

# THE TAYLORS GUILTY

## OF THE MURDER OF THE MEEKS FAMILY.

It Took the Jury but a Short Time to Come to a Conclusion—Intense Excitement in the Court—Arguments of the Attorneys for Defense and Prosecution Very Strong—Much Feeling Displayed by the Taylors.

Jury Says They Are Guilty. CARROLLTON, Mo., Aug. 3.—At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon the Taylor jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, amid the most intense excitement.

CARROLLTON, Mo., Aug. 3.—When court opened this morning the room was crowded to the doors with the neighbors and friends of Colonel J. H. Hale, who was booked to make the first address. The Taylor children had been left at home, but lined up before the jury were the two defendants, their wives and mothers and old man Taylor.

Colonel Hale began by calling attention to the address of Mr. Minnis, which he characterized as brilliant, but calculated to inflame the worst passions of men. While he was speaking, little Nellie Meeks entered the court room with her foster mother, Mrs. Pierce. When she saw Grandma Meeks she climbed into her lap and then went over to Ben Pierce and sat on his knee, facing the jury.

The colonel called attention to his declining years and said that he would not believe his clients deserved it. He endeavored to tell something that would not help the case against the Taylors. He took the evidence relating to the blood on the wagon and picked it to pieces, showing that the blood was simply supposition and that it might just as well have been red paint, and probably was.

Colonel Hale, referring to the testimony relating to the harrowing about the straw stack, said that the corn was in good condition for the harrow and tried to convince the jury that it was a perfectly natural thing for George Taylor to do as a farmer, and that the harrow had been driven to the stack and then to the house.

The speaker drew certain suspicious cases of circumstantial evidence which authorized conviction, none of them at all resembling the Taylor case, in order to make clear to the jury just what circumstantial evidence was. He pleaded for mercy for the Taylors on behalf of their wives, their children and their homes, while Bill Taylor and his wife and mother wept. "Oh, God, an awful thing it is to see the human soul take flight," he said. "What will be the fate of these young wives if you take the lives of their husbands? The finger of scorn will be pointed at their children."

In referring to little Nellie Meeks, the speaker said: "She was the daughter of a convict and her associations were of the worst. Then her father was taken away from her and she was thrown into the hands of Ben Pierce, who will take good care of her, and she will grow up into a good woman. She will not suffer the finger of scorn because her father was murdered, rather will she have the sympathy of all mankind. She does not need vengeance nor does she need your sympathy."

Colonel Hale closed with an earnest plea for the lives of his clients.

MR. BRESNEHAN'S SUMMING UP.

It was 10 o'clock when T. M. Bresnehan, the leading attorney for the state, arose to close the case. He said that he had been taunted for receiving a fee for prosecuting the Taylors. He thought it as honorable, to say the least, as accepting fees for defeating justice. "I told you, gentlemen, before this case opened," he went on, "that if the evidence I should present did not convict the Taylors I should not come before you at this time and ask for their just punishment. I am here and ask for their conviction at your hands. I will show you the motives that prompted this crime and the threats against the poor victim of it. I will show you beyond a reasonable doubt, by the evidence, a height such evidence in which there is not a link missing, that the Taylor brothers murdered Gus Meeks and his family on Jenkins hill on the night of May 10 or the morning of May 11. It was a butchery. It was flattery to call it simple murder and its details are very horrible. I will show you that these men, William and George Taylor, and I demand their punishment."

Mr. Bresnehan next made a terrible arraignment of the Taylors. As he talked Bill sat white and nervous, George's face was fiery, and Mrs. Bill Taylor's lips trembled and she had difficulty to keep from weeping. He showed the absolute certainty of the testimony as going to show the guilt of the Taylors. The told of the omnipotent hand of God raising little Nellie as a living witness. His argument affected the jury strongly. He said: "The defense cannot bribe those narrow tracks, those wagon tracks, or the blood on the wagon. They are witnesses that cannot be bribed or bulldozed or intimidated. The doubt of the guilt of these men is the dream of a dream. They are guilty, do your duty, jurymen."

Mr. Bresnehan's address grew stronger as he proceeded and just before he closed he rose to a height such evidence is seldom seen in a country court house. When he closed the people burst into a roar as they realized that the case was all closed but the verdict.

IN THE HANDS OF THE JURY.

Sharp at noon the jury was locked in the court room to deliberate.

After the case had gone to the jury Colonel Hale stated that he had looked

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Cloud-Burst in New Mexico. SOCORRO, N. M., Aug. 2.—A tremendous roaring startled the people of Socorro Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Shortly after huge waves of water came rushing down an arroyo, which drains the eastern slope of the Magdalena mountains, and almost encircled the town. At first it was hoped that the flood would be confined to the lower portion of the city, but soon the water came over above the town and three feet of water began to rush through the principal streets. It engulfed women and children, mingled with the crashing of falling houses and dying wails of souls swept into eternity. For two hours the work of destruction continued, in the horror increased by vivid lightning, crashing thunder and blinding rain.

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NO DOUBT ABOUT APPLES. The Crop Will Be the Largest in Years and of the Very Finest Quality. CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—At the annual meeting of the National Apple Shippers' association, with delegates present representing all apple growing states from Maine to Colorado, it was announced that the July report of the department of agriculture indicating a short apple crop is entirely incorrect and misleading. Local information in their possession shows that in New England the crop is one of reasonable proportions, and in New York, while light in some districts, the aggregate exceeds last year, both in quantity and quality. West of the Allegheny mountains the crop is declared the largest grown in any recent year and much larger and of better quality than that of last year, the only section being in limited districts of Ohio and Michigan and in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Those in attendance at the meeting unite in declaring the outlook to be for the largest aggregate crop of best quality in recent years.

Will Visit President Cleveland. WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Mrs. Hatch will visit Gray Gables to interview the president in behalf of her son, Clyde Mattox, who is to be executed at Wichita October 11. She is encouraged to believe that she will secure an audience with the president, by letters she has received here from personal friends of Mr. Cleveland's, and it is believed that the president will hear what she may have to say in behalf of her son.

Taylor's Bondsmen Much Worried. STOUT CITY, Iowa, Aug. 3.—Reports from South Dakota are that the sureties of W. W. Taylor, the defaulting ex-state treasurer, are considerably worried by their principal's delay in turning his property over to them to secure them against loss on his bond. They are threatened with executions on the judgments against them.

Japan Inclined to Resist. WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The diplomatic corps is watching with interest the settlement of the question of the evacuation of Port Arthur by the Japanese under the demand of Russia, France and Germany that the entire Liao Tung peninsula be evacuated without reference to China's fulfillment of her part of the Shimonski treaty obligations. It is believed that Japan will not accede without a vigorous protest.

Coxey Nominated for Governor. COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 3.—The whole forenoon today in the Populist state convention was spent in tearing to pieces the platform reported last night by the committee on resolutions. Jacob S. Coxey of Massillon was nominated for governor.

Mrs. Frey Stricken With Paralysis. SEDALIA, Mo., Aug. 3.—A telegram was received in this city summoning a physician to attend Mrs. J. J. Frey of Topeka, Kan., who had been stricken with paralysis at Colorado Springs. Her husband is general manager of the Santa Fe and is absent in Europe.

NEWS IN BRIEF. Coinage last month amounted to \$3,225,000 of which nearly \$3,000,000 was gold. Diplomats in Washington are very much interested in the Port Arthur entanglements. Secretary Morton has been informed that Germany has established a new form of live stock quarantine. Permission to see the North Atlantic squadron's maneuvers has been denied to officers of foreign governments. Missouri will sue Iowa to bring about a legal settlement of the boundary dispute. Kansas City primaries chose silver delegates to the Jackson County convention. Thousands of dollars damage has been done by the Missouri river at Sioux City, Iowa. Comptroller of the Currency Eckels says that free silver sentiment is dying out in Illinois. Ben Howell, who is charged with aiding Cherokee Bill to escape from jail, has been arrested. Reports from the flooded districts in the West show that great damage was done to property. President Thompson of the National Lead company says he never saw such crops in the West. Judge Taylor of Terre Haute, Ind., decided that the Nicholson temperance law is inoperative. Sheriff Tamsen and ex-keepers of the Ludlow street jail, New York, were indicted for allowing three prisoners to escape. A London sport offers to back Peter Jackson against Corbett. Fitzsimmons will do his final training at Corpus Christi and Corbett at San Antonio. In the United States circuit court Judge Caldwell decided that judgments against the Frisco took priority over all mortgages, and that the receivers must pay them in full. General Campos has issued a proclamation absolutely prohibiting the publication of news about the war in Cuba if it is not of official origin. The anti-oleomargarine laws are practically inoperative. John Garrett, deputy United States marshal and a beef sheriff, was assassinated from ambush by three Creek Indians near Okmalgee, Creek nation.

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NEW SILVER MOVE. The Financial Policy of the Present Administration to Be Attacked. CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—A special to the Post from Washington says: "Politics in the state of Virginia are beginning to assume a new phase, and the silver members are all preparing for a form of campaign which they believe will have the effect of changing the character of the present controversy between the factions of the party. They propose partially to abandon free coinage as the leading issue of the campaign and to place the sound money men upon the defensive by attacking what they regard as the most vulnerable points in the sound money doctrine. To do this they propose to use the president's message to the last congress upon the financial question, the report of Secretary Carlisle upon the same subject and the bill which Mr. Carlisle prepared and submitted to the house, together with the bill which was afterward substituted for the Carlisle bill by the banking and currency committee, to show that the administration and its followers would retire all of the greenbacks, the treasury notes, and ultimately the silver dollars, thus causing a contraction of the currency by the withdrawal from circulation of more than \$800,000,000. They will further attempt to show that the definition of sound money given by the advocates of sound finance means gold coin and national bank notes."

SWAMPED BY A FRESHET. Mountain Cloudbursts in Colorado Derail a Freight Train. CRIPPLE CREEK, Col., Aug. 2.—A freight train on the Florence and Cripple Creek railroad was caught in a freshet and derailed near Adelaide. A succession of cloud-bursts occurred at the head of Eight Mile creek, about twelve or fifteen miles north of Adelaide. Engineer Ben Gove and Fireman Maurice Lyons saw the water coming down the creek, Lyons managed to escape by climbing up the side of the mountain. Gove is supposed to have been drowned. Brinkman Dolan is known to have lost his life in the water. The flood struck the town of Adelaide, doing great damage. The hotel is said to have been swept away, and Mrs. Carr, Lee Tracey and a man named Watson drowned. Six persons are known to have been drowned at Adelaide, and two others are reported missing. Wilbur has been washed away. It will be at least a week before the railway can be repaired, and the damage is estimated at \$100,000. More destruction is reported at Camp McCourt.

Claim for \$25,000 Damages. HOXOLULE, July 23.—James Durrell, held a prisoner for seven weeks after the last outbreak, has filed through United States Minister Willis, a claim for \$25,000 damages for false imprisonment.

Ten Thousand Men Locked Out. PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 2.—There were fifty factories represented at the green glass conference yesterday. It was decided to refuse the demand of the United Glass Workers' league for a restoration of the fourteen per cent cut made in 1894, and to declare a lockout in all union factories, thus throwing out 10,000 men.

Strikers Drive Away Non-Union Men. BLUEFIELDS, W. Va., Aug. 2.—Non-union men are being forced to leave the coal fields by the strikers who threaten personal violence to those who won't quit work.

# THINK CAPTAIN BECK FAIR.

## Settlers Hold a Meeting and Endorse the Indian Agent.

RANCHFORD, Neb., August 2.—At a meeting at the Omaha agency resolutions were adopted and accepted by the settlers sustaining Captain Beck in his action and declaring that they have always found him to be honorable and just in what dealings they have had with him. T. R. Ashley of Decatur, a large leaser of Indian lands, was elected secretary of the meeting. Mr. Tibbles, chairman of the meeting, then opened the meeting by an informal talk and said that the conduct of Captain Beck as agent of the Omahas was just and honorable. He had never heard of any complaints in his neighborhood by white settlers, and further remarked that the Pender people accuse the renters of Omaha lands of conspiracy against Pender and his good interests, which was false in every respect. He said the renters of the Flournoy lands have been notified time and time again that they are in the wrong. Other renters made speeches, after which the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

First, We whose names are hereunto affixed hold Indian lands upon the Omaha reservation under leases recommended by Captain Beck, United States Indian agent, and under regulations prescribed by the Indian department at Washington. That many of us prior to the enactment of the law under which said leases are made held private leases with the individual Indians not approved by the Indian agent, and upon receiving the printed notices which were served to all renters by Captain Beck to vacate the premises or take leases through him under the law of the government and the rules and regulations of the department, at once cancelled our individual leases and took leases as directed by said notice.

Second, That in the procurement of said leases through Captain Beck we have each received from him courteous, fair, and just honorable treatment, and we can see no reason why the Indians or lessees can complain at the treatment of Captain Beck.

Third, That so far as our knowledge extends we know of no complaint from persons holding under leases recommended by Captain Beck, and that complaint only comes from those who are unwilling to take leases under the recommendation of Captain Beck and the laws of the department.

SHADY BOND DEALS. Money Used to Secure the Purchase of Some Kansas Securities. TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 2.—Before the permanent school fund investigation committee yesterday afternoon, N. D. McGinley, for a time bond clerk in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction during the Republican administration which preceded the Populist rule, and since then agent in the sale of securities, gave sensational testimony concerning negotiations for the sale of bonds of various Western counties, to the state school fund commissioners. He said that he sold Harper, Hamilton and Wichita county bonds to the Populist board. The Wichita county bonds amounted to \$35,000, and it was not until after he had divided his commission with three Populists whom he believed were in the confidence of the board that he was able to make the sale. Two of the three were O. O. Osborn, son of E. R. Osborn, secretary of state (a member of the board), and Grant Gaines, bond clerk and a brother of H. N. Gaines, state superintendent of public instruction (another member of the board). The name of the third person he professed not to know. In all he paid \$1,100 to make the Wichita county sale go through. He testified, also, that he paid money to Grant Gaines and O. O. Osborn to help in the sale of the Hamilton county bonds late in 1894, about which such a scandal was raised at the time.

LIONIZING DURRANT. Foolish Women Make a Hero of the Prisoner in San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—Two additional jurors were secured yesterday to try Theodore Durrant for the murder of Blanche Lamont. The third panel of seventy-five names having been exhausted, an order was issued for a venire of 150 new names. The additional jurors secured are M. R. Dempster, a commission merchant, and Nathan Crocker, contractor. Four jurors in all have so far been secured. Counsel for both the prosecution and defense are pleased at the character of the men thus far chosen to try the case.

Instead of being driven, as heretofore, from the county jail to the city hall in the sheriff's private buggy, Durrant was conveyed in the ordinary prison van with the less notable prisoners. He still continues to be the subject of much hero worship. As he was leaving the court room a well-dressed and handsome woman rushed toward him with endearing words, and attempted to embrace him. The sheriff protected Durrant from this admirer, and also refused to deliver the quantities of flowers sent to his cell by strangers.

For Kissing Another Man's Wife. WICHITA, Kan., Aug. 2.—John P. Linn, one of the wealthiest farmers in this county, was arrested today on a complaint sworn out by a neighbor, G. W. Wentz, which charges that "on July 30 defendant disturbed his peace by kissing his wife, Martha Wentz, in a loud, boisterous, felonious, malicious and unseemly manner, against the peace and dignity of the state and contrary to the statutes thereof."

NEWS IN BRIEF. Misses' Populists met at Jackson and nominated a state ticket. Secretary Carlisle will spend part of his vacation sailing on the lakes. Fourteen more negro colonists have reached Eagle Pass from Mexico. The operation of the new mineral law is proving very unsatisfactory. The agricultural department is going to experiment with flax growing. Ship registry taxes for last year were \$522,234, against \$529,000 the year previous.

# GHAUSTLY NARRATIVE

## A GREWSOME STORY OF SUICIDE AND SWINDLING.

Holmes, the Alleged Murderer, Tells of Pielzel's Death—He Relates in Detail How the Matter Was Worked Up to Collect the Insurance Money—Does Not Admit that He Was Responsible for Pielzel's Death.

The Story Told by Holmes. PHILADELPHIA, July 31.—An entirely new statement has just been made by H. H. Holmes, the supposed murderer of the Pielzel children. In it the man of many crimes gives in detail his version of how Pielzel came by his death last September, and also states his (Holmes) connection with the tragedy. Holmes says that on Saturday night preceding the death of Pielzel the latter came to his house on North Eleventh street, where he was staying with "Mrs. Howard." Pielzel told Holmes a heartrending story of his pecuniary difficulties and of the sickness of his daughter in St. Louis. "I must have money," he said, or words to that effect, "to send to my wife in St. Louis."

Holmes remonstrated with Pielzel as to his spendthrift habits, and spoke substantially to him as follows: "You have been a good friend of mine; I'll admit it. I have made lots of money through you, but I can't keep this thing up. Where is that \$50 I gave you the other day? If you don't quit drinking you and I will have to separate."

This conversation is said to have been carried on along Eleventh street the men walking north until Morris street was reached. When they arrived at the corner Pielzel exclaimed: "I'll soon get rid of my difficulties. Life has become a nuisance to me," Holmes then avers that he jokingly remarked: "Well, your body is as good as any other, but I would not advise you to do anything rash."

Holmes accounts for making this remark by saying that he and Pielzel had under consideration the defrauding of the Fidelity Mutual Insurance company. Holmes says Pielzel then became angry and again vowed that he would commit suicide. Holmes then explains that Pielzel left him with the intention of going home. Holmes says he gave Pielzel no money that night, but promised to meet him at the Callowhill street house the following morning.

It was about 10 o'clock the following day (Sunday), Holmes goes on to say, that he went to visit Pielzel at the Callowhill street house. When he reached the place no one apparently was about. Holmes sat in the kitchen for almost twenty minutes waiting for Pielzel to appear. The latter, Holmes supposed, had gone out for breakfast. Time wore on, and "Ben" was not to be seen. The conspirator then says that he became anxious about his friend's whereabouts and began to search the house for Pielzel. "As I arose to go upstairs," says the criminal, "I noticed a note lying on the counter in the front part of the house. It was addressed to me." Then Holmes explains that he opened the note. It directed him to go up to the second floor and to open a closet, in which he would find a large blue bottle containing another letter addressed to him. Holmes followed the directions.

He found the note in the bottle as described, and was horrified when he read it. It was from Benjamin Pielzel and advised that his dead body could be found in the house. The letter pleaded that Holmes look after Pielzel's children and suggested that there would be no difficulty in getting the insurance money from the Fidelity company now that the dead body of Pielzel could be produced in evidence. Holmes then told his friend of the appearance of the corpse, and said he sat in the room with the body for over an hour. He was dazed, and hardly knew what course to pursue. He finally made up his mind that since Pielzel had taken his life there would be no harm in destroying any evidence of suicide, that he might be able to get the insurance on Pielzel's life without any difficulty.

Holmes has confessed that he thereupon dragged the dead body to the second floor, laid the corpse on the floor, piled open the mouth of the dead man with a pencil, and poured in a quantity of explosive chemicals. He then, he says, placed a lighted match to the man's mouth when the explosion which so horribly disfigured the corpse followed. To give the more forcible impression that Pielzel came to his death by an accidental explosion, Holmes stated to his friend that he got a pipe of Pielzel's, filled it with tobacco, lighted it, and then blew out the flame after the tobacco had been partially consumed and placed the pipe beside the dead man's body.

It was nearly 4 o'clock in the afternoon before he left the Callowhill street house. He put on a hat of Pielzel's to partially conceal his identity and placed his hat, which was a felt, under his coat. He and his wife, Holmes alleges, left for Chicago that night.

A California Legislator Skips. SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—H. L. Langenour, a member of the state legislature who disappeared from Woodland last week, after drawing \$10,000 from a local bank, is said to have gone to Chicago with a young woman of Sacramento. He was elected to the assembly last fall. Recently he came into possession of a large fortune, but unfortunate business investments are said to have involved him.

Lived Over Five Score Years. BULLIAMS, Kan., July 30.—Andrew Frankline, alias Andrew McKee of this city, died this afternoon, aged 106 years. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on December 25, 1791. He was in the war of 1812, Mexican, and 1850-61. Mr. Frankline cast his first vote for James Madison for president, and has voted at every presidential election since.

A Flood Visits Cripple Creek. CRIPPLE CREEK, Col., July 30.—This camp was visited by a flood about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A score of stores were flooded.

# KANSAS INDIANS.

## They Drive Off a Sheriff and Pose For on the Reservation.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 30.—Sheriff Naylor of Jackson county arrived here last evening and reported that he and a posse of deputies, accompanied by Indian police, were driven by fifty armed Pottawatomie Indians from the reservation when they went there to arrest red men for refusing to allow lessees of reservation lands to make hay. It was reported that the sheriff would ask the governor for state troops to aid him in enforcing the law, but he left this morning without doing so.

There is a question about the right of the governor to send state troops to the reservation, as it is under the jurisdiction of the federal courts. The trouble has arisen over a section of reservation land which a party of white men claim to have leased from the Indian agent. Last Saturday the white men began making hay and an Indian named Matarashan and several others drove them away. Warrants were put in the hands of the Indian police to be served and Sheriff Naylor and a posse accompanied them. When the party reached the reservation they were met by Matarashan and about fifty followers all heavily armed. They refused to be arrested and the sheriff and party were obliged to leave.

# END OF THE SILVER TALK.

## Messrs. Horr and Harvey Wind Up Their Long Debate.

CHICAGO, July 31.—The last day of the Harvey-Horr silver stage opened yesterday afternoon. The day's attacks were directed at the question of the feasibility of independent action by the United States on the remonetization of silver and its free and unlimited coinage at a ratio of 16 to 1 with gold, regardless of the action of other nations. Mr. Harvey argued for such action, Mr. Horr against it.

The debate closed by Mr. Horr presenting Mr. Harvey with two coins of two different metals because Mr. Harvey was a bimetalist. The debaters then thanked each other for the courteous treatment shown by both and the debate came to an end. It should be said that the attendance at the session of the discussion was by card only and was limited to the capacity of the hall, which was about 200. The space was generally fully occupied.

# A WOMAN PUNISHED.

## The Recent Wife of a New Yorker Mobbled on Her Return Home.

WATERLOO, N. Y., July 29.—Mrs. Hattie Covey, wife of Bert Covey of Jayville, eloped June 23 with John Kircho, superintendent of a sawmill, leaving one child. Saturday night Mr. Covey returned home. She was told to leave town by the first train Monday morning, and did so, but went to Harrisonville for legal advice. Armed with a peace warrant the woman returned to Jayville where her parents live, and was met at the door by a crowd of men, women and boys, who stripped her of her clothing and beat her so badly that she may die. No arrests have been made. Jayville is a small backwoods village, consisting mostly of huts.

# NEWS NOTES.

Mrs. Wilhelmine Ganz, an aged widow, committed suicide by hanging herself near St. Peter and Paul's cemetery, St. Louis.

The copper output of the United States for 1894 is estimated at 198,000,000 pounds.

Ex-Congressman DeForest says with the financial issue before the people the sound money men can have but one candidate for the presidency—President Cleveland.

The department of justice had its dignity shocked by numerous applications for the place of the late United States Marshal Stowe of the Indian Territory, who died Saturday.

Four horses were killed by lightning at Smithton, Mo.

Durrant had the production of a play based on the Emanuel church murders enjoined.

The courts have given the Topeka Daily Press a chance to settle its difficulties before appointing a receiver.

It comes out now that Stambuloff predicted his death months ago.

General Alfaro has fortified the height of Guaranda, Ecuador, and a battle is expected soon.

The warehouse of the Bonded Spirit Company at Hamburg was burned, causing a loss of 1,000,000 marks.

Citizens of Nevada, Mo., have refused to grant a bonus to the El Dorado Springs road.

Governor Culberson's edict, adverse to pugilistic encounters in the state of Texas, does not seem to have had much effect on the sports, who take a deep interest in pugilism. They all believe implicitly in Dan Stuart's ability to bring off the big fight at Dallas.

The Chickamauga Park association has received notice of the contemplated attendance of twenty governors of states with their staffs at the dedication, September 18, 19 and 30.

J. W. Wills of Centralia, Mo., was fined \$350 and costs for forcing Editor Redemier of that town to sign a retraction of an article attacking Wills and Mrs. Sadler.

A new bank has been organized at Harwood, Vernon county, Mo., with a paid up capital stock of \$10,000. The stockholders are some of the most influential men of the county.

Susie Riley, an unmarried white woman, was arrested at South McAlester, Ind. Ter., for cutting the throat of and burying her new born infant in a cornfield.

The free silver Democrats of Andrain, Buchanan, Clinton and Saline counties, elected delegates to the state convention. Resolutions for free silver coinage were adopted.

Ten thousand people at Seattle, Wash., witnessed the inauguration of work on the Lake Washington canal. Governor McGraw, ex-Governor Semple and others spoke. The work will cost \$6,000,000 and will be in progress six years.