

The town of Laurel, in Cedar county, is two years old and has a population of 500.

Peace reigns in the newspaper ranks at Norfolk and everybody is getting religion.

S. A. Hewlings & Co., grocers of Wayne, have been closed by their creditors.

H. R. Hitchcock, a former Ponca newspaper man, has become a miner in Colorado.

Beaver City boys captured a bald eagle alive that measured ten feet from tip to tip.

The Havelock Methodist church has been dedicated free from debt. It cost over \$4,000.

Caleb Waters, a former resident of Superior, died at La Grange, Ill., after a brief illness.

Laurel is to have an elevator that will hold 25,000 bushels of grain, scripture measure.

Citizens of Wisner have petitioned the new village board to reduce the occupation tax.

Gering citizens have started a fund for the purpose of sinking an experimental artesian well.

Table Rock is to have a ball team of which the citizens hope to be proud at the end of the season.

Burglars went through Herman Bros. store at Trumbull and helped themselves to a quantity of goods.

A. W. Rawley of Dundy county spilled a kettle of hot soap on his bare feet and is bed-ridden in consequence.

J. W. Thomas has relinquished his grip on the Wallace Herald to take up the ministry and J. G. Beeler is in the harness again.

Conscienceless sneak thieves at Fremont stole a calf from a widow named Hanson, whose only support was taking in washing.

About fifty men are employed on the Cody ranch in Lincoln county at present breaking prairie and working on the irrigation ditch.

W. H. Barnwell is now the sole owner of the Havelock Mechanic, as he has purchased the interest of his late partner, J. L. McKean.

Heart failure was responsible for the death of Dr. E. B. Louquest of Hayard, one of the best known physicians in the North Platte valley.

Someone has discovered that the "solid" oak doors in the Cass county court house are only oak veneer upholstered with soft pine.

Fifteen Coxy recruits were arrested in North Platte, fed and fired with all possible haste. They trundled east in the bosom of an otherwise empty box car.

Colonel Cody has already shipped several cars of horses from his North Platte ranch to New York to be ready for the opening of the Wild West season.

It has been discovered that 91 per cent of the school children of Gage county have not been vaccinated. The doctors think something ought to be done.

Ex-Commander A. H. Church is not recovering as fast as his friends hoped he would and will take a trip to the mountains with the advent of settled weather.

J. W. Sperry a few days since added to his collection of war relics the ball (a grape) with which General Lyons was killed. It was loaned to him by a friend in Lincoln.

Broken Bow is a candidate for the honor of having the republican congressional convention of the Sixth district held there. The matter will be decided at Kearney May 8.

The proprietor of the American hotel at Table Rock has mysteriously disappeared and left his boarders in the lurch. No cause for his departure is known. His wife has gone to her relatives.

Elmer Wilcox, of Weeping Water, while riding a bicycle in an implement house, was thrown off and ran a corn knife through one hand severing the radial artery where it assumes its other name and shedding a considerable amount of well oxygenized blood.

Alfred J. Mokler is the editor and one of the proprietors of the Signal, a new paper at Platte Center. Mr. Mokler knows how to get up a clean, bright paper, both typographically and otherwise, and the people of Platte Center are sure of having just as good a paper as they deserve.

Mrs. George S. Warren of Beatrice lost her voice four years ago as the result of the grip. Since that time she has been unable to speak above a whisper until the other day, when, without any warning, her voice returned, as strong as ever and without any apparent effort on her part.

The Dwight Newspaper Subscription Collection association is the title of a new corporation with headquarters in Grand Island. This is intended to fill a long felt want and it is presumed many newspaper publishers will take advantage of it to collect their accounts.

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A Family Quarrel. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 19.—Addison C. Harris, the lawyer, and William H. Bruning, of New York, formerly of Madison, were shot in the law office of Miller, Winter & Eliam, by William M. Copeland, of Madison, a brother-in-law to Bruning. Ex-Attorney General Miller had a narrow escape. Neither victim is fatally hurt. Copeland is under arrest, charged with attempted murder. The shooting occurred in the room formerly occupied by ex-President Harrison, who was a member of the firm of lawyers occupying the apartments.

Ex-Attorney General W. H. H. Miller and his partner, Ferdinand Winter, prevented further shooting by a desperate personal encounter with the man who used the pistol. Mr. Harris was not an intended victim, but was hit in the indiscriminate firing by Copeland, who was trying to kill Bruning. A family quarrel is responsible for the differences leading up to the shooting, and all of the persons concerned had gone to the law office for consultation with attorneys.

W. H. H. Miller says Attorney Copeland, who is a prominent lawyer of Madison, entered the outer office in company with Attorney Harris. In the front room were Attorney Winter and Bruning. As soon as the door was opened Mr. Copeland fired with a pistol at Mr. Bruning, who was only a few feet distant. All of the shots save one few wide of the mark. In the confusion that ensued one of the bullets struck Mr. Harris. After firing five shots the assailant started toward Bruning with the barrel of the revolver trapped in his right hand and made several vicious strokes at his head. Bruning fled, and Copeland pursued him out of the room.

Mr. Harris, who received a bullet in the left arm just above the elbow was suffering excruciating pain. It was at first thought that Bruning was fatally hurt. He was removed to Dr. Marsee's office, and Mr. Harris was cared for in the office of the Union Trust company below. Dr. Marsee announced that Bruning's jaw was broken, but that his injuries were not serious. Mr. Harris' arm was broken.

Mr. Bruning and his antagonist are involved in litigation in the Federal court, and the animosity which ended in the tragedy was its outcome. The men were to meet in the law office for a conference looking to the settlement of the matter. The litigation is of many years' standing and involves three suits. John Bruning, father of Mrs. Clara Copeland and Mr. Bruning, died, leaving a large fortune in Madison. Up to that time a warm attachment had always existed between brother and sister. A quarrel arose over the property, and Mrs. Bruning claimed that her brother had coerced their father in his dotage to allow him to control the property and manage it to suit himself. She also averred that he compelled her, when racked with sickness, to sign an instrument setting aside the will and giving him virtual possession of everything.

Legalizing Against Lynching. COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 19.—Representative Clifford, one of the colored members from Cuyahoga county, has introduced two bills which, it is believed, will afford legal protection against lynching. The first bill defines lynching as the killing, or attempted killing, by an assemblage of persons, of a person for crime without judicial sentence, and makes participation in such an affair a crime punishable with imprisonment in the penitentiary for from five to twenty years. Being one of such an assemblage of persons, whether taking part in the attempt or not, is to be considered as participating in the crime. The companion bill makes it the duty of the Governor when a lynching occurs to direct the Attorney General to go to the county where the crime was committed and assist the prosecuting attorney of the county in the collection of evidence and the prosecution of the case, thus taking the control of the case out of the hands of an official who might be governed by local prejudices. If the Attorney General believes that an impartial trial cannot be had in the county where the crime and lynching occurred he need only make affidavit as to his opinion and the courts must allow a change of venue.

Will Unfold a Tale. GAINESVILLE, Texas, April 19.—United States Senators Teller, of Colorado, Platt, of Connecticut, and Roach, of North Dakota, representing the committee on Indian affairs, arrived at Gainesville Sunday from Muskogee, where they have been ascertaining the condition of affairs in the Indian Territory. Abandoning their trip to Admore and Purcell, the party left, going direct to Washington. They say if admitted to Statehood the Indian country will soon develop into one of the leading mining and agricultural districts of the country. Senator Platt said: "There are existing affairs in the policy of the Indian government of which Congress knows nothing. When we make our report some startling revelations will be made."

They Want Him Now. SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, April 19.—W. L. Corbin, who, after having trouble with his employer a short time ago, left Xenia, a few miles west of here, with only \$5 in his pocket, is being anxiously sought for by relatives. Corbin came from Holland. An uncle, for whom he was bound, died in the East Indies, leaving him \$500,000, which is ready to be turned over to him. He for no reason to his whereabouts has been sought.

Looted the Bank. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 18.—Some interesting testimony was developed in the trial of the bank wreckers here. George P. Boulton, manager of the foreign exchange department of the First National bank of Chicago, testified that from time to time he had transferred funds on account of the Indianapolis National bank for the Indianapolis Cabinet company to Elijah Coffin, London. The directions given to the London correspondent in the City bank of London to pay Elijah Coffin were sent by cable. The sums sent from time to time aggregated in the neighborhood of \$40,000, about \$195,000.

The Elijah Coffin mentioned is the father of two of the defendants. He was formerly president of a bank in Richmond, Ind., which was looted by means similar to those used in this case, and has found it healthy to live away from Richmond ever since. None of this money can be traced past Elijah Coffin. Another interesting but willing witness was William Nutting, manager of the Boston branch of the cabinet company, whose testimony showed pretty clearly that the only reason for this branch's existence was the opportunity given to draw drafts, accept them, and obtain advances on the acceptances.

Croker Will Resign. NEW YORK, April 18.—"As soon as the newspapers let up on Croker he will call the executive committee of Tammany together and resign. But he will not surrender the leadership while he is under fire." The above statement was made by a gentleman whose relations with the boss are close. "If the organization had heeded the request of the boss," continued the gentleman who has been quoted, "it would have permitted him to resign immediately after the election in the fall of 1898. The result of that election was the fruition of all his efforts in the direction of the rehabilitation of Tammany hall. Tammany has been under fire ever since. The boss has been criticized and abused by the newspapers almost daily. It was pointed out to him last fall that if he should resign, the people would look upon it as an act of cowardice. Furthermore, after the election which resulted so disastrously to the Democrats he was told that he could not gracefully retire until light could be seen ahead for the party. To be sure there is not much light to be seen ahead now, but Croker will resign just the same if the papers will let him.

Great Mormon Revival. LEWISBURG, W. Va., April 18.—The Mormons have been having a great revival in Pocahontas county. Saturday was baptizing day and hundreds gathered on the Green River a few miles about Clover Lick. Among the converts to be baptized was an enthusiastic man named Peterson, who shouted "Glory!" at the top of his voice. Just as the elder dipped him he seemed to lose all control of himself, and in a minute he and the elder were struggling in each other's embrace. The elder was willing to let go, but the old man held to him, evidently trying to drown the elder. For fully ten minutes the struggle kept up; first one would be under the water and then the other. Finally the elder was apparently played out and the convert got him under the water for good. He held him there, shouting that he had drowned to flesh and the devil. By that time men on the bank had come to their senses, and several of them rushed to the man and forced him to let the elder go. The elder was flustered and did not come to for fully half an hour, and he is in a critical condition. The convert is violently insane and will be sent to the asylum.

Pretty Rough Treatment. NEW ORLEANS, La., April 18.—Torry Vaccaro, an Italian fruit dealer of this city, was murderously assaulted by a quartet of Italian Mafiaists. Vaccaro was stabbed in the back. His four assailants made their escape. The wounded man intimated that he knew who his would-be assassins were, but refused to give the police any information that might lead to the arrest of the guilty persons. Vaccaro keeps a fruit stand on a street corner. At dusk last night Vaccaro was standing in front of his stand. The four men approached him from behind, knocked him down, and after treating him to a severe pummeling, stabbed him in the back.

A New Industry. NEW YORK, April 18.—The police of Brooklyn are investigating the record of a woman who gives the name of Mrs. L. Applegate, and who has, it is said, made a business of adopting children and after a short time selling them. Mrs. Applegate lives in a fine residence and has moved in good society, and it is not known that a law can be found under which she may be punished. The police allege that she has been careful in finding homes for the little ones given to her. Her first object is to secure as much money as possible, and in this manner she has made a very fair living.

They Want Him Badly. GAINESVILLE, Texas, April 18.—A party of young people were having a picnic near here and one of the girls, Kathie Welch, aged 18, started with John Baldwin for a farmhouse, a mile distant. The couple not returning, search was made and the girl was found in a thicket dead. She had been criminally assaulted. At least five hundred citizens are searching the country, hunting Baldwin, who will be hunted at the state of course.

Drives his Daugh or Mad. BUFFALO, N. Y., April 17.—Miss Emma Shanley, of this city has been taken to the Buffalo State Hospital svng mad. The events which led to this condition began about two years ago, when Miss Shanley met William Knox, a young business man. After a time they became engaged. Miss Shanley was a Catholic; Mr. Knox, a Presbyterian. When the young people came to arrange matters for their marriage each wanted the other to consent to a marriage in a different faith. Mr. Shanley decided the matter by declaring that Mr. Knox must marry his daughter in the Catholic faith or not at all, and when Knox refused to assent to this proposition Shanley forbade him to come to the house. Knox and the girl met secretly and kept up their engagement. About two weeks ago they waited on Mr. Shanley together and begged his consent to a civil marriage. Mr. Shanley refused. Next day Knox proposed an elopement, but it was a week before the girl would consent. During this time Knox avoided her, did not answer her notes and ignored her purposely so as to alter her determination if possible. Finally she sent word to him that she would meet him on a certain day and they would be married and then return and ask the pardon of her parents. Her father detected something unusual in the girl's conduct and put a watch on her, with the result that the elopement was interrupted. Miss Shanley went to bed next day and has been falling rapidly since. She refused to take nourishment and soon showed signs of mental failure. Yesterday it was found that she had completely lost her reason. She did not recognize Knox when he called at the asylum to see her. Her chances of recovery are small. Mr. Shanley is heart broken. His daughter is taken with violent spasms wh never be visits her.

Cannot Enter There. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—Coxy's army of peace will not enter the Capitol grounds, and its commander will not present his "petition in boots" to the Congress "from the steps of the Capitol at high noon on the first day of May," or at any other time. The Capitol is in the center of a reservation which is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Congress. The district authorities and the local police have no control over that reservation. They can make no arrests there unless requested so to do by the officers of the Congress.

The Franchise Ahead. ROCKFORD, Ill., April 17.—There was a lively church fight at Hampshire Sunday which came near resulting in blows. The German Lutherans held quarterly services at the Evangelical church, Rev. Otto Gruner, of North Platte, officiating. All ran smoothly until the time came to partake of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, when the pastor flatly refused to administer to five members of the church, Fred Wattering, William Nurewick, William Follman, Fred Kassow, and Fred Geutachow, because they are members of the Modern Woodmen of America. Rev. Mr. Gruner insisted that he was acting in accordance with a decree from the conference which must be strictly obeyed, and said that he was convinced that the Modern Woodmen of America and other secret societies were antagonistic to the church and its teachings. Mr. Wattering acted as spokesman for the members and told Rev. Mr. Gruner that he was a willful prevaricator. The five members then withdrew from the building.

Weak Man and Wicked Woman. BALTIMORE, Md., April 17.—With the filing of a decree in the city Circuit Court granting an absolute divorce to Charles J. Krug ends one of the romances of a young man's life. Mr. Krug is the son of a well-known Baltimore business man. He claims in his bill that he was married in Washington Aug. 5, 1892, before he was 21 years old. The woman's name was Sadie Baltzel, and at the time of the marriage she was employed as a variety actress at a concert hall in this city. He testified that Miss Baltzel was considerably his senior, and that she treated him to wine and induced him to accompany her to Washington. While he was in an intoxicated condition she proposed marriage and he consented. They returned to this city, where, he claims his wife deserted him after attempting to extort money from his parents. She is now in the West.

Strike Spreading. ST. PAUL, Minn., April 17.—The strike on the Great Northern railway is gradually working east, having taken in Grand Forks, N. D., and if not settled soon will probably reach this end of the line in about two or three days. It is developing a peculiar state of affairs. The strike was ordered by the American Union and is being more actively antagonized by the railroad company's brotherhoods than by the railroad company itself.

Miss Pollard Wins. WASHINGTON, April 16.—The jury in the Pollard-Breckinridge case retired shortly after 3 o'clock Saturday. Soon after the jury went out the defendant's present wife drove up in an open barouche and had a hurried but apparently pleasant conversation with the colonel, who stood on the sidewalk to receive her. The newspaper men who have been reporting the trial, the presiding judge and the district marshal were photographed by an enterprising artist on the court house steps.

At half past four the jurymen informed the bailiffs who had them in charge that they had agreed. Judge Bradley was advised immediately and a minute later the jury filed in, flanked by the bailiffs. Almost immediately behind them came Colonel Beckinridge, easy and debonnaire as usual, with Col. Phil Thompson and Desha Breckinridge. They sat down in their usual places and looked straight ahead, while Judge Bradley waited for Miss Pollard's counsel to appear. The big room was quiet and still. At 4:40 Calderon Carlisle, Miss Pollard's attorney, entered and had hardly sat down when the clerk called the roll of the jury. Then he put the usual question: "Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a verdict?" Foreman Cole rose slowly and answered: "We have agreed upon a verdict and find for the plaintiff."

"In what amount of damages?" asked the clerk. "Fifteen thousand dollars," was the answer. There was not a sound in the room Judge Bradley had taken occasion to warn the spectators just before the verdict was rendered that demonstrations of approval or disapproval from the spectators would not be tolerated, and every man there heeded the warning. Colonel Breckinridge had sat leaning forward during the colloquy between the foreman and the clerk, and when the verdict was announced he did not change color or manifest any signs of nervousness. When Foreman Cole announced the amount Colonel Breckinridge turned to Colonel Thompson and asked: "How much?" When the foreman had sat down Colonel Breckinridge rose quickly to his feet and asked in his musical voice: "If your honor please, within what time can a notice for a new trial be filed?" "Within four days," said Judge Bradley. "Your honor," said Mr. McKinney, who had started to address the court when Colonel Breckinridge asked his question, "we give notice of an intention to file a motion for a new trial."

Judge Bradley bowed, and then turning to the jury thanked them for their faithful services and discharge them for the term. Revolting Barbarity. BERLIN, April 16.—Another story of revolting barbarity practised by Germans in West Africa is told by a German resident of the Cameroons in the columns of a weekly journal of this city. According to this story Herr Wehlan, the Governor's substitute, who led an expedition against the natives, issued an order to his subordinates directing that the throats of all the old women who fell into their hands be cut. The other natives who were so unfortunate as to be captured were conveyed on shipboard, where they were bound to the rail of the vessel. The things that held them were so tight that in many instances the flesh swelled and they cut deep into the legs and arms of the prisoners. No attention was paid to the appeals of the miserable natives to be released from their torture. They were entirely unprotected from the weather, and exposed as they were to the tropical heat their wounds festered. The appeals of the miserable wretches for water to quench their thirst fell on deaf ears, or else were brutally refused. When the prisoners were half dead they were shot down like wild beasts without compunction.

The Rebellion Ended. MONTVIDEO, April 16.—Admiral de Mello has surrendered to the Uruguayan authorities with the 1,500 insurgent troops who disembarked on the frontier of Uruguay, after having been driven out of the state of Rio Grande do Sul by the troops of President Peixoto. The rebellion in Brazil may be said to have completely collapsed. The authorities of Uruguay have disarmed the insurgents. The state of siege at Rio Janeiro had been extended to June 13, but it is believed that in view of the surrender of Admiral de Mello and the insurgent forces, the Brazilian government will shortly be able to raise the state of siege. The Uruguayan boat, after having been notified by Mello of his desire to surrender, sent out a battalion of infantry to receive his submission. The commanding officer, after conferring with Mello, accepted his sword and placed himself and his followers under arrest.

Honoring for Senator Vance. ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 16.—All the flags are at half mast and the court house is draped in black, with a large oil painting of Senator Vance hanging on the outer walls of the building, wreathed in white flowers. Announcement of his death was made in all the churches of the city at the morning services. A monster memorial meeting for the whole of western North Carolina has been arranged for and will probably occur Friday.

Left Her in Town. MORRIS, Ill., April 20.—Mari Hamblin, a young business man, was to have married Miss Lizzie Croy, a graduate of the Morris High school, last evening. The community was greatly startled to hear that the prospective bridegroom had unceremoniously left town without notifying his parents or his intended wife. All arrangements had been made for the wedding and the young man is here.

Enforcing Strict Rules. RICHMOND, Ind., April 20.—Something of a sensation prevails at Earlham College over the expulsion of six students. The rules of the institution, which is a Quaker one, are very strict, and the students are not allowed to leave the dormitory at night without permission. The charge against the young men was breaking this rule and engaging in billiards, pool, and drinking in the city. They are: Clayton Root, Crown Point, Ind.; Clara Duncan, Greenfield, Ind.; Ora Keller, Winamac, Ind.; Charles Hathler, Morris, Ill.; Rowland Morris, Fairmount, Ind.; and Robert Morris, Milton, Ind.

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London, April 20.—The Earl of Bessan appeared before the bankruptcy court in response to a petition of money-lenders who hold a dishonored bill for £140 which the Earl had indorsed in behalf of his second son. The Earl explained to the court that his total liabilities amounted to £238. He said he was receiving an allowance from his eldest son, Lord Carlross, to whom he had transferred his Scotch estates in 1892. These estates were then valued at £5,000 per annum. He now estimated that they would produce £7,000. The transfer was made in consideration of Lord Carlross paying his debts, amounting to £3,500. The Earl added that he had been threatened with litigation on the ground that the transfer was illegal, and that £2,000 of his annual allowance had been withdrawn since the property had changed hands. When the Earl, some time ago was ordered to pay damages as co-respondent in a divorce suit, he declared himself a bankrupt. He never paid the damages awarded against him. Before he succeeded to the title his father never made him any money allowance, and he gained his living as a jockey.

Ribs and Dishes Broken. GOSHEN, Ind., April 20.—The Lake Shore vestibule limited going east met with an accident at Dunlap, five miles west of this city, yesterday afternoon. While running at a high rate of speed the engine struck the caboose of a freight train on a sidetrack which had not cleared the main track. Engineer Charles Melcher of the fast train, remained at his post and had several ribs broken besides other bodily injuries, while Fireman Nepper jumped and sustained severe injuries. The locomotive remained upright, but was badly damaged. Most of the dishes in the dining car were demolished. The passengers were badly shaken up, but no one was injured.

Killed by a Lecturing. ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 20.—Two fire men of the St. Louis department lost their lives and one was badly injured as a result of overhead wires. Responding to an alarm for a burning stable at Dickson and Leffingwell avenues the two men became entangled in wires which, melted by the heat of the flames, had parted and fallen to the ground. The men stepped on the wires while directing a stream. William Gannon was killed and Tom Dolan, the old ball player and former catcher for the St. Louis Browns, was fatally injured. Ben Shiveley was badly burned.

Would not Give Up. HUNTINGTON, Ind., April 20.—Charles Ashley, whom the penitentiary authorities at Michigan city claim was the worst prisoner they ever had, has returned to this city after serving three years for a brutal assault upon J. B. Fenner, a prominent lawyer here. He was immediately rearrested on a charge of perjury committed during his trial. While in the penitentiary Ashley was stubborn, and absolutely refused to obey orders or work. He was subjected to every punishment, and was finally confined for thirty months in a small solitary cell, but even this failed to subdue him.

More Paper Than Money. LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 20.—W. H. Thomas & Son, whisky dealers and distillers, have made an assignment to the Louisville Trust company. Their liabilities are between \$500,000 and \$800,000, all of which is secured by pledges of whisky or stock. The assets are not announced. The assignment has been expected for some time, as the firm has been in hard financial lines for over a year. Some time ago they were forced to suspend payment, but secured a six months' extension by their creditors. It is said that the firm hold a great deal of paper of Rippy, the Lawrenceburg distiller, and also some of Sutton's.

Freight Thieves Trapped. MATTOON, Ill., April 20.—Detective Harrington and Trainmaster Linton, of the Illinois Central, have trapped a gang of petty freight car thieves in this city and wounded Henry Doley and Oliver Heath, both young toughs of this city. Secreting themselves in a sealed freight car loaded with merchandise Harrington and Linton waited until the thieves broke the seal, crowded in, and began to dump out goods. Then they called a halt, and the robbers started to run. The thieves were fired on and severe wounds inflicted. They are now in jail at Charleston.

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