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IN THE FIELD OF POLITICS.

A Tale of Two Dans of the New York Democratic Fold.

LAMONT'S TRIP NOT POLITICAL.

The President's Political Father Ignored—The Cincinnati Senatorial Contest in Court—Conkling's Denial.

News of the New York Contest.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—[Special to the BEE.]—Col. Lamont, the president's private secretary, in an interview, said: "My visit to New York has no political significance. My wife came here to make some purchases, and I have accompanied her. I have no mission, either from the president or any cabinet officer. As to the report that I am to meddle with the formation of the civil service commission, it is entirely erroneous. I have not talked to any one on the subject and do not intend to except to answer a simple question like yours. In my conversation with the collector the subject was not even broached."

Congressman John M. Farquhar, who defeated Daniel Lockwood in the last election, says: "There can be but little doubt that my district will return a large republican majority. The stalwarts, mugwumps and half-breeds are working in harmony, and many democrats will vote for Davenport. They think that he is a better man than Hill, and the action of the administration has disgusted them with their own party."

"What caused the coolness between Mr. Lockwood and the president?"

"Mr. Lockwood is a very wealthy man. At the last election, when he was running for congress, he hired five men with big badges to stand at the polling places and trade his ticket for any other. Daniel Lockwood, the man who put Cleveland's name in nomination for every office that he has ever held, is to-day ignored. We thought in Buffalo that he would be appointed minister to France or Spain. In my opinion this neglect to recognize Dan's services has somewhat soured the democracy and made their allegiance uncertain."

The Cincinnati Election Cases.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 26.—Judge Buchwalter's little court room was crowded to the utmost capacity this morning by attorneys of candidates and others interested in the result of legal proceedings before him in connection with the delivery of certificates of election to four candidates for senator from Hamilton county. The matter had been argued and submitted to him on a demurrer, and on a motion to dissolve the restraining order heretofore issued by him in favor of the four republican candidates on their petition. He rendered his decision at considerable length, holding as to the demurrer:

1.—There was no misjoinder of parties, that four candidates could sue together or separately.

2. The court had jurisdiction not to declare who shall hold office, for that was clearly the province of the legislature upon contest, but to declare who was entitled to the certificate, for that was a personal right separate from the title to office. He also held that it was not necessary, in order to obtain the aid of the court, to prevent irreparable injury, to more than make out a prima facie case, while in this case the averments of fact in the petition were insufficient, yet the plaintiffs were entitled to amend in that particular if necessary, and in any case they were entitled to an order to stay the hand of the clerk until the merits of the case could be determined by another court. The injunction was therefore continued in force and the mandamus case, including the same points, was taken up by the circuit court.

The entry in the election injunction before Judge Buchwalter gave the plaintiffs twenty days in which to amend and continued the restraining order of the court. Mandamus proceedings before the circuit court, composed of Judges Cox, Smith and Swing, occupied the day. Mr. Jordan, for the respondent, argued against the jurisdiction of the court. The argument was not ended at the adjournment of court.

Fabricated Interviews with Roscoe.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—[Special to the BEE.] There was published Sunday morning what purported to be a long interview with Roscoe Conkling, in which he was represented as mercilessly scoring the republican party, Blaine and Davenport. Conkling was seen last night and denounced the publication as untrue, saying he could not comprehend where it came from, as, since his return, he has refused to talk on any such subjects. He further said he had neither the time nor inclination to discuss politics, and anything of this nature that has appeared or may appear hereafter, as coming from him, may be accepted as misrepresentation, as under no circumstances will he discuss political affairs.

Crooked Work in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 26.—For some days past there has been considerable commotion in this city because of alleged striking off of names from the lists of registered voters. The case came up before Judge Phelps to-day, Judges Duffy and Fisher concurring. A rule was made requiring the restoration of all names to the list until the registers can show the persons whose names have been stricken off are disqualified. The names are said to amount to several hundred.

Frightful Accident.

BOSTON, Oct. 26.—About 8 o'clock this morning a gang of twenty trackmen on the Massachusetts Central railroad, were being conveyed to work by an engine and flat car. The men were sitting on the sides of the car, ten on each side. When near Oakdale, without a moment's warning, all on one side of the car were swept off in some way not known, but probably by a fallen tree or telegraph pole. Nine of the men were either instantly killed or injured. Ambulances were ordered at the Massachussetts general hospital, where it is expected the men will arrive this afternoon.

The men have arrived at the hospital. One died on the way and the other sustained fractures of the limbs more or less severe.

Among the Railroads.

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—Through tickets to New York at $14.50 are plenty in the market to-day. Several of the roads openly made a cut of $2.50 on first class passengers, and brokers are well supplied with tickets which sell at a like discount from the tariff. This condition of things is regarded only as temporary however. Arangements are being made for a meeting of the passenger agents next week for the purpose of forming a money pool similar to the east bound freight pool.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 26.—Only eleven miles of the gap between the eastern and western end remains to complete the Canadian Pacific railway. The last spike will be driven the 15th of November without ceremony.

Walkup's Mysterious Death.

EMPORIA, KAN., Oct. 26.—The Walkup case opened this morning by the state announcing that it had no further evidence ready and gave way for the defence. Mr. Scott called a list of twenty-five witnesses and addressed the jury in explanation of the defence which his client proposed to make. He spoke for more than an hour and went over the whole ground of the case in a strong speech.

Lost Vessels Found.

DETROIT, Oct. 26.—The owners of the Grace Whitney and the Eureka, both of which were reported lost last week, received word from both vessels Saturday. They were in the harbor at Pequaming.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

Out of the "Pen" and Into Jail Again on the Same Charge.

BEATRICE, Oct. 26.—[Special to the BEE.]—John Moore, formerly of Courtland, this state, who has been serving a one-year term in the penitentiary for forgery committed at Plattsmouth, has been brought here by Sheriff Herron and lodged in jail. He was indicted last spring by our district court for forgery in this county, committed one year ago. His time at the penitentiary was out on Saturday, he having earned a few months under the good time act. He had been carrying on the forgery business for some time previous to his first arrest, and had duped several parties around Courtland. He is a smooth, languid, quiet, young man about 27 years old, and worked his schemes on his unsuspecting victims with childlike simplicity. He has admitted the forgery here and will undoubtedly enjoy the seclusion of Nobesville again before long.

A Correction.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Oct 25.—[Note—The following special appeared in yesterday's BEE under a Schuyler date. It is republished with the correct date.]

A lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen has been organized in Superior by P. P. Ellis, grand lecturer, with twenty charter members drawn from among our best citizens. The list of officers is as follows: J. S. Johnston, P. M. W.; Prof. W. F. Buck, M. W.; W. C. VanCundy, foreman; J. S. Fosnider, overseer; B. C. Ward, recorder; F. J. Padden, financier; J. F. McCorkle, receiver; Asher Beale, guide; W. A. Myers, I. W.; J. F. Davis, O. W.; trustees, T. A. Meaker, John Bruce and M. N. Beeman; medical examiners, Drs. J. W. Mitchel and J. F. Bradshaw. The lodge will meet on Monday night of each week and invites visiting brethren from Guide Rock, Chester, Hardy, Edgar and elsewhere. A grand lodge for the state of Nebraska will soon be organized.

A CURIOUS WILL.

It Leads to the Culmination of a Romance in Real Life.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—[Special to the BEE.]—A veritable romance in real life, the facts of which are vouched for by the attorney of the young lady in the case, has been developed by his efforts to prepare the way for admission to probate of a will by which she was made joint heiress to a valuable estate upon conditions which are now in course of fulfillment. In 1871 Joseph W. Walters, a New York broker, living with his wife and only son in Green avenue, near St. James Place, Brooklyn, died, leaving a fortune of $100,000 to his widow. She was about forty-eight years of age, and her son, Lester D. Walters, was sixteen. The boy was of a roving disposition and wearying of the strict discipline of his mother's household resolved to leave home and seek a fortune in the west. Time passed on and no tidings of the truant was received. After a while the lonely widow inserted an advertisement calling for a young lady companion. Among those who applied for the position was Marie Delacy, a young French girl, Mrs. Walters was strongly attached to the young woman, and treated her as a daughter. Mrs. Walters died and left a curious will, providing that the estate be divided equally between her son and companion, if they married. If the son refused, three-fourths to go to the girl and one fourth to him. An acquaintance of Mr Walters advertised for him. He came to the city and the young lady was pointed out to him by her lawyer at the theatre. He fell in love at once and they were introduced after the play. Walters, who knew nothing of the terms of the will, visited her afterward and they became engaged. The wedding will take place next Friday.

JUMPED THE TRACK.

A Broken Rail Causes a Serious Railroad Wreck.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 26.—The Journal's Laporte special furnishes information of a railway wreck four miles west of that place on the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific line. The wreck was caused by a broken rail. The train passed the broken rail in safety with the exception of the rear car, which left the track and rolled into a ditch, injuring the following persons:

Conductor O'Brien, leg badly sprained.

Mrs. Sarah M. Bascomb, of Muskegon, Mich., contusion on the head and bruised arm.

W. B. Wheelock, of Chicago, bruised badly about the head, face and shoulders.

Mrs. Henriette D. Hart, of Valparaiso, Ind., right arm and hand badly sprained.

N. Sullivan, of Michigan City, rib broken.

Mrs. Alice Daniel and three children, of Walkerton, Ind., all badly injured.

The injured were taken to Laporte, where medical attendance was furnished.

John McCullough at Home.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26.—John McCullough, the demented actor, who was brought from Bloomingdale insane asylum, New York, to his home in this city on Sunday, is in a pitiable condition, and is reported to have been perceptibly improved by the change to his own home. Mr. Johnson, who accompanied him, says: "I think he is going to get better, not that he will be able to go on the stage again, but he will be able to get about, and will regain to some extent his faculties. Already a great improvement is perceptible. He is brighter and watches those who attend him, a thing he has not done for a good while. Drs. Engel and Lloyd believe he will recover. They propose a new treatment, and hope completely to restore his reason."

Accused of Abduction.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 26.—A dispatch from Madison says that A. R. Van Cott and his son Charles have been arrested on a charge of abducting Emma Huntley, a fifteen-year-old daughter of G. W. Huntley, a leading business man and prominent church member. Young Van Cott had previously been arrested on a charge of betraying the girl. It is asserted later that the elder Van Cott persuaded the girl to go to Chicago under a promise that there she would be secretly married to the boy. It is also charged that on Wednesday she was removed from her Chicago hiding place, and that she cannot now be found. A. R. Van Cott is well known in Chicago, and for several years did a large jewelry business until the great fire swallowed up the larger part of his fortune. They will have a preliminary examination on next Thursday.

Brutal Assault Upon a Young Woman.

VINCENNES, Ind., Oct. 26.—Saturday night at Carlisle, Ind., an Ohio girl, whose name is unknown, was criminally assaulted by four young ruffians. The young lady came to Carlisle by mistake, and being a stranger in the town she relied upon the four young men to show her to the hotel. On the way they bound her hands and feet and assaulted her. The names of three of the men are Sam Troutt, John Fisk and Billy Tansley. The other name is unknown, but he is said to be a married man.

A Little Fight on the Frontier.

CATTARO, Oct. 26.—A fight has taken place on the frontier of Montenegro between Albanian and Montenegrin troops. Three Albanians and six Montenegrins were killed.

The Charge Dismissed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—The charge against Deputy U. S. Marshal Mellus, for attempt to bribe a customs inspector, was dismissed to-day.

The Anti-Vaccinators.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—A meeting of the Anti-Vaccination league was held to-night, and attended by quite a number of medical men. Henry Bergh was chosen president.

FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

Civil Service Commissioner Thoman's Resignation Accepted.

HIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT.

Remarkable Decrease in Postal Revenues—Yesterday's Batch of Appointments—Matters of National Import.

Commissioner Thoman Resigns.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Civil Service Commissioner Thoman tendered his resignation, and it has been accepted by the president, to take effect November 1 next.

The following is the correspondence:

"UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, Washington, Oct. 20, 1885.—SIR:—Respectfully referring to the conversation had with you as early as March 10, in which I expressed a wish to be relieved of my duties as a member of the United States civil service commission, and also to the apparent fact that it was not then your pleasure to consider my request, I have now the honor to tender my resignation, and earnestly to beg early consideration of the same, and its acceptance. While thus asking release from so honorable a trust, I desire to record my gratification over the proved practicability and remedial effectiveness of the form of procedure. Tried veterans in political warfare view with amazement the facile, though radical, departure from the familiar method of the spoils system of distributing patronage. Strenuous and sincere argument and also deliberate perversion mark the opposition of different groups of antagonists, and yet it must be conceded that a majority of the political leaders in either party is in accord with the Pendleton law, it its original enactment and emphatic endorsement by a subsequent congress were honest legislative expressions, and not coercion of moral cowardice by popular sentiment nor partisan legerdemain.

In the great task of administrative form which you have undertaken in accordance with personal and party pledges, the people will give aid. It has been my pleasure within the last two months to visit quite a number of states and territories of the union, and it was my good fortune to meet many of their citizens. It is gratifying to know that the people confide in the unequivocal intention of the president to sustain the merit system in the civil service. They had condemned the evils of former methods. Long experience had made their knowledge accurate. They welcomed the inauguration of the new. The distinctive features of the present reform appealed to a typically American sentiment which recommends and advances merit. With the precise details of the new procedure their acquaintance was not so intimate. To this they are fast succeeding, and the result will be cordial approval. The inception and maintenance is with the people. I believe that the fundamental idea of civil service reform is characteristic of American thought. To the popular hesitation over the acceptance of the statutory details of this reform there was a response throughout the nation. Political contests assumed new phases. Old time methods of corruption were discouraged and bossism was grappled with fresh vigor.

The improvement is yet marked. If the vicious elements still seek obtrusion into elections, the chances of their success have been lessened. The reform spirit is militant and advances toward complete success. Corruption by official patronage has been removed. With the imparting of a purer life to official circles, the power of the private purse to purchase political honors will be less dangerous. Public appreciation of the fact that this reform does not trench upon sturdy partisanship came late. It was studiously maintained that the civil service was to be composed of men who should abjure certain rights of citizenship. With the gradual but inevitable refutation of this false view, the outlines of reform at last stood forth in clearness. It is the reform which views the civil service as a vast business agency. Its search is for the best attainable merit. In a business which is not political it enforces no tests of party.

With confident trust in the success of your administration, I am your obedient servant,

LEROY D. THOMAN.

To the President.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Washington, Oct. 24, 1885.—HON. LEROY D. THOMAN, Civil Service Commission.—MY DEAR SIR:—I have received your letter tendering your resignation as a member of the civil service commission, which it is in furtherance of an inclination expressed by you very soon after my inauguration as president. The resignation thus tendered is hereby accepted to take effect on the first day of November next. I congratulate you upon the fact that in the office which you relinquished you have been able by sincere, earnest work, and by steady devotion to the cause which you have had in charge, to do so much in the interest of good government and improved political methods.

Yours sincerely,

GROVER CLEVELAND.

THOMAN'S FUTURE MOVEMENTS.

An Associated press reporter called upon Commissioner Thoman this evening, and in answer to a question as to his future intentions, he said: "I will not be idle a moment; I have some private business matters that will occupy my attention for a short time, and then I expect to resume the practice of law." It is said that Judge Thoman has under consideration a proposition to form a large corporation in New York city. His only reply to a question on this point was: "I do not feel at liberty to say anything upon that subject at present."

Decrease In Postal Revenues.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The decrease in postal revenues for the past fiscal year is larger than was expected. The law to reduce letter postage from three to two cents was enacted about two years ago. For the last three-quarters of the first fiscal year the effect on the revenues was inconsiderable. This was attributed in a large measure to the great increase in the number of two cent stamps that were used to enclose business circulars. It had been expected that this increase would continue, so that there would not be a large reduction in the postal revenues. But this expectation has not been realized. The first complete fiscal year under the operation of the reduced postal law closed on the 30th of June. It was not a good business year. It had been supposed that the deficiency would not be more than 84,000,000. On the contrary it will be about 87,000,000. These figures are not to be taken as accurate as the president's wish that bureau reports shall not be given to the public in advance of this message makes it impossible to obtain the exact figures.

Some Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The president today made the following appointments: To be United States attorneys, J. W. House, of Arkansas, for the eastern district of Arkansas; Monti H. Sandals, for the western district of Arkansas. To be United States marshals, T. H. Fletcher, of Arkansas, for the eastern district of Arkansas; John Carroll, of Arkansas, for the western district of Arkansas.

Special Examiners Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The secretary of the interior made the following appointments of special examiners in the pension office under civil service rules: Eben E. Clark, of Maryland; Travis F. Hensley, of Missouri; Thomas A. Stocklager, of Kansas; John H. Anthony, of Illinois; George P. Smith, of Kansas; E. D. Gallion, of Virginia; F. W. Edwards, of Illinois; Jacob F. Klugh, of Pennsylvania; Arch McGinnis, of Indiana; O. E. Browning, of Illinois, and Howard S. McCandliss, of Virginia.

Fourth-Class Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The acting postmaster general appointed the following fourth-class postmasters:

Nebraska—At Closter, Iver Christensen; Grafton, T. F. Combs; Turkey Creek, Peter Lieber; Davenport, J. C. Moore; Scribner, D. A. Nason; Coleridge, Samuel Windell; Ord, J. B. Fallbanks.

Illinois—At Breese, Bernhard Haven; Neoga, Jonathan Higgins; Annapolis, Wm. D. Green.

Iowa—At Monona, W. A. McGonigle; Elkport, P. J. Soyster.

Piscatorial Supply Cars.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—A United States fish commission car will leave here to-night to supply applicants in Missouri, Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Colorado and Kansas. The car will go via St. Louis and Omaha to Ogden, and will return by way of Cheyenne, Denver and Kansas City to St. Louis. Another car will leave here Wednesday night for Portland, Oregon, and will supply en route applicants in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Dakota, Montana and Washington territory and Oregon.

A Proper Protest.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Commissioner Sparks, of the land office, does not approve of the policy which Assistant Secretary Jenks has laid down of suspending the thirty suits in Montana against those who are charged with taking timber from the public domain. He has written a letter to Secretary Lamar protesting against this.

They are all Democrats.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The four officials of the department of justice in the state of Arkansas, appointed by the president to-day, are all personal friends, of long standing, of Attorney General Garland and gentlemen of ability and high standing in their respective localities. They are all democrats and each has been more or less active in politics.

A Suit Against the Government.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The court of claims reasembled this morning and resumed consideration of the case of the Choctaw nation against the United States, a suit involving a large tract of land in the Indian territory. It is expected that arguments in this case will occupy three days.

Washington Brevities.

Arguments on the applications of the Globe and Washington telephone companies to have the United States bring suit to vacate the Bell telephone patents, will be heard by the secretary of the interior on the 31st inst.

The secretary of the treasury has appointed Richard M. Johnson, of Indiana, to be a chief of division in the sixth auditor's office, vice Mr. Dickerson, transferred to the office of comptroller of currency.

A FRENCH VICTORY.

The Army of the Gauls Defeat the Cohorts of the Black Flags.

CAIRO, Oct. 26.—Gen. De Courcey, commander of the French forces in Annam, telegraphs from Hanoi to the war office that he has defeated the black flags in an engagement.

PARIS, Oct. 26.—Great excitement exists here over the official announcement of French success in Anam. Crowds of excited people throng the boulevards eagerly discussing the news. A later dispatch received from Gen. De Courcey states that the French troops gained a victory notwithstanding that the enemy were immensely superior in numbers, and that he inflicted a great slaughter on the black flags. The fighting was very severe and lasted three days. The enemy fought stubbornly but were completely routed.

Gen. De Courcy adds that the enemy numbered 6,000 men, consisting of Black Flags, Annamites and deserters from the Chinese army. Three of the chiefs were killed, and during the engagement many prisoners were taken by the French forces. Gen. Jaumont conducted operations against the enemy which resulted in the capture of the strongly fortified town of Thanmai, one of the last and most formidable places of resistance held by the Black Flags. The French lost thirteen men killed and wounded. Gen. Negrier is pursuing the pirates between Bamboo rapids and the canals in the province of Tonquin.

Turkish Prayers to Allah.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—[Special to the BEE.]—The Herald's Constantinople cable says: The sultan does not relish the idea of a conference. He remarked to the grand vizier at the mosque, "no conference yet has ever resulted in anything but injury to Turkish interests. May Allah grant that this conference may prove an exception." All ministers are opposed to the conference, but the German ambassador, under explicit instructions of Bismarck, has used such pressure that the porte has been obliged to consent. Military preparations are being pushed on vigorously. It is believed Russia is ready to insist on Turkish occupation of eastern Roumelia if the incorporation of the latter province with Bulgaria can be prevented in no other way.

On to Burmah.

CALCUTTA, Oct. 26.—Lord Dufferin, viceroy of India, received an order from the home government for the immediate dispatch of troops to Burmah.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Foreign residents of Mandalay, capital of Burmah, are being boycotted by the natives. The Burmese envoy who arrived at Rangoon recently, and who said he was on his way to Germany to sign a treaty with that country, but whose real object, it is thought, was to watch military preparations at Rangoon, now announces that he must return to Mandalay to translate to his government the British ultimatum, as there is no native official there able to do so.

PARIS, Oct. 26.—The Voltaire publishes an interview with the Burmese delegate in which the latter says that finding De Freycinet, French foreign minister, would refuse assistance to Burmah in event of war between Burmah and Great Britain, he advised King Thebaw to submit to the demands of England.

Interceding for Riel.

OTTAWA, ONT, Oct. 26.—A number of conservative members of parliament arrived here to intercede for Riel. The date to which Riel has been respited is November 10.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The committee formed for the purpose of securing a commutation of the sentence of Louis Riel has issued an urgent appeal for help, and states that the time for effective action is short. A memorial to the queen is almost finished, and the committee is arranging for a public meeting to urge a commutation.

The Trial of Editor Stead.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The trial of Mr. Stead, editor of the Pall Mall Gazette, and other defendants in the Armstrong abduction case, was resumed this morning in the central criminal court. Mrs. Ann D. Roughton, a neighbor of Mrs. Armstrong, on the 2d inst. induced the latter to Mrs. Jarrett, was examined for the prosecution. She repeatedly contradicted herself and denied that Mrs. Armstrong had asked about the character of Mrs. Jarrett.

A Loyalist Threatened.

DUBLIN, Oct. 26.—Mr. William Hastings, proprietor of the Loyalist newspaper, has been threatened with death, and his residence has been partially burned, for caricaturing the Parnellites.

The Canadian Scourge.

MONTREAL, Oct. 26.—There were thirty-seven deaths from small-pox in this city Saturday, and fifty-two deaths yesterday.

Want Russian Intervention.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 26.—A deputation from Mesmuna arrived at Merv to complain of Afghan oppression and to ask the Russians to intervene in their behalf.

Going at a Maud S. Gait.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 26.—William Woodside, in a ten mile ride at Hampden park to-day, lowered the world's bicycle records from six to ten miles, inclusive, making ten miles in 29:12 2-5. This lowers the record by 7 3-5 seconds. William Rowe also lowered the three-fourths mile record from 1:58¼ to 1:55 1-5.

A Servian Denial.

NISSA, Oct. 26.—The reports that the Servians crossed the Bulgarian border is officially denied by the Servian government.

A QUARREL'S FATAL ENDING.

The Part a Shovel Played in Settling an Old Dispute.

WORK OF A CONFERENCE DONE.

A Wife on the Trail of a Truant Husband—A Rousing Republican Meeting—A Party of Hunters Discover a Suicide.

An Old Feud Results in Murder.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, Oct. 26.—[Special to the BEE.]—Yesterday morning A. G. Alt, a young farmer about 29 years of age, living in Concord township, Woodbury county, about ten miles to the northeast of Sioux City, was killed by A. William Miner, also a farmer who resides in the same neighborhood. The particulars, as nearly as can be learned at this time, are as follows: Several months ago the parties to this terrible tragedy had trouble about the cutting of some grain, but after indulging in considerable talk over the affair it was thought to have been finally settled. However, Alt, being of a quarrelsome disposition, sought to make further trouble about the matter, and on the morning named mounted his horse and rode over to Miner's residence, and seeing Miner he at once alighted and according to the former's statement, made an unprovoked attack upon Miner with a knife in his hand. To defend himself Miner seized a shovel lying near and struck Alt twice on the head, making two terrible gashes. The injured man then walked to his home, where he died from the effects of the wounds about 10 o'clock.

Immediately after Miner struck Alt he came to town and told the sheriff what he had done, and was advised to go home again until charges were brought against him. In obedience to this he returned home, but only to find that Alt was dead. After arranging some personal matters at home, he came back to town last evening and surrendered himself to the sheriff, and is now in jail. The sympathy of the neighborhood is with Miner, who is said to be a quiet, inoffensive man. The prisoner this morning said that he had no thought of killing Alt.

SIOUX CITY, Oct. 26.—[Associated Press.]—Adam Alt, a farmer living in Concord township, this county, was struck on the head by a spade in the hands of William Miner, on Sunday morning. Alt died at 2 p. m. Miner came to town and gave himself up to the sheriff. Miner claims that Alt had assaulted him with a knife.

A Religious Gathering Adjourns.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 26.—[Special to the BEE.]—The Des Moines conference of the United Brethren church, which has been in session near this city, adjourned to-day. Bishop Kephart announced the following appointments:

Scranton District—G. O. Porter, P. E.; Ogden, W. T. Dawson; Lehigh, J. Darr; Homer Mission, to be supplied; Perry, N. F. Hicks; Dale City, D. W. Craven; Scranton, N. F. Cronk; Lake City, A. J. Patterson; Dow City, D. Fye; Whiting, to be supplied; Little Sioux, F. Stinson; Pleasant Valley, G. W. Doty; Rock River, J. E. Bennett; Cherokee Mission, W. I. Murphy.

Creston District—G. W. Straughton, P. E.; Davis City, A. G. Wright; Hopesville, D. B. Long; Decatur, P. O. Rickle; Platte River, A. Wickwire; Cromwell, J. Talbott; Quincy, J. C. Jacobs; Millford, G. J. Graham; Clarinda, W. H. Clawson; Emerson, S. F. Longshore; Hillsdale, W. J. Linthynn; Avoca, A. W. Hobson; Audubon, E. M. Jones.

General manager of Western college, L. H. Bufkin; agent of Western college, J. E. Ham.

Des Moines District—Geo. M. Miller, P. E.; East Des Moines, J. W. Geiger; West Des Moines, W. F. Wallace; Kellogg, D. M. Harvey; Prairie City, J. D. Snyder; West Point, W. W. Lewis; Hopkins, G. W. Vandeventer; Van Meter, E. W. Curtis; Carlisle, J. W. Taylor; Earlham, F. B. Brookmiller; Norwood, J. A. Haynes; Winterset, S. A. Loveland.

Searching for a Truant Husband.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 26.—[Special to the BEE.]—This morning a lady called at the office of the city marshal and stated that her husband, C. E. Green, had left their home in San Francisco some weeks since for the purpose of collecting $2,500 that was due him in Toledo, Ohio. Not hearing anything from him she had also gone to Toledo and found that he had secured the money and left the town. Some days since he came to Des Moines, stopping at the Gault house, and registering in his own name. The wife traced him here and followed. Arriving last Saturday, she discovered that the fugitive had rented a postoffice box, and in fact had received one or two letters addressed to him. She is still on the watch for the missing husband and thinks that by the aid of the public she will find him. No reason is assigned for his disappearance and evident desire to avoid her.

Republican Mass Meeting.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 26.—[Special to the BEE.]—Congressman Horr, of Michigan, and Frank Palmer, late postmaster at Chicago, addressed a large republican meeting here to-night. Both gentlemen are making a series of speeches in this state under the direction of the state central committee. As Mr. Palmer was a former citizen of Des Moines and congressman from this district, there was much interest felt in his speech, and a large number of his personal friends were present. Horr gave a very witty and scathing arraignment of the democratic party.

A Suicide Fished From the River.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Oct. 26.—[Special to the BEE.]—A party of hunters yesterday discovered the dead body of a woman in the Mississippi river opposite Specht's ferry. She proved to be the wife of J. H. Schneider, of Potasi, Wis. A bottle containing poison was found near her, and it is supposed that she committed suicide under mental aberration, caused by ill-health.

Probably a Murderer at Fifteen.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 26.—Another shooting affray occurred Sunday afternoon, the result of boys carrying pistols. Three cases of this kind have been recorded during the past week. Peter King, a newsboy, aged fifteen and his thirteen-year-old brother were in a boat about 2 o'clock that afternoon on the river at the foot of Stone street trucing a trot line. Mike Gallagehr, fifteen years of age, came up and ran his boat into the line of the King boys. Peter ordered him away and threatened to shoot if he did not obey. Gallagher paid no attention to the threat, at got in their way again, when Peter drew a pistol and fired, the shot taking effect in Gallagher's abdomen. The wounded boy was taken to his home and from there to a hospital, where he lies in a critical condition. King was arrested.

Brought Down the Coon.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 25.—[Chicago Tribune Special.]—At 3 o'clock this morning Charles Travis, driver of the police patrol wagon, shot and fatally wounded Robert Smith, a negro. The wagon was answering a call, when a woman's cry of murder was heard, and Smith was seen running across the fields. Travis fired, striking Smith in the back, the ball passing through the body and being cut out in front. Smith has served two terms in the penitentiary, and, although it is less than two months since he was last released, he has been again indicted for assault and battery, with intent to kill a colored woman.

Sale of the Current.

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—Judge Prendergast this morning ordered the sale of the "Current," the magazine founded by E. L. Wakeman, to A. J. Glover. The price to be paid is $2,500.

THE WARD TRIAL.

A Jury Secured and the Case Commenced—Fish on the Stand.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The work of securing a jury for the trial of Ferdinand Ward was completed this afternoon, and District Attorney Martin opened the case. He said Ward had been indicted for larceny and he read the statute covering the crime. While the district attorney was speaking, James D. Fish, with his custodians, entered the court room. He glanced at Ward and was removed to a private room where he remained until wanted as a witness. The district attorney said that Ward on May 5, 1884, in this city, presented a check for $71,800 to the Marine bank, drawn against a check for $75,000 of the First National bank. Ward received the money from the Marine bank. The $75,000 check was not honored by the First National bank, and Ward was guilty of grand larceny by procuring $71,000 on it from the Marine bank. The jury must remember Ward was not on trial for ruining Gen. Grant and sending him broken hearted to the grave, or for sending to state prison for ten years a gentleman highly connected in banking circles, but was merely on trial for grand larceny.

James D. Fish was the first witness called. He leaned over the chair, and glanced savagely at Ward, who lowered his eyes. Ward's counsel moved that the jury be dismissed on account of the statement made by the district attorney regarding Gen. Grant and Mr. Fish. The motion was denied. Mr. Fish said: I am 60 years old, a convict at Auburn state prison, to which I was sentenced for ten years at hard labor. I saw the check handed to me on May 5, 1884. It was handed to me by the paying teller. I directed it certified after I went to the telephone and rang up Ward. To the question, "Is the prisoner here, Ward, the man you mean?" Mr. Fish (leaning over again), "I would like to see him. Yes, that is the man." Continuing the witness said: I said over the telephone, "Ward, I have your check here for certification for $71,800 against an uncertified check for $75,000. Ward telephoned back it was all right and I certified it." Witness then detailed the oft-told story of the events leading to the break down of the Marine bank. The witness' brother, Benjamin Fish, paying teller of the Marine bank, corroborated the ex-president's testimony and the court then adjourned until to-morrow.

A CASE OF INTEREST.

A Philadelphia Judge Fines a Showman for Indecent Advertising.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26.—William J. Gilmore, proprietor of the Central theatre, was this morning arraigned before Judge Biddle on a charge of obscene libel, preferred by Joseph Leeds. The charge was based on an exhibition of a picture representing characters in the spectacular production of "The Seven Ravens," which it advertised to be performed at the theatre some time ago. It was hung on the outside of the theatre. The question was left by the court to the jury to determine from the picture itself, whether it was as charged an indecent publication. The jury, after short deliberation, returned a verdict of guilty. Counsel for Gilmore said that the picture was no worse than similar ones exhibited in front of another theater where there was a ballet. The judge said that it was time to put a stop to this sort of thing. The whole object was to get people into a place to see a nude woman. He did not, however, think that Gilmore ought to be made a severe example of. The judge therefore fined him $1.

Mysterious Disappearance of Money.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 24.—[Chicago Times Special.]—A farmer named Craig, who recently purchased a farm in this county, called at the office of the American Express company to-day for a package of money that he was expecting from his brother, who lives in Omro, Wis. This money he was to use in making a final payment on the farm. The package, which was received here on the 22d, was handed him. It was shipped from Chippewa Falls, Wis., which is the most convenient railroad point to Omro, and left the former point on the 20th or 21st. Mr. Craig receipted for the package, which was supposed to contain about $4,000, and it was opened in the presence of W. P. Chapman, the express agent, and George Torrance, the real estate agent, who made the sale of the farm. When it was opened it contained slips of paper cut from the Milwaukee Sentinel. The surprise of all the parties can only be imagined. All they can do is to wait further developments. The theory advanced at this end of the route is that Mr. Craig handed the money to another party to express, and that it was never expressed. This theory is supported by the fact that a common envelope, addressed in what is supposed to be Mr. Craig's writing, inclosed all the papers, and the envelope had been opened at the end and doubled over and placed in a regular money envelope of the express company, and was regularly sealed at four places with the standard stamp of the company at Chippewa Falls.

A Kentucky Desperado Killed.

MOUNT STERLING, KY., Oct. 25.—[Chicago Times Special.]—Mark Miller, the noted desperado, was killed by Rowland Stone at Chambers' Station, Menifee county, Thursday evening. They had been drinking freely, when an altercation ensued, during which Stone drew his revolver and shot Miller in in the face, the bullet coming out at the top of his head. Miller jumped at and stabbed his assailant severely in the side, dying almost in the act. Miller was one of the most notorious desperadoes in the state. He often imbued his hands in blood, and was a constant terror to all with whom he came in contact. He was one of the chief actors in the celebrated Vaught-Hilton tragedy two years ago. He went in advance to the house of Hilton, where he was hospitably entertained by his unsuspecting victim. He slept with Hilton's two little boys. When the signal was given by his followers, he arose and prevented his host from defending his family, while the Barnett crowd, his fellow assassins, shot him dead amid the cries and entreaties of his wife and children for mercy. Miller escaped by turning state's evidence, and the Barnett followers, his accomplices, were sentenced to life imprisonment. The people of Menifee will breathe freely now that Miller is no more to menace them with his presence.

Another Attempted Wrecking.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 26.—Another explosion on the street car line took place to-night, this time on the Mound City road, three miles from where the one of last night occurred. One of the front wheels of the car was broken and the driver knocked over, but not hurt. There were no passengers in the car. Chief of police Harrigan has offered $500 reward for the capture of the perpetrators.

Died From His Father's Shot.

ERIE, Pa., Oct. 26.—Charles Ward, who was shot by his father at Girard, this county, Tuesday, in a family quarrel, died Sunday afternoon. The quarrel is said to have been occasioned by the old man's immoral conduct. The murderer, who was out on $15,000 bail, was placed in jail.

A Bad Lad Arrested.

George Thompson, a seventeen-year-old lad, was arrested by Roundsman Matza last evening at the corner of Twelfth and Dodge streets, as a suspicious character. While being taken to the city jail Thompson threw away something which he was carrying in his hand, but owing to the darkness the officer was unable to find it last evening. Thompson is supposed to be one of a gang of young thieves and burglars who have been committing numerous depredations in the city recently. The article which he threw away last night is supposed to be a chisel, and a search will be made for it this morning.

PRICES OF THE OPENING DAY.

Monday's Markets a Repetition of Last Week's Report.

QUOTATIONS CONTINUE WEAK.

The Cattle Outlook Unpromising—Wheat Closed a Shade Higher—The English Market, and Grain in Sight and Store.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—[Special to the BEE.]—CATTLE—Trade was slow in all the branches. Up to a late hour there had been scarcely a sufficient number of cattle sold to make a market. The bulk of the fresh arrivals were Texans and rangers. Among the natives were only a few loads that could be classified as good and useful stock. The useful natives that were sold made a shade better prices than such sold for during the panic of Friday, but low grades and common natives were selling no better. Stockers and feeders are in fair supply and prices steady at last week's range. Stock calves are in light supply and trade was rather slow. Although trade was slow at the opening, it was the general opinion that the stock on sale would be disposed of at one price or another. The outlook for a strong and active market for the week is not as bright as sellers would desire. The eastern