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SUMMARY OF LATE NEWS BY WIRE.

IN A MEXICAN JAIL.

CASE OF AN AMERICAN TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Mrs. Evelyne Collier in Prison for Killing a Mexican Who Broke Into Her Home and Attempted to Assault Her—Other Items.

American in Mexican Jail.

Two letters received in San Francisco from Mrs. Evelyne Collier, in jail at Hermosillo, Mexico, tell the story of her arrest, trial and sentence to four years' imprisonment for shooting and killing a Mexican who forced himself into her home when she was alone and attempted to assault her. She is an American woman who lived with her brother, Wm. Frost, at Ures, Sonora. March 31, while her brother was absent, a Mexican broke in the door. A scuffle over the possession of a pistol then ensued, both having hold of the weapon. Mrs. Collier pushed the man outside the door, when the pistol was discharged. He fell dead, but she locked and barred the door without ascertaining this fact. For this she was convicted and sentenced. The attention of Senator Perkins has been directed to the case. He promises to take the matter up to the end that an investigation be made and the release of the prisoner effected if the statements made by her are verified.

YOUNG WOMAN MURDERED.

Miss Belle Slavin, a Stenographer, Killed in a Bank at Wichita.

When the body of Miss Belle Slavin of Wichita, Kan., was found at 2 o'clock last Friday morning in the office of the National Bank of Commerce, death having resulted from a bullet wound in the head, it was supposed that she had committed suicide. Later, developments seem to indicate that the young woman was murdered. Coroner McLaughlin now says her death was not suicidal, and the police are working upon the theory that murder had been done.

Miss Slavin, who was the bank's stenographer, was permitted to take in outside work, and was frequently employed by commercial travelers and other strangers, work of this kind often keeping her in the office at the bank until 10 o'clock at night. Mr. Johns, president of the bank, now states that on Thursday afternoon a strange man came to the bank and asked to have some work done. Miss Slavin told him to bring it around after 6 o'clock. Mr. Johns says that he observed the stranger surveying the interior of the bank. While waiting for the stranger to keep his appointment, Miss Slavin evidently busied herself with writing letters to friends, for when her body was found three sealed letters were found, one addressed to a young woman in Kansas City, one to S. P. Low, Portland, Ore., and one to Austin Akin of South Haven. All these letters were written in a pleasant vein, and there was nothing to indicate self destruction. A barber who passed the bank at 8 o'clock saw her standing before the window apparently waiting for some one. Another citizen heard a pistol shot just after 8 o'clock. When Miss Slavin's father, the president of the bank, and another citizen went to the bank in search of her at 2 o'clock in the morning they found the bank door unlocked, papers were scattered around the floor, the contents of several drawers were disarranged, and Miss Slavin's keys were missing. The revolver found by the young woman's side was not her own. Her own weapon was found in a drawer. The theory of the police is that the murderer expected to secure valuables or money.

LIKELY TO END IN A TRAGEDY

Prominent Young Men of Fresno, Cal., Have a Brutal Fight.

Gregory Quigley and Morris Zeberg, prominent young men living near Fresno, Cal., were participants in a brutal ring contest, three miles south of the city, which is likely to result in a tragedy. In the thirty-first round, Zeberg slipped and fell to the floor. As he was falling, Quigley landed on his head. He was removed to his home and since that time has remained unconscious. Attending physicians say he cannot recover.

TRAIN WRECK IN KANSAS.

Union Pacific Passenger Is Ditched and Three Persons Injured.

The Union Pacific passenger train No. 1 was ditched at 9:30 o'clock Sunday at Ogdensburg, a little station seven miles east of Junction City, Kan. Three persons are reported seriously and perhaps fatally injured. The train struck a split switch. The engine, tender, express car, mail car and day coach were ditched, the sleeper remaining on the track.

Fire in Quebec Province.

The village of St. Raymond, thirty-five miles from Quebec, was almost wiped out by a fire Monday morning. About forty buildings were burned and the convent badly damaged. The loss is about $50,000; well insured.

Settled by Compromise.

The strike of 1,200 textile workers at Brunn, Moravia, after lasting two months, has been settled by a compromise

WILL HELP ALGER.

Gov. Pingree Forms Political Combine with War Secretary.

Gov. Pingree of Michigan has given out a public statement to the effect that he has combined with Alger in the interests of the latter's senatorial candidacy. The platform of the campaign will be opposition to the trusts, and senatorial elections by popular vote.

"I avoided committing myself heretofore," said Pingree, "because I wanted an opportunity to talk with the general first. But all along Alger has been my personal choice for senator. Of course I can't speak for my friends, but those I have talked with are Alger men beyond all question. They cannot support Senator McMillan. They certainly cannot be classed as friends of mine if they do. They cannot forget eight years of political history in a day, nor can they live with representatives of judicious combination and unequal taxation and pretend at the same time to be friends of equal and just taxation and foes to trusts. At our meeting Alger told us frankly the history of his relations with McMillan in the matter of the senatorship. He has dealt with Alger the same as he has treated every one who questions his ownership of the Republican party. Alger is in the race and to stay to the end."

TERRIBLE MINE EXPLOSION.

Three Killed and Two Injured at Rossland, B. C.

About 11 o'clock last Saturday morning a terrible explosion took place in the War Eagle mine, near Rossland, B. C., the scene of the fatality of a month ago, and in consequence three men are dead, another is probably fatally injured and a fifth is seriously hurt. Five men were working in the 625-foot level when one of the drills struck a "missed hole," where a shot had failed to go off. A frightful explosion took place, and Charles Post and Charles Lee were instantly killed and Mike Griffin, a married man, was so badly injured that he died on the way to the hospital. Dan Green is injured beyond recovery. Charles Counsin received severe injuries to his right arm, the flesh being torn off, but the surgeons have hopes of his recovery.

DROUTH DESTROYS RANGES

Cattle and Sheep Industry in a Bad Way in Colorado.

According to reports received in Denver by Secretary Charles F. Martin of the National Live Stock Association, the drouth has destroyed all the large Colorado ranges. "The reports coming to this office," said Mr. Martin, "show that unless there is speedy relief from present conditions the loss to stockmen will be something enormous. Even should the cattle and sheep survive the summer they will be so poor and emaciated when the snows come that they will drop like leaves from the forest."

Already cattle are dying in the San Luis valley, where the drouth has assumed a serious phase. Like conditions, varying in severity, are reported from Northern New Mexico, parts of Oklahoma, the Indian nation, Western Kansas and Southern Utah.

WILL FIGHT P. D. ARMOUR.

Southern Fruit Growers Are Said to Have formed an Organization.

It is reported that P. D. Armour is at the head of a movement to attempt to control the fruit and vegetable trade. J. W. Coupland, manager of the California Fruit Transportation Company, is authority for the statement. Mr. Coupland has just returned from a meeting of the fruit growers of the South, held at Wilmington, N. C., at which, he said, an organization was effected to fight Armour's plan. It was said that Mr. Armour, assisted by others, has secured control of the fruit trade of the Pacific coast and that he is now endeavoring to get control of the fruit and vegetable trade of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas.

ABRAM GOULD DEAD.

Brother of the Famous Financier—Well Known by Railroad Men.

A telegram from Salem, N. Y., announces the death there of Abram Gould, a brother of Jay Gould, who, for many years was purchasing agent for the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain Railway Company. His health had been very poor for several months and recently in company with his son Mr. Gould went east for a rest. Mr. Gould was 56 years old. He was a very quiet and unostentatious man, who never mentioned his relationship with Jay Gould.

Graphophone on Witness Stand.

In police Judge Conlan's court in San Francisco a graphophone was used to present a statement made by George Frederick Trueworthy, a young man accused of murdering one Landsman during a fight some weeks ago. The attorneys for the defense argued against admitting the talking machine, but the Court ordered otherwise and the statement issued from the trumpet in clear, distinct tones.

Bicycles Are Vehicles.

The attorney general of Illinois has rendered an opinion that bicycles are vehicles in legal contemplation, and drivers of vehicles are required to turn to the right and give them part of the road, the same as any other passing vehicle.

Murdered by His Wife.

Harvey J. Ramsay, a ticket seller at Madison Square Garden, New York, was killed by his wife, Mrs. Ramsay, who is thought to be insane. She cut his throat with a razor as he lay sleeping.

GETS AWAY WITH $10,000.

A Daring Sneak Thief Makes a Big Haul in Boston.

A sneak thief entered the Metropolitan National Bank in Boston Thursday and stole $10,000 while the paying teller's attention was drawn away for a moment. The thief came to the teller's window and asked directions about sending a money order. The teller gave him the information. The stranger stood at the counter, apparently making notes. Just then the teller was called to another part of the bank. The visitor quickly thrust his arm through the grating, snatched fifty $100 and five $1,000 notes. A young lady stenographer in the bank saw the action, but before she could give the alarm the thief escaped. He was apparently 28 years of age and well dressed.

The thief was arrested as he was alighting from a train in New York.

MILES MAY SUCCEED OTIS.

Said McKinley Will Send the Army Commander to Philippines.

A Special from Atlantic City says: "Nelson A. Miles, the general commanding the United States army, will in all probability be given the post he has ardently sought—that of commanding officer of the Philippine forces. The visit of Gen. Miles to Philadelphia was followed by a telegram from Washington which intimated, it is understood, the intention of President McKinley to assign him to duty in the far-away East. In further substantiation of this, Gen. Miles is said to have told a personal friend that he would in all probability leave for Manila within a week."

FRENCH CRISIS OVER.

Rousseau's Second Attempt to Form a Cabinet Successful.

Waldeck-Rousseau, who was again called upon Thursday morning by Presdent Loubet of France to form a ministry, accomplished the task and called on Loubet with his coleagues in the evening. The new cabinet is as follows: Premier and minister interior, Waldeck-Rousseau; foreign affairs, Delcasse; war, Gen. Callifet; marine, Delanessan; justice, Monis; finanace, Caillaux; public instruction, Leygues; colonies, Decrais; agriculture, Jean Dupuy; public works, Daudin;

WILL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

President Decides to Form at Least Nine Regiments.

A special dispatch from Washington to the Chicago Tribune June 22 said that President McKinley had decided to call for volunteers for service in the Philippines. It has been decided to form at least nine regiments and possibly twelve.

Window Glass Prices Advance.

The window glass combine, known as the American Glass Company, has again advanced the prices of window glass. The increase ranges from 5 to 10 per cent. and takes effect immediately. The new combination has offered a rebate to customers purchasing their entire output from September to July.

Aid Fellow Craftsmen.

The National Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes in session at Cincinnati endorsed the Denver strike and appropriated $500 for the support of the strikers. The president, the secretary and the treasurer made reports, which showed a comfortable balance in the treasury.

Khalifa Is Defeated.

A Cairo dispatch states that the khalifa has been defeated, with heavy loss by natives friendly to the British. He fled to the woods with a few followers. His capture is imminent.

Hanged for Killing His Mother.

Benjamin Parrott was hanged at Hamilton, Ont., for the murder of his mother. He left a confession.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, $3.00 to $5.75; hogs, shipping grades, $3.00 to $4.00; sheep, fair to choice, $3.00 to $5.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 74c to 75c; corn, No. 2, 34c to 35c; oats, No .2, 24c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 60c to 62c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 19c; eggs, fresh, 12c to 14c; potatoes, choice new, 52c to 65c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, $3.00 to $5.50; hogs, choice light, $2.75 to $4.00; sheep, common to choice, $2.50 to $4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 74c to 75c; corn, No. 2 white, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 30c.

St. Louis—Cattle, $3.50 to $5.75; hogs, $3.00 to $4.00; sheep, $3.00 to $5.00; wheat, No. 2, 76c to 77c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2, 26c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 56c to 58c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, $2.50 to $5.75; hogs, $3.00 to $4.00; sheep, $2.50 to $4.50; wheat, No. 2, 73c to 75c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 35c to 37c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 64c to 66c.

Detroit—Cattle, $2.50 to $5.75; hogs, $3.00 to $4.00; sheep, $2.50 to $4.75; wheat, No. 2, 78c to 80c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 30c; ryefi 59c to 61c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 76c to 77c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 25c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 58c to 60c; clover seed, new, $3.95 to $4.05.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 3, 34c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 30c; rye, No. 1, 59c to 61c; barley, No. 2, 41c to 43c; pork, mess, $8.00 to $8.50.

Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, $3.00 to $5.75; hogs, common to choice, $3.25 to $4.00; sheep, fair to choice wethers, $3.50 to $5.00; lambs, common to extra, $4.50 to $6.25.

New York—Cattle, $3.25 to $5.75; hogs, $3.00 to $4.50; sheep, $3.00 to $5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 82c to 83c; corn, No. 2, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 33c; butter, creamery, 15c to 20c; eggs, Western, 14c to 16c.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Prayers Would Not Save George Sperry's Child at Falls City—"Divine Healers" Lock the Father Out and Throw Medicine Away.

Prayers Would Not Save Child.

The 3-year-old child of George Sperry of Falls City died under sad circumstances. The mother is a believer in the doctrine of "divine healing," and would not permit a doctor to be called. The child rapidly grew worse, until the father pleaded with one of the doctors to call and do what he could to relieve the suffering of the little one. He did so and the child grew better and was on the road to recovery. The doctor's son remained with the sick child most of one night and it was only by force that he administered to the child, the "healers" swarming around him all the while, praying for him, saying that everything he handled was possessed with the devil. The child had a high fever and the "healers" would not as much as give it water. When the doctor left the next morning they threw the medicine away, ordered the visitors out of the house, locked the father in the kitchen and began praying over the child, and kept it up until the baby died.

DECIDE TO MEET IN OMAHA.

Fusion Parties Will Hold State Conventions Aug. 25.

The State central committees of the three fusion parties met in Lincoln last week and decided to hold their State conventions in Omaha Aug. 22. The Democratic State Central Committee met in the same chamber in the State House and the Populists and Free Silver Republicans in the Lincoln Hotel. The Democrats favored holding their State convention in Omaha Sept. 6, and the Populists voted before conferring with the other committees to hold their convention in Grand Island on the same date. The Free Silver Republicans held out for Lincoln and an early convention. On account of the difference of opinion conference committees were appointed with power to act. These committees reached a decision, all voting in favor of Omaha. The advocates of Grand Island turned in for the State metropolis as soon as it was evident that the convention could not be secured for that city. The different committees were addressed in the afternoon and evening by W. J. Bryan, "Coin" Harvey and other prominent fusionists.

WIND TEARS THINGS.

Country Around Memphis and Beaver City Visited.

Last week Thursday two cyclone clouds formed within a few miles of Memphis, eight miles northwest of Ashland. One started about two miles west of the town and traveled in a southeasterly direction, passing just south of the B. & M. depot. The other one formed about three miles directy north and traveled directly east, lifting great clouds of dust. It struck the house on the Newman farm, tearing the roof off the house and picking up the numerous outbuildings and carrying them a distance of fifty rods and dashing them to pieces. Large trees were entirely uprooted and in the fields great masses of earth were torn up, leaving holes in the ground two and three feet deep. Nobody was injured.

On the same day a small twister passed near Beaver City, in the Sappa valley. It wrenched barns, sheds and windmills and scattered hay stacks in all directions. The wind was accompanied by a deluge of rain and hail, the latter being a foot deep in some places. Crops were damaged considerably.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Will Be Held at Omaha, Thursday, Sept. 21.

At a meeting of the Republican State Central Committee held in Omaha it was decided to hold the State convention in Omaha on Sept. 21.

Change of Express Companies.

A special train from Sioux City on the Sioux City, O'Neill and Western road, brought a party of Great Northern Express officials to O'Neill, accompanied by officials of the road. The trip was one of inspection, preparatory to the Great Northern Express Company taking charge of the express business on the line July 1, now handled by the American Express Company. The Great Northern Railway Company will take charge of the Sioux City, O'Neill and Western Railroad on the same date.

Arrested by the Marshal.

James Harney of Edgar was arrested last week by the United States marshal and taken to Omaha to answer the charge of fraudulent use of the United States mails for the purpose of selling "green goods." Mr. Harney, who has been held in high esteem at Edgar denies the charge and says he feels confident that no such charge can be sustained.

Barns and Horses Burned.

Fire on the farm of William Luedke, west of West Point, totally destroyed two large barns and burned eight head of valuable horses. Four hundred bushels of oats, 200 bushels of corn, besides farm implements and hay, were completely destroyed. Insuranee on barns, $275; on horses, $200. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Livery Stable Almost Total Loss.

The livery stable of Edward Wegene of Norfolk was almost entirely destroyed by fire. There was a small insurance on the building, but none on the contents.

Child Breaks Both Arms.

Byron Morrill, aged 7 years, son of Dr. and Mrs. Morrill, fell from a step ladder at Hastings and broke both arms between the wrists and elbows.

Postoffice Discontinued.

The postoffice at Dewey, Holt County, has been discontinued. Mail will be sent to Ewing.

FIRST NEBRASKA RECEPTION

Committee of Arrangements Hold an Important Meeting.

At a meeting of seventy representative citizens of Nebraska, held in Omaha June 22, it was decided to give the First Nebraska Volunteers a rousing reception on their return from the Philippines. The regiment will be mustered out at San Francisco and the State will furnish a special train to bring the soldiers from that city to Omaha, where a reception will take place. A committee of fifty was appointed to take the matter in charge. The Second and Third regiments, the former of which spent its time at Chickamauga Park, and the latter of which did garrison duty in Cuba, will co-operate in entertaining the First. It was also decided to erect in the Omaha City Hall a memorial tablet to the soldiers who met death in the Philippines.

At the Governor's office in Lincoln was received the following cablegram from Col. Mulford of the First Nebraska:

"Manila, June 20: To Governor, Lincoln, Neb.: Colton ordered discharged, Manila, would like all vacancies filled before sailing, 22d. MULFORD."

The promotions in the First Regiment were announced June 21, and the following cablegram was sent to Col. Mulford:

"Mulford, Manila: Following appointments made fill vacancies contingent on acceptance of resignations Colton, Zillinger, Naracong, Hansen. Appointments date from acceptance resignations: Eager, lieutenant colonel; Kilian, major; Moore, captain, K; Dungan, first lieutenant, H; Coleman, second lieutenant, C; Richards, captain, E; Osborne, first lieutenant, L; Flick, second lieutenant, M; White, first lieutenant, E; Kleinhen, second lieutenant, E; Wadsworth, first lieutenant, I; Todd, second lieutenant, E; Shaffer, second lieutenant, L."

NEMAHA COUNTY MURDER.

Wealthy Farmer of Julian Found Dead in His House.

The partially decomposed body of St. John Bahaud, a wealthy farmer who lived alone near Julian, was found in his house June 18. Bahaud was last seen alive on Thursday before, and a search revealed the corpse. After the work of an autopsy had been completed the coroner's jury found that both frontal and parietal bones had been crushed by some blunt instrument, but there was nothing to indicate that a ball had passed through the brain. To all appearance both hands and one foot had been burned, probably to force the victim to tell where his money was hidden. The house had been ransacked, but no one can have any idea as to the amount of money, if any, secured. It was generally believed the old man had large sums of money hidden about the place, though the story was discredited by those who knew him best. He was the owner of about 600 acres of land from which he received good rent besides a number of good buildings in Julian. In opening a tin box in which were kept deeds and valuable papers the robber evidently cut his hand so that it bled profusely, as there was blood on the papers and all about the room. This led to the hope that a scent might be secured by bloodhounds and the Beatrice hounds were sent for. There is great excitement in the vicinity of Julian over the murder and should the guilty parties be apprehended there would be one case of lynching in Nemaha County.

Diamond Thief Caught.

The man who stole diamonds from A. Mandelberg's jewelry establishment in Omaha has been apprehended. His name is Albert Peterson and he was a trusted employe of the store for two years previous to May 1, when he resigned. Peterson said he stole the goods when cleaning the showcases. "It was easy," he said, "to pretend to be cleaning the inside of a showcase with a chamois skin and when no one was looking to pick up and hide something valuable in the folds of the chamois." The value of the articles stolen amounted to $1,000.

Boy Loses Both Legs.

Bert Lock, the 16-year-old son of William M. Lock of Central City, met with a serious and what may prove a fatal accident. He in company with several other boys, were at the Platte River swimming. As they were ready to return an extra B. & M. came along and they undertook to catch a ride back to town. Young Lock missed his footing and fell under the wheels. One foot was cut off and the ankle badly crushed. Physicians amputated both legs, one at the ankle and the other below the knee.

Franklin County Institute.

The county institute commenced at Bloomington for a two-weeks' session June 21. Seventy-two were enrolled at the opening and it is expected that 125 teachers will be present. The following are assisting Superintendent Hussong as instructors: O. Hubbell of Fairfield, L. B. Smutz of Riverton, T. A. Magorion of Hildreth, Miss Jennie Robertson of Franklin and Robert A. Boyd of Bloomington.

Nebraska Short Notes.

The Holbrook Methodists have dedicated a new church.

A Funk farmer was worked for $200 by a lightning rod man.

Chadron is making an effort to secure a telephone system.

North Bend has let the contract for a system of waterworks.

The Gouley creamery is making from 400 to 500 pounds of cheese per day.

The Beaver City creamery handled 5,142 pounds of milk one day last week.

The preliminary steps have been taken toward the organization of a building and loan association in Sidney.

Truman Sabine of Niobrara has a large private library and has given its use free to the young people of the town.

August Drees of Knox County was so badly injured by the bursting of an emery wheel that he died a few days afterward.

Two children of W. H. Rist of Norfolk, aged 10 and 8 years, were poisoned by eating candy colored with analine. Both are in a serious condition, but it is thought they will recover.

Chadron district camp meeting will be held on the camp grounds at Crawford July 13 to 24 inclusive. The district Epworth League July 12 and 13.

TRICK OF THE TICKET SELLERS.

How Circus Patrons Sometimes Are Cheated Out of Their Money.

"'Short-changing' or 'flim-flamming,' is practiced by an unscrupulous class of ticket sellers," said an old-time circus ticket seller, "the opportunities that the business offers being greater than that of any other that I know of. Everything is bustle and confusion, a man loses his head, doesn't think to count his change, and becomes an easy victim, when under ordinary circumstances he'd detect the fraud. I'll attempt to describe to you one of the commonest tricks of 'flim-flamming' on an extensive scale: A man approaches the booth, hunts in his pocket for change, and finally pulls out a $10 bill. The ticket seller takes the preliminary performance in at a glance and knows to a dead moral certainty that the man hasn't anything smaller. He looks at the bill a moment, then sizes up his cash, as if in doubt, then suddenly he turns to his victim and says:

"'Is this the smallest you've got?'

"The man tells him that it is. All of this has consumed but a fraction of a minute, you'd say, but in point of fact it has given the sharper a chance to fold the bill in such a way that none of the figures are visible, and there is nothing to indicate what its denomination is. The bill is passed deftly from the right to the left hand, in the palm of which is concealed a $1 bill folded in precisely the same manner. It is the work of only a second to substitute one for the other, the ticket seller apologizing all the while for his inability to make change, and the victim walks off unsuspectingly with $1 where he had $10, and the chances are that he doesn't discover his mistake until some moments later. And then he fails to get satisfaction, for, of course, the short-change artist denies the fraud emphatically.

"The ordinary way of handing a man short change in silver is beautifully simple. Say, for instance, a man buys two 50-cent tickets and tenders a $5 bill. Three dollars and a half in small change is placed in his hand hurriedly and he walks off without counting it. Eventually he finds out that he's 50 cents 'shy,' but it is too late to make a kick. The short-change man knows who to 'flim-flam' and who to treat squarely. He sizes up his man at a glance and can come pretty near telling whether he'll count his money or not before leaving. That's where his knowledge of human nature comes into play.

"Ticket selling is a profitable employment outside of any illegitimate gains. A man can always count on finding his cash $5 to $6 'over' at the end of the day. The per cent of people who get excited in the confusion of the moment and leave their change on the counter is always great. This overplus goes to the seller, and the economically inclined showman doesn't have to touch his salary during the month."—Atlanta Constitution.

LAW AS INTERPRETED.

A provision that none but union labor shall be employed is held, in Adams vs. Brenan (Ill.), 42 L. R. A. 718, to be beyond the power of a public corporation, such as a board of education, to make in a contract, as it constitutes a discrimination between different classes of citizens, and is of such a nature as to restrict competition and increase the cost of the work.

An act changing election districts after they have once been established by a statute based upon the last census and before a new census has been taken is held, in Harmison vs. Ballot Commissioners (W. Va.), 42 L. R. A. 591, to be in violation of West Virginia constitution, art. 6, sec. 10, which permits but one apportionment, after a census until the next census is taken.

A statute making a fire department association the recipient of privilege or occupation taxes collected from insurance companies and imposing on it the duty of disbursing or administering the fund is held, in Phoenix Assurance Company vs. Fire Department (Ala.), 42 L. R. A. 468, to be not unconstitutional on that ground, where the money is applied to a public use.

An attempt to commence an action in a court of record by delivering a summons to the sheriff with intent that it be served, which is made equivalent to the commencement of an action in New York, is held, in Hamilton vs. Royal Insurance Company (N. Y.), 42 L. R. A. 485, to be sufficient commencement of an action on a fire insurance policy under a statute requiring the action to be brought within twelve months after the fire.

Many Hands.

A pair of gloves passes through nearly two hundred hands, from the moment that the skin leaves the dresser's till the time when the gloves are purchased.

Common sense is easier than nonsense. It is common sense to believe what you know; it is nonsense to believe a lot of unreasonable stuff that other people tell you.

With a man of 50, the raffle is over, and he knows he hasn't won anything. But a young man of 19 or 20 is just shaking the box for his first throw.