



Sheriff Thomas E. Barrett died at Chicago. James Pease was chosen as his successor.

The United Mine Workers have called the coal strike which strike, it is said, will involve 450,000 men. The representatives of the workmen and the operators met at Indianapolis but failed to agree.

The Kansas Natural Gas company's well, near Caney, Kan., which was struck by lightning February 23 and continued to burn until March 29, has at last been extinguished.

In the beef trust cases at Chicago against the corporation, the government's attorney asked for an early hearing. The packers asked for a late hearing, and Judge Humphrey fixed the date September 10.

The first actual elections to the Russian national parliament took place March 29. Twelve members of the council of the empire were chosen by a congress composed of representatives of associations of trade and industry throughout European Russia. The successful candidates are conservative.

The Ohio legislature has passed a bill creating a state railroad commission and providing for the regulation of freight rates.

Washington dispatches say that the rate bill will probably come to a vote about May 1. Mr. Tillman sought to fix an earlier date but Mr. Aldrich objected to it.

The New York World says: "Robert A. Van Wyck, former mayor of New York, yesterday bade farewell to the country of his birth. He sailed on the Kaiser Wilhelm II. for Bremen, whence he will go to Paris, to reside permanently. He will not give up his American citizenship nor his membership in the Democratic club, but he has cast his last vote here, and will return only at times on business."

The New Jersey legislature has passed a bill substituting the electric chair for the scaffold in executions.

The Ohio state legislature has passed a bill substituting the electric license from \$350 to \$1,000. Representatives of the breweries say that the bill will drive half the saloons of Ohio, or about six thousand, out of business.

Joseph M. Patterson, son of the editor of the Chicago Tribune, has become very active in Chicago socialist circles. He is delivering many speeches, attacking his fellow millionaires.

The Washington correspondent for the New York World prints this story: "Senators Spooner and Tillman got into one of those furious—for appearance sake only—fights they have ten or twelve times a day. 'A judicial opinion can not be impeached by a cartoon,' declared Spooner. 'A cartoon often points out some pertinent point,' remarked Mr. Tillman. 'Yes,' snapped Spooner; 'the last cartoon I saw of the senator from South Carolina represented him as down in the

straw and being kicked by the Democratic donkey.' The last one I saw,' remarked Tillman, 'represented me as riding the donkey with the republican elephant tied to its tail.' Everybody laughed."

Rev. J. B. Lentz was killed by lightning while preaching at Carson, Iowa.

Trade between the United States and Canada in 1905 aggregated \$202,999,213, according to the United States department of commerce.

Senator Elkins has replied to Governor Cummins of Iowa, saying that Cummins does not speak the truth, and that he (Elkins) is a strong champion of railway rate legislation.

A New York dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald follows: "Original manuscripts of 'The Scarlet Letter,' 'The Blithedale Romance,' 'The Marble Faun,' 'Twice Told Tales,' and other stories written by Nathaniel Hawthorne, which are of great value, were damaged in a fire in the home of Julian Hawthorne at 75 Warburton avenue, at noon today. The fire partly burned the house. The damage will amount to from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Mr. Hawthorne carried no insurance on the furnishings or the manuscripts. Some of his own manuscripts, in a desk in the library, were damaged by water. When the fire started no one was in the house except a servant. The building is four stories in front and six in the rear. A defective flue in the kitchen was responsible for the fire."

The Brooklyn, N. Y., libraries have barred Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" and "Tom Sawyer" from children considered to be under the age of discretion. The library authorities decided that these work of Mark Twain would have disastrous effect upon young minds.

John D. Archbold is now said to be the real head of the Standard Oil trust.

Guard J. W. Woods, at the Missouri penitentiary, was killed by a negro convict.

Sarah Bernhardt, the actress, is giving performances in a large tent in Texas, because of what she considers the exorbitant demands of the theatrical trust which controls Texas theatres.

Four firemen were killed and property to the value of \$400,000 was destroyed by a fire in a New York factory.

The democratic primaries for Arkansas resulted in the nomination for governor of Congressman John S. Little. James S. Berry, the present United States senator was defeated by Governor Jeff Davis in the contest for senator.

Mrs. Matilda Sultz, aged 89, and her grandson, Ivy Jones, were burned to death at Waverly, Ohio.

A Washington dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald follows: "At the beginning of the session of the senate today Mr. Tillman presented a letter from Millard F. Snyder of Clarksburg, W. Va., relating to the discrimination in that state against independent coal operators by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. Mr. Till-

man said Mr. Elkins had expressed the hope that he would give the senate something on this line every morning, and he would endeavor to gratify him in this respect. The letter was a very long one and began by stating that the people of West Virginia had begun to look upon Mr. Tillman as their senator. The assertion was made that the laws of West Virginia were not sufficient to meet the case."

A Washington dispatch describes a scene in the house in this way: "Mr. Shackelford (Mo.) with trembling voice, then read a prepared statement regarding the language he intended to use when taken off the floor last week by Mr. Tawney (Minn.), who objected to the tenor of his words, as they seemed to reflect upon the speaker. Mr. Shackelford said the bill proposed by his colleague, Mr. Rhodes, to pension the Missouri volunteers should pass. Continuing, he said: 'We're here, De Armond, Clark, Lloyd, Rucker, Hunt, Wood, Shackelford, all ready and anxious to vote for the measure. Take your heavy hand off the old soldier, Mr. Speaker, and let us vote for the bill.' As he sat down, with this utterance still ringing through the hall, Speaker Cannon arose. Republicans gathered in front of the speaker's desk and democrats

crowded the aisles. The speaker showed deep feeling as he replied: 'Mr. Chairman, just a second, only; I have listened to the gentleman from Missouri, Mr. Shackelford. If it affords him any consolation to make me a stalking horse on account of the quarrel with the minority leader, well and good.' (Applause.) Mr. Shackelford, with deep feeling, replied in the midst of the confusion which ensued owing to the speaker's unusual appearance: 'I deny, Mr. Speaker, that my quarrel with you has any such foundation.'"

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