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NEWS AND COMMENT.

AN Indiana man has opened a new field of industry by starting a 'possum farm.

HANNA, Quay and Clark form a triumvirate, the like of which few countries can produce.

EUGENE V. DEBBS is an avowed candidate for President on the Amalgamated Socialist ticket.

ONE can't help wondering how different things would be if Porto Rico had a few electoral votes.

THE latest official figures of casualties in South Africa show that the British total in killed, wounded and missing is 14,636.

MAYOR HEAD has won another victory over the Nashville American and the corporations. This time it was on the question of municipal ownership of an electric light plant.

THE Republican Congressional convention held at Elkhart, Ind., refused to endorse the McKinley administration on account of the stand taken by the President and Congress on the Porto Rican tariff bill.

THE Goebel Reward Commission organized Thursday and fixed the rewards which are to be paid out of the \$100,000 appropriation. The amount offered is \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of each accessory or principal, with the provision that if the number shall exceed ten the rewards shall be appropriated from the \$50,000.

J. J. RAWLINGS, the oldest citizen of Memphis, is dead. Had he lived until the 19th of next month he would have been 93 years of age. He came to Memphis when but 18 years of age, and, therefore, lived here for 77 years. He saw Memphis grow from an insignificant Indian trading post in the wilderness to its present imposing magnitude.

THE National House of Representatives Thursday unseated Gaston A. Robbins, a Democrat, from the Fourth Alabama district, and seated William F. Aldrich, Republican. It is the third time Mr. Aldrich has contested from the same district on the same grounds of fraud, getting the seat each time from the Republican majority in the House.

REPRESENTATIVE PAYNE, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, was fairly stumped the other day. He announced that the President had increased the value of the Porto Rican peso from 41 to 62 cents by a decree. He was at once asked by Mr. Norton of Ohio, why the value of the United States silver dollar could not similarly be raised by legislation. Mr. Payne could not answer. Can any one do so?

GEN. LEW WALLACE, a staunch Republican, is evidently convinced that the United States is sadly in need of a President. He says: "It is not pleasant to think of the president exerting himself to control the action of an independent branch of the government. What shall stop him next from an interference with the judges of the supreme court? It is yet more unpleasant to learn from their admission that a request from the president should be accepted by congressmen as an imperial order, before which objections founded in conscience are blown away like smoke from a gun. The Porto Rican affair is bad enough; still, it is not so bad as the new treaty for the Nicaragua canal. The difference is between a statute that can be repealed by the next congress and an international agreement defiant of alteration or amendment, except by the consent of sovereign powers."

RAILROAD NOTES.

Charles Brewer, who has been day yard-master at Mt. Pleasant, leaves in a few days for Louisville, where he has accepted a position.

Conductor Ed Potts met with a painful accident Monday on the N. F. & S. road at Napier's. His foot was caught under one of the wheels, but fortunately he escaped with only a slight yet painful injury to his heel. His friends hope for him a speedy recovery.

E. J. Fike, an assistant section foreman, was accidentally killed Monday near Sheffield, Ala. A large force of men were engaged in loading some bridge timber, when a large piece fell, catching the unfortunate man underneath. He was horribly crushed and lingered in a comatose condition for several hours, when his sufferings were relieved by death.

PROMINENT REPUBLICANS

Charged With Being Accessories to

GOV. GOEBEL'S ASSASSINATION.

Five Warrants Issued for Their Arrest—Former Secretary of State Powers One of Them.

THE SOLDIERS PREVENT ARRESTS.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 9.—Warrants charging the crime of being accessories before the fact to the wilful murder of William Goebel were sworn out late this afternoon against Caleb Powers, the Republican claimant to the office of Secretary of State; John L. Powers, his brother, of Barbourville; ex-Secretary of State Charles Finley, of Whitley county; William H. Cuiton, of Jackson county, who is a clerk in the office of the usurping Auditor Sweeney, and Capt. John Davis, who for several years has been the private policeman on State-house square.

In a few days other warrants will be sworn out, and they will be against well-known Republicans. The web of evidence is being woven tightly around some of the men who were accessories to the murder of Gov. Goebel, and when the full story, as it has already developed, is revealed to the public, it will give them a shock hardly equaled by the news of the assassination itself. It is difficult for the minds of civilized men to contemplate the shocking details of a deliberate plot as they are being laid bare by the evidence accumulated from day to day.

Arrests yet to be made will be far more sensational than those that follow the issuance of the five warrants today. For good and sufficient reasons the details of the murder plot are being withheld from the public.

Armed with warrants City Marshal Richardson and several officers tonight succeeded in arresting Cuiton at his home in South Frankfort, and he is now in jail the charge of accessory to a murder not admitting of release on bond.

The warrants were sworn out by Mr. Thomas B. Cromwell, of Lexington, who for a month has been working on the case as a special detective, having been employed for that purpose by the brother of Gov. Goebel and by others in charge of the case.

The Commonwealth claims to have evidence that the assassin was selected from several men by the drawing of beans in the office of Caleb Powers, and that the one who drew the black bean fired the fatal shot.

SOLDIERS INTERFERE.

Prevent Police From Arresting Capt. Davis.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 10.—Police-men today attempted to arrest Capt. Davis at his home, but were prevented from so doing by the soldiers.

Others Leave Town. Davis and Colton are the only Republican officials in town who are wanted for the Goebel killing. The others have all left town to evade the warrants.

NO JURISDICTION.

Decision of Circuit Judge Fields in Governorship Controversy.

LOUISVILLE, March 10.—Circuit Judge Fields today decided that he has no jurisdiction in the Governorship controversy.

He holds that the constitution gives the Legislature power to decide such contests.

Arrested at Lexington.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 10.—On the arrival of the Chesapeake & Ohio train from Frankfort at 8:40 o'clock tonight Secretary of State Powers and Capitol Policeman Davis and Lieut. Peak were arrested by the Lexington police and the sheriff and deputies. There was a large force of officers awaiting them here. Powers and Davis still wore the uniforms of soldiers and Davis had on false whiskers. There was a wild scene when the officers broke into the car and revolvers were drawn by all, but the small squad of soldiers were greatly outnumbered by the police force of this city and the large force of deputies with the sheriff, and the arrests were effected without difficulty.

Davis and Powers gave the officers the "slip" and effected their escape from Frankfort by dressing in the uniforms of soldiers and boarding the Chesapeake & Ohio train with a squad of militia.

Taylor Issues an Address. W. S. Taylor has issued a statement addressed "To the people of Kentucky." He again reviews the contest for Governor from his standpoint, declares that a conspiracy has been formed to fasten the assassination of William Goebel upon "the Republican State officers," and attempts to defend his course in issuing what he calls pardons to Powers and Davis. His language seems to mean that he has also issued similar "pardons" for all the others accused of complicity in the assassination. The twenty-four soldiers who aided in the escape of Powers and Davis are now at London, where they will remain until further orders. Two more carloads of war munitions have been received at London from Frankfort.

LAI'D TO REST.

The Remains of Senator Goebel Taken From Chapel and Buried in the Cemetery.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 13.—The remains of Gov. Goebel were Monday afternoon taken from the chapel where they have been under guard since February 8, and buried in the plot of ground west of the chapel on the brow of the hill overlooking the Kentucky river. The services were brief, consisting simply of a prayer and singing. Members of the legislature attended in a body. The spot selected for the interment is the highest piece of ground in the cemetery, and the monument to be erected will easily be seen from all over the city.

AMONG THE LODGES.

Organization of New I. O. O. F. Lodge at Spring Hill.

Spring Hill Lodge No. 286, I. O. O. F., was organized at Spring Hill Thursday night last week, with twenty-nine members. Quite a number of visiting Odd Fellows, among them Grand Secretary J. R. Harwell of Nashville, were in attendance, and at the conclusion of the exercises a nice repast was enjoyed. The following officers for the new lodge were elected: J. A. Sanders, N. G.; J. S. Odell, V. G.; D. E. Molloy, Secretary; W. E. Butler, Treasurer and Rev. T. A. Hardin, Chaplain.

The following Odd Fellows went up from Columbia to attend the organization: Messrs. W. B. Greenlaw, O. P. Rutledge, Ben Lazarus, S. R. Armstrong, W. W. Dennis, H. L. White, J. T. Lamar, R. G. Bates, Frank Cox, J. H. Dugger, J. W. Reams, R. H. Guest, Jesse Wilson, A. Samuels, C. D. Harder of Mt. Pleasant, W. T. Wilcox, T. O. Anderson of Summertown, Geo. S. Alcorn, Grant Courtwright and Dr. W. A. Smith. The latter, so we are informed by several members of the lodge, carried "Blue Betsy" along with him.

Hope Rebekah Lodge of Odd Fellows had their regular meeting Friday evening. All members are requested to be in attendance at the meeting next Friday night, when business of importance will be transacted.

VICTORY FOR BROWNLOW.

Carries Every County in His Congressional District.

KNOXVILLE, March 10.—Dispatches received tonight from all the counties of the First Congressional District indicate a majority of from 8,000 to 11,000 for W. P. Brownlow over Judge H. T. Campbell for the Republican nomination for Congress. A. J. Tyler, Brownlow's Chairman, from returns received, has 10,440 majority for Brownlow. Campbell failed to carry a county.

Evans Wins in Marshall County.

LEWISBURG, 11.—The Republicans held their county convention here yesterday. From the assembling of the delegates it was evident the Evans men were in control and had the majority. Dr. J. O. Adams, a strong supporter of Evans, was elected Chairman, and B. Woods, Secretary. The delegates endorsed for the national convention were: H. Clay Evans, J. A. Fowler, F. N. Tillman, James Jeffries.

TO BUY ELECTRIC PLANT.

Victory For Municipal Ownership in Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 8.—By a vote of fourteen to six the City Council tonight passed on second reading the bill to issue \$150,000 bonds to build an electric light plant. This is the bill that was in such danger that Mayor Head took the stump and made a ten days' campaign in the city. The fight was on second reading, and the bill is now safe. An amendment to prevent sale of light or power to consumers was rejected by 18 to 2. The passage of the bill is a pronounced victory for municipal ownership.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Maury County Fair Association Meets and Reorganizes.

At a meeting of a number of the stockholders of the Maury County Fair Association Monday, the association was re-organized and new officers elected. A. F. Brown was made President; W. P. Woidridge, Vice-President; B. S. Thomas, Secretary, and J. J. Fleming, Treasurer. The officers will at once begin preparation for holding a county fair next fall.

STONE RIVER BATTLEFIELD

Bill Making it a National Park Favorably Reported On.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Representative Richardson of Tennessee, has secured a favorable report from the Committee on Military Affairs on his bill to make a National park of the battlefield of Stone River.

WOUNDS PROVE FATAL.

John Henry Smith, Colored, Dies at Mt. Pleasant.

John Henry Smith, colored, who was cut at Mt. Pleasant Sunday, as the result of a quarrel with Thomas Gilbreth, colored, over a negro woman, died Monday from his injuries. Gilbreth is still in jail.

THE STATE HEALTH BOARD

Meets and Takes Action in Regard to the

HEALTH SITUATION IN COLUMBIA.

County Health Board Instructed to Enforce Vaccination—Surrounding Counties Authorized to Establish Quarantines.

(Sunday's American.)

The State Board of Health met in called session in its office in the Capitol yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of taking some action relative to the smallpox situation as reported to exist at Columbia and in the country adjacent to that city.

There were present at the meeting Dr. W. J. McMurtry, President; Dr. William Krauss and Hon. Thomas H. Payne.

The Secretary gave an account of his several visits to Columbia, and made a full statement regarding the difficulties experienced by the local health authorities in the enforcement of precautionary measures for the control and stamping out of the disease. He reported the situation as grave, and was of the opinion that unless heroic measures were adopted at once and rigidly enforced smallpox would in a short time become epidemic also in the adjacent counties and towns. He read the following letter from the City Board of Health of Columbia as further evidence of the gravity of the situation:

WHEREAS, the smallpox is now epidemic in the city of Columbia and its suburbs, and extends even into the country; and

WHEREAS, the situation has become so serious that the municipal health authorities, with their limited powers, are unable to contend with it successfully; and

WHEREAS, neighboring counties and communities are entitled to the protection which would come from a speedy elimination of the disease from our midst; therefore, be it

Resolved, that it is the sense of this board that the State Board of Health be, and the same is hereby requested, to assume charge of the situation here and put into force such measures as it may deem proper to the early and effective eradication of this community of said disease; and be it further

Resolved, that the Secretary of this board be instructed to at once communicate the action of this board to the Secretary of the State Board of Health.

C. A. FORGAY, Secretary.

The board discussed this matter at some length, and was unanimously of the opinion that the rapid and unrestricted spread of smallpox in epidemic form at Columbia and in Maury county was a most serious menace to the whole of Middle Tennessee.

Dr. Krauss offered the following resolution looking towards the protection of the public health of the State, and which was adopted by the board:

"WHEREAS, the State Board of Health of Tennessee in receipt of a communication from the City Board of Columbia, Tenn., signed by Dr. Robert Piliow, President, and Dr. C. A. Forgay, secretary, declaring smallpox epidemic in that city, and the surrounding country; and

"WHEREAS, the said municipal health authorities, with their limited power and local opposition, feel unable to successfully stamp out and restrict the spread of the disease; therefore, be it

Resolved, and ordered by the State Board of Health of Tennessee, that the County Board of Health of Maury county is hereby instructed and empowered to enforce the following rules and regulations:

"1. Vaccinate all persons who have not been vaccinated within a year, and continue to do so until it 'takes,' or until insusceptibility is proved.

"2. When a case of smallpox or varioloid is diagnosed as such by the Health Officer, isolate it at once, provide immune nurses and remove all other persons from the house, but under no circumstances allow them to scatter abroad until the period of incubation has passed. An old barn, or, in good weather, a tent, can be used as a hospital.

"3. After recovery patients should be kept in their rooms at least two weeks after all crusts have disappeared, and then bathed and provided with sterilized clothing before they are permitted to go out.

"4. In case of death there should be no public funeral. The body should be wrapped in a sheet saturated with the acuminated solution as provided in the accompanying précis on smallpox, issued by the State Board of Health, and placed in an airtight coffin and removed from the sick room directly to the place of burial. This should be done under the direction and supervision of the local health authorities.

"Also, all other regulations and instructions as appear in State Board of Health Précis on pages 7 and 8."

"Be it further resolved, that a violation of any of the above mentioned rules or regulations shall be dealt with as prescribed in section 3 of act passed and approved April 4, 1885."

In this same connection Dr. McMurtry offered the following resolution:

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tion, which was adopted:

"The county boards of health of Maury and Davidson counties, and also all city boards of health within the above mentioned counties, owing to smallpox having been declared epidemic in Columbia and the adjacent counties, are hereby authorized and empowered to adopt and carry into effect such quarantine measures as in their judgement will prevent the introduction of smallpox into their respective territory."

The Secretary was directed to furnish a copy of the above resolutions to the health authorities of the cities, counties and towns as indicated, together with all others concerned. An adjournment was then had subject to the call of the President.

CARMACK IN NASHVILLE.

He is Perfectly Willing to Abide the Outcome.

Head Mentioned as a Candidate Against Gov. McMillin.

NASHVILLE, March 10.—Mr. Carmack reached Nashville this morning, and met an enthusiastic welcome. He has received cordial assurances from all directions, and declares himself perfectly willing to abide the outcome.

Since his arrival he has been taking advice with his friends. He has shown a distinct fairness in declining to comment on Gov. McMillin's attitude.

There was some talk during the day of an effort to get out an opposition candidate for governor, and it was even said overtures had been made to Mayor James H. Lead. The latter, it is said, refused to entertain such an idea. It is not unlikely an opposition candidate can be found. Mr. Carmack will probably open headquarters here with Capt. John T. Huisman of Memphis in charge.

During the day the different phases of the senatorial race were discussed. Among those who were present at the conference yesterday were G. T. Fitzhugh, John T. Huisman, Col. Wm. H. Carroll, K. A. Speed, Memphis; E. H. Hatcher, Columbia; John H. Bullock, Franklin; Newt. White, Pulaski; Capt. Tully Brown and George Kinney, of this city, and Judge McDowell, of Memphis.

When seen last night Mr. Carmack said that he was here looking over the situation, and expected to return to Washington in a few days. Mr. Carmack said, however, that he would be in Nashville three or four days before he goes to Memphis.

"I feel highly gratified at the outlook, as it is promising in every respect," said Mr. Carmack. "I now feel more confident than ever of success."

"All that I ask is a fair fight. There is ample time ahead of us all, and I see no reason why the people should not be given an opportunity to fully weigh and consider the merits of the respective candidates. There should be no snap judgment in this campaign, and the only favor I ask of my competitors, if it may be called a favor, is to give the people a chance to decide the question in every county in the State. I would say to my friends everywhere, where they have been in control of the party machinery, that I wanted no action taken that would give my opponents a just right to complain that they had not been given an even chance to test the sentiment of the people."

Mr. Carmack stated further that his friends would at once take in hand the work of organizing and push his interests until the close of the campaign. "As I have stated before," he continued, "I cannot say when I will begin speaking, and it now seems to me that it is a little early for oratory to begin, but this matter will be decided before my return to Washington."

"I have been invited to speak at a number of places, but have not yet accepted an invitation. On account of another engagement, I was compelled to decline an invitation to speak at the Bryan banquet at Chattanooga on March 19. I only received the invitation on my way from Washington and too late to cancel the other appointment."

CROSSING THE BAR.

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear eil for me!
And may there be no meaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep,
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.

For though from out our bourne of time
and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my pilot face to face,
When I have crossed the bar.

—ALFRED TENNYSON.

KILLING AT MT. PLEASANT.

Will Alexander, a Young Man, Shot and

KILLED BY POLICEMAN WEST.

Alexander Provoked the Difficulty by Taking a Prisoner Away from the Officer.

As the result of a bloody tragedy at Mt. Pleasant early Sunday morning, one man is dead and another lies dangerously and perhaps mortally wounded. The fact that the parties connected with the terrible affair are both white men and well-known, created a great deal of excitement. One version of the killing is as follows:

Special policeman Bud West, who was acting in the place of Officer Russell, late Saturday night arrested Jack Nelson, a white man, for being drunk. Will Alexander, another young white man 24 years of age, offered to go on Nelson's bond, but West declined to accept him and proceeded to lock up the prisoner, Alexander, it is said, was under the influence of liquor at the time, and took offense because West declined to accept him as bondsman.

Later, about 12:30 o'clock, Alexander and West met in front of Bond's restaurant at the corner of Broadway street and Blue Grass avenue. Alexander took the officer's mace away from him and began assaulting him, knocking him down and slashing him severely across the face and neck. While Alexander was on top of the policeman, the latter pulled his pistol and fired, the ball striking Alexander in the abdomen. After being shot, Alexander walked about thirty yards and fell. He expired about four o'clock Sunday morning. West's injuries are of a dangerous nature, and may possibly prove fatal.

Alexander was the son of Mr. T. J. Alexander, the liveryman at Mt. Pleasant, who is well and favorably known throughout the county. He was a man of robust appearance, and when sober was well behaved. His remains were interred to day at 11 o'clock at Reese's Chapel. He was unmarried.

West went to Mt. Pleasant from Lynnville about a year ago, and for awhile drove a hack for Walter Griffin. He had been acting policeman while officer Russell was sick with smallpox, and was to have gone off duty Saturday night, officer Russell, who has recovered, resuming his position Sunday morning. He, also, was unmarried. West was in Columbia Saturday.

The killing was almost the sole topic for discussion Sunday at Mt. Pleasant, and much regret was expressed over the sad affair.

Another Version.

Another version of the killing is that Alexander did not propose to go on Nelson's bond, but took the prisoner away from the officer by force. Later, West came across Nelson, in company with Alexander and others, in Bond's restaurant, and again placed him under arrest and started away. Alexander followed them out, stating that he was going to take Nelson away from the officer. West turned to prevent a difficulty, but Alexander took his mace away from him and began beating and slashing him, when the fatal shot was fired. West is said to have also been under the influence of whiskey at the time.

JUMPED FROM THE TRAIN.

Alderman Coleburn Painfully Hurt at Mt. Pleasant.

Alderman John Coleburn was painfully hurt Friday evening at Mt. Pleasant by jumping from a moving train. Mr. Coleburn had boarded the train to bid good-bye to his wife, who was leaving for Cincinnati, and did not get off until the train began to move. When he reached the platform the cars were going at quite a rapid rate, and, jumping from the steps, he was thrown violently to the ground, his head striking and causing quite a painful though not dangerous injury.

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