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DWIGHT, ILLINOIS.

A NATION WILL MOURN.

DISCOVERY OF A DEVILISH PLOT TO DESTROY.

Couorado's Gold Excitement—A Mad Kentucky Mob—Massachusetts Banks Close—Roasted Horses.

AFTER SILVER PURCHASERS.

Information Asked the Secretary of the Treasury. The Senate on the 17th agreed to a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for a list of all persons, firms or associations...

GEN. SHERMAN DYING.

The Old Warrior's Life Despaired Of and Death Expected at Any Moment. Gen. Sherman's death has been expected at any moment. His friends and relatives of Gen. Sherman hoped that each succeeding hour would show an improvement in his condition...

MR. GIBSON SAILED.

Secretary of the Whisky Trust Arrested, Charged with Great Crimes. Charged with the most atrocious crimes George J. Gibson, secretary of that great corporation, the Distillers and Cattle-Feeders' Company, better known as the 'whisky trust,' was arrested in Chicago...

TWO BANKS CLOSE UP.

Irregularities in the Accounts of the Cashier, Who Is Missing, Discovers. At Ayer, Mass., the First National and North Middlesex Savings Banks closed their doors and ugly rumors are floating about the town. H. C. Spaulding, cashier of both institutions, is missing from town...

GOLD-SEEKERS RUN MAD.

A Rich Strike at Florissant, Col., Completely Turns Their Heads. Florissant, Col., on the Colorado Middleland Railway, is the scene of much excitement. Samples of the dust have been sent into town and most carefully scrutinized by experts...

NINE NEKES IN DANGER.

A Kentucky Mob Determined to Lynch Some Men Who Killed a Marshal. The prospects are that the biggest lynching yet in this country ever knew will take place at Danville, Ky., within the next forty-eight hours. Marshal G. Wells was fatally shot while attempting to arrest a lot of drunken lumbermen...

FOURTEEN HORSES BURNED.

At Kokomo, Ind., Fee & McDaniel's feed stable were entirely destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$12,000. Fourteen horses perished in the flames. The heaviest losers were Tom McDaniel's \$2,000, C. J. Bell, \$2,000, no insurance. The fire is believed to be incendiary.

MURDER OF A BUTCHER.

At Newark, N. J., William H. Hedden, a wealthy butcher of Genoa Grove, was found lying unconscious on the roadway. He died without regaining consciousness. He was murdered.

THREE BOATS GO DOWN.

The four-masted schooner Bruce capsized at her dock in New York. She sank at once, dragging two to a watery grave.

A LEEZ-SIEG' FOOT.

J. W. Griffin, a married man of Lima, Ohio, who killed himself because a young woman at whom he was enamored refused to cope with him.

THE OLD WORLD.

News has been received at San Francisco of disastrous floods and famine in China. The people of Chuan suffered terribly from a recent flood. Temples, bridges, and city walls were washed away by the flood. In Wen Chuan, it is estimated that the loss of life will exceed one thousand. Immediately following the flood at Pei Chang-fu, fire broke out and destroyed nearly 250 houses. The suffering among the poor is terrible, and many are starving to death.

At Moscow, Russia, a terrible fire occurred in an orphan asylum and the building was burned to the ground. Nine children were burned to death and a number of others so seriously injured that their lives are despaired of. James Redpath, the famous Irish Nationalist, journalist, and lecturer, and the Vice President of the Anti-Poverty Society, who was run down by a horse-car in New York, is dead from his injuries. He arrived in this country in 1848 from England, the land of his birth. He was then 15 years old, and obtained employment in a printing office. He was widely known in the United States and Ireland as the adopted Irishman, and a sobriquet given to him by his enthusiastic Irish friends after his return from Ireland, during the famine year of 1879-80, when, as special correspondent of the New York Tribune, he sent over a series of letters descriptive of the distress in the west of Ireland.

Horrible reports of depredations by wolves have been received from Sandu, Hungary. On Baron Wodlauer's estate alone twenty peasants have been devoured by ravenous beasts. The government authorities are organizing a party of hunters which will undertake the extermination of the wolves.

PERSONAL NOTES.

At Washington, Senator Voorhees is ill of a complication of diseases, rheumatism and heart disease, and is expected to die. His family is hoping that he will be in the Senate during the rest of the session. Word from Washington says Senator Hearst's condition is more unfavorable than at any time during the last week or more. The rainy weather has had a depressing effect upon him, and the fact that he is growing weaker is apparent to all. General William Tecumseh Sherman is very sick. His daughter said: 'His condition is very serious, but not hopeless. Erysipelas has set in, and father is suffering a great deal of pain.' When the symptoms of erysipelas were discovered the General's brother, Senator John Sherman, who was in Washington, was telegraphed for. The General is being nursed by his eldest daughter, who came on from Washington to attend her father when he was obliged to take to bed. His last appearance in public was at the Press Club banquet, which took place at Delmonico's Jan. 31. He celebrated his 70th anniversary Feb. 8. He is the most distinguished soldier of the American war.

Miss Anna Berger, a Swedish artist 40 years old and living at the Metropolitan Hotel, New York, died from the effect of morphine, supposed to have been taken with suicidal intent. She left two letters, one to the Swedish Consul directing him to send her effects to her daughter and the other directed to some one to be named, and to put the letters in the hotel for some time past. No cause was assigned for the act.

FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

Business failures for the week number 206, compared with 220 last week, and 221 in the corresponding week of 1890. The Ridge colliery, at Mahanoy City, Pa., at which place 400 men are employed, shut down for an indefinite period. The miners' strike in the Connellsville coke region is inaugurated, and every mine and coke-works in the region will be closed. The miners to the number of 10,000 refused to go to work, the only men remaining being the coke-drawers. There are 6,000 men employed at this work, and as soon as they have drawn the coke from the ovens they will quit also. The strike is for an advance in wages of 15 cents per ton, and a 10 per cent reduction. Both sides are firm, and a long struggle appears to be inevitable. The workmen offered to continue at the present wages until March 1, provided the operators would arrange a satisfactory scale in the meantime, but this was refused. The Independent Coal and Fuel operators then made a proposition to their men to pay the old wages until a settlement of the trouble, but this was also rejected and the strike ordered. At Warrensburg, Mo., 'Little Mill Waters,' a notorious colored man, was shot and killed by a man named Reizer, who runs a saloon. A few days ago Reizer was drunk and raised a disturbance. As Captain J. O. Greenwood, living near Napa, Cal., returned to his house, after milking, he was met by two men with pistols, who compelled him to submit to being bound and drugged. Mrs. Greenwood, who had been to a neighbor's, returned at this time, and after a struggle was dragged into the house, and also bound and drugged. Some hours later, when Greenwood recovered consciousness, he succeeded in making his way to an adjoining bedroom, where he was horrified to find the body of his wife, who had been killed while resisting the robbers. As he was returning from the bedroom Greenwood was again met by the men, who shot at him twice, both bullets passing through his left chest. After lying in a semi-conscious condition several hours he crawled into the road, where he was found by a neighbor. He will probably recover. He states there was only a small sum of money in the house, which was ransacked by the robbers. The Italian murder in St. Paul, Minn., is now rumored to have been the work of the Mafia, and is believed by some that Rukino, the murderer, was sent to Chicago to organize a branch of the hated order. The murder of Blida was not unpreparedly, as first supposed. At Cincinnati, Ohio, the wholesale notion house of Joseph A. Bigel & Co. has been robbed of silks and velvets to the amount of \$50,000.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

There are now no United States men-of-war in China waters, and the recent troubles have suggested the propriety of having a naval force there for the protection of American citizens in case of emergency. Accordingly the Navy Department has ordered the USS Albatross, which is stationed at Monterey, to proceed to Cebu, and the Baltimore, at Toulon, to proceed to the same coast. A largely attended meeting of the elders of the Church of United Brethren

sitting when a feeder in the side of the shaft was pulled. The naked lamp of one of the workmen. A large body of gas that had collected there exploded with terrific force, dashing the men against the side of the shaft, burning them fearfully and mutilating them in a horrid manner. Nat Kane and Charles Kirk were killed, and William Kane and Michael Luther were fatally injured. William Young and John Anderson were blown to atoms and John Johnson, John McLeod and Will Crane terribly injured by a terrible explosion of giant powder in the Wierly tunnel of the White Quail mine at Kokomo, Col.

There is every indication that the fruit steamer, the Dumois has gone to the bottom with its captain and crew. The steamer left New York for Matanzas, Cuba, with a general cargo. It was commanded by Capt. J. Kanitz and manned by a crew of sixteen men. Pilot gave a description of a sunken wreck of Abscon Light, which tallies in almost every respect with that of the Simon Dumois. The wreck is supposed by the steamer's agents to be the Simon Dumois. The Simon Dumois was owned in Norway, and was probably worth \$100,000.

Grant Bay, a young ranchman, and Meta Gray, a school-teacher, living at Staritz, Meade County, S. D., perished in the blizzard which swept the Northwest. The wife of Milton Cummings, a farmer near Rushville, Neb., was found dead in a buggy within about forty rods of a neighbor's house. M. L. Lessent, of Madison, is being sought by a big snowdrift and searching parties are looking for his body. Two boys from Kearney, Neb., Eddie Chedister and Steve St. Peter, were frozen to death. They went out hunting on a ranch twelve miles from Kearney, intending to remain over night in an old granary. Their bodies were found in a corn-field near a school building. They showed signs of life when found, but died in a few hours. They were barefooted, having left their boots, which were frozen so they could not be pulled on.

At Springfield, Ohio, Ed Crist, a molder in the Superior Drill Works, had a fit and fell with his face in a ladle of molten metal. His face was burned to a crisp, and his injuries are probably fatal.

At Chillicothe, Mo., in the Circuit Court, George Dowell, a young farmer, was fined \$50 under an old law for setting a trap-gun. Dowell set the gun in his corn-crib to catch a thief, but his wife was the first person to visit the crib, and on opening the door was shot dead.

Two sons of August Ford were caught out in a blizzard near Utica, Minn., and their frozen bodies were discovered in a corn-field. Their ages were 10 and 12.

THE CRIMINAL RECORD.

United States Deputy Marshal John Swann, four assistants and eighteen possesmen got on the trail of a notorious band of outlaws in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, and followed it until the outlaws were run to earth in a den near Howells ranch, in the northeastern part of the Nation. The outlaws answered a demand for surrender, but shot and killed one of the possemen, during which Bill Hodgins, one of the most notorious outlaws in Indian Territory, was badly wounded. The desperadoes, ten in number, finally surrendered and were lodged in jail at Ardmore. There is a reward of \$2,000 for Hodgins, who is charged with several murders.

H. M. Rodgers, an insurance solicitor in Omaha, Neb., was shot and killed by a woman. He was a well-to-do man, but he was dying, he confessed to being wanted for having murdered a young girl near Mercer, Pa., last June, but mentioned no name. He also confessed to a number of petty crimes. He was arrested and the officers communicated with the Pennsylvania authorities, who had been killed by his betrothed.

In a fit of rage because a beer pump wouldn't work, George Bricka, a Chicago saloon-keeper, shot himself dead. At Kansas City, Mo., W. S. Brooks, of Hannibal, decided to end his existence by jumping from the fourth story window. The fall was a fearful one. The man came down like a bullet and struck the flagstones head first. His skull and face bones were washed into a pulp and death was instantaneous. A workman on an opposite building saw him jump deliberately from the window. The cause for the suicide is not known.

In court at St. Louis Marshall F. McDonough, attorney for Vail, who is charged with murdering his wife to secure insurance money, confessed that he had secured Vail's overcoat, and defied any power to compel him to give it up. Bullet marks in the garment make it an important link in the prosecution's chain of evidence.

At Leon Junction, Tex., a reindeer of Texas exists. A few days ago Kevin Davis was killed. Witnesses are afraid to remain and are preparing to leave. One is postmaster and he has resigned. At Warrensburg, Mo., 'Little Mill Waters,' a notorious colored man, was shot and killed by a man named Reizer, who runs a saloon. A few days ago Reizer was drunk and raised a disturbance.

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LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns for various commodities like CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP, etc., and their prices in different cities like CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, CINCINNATI, etc.

A JUDICIAL MURDER. HORROR UNDERGROUND.

WAS AN INNOCENT MAN HANGED?

The Incoherent Talk of a Demented Woman Says Patsy Devine Was Judicially Murdered—Recalling a Crime Committed Ten Years Ago.

The incoherent talk of a demented woman has again brought to light the history of a murder committed ten years ago, for which a man was hanged, who is now proved to be innocent of the crime. Aug. 6, 1879, Aaron Goodfellow of Bloomington, was mysteriously murdered at his own door, and Jan. 10, 1881, Patsy Devine, of Alton, was executed for the deed at Clinton, DeWitt County. Devine was convicted by a chain of circumstantial evidence furnished by a Mrs. Brown and her daughter Nellie, both of Bloomington, who swore that he, in company with another man named Harry Williams, had been at their house the evening of the killing, and they left in a very boisterous state. A few minutes later Aaron Goodfellow was called to his door by two men and ordered to throw up his hands. He complied with his assailants and received a slight bullet wound in the head, but a moment later the assassin who was free shot him fatally in the back.

It is supposed that the assassins mistook Goodfellow for a man named Woods. Brown and her daughter Nellie, both of Bloomington, who were driving at the case was taken in hand by competent officers and Devine was traced and captured. All through the trial he protested his innocence, and even on the scaffold, with the clergyman standing at his side, he declared that he did not commit the deed. He was hanged, however, and nothing more was said of the case until his accomplice, named Williams, was traced to the State prison at Stillwater, Minn., where he had been sentenced to a term of twenty-five years for another crime. Before proceedings could be instituted against him Williams died in that prison, but ere his death called a priest to his bedside and requested him to write to Devine's aged mother, who lived at Alton, and inform her that her boy was innocent of the crime for which he died. This was published, and yet the community generally was loath to believe that the boy—he was about 24 years of age—was ever ordered.

Now comes another chapter in this strange story. Nellie Brown, whose testimony cost Devine his life, has since that time become an abandoned creature, and is now confined in our city prison almost a maniac from the use of opium and liquor. In her ravings she talks of the worst case which is constantly prevailing on her mind. Some time ago she told a companion that she perjured herself as a witness at that remarkable trial, and that this had driven her to drink. She was a child at the time of the murder, and keeps crying: 'If they made me testify! I had to do it!'

Thus it appears that this man suffered and left his aged mother without support in the world for a crime which he did not commit.

MONEY THEY WILL SPEND.

World's Fair Appropriation Bills Before the Various Legislatures.

World's Fair appropriations are under consideration in the several State Legislatures, and the following statement has been made by the Department of Publicity and Promotion. In the following eight the Governors have prepared and recommended bills appropriating money for exhibits, but the Legislatures have not yet convened: Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio and Utah. In the following twenty-five States bills have been introduced in the Legislatures appropriating the amount appended to each:

Table listing States and their respective appropriations for the World's Fair, such as Alabama (\$100,000), California (\$300,000), Colorado (\$150,000), etc.

A Trick in Swimming.

Says an expert swimmer: 'It looks very strange to see a man go under water with a lighted cigar in his mouth, smoke calmly at the bottom and come to the surface with the cigar burning as nicely as if he were smoking his easy chair. Apparently he defies all natural laws, but of course he doesn't. It is a simple trick, but it requires practice. Just as I throw myself backward to go down I flip the cigar end for end with my right hand, and as I rise I flip the lighter end in my mouth, closing my lips water-tight around it. A little slippery-ivent juice gargled before going in prevents any accidental burning of the mouth. Going slowly down backward, I lie at the bottom, and blow smoke through the tank of the cigar. Just as I reach the surface again another flip reverses the cigar, and there I am smoking calmly. The reversing is done so quickly that nobody notices it.'

A Chemical Feast.

A chemist has lately performed a feat of the common order. The explosion and fire at once reduced to a charred mass a bundle of ordinary tin cans, Austrian obligations. Without preparation in some identifiable form there could be no payment. The impelled obligations were given to a chemist, and he succeeded in separating the whole of them and finding out the numbers, and upon his report money has been paid. Capitalists owe innumerable obligations to science.

The Largest Rocking Stone.

Buenos Ayres appears to have the largest 'rocking stone' on record. It is situated on the slope of the mountain of Tandil, in the southern part of the province, and measures nine feet long by eighteen feet broad, and twenty-four feet high. Its bulk is 5,000 cubic feet, and it weighs at least twenty-five tons. Nevertheless, it is so touchily poised that a single man can set it rocking. When winds are raised the money has been paid. Capitalists owe innumerable obligations to science.

A Community Without Taxes.

In all probability the most enviable community in the world is that of the village of Klingenberg, on the Main, in Germany. Klingenberg enjoys the reputation of producing one of the best means of life in Germany. But this is by no means his chief glory. He has no money of paying taxes as ordinary mortals. The citizens of Klingenberg received each 350 marks from the income of several factories owned by the town. The divinations have been paid by money from the same source.