

BILL NYE NO MORE.

FAMOUS HUMORIST PASSES AWAY AT HIS HOME NEAR ASHEVILLE.

Won His Early Fame on the Laramie Boomerang and Has Since Made All America Laugh—His Later Career Rich in Financial Rewards.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 23.—"Bill" Nye died at his home, Buck Shoals, eight miles from here, this afternoon.



Bill Nye, or "Bill" Nye, as he is much better known to his friends and the public, was born in Shirley, Picayune county, Me., Aug. 25, 1850, but at the age of 2 years, according to his own story, he took his parents by the hand and led them to the west.

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The injured were taken to the homes of neighbors with the exception of the servants, who were conveyed to the city hospital. The dead were carried across the street to the residence of Dr. K. B. Batchelor, where every effort was made to resuscitate them without avail.

The house in which the holocaust occurred is one of a row of granite front residences belonging to the A. S. Abell estate on Charles street just north of LaFayette avenue. It is four stories in height and at the time of the fire was filled with costly furniture and much rare bric-a-brac and unique jewelry, of which Mr. Armiger was an enthusiastic collector.

All these people were in their bedrooms on the upper floors, some of them being partially dressed, when at 8:30 Sunday morning fire was discovered issuing from a partition in the cellar.

The fire, although a fierce one, was confined to the Armer residence, which was completely gutted. No estimate has yet been made of the loss, but it is thought the house was worth at least \$60,000. The house is insured for \$25,000.

The news of the disaster spread with wonderful rapidity all over the city and in a short time a tremendous crowd had gathered in front of the house. Prayers for the dead and for the afflicted were lifted up in almost every church in the city and expressions of sincere regret and sympathy were uttered from every pulpit and in the households of the many friends and acquaintances of the unfortunate family.

FITZ NOT ANXIOUS TO FIGHT.

Says Corbett Must First Get a Reputation Before He Will Meet Him.

LANGTRY, Tex., Feb. 23.—Peter Maher was knocked out by Bob Fitzsimmons yesterday in the first round, after 1 minute and 35 seconds of actual fighting.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 25.—Bob Fitzsimmons and party reached the city last evening over the Southern Pacific road from El Paso and were to leave immediately for New York, but owing to the failure to secure sleeping berths in advance a stopover for the night was necessary.

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TWODIE BY THE ROPE

BANK ROBBERS' LIVES FORFEITED TO JUDGE LYNNCH.

Young Outlaw Meets Death Laughing and Cursing—Just Before Strung Up He Says He Is Younger Lewis—Foster Crawford Weakened and Confessed.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 27.—A special to The News from Wichita Falls, Tex., says: At 8:30 last night a mob of several thousand persons attacked the jail here, where Foster Crawford and "The Kid" were confined for the attempted bank robbery and the murder of Cashier Dorsey.

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Advertisement for McKinley Tariff wool protection, featuring a diagram of a sheep and text about wool prices and McKinley's 1891 protection.

The Democratic Boosters. Not long ago I was in the city of Plainfield, N. J., a city of 10,000 inhabitants and rapidly becoming a fashionable suburb of New York.

These headlines appeared in The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin of Jan. 14. It does seem a pity that such an able and useful paper should be continuously laboring to invent excuses for the false economic policy of our free trade administration.

Barley Growers as Buyers. Barley growers will recollect that on Jan. 1, 1892, the market price of No. 2 Milwaukee barley was 57 1/2 cents a bushel.

How Did They Succeed? If you want fair play all round, economy at the White House and in the halls of congress and general prosperity everywhere, then you want what we believe the Democrats as a party are trying to attain.

The Great Need. In spite of the protests of the administration, the first great need of the country is more revenue. The absence of that revenue is back of all the trouble in the treasury department today.

Shoddy Clothes in Fashion. The British manufacturers have been enabled to pour into the country vast quantities of cheap, flimsy goods, kept out under former protective tariffs, and the American manufacturers have been forced to meet this cheap competition by reducing the quality of their goods correspondingly.

Free Trade, Dear Nellie. Wire nails were worth \$2.10 per keg on Jan. 1, 1892. But the free traders, by reducing the McKinley protective tariff, got the price up to \$2.75 per keg on Jan. 1, 1896.

The "Retirement" Came. The Democratic party stands for equal rights. It regards any discrimination in favor of any class for any purpose whatever as a political crime, to be punished at the polls by the retirement of the party which is responsible.

Grover's Great Record. Grover Cleveland will go into history as the president who doubled the national war debt in four years. If the interest on his loans were added to the principal, the national debt left by the Harrison administration would be almost doubled.

Did You Ever? The new tariff bill is not a partisan measure and ought to be supported by members of all parties in the senate as a patriotic duty.

Cheese Market Captured. The way we captured the cheese markets of the world last year is represented by a decrease of 26,865,000 pounds in our shipments as compared with 1894, and a money loss of \$3,134,000.

What It Cost Connecticut. The loss in wages to those engaged in strikes in Connecticut last year, as estimated by the state bureau of labor statistics, was \$929,400.

Large advertisement for Battle-Ax Plug tobacco, featuring an illustration of a man carrying a large box of tobacco and text: 'JUST SEE WHAT A GREAT BIG PIECE OF BATTLE-AX PLUG YOU CAN GET FOR 10 CENTS'.

LEGAL NOTICE. The North Platte Land and Water Company, of Denver, Colorado, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Colorado, defendant, will take notice that the north day of February, 1896, the plaintiff, The State of Nebraska, by J. G. Heiler, county attorney in and for the county of Lincoln, the trustee of Nebraska, filed an information in the district court of the said county of Lincoln against said defendant, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a decree that the title to the following described real estate and lands shall revert and escheat to the State of Nebraska, to-wit:

U. P. TIME CARD. Taking effect January 28th, 1896. EAST BOUND—Eastern Time. No. 2. Fast Mail... No. 4. Atlantic Express... No. 28. Freight...

T. C. PATTERSON, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office First National Bank Bldg., NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

WILCOX & HALLIGAN, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW. Office over North Platte National Bank.

SMOKERS. In search of a good cigar will always find it at J. F. Schmalzried's. Try them and judge.

HUMPHREYS' Witch Hazel Oil as a CURATIVE and HEALING APPLICATION. It has been used 40 years and always affords relief and always gives satisfaction.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT NORTH PLATTE, NEB., February 23, 1896. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at North Platte, Nebraska, on March 23d, 1896.

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LEGAL NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Directors of Washita Irrigation District has filed in the district court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, a petition for foreclosure rendered in said court in favor of the Washita Irrigation District and Trust Company, a corporation of the State of Nebraska, against said defendant, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a decree that the title to the following described real estate and lands shall revert and escheat to the State of Nebraska, to-wit: