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PANIC IN A SCHOOL

Four Hundred Children Rush From a Burning Building.

ROASTED ALIVE AND FROZEN STIFF.

Horrible Experience of a Family—A Detroit Man Killed—The Schooner Simpson in Danger—Death of Capt. Laird—Other News.

EAST SAGINAW, Dec. 2.—This afternoon fire broke out in the Fourth Ward public school, where 400 pupils were in attendance. The children scrambled to get out of the eight rooms of the school, and for a few minutes the confusion bordered on a panic. Many of the children had their clothing torn almost completely off, while a few were slightly injured. Outside the building the excitement was equal to that within. Parents ran from all parts of the city to the school, under the impression that their children were in danger of being burned. The building was partially destroyed with a loss of $20,000 insured.

ROASTED AND FROZEN.

Awful Experience of a Family on a Cold Night with Their House in Flames.

EAST SAGINAW, Dec. 2.—Jesse Stockford's residence in Lyons township, this county, was burned last night. The thermometer ranged at 20 degrees above zero, and the wind was blowing hard. The flames spread rapidly and nothing was saved. A boy of 9 years perished in his bed, and another 7 years old was burned so badly that he died early this morning. Mrs. Stockford was also terribly burned while attempting to save her children. Her husband ran through the snow a mile barefoot to the nearest neighbor for help and had both feet badly frozen.

THE SIMPSON IN DANGER.

A Schooner with a Manitowoc Crew Anchored off the Beach.

WHITEHALL, Dec. 2.—The vessel lying at anchor off Free Soil since Tuesday morning is the Simpson, owned by Filer & Sons, of this city. She seems to be in the same shape as when first seen. This evening a fire and red light were run up the mast, indicating that all was well as could be expected under the circumstances. The volunteer life saving crew is on the beach ready to render any assistance possible should the vessel drift ashore. The storm is raging in all its severity, and as soon as the wind and sea go down a tug will go to her assistance. Most of the crew reside here and anxiety for the suffering sailors is great.

JUMPED TO DEATH.

A Detroit Man Springs from the Cars at Ann Arbor and is Killed.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 2.—A man supposed to be George W. Hoffman, of this city, jumped from a moving train at Ann Arbor last night and struck on his head, fracturing his skull. He was removed to Bishop's hotel where it is probable he will die during this evening. He had the address of Chas. Stockbridge, book-keeper for Morgan Sweeney, on his person, which Stockbridge said he gave to Hoffman recently.

PLAINWELL NEWS.

Train Off the Track—Express Company Discontinues—Other Notes.

PLAINWELL, Dec. 2.—A union temperance meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday evening.

An engine and one car of the northbound freight train ran off the track in the switching yards at Plainwell last Tuesday morning. Traffic was delayed somewhat.

The American Express was taken off this division of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad last Tuesday. The business has been transferred to the United States Express, for which E. K. Dishrow is agent.

James Howard, while working on the city bridge in Cleveland, O., was run into and knocked down by a pony engine on the Nickel Plate Railroad last Monday evening, of which he died Tuesday night from injuries received. His remains were brought here Wednesday morning for interment. Mr. Howard was a resident of Plainwell and left here about a month ago. He leaves a wife to survive him. It is expected that suit will be brought against the railway company for damages.

The Lesley Library association, of this place will give a warbling concert a week from next Friday evening at the opera house.

The remains of Mrs. Geo. Hatfield, of Burton, Morris county, who had been a permanent resident of this place, was brought here Wednesday for burial.

Farmers' Institutes.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 2.—The following farmers' institutes for 1887 have been arranged for:

Grayling, Crawford county, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1—Prof. Kedzie, Prof. Beal, Prof. McLouth, President Willits, Secretary Reynolds.

Kingsley, Newaygo county, Feb. 3 and 4—Prof. Beal, Prof. Johnson, Dr. Kedzie, President Willits, Secretary Reynolds.

Hanover, Jackson county, Feb. 7 and 8—Prof. Maynard, Prof. Gulick, Prof. Bailey, President Willits, Secretary Reynolds.

Three Oaks, Berrien county, Feb. 10 and 11—Prof. Johnson, Prof. Cook, Prof. Cleveland, President Willits, Secretary Reynolds.

Bancroft, Shiawassee county, Feb. 14 and 15—Prof. Cook, Prof. Carpenter, Prof. McEwan, President Willits, Secretary Reynolds.

Charlotte, Eaton county, Feb. 16 and 17—Prof. Bailey, Prof. McEwan, Prof. Carpenter, President Willits, Secretary Reynolds.

Patents to Michigan People.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The following patents have been granted to Michigan people: C. L. Crossfield, South Bay City, wash-board protector; F. J. Dow, Grand Rapids, carpet stretcher; E. F. Gulner, Detroit, car fender; H. Merrington, Detroit, boiler whistle (reissue); J. Parkin, Charlotte, shoe dressing or cleaner; S. H. Moore, Palmyra, surface gauge; J. Shaw, Three Rivers, corn shelter and separator; T. A. Rich, South Bay City, shelter shoe; A. Shaller, Centreville, mop pitcher; L. Stormzwright, Detroit, lock and spring; J. Tuttle, North Adams, stamping for sealing black-wood erasers; J. Lowden, Bay City, station dryer; D. H. Wolverton, Grand Rapids, binder.

Cadillac Hotel Sold.

CADILLAC, Dec. 2.—The Hotel McKinney has been sold for the former proprietors, Major H. G. Andrews to Mrs. E. H. Waldo. Consideration mentioned in conveyance is $10,000. It was likely understood in sports throughout a change from a wooden building to a fire proof one, and a little speculation of Chicago, and making the best accommodations of any hotel in the city.

The Old Flint Depot Burned.

FLINT, Dec. 2.—The old Flint & Pere Marquette passenger depot here was damaged and rendered unfit for further use by fire at noon today. The contents of the building were saved. The new depot of the company, which is nearly completed, will in consequence be occupied sooner than was intended.

A Large Replevin Suit.

CARLISLE, Dec. 2.—McIlvain & Co., of Detroit, have begun a replevin suit for several thousand dollars worth of goods involved in the assignment of James Smith, a boot and shoe dealer, on Nov. 27, to this city. This suit will involve the validity of chattel mortgages covering the stock, filed the day before assignment.

Death of Captain Laird.

MUSKEGON, Dec. 2.—Capt. Wm. R. Laird, who has had charge of harbor improvements on this shore for the past twenty years, died this morning.

A TERRIBLE DISASTER.

Over Thirty Men Killed in an English Mine.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A terrible mining accident occurred today in Lemore colliery at Durham. The miners composing the day shift had just descended to begin their work when an explosion of fire damp occurred. Thirty corpses have thus far been taken from the pit. It is believed that a number of others perished and that many have been more or less injured.

MORE EARTHQUAKES.

Charleston Gets Several More Lively Shocks.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 2.—There was quite a severe earthquake shock here at 2 o'clock this morning and a milder one at 8:30 a. m. The 2 o'clock shake was heavy enough to cause plastering to fall and to wake people up.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 2.—Another slight shock of earthquake at 12:25 p. m. was felt here and in the surrounding country.

Michigan Man in Trouble.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 2.—John Foster, a citizen of Jackson, Mich., will probably be detained in Georgia for some time to come. When he first came to Atlanta he took great interest in the labor question. From here he went to Campbell county, where he did a lively business organizing Knights of Labor lodges among the colored people, collecting in each instance $5. He appeared at the house of James Robinson, colored, and while his host was out drumming up a crowd, Foster pocketed a fine watch and other valuables. When arrested he acknowledged the theft, gave up the articles and is now in jail.

Robbed His Employer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Theodore Mize, the confidential bookkeeper and cashier for Miner T. Ames, the millionaire coal dealer, is said to be a defaulter to the extent of some $100,000. The abstraction of funds has been going on for over a dozen years, Mr. Ames being entirely unsuspicious until about a week ago, when he returned from a trip to Europe and noticed that something was wrong. A hasty examination convinced him that large sums were missing. He taxed Mize with misappropriation, and threatened to engage experts to examine the books. Mize pleaded for mercy and promised restitution.

Trouble in the "Merchant Traveler."

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—There is trouble in the office of the *Merchant Traveler*, an organ for the festive drummer. Charles Gentile, who is interested with Antony J. Gesswein in its publication, complains, in a long bill in the Superior Court, that Gesswein, who is the business manager, has been handling the cash and compelling Gentile to pay composition bills out of his own pocket. As Gesswein threatened to go to New York and establish the paper there if Gentile should go into the courts, Judge Garnett restrained him from so doing by an injunction, and appointed Henry G. Thommesen as receiver to settle the firm's difficulties.

Grinding Them Down.

ST. CLAIR, Pa., Dec. 2.—The Reading Railroad Company's repair men of this section today received notice that from Dec. 1 a reduction of two cents per hour will take effect in their wages, making a reduction from $1.20 to $1.00. The men can only work about nine hours a day during the Winter season. A fair average makes their wages ninety-nine cents a day.

Fair and Colder Weather.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—For East Michigan, light snow, followed by fair weather, northwesterly winds, slightly colder.

For West Michigan, fair weather, northerly winds, slightly colder.

WHISPERS FROM OUR WIRE.

In his message the President will call attention to the regulation of silver coinage.

The Argentine smelter at Kansas City, Mo., was damaged by fire to the extent of $25,000 yesterday.

A member of the New York Union Club says that the club has a refusal of the Stewart mansion as a home.

Congressman Ben. Believe, of Ohio, it is said, is being urged for appointment to the Turkish Mission, to succeed Mr. Cox.

At Pittsburg, yesterday, the Pennsylvania National Gas Company entered suit against H. F. Halbery and William H. Ewing for $100,000 damages.

Opium worth $50,000 was found yesterday at Friesburg in the coal bunkers of the steamer City Rio De Janeiro from China and was seized for violation of customs.

A laborer named Vaughan was assaulted and terribly beaten by four men at Hallynally, County Limerick, Ireland, yesterday. Vaughan's skull was fractured and he will die.

A great sensation was caused at Paris yesterday by the escape from Mazas prison of M. Altmayer, a wealthy Jew, who was undergoing imprisonment for embezzlement.

The pension office is informed of the arrest by Special Examiner Paul E. Wilcoxen last Saturday of George Foster, of Knoxville, Tenn., for making of false affidavits.

The New York dry goods men are organizing a new fire insurance company. The name will be the New York Liberty Fire Insurance Company. The capital will be one million.

Mr. John Morley, in a speech last evening, likened the conservative party in a blind man led by a lively dog. Mr. Morley's speech was strongly in advocacy of Home Rule for Ireland and Scotland.

At San Francisco yesterday the speculation in mining stocks was the heaviest for nearly ten years. There was a perfect craze to buy and crowds besieged the brokers' offices all day. Consolidated Virginia trembled 10.

Mrs. Rice, a sister of "Doc" Willson, of Bridgeport, has refused to say whether Willson's story that he is a son of Mozart is true or not. She has evidently been instructed to lie. Another sister, Mrs. Young, at Pullman, Conn., backed the whole story.

Land Commissioner Sparks has referred to the Secretary of the Interior for remedy, as recommended by the report by Surveyor-General Julian, of New Mexico, the investigation of the private land claims known as the Las Del Azul, involving some 75,000 acres.

WORSE AND WORSE

Damaging Testimony Given Against Lady Campbell.

WHAT A "PEEPING TOM" WITNESSED.

A Startling Scene in the Dining Room—The Duke and Lady Campbell at the Purflest Hotel—Racy Testimony.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The hearing in the Campbell divorce case was resumed today. The first witness called was a waiter in the Purflest Hotel named Callingham. He stated that at one time he waited on a lady and gentleman who stayed in a private room at the hotel from Saturday until Monday. Witness identified Lady Campbell and the Duke of Marlborough in the court room as the parties on whom he attended.

Humphries Delaroche, a servant at the Campbell mansion in 1882, testified that Lady Campbell told him on no account to announce either Chief Shaw or the Duke of Marlborough in the hearing of Lord Colin Campbell. Witness had frequently shown the Duke of Marlborough into the drawing room and once saw his grace and Lady Campbell on a settee. His grace's arm was behind her ladyship, but witness would not swear that the Duke's arm was on her ladyship's waist. When witness entered the room her ladyship rose and seemed flurried, while the Duke of Marlborough appeared excited. Witness, on another occasion, saw Chief Shaw and Lady Colin Campbell together on the settee. Chief Shaw's arm was in the same position as the Duke of Marlborough's.

O'Neill, also a servant in the Campbell mansion in 1882, was the next witness and testified that he once carried tea to the drawing room and found the door locked, and that he returned in a few minutes and found it open. The Duke of Marlborough and Lady Campbell were sitting on the sofa, the cushions were disarranged and her ladyship's face was flushed.

The Duke of Marlborough was present in court throughout today's proceedings. He brought with him his private secretary, who also remained until the adjournment, and took copious notes of the trial. Some of the testimony given by witnesses for the defense afforded the Duke much merriment, and he several times allowed his almost continuous smile to develop into a paroxysm of laughter.

Capt. Shaw was present during the testimony of the Servant O'Neill, who swore that on the occasion of one of Capt. Shaw's visits to Lady Colin Campbell, he peeped through the key hole of the drawing room door and saw Capt. Shaw and Lady Colin Campbell lying together on the floor. The testimony of this witness made a profound impression upon the court, and created a sensation among the auditors.

Attorney General Russell subjected O'Neill to a rigid cross-examination, but failed to induce the witness to depart from his statements, or in any way to impair the strength and straight forwardness of his story. The case is expected to last four days longer.

INCITING TO RIOT.

The Defendant Grattkau Testifies in His Own Behalf.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 2.—In the trial of Paul Grattkau, for inciting to riot, the defendant testified in his own behalf today. He asserted that on his speech at Milwaukee Garden he had exerted his eloquence to keep the men off the streets, and away from saloons and to avoid all possible conflicts with the authorities, to defend all property and in every conceivable way propagate peaceable settlements of existing difficulties. On cross-examination, the defendant was made to admit that immediately previous to the riots he had absolute control of the labor movements here; that all reports relating to them were submitted to him and acted upon, and that he had knowledge of the first riot before he made his speech. After Grattkau several carpenters and socialists graced the witness stand, and they also testified that his two speeches had been anything but inciting to riot. They corroborated his version in every detail, and the impression was created, which was afterwards nearly substantiated by one witness, that their testimony was manufactured. Mrs. Captain Black all day long occupied a seat next to the wife of defendant Messenger, and seemed somewhat agitated when she saw her husband confronted by numerous adverse rulings of the court.

REFORMERS SNUBBED

Horizontal Morrison Has a Chance to Get Back at Abe. Hewitt.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The *Commercial Advertiser* this afternoon said: "The dinner which the Brooklyn Revenue Reform Club gives at Everett Hall this evening was originally intended to be a complimentary affair to Congressman Morrison, of Illinois, the champion of horizontal tariff reduction. The letter of invitation was sent to Mr. Morrison about a week ago. He has written a reply positively declining to accept any courtesies from the Brooklyn and New York Reformers, on the ground that one of their number, Congressman and Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, has made bitter and accusations against him, and some of the local Reformers have interposed in his defense, consequently the Reformers will sit down tonight without their guest. Mr. Morrison's reply has created no little sensation among the members and friends of the club."

MINNIE WALKUP AGAIN.

The Woman Who was Tried for Poisoning Her Husband Mixed up in a Scandal.

EUREKA, Kan., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Minnie Walkup arrived in this city with her guardian, Hon. William Jay and wife, who met her at Newton, on her way home to New Orleans. Mrs. Walkup emphatically denies the scandalous stories regarding herself and ex-minister Wm. Pitt Kellogg, and states that while Kellogg did accompany her in a Pullman sleeper, she did his sister who was her companion in the sleeper both the guardian, William Jay is here taking care of the property, as an estate there, of the Pitt Kellogg scandal notoriety. Mrs. Walkup left here this afternoon for her way home, where she proposes to wind up her affairs and quietly Chicago and there make her home with her mother.

TOM SEXTON'S OPINION.

He Gives His Ideas of the Prosecution of Dillon.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2.—Mr. Thomas Sexton, M. P., being asked by a reporter this evening what in his judgment, caused the action of the government in prosecuting Mr. Dillon and proclaiming the National League said: "I have no doubt that the success of the League's campaign against the rack rent landlords has forced its agents to the government, and the government dared not longer refuse to their appeals and be consistent with their professions." Mr. Sexton was then asked if he thought the League would be suppressed, to which question he replied: "No; the government attempts to suppress the League by the arm of the viceroy, they will be placed in a hopelessly contemptible position. Moreover, if the League should be suppressed and the meetings proclaimed, the government would find the situation more difficult than ever, as public indignation would make the witness of the tenant more hated and more certain."

DASHED TO DEATH

The Terrible Experience of a Steamship at Sea.

SIX KILLED AND TWENTY WOUNDED.

Waves Dash Over an Ocean Steamer—They Smash in Her Bow—Passengers and Seamen Killed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The steamship Westerland, which arrived from Antwerp this morning, experienced very heavy weather. On November 27 the vessel encountered a violent hurricane; a huge sea broke over the bows, staving in the turtle-back and killing two steerage passengers and four seamen. The passengers killed were Max Frank and Gabriel Livadiri.

Two tremendous seas then struck the vessel as though a mere toy. The waves broke over the deck, there were awful shrieks of distress, and the vessel was for a moment submerged. When the flood had passed a panic prevailed. The thick iron beams and plates of the turtle-back were broke, and underneath the wreckage was a distressing sight. The shock killed four Belgians outright; they were crushed in a shocking manner. Near them were two other passengers fatally injured, and scattered about the decks were at least twenty more persons more or less hurt, some very seriously. No more waves came on board.

That night the bodies of the four dead sailors were given sailor's burials. The next day two the passengers died and they too were buried at sea. It is believed that the other injured persons will recover. Everything possible has been done for their comfort.

JANITOR TITUS MUST HANG

The Supreme Court Refuses a New Trial to Tillie Smith's Murderer.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 2.—The Supreme Court today refused to grant a motion for a new trial to James H. Titus, who was convicted of the murder of Tillie Smith. No opinion was filed, but Chief Justice Beasly says he will find conclusions in a few days. Titus will be sentenced to death the first Tuesday of January, but probably a writ of error will be taken out. The decision holds that the indictment is good, and that it was not illegal for the jury to use magnifying glasses.

Scarlet Fever Epidemic.

FRANKLIN, Pa., Dec. 2.—Owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever in Sugar Creek township, this county, the public schools have been closed, and the pastors of the several churches have given notice that no preaching or Sunday school services will be held until the epidemic has abated. Deaths among the sick children are of almost daily occurrence. Over eight hundred cases have been reported, eight of them being discovered today.

A Cold Day in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—A bitter cold snap struck Washington early this morning. At 7 a. m. the mercury stood seventeen degrees above zero and has varied but little all day. The cold wave felt here today extends generally west to the Rocky Mountains, from the lakes to the gulf and eastward to the coast. Signal service people say it will last several days yet on the coast.

She Has Not Foundered.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—The story circulated here today that the French transport steamer Chandernagon, with 1,300 troops on board, had foundered in the Mediterranean and that all hands were lost is denied by the Minister of Marine, who is in receipt of late dispatches from Algiers to be wholly baseless.

The American Opera Company's Troubles.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—The trouble in the American Opera Company seems now to be ended. Miss Furch-Madi is announced to sing tonight. This has been brought about by the intervention of Mrs. Kennette Bourke, who from New York has been pouring telegraphic oil on the troubled waters.

Still Unable to Agree.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The Conference Committee on the Inter-State Commerce bill met at the Capitol today. All the members were present, and the provisions of the bills passed by the House and Senate have been discussed until late in the afternoon. No agreement was reached today.

Looks as if the Dog Died.

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—Friends of P. L. Mooney state that he was married to his first wife in Iowa. They say that his Wilmington known to be not over 22 years old, his statement that he is 30 years old and that he was born three months after the said marriage, cannot be true.

Heavy California Failure.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—A special from Virginia, Nev., says L. H. Frankland & Co., the oldest mining stock firm in the state, failed this morning with liabilities of $600,000. The creditors include many of the most prominent stockholders in the Comstock mines.

Another Embezzler.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Henry F. Fenton, a traveling salesman for the wholesale grocery firm of Edwards, Townsend & Co., of this city, has been found to be an embezzler to the extent of from $1,000 to $1,500. He has disappeared.

A Big Bill of Exceptions.

The bill of exceptions in the Dr. Aiken murder trial now within one and a quarter hours of the time when the court must take up Dwight's motion and compelling the judge of Dwight's court with reporter Wm. Ladd, to the magistrate's court yesterday. When Prosecuting Attorney Bar read the bill it will be seized by the defendant's and carried direct and the case will then go to the Supreme Court.

Nearly Severed His Ear.

A man named Kaiser, residing on Gladiola st., was quite severely hurt yesterday by falling under a horse. The horse became frightened and kicked him about the face, almost severing the right ear from the head and cutting an ugly gash in his cheek. Dr. Fyle was summoned, and has hopes of saving the ear.

A Broken Arm.

By falling from a step ladder while helping the chandelier hop evening, Robert Moseley, the Fountain Hotel coffee boy, broke one of the bones of the left arm just above the wrist. Dr. Darby adjusted the fracture and made the sufferer as comfortable as possible.

FIVE MEN FROZEN

Terrible Experience of the Schooner Ariadne's Crew.

THREE PERISH AND THE REST WILL DIE

The Vessel Goes to Pieces on the Rocks—Another Wreck Reported Off Stoney Creek—Trouble at Buffalo.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Word has been received here that an unknown schooner has gone ashore in Mexico Bay about fifty five miles east of here and the crew are in the rigging. She is supposed to be the Ariadne. A severe wind and snow storm prevails here.

It Is the Ariadne.

OSWEGO, Dec. 2.—The schooner reported ashore a Mexico Bay proves to be the Ariadne, Captain McKay, bound for this port from Toronto. She lost her main mast last night when off the harbor, and drifted down the lake until four o'clock this morning, when she went ashore. The Captain was washed overboard and drowned, and two of the crew frozen to death. The remaining three of the crew were rescued from the rigging, but were so seriously frozen that their recovery is doubtful. All of the crew hailed from Toronto. The Ariadne has gone to pieces. She was an old vessel, valued at $3,500 and loaded with 1,000 bushels of barley, uninsured.

Another Wreck.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 2.—An unknown schooner is ashore off Stoney Creek, about three and a half miles from Woodville. She lies on the rocks with waves breaking over her and is rapidly going to pieces. Three men and a woman are on board. The life-saving crew from Big Sandy station have gone to attempt their rescue.

Trouble at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Dec. 2.—The steamer Nashua arrived this morning, and the Captain reported dropping her tow, comprising the barges Potomac, Vaught and Parsons, when above Long Point. Tugs were sent out, and shortly before noon the Potomac was brought in. The Vaught was towed in before 2 o'clock and the Parsons was anchored a short way up the lake. A heavy sea is running, making it next to impossible for even tugs to make headway against it. Captain Hamilton, master of the steamer Nashua, says the storm of yesterday was the worst he ever was in.

WEST GRAND RAPIDS.

More Misfortune for the Unfortunate Brock Family.

Mrs. John Brock, of Jackson st., whose husband is now serving a ninety-days sentence in the county jail for assaulting a neighbor last Spring, yesterday received a telegram stating that her son Max, a boy about 14 years of age, lost one of his legs by being run over by the cars at Arcilla, Florida. A reporter visited the house last evening and found Mrs. Brock with five helpless little children around her, and when asked concerning the boy she broke into tears and told a very pitiful story about the shameful manner in which her neighbors have been using herself and family since her husband was sent to jail. She says the boy was driven from home by the neighbors as they always abused him when he came near the house, and threatened him until he left home from fear of bodily injury at their hands. The boy hadn't been heard from since leaving home a few months since until the sad news was received yesterday. At the time of the accident the boy was trying to beat his way back home. Mrs. Brock accuses a woman named Karasence living on the opposite side of the street, of being particularly offensive. Last Sunday she saw Mrs. Brock going to church, whereupon she instructed some children to whip the Brock children if they ventured out on the street, which they did. The lady in question was seen, but as she couldn't speak English her side of the story could not be learned. The reporter called on several of the neighbors and a few denied the charges made by Mrs. Brock, while others corroborated her statements.

The funeral of John R. Hogadone, of Walker, occurred from the family residence yesterday afternoon. The floral offerings were very numerous and handsome. One wreath was presented by the nephews and nieces of the deceased, bearing the words, "Uncle John." The remains were followed to their last resting place at Greenwood by a large number of friends and relatives. The old residents did not turn out very largely owing to the coldness of the atmosphere.

At the last meeting of the Royal Templars of Temperance, two leaders were elected, Mrs. Dr. Hoskins and B. W. Barnard. They will try hard to see which side can secure the most members before the first of January, when the winning side will feast at the expense of the losers.

The Swedish Society's new hall on West Bridge st. will be dedicated this evening. An excellent programme has been arranged, the musical part of which will be rendered by the best talent in the city.

John Clark, who recently deserted his wife has been heard from by his associates in Peraine shop. He raved about his family and told his boys he was at work in Toledo, Ohio, the home of his parents.

A youth named Worden, son of D. G. Worden, of Butterworth ave., causes considerable trouble by taking rings, etc., away from his parents and selling them, under false pretences, to outside parties.

A member of the West Side youths have organized a club for social amusements, which will be known as the "West Side Social."

The "Hard Times" party given by the "Guess 10" at Flannery & Lawton' Hall last evening, was enjoyably attended.

Mr. Palmer, a Sparta farmer, yesterday left a calf upon the West Side, footing of which would fill a bushel basket.

The Second Street Mission Sunday School will give an entertainment at Flannery & Lawton's Hall December 21.

Mrs. Hopkins, of Mt. Vernon st., has returned home, an extended visit with her brother in New York.

Meyler Bros., of Jefferson st., are about to remove a saloon in connection with their grocery business.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rengel, of Tilton st., are rejoicing over a twelve pound eleven pounder.

Maple the Minstrel number has removed into the rear market in Butterworth ave.

The Elk's Social.

The grand Elk social will take place this evening at Royal Arcanum Hall, at 10 o'clock. A splendid bill will be offered. Admission the ordinary will be the presentation of tickets from the Wonderland theatre, together with needle work tickets. The social is to be for the members of Prof. Lawson, and by Elmdorf, Prof. Wonderly and Jos. Wolfinger will have charge also. Mr. Jos. Wolfinger and Jos. Wolfinger will have charge also. Mr. Jos. Wolfinger and Jos. Wolfinger will have charge also. Those invited will enjoy a rare treat.

AMUSEMENTS.

Mr. Richard Mansfield, supported by his excellent company will appear at Powers Opera House Monday and Tuesday evenings, next, in his charming comedy, "Prince Karl." During a special season at the Madison Square Theatre Mr. Mansfield scored the greatest midsummer success known in New York for years. The singing of "Prince Karl" is exceedingly effective. The play presents some of the most interesting features of German life in a way that they are not often brought out on American boards. Of the company it is necessary to say but little. Miss Beatrice Cameron, who is the leading lady, is well known in this city, and in the metropolis. Miss Effie Germon, the leading soubrette, played for years at Wallack's Theatre in a similar capacity. Mr. Mansfield's tour, is under the management of Edward D. Price and J. W. McKinney, both well known in this city.

"Fedora is the hardest working part for a woman," said Fanny Davenport one day. "Juliet isn't near so severe. Where Loris bangs my head on the sofa in the last act of "Fedora," it's very trying. He gives me three good bangs. No, I don't get a headache. I'm used to the part. My physician ordered me to cut out that part of the play or stop playing it, but I couldn't do that, it would spoil the realistic effect. In the four years I have been playing "Fedora" it has worn on me physically. Bernhardt and Mrs. Beere in playing "Fedora" wore pads about their necks, so that Loris's brutal hands would not hurt them. When Mr. Barnes first played Loris with me he said:

"Where is your pad?"

"Pad! I repeated, 'what do you mean?'

"Your Fedora choking pad."

"I laughed and said I never thought of such a thing. He wanted me to wear a pad about my throat, but I wouldn't. He's careful about choking me. So is my husband, who plays Bill Sykes. He uses that his fingers do not get on my jugular vein." The actress laughed and looked at her husband and then went on: "I can't play 'Fedora' every night, it's too hard work. Three or four times a week tires me out."

Our brilliant morning contemporary has ever been distinguished for its dramatic criticisms. The befuddled notices which it occasionally makes of performances at the local theatres amaze its well-informed readers and amuse the professionals who happen to see them. Not long ago one of the thirty or forty dramatic critics employed by the *Democrat* saw a play the exigencies of which required a ballet. Then he went to the office and wrote that Grand Rapids patrons of the drama were becoming lax in their ideas of stage propriety. Shortly afterward by the grace of a pair of complimentary tickets the same amusing idiot saw a play in which a dream required the use of some classic female costumes. He then pronounced a most awful judgment. Said he: "The art is marred" by reason of the females "appearing in drapery parted on our side, for the purpose of displaying their lower limbs. There is no reason for the exhibition in the play nor the situation and it shows an immodest desire to exhibit their shapely forms." Yesterday he admitted that "The Wages of Sin" was heart-rending" when presented by a strong company. He proceeds then to set forth that Mr. Mantlory's company is very weak, that "charity demands that nothing should be said of them," and that the young humorist says in blissful ignorance that most of the company were acknowledged artists before he knew a lead pencil from the rubber tube of his nursing bottle.

Fanny Davenport's sale for "Fedora" tonight is very large. Miss Davenport is supported by a splendid company. Tomorrow night she appears as Lady Gay Spanker in "London Assurance."

"Under the Gaslight" drew a good house last night at the Wonderland. The audience were well pleased with the performance. The Court, and Pier 23 scenes, being loudly applauded.

STEALING FROM THE MAILS.

Albert H. Elwood, a G. R. & I. Route Agent Confesses to Stealing over $1,000.

During the past six months somebody has been tampering with the mails between here and Cincinnati. Registered letters have been opened and portions of their moneyed contents spirited away. Complaints of this kind finally became sufficiently numerous to warrant an investigation. At first it was considered that the trouble lay either in the Grand Rapids or Cincinnati postoffices, but diligent work by skilled government inspectors could detect no irregularities in either office. Their next move was to initiate an espionage upon the postal clerk, Albert H. Elwood, of Silver Creek, Ind., who had been the government route agent between Cincinnati and this city, over the G. R. & I., for the past four years. The work has been pursued with unremitting vigor, and yesterday morning, Mr. Elwood was formally arrested and incarcerated. Messrs. F. N. Bissell and George R. Kidder, government inspectors of Chicago, adopted the use of decoy letters last Wednesday, and accompanied the train which carried them and the employing route agent to this city. When Elwood entered the postoffice here to make his report, Inspector Bissell met him and requested that he step into Postmaster Hoyt's office, which he did. The man was then charged with stealing money from registered letters, for the decoys plainly showed that they had been tampered with, and part of the money was gone from them, and a confession of the crime demanded. Elwood complied and confessed. He gave up $72, which had been placed in an envelope and placed to the inner side of his undershirt. He confessed that during his term of office he had robbed the mails of $1,000, the depredations being committed chiefly during the past few months.

Elwood is 47 years old, has a wife and three children at his home in Indiana, the former being in poor health. He says the reason for his theft is financial trouble. The man was examined before U. S. Commissioner Morgan yesterday, and was committed to jail in default of $5,000 bail, to await trial at the March term of the District Court.

SOLDIERS' HOME SUPPLIES.

Contracts Awarded to the Successful Bidders Yesterday.

The letting of contracts for furnishing the Soldiers' Home was completed yesterday. The following contracts were awarded: Fine Bloomers, two hundred sheets, to Taylor, Wendlender & Co., of Detroit, at .[illegible] cents each; 300 cotton mattresses, Voigt, Herpolsheimer & Co., of Detroit, at .[illegible] cents each; 150 pairs of blankets, John V. Farwell & Co., of Chicago, at $2.[illegible] per pair; 300 mattresses, W. H. Hughes, Hudsonville, Ottawa co., at $[illegible] each; fifty hair pillows, same firm, at [illegible] cents each; 300 comfortables, J. K. Bornstein & Co., of Detroit, at $[illegible] cents each; 100 yards crash toweling, Spring & Co., at [illegible] cents per yard; 75 dozen towels, same firm, at $1.[illegible] per dozen; kitchen range, complete with furniture, the John Van Range Company, of Cincinnati, for $[illegible]; crockery, to L. Stone & Co., of Kalamazoo; cutlery to Mather Bros., of East Saginaw, and steel knives and forks, to H. Leonard & Sons, of this city.

Still Hearing a Jury.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The twelfth juror was secured in the Mitchell-Jesse trial today, so far as the Recorder's peremptory challenges have not been reached, it is probable that there will be some releases tomorrow.

THE COMING SENATOR

A Man Who Knows All About it Tells All He Knows.

COLONEL STOCKBRIDGE MUST WIN.

"Charley Watkins Making the Air Breezy With FitzGerald Wind" to Help McMillan — FitzGerald Used as a Cats-paw.

A pretty well-known Republican of the western part of the State was in the city yesterday, and as he chances to know a thing or two about the senatorial situation, the TELEGRAM-HERALD drew from him a few points. He said the most unlovely feature of the situation was the movement begun in this city to divide the Republican choice of the western part of the State and chance the loss of the big political prize after it had been won for us in the candidacy of Col. Frank Stockbridge, of Kalamazoo.

"But don't you regard Mr. Fitzgerald as a man who would honor the position?" asked the reporter.

"He certainly is a brainy, pushing fellow," he answered, "well equipped for the place, though no more so than is Mr. Stockbridge. But the worst of it is, he has entered the field too late and the only effect of his candidacy will be to weaken Stockbridge to whatever the degree of his following, and thereby pay into the hands of McMillan or some Eastern candidate. Mr. Fitzgerald's candidacy, however, is serious in no other respect. The claim his friends make that he has the Fifth District solid, is absurd. He hasn't got it and can't get it. Of course Mr. Fitzgerald is not being used as McMillan's cat's-paw knowingly, for he is too high-minded for that, but that's what he is doing just the same. Why, Charley Watkins makes the air breezy around here with Fitzgerald wind, but he slips down to Detroit and holds conferences with McMillan and his friends—Bates, Secretary of the State Committee, Tom Applegate, of Adrian, W. H. McCreary, of Flint, and others. Down in his boots he's for McMillan, and thinks this Fitzgerald work the best service he can render, and he's right about it."

"But won't Charlie get something of a figure?"

"His next friends figure out for him eleven votes, mostly in his district, but they only claim them in a dark horse sort of a way, and some of those they credit to are known to be for Stockbridge from a to Izzard."

"How about Gaylord?"

"He will cut but little show. He has grown old and lost his energy. Mr. Conger has done the State some service, but is not in condition to be of further use. He should appreciate the situation and gracefully step aside. He has scarcely more than seven supporters anyhow, and is not likely to gain more in any event."

"Don't this make out rather plain sailing for Stockbridge?"

"It certainly looks now as if Mr. Stockbridge will win very easily in the caucus, if not upon the first ballot. That will settle it, for there is nothing in the situation to cause another Perry Hobbell affair. Mr. Stockbridge has only good will toward all candidates, and the party is in no mood for factious opposition. Mr. Stockbridge will win, and Michigan Republicans will never be sorry."

"By the way, though, isn't Lacey to be thought of?"

"Yes, he probably is second, so far it appears now, but his ultra anti-silver sentiments will never receive so marked endorsement from Michigan Republicans as would be his election to the Senate."

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