

SEVENTEEN DIE IN WRECK.

Alton Passenger and Freight Trains in Collision.

INJURED NUMBER OVER THIRTY.

Conductor of Freight Starts His Train Out of Marshall to Meet Second Section of Passenger at Slater, Forgetting First Section.

Kansas City, July 11.—The full horror of the train wreck on the Chicago and Alton railroad near Norton, Mo., yesterday morning, when a west-bound passenger train collided with a fast live stock train, both going at good speed, was not realized until last night, when a train loaded with bruised and scalded persons arrived here and transferred its sufferers to the hospitals. First reports of the accident indicated that four trainmen and two passengers were killed outright. Of the wounded who started for this city four were dead before the train arrived and seven passed away at the hospitals before midnight, making 17 deaths up to the present time. In St. Joseph's and University hospitals are 30 persons, at least two of whom are expected to die. The physicians will not give an opinion as to the condition of the sufferers. Most of them were scalded by the steam that issued from the locomotives, both of which were wrecked and piled up in a heap of wreckage with two of the passenger cars. Identification of those of the dead who passed away without regaining consciousness was difficult, owing to the fact that clothing had been hastily stripped from the bodies in order to give relief to the tortured flesh. Two of the bodies are unidentified—one a young woman, killed at the wreck, and supposed to be a daughter of Mrs. R. J. Curtis of Geneseo, N. Y., and the other a gray-haired woman, who died at St. Joseph's hospital. Ten bodies are at various undertaking establishments. The bodies of four of the dead trainmen are at Slater, Mo. The wounds of the victims are very painful, being severe scalds and burns. They are receiving the very best of treatment. A man, who died last night at St. Joseph's hospital, is known to be named Jones, and it is believed he is from Chicago. He was at first supposed to be a Kansas City man. His clothes were destroyed. The dead: Casualty List.

Daniel McAnna, Slater; P. J. Anderson, engineer; Frank Briggs, engineer of passenger train; I. S. Rogers, express messenger; Mrs. Gilland and daughter, Goodland, Ind.; D. W. Lumber, Syracuse; Mrs. C. W. Snyder, Jasper, N. Y.; D. L. Ray, Wilmington, Ill.; Sydney Jones, Kansas City; Daniel Donnelly, fireman of freight train; Mrs. R. J. Curtis, Geneseo; Mrs. Dickson, Wilmington, Ill.; Mrs. Frances Walker, Brooklyn; Miss Lulu Rider, Kentland, Ind.; Mrs. S. D. Harry.

The injured: O. D. Sanborn, Che-mo, Ill., head, hand and face scalded; E. A. Kaufmoff, Chicago, back and arm sprained; Mrs. Bertha C. Mitchell, Pontiac, Ill., hand and face scalded; Dr. J. D. Adair, wife and baby, Hoopston, Ill., hands and faces burned; Mrs. Libbie Elkins, Bloomington, hands and face scalded.

The following were badly scalded: Margaret Finucane, Troy, Kan.; Zola Harry, Hoopston; C. E. Null, Mexico, Mo.; Gus Williams, colored, porter, New Orleans; Miss Sadie E. Taylor, Wilmington, Ill.; Mrs. J. A. Miller, Bloomington; Julia M. Hayslip, Che-mo; Leona Miller, Bloomington; Professor S. D. Harry, Hoopston, Ill.; Leslie Coleman, Paw Paw, Mich., will die.

The passenger train was traveling in three sections on account of the heavy Epworth League business to San Francisco. The wrecked train was the first section, and contained no leaguers.

Conductor McAnna of the freight train, east-bound, had been ordered to meet the second section of the passenger at Slater, the next station east of Norton, but apparently overlooked the fact that the first section, which was 55 minutes late, had not passed. The front brakeman on the freight, who was about four cars from the engine, says Conductor McAnna assumed the throttle himself on leaving Marshall, and was running the engine when the collision occurred. The trains met two miles west of Norton, on a curve surmounting a high embankment.

Cars Consumed by Fire. The trains collided while going at a good rate of speed. The engines were pushed to either side of the track and practically demolished, while the forward cars of the passenger train telescoped each other. The forward Pullman and the tourist sleeper in front were burned. The baggage car was wrecked and freight cars were piled up on both engines and burned. The train which was wrecked was one of the finest passenger trains in the United States. The equipment was all new.

On the arrival at Kansas City of the train bearing the wounded, the sufferers were taken to St. Joseph's and University hospitals, where everything possible was done for them.

Slight Damage at Lavaca. Victoria, Tex., July 11.—Reports of great damage and loss of life at Port Lavaca are without foundation. There was a hard wind and high tide, which caused some damage to small craft in the harbor and wrecked a dancing pavilion and the wharves. The damage will not exceed \$2,500. No lives were lost and only a few persons were hurt, none seriously.

TURN HOSE ON DOWIEITES.

Another Unsuccessful Effort to Convert Citizens of Evanston.

Chicago, July 11.—Two hundred followers of John Alexander Dowie made another attempt to convert the citizens of Evanston last night and failed, as on former occasions. One half of the Dowieites were followers of "Zion" and the remainder were members of the paid bodyguard which Dowie maintains. The guards were intended to prevent any interference with the meeting and when it commenced they formed around the Dowieites proper, to hold back the crowd of fully 1,500 people which gathered. As on former occasions, the guards and those whom they were trying to protect were soon spattered with yelks of eggs and batted with old vegetables. The entire police force of Evanston was called into service and after the chief of police had ordered the Dowieites to withdraw and had met with a refusal, he ordered his men to charge them. The police did not use their clubs and the guards held them back by sheer weight and force of numbers. The crowd meanwhile was growing ugly and Mayor Bates of Evanston, seeing that unless something was done quickly, people would be seriously hurt and possibly killed, ordered out a fire engine. The steamer at once turned a four inch stream on the Dowieites and they went over like tenpins. Women as well as men were thrown down by the stream and sent rolling in the mud. The people of Evanston danced and hooted with delight as the firemen steadily advanced, driving the Dowieites before them in utter rout.

BEARDSHEAR FOR PRESIDENT.

Officers Nominated by National Educational Convention.

Detroit, July 11.—Two general meetings of the National Educational association, a meeting of the Indian educational department and ten separate meetings of departments, kept the delegates to the 40th National Educational association convention busy yesterday. The nominating committee selected the following officers, who will be voted later on by the convention: President, William M. Beardshear, president of Iowa college; treasurer, Thomas H. Keyes of Hartford, Conn. Eleven vice president were placed in nomination. It was considered that the convention would ratify those nominations.

At the general sessions last night papers were read by Frederick Cruden of St. Louis and Principal George M. Grant of Queen's university, Kingston, Ont. Mr. Cruden urged greater co-operation between teachers and librarians. He warned the teachers, however, to avoid placing in the hands of children books that taught lessons only. He said in this connection: "The library books should be disassociated from text books and lessons. Let there be some instruction in all the books given the children, but avoid the appearance of teaching them in the books they read for pleasure."

CLOUDBURST IN MONTANA.

Bridges Washed Out and Crops Destroyed by Torrent.

Helena, Mont., July 11.—A cloudburst occurred near Wickes, Mont., about 25 miles from Helena, yesterday, doing immense damage. The Montana Central railway suffered heavily, the railroad a short distance from that town being damaged for about 800 feet, bridges were destroyed and it will be several weeks before repairs can be made. The Corbin smelter of the Livingston company was damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars. About seven miles below Corbin the farms of a number of ranchmen were overflowed and crops destroyed. County roads and bridges for about eight miles were damaged and washed out. There were no fatalities. By the time the wall of water had reached Corbin it was a roaring torrent.

TURKEY PAYS THE INDEMNITY.

Money is Received Through the American Legation at Constantinople. Washington, July 11.—The state department has received the amount of the indemnity claim against Turkey—\$95,000—through the American legation at Constantinople.

These claims are principally based upon losses suffered by American missionary and educational institutions in Turkey, notably those at Harpoot and Marash, but there are a number of individual claims, such, for instance, as that of the family of the unfortunate bicyclist Lenz, the Pittsburg man who was killed by Turkish soldiers while attempting to go around the globe on his wheel.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

A thousand men in the building trades struck at Fort Worth Wednesday and work is practically suspended all over the city.

John Ward Jordan, who was colonel of an Indiana regiment during the civil war, died at Louisville Wednesday of paralysis.

Carl G. Linderberg, one of Chicago's best known Swedish journalists and a former member of the state legislature, died Wednesday.

W. B. Fasig, the well known horse-man, is dying of dropsy and heart trouble at his summer home in Putnam county, New York.

Fire almost wiped out the small town of Joshua, Tex., Wednesday, destroying 14 business houses. The loss is \$40,000, with less than \$11,000 insurance.

Miss Louisa Tagley, niece of Father Dasselyley of St. Joseph, and her guest, Miss Alice Donahue of Ishpeming, were drowned in West lake, near Iron Mountain, Mich., Wednesday.

NORLIN GIVEN SIX YEARS.

County Treasurer of Kearney County Pleads Guilty.

SPECIAL SESSION OF COURT.

Arrest, Trial, Conviction and Sentence All Consummated Within Twenty-Four Hours—Embezzler is Further Fined \$5,400.

Minden, Neb., July 11.—County Treasurer Alfred Norlin, who confessed to the embezzlement of \$10,000 of county funds and admitted that he set the court house on fire to cover his crime, will be taken to the penitentiary at Lincoln today. At 4 o'clock last evening at Norlin's request a special session of the district court was convened, the embezzling treasurer entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to six years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$5,400, the amount of his shortage after the restitution of yesterday.

The arrest of Norlin at 5 o'clock Tuesday, his trial, conviction and sentence, all in less than 24 hours, is probably the most speedy disposition of a criminal case in the history of Nebraska courts.

WEST FEELS TORRID BLASTS.

Warmest Temperature of the Year Thus Far is Recorded.

Chicago, July 11.—Not since the establishment of the weather bureau has this city experienced such terrific heat as affected it yesterday. The high mark was 102 in the shade of the office of the weather bureau, the highest previous mark being July 16, 1887, when it reached 99.8. The wind blew with force from the west and southwest and a hotter, more stifling air was never felt in this city before. It seemed to add much to the misery causing power of the heat. So hot did it become during the afternoon as the wind drove the hot air into windows and doorways, that all through the business section of the city tenants of offices slammed down their windows to keep out the air. If any comfort was to be found, it was by shutting out the breeze.

Down on the street level, in the shade, the mercury was but little above that in the Auditorium tower, but in the sun and on the street crossings it was anywhere from 105 to 110. The air was so dry, however, that its effects were not as disastrous as would have been the case had greater humidity prevailed, and but 21 prostrations were reported. Last night the wind changed to the northwest, blowing off Lake Michigan, with the result that the mercury went down 30 degrees within an hour.

Torrid Wave Continues.

Lincoln, July 11.—There was a continuation yesterday throughout Nebraska of the terrific heat which has prevailed all this week, the maximum here being 105. The mean temperature for 24 hours was 90 degrees. Hot winds have been blowing continuously for four days. There was one death from the heat near Lincoln.

Hottest Day in Iowa.

Dubuque, Ia., July 11.—The fierce heat of the last two weeks probably reached its maximum yesterday, when the government thermometer registered 103 degrees, the highest ever known in Iowa. A high wind blew all day like a furnace blast. There is no sign of rain and vegetation is fast withering.

Top Notches in Temperature.

Kansas City, July 11.—The highest temperature in Missouri yesterday was 109 at Harrisonville; in Kansas, 108, at Fort Scott. There is no prospect of relief soon.

NINETEEN HORSES BURN.

Lincoln Livery Barn Affre—One Man Slightly Injured.

Lincoln, July 11.—The Windsor stables on L street burned last night. The fire started at 11:20, supposedly from the explosion of a lantern. The loss is \$20,000. The barn was operated by Bohanan Bros. The building cost \$10,000 and was insured for \$6,000.

There were 50 horses in the barn, but all were saved, except 19, some of which were quite valuable. The fire was kept confined to the building with great difficulty.

A barn hand, Alfred Currey, was badly injured while engaged in the work of rescue, but will recover.

New Boxer Movement Started.

Shanghai, July 11.—A new Boxer movement is being started, according to Chinese intelligence from Sian Fu, Pu Chun, the her apparent, with other members of Prince Tuan's family, has gone to join Prince Tuan on the borders of Mongolia, and there are strong indications that Prince Tuan is preparing to march against the foreigners with the tacit approval of the dowager empress.

Death of Pierre Champeau.

Keokuk, Ia., July 11.—Pierre Champeau, one of the few surviving founders of the Icarian colony at Nauvoo, Ill., in 1848, died here last night, aged 63. He was prominent in the movement which caused the emigration of French to form the socialistic community.

Mayor Harrison Receives Warning.

Chicago, July 11.—Mayor Harrison received a letter from Harvey, Ill., yesterday, warning him to leave the city at once, as there was a plan on foot to shoot him Saturday night. The authorities are investigating the matter.

ENDEAVORERS END SESSION.

Farewell Meeting the Greatest One of the Convention.

Cincinnati, July 11.—The 20th international convention of the United Society of the Christian Endeavor came to a close here last night. While in attendance the meeting was not up to expectations, the convention from beginning to end was a brilliant success. Both President Clark and Secretary Baer expressed themselves as highly gratified with the convention. Even if the gathering was numerically small, they say, it allowed those who did attend to carry home with them a greater share of the blessings of the meetings. The program for the last day was arranged upon a more elaborate scale than that of the previous four days. Auditoriums Endeavor and Williston were used for two big rallies in the morning, devoted to the 20th anniversary of the association. Secretary John Willis Baer of Boston presided in Auditorium Endeavor. George W. Coleman of Boston described the endeavor work "among the soldiers and sailors." He said that two went down with the Maine in Havana harbor and that 12 more sailed with Dewey and the Olympia into Manila bay. Rev. George W. Moore of Nashville told of the work among the Afro-Americans, and Frederick A. Wallace of Lexington, Ky., described the prison work of the Endeavorers.

Treasurer Shaw spoke of "The World's Christian Endeavor Union," in which he emphasized the need for a field secretary for Christian Endeavorers in China and called upon the audience for pledges of financial support, receiving a liberal response. Bishop Arnett presided at the meeting in Auditorium Williston. The climax of the convention was the two great farewell meetings, held simultaneously in Auditoriums Endeavor and Williston last night. July 20,000 people were present. President Francis Clark presided in Auditorium Endeavor and Treasurer Shaw in Auditorium Williston. They were "purpose" meetings, and as the roll of states was called the leaders of the various delegations responded in brief talks, telling of their plans for spreading Christian Endeavor during the coming year.

KILBOURNE FOR GOVERNOR.

McLean Ticket is Named by Ohio Democratic Convention.

Columbus, O., July 11.—The Democratic state convention nominated the following ticket: Governor, James Kilbourne; lieutenant governor, Anthony Howells; judge of supreme court, Joseph Hidy; clerk of supreme court, Harry R. Young; attorney general, M. E. McCarthy; treasurer of state, R. P. Alishire; member of board of public works, James Holman.

In the alleged stand "for principles rather than men," the most striking turn of the convention, was on Bryan. The most bitter things were said of his leadership in the committee on resolutions, when it was insisted that his name should not be mentioned and that there should be no reference to either of the national platforms on which he made his campaign. After this plan had been agreed on, one of the 21 members of that committee offered a minority report, reaffirming the Kansas City platform and expressing confidence in Bryan, and he received only six votes out of 950 delegates on his substitute for the platform preamble. A few moments after the platform was adopted, one of these six delegates called attention to the fact that pictures of other Democrats were displayed in the hall and none of Bryan, as heretofore. He started to carry a small banner with Bryan's picture on to the platform. The aisles were ordered cleared and the picture did not reach its destination. It was trampled under foot and spoiled during the wild demonstrations when Kilbourne was escorted into the hall.

RUSSIA CONTROLS MANCHURIA.

Li Proposes to Withdraw All Chinese Troops to Avoid a Clash.

London, July 11.—A dispatch from Peking says: It is reported that the Russians are rapidly completing the Manchurian railway, and that they will employ 50,000 troops for the defense of the line.

Li Hung Chang proposes to withdraw all the Chinese troops from Manchuria with the object of avoiding all chances of collision with the Russians. If this is done Russian troops will be needed to preserve order in the province, as only Chinese policemen will be employed there, according to the definition now given to the Russo-Chinese agreement regarding Manchuria.

Three Boer Prisoners Escape.

Bermuda, July 11.—Three Boer prisoners escaped from the detention camp on Darrell's island last night. They swam to the mainland and have not yet been captured.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

The body of Frank Honelky of Mt. Vernon, Ill., was found in a deserted spot a mile east of Kansas City Wednesday. He had evidently been murdered and robbed.

John Thompson, one of the wealthiest bankers of Washington, died Wednesday, aged 77 years. He was chairman of the inaugural committee when Garfield was sworn in.

Dudley Wooten of Dallas was nominated by the Democrats of the Sixth Texas congressional district for the seat in congress made vacant by the death of Judge R. E. Burke.

An explosion occurred in the engine room of the Kansas City Consolidated Smelter company at El Paso Wednesday, which set fire to the building and caused a loss of \$150,000.

FOUR THOUSAND REGISTER.

Sleep in Streets at El Reno to Be First on Hand.

HUNDREDS ARE STILL IN LINE.

From Morning Until Night Government Officials Are Busy Jotting Down Names—Not Until July 29 Will Settlers Know Their Luck.

El Reno, O. T., July 11.—Following out the proclamation of President McKinley opening up to settlement by the whites the 13,000 farms in the Kiowa-Comanche country, the first registration of homeseekers was made here and at Lawton at 9 a. m. yesterday. Hundreds were still lined before the various registration boards when darkness came last night. The registration will continue until all who come have been given an opportunity to file their names. The drawing by lottery will begin on July 29, and until then none of the 50,000 applicants will know whether or not he has been lucky enough to receive a homestead. Although there are perhaps 20,000 people in town, practically no disorder prevailed. As a rule the homeseekers were well provided with money and provisions, and aside from the long wait in the sun before the registration booths, no serious inconvenience has been experienced.

Hundreds of people slept in the streets and alleys to maintain their places in the lines which began forming Tuesday at the six registration booths in El Reno. The line was made up of the halt, the lame and the brawny frontiersmen, sprawled out in the dust. The crowd before each booth elected a captain and each man and woman in line was given a number, which they pinned conspicuously to their cloth. A company member was permitted occasionally to absent himself from line for a short breathing spell and invariably his place was protected by his fellow waiters.

As the hour of 9 o'clock neared, interlopers tried to push in and break the numerical order of the line organization. Trouble was prevented by the announcement that the line organization would be respected by the government officials. Cheers and waving of hats greeted the word, and from this time forth no sign of trouble was apparent. Applicants were admitted to the booths four at a time and the filing proceeded rapidly all day long. During the day the heat became intense, but no serious suffering was reported. The numerous women in line were treated gallantly by the men who shaded them from the sun with umbrellas and furnished drinks from the lemonade vendors who piled their racks.

The total registration yesterday was 4,018, 193 being women. The second place of registration named in the proclamation was at Lawton, 25 miles overland, where similar scenes to those enacted in El Reno were witnessed.

ANOTHER EDDYVILLE FIRE.

Six More Buildings Burn—Lynchings Awaits Guilty Man.

Ottumwa, Ia., July 11.—Six more buildings and their contents were burned yesterday at Eddyville, entailing a total loss of about \$25,000. The stores burned were those of Elliott & Son, hardware; F. P. Miller & Co., farm implements; Mrs. A. Potter, millinery; Walthall's photograph gallery; A. Lafferty, marble shop; Miller & Co., hardware. Eddyville has no fire department and the fact that the fire was of incendiary origin, breaking out in three different places simultaneously, made it an exceptionally mean one to fight. Three weeks ago the place had another \$20,000 fire, evidently started by the same persons, and in the event of the capture of the guilty person a lynching is quite probable.

Gomez Sails for Havana.

New York, July 11.—General Maximo Gomez, accompanied by his son, sailed for Havana on the Segurana. The party was escorted to the pier by a delegation of Cubans. In the saloon of the steamship General Gomez made some parting remarks to his friends. He said he would never forget the kindness shown him while here and that he never until now realized how deeply the people of the United States sympathized with the people of Cuba.

Eighteen of the Crew Drowned.

St. Johns, N. F., July 11.—A fishing vessel from the Banks, which has arrived at Cape Broyle, reports that the American fishing vessel Winona, belonging to Gloucester, has been run down off the grand banks by an unknown steamer. Eighteen of her crew were lost and the two men who were saved were rescued by the Newfoundland schooner Burtin.

Sale of Osage Lands.

Topeka, Kan., July 11.—In the United States land office here yesterday the remaining 5,000 acres of the Osage Indian reservation in Elk, Chautauqua, Greenwood, Cowley, Wilson and Woodson counties were sold. A ready sale for the lands was obtained at \$1.25 per acre. A similar sale was conducted in Dodge City.

To Clear Up Rate Situation.

Chicago, July 11.—A meeting of railroad presidents will be held today, at which the rate situation will be cleared up to the satisfaction of every one. All of the 26 lines included in the western trunk lines committee will be represented at the meeting.

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

Corn Shows Decline of Over Eight Points—Wheat Improves.

Washington, July 11.—Preliminary returns to the statistician of the department of agriculture on the acreage of corn planted indicate a reduction of about 400,000 acres, or 0.5 per cent, from the area planted last year. Of the 22 states having 1,000,000 acres or more of corn in 1900, 12 show a decrease of about 1,300,000 acres, while in the remaining 10 an increase of about 900,000 acres is shown. The average condition of the growing crop is \$1.3, as compared with 89.5 on July 1, 1900. The condition in Nebraska is 88, in Iowa 87, in Kansas 74, in Missouri 70.

The condition of winter wheat improved during June, being 88.3 on July 1, as compared with 87.8 on June 1. The average condition of spring wheat also improved during the month, being 95.6 on July 1, as compared with 92.0 one month ago. The condition in Nebraska is 89, Iowa 82, South Dakota 100.

The condition of spring and winter wheat combined on July 1 was 91.1, against 69.8 on July 1, 1900.

The amount of wheat remaining in the hands of farmers on July 1 is estimated at about 31,000,000 bushels. The average condition of the oat crop is 83.7, as compared with 85.3 one month ago.

COLE AND JIM YOUNGER FREE.

Famous Bandits Paroled by State Pardon Board—Served 25 Years.

St. Paul, July 11.—The state pardon board yesterday approved the parole of Coleman and James Younger, who have been in the Stillwater penitentiary for the last 25 years for complicity in the robbery and murder at the time of the raid on the Northfield, Minn., bank.

More Evidence Points to Dunn.

Fort Wayne, Ind., July 11.—Investigations by the police yesterday tend to show that little Alice Cottrill of Hometown, for whose murder Charles Dunn, the richest and one of the oldest men in the village, is held here, was killed in Dunn's barn and hidden in a pile of sawdust until she was thrown into a cistern under his house. Dunn's hired man, Burt Reed, and his domestic, Marie Sampson of Chicago, are held as witnesses.

Baseball Scores Yesterday.

National League—Chicago, 2; Philadelphia, 6; Pittsburg, 1; Boston, 0; Cincinnati, 0; New York, 3; St. Louis 3; Brooklyn, 1; American League—Boston, 6; Philadelphia, 13; Cleveland, 4; Detroit, 7; Washington, 1; Baltimore, 5; Western League—Omaha, 7; Minneapolis, 8; Kansas City, 15; Denver, 9; St. Joseph, 9; Colorado Springs, 6; Des Moines, 9; St. Paul, 3.

Different Ways.

In these days of religious controversy, conscientious objections to vaccination and reluctance to kissing the Book it is refreshing to recall the broad minded views of John Chinaman on the last named subject as expressed in the court at Singapore. In that colony natives of southern India generally take an oath by killing a fowl, Chinamen by breaking a saucer, Englishmen on the Testament as at home. Our friend John, however, on being asked how he would be sworn replied, "Kill my cock, break my saucer, smell my book—all the same!"—Chambers' Journal.

A Misunderstanding.

"My dear," said a gentleman to his wife, "where did all those books on astronomy on the library come from? They are not ours." "A pleasant little surprise for you," responded the lady. "You know, you said this morning that we ought to study astronomy, and so I went to a bookshop and bought everything I could find on the subject." "It was some minutes before he spoke," "My dear," he then said slowly, his voice husky with emotion, "I never said we must study astronomy. I said that we must study economy."—Pearson's Weekly.

The Modern scarecrow.

The mawkish (scarecrow) nowadays is a poor creature compared with what he used to be, and it is a wonder that any experienced rook consents to be scared by him. Thirty years or so ago he was really a work of art, with a hat, a coat, a stick and sometimes a painted face. Frolicous enough to frighten a little boy in the twilight, let alone a bird. Now a rag or two and a "jumble sale" cloth cap are considered sufficient, backed up generally by the argument, which may prove more effective, of a dead rook tied up by the leg to a stick.—Rider Haggard's "Farmer's Year."

Stage Fright.

When Bob Burdette started out to lecture, he struck the same town as Henry Ward Beecher, who sent for him.

"Well, young man, how do you like it?" "Mr. Beecher," he replied, "it is awful. I nearly die every night from nervousness."

"Let me console you, then. The longer you lecture the more nervous you'll get." And Bob declared it to be true.—Saturday Evening Post.

A young British officer who lost \$200 to a gambler on the steamship Campania complained to the captain, who forced the winner to refund. The passengers boycotted the "squalor." Jesse Richardson, a young farmer near Nevada, Mo., committed suicide by tying himself by the neck and feet to a horse and whipping the animal until he was unconscious. His dead body was dragged home.