

PRENDERGAST'S FATE

JUDGE BRENTANO DENIES THE MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL.

Murderer of Mayor Harrison Sentenced to Die on the 23d of March—Rambling Talk Made by the Assassin in Justification of His Crime.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Judge Brentano overruled the motion for a new trial for Prendergast and sentenced the assassin to be hanged on March 23.

As the court addressed Prendergast and asked him if he had anything to say by way of defense, he rose to his feet, nervously drew a small sheet of paper, covered with notes, from his vest pocket and addressed the court as follows:

"I don't suppose, your honor, that it will do me any good to say anything to the court now. I have made no preparation to say anything in particular. I suppose your honor is under the impression that you have done your duty. But this plea of insanity has been set up by my attorneys without my consent. It was an infamous, dirty and a disreputable plea and done against my objections.

"At the very beginning of this trial the court told me my attorneys would attend to my case. Nevertheless they did not. They set up this infamous plea of insanity against my will. But your honor, the issue is: Did I do right or did I do wrong? Did I do my duty or did I not? This plea has never been touched upon, and I say it is the only issue before the court. Of course if I did wrong I should be condemned. But your honor, if I did right I should be justified and acquitted.

"Now, your honor, and everybody, says that Harrison was a great and good man. I deny this. A good man is generally faithful to his friends, and Harrison was not. If he had been a good man he would not have been hostile towards me. "But this newspaper trust, your honor. We have been attacked by this newspaper court and if the sentence is carried out you will all be at the hands of this newspaper trust. No man's character or reputation will be safe. I don't know what will be the result.

"Even while I was in your county jail I was threatened with death. This man Norris, the jailer there, said to me 'I'll kill you before you leave this jail no matter what the court and the bailiffs do with you. The sheriff of this county is a Republican, while my principles are Democratic, and that is why this is.' "Then there is this great crowd crossing issue. If your honor consents to my death, if your honor also consents to take the lives of these people on the infamous grand crossings. That is what caused me to shoot Harrison, although I had stood by him in times of distress."

Judge Brentano's Decision. The court room was filled when the judge read his decision. Prendergast was ordered to stand up during the reading of the sentence. Judge Brentano said:

"Patrick Eugene Prendergast: You stand before this bar convicted of the murder of a fellow being, and it is incumbent on me to pronounce sentence on you. You have had a fair and impartial trial, and you have been defended by counsel whose zeal and devotion in your behalf merit the highest praise and compel the admiration of the court. Despite all this you have been found guilty in accordance with the well established principles of law and evidence governing trials of this kind.

"Possibly a large part of this community would, for the sake of the reputation of this great city upon whom the eyes of the world were at the time riveted, have been comforted if the verdict of the jury had established the fact that your act was that of a mentally irresponsible person, but the result of the trial denies the people that comfort. The evidence did not establish that you were acting under an insane delusion which irresistibly impelled you to commission of an act which you did not discern to be wrong and over which you had not the power to exercise control.

The solemn and painful duty now devolves upon me to impose the sentence and judgment of the law, which is that you, Patrick Eugene Prendergast, be between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the 23d day of March, 1894, in the manner provided by the statute of this state, be hanged by the neck until you are dead."

ANOTHER BLAZE AT JACKSON PARK.

Incendiaries Again Apply the Torch to the Agricultural Building.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Fire was discovered in the Agricultural building at the World's fair. Running up the outside of the pillars the flames gained headway in the roof and spread rapidly toward the dome in the center. Once having a start in the lofty arch, its destruction was a matter of short order. Driven by a brisk wind, sparks from the burning dome were carried toward adjoining buildings and for a time the firemen had before them the prospect of an extended conflagration. An hour after the general alarm was sounded the firemen had accomplished all that was possible and the blaze was practically extinguished.

Before the firemen had succeeded in their work, however, the building had been ruined. As the fire spread through the dry timbers of the roof burning embers soon began dropping to the floor, and the supports, gradually weakened, at last gave away, carrying with it connected parts of the roof, the dome pitched in ruins to the floor. Its fall practically put an end to the firemen's work.

But one theory was advanced at the grounds regarding the origin of the fire. Everyone agreed that an incendiary was again responsible for the destruction.

Blaut Jury Failed to Agree. NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The jury in the case of Joseph X. Blaut, president of the defunct Madison Square bank, on trial for perjury, has failed to agree.

SOVEREIGN FEARS NO COURT.

Openly Declares He Will Violate Judge Jenkins' Order.

DES MOINES, Feb. 27.—George W. Howard, vice president of the American Railway union, organized a branch here with 175 members Sunday afternoon. The general executive board of the Knights of Labor and General J. B. Weaver were present. After the organization General Master Workman Sovereign made a speech in reference to the injunction against him by Judge Jenkins. Sovereign said:

"I am going to Winona, Minn., and will speak there, and I shall be in St. Paul and Minneapolis to talk to the Northern Pacific employes and assure them as sure as there is a God in Heaven I will violate the injunction of Judge Jenkins. It is an outrage on all workmen. He would be a poor representative of organized labor who would not have the backbone to do what he pleases against this disgraceful order and would deserve the condemnation of honest workmen. Who is Judge Jenkins, any how? simply a man with a soul to damn. I fear no courts. If there is a United States marshal here let him serve his process."

FATAL EXPLOSION IN A MINE.

Six Bodies Have Been Recovered—Two Italians Missing.

DENVER, Feb. 24.—A special to The Republican from Raton, N. M., says: At 9:20 Thursday morning a terrific explosion occurred in the coal mines at Blossburg, three miles southwest of here, and soon a band of rescuers were at work to investigate the amount of damage done and if possible give succor to those within. Six bodies have been recovered and it is believed that two Italians, who are missing, are in the mine and probably dead. The killed are:

- JOSEPH FATHRINGILL, fire inspector, aged 28. ALBERT SNYDER, miner, aged 30. ED HOGAN, miner, aged 21. RICHARD THORNTON, miner, aged 58. ROBERT PENMAN, miner, aged 40. SAMUEL WELLS, aged 18.

NICARAGUA CAME OUT VICTORIOUS.

Allied Forces Have Captured Tegucigalpa, Capital of Honduras.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Senor Guzman, the minister of Nicaragua to the United States, has received a cablegram to the following effect: The minister of foreign affairs of Nicaragua: The capital of Honduras (Tegucigalpa) capitulated last night. Publish this telegram. Our victory puts an end to the war in Honduras.

Senator Allen For President. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Representative Jerry Simpson of Kansas is out in an interview advocating the nomination of Senator William V. Allen of Nebraska for the presidency in 1896 by the Populists. He says Allen is the only man in the Populist ranks who comes fully up to the measure: that Senator Peffer of Kansas is a good and able man but too timid. He regards Senator Allen as the brainiest, nerviest man in all the Populists.

Says Mrs Lease Is a Liar. CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Secretary G. W. Barnard, of the Grand Masonic lodge of Illinois, said today that Mary Ellen is "a deliberate liar when she said that she was a member of the Masonic order."

Twenty-Five Killed. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 28.—A terrible boiler explosion has taken place at the big iron works at Alexandrowski. Twenty-five men were killed and ten were seriously injured.

Nebraska Jewelers Will Combine. OMAHA, Feb. 28.—Nebraska retail jewelers have called a meeting to be held in Lincoln on March 14 and 15 to organize for mutual protection.

THE LATEST TELEGRAPHIC MARKETS.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Wheat recovered its bullish tone today and scored 46c advance. Fair buying on reported decrease in the English visible and better clearances caused the advance. A little selling near the close caused a slight reaction, but May closed only 1/2c firm, but dull. The gain in corn is 1/4c, and in oats about the same. May pork is 1/2c and ribs 7/8c higher. Lard is without change compared with yesterday's close.

CLOSING PRICES.

WHEAT—Easy. Cash, 97 1/2@97 3/4c; May, 99 1/2c; July, 61 1/2c. CORN—Firm. Cash, 35 1/2@36c; May, 30 1/2c; July, 27 1/2@27 3/4c. OATS—Steady. Cash, 23 1/2@24c; May, 25 1/2c; July, 22 1/2@22 3/4c. PORK—Steady. May, 12 1/2@12 3/4c; July, 12 1/2c. LARD—Steady. May, 17 1/2@17 3/4c; July, 17 1/2c. RIBS—Steady. May, 16 1/2@16 3/4c; July, 16 1/2c.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—CATTLE—There were few cattle here today that had the quality to bring more than \$4. From \$3.15 to \$3.75 took the greater part of the steers, and \$1.85 to \$2.80 were the prevailing prices for cows and heifers. Canners' stock was dull and selling badly, a number of sales being reported as low as \$1.50 @ \$1.75. Stockers and feeders were steady at \$2.85@3.50, and veal calves were in demand at \$2.50@2.75.

HOGS—They opened 5c to 10c lower than yesterday's close, or at \$4.70@5.10 for common to prime lots, and at \$5.05@5.10 for poor to choice light and medium weights. Heavier sorts mostly sold at a discount of 5c to 1c. Extreme range of sales was \$2.90@5.15. Culls sold at \$2.50@4.25.

South Omaha Live Stock.

SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,900 head; 1,300 to 1,500 lbs., \$3.00@3.25; 1,100 to 1,300 lbs., \$4.25@4.50; 900 to 1,100 lbs., \$2.80@3.25; choice cows, \$2.40@2.80; common cows, \$1.50@2.25; good feeders, \$2.90@3.25; common feeders, \$2.20@2.80. Market weaker. HOGS—Receipts, 8,800 head; light, \$4.70@4.85; mixed, \$4.75@4.85; heavy, \$4.75@4.85. Market 5c lower; closed strong. SHEEP—Receipts, 950 head; muttons, \$2.25 @ 2.50; lambs, \$2.50@2.75. Market steady.

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Calendar for March 1894 showing days of the week and dates from 1 to 31.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

BRIEF BUT PITHY MENTION OF THE HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK.

News Which Tell the Story of Seven Days' Crimes and Casualties and Other Important Matters Arranged Attractively and Given in a Few Words.

Want Salaries Reduced. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 27.—A petition is being circulated for the reduction of the salaries of the mayor and all city officials.

Killed a Constable. LINCOLN, Feb. 23.—A. S. Jones, station agent of the Missouri Pacific at Walton, this county, shot and killed Jerry Peck, constable, at Sprague.

Veterans to Assemble at Beatrice. BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 27.—The Southwestern Grand Army of the Republic encampment will be held in this city March 8, Commander Church Howe and Senior Vice Commander Adams will be present.

Murderer Carleton's Sentence Suspended. LINCOLN, Feb. 26.—Charles C. Carleton, sentenced to death at Fremont for the murder of August Gohman, will not be hanged March 23. The supreme court has suspended the sentence of death until such time as it can review the case.

Mailed Threatening Letters. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 27.—Tony Columbus, an Italian, was arrested here on information from Omaha. He is accused of sending threatening letters to fellow countrymen at Omaha. A deputy United States marshal took the prisoner to Omaha.

Tribute to an Old Soldier. FORT NIobrARA, Neb., Feb. 27.—On the occasion of his retirement from the United States army Feb. 21 Sergeant Charles Dahlgren of E troop, Sixth cavalry, was presented with a splendid gold headed cane by the enlisted men of his late organization.

Hog Thieves Fined Guilty. TERAMAH, Neb., Feb. 27.—Henry Betts, Sam Grover and Joe Shafer, who had their trial last week for hog stealing, and were bound over to the next term of the district court, have pleaded guilty as charged and Judge Hopewell sentenced them to the penitentiary for three years each.

To Entertain York County Farmers. YORK, Neb., Feb. 27.—On the 1st and 2nd of March the York County Farmers institute will hold its second annual meeting in this city. The citizens are making extensive preparations to give the visiting members a grand reception. Two or three of the faculty of the State university will be present and deliver addresses.

Interested in Irrigation. HARRISON, Neb., Feb. 27.—The deep interest taken in the irrigation question continues to grow in this section. A county irrigation association was organized here, which will be an auxiliary to the Northwestern association. A legislative committee composed of J. H. Cook, J. B. Burke and E. E. Livermore was recommended to the district association.

Dell Akin a Free Man. O'NEILL, Neb., March 1.—Judge Barlow called the case of Dell Akin, indicted for conspiring to aid Barrett Scott, the embezzling Holt county treasurer, to escape from the officers. The state was not ready to proceed and the prosecutor dismissed the case on his own motion. Scott was given a change of venue and will be tried next month in Cuming county.

Big Victory For the Union Pacific. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Feb. 27.—In the case of Sullivan against the Union Pacific Railway company, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. This is one of a dozen cases now pending in the district court and grew out of the great prairie fire which started at Nichols and swept into North Platte on April 7 last. Total losses from the fire aggregated \$75,000.

Employees to Have a Hearing. OMAHA, March 1.—Employees of the Union Pacific are to have a hearing upon the wage question and will be invited to meet President Clark, of the system, and others whom he may select March 15 in conference, said conference to continue from day to day until an agreement is reached. This much has been ordered by the circuit court of the United States, Judges Caldwell and Sanborn, who issued the order upon application of General Solicitor John M. Thurston.

Father Corbett Excommunicated. LINCOLN, Neb., March 1.—Bishop Bonarcum has issued an order of excommunication against Father Corbett, sentencing him to three years' suspension from participating in the eucharist and to undergo a penance of that length in a monastery near Montreal, Canada. This sentence has been passed without a trial being accorded the accused, his offense being the bringing of the bishop into a civil court on a criminal charge. Father Corbett has refused to obey this sentence and the bishop has begun suit in a justice's court in Palmyra to eject the priest from the parish residence.

J. STERLING MORTON EFFIGY CASE. Z. T. White Convicted of Criminal Libel Against the Secretary.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 1.—The case of the commonwealth of Nebraska against Z. T. White, charged with criminal libel against Secretary of Agriculture J. Sterling Morton and his son, the libel being the hanging in effigy of the secretary a few weeks ago, was heard Tuesday. A jury was secured with some difficulty and a number of witnesses testified, their evidence generally being very damaging to White's case. The jury were out but a few minutes when they returned with a verdict of "guilty as indicted." The penalty for the offense is a fine of \$500 or six months in the county jail or both at the discretion of the court. The jury recommended leniency.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Congressmen Pence and Fithian Both Made Sensational Speeches.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The tariff question came up in quite an unexpected way in the senate Wednesday and for two hours it held the floor to the exclusion of all other business. The matter was indirectly alluded to by Senator Voorhees, who arose to a question of privilege to deny a newspaper statement indicating the Democratic members of the finance committee were submitting to the president's dictations in matters relating to the tariff bill. After the denial by Senator Voorhees, Senator Chandler precipitated the discussion of the day by an inquiry as to the part that Senator Mills is performing in the consideration of the bill in committee, and whether he is still acting as the proxy of Senator McPherson since the latter's return to the city. Senator Voorhees at first requested Senator Chandler to read The Record for his information, but when the New Hampshire senator insisted upon a direct answer, Senator Voorhees finally declared it was no business of the senator how the finance committee considered the bill. This provoked an era of acrimony and for the next hour senatorial courtesy had no place in the senate. Many senators accused each other of unworthy acts and Senator Vest finally quoted from the record in an attempt to prove that Senator Chandler had promised to take care of certain officials in the southern states in 1876 if they would decide against the Democrats and in favor of Hayes for the presidency. The controversy was finally brought to a close by Senator McPherson and Senator Mills both explaining their positions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Sergeant-at-Arms Snow of the house arrested several members on the floor of the house for having absented themselves from the session. The arrest of members on the floor is almost without precedent. Speaker Crisp has directed the sergeant-at-arms to execute the warrant of arrest without reference to the place where members are.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday session of the house was marked by the most turbulent and disorderly scenes of the year. Mr. Bland, clinging to the idea he could obtain a quorum for his motion to close debate on the seigniorage bill and nettled by his continued failure for the past week, refused to allow the house to adjourn over the national holiday. When the house met Thursday morning, however, although he still declined to entertain any proposition to compromise with the opponents of the measure, upon the representations of certain western representatives that they would cease filibustering and support the measure if he would give additional time for debate, he moved that the debate continue until Saturday, but he did not get a vote on his amended proposition.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The members of the house under arrest were finally discharged from custody Friday by dispensing with further proceedings under the call. It required four hours to accomplish this, and although the scenes of disorderly turbulence which characterized Thursday's proceedings were not repeated the proceedings were fully as interesting. The Democrats were evidently very anxious when the house met to extricate themselves from the complications arising from the wholesale arrest of members, but by flank movements, the Republicans succeeded in preventing this until the whole situation was thoroughly ventilated. Perhaps the most interesting feature of the day, barring Bland's bitter philippic against the filibustering Democrats, was the verbal duel between Mr. Reed and Mr. Turner over the question of a quorum—a question just now of preeminent importance in house circles.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The house was again without a quorum on the Bland bill. WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The proceedings in the house Monday were full of exciting incidents. Mr. Bland being unable to secure a quorum, concluded to allow the debate on the bill to proceed at the same time declaring that he would return to the assault Tuesday. Two sensational speeches followed, one by Mr. Pence (Colo.), who denounced the Republicans for submitting to the crack of ex-Speaker Reed's whip and warned him that if the election of the president was thrown into the house in 1896 he would renew his filibustering, and the other by Mr. Fithian (Ills.), who condemned in the severest terms the action of his Democratic colleagues who were taking part in the filibuster. Toward the close of the session Mr. Pence's reflection on Messrs. Pickler and Ellis (Or.) drew forth from them a statement which Mr. Pence characterized as "absolutely untrue." He was twice called to order and the house by a vote refused to allow him to proceed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The senate held but a short session Monday in order to give the Democrats an opportunity afterwards to continue the caucus begun in the morning. Mr. Morgan, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, presented the report on Hawaiian investigation, and Mr. Frye (Me.) gave notice that on Wednesday he would address the senate on that subject. In the report offered by Mr. Morgan, he indorses all the actions of Minister Stevens except his declaration of a protectorate by the United States over Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Mr. Pence's speech of Monday, in which he struck right and left at his colleagues, cut a prominent figure in Tuesday's proceedings. Mr. Pence's reference to Mr. Hainer had been incorrectly reported and rising to a question of privilege he took occasion to apologize for the personalities he had indulged in, but Mr. Cooper (Ind.) was not satisfied and gave him a severe scoring. Again Mr. Bland was unable to muster a quorum on his motion to close debate on the seigniorage bill, so he allowed the debate to run on without limit.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The senate held another brief session Tuesday, in which nothing of importance was accomplished and adjourned after an executive session of half an hour in order that the Democratic caucus might be continued.

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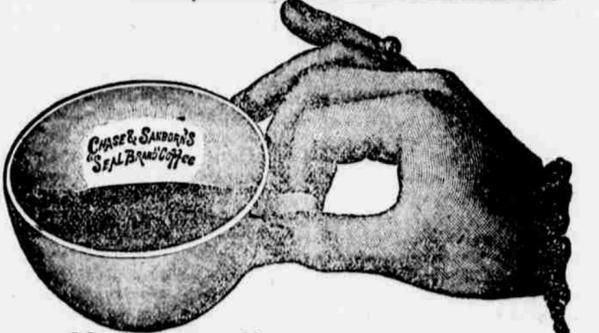


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Republican Caucus. A caucus of the republican voters of Red Cloud city is called to meet at the court house in Red Cloud on the 9th day of March, 1894, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating candidates Mayor, city clerk, treasurer and police judge. Caucuses of the wards will be held at the same place at the same time for the purpose of nominating councilmen for each ward. R. B. FULTON, Chairman. R. M. McNITT, Sec'y. Important Notice. Any person living in the country or in any of the neighboring towns who have organs that need repairing or cleaning can have them promptly attended to by addressing, Wm. W. TULLEYS, Red Cloud, Neb. Are You in Need? If you Want cash, Want a partner, Want a situation, Want a servant girl, Want to sell fruit or grain, Want to find buyers for anything, Want to sell or buy cattle or horses, Want to sell or trade anything, Want to sell household goods, Want to sell anything, Want to rent rooms, Want boarders, Want cook, Then Use THE CHIEF'S WANT COLUMN. Miss Annette Newcomer, state organizer of the Christian Women's board of Missions, will speak in the Christian church Sunday February 11th, at 3:30. Every body is invited to come out and hear her. Curt Evans has everything you want in the second-hand furniture line. See him Blue Front, south Webster street.