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The Macon Telegraph says that since January 1, 1897, there have been in the United States an aggregate of ninety-seven lynchings, or a little more than twelve per month. Of the victims of these lynchings, eighty have been colored persons, fourteen whites and three Indians.

According to the Dawson (Miss.) Sentinel a farmer living near Fergus Falls employs only paroled convicts on his farm. He treats them like men, carefully guarding them against temptations that would lead them to fall. In this way they are prepared to go back to the world, after serving their time, honest and useful citizens.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean notes that "year by year the number of Northerners who go South instead of 'further West' increases. With a superb climate, rich soils, abundant minerals, marvelous advantages of water power, and a thoroughly awakened industrial instinct the future of the Southern States seems to be wonderfully promising.

In England postal savings banks have been in existence more than a quarter of a century, and have been established in all British colonies, in Russia, France, Sweden, Italy, Austria, Japan, and almost all other civilized countries, including Hawaii, where there are between 2000 and 3000 depositors with savings amounting to more than \$1,000,000. Last year in England there were 6,453,597 depositors in these institutions, their funds amounting to nearly \$500,000,000.

There is a free-and-easy assumption that modern journalism, so called, is responsible for the rush to the Klondike. Those who make this curious blunder seem to be quite unaware of the fact that there was a rush to the gold fields of California nearly fifty years ago, by the side of which that to Alaska sinks into insignificance. Nor must it be forgotten that in 1849 and 1850 California was as much an unknown land as Alaska is to-day, and that every argonaut of those days understood that he was going forth to encounter great dangers. The new journalism had not yet made its appearance, but the stampede occurred all the same, just as it would have done in 1897 if the newspapers had been content to print short items detailing the facts.

The New York Observer believes "it will be a satisfaction to Christian people to note that the famous strike of the laborers employed by Lord Penrhyn in his large slate-quarries has now at last been settled, and that his lordship has admitted the right of the employees as a local body to adopt as their own the grievances of an individual workman or class of workmen. This last point is not, we rejoice to feel, longer an open question in America. Lord Penrhyn has yielded his old world ideas very reluctantly on this issue; nor is it clear, indeed, that he has yet gone so far as to deal directly with 'outside' trades union officials. This unfortunate Penrhyn controversy, which has been carried on for nearly a year, has indicted severe loss on his lordship and great privation and suffering on his men. The latter have all along received much moral and financial support from outsiders. Of the whole body of the House of Commons, only two members have ventured to defend Lord Penrhyn in his arbitrary course, who, as an English journal remarks, 'has tried to manage a great industry under the forms and spirit of feudalism. The experiment has cost him, on his own admission, something like \$300,000, and it has failed. It is not likely to be repeated.'

A monument has been erected at the place where General Stark was born, in Derry, N. H.

YELLOW JACK ON THE WANE.

DISEASE IS RAPIDLY DYING OUT IN INFECTED DISTRICTS.

BEING ROUTED BY COLD WEATHER.

Business and Railway Traffic Resumes Normal Conditions Once More. Quarantines Lifted.

At 12 o'clock Tuesday only one new case and two deaths from yellow fever were reported from the New Orleans board of health. All interest in the fever has about died out. The newspapers are paying but little attention to it, confining themselves to simply the official bulletins.

In all the infected points the same diminution of the disease is reported and it is expected that the next cold spell will wipe out the pestilence entirely. Tuesday was bleak and cold. Prospects for a real cold spell are excellent, in anticipation of which the merchants throughout the city are preparing for a rush of business.

The Montgomery board reports one new case Tuesday in the suburbs. None in the city and no deaths. Total cases to date, 129; deaths, 12.

The complete record for Tuesday was as follows:

CITIES.	NEW CASES.	DEATHS.
New Orleans.....	1	2
Mobile.....	7	2
Montgomery.....	1	0
Walta Bend, Mo.....	1	0
Selma.....	1	0

Memphis Is Open.

The division passenger agent of the Cotton Belt route has the following telegram from the general office at St. Louis:

"Quarantine regulations have been so modified that passengers passing through Memphis from now infected points and not stopping at Memphis will be admitted to all points on our line in Arkansas, except at Clarendon, and all points in Texas through Texas, provided they are provided with proper health certificates. We are at present only operating our freight trains out of Memphis."

DELBRIDGE IS DEFIANT.

He Says the Suicide of His Brother Was Put Up Job.

Charles Delbridge, brother of Thomas Delbridge, the Atlanta man who found a watery grave at Lakewood some time ago, returned to Atlanta from New York Monday afternoon. He is exceedingly wrathful about certain allegations that have been made against him concerning the Delbridge insurance, and he gives a startling version of the mysterious death of his brother which smacks of calmly premeditated suicide for insurance money.

Delbridge makes spicy charges against C. W. Motes, the father-in-law of Thomas Delbridge, and Mary Delbridge, the latter's wife. He says both of these knew of Thomas Delbridge's intention, and that Mr. Motes, knowing this, aided the deceased in securing an insurance policy after his life had already been insured for a large amount; that Tom left certain papers in which he told how the insurance money was to be divided, which have been found and destroyed.

Delbridge also says he confidently believes his brother suicided just to leave his family a sufficient sum for future sustenance and says he has much evidence to back his statement.

Moreover, Delbridge claims he is entitled to one-fourth of the insurance money by virtue of an alleged agreement between his brother and himself several months before the latter's death, which he says he has not received.

THREE ONLY ESCAPED.

British Bark From Newcastle Wrecked and Many of the Crew Drowned.

Advices of Tuesday from Valparaiso state that the large British bark Cordillera, Captain Everett, from Newcastle, N. S. W., July 13 last, which arrived there on September 18th and sailed for Caleta Buena, has been wrecked.

All on board were drowned except two mates and the ship's carpenter. The ship had registered tonnage of 2,224 and carried a valuable cargo.

THE NOBLES CASE HEARD.

State of the Old Lady Now Heats With Uncle Sam's High Court.

The case of Elizabeth Nobles was heard before the supreme court at Washington Wednesday morning. It was opened by Mr. Marion Harris.

Attorney General Terrell spoke for about the same length of time as it took Mr. Harris to review his brief. The whole point hinges on the right of a person to demand a trial by jury, after judgment has been passed for insanity.

The full court, with the exception of Justice Field, who is now too feeble to resume his seat on the bench, heard the case.

CLARA LEFT PENNILESS.

Father-in-Law of "Lord" Beresford Drops Dead From Worry.

Alexander Pelkey, father-in-law to Lord Beresford, dropped dead on the streets at Fitzgerald late Thursday afternoon from heart disease. Two years ago Mrs. Pelkey died of consumption and willed her fortune to her husband, expecting him to arrange for the protection of their only child, Clara, but after the sensational marriage of their daughter to Lord Beresford at Fitzgerald last May, Mr. Pelkey made his will, giving his own fortune and that received from his wife to his only brother at Westerly, Rhode Island, with the request that he provide for Clara in case she ever gets rid of her "hypnotic husband," whom she still follows in his career of crime, utterly unable to break the magnetic spell which he has over her.

Clara will of age next year and would have inherited both fortunes if she had not met and fell before the power of Sidney Lascelles. Mr. Pelkey has spent the past five months defending the law suits which Lord Beresford has caused by claiming to be a partner of Mr. Pelkey. The last suit was compromised the day preceding his death. The other suits were all dismissed at the late term of court, just adjourned.

Mr. Pelkey's family and connections were all Quakers and very good people. He got more trouble on his hands through Lord Beresford in one day than he had previously during his life of sixty years. During the last five months he mourned for his daughter, whom he had not heard from directly since Lord Beresford flight. Mr. Pelkey had been failing rapidly in health since Clara got into the clutches of Beresford. He worried very much about Clara and this marriage caused his death. Beresford's actions killed him, but he will not get a cent of the money.

The Pelkey fortunes at Fitzgerald and in Rhode Island, since Mr. Pelkey's recent losses, will not exceed \$100,000. Mr. Pelkey's will, in which all of his property was left to his brother, was executed on the 23d of last June, immediately after he was acquainted with the true character of his son-in-law. Pelkey was fearful, so he stated at the time, that Lascelles would have him murdered in order to get possession of the money.

WHISKY MEN INDICTED.

Fulton County Grand Jury Charges Them With Murder of Ponder.

Friday morning, at Atlanta, Ga., the Fulton county grand jury found bills of indictment for murder against Walter O'Quinn, Louis Steinau and Julius Simon, charged with killing Patrolman J. T. Ponder.

The grand jury began the investigation at 10 o'clock and was in session for three hours. All of the testimony in hand by the detective department was not introduced and several witnesses summoned were allowed to go without being heard.

The indictment returned was as follows:

"In the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, we charge and accuse Walter O'Quinn, L. Steinau and Julius Simon, of the county and state aforesaid, with the offense of murder, for that the said Walter O'Quinn, L. Steinau and Julius Simon in the county aforesaid on the eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, with force and arms, did unlawfully and with malice aforethought kill and murder one J. T. Ponder by shooting him with a pistol. The said Walter O'Quinn being then and there the actor or perpetrator of said crime, and the said L. Steinau and Julius Simon being present, aiding and abetting in the perpetration of said offense contrary to the law of said state, the good order, peace and dignity thereof."

INDIANS ARE FOREIGNERS.

According to a Ruling In United States Court at Chattanooga.

In a decision handed down by the United States court of appeals at Chattanooga, Friday, in a case from the western district of North Carolina, it has been virtually declared that the members of the eastern band of Cherokee Indians are not citizens of the United States.

The decision of the court is that the band has no right to make any contract whatever without the sanction of the United States government.

HAMPTON MAKES HIS REPORT.

Low Water Mark Reached In Railway Construction The Past Year.

General Wade Hampton, who has just been succeeded by General Longstreet as commissioner of railroads, has submitted to the interior department his report for the past fiscal year.

He says that the year reached the low water-mark of railway construction. During the year thirty-four companies, with 5,441 miles of roads, passed into the hands of the courts, and fifty-eight others previously placed in receivership, were sold at foreclosure.

A steady improvement in railroad earnings during the first six months of the current year is noted.

FLORIDA IN BRIEF.

The Carrabelle, Tallahassee & Georgia railroad has made a low rate for Jacksonville's Gala Week.

The next prominent event is the National Fishery Congress at Tampa, which will draw large numbers of visitors to Florida.

According to her tax returns Brevard county shows a valuation of \$2,548,956; increase, \$152,736; state tax, \$13,383.89; county tax, \$32,596.22. Total taxes, \$45,980.11.

Governor Bloxham has issued a proclamation revoking the commission granted to Joseph C. Braman as Commissioner of Deeds for the state of Florida in New York state.

The Sub-Tropical Laboratory ceased its labors in Eustis a few days ago and the contents of the laboratory, including the library and scientific instruments, were packed for shipping. The outfit is to go to the Agricultural Department at Washington.

The first shipment of cattle, amounting to 750 head, was loaded at Port Tampa a day or two ago on two large barges made especially for the business. The barges were towed to Cuba by the large and powerful Spanish tug, Humberto Rodriguez. The Rodriguez is said to have extra large and powerful engines, and was able to tow the loaded barges at the rate of ten miles an hour.

According to advices received from London Great Britain has declined to take part in the Florida Fisheries Congress to be held at Tampa in January. The United States Ambassador, Colonel John Hay, received a polite note from the Foreign Office saying Her Majesty's Government is greatly interested in the objects of the congress, but regretted its inability to send an official representative to take part in it.

For several weeks the Pensacola Typographical Union has been waging a fight against the two morning papers of the city, the Star and the Time, on the ground that they have persistently refused to employ union labor, and have cut the price of composition down to the lowest notch. The union labor element in the city is very strong, and the Knights of Labor have gone to the assistance of the Typographical Union, and adopted strong resolutions against both papers. It is said that all other labor organizations will follow suit.

John E. Stillman, the recently appointed collector of the port at Pensacola, is an oldtime resident of Florida. He is a graduate of the military institute at Gainesville, and was, when a mere boy, elected tax collector of Volusia county, where he was married. He was deputy collector of internal revenue under Dennis Eagan, and for the past four years has been secretary and treasurer of the Little Bros. Fertilizer Company, of Jacksonville. Few men are better known in middle, east or south Florida, and he leaves behind him many friends, both democrats and republicans, in Jacksonville, who wish him success in his new position. Mr. Stillman's family will shortly follow him to Pensacola, where they will reside for the next four years.

Schedules Arranged.

A meeting of the officers of the Pennsylvania railroad, Fredericksburg & Potomac railroad, Chesapeake & Ohio railway, Southern railway, Atlantic Coast Line, Florida East Coast railway, Florida Central and Peninsular railroad and Plant System was held at Washington a few days ago for the purpose of considering schedules for the winter season to the south. There was little or no change made in the schedules as now in effect. The question of extra Florida service during the winter season was the principal point of discussion. Two lines leading from Washington compete for this business.

The "Florida Special," which is operated over the Pennsylvania railroad, Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, Atlantic Coast Line, and Plant System, leaves New York at 12:30 p.m., Washington 6:20 p.m., and arrives at Jacksonville 1:30 p.m. and St. Augustine 2:40 p.m. The "Florida Limited," operated over the Pennsylvania railroad, Southern railway, Florida Central and Peninsular railroad, and Florida East Coast railway, between New York and St. Augustine, will leave New York as heretofore at 12:10 high noon, leave Washington at 6 p.m., arriving at Jacksonville at 1:10 p.m. and St. Augustine at 2:40 p.m. Returning, this train will leave St. Augustine at 11 a.m., Jacksonville at 12:10 p.m., arriving in Washington at 9:45 a.m. and New York at 3:50 p.m.

The time of these trains between New York and Florida will be virtually twenty-four hours, or by several hours the quickest time that has been made. The above schedules become effective Monday, January 17, 1898. All other schedules by the Southern Railway remain in effect as now.

SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

New Industries Established in the South During the Past Week.

Among the most important new industries reported for the past week are the following: A flouring mill at Lebanon, Tenn.; gas works to cost \$60,000 at Newport News, Va.; the Tisdale Mining and Manufacturing Co., capital \$33,500, at Butler, Ga.; the Huguenot Mining and Milling Co., the Arctic Circle Mining Co., capital \$1,000,000, and the Grand Encampment Mining and Milling Co., capital \$500,000, at Charleston, W. Va.; the Morgan County Cannel Coal Co., capital \$25,000, at Frankfort, Ky.; the Carter Coal and Iron Co., capital \$100,000, at Pulaski, Va., and the Jackson-Meshier Mining Co., capital \$60,000, at Rome, Ga. The Peerless Clay Co., capital \$18,000, has been incorporated at Butler, Ga.; the New York Petroleum Co., capital \$500,000, at Parkersburg, W. Va.; and the Frost Cotton Oil Co., capital \$20,000, at Frost, Tex. A knitting mill will be erected at Burlington, N. C.; a rope and twine mill at Griffin, Ga.; a furniture factory at Little Rock, Ark.; a \$10,000 lumber mill at Hamilton, N. C.; a \$20,000 saw mill at Mineola, Ga., and a \$45,000 lumber mill at Vinton, La.

Other woodworking plants will be established at Brandford and Holley, Fla., Belair and Cordele, Ga., and Elkin, N. C.—Tradesman (Chattanooga, Tenn.).

CRANK SOUGHT M'KINLEY.

Spain's Note In The Cabinet—Relief For Whalers—Buck Heard From.

A Washington special says: A crank appeared at the white house Tuesday and demanded to see President McKinley. He said the president had not treated him right. He was so persistent that the police were ordered to arrest him. At police headquarters he said his name was Henry Rocket, of 1241 Fourth street, Southwest. There is no such name and address in the city directory.

The full text of Spain's reply to the Woodford note was read at the cabinet meeting Tuesday. Its tone was very pacific, instead of being at all warlike, was regarded by the cabinet as very satisfactory, and as calculated to allay any fear of a hostile outbreak.

The cabinet also gave consideration to the ice-bound Bering Sea whaling fleet. Two plans have been decided upon, one to send the Bear, from Seattle, which cannot be got ready for two weeks, and another to send the Thrasher, a whaling vessel at San Francisco.

United States Minister Buck at Tokio has cabled the department of state that the Japanese minister of foreign affairs resigned Saturday and that Baron Nishi has been appointed his successor.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR MEET.

Session of the General Assembly of Knights Begin at Louisville.

The general assembly of the Knights of Labor was called to order in Hibernian hall at Louisville, Ky., Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock by Grand Master J. R. Severeign. Among the delegates were a number of the most prominent leaders in the movement in this country and abroad.

After the appointment of committees on credentials, press, etc., the meeting adjourned until the afternoon. There was nothing done at the afternoon session.

The master workman was not ready to make his appointments, and as the committee on credentials and the committee on finance were not ready to report, adjournment was taken until Wednesday.

NEGRO ASYLUM BURNED.

Colossal Structure at Milledgeville, Ga., Laid In Ashes.

The negro building of the Georgia state lunatic asylum in Milledgeville was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon.

The 700 patients in the building were saved by the most heroic work. At first there was a stampede, but by the cool and collected efforts of the attendants they were successfully confined in the walled asylum yard.

The negro building was capable of housing nearly a thousand. It covered two acres of ground and was built by act of the legislature in 1884.

Wales Is Fifty-Six.

The birthday of the prince of Wales was celebrated Tuesday with unusual flag hoisting, bell ringing and artillery salutes. He was born November 9, 1841.

LINCOLN SUCCEEDS PULLMAN.

He Will Have Charge of the Great Palace Car Company.

A meeting of the directors of the Pullman Palace Car company was held at Chicago Thursday. Robert T. Lincoln was elected a director.

The most important action taken was the appointment of an executive committee, consisting of Charles E. Hulbert, of New York, and Marshall Field and Robert T. Lincoln, of Chicago, who will have charge of the general affairs of the company. Robert T. Lincoln was elected chairman of this committee.

The action of the directors, however, practically makes Mr. Lincoln president of the company.