proposed boycott, are, nevertheless, of the opinion that a commercial alliance will result from the recent international complications. The result cannot fail to be of great benefit to citizens of the United States engaged in competing for control of the Central American markets. The business transaction between the five republics of Central America and the outside world is of considerable volume, and covers every branch of industry. The United States and Great Britain have heretofore been close rivals for a division of this trade, with Germany not a bad third. A boycott by Central America against Great Britain means an increase of something like \$15,000,000 per year in the business transacted between citizens of the United States and the Central American republics at the present time, with the prospects of its being steadily and materially augmented.

ADM. MEADE'S RETIREMENT. WASHINGTON, May 11.—Probably the most interesting news of the day is the coming retirement of Rear Admiral Meade of the navy. He has just been detached from the command of the North Atlantic squadron at his own request and has now applied for retirement next month. Adm. Meade's retirement is wholly voluntary and comes to him under that clause of the naval law which permits retirement after forty years of service. It is true that his health has for several years been unsatisfactory, but during the civil war giving him a great deal of trouble, but his relations to the navy department during his command of the squadron for less than a year's duration, have been very unpleasant, and are no doubt the prominent causes of his voluntary retirement. To these wounds his friends attribute his great excitability and nervousness, which have kept him continually in hot water with the navy department since he was placed in command of the home fleet last August, a month before he was promoted to the highest naval rank.

BIG FRAUDS IN CHICAGO. A Million Dollars Probably Stolen from the Public Works Department. CHICAGO, May 11.—Frauds of the grossest nature have been discovered by public works have been uncovered by Commissioner Kent. Dead men, the commissioner declares, have been enrolled and their names forged to time checks. Names have also been duplicated and residences located where there were vacant lots. All of these facts are now in the possession of the commissioner and in course of preparation for submission to the legal department of the city for prosecution. It is estimated that \$1,000,000 has been stolen from the city in this manner.

INTERNATIONAL Y. M. C. A. A Number of Awards Made, but None Have Yet Come West.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 11.—The second day's session of the International Y. M. C. A. conference, devoted almost wholly to routine business. The judges on the educational exhibit nearly completed their work, making most of the awards. More than sixty cities made entries. The highest awards of merit have nearly all been captured by eastern cities. Dayton, O., makes a very remarkable showing, having captured seven first awards. Among the principal awards none went west of Minneapolis.

MUST SEND FORMULA. American Medical Association and Medical Advertisements.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 11.—The American Medical association, during their session yesterday, adopted a recommendation of their board of trustees to the effect that hereafter the journal of the association, which is published in Chicago, will insert no advertisement for any medicine which is not accompanied for publication with the chemists' formula of its preparation.

Fourth-Class Western Postmasters. WASHINGTON, May 11.—These post office appointments were made to-day in Missouri:

At Dodd, Mason county, R. Summers; at Gordonville, Cape Girardeau county, J. Ramsey; at Hutchinson, Ralls county, J. J. Coll; at Martinsburg, Audrain county, Miss M. Douglas; at Stannic, Pulaski county, B. Crismon.

In Oklahoma.—At Warren, Greer county, W. S. Winney.

An Inventor's Bad Fate. ST. LOUIS, May 11.—Andrew H. Lucas, inventor of the Lucas ship and of a successful grain binder, died to-day at the city hospital from dementia, resulting from business disappointments. The deceased was deprived of the benefits accruing from his inventions.

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AFTER GOV. MORRILL.

A Kansas Penitentiary Clerk Swears to Criminal Charges.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 11.—A complaint charging Gov. E. N. Morrill with having obtained money under false pretenses was filed in the office of Justice of the Peace Grover this afternoon. It is sworn to by G. W. Peters, a storekeeper of the state penitentiary, and contains two counts. One charge is that the governor signed a voucher authorizing the auditor of state to issue a warrant for \$166 to J. L. Bristow and the other that he signed a voucher authorizing a warrant in favor of Charles Hull for \$75, and that the vouchers both set forth that they were for services rendered to the state.

Justice Grover said soon after the complaint had been filed that he would not issue a warrant for Gov. Morrill's arrest until he had been directed to do so by County Attorney Safford. Mr. Safford had not been informed of the proceedings when a reporter saw him at 3 o'clock, but he said that if the facts were as stated to him by the reporter he would not order a warrant. He said the vouchers signed by the governor plainly showed that they were for services rendered by Bristow and Hull before he (Morrill) was governor and that such being the case there was no false pretense in the transaction and an examination before a justice of the peace would be a silly piece of business.

THE BREIDENBACH AFFAIR. The Kansas Bank Commissioner Pays the Amount of His Alleged Shortage.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 11.—State Bank Commissioner Breidenbach Thursday paid into the state treasury \$215—the amount of fees collected on hand—and later his deputy, Frank Osborn, settled for April and turned in \$340 more, making \$1,255—the entire amount due to the state. Deputy M. A. Waterman is expected to arrive Saturday and on Monday his collections will be turned in.

Assistant Attorney-General Godard says that the state has not yet decided whether it will take any action on State Assessor Chalmers' report of the affairs of the bank commissioner's office. The only action authorized by law is a criminal prosecution for malfeasance in office, which, in the event of a verdict of guilty, would be followed by removal from office. But it is not believed by lawyers that Breidenbach has laid himself open to a criminal charge, and, if that be true, Mr. Jones' only chance of getting the office Breidenbach holds is by the proceedings now pending in the supreme court.

A MUDDLED CASE. The Attorneys for Dr. Buchanan, the Wife Poisoner, Claim That He Is Legally Dead.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The attorneys of Dr. Buchanan, the convicted wife murderer, who was to have been electrocuted during the week of April 22, but to whom two reprieves were granted by the governor, claim that he is legally dead and cannot now be punished by electricity. The sentence was not carried out, as the attorneys for the defense claimed that he had applied to the United States supreme court acted as a stay, and Attorney-General Hancock advised Warden Sage to wait until this appeal had been acted upon. Tuesday District Attorney Fellows reported that there was in fact no appeal pending which was operative in this case. He claimed that the courts had already decided that an appeal in such a case could not be entertained. Therefore he held that there was no legal obstacle in the way of Buchanan's electrocution on the date fixed by the second respite granted by Gov. Morton.

KNIGHTS OF THE ROAD. Commercial Travelers of Kansas and Oklahoma Make Merry at Topeka.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 11.—The fourth annual meeting of the grand council of United Commercial Travelers of Kansas and Oklahoma began this morning with a reception after which Mayor Fellows and G. C. Burton delivered addresses of welcome and Grand Counselor W. F. Tuttle, of Concordia, responded. Afterward short speeches were made by H. J. Dowd, of Chicago, W. L. Day, of Concordia, senior grand chancellor, and J. A. Kimball, of Salina. Then the regular business meeting began behind closed doors, lasting with an adjournment, until 4 p. m., when an adjournment was taken to representative hall, where addresses were delivered by Lieut. Gov. Troutman and others. The programme at night included a reception and ball.

FARMERS VS. CATTLEMEN. Oklahoma Agriculturists Threaten to Drive Out Free Range Cattle.

GUTHRIE, Ok., May 11.—In 4 county in the extreme western part of the territory, the free range cattlemen won a free range election a few days ago. Now the farmers declare that the election was carried by fraud, scores of Texas cowboys being voted illegally, and have armed themselves. The house and barns of J. B. Nicholas, a cattleman, were destroyed by fire and a county official, who sided with the cattlemen, has been given twenty-four hours to leave the county.

Fire Causes Attempt at Suicide. BURLINGTON, Kan., May 11.—The business block occupied by J. A. Mosher, jeweler, was destroyed by fire last night, but the stock was mostly saved. Incendiarism was undoubtedly the cause of the fire. Soon afterward Mosher attempted suicide, but physicians succeeded in saving his life.

An Alderman Makes a Haunt. STOKES FIELDS, N. D., May 11.—Acting Alderman Sampson has disappeared with \$765 of salmon fines. The fines have been illegally collected by the city, which has no right to allow the places to run, and Sampson cannot be arrested for embezzlement as the money did not belong to the city.

The Hannibal (Mo.) Daily Times has suspended publication.



OKLAHOMA NEWS.

Judge Pitzer is a great favorite with the Indians. Judge Scott and Judge Bierr have agreed to change districts. It is denied that there is more than \$1,500 in the office of oil inspector.

All the white people in the Cherokee nation are to meet at Wagoner on the 24. Indianoma has been suggested as a name for the new state by the single statehood people.

The county clerks and treasurers of Oklahoma must now pay their deputies out of their salaries. The wheelmen of the territory met in Oklahoma City last Saturday and perfected their organization.

Slaughter Kid was a vain fellow. When his body was searched a hand mirror was found in his coat pocket. The Catholic church dedicated at Vinita Sunday before last, is the first Catholic church in the Cherokee nation.

Last week 730 Pawnee Indians drew money from the government—thirty less than participated in the distribution last year. The Medford Patriot says that for pure bliss the Israelites at the fall of manna weren't in it with the Oklahomans when it rained.

Three men confined in the Woodward county jail one day last week secured a gun and compelled the guard to liberate them. They then armed themselves and struck out for the hills north of town. At Yukon the residence of H. W. Nafziger was struck by lightning and considerable damage done. Mr. Nafziger and the children were lying in the bed and were not injured. The bed was torn to pieces. Mrs. Nafziger was seriously injured.

Some one appeared at the door of the church in Yukon during meeting and yelled "cyclone coming!" There was a panic at once and there would have been several people hurt had not a man less excited than the others stationed himself at the door with a cane and beat the crowd back. Mr. and Mrs. Byre who lived near Yukon died very suddenly one day recently. Physicians pronounced the cause of death to be arsenical poisoning. It is thought the poison was in the milk they drank. The deceased were young people and recently married. An investigation will be made.

There is a movement on foot among the newspaper men of Kansas and Oklahoma to raise money enough by subscription to erect a monument over the grave of Milt Reynolds. The city of Edmond has purchased twenty acres of land for a cemetery. The choice lot in this cemetery is set apart for the body of Milt Reynolds. The grave now lies unmarked. A Blaine county farmer had some experience with a desperado one day last week. A man rode up and asked for his dinner; after eating he handed the farmer a \$20 bill which the farmer changed. He returned the same evening and got his supper, and when done he drew a head on the farmer and told him to donate. After complying the robber handed him fifty cents saying he always paid for his meals.

A man is going around the country, says an exchange, claiming to be John the Baptist. He has light hair and chin whiskers and looks like a farmer. The editor goes on in a friendly adjuration: "We desire to warn our readers if he should make them a call not to trust him, as he is not what he purports to be. We have taken pains to look the matter up and find as a result of our investigation that John the Baptist is dead."

Wichita Eagle: The news comes from Fairland of a sensational shooting affray in which John J. Smith lost his life. I. N. McConnell was shot through the shoulder and Andy Mathias received a blow over the eye which may cause death. The deputy marshal took McConnell and Mathias to Fort Smith where McConnell was refused bail. Mathias was bound over in the sum of \$750. McConnell has the sympathy of the community as Smith was a very rough man.

Wichita Eagle: President Cleveland will be accosted in a few days by a young and pretty Apache squaw from the Indian territory who is going to Washington and the White House on purpose to make a personal appeal to him to save her from a fate which she looks on with terror. Rosa Whiteface has been sold to a greasy Indian 61 years old, the husband of her sister, to be his second wife, and the price agreed upon with her father for the sacrifice is fifteen pounds. Rosa is at present a pupil in the Caddo Indian school near Fort Reno, O. T. She is 17 years old and is pronounced bright and handsome by those who have seen her.

A Guthrie dispatch says: The ill-fated saloon building in Ingalls which was so badly perforated by bullets nearly two years ago by the officers in their efforts to capture the Dalton gang, and which time several bullets were killed, was the scene of another shooting scrape in which William Halstead was the victim of an assassin's bullet.

RENEWING THEIR YOUTH.

A Strange Story from a Nebraska Village.

The Villagers Excited Over the Increased Health and Vigor of the Older Inhabitants—The Experience of Two "Vas."

(From the World-Herald, Omaha, Neb.) A World-Herald reporter was attracted by the evidence of renewed activity of some of the older inhabitants of the village of Florence, a suburb of Omaha, Neb., and enquired the cause. Mr. Andrew Finkenheer, who was a member of Company B of the First Iowa Volunteers during the war, made the following explanation so far as he himself is concerned:

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