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A BLOODY FIGHT AT DELTA.

One Man Reported Killed and Several Others Injured.

SUDDEN DEATH OF NEBRASKANS.

The Mayor of Nebraska City and the Postmaster at Kearney Both Pass Away--Other State News.

Murder at Delta.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—There is a well circulated rumor on the streets to-night, though positive proof is lacking, that a terrible fight occurred at Delta, a station on the Missouri Pacific five miles south of Dunbar, in the store of Mr. Whitaker, in which a number of men were injured and Mr. Whittaker killed. Efforts to secure particulars were unavailable.

Death of Nebraska City's Mayor.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Dr. N. B. Larsh, mayor of Nebraska City, died very suddenly at 7 o'clock this evening of congestion of the lungs. He had been visiting a patient in the country all day and returned home about 6 o'clock feeling and appearing apparently as well as ever. He suffered terrible pains for about an hour and died before aid could be summoned. His loss will be deeply felt by the entire community.

Death of Kearney's Postmaster.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The whole city was startled this morning on hearing that late last night Postmaster E. R. Watson died. He was out on the streets Sunday in apparent good health. He was appointed postmaster one year ago and has conducted the office in good shape and with credit to himself. He was a native of Virginia, where his father is an influential man. The deceased leaves a wife and two children.

Want to Fuse.

GRANT, Neb., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The democratic central committeemen have appointed delegates to confer with the republican committeemen for the purpose of placing a people's ticket in the field when the officers for the new county are to be elected. The Democrats are 300 in the minority—hence their anxiety to fuse.

Closed His Doors.

GORDON, Neb. Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The store of J. G. Fritz, of this place, was to-day closed on a chattel mortgage held by home parties. Mr. Fritz was one of the oldest merchants in the place.

PAPER BAG SWINDLERS.

Sharks Swindle Kansas and Missouri Merchants.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—A neat swindling device which is being worked in the various towns of Kansas has just come to light. Ashton & Sheridan, paper dealers in this city, received notice to-day that two sight drafts were waiting for them at the State Savings bank, signed by J. R. Holmer, of Caldwell, and J. Browning, of Junction City, Kas., for $18 and $15 respectively. They refused payment and the drafts were returned. This afternoon they received letters from the parties stating that they had sent drafts for collection and explaining that they had been appointed agents to sell paper bags to the merchants of their respective towns. The price at which the bags were sold was a ready bait, the agents offering to furnish sixteen-pound bags to the merchants at 50 cents per 1,000, with their advertisement. Bags cannot be bought wholesale at less than $7.10 per 1,000. A land office business is reported. It is said that nearly every merchant in Wathena has purchased from the enterprising advance agents.

The Fire Record.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 22.—A fire broke out in the millinery and furnishing store of Fleishman & Co. early this morning. The flames had gained considerable headway when discovered, and before they could be controlled the double story structure, together with the adjoining five-story building of Yeager & Co., toy dealers was completely gutted. During the progress of the fire two firemen were buried under a falling floor and severely burned and bruised. Ward, another fireman, was overcome by smoke and fell from a ladder. His condition is serious. The total loss is $200,000; insurance, $125,000. The fire is supposed to have caught from a lighted cigar stump.

McGarigle's Aids Acquitted.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The trial of Dr. St. John, Levi Dell and Captain Freer, indicted for conspiracy in aiding in the escape of Warden McGarigle, came to a sudden close this noon. The state's attorney acknowledged in open court that he had not evidence enough to convict, so Judge Collins ordered the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal, and the state nollied the other indictments against them. The indictments against Captain Irwin, master of the Blake, who has kept himself in Canada since the escape, still stands.

Collision of Trains.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—This morning a collision occurred on the Ohio & Northwestern road, three and one-half miles beyond Idlewild station. The Montgomery accommodation coming south and the out-going passenger train going north, met at Bloody Run trestle. Both engines were wrecked. Mrs. Proctor of South Norwood, and Mrs. Ringgold were fatally injured. Both engineers had their limbs broken. Several passengers were severely injured.

Missing Schooner Heard From.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—The schooner Cranmer, from Norfolk, reports that Sunday, off Cape Henry, she fell in with the schooner Catharine W. May, bound from Philadelphia for Richmond, which had encountered a gale on the 17th and had sprung a leak. The crew were kept at the pumps from Saturday until Sunday, when she foundered, and were almost exhausted. The captain and steward were drowned. The survivors were taken aboard the Cranmer.

Mexican Land Suit.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 22.—A dispatch received here says Mrs. Maria Burton has established in the court of the City of Mexico her right to lands in Lower California known as the Ensenada de Todos Santos, under an old grant. The question involves $1,000,000 worth of property which it is now claimed has been sold to others by the International company, of Mexico, and includes a portion of the town of Ensenada.

Sudden Death at St. Joe.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Harvey A. Wells, a prominent real estate man and wealthy citizen of Edmund, Newton county, Kansas, died suddenly at Dr. Hall's sanitarium this morning about 12.35 o'clock of heart disease. He ate a hearty supper last evening before retiring and expressed himself as feeling well. He was forty years of age and married.

A Lively Shoot.

GLENMARY, Tenn., Dec. 22.—A big riot occurred here Tuesday night when a mass of colored and white workmen became involved in a drunken quarrel. Over two hundred shots were fired. A man and boy were killed and others injured.

KANSAS COLD.

It Proves to Be Not So Severe as Reported.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—The weather continues moderate, and encouraging reports are coming in from the west, which go far to remove the impression which seems to have gone out that there is extreme suffering in Kansas from lack of fuel and food. While there has undoubtedly been isolated cases of deaths from exposure and instances of individual suffering from scarcity of provisions, the condition of affairs has been greatly exaggerated and misrepresented by irresponsible persons. Clark county, Kansas, which has been reported as the region where the most suffering prevails, to-night sends an emphatic denial of the stories through the postmaster at the county seat. Dispatches to the Associated press and to local papers to-night from all sections of the state are unanimous in saying that there has been no cases of suffering such as described in the special dispatches. In fact there has been no suffering aside from that usually experienced in a sudden severe cold snap, and that no advices have been received of scarcity of food. The coal famine in most places was relieved two weeks ago.

HIS AMBITION KNOCKED OUT.

A Thieving District Messenger Boy's Adventures in the Wild West.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.—Frank Hines, an enterprising but untrustworthy messenger boy of the American District Telegraph company, was placed in durance vile this afternoon for the theft of $250 two months ago, which was entrusted to his care. He fled immediately after obtaining possession of the money, and the police were unable to get any trace of him until to-day, when he surrendered himself at the southern police station. Young Hines tells an interesting story. He was excited by reading dime novels, and after stealing the money went west to become a hero. He got "mashed" on a girl out west, who fleeced him of all his money a week or ten days ago, and "knocked all the ambition out of him." He decided that the best thing he could do would be to come back to Baltimore and face the music.

FUN WITH THE DUMMIES.

They Create Dire Consternation In a Connecticut Town.

NORWICH, Conn., Dec. 22.—The hot-blooded youths of eastern Connecticut have never been able to get along amicably with clothing house dummies. Still life, if it is innocuous, does not excite them, but the varnished and haughty mien of a well-dressed dummy is regarded as a standing insult to them, and it affronts their sense of self-respect.

Not long ago a young man of this city, who has a long, thin, pale, melancholy face, and who is near-sighted, walked down on lonely Shetucket street one evening just after he had swallowed his eight tumblers of Norwich hot whisky. There was no one on the street except a dummy, which stood in an angle of a clothing house store-door, in the chill refracted light of an electric arc. He stepped up to the manikin and respectfully addressed it:

"Will you have the kindness, sir," he said, "to tell me about what time it is?"

But the dummy was speechless, and it gazed at him with a fixed, polished, and somewhat supercilious smile.

"It is possible that you did not hear me," continued the young man ironically, whose blood was getting up, "but I asked you a question and I want an answer, and I want it quick. I never ask a man but once usually, and when I ask a man a question once and he don't answer me I hit him. Once more I ask you, sir, what time it is, and I want an answer pretty dam quick. You hear?"

There was no response from the frozen creature in the doorway. The Norwich man danced about it for a moment with his hands up and then he suddenly landed a left-hand blow under the dummy's jaw. It was a knock-out hit. The dummy instantly went off his feet and plunged head foremost through the glass show window and fell with a hollow, weird rattle among a lot of ready-made suits, knocking over two juvenile dummies in plaid suits in the window by his fall. The young man was frightened and he ran off to a saloon and breathlessly told all the loungers there that he had knocked a man down because he would not answer a civil question, and he added:

"I guess I've killed him."

Next day he paid a fine in the city court for assault and battery on the dummy, and he settled a claim for damages presented by the merchant who owned and set the dummy.

In New London the other night a small boy named McCreary fooled with Mr. Linnicus' cigar dummy, an Indian maiden, carved to represent Pocahontas when she was eighteen years old, that stands in the store door, a winning smile on her face, six 5-centers in her left hand, and with her right hand pointing over her shoulder at Mr. Linnicus behind the counter. The boy had climbed all over the girl, put his arms about her head, scratched the back of her neck to convince another small boy who was looking on that she was harmless, and was in the act of clambering around to kiss her when she tumbled on him. Boy and maiden went to the sidewalk and the Indian girl was on top. She was heavy and held him there, while the youth wriggled and yelled. A crowd gathered, and Mr. Linnicus hurried out and took the girl off. Then he boxed the lad's ears and told him to get home, or some real Indian scalping would animate the next scene.

Forefathers' Day in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The New England society of New York city sat down to their eighty-second annual dinner to-night at Delmonico's, with 200 members and guests at the board. Among those who delivered addresses were E. F. Wolcott, of Denver, on "The Pilgrim in the West," Mayor Hewitt, Gen. Schofield and Congressman Cochran. Letters of regret from President Clevelrnd and John G. Whittier were announced.

An Explosion's Frightful Results.

FINDLAY, O., Dec. 22.—This afternoon a gas explosion wrecked the frame dwelling house of James Lunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lunday were severely burned and Mrs. Lunday's mind was unsettled. Toward evening she died a raving maniac. One child is now dying of its injuries. Lunday is insane from his injuries and the loss of his wife, and two remaining children are in great agony from burns.

Warrants For Dynamiters.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A warrant has been granted for the arrest of General Millen, head of the Clan Na Gael society, and Mellville, formerly agent of the society in London, who are charged with being connected with the dynamite conspiracy in which Callen and Harkens are alleged to have been engaged.

Sullivan's Money Talks.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Sportsman announces it received $2,500 from John L. Sullivan to bind him in a match with either Smith or Kilrain or both.

Mexico's Mines.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 22.—It is reported that the government, which has given notice to all mint contractors that they must turn over the mints in four months to duly appointed representatives of the treasury, will run the mints itself, thus effecting a large annual saving.

Steamship Arrivals.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Arrived—The Siberian from Glasgow and the Jan-Breydel from Antwerp. Both experienced heavy weather.

SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 22.—Arrived—The Trave from New York for Bremen.

Philadelphia's New Pitcher.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—James A. Tyng, the well known Harvard college pitcher, will play with the Philadelphia club next season.

WOOED BY A MANIAC LOVER.

Rare Pluck Displayed By a Pretty Maiden of Grinnell.

LAWYERS FIGHT WITH PISTOLS.

Bremer County's Attorney Shot Dead in His Office--Ex-Warden Martin Exonerated--Sudden Death of Judge Leffingwell.

A Murderous Maniac.

GRINNELL, Ia., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Albert Howell, a farmer residing about nine miles south of here, became insane while in this city this morning, and started for the home of George Whitman, a mile south, with a large carving knife. The insane man was followed from Grinnell and help came just in time to save the inmates of the house from death. Howell also went to the restaurant of a Mr. Dunlap in this city, where he claimed Mr. Dunlap's unmarried daughter as his wife, and proceeded to enforce his claim by brandishing his knife and cleaning out the restaurant. Miss Dunlap, however, was as plucky as she is handsome, and arming herself with a knife took him into custody and delivered him to the authorities.

A Lawyer Shot Dead.

WAVERLY, Ia., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—W. S. Kingsley, county attorney, was shot and instantly killed in his office at 6 o'clock last evening by E. Billings, another attorney, who was shot in the back, but received only a slight wound, the ball having struck a ring in his suspenders which evidently saved his life. Mr. Kingsley was a young man who stood very high in the community. He was a graduate of the law department of the state university and was elected county attorney for Bremer county a little over a year ago. Mr. Billings has been a practicing attorney here for fifteen years, and is now under arrest. A coroner's jury has been at work all day investigating the murder. There was no eye witness to the affair save Lawyer Billings, who is charged with the crime. A dentist having rooms near, by says that he heard an altercation between the men in which Billings charged Kingsley with criminal intimacy with his wife and that hot words were followed by rapid shots, Kingsley dying instantly and Billings escaping with a scratch. Billings reiterates his charges against the dead man. There was much talk of lynching last night and public sentiment against him is very strong, as Kingsley had a fine reputation in the place and was a young man of much promise.

Death of Judge Leffingwell.

MAQUOKETA, Ia., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Judge A. J. Leffingwell, of the district bench of Jackson, Muscatine, Clinton and Scott counties, died here suddenly to-day from inflammation of the bowels. He was holding a session of court. He was a native of New York, but came to Iowa at an early age and has resided here ever since. He was elected district judge to succeed Congressman Walter I. Hayes in 1886, having for two years before that been judge of the circuit court. His residence was at Lyons and he was highly respected and widely known.

Appointed General Agent.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The appointment of Mr. G. W. Wheelock as general agent of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad for this point is announced to-day. Mr Wheelock is at present assistant freight agent of the Sioux City & Pacific and Freemont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley at Missouri Valley. It is also reported that the other lines centering here will immediately make similar appointments. Sioux City feels grateful at this new recognition of her business importance.

Fire at Sioux City.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—This morning about 4 o'clock fire broke out in the residence of Joe Marks, corner of Seventh and Nebraska streets. Mr. Marks discovered the flames as they shot up from the cellar containing the furnace. Everything except the walls was consumed. The total loss is estimated at $10,000, with $6,500 insurance.

Fell Down a Coal Shaft.

ROSE HILL, Ia., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—This morning as William Cratty, an employe in Arnold's coal bank, was in the act of starting to go down in the shaft by the rope, he missed his hold and fell to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of fifty-one feet, where he remained for three hours before he was taken out. His injuries were very severe including several broken bones but at last reports he was still alive.

Fire at Nevada.

NEVADA, Ia., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Fire last night destroyed a number of business houses here. The principal losses are as follows: William Killen, restaurant, $1,200; James Doyle, grocery, $1,000; H. A. Burdick, grocery, $1,200. Other adjacent buildings were damaged several hundred dollars each.

An Oakland Merchant Skips.

OAKLAND, Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—George Wilson, a prominent young clothier of this place, suddenly left town a day or two ago, and after his departure it was rumored that he had carried off all the spare cash belonging to his business which could be obtained. Other parties had furnished the money for his business and had perfect confidence in his integrity, and no apparent reason for this break is known.

The Ex-Warden Exonerated.

ANAMOSA, Ia., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The grand jury has concluded its deliberations in the ex-Warden Martin matter and reports no bill.

Crushed His Leg.

GRINNELL, Ia., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Charlie Jones, eighteen years old, attempted to cross the Iowa Central here in front of a freight, but slipped and one leg was so badly crushed that amputation will probably be necessary.

Bug Holliday's Shackles.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 22.—To settle the important dispute as to whether "Bug" Holliday should go to the St. Louis Browns or to the Des Moines, both clubs claiming him for the year, an examination of the files of the Western Union dispatches was made here to-day and resulted in finding no dispatch from Holliday under date of October 20, as claimed by President Von der Ahe. A dispatch was found to W. H. Goldsby, Evansville, from Holliday, expressing a willingness to sign with St. Louis, but it was sent on the 19th, the day before the legal time for signing. According to the decision of the arbitration committee at the late meeting in Cincinnati, Holliday therefore goes to Des Moines.

Barb-Wire Makers in Court.

DUBUQUE, Dec. 22.—The case of the Washburn & Moen Manufacturing company vs the Beat 'em All Barb-Wire company, of Waterloo, Ia., was called to-day before Judge Shiras in the United States district court, now in session here. This is an action for damages for infringement of a patent. Mr. Washburn was present with his attorneys, Offield & Toll and Coburn & Thatcher, of Chicago, and B. F. Thursten, of Providence, R. I. The issue is one of fact, the law points having already been decided in favor of the plaintiffs by Judge Brewer, of Kansas.

WALKED THROUGH THE WALL.

A Dakota Village Badly Frightened By a Ghostly Visitor.

CALEDONIA, Dak., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Caledonia is terribly wrought up over a ghostly appearance which resembles the body of one of the departed pioneers of that place, Chet Clark. He died a year ago leaving considerable property, including a mill and a saloon. The spirit is frequently seen around the mill. A sober, respectable citizen met the ghost upon the bridge the other night and was so frightened that he jumped therefrom. Another has seen the specter four times in different places. The bartender at Mr. Clark's old saloon saw the spirit walk in the door the other night pass diagonally through the room, turn and go through the wall where there was neither a door or window. Everybody is badly frightened and very few venture out nights. Mr. Clark was one of Traill county's most respected and respectable citizens.

The Chinese Concessions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—At last Count Mitkiewicz concedes that his Chinese grants have been indefinitely suspended, and can only be renewed by further negotiations. The count last night talked freely of the troubles he has encountered, and told in a plain, matter-of-fact way the reason he assigns for the suspension of his grants. The idea of establishing an American bank in China, he said, was entirely his own. His idea was to open to American enterprise the great wealth of the east; to cement a union between America and Russia, and finally bring about by such a union the overthrow and dismemberment of the British empire in India. He blames Col. Denby, the American minister, for failing in any way to encourage him and assist his plans. Count Mitkiewicz added that the opposition of Mr. Bartlett, of the legation at Washington, whom he directly charges with being in the employ of Russell & Co., the American merchants in China, who have so bitterly opposed all his efforts, has largely been the cause of the suspension of his grants. He says the one great mistake of his syndicate was that they did not at once publish and prove the genuineness and authenticity of his grants.

Titled Rottenness.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—A special London cable to the World says the duke of Sutherland's recent illness has given rise to much gossip owing to the presence at his bedside at his magnificent country seat in Staffordshire, of Mrs. Blair, who was a member of the party in the recent visit to America. Mrs. Blair refused to leave, and was sustained by the duke. The duchess and children refused to visit the sick man until the physician declared his condition critical. There was a scene between the duchess and Mrs. Blair after the former's arrival. The latter still refused to go, and the duke upheld her. The duchess, who is a peeress in her own right and at one time mistress of the rodes to Victoria, withdrew to the residence in London, the Stafford house, whither the queen sent a telegram of sympathy. The duke recovered sufficiently to sail two weeks later on a cruise on a yacht accompanied by Mrs. Blair. The latter was at one time well known in London society.

Affairs in Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Political circles are agitated over the development in connection with the local government. It has just transpired that Mr. Norquay handed over $128,000 in bonds of the province to the contractors of the Hudson bay railway, after their claim had been considered in council, and a decision arrived at to refuse to hand over the money. The local cabinet is divided into fractions, one led by Norquay and the other by Dr. Harrison. Both are coquetting with the opposition to form a coalition government, but it is unlikely that the opposition will unite with either. Dr. Harrison, who returned from Ottawa recently offered Norquay, from Sir John MacDonald, a situation if he would retire. Norquay told him that both he and Sir John might go to ——, as he was boss of the ranch here, and he proposed to do just exactly as it suited himself. A caucus of conservative members of the house has been called for to-morrow, when the question will be fully brought out and a solution possibly reached. Harrison has announced that Sir John promises him that the monopoly of the Canadian Pacific railway would be abandoned when the Dominion parliament met.

Daniel Manning Dangerously Ill.

ALBANY, Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Daniel Manning's condition is extremely serious. At 11:30 last night he became unconscious and remained so several hours. Physicians say he cannot recover.

At 4:30 o'clock this morning Manning was gradually sinking, and his death was expected at any moment.

9 a. m.—Manning is in about the same condition that he was at 4:30 this morning. He is gradually sinking.

10:20 a. m.—Manning continues to sink slowly and may survive until this afternoon, but hardly until night. He is conscious when aroused, but for most of the time appears to be in a drowse. His family are at his bedside.

3:55 p. m.—Manning is still alive.

MIDNIGHT.—Manning's condition at midnight showed little change, and it was thought he would live through the night.

McKenna An Easy Winner.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—In the billiard match, McKenna, in resuming to-night, missed after making 75 and bringing his run up to 2,572. For seven innings he played very poorly, and then gathered the ivories and repeated their journey around the table until he had put up 2,121 points more, making his total score 4,715. Eames meanwhile could get in nothing better than 18, and had a total of 45 when McKenna failed, leaving the balls in position for an easy masse. This he missed, and McKenna, with the balls in good position, ran the game out—285 points.

Crooked Insurance Officials.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 22.—The grand jury to-night returned indictments against S. Parsons, president, Robert E. Beecher, secretary, and Isaac W. Hakes, clerk of the Continental Life Insurance company, charged with false entry and returns. Parsons has been in Canada two weeks.

A Big Suit Closed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The trial of the suit of the banque Franco Egyptienne against the trustees of the New York, Boston & Montreal railroad, for the recovery of $6,000,000, closed to-day. Judge Wallace reserved his decision.

The Death Record.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—This morning Dr. Ferdinand Vandeveer Hayden died at his residence in this city after a long illness. He was a distinguished scientist and widely known as a geologist. He ocbupied more than twenty years in the exploration of the great west.

Freezing Weather in Texas.

GALVESTON, Dec. 22.—Freezing weather prevailed here all day and the city is covered with a coat of ice. The freezing line extend beyond the Rio Grande some distance into Mexico. Dispatches to the signal office here show very cold weather prevails throughout the great cattle districts of Texas.

Weather Indications.

For Nebraska and Iowa: Light rain or snow, falling, preceded in Iowa by rising temperature, brisk to high northwesterly winds, becoming light to fresh, variable in Nebraska.

The Continental Wreck.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 22.—In the Continental Life Insurance case to-day counsel for the stockholders abandoned the defense and consented to a decree of receivership. The judge will appoint a receiver to-morrow.

REDDY BARRETT CONFESSES.

Story of the Murder of Street Car Driver Tollefsen.

A MOST COLD-BLOODED CRIME.

One of the Brothers Files a Notch in His Revolver to Indicate That He Had Killed His First Man.

Preached on His Brothers.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The twelfth juror in the trial of Barrett for the murder of Street Car Driver Tollefsen was secured late yesterday and the trial begun to-day. The prosecution in opening told how the three Barrets—Peter, Tim and Henry—left Henry Barret's house on Fort avenue, went up town to see the big Boston clothing store fire, watched it awhile and returned on a Cedar avenue car; how they put a plank across the track near the Hastings and Dakota crossing, but not having the nerve to attack the driver, McKennon, whose car was the first to strike the plank, how they afterwards approached Driver Tollefson, demanded his money box and were denied it; how Peter Barrett, with a 32-calibre revolver, shot Tollefson in the leg, followed a few seconds later, and after a struggle, by Tim Barrett, armed with a 38-calibre Smith & Wesson revolver, shooting the driver in the breast and leaving him dead upon the car. "The murderers," continued Mr. Jamison, "escaped into the darkness of Layman's cemetery, fleeing from the dead into the very presence of death. The murderers recrossed Lake street, went to their home on First avenue and slept as soundly as if they had not committed one of the most cold-blooded and cowardly murders ever heard of. The cash box was torn open and most of the tickets were put in a hole under the house. Some of the tickets were thrown outside the house; some of them, with the box, were thrown into Mud lake." The recital was quite graphic. It was the first official intimation of what had been discovered.

Reddy Barrett was on the stand all the morning and he told the story of the murder. He said that on the night of the murder he went up town with his two brothers. When they came back they first placed a plank on the line and threw off a car, but they were afraid to rob the driver. Then they met Tollefson driving the next car opposite Layman's cemetery. Tim stopped the car. Tollefson grabbed both Pete and Tim. They tried to get away but could not. Then Pete fired low and ran away. Then Tim fired and joined them in the cemetery.

He said: "I killed him! I killed him! I shot him through the head."

Then the boys went home. Tim had the driver's cash box. He took the money. They buried the box in the cellar. Two days after they cut it in pieces and took it out to Mud lake where they distributed it and the checks.

Reddy also testified that a few days after the murder Tim filed a notch in his revolver saying at the time that it was the first man he had killed in Minneapolis. He proposed to have more of them.

Reddy put the blame for the whole bad business upon his mother who, he says, educated the boys up in crooked ways. He said she was worth thousands and all of it was the fruits of her boys' crimes. He was seemingly very much overcome by the part he had played in the tragedy and said for his wife's sake he had determined to make a clean breast of it.

MARRIED THE PRISONER.

Minnie Causes Her Old Lover's Arrest and Changes Her Mind.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Miss Minnie Wolf kept a tidy restaurant at No. 42 Kinzie street, and Albert Mueller was one of her regular and favored boarders. Oftentimes as the good things served by Minnie's own hands were passing down his throat his heart almost stopped their passage as it bounded upward in love and admiration for her. After every meal he was ready to swear that she was sweeter than any other restaurant keeper, and his devotions soon won her confidence and affections. As their fondness for each other grew and their hearts commenced to beat as one they thought their hoardings might as well be united, and they kept putting their money together until the savings of both amounted to $600.

About this time a new boarder became very attentive to Minnie, and as his advances did not appear to be displeasing to her, Albert became very jealous, and everything on the table looked sour and green to him. Finally he concluded to fly from the charmer whom he looked upon as faithless, but in doing so he was ungallant enough to take with him the whole of the $600. But he could not stay away; in his geography there were only two places in the world—where Minnie was and where Minnie wasn't. As the latter place had no attractions for him, he made up his mind to return to Chicago, where Minnie was.

On arriving here he deposited the $600 in two separate banks, getting a certificate of deposit from each. Minnie heard of his presence here, and not knowing of his longings, had him arrested for larceny. Yesterday they were both in the armory court, but there was no trial, for Albert said he had given Minnie both the certificates of deposit, and that they were going to be married right away. Minnie blushed as she confirmed the words of Albert, and as the justice dismissed the case the pair left arm in arm to secure a marriage license. The boarder who was the causeof the temporary estrangement may as well, in fact had better, seek a new restaurant in which to get his meals.

CHICAGO'S GAS TRUST.

A Reported "Understanding" With the Board of Aldermen.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—It is rumored that the gas trust will have its own way, substantially, with the council in the future. Some weeks ago one of the managers of the gas trust was reported as saying: "We may have to use a little boodle with the aldermen." Judging from the decided change in the apparent spirit of the council some sinister influence has been at work. The energetic uprising of that body against the "octopus" has subsided into a condition of lethargic inaction. It's first resolute advances have given way to a policy of systematic procrastination. The rumor that the "boodlers" had come to terms with the gas men is confirmed by the marked revival witnessed in the trade in gas securities. Brokers had liberal orders from the east for gas lights and trust, and prices were advanced ½ on the former and ⅝ on the latter, sales of gas light 5s being made at $81½@82 and closed at 82.

Tammany Resolutions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—At the Tammany hall meeting to-night resolutions were passed commending to the consideration of the democratic national committee the propriety of holding the national convention of 1888 in New York; also favoring the prompt and speedy enactment by congress of such measures as will reduce the surplus now accumulated in the treasury and limit the revenue to the needs of the government, but demanding that in any readjustment of the tariff the interests of American labor shall be jealously protected.

Refused to Dissolve the Injunction.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 22.—Judge Evans, of the common pleas court, to-day rendered a decision in the case of the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo railroad company against Stevenson, Burke and others, overruling the motion of the defendants to dissolve the injunction which involves about $3,000,000 worth of property in which about $1,000,000 of stocks and bonds are at issue.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—When the house met this morning the desk recently occupied by Mr. Moffatt, of Michigan, who died this morning, was draped in mourning and flowers.

Shortly after the house was called to order, Mr. Burrows, of Michigan, said it became his painful duty on behalf of the Michigan delegation to announce to the house the death of Seth C. Moffatt. In his death the delegation felt a personal bereavement, and his state has lost a wise and able congressman.

Mr. Burrows then offered a series of resolutions which were unanimously adopted expressive of the regret with which the house had heard of Moffatt's death and providing for the appointment of seven representatives and three senators to superintend the funeral and escort the remains of the deceased to the place of burial.

Mr. Adams of Illinois offered a resolution for the payment of a month's salary to house employes who were on the rolls December 5, but who have since been discharged or may be discharged prior to January 1, and it was referred to the committee on accounts.

Mr. Herman of Oregon offered a resolution increasing the membership of the committee on rivers and harbors to seventeen. Referred to the committee on rules.

The house then at 1:15 as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased adjourned to meet Wednesday, January 4, 1888.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Mr. Dolph introduced a bill to provide for the payment of claims for damages by Indian depredations aggregating some $14,600 or $15,000 and it was referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

The senate then took up the joint resolution introduced by Mr. Dolph on the 12th inst., proposing a constitutional amendment on the subject of marriage and divorce, and prohibiting bigamy and polygamy. The proposed amendment is in the following words: "Congress shall have power to legislate on the subject of marriage and divorce by general laws applicable to all states and territories; and neither bigamy nor polygamy shall exist or be permitted within the United States or any place subject to its jurisdiction." Mr. Dolph addressed the senate in support of the joint resolution. At the close of his remarks the joint resolution was ordered to lie on the table, Mr. Cullom saying he proposed to submit some remarks upon it after the reassembling of the senate.

The senate bill to remove the political disability of Abraham C. Myers was taken up and passed.

The presiding officer announced the appointment of a special committee to investigate the condition of the five civilized tribes of Indians, as follows: Messrs. Butler, Morgan, Dawes, Cameron and Teller.

Mr. Teller introduced a bill to provide for the compulsory education of Indian children. Referred.

The senate then, on motion of Mr. Allison, at 1:15, proceeded to executive session.

After half an hour, open session was resumed, when a messenger from the house announced the death of Representative Moffatt of Michigan. On motion of Mr. Palmer the usual resolutions of regret were adopted. A committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Palmer, Teller and Jones of Arkansas, to attend the funeral at the dead member's late home in Traverse City, and, as a further mark of respect, the senate adjourned to meet on the 4th of January, 1888.

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The following pensions were granted Nebraskans to-day: George Bailey, Omaha; William H. Woods, Fort Calhoun; Isaac Glaze, Pierce; Owen L. Shaw, Grafton. Increase—Charles Wentz, McCook; Eben P. Tuffts, Kearney; John McArthur, Omaha.

Pensions for Iowans: Mexican war—Margaret, widow of John J. Jones, Rodcliff. Original—George Meenely, Oakland Mills; William O. Johnson, Floris. Increase—John S. Maxfield, Malcomb; John W. Shanafelt, South English; Charles F. Keables, Pella; Joshua Clements, Ottumwa; Wilhelm Trieble, Tama City; Eben A. Sample, Modale; James A. Ailshe, Mormontown; Evan H. Mitchell, Sidney; John Tunny, Kellerton. Reissue—Henry Kneely, Knoxville; David Smith, Ash Grove.

A Land Order From Lamar.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Secretary Lamar to-day instructed the commissioner of the general land office that the order of December 15, 1887, directing "That all lands heretofore withdrawn and held for indemnity purposes under the grant to railroads" mentioned in said order be restored to the public domain and opened to settlement and entry under the general laws, after giving the usual notice, be changed and modified so that the lands shall be restored to the public domain upon the same terms and in the same manner as was directed to be done by the order of August 2, 1887, in relation to indemnity lands withdrawn for the benefit of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad company and the subsequent orders of August 15, 1887, in relation to other roads. The secretary also directs that, for the reasons stated, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road be excluded from said order.

Postal Changes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The following Nebraska postmasters were appointed to-day: Anna M. Roberts, Adaton, Sheridan county, vice Mrs. Ada Foster, resigned; Charles E. Hall, Mathews, Holt county, vice E. Planck, resigned.

Senate Confirmations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Confirmations: O. S. Strauss, minister to Turkey. Postmasters—C. M. Walworth, Loup City, Neb.; Illinois—J. Keagy, Cambridge; J. McNamee, Bennet; H. W. Roberts, Chester; W. F. White, Barry. Dakota—J. B. Bertrand, jr., Canton; Daniel Flynn, Mandan; E. W. Foucht, Redfield; Alex Green, Miller; C. W. Hastings, Brookings; W. G. Judd, Fargo; A. W. Mullen, Desmet; B. F. Ochsner, Kimball; H. C. Rasmesser, Devils Lake; J. H. Taylor, Columbus. S. S. Carlisle, of New Orleans, to be minister to Bolivia; J. W. Walker, of Texas, to be consul general at Dakota.

National Capital Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Senator Dolph has reported from the senate committee on foreign relations, and the senate has adopted in secret session, the resolution calling upon the secretary of state for the correspondence and records of the state department relating to German occupation of the Samoan Islands and Apia.

Senator Mitchell presented a memorial in the senate to-day from the fourteenth legislative assembly of Oregon, praying for a modification of the treaty between the United States and Chinese empire so as to stop and prohibit the importation or immigration of Chinese and other Asiatic laborers altogether and to adopt such lawful measures as may be necessary to rid the country of those already here.

A bill was introduced to-day as follows: By Senator Voorhees, to extend the laws of the United States, except those providing for pre-emption, timber culture and desert land entries of public lands, over the public land strip south of the Indian territory. It also creates the land district of Cimarron.

The secretary of the treasury to-day transmitted to congress estimates to meet the deficiencies in the expenditures of various departments of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, '87, and prior years, amounting to $5,580,078. He also submits an estimate aggregating $3,075,274 to meet urgent demands upon the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, and a schedule of claims amounting to $383,703 allowed by the sixth auditor on account of compensation of postmasters under the readjustment act of 1883.

The secretary of the treasury has appointed Frank O'Neill, store keeper and gauger for Cook county, Illinois.

Government receipts so far this month amount to $21,697,838, being an excess of $12,927,137 over the disbursement for the same period.

Closed For the Holidays.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The members of the produce exchange decided to-day to close the exchange from to-morrow until the following Tuesday.

DEATH ENTERS THE HOUSE.

Representative Moffatt of Michigan Expires Suddenly.

HON. J. C. WATSON INTERVIEWED.

He Gives His Opinion on the Renomination of Blaine and the Confirmation of Lamar--Jay Hubbell Again.

The Congressional Recess.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.

Congress took a recess to-day till Wednesday, January 4. The senate spent the day in discussing the propositions of Mr. Dolph to pay the claims for damages by Indian depredations, amounting to $14,000,000 or $15,000,000, and to amend the constitution of the United States prohibiting