

GEORGE TAYLOR ESCAPES.

One of the Meeks Family Murderers Breaks Jail at Carrollton, Mo. CARROLLTON, Mo., April 13.—The Taylor brothers, under sentence to be hanged here April 30 for the murders of the Meeks family, escaped from the jail here about 8:30 o'clock Saturday night, and George is still at large. William was captured as he reached the ground from the roof of the building, from which he descended by means of the hose used in washing the jail. Lee Cunningham, who was also confined in jail for murder, was recaptured at the same time. George Taylor did not go down the rope where Bill and Cunningham were captured, and when Bill said George was still on the roof he told the truth. But he climbed down the smokestack of the furnace and escaped on the opposite side of the jail. The expected special train from Linn county did not arrive, but a posse from that county went to Marceline with bloodhounds to see if it was George Taylor who jumped from a train near there Saturday night. The posse that went out to the homes of the relatives in the north part of this county came back Sunday and reported some rather suspicious circumstances, but nothing material has yet developed. Other searching parties are out in the county, but so far have accomplished nothing. Yesterday morning 15 men came from the north. They were heavily armed and were prepared for business. Several parties returned from the search, but no one could give anything definite. The people of this town are not at all surprised at the escape. It had been expected for some time. The attorney-general telegraphed here for an affidavit from Sheriff Stanley about the escape of Taylor. This was forwarded last night. The motion for a rehearing comes up to-morrow before the supreme court, and this escape will, it is believed, prevent its being heard, and makes sure of the execution of Bill Taylor on the 30th.

OLNEY'S LETTER TO SPAIN.

No Doubt but That Uncle Sam Has Offered Mediation in the Cuban Troubles. WASHINGTON, April 13.—There is no longer much reason to doubt, notwithstanding roundabout denials, that Secretary Olney in his communication to the Spanish government has offered the mediation of the president between Spain and her rebellious colonists in Cuba. This offer has been made, according to report, as delicately and pleasantly as it could be conveyed in words. Spain has been assured of the friendship of this government and of the desire of this government to maintain the friendliest relations with Spain. The conditions in Cuba, however, have been called to the attention of the Spanish government with force and clearness.

M'KINLEY AND THE A. P. A.

Chairman Stevens Says the Order Will Not Support the Oligarchy. CINCINNATI, April 13.—Judge J. H. D. Stevens, of St. Louis, chairman of the national executive committee of the A. P. A., passed through Cincinnati last night on his way to Boston. Regarding the fight the A. P. A. is making against McKinley, Judge Stevens said: "It is true the A. P. A. will not give to McKinley its support, either for the nomination or for the election should he be nominated. His record is such that no A. P. A. member who is true to his principles, and who has not been weaned away from the association by promises of an office, can support Mr. McKinley has never recognized this organization."

YOUTHFUL DEPRAVITY.

A 12-Year-Old Girl Accused of Poisoning a Whole Family. NORFOLK, Va., April 13.—Lavina Jones, a colored domestic, 12 years of age, is under arrest here charged with attempting to poison the entire family of F. L. Holland, of Ellwood. The girl first tried to poison the Holland family by administering rough on rats to her intended victims, placing a quantity of poison in the coffee pot. As a result one person has died and four others were made intensely sick. Not killing the person she wanted to the first time, Lavina put a liberal portion of the poison in milk which was to be used in the preparation of bread. A child who drank some of the milk was made immediately sick.

AN IOWA MAN'S CRIME.

Crazed by Jealousy He Kills His Father-in-Law and Two Relatives. NEW HAMPTON, Ia., April 13.—Herman Boak, a stonemason of this city, yesterday shot and killed Mike Bartz and fatally wounded the latter's son and young daughter. Boak is a son-in-law of Bartz, who lives three miles from the city. Boak's wife recently secured a divorce from him. He laid in wait in the bush for them while they were on their way home from church, and discharged both barrels of a shotgun at them at short range. The girl will die, and it is thought the boy will. Boak mistook the girl for his wife. He came to the city and gave himself up immediately after the shooting.

Six Montana Miners Blown Up.

BUTTE, Mont., April 13.—An explosion of 100 pounds of giant powder by which six men were killed, occurred at the 100-foot level of Lawrence mine early this morning. The names of the killed are: Con G. Lowney, John Quinlan, Ed Shields, James Dwyer, John McVeigh and Patrick O'Rourke.

NO LONGER A MYSTERY.

Secret as to Farmer Lamborn's Awful Murder Fully Cleared Up. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 9.—On the morning of February 19 last the body of J. T. Lamborn, an aged farmer, residing near Fall Leaf, this county, was found murdered in the kitchen of his own house and the body most brutally hacked to pieces. The body was cut and bruised in many places. The limbs were broken and the chest crushed in as if by a blow from a trip hammer. Last Tuesday Charles Lamborn, a son, Annie L. Lamborn, the daughter, and Thomas Davenport, the latter's sweetheart, were arrested, charged with the awful crime, and locked up in the county jail. Last night Annie L. Lamborn signed a statement in the presence of her brother, Alfred C. Lamborn, who resides in this city, and the detective employed on the case, charging Thomas Davenport, her sweetheart, with the terrible crime. The arrest of the two Lamborns and Davenport was brought about by the young Lamborn girl confiding the secret of the murder to a woman in Lawrence, who often visited the Lamborn house, as she was a borrower of money from old man Lamborn. Annie Lamborn's love for Davenport, it seems, faded away in contemplating the awful crime to which she had been an accessory. Her horror-stricken soul needed solace and she confided her terrible secret to this woman friend, under a promise of secrecy, soon after the crime was committed. Until very recently, however, this woman kept her own counsel, under the belief that the guilty parties, if known, would be hanged for the crime. Learning later that there is no capital punishment in Kansas, she made a confidante in turn of Mrs. Charles Shaeffer. Mrs. Shaeffer told her husband, and it was he who went to Fall Leaf, arrested the murderers and placed them in jail at this point.

TO OPPOSE M'KINLEY.

It Is Said the A. P. A. Will Support Linton for President. ST. LOUIS, April 9.—It is positively declared here that at the recent meeting of the A. P. A. national advisory board at Washington it was decided to press the name of Congressman William S. Linton, of Michigan, as its choice for president and to arrange for a vigorous campaign. The A. P. A. has established headquarters in St. Louis at 613 Pine street, from whence Linton literature will be sent broadcast throughout the country. Linton himself is expected in St. Louis in four days, when his boom will be formally launched at a demonstration to be held in the Exposition building. He will also speak in Omaha, Kansas City, Louisville and other places and Linton clubs will be organized in the union within the next ten days.

BOOM FOR PATTISON.

Chairman Harry Supports Pennsylvania's ex-Governor for President. CINCINNATI, April 9.—The Commercial Gazette printed to-day a communication from Hon. W. J. Harry, chairman of the democratic national executive committee, in support of ex-Gov. Robert E. Pattison, of Pennsylvania, as democratic candidate for the presidency. Mr. Harry says: "The democratic candidate must be a man of broad views, undoubted integrity and with an inflexible purpose to meet the highest demands of the position. In Mr. Pattison will be found all the qualifications of such a leader. Nothing in his private life or official career has called for explanation or equivocation, though his every act has been closely scrutinized by hostile and desperate political interests in more than one exciting canvass."

A SPANISH FLEET READY.

Its Movements Depend Upon President Cleveland's Course. NEW YORK, April 9.—A special to the World from Madrid says: Adm. Sanchez Ocaña, commanding the great navy yard at Ferrol on the extreme northwest coast, reports that he has completed preparations for sending to sea a Spanish squadron composed of 14 vessels. The vessels carry in their crews nearly 6,000 men. The Madrid press plainly says that the movement of the fleet will depend upon the course of President Cleveland after the vote of congress on the belligerency resolutions.

HAS SENT AGENTS TO CUBA.

President Cleveland Said to Be Informing Himself About Affairs on the Island. NEW YORK, April 9.—The Herald's Washington special says that it is reported on apparently good authority that President Cleveland has taken steps to inform himself as to the exact condition of affairs in Cuba, and has sent secret agents to the island to ascertain whether the claims of the insurgents as to their establishment of a government and their military progress are true. It is said that the president desires to supplement the consular report of special agents as to certain phases of the situation.

Seven Men Killed.

OGDEN, Utah, April 9.—A terrific explosion, entailing the loss of seven lives and the wounding of several others, occurred shortly after six o'clock yesterday evening in the canyon four miles from this city. The men were employed by the Pioneer Power Dam Co. and were about to prepare a blast, when a premature explosion occurred.

MISSOURI ELECTIONS.

In a Majority of Cities the Democrats Were Easy Victors. KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 8.—Elections were held yesterday in many municipalities throughout Missouri. Party lines were not closely drawn, but in a majority of cities where such was the case, the democrats elected the whole or the greater part of their tickets. In a number of places the result was mixed, neither party gaining a majority of the offices. Local issues were at stake in still other cities, and party lines were obliterated. According to incomplete returns received the democrats carried Cuba, Bismarck, Marshfield, Higginsville, Monroe City, Nevada, Warransburg, Knob Noster, Centralia, Mexico, Bowling Green, Moberly and La Plata. The result was mixed at Wellsville, Golden City and Clinton. Non-partisan tickets were in the field at Slater and Holden. In Fayette and Cape Girardeau citizens' tickets were victorious. Carthage was carried by the republicans, who elected every one on their ticket except one alderman. Jefferson City, Sedalia, Boonville and Maryville also went republican.

A REPUBLICAN VICTORY.

The Election in Kansas City Unusually Exciting—Jones for Mayor. KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 8.—The municipal election in this city was the most exciting for years, and resulted in the complete triumph of the republicans. Police Judge Jones defeated H. C. Kumpf for mayor by about 1,500 majority. The success of the candidates for the five city offices and of the candidates for president of the upper house of the council and of all the candidates for that house and of six candidates for the lower house will make the next city administration republican in all its departments. The distinguishing characteristics of yesterday's election were the enormous vote polled and the entire absence of any trouble whatever. Contrasted with the previous elections during the past ten years it was a most remarkable election.

PARTY LINES NOT DRAWN.

Little or No Political Interest in Kansas Municipal Elections. TOPEKA, Kan., April 8.—Special dispatches regarding the elections in the cities of the first and second-class, held yesterday throughout the state, show little of general political interest. Republican tickets were put up generally and carried, with little opposition, but citizens' tickets, based solely upon municipal questions, were ably supported and won in a dozen cases. In Wichita the citizens' ticket captured three wards and the republicans three. In Leavenworth the straight democratic ticket elected four of six councilmen, still leaving the majority republican. In Emporia the citizens' ticket swept everything. There was only a moderate women's vote, except where the "no joints" issue was contested. In all the latter cases the temperance sentiment won.

ELECTION IN CHICAGO.

Out of Thirty-Five Aldermen the Republicans Have Elected Twenty. CHICAGO, April 8.—Out of the 35 aldermen the republicans elected 20, the democrats 13, and two independents were chosen. The principal feature of the election was the effort of the reform element to down a number of gang aldermen. The reformers were successful with a majority of them, but they failed to secure three or four bright particular scalps they desired. Party lines were not strong in a number of wards, and the reform movement had much weight. The fight on town officers was in all of the towns a straight party issue, and the republicans were uniformly successful, carrying all the town offices by majorities ranging from 2,000 to 4,000.

Republicans Win in Colorado.

DENVER, Col., April 8.—In most of the cities and towns of Colorado, aside from Denver and Pueblo, elections were held yesterday. The contests were entirely on local issues, although the republicans as a rule put party tickets in the field, and in most cases polled their normal strength. In Highlands the republicans won by 300 or 400. In Leadville, where the populists have been in control, the result is in doubt, the republicans having made decided gains.

Anti-Negro Ticket Won.

GUTHRIE, Ok., April 8.—The city election resulted in the partial triumph of the citizens' ticket, which was a movement inaugurated by white taxpayers against negroes and professional white politicians. The citizens' ticket endorsed the republican candidates for mayor, clerk and treasurer and they were elected, but about half of the others on the party ticket were defeated.

In Thirty-Five Illinois Towns.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Returns from 35 towns throughout the state show the republicans successful in 30, the democrats in three, and split tickets elected in two. The vote was entirely on city and town officers, and there was no special in any part of the state to call out a strict party vote.

Democrats Win in Arkansas.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 8.—Municipal elections were held in Arkansas yesterday. The democrats were successful in all towns save Newport and Jonesboro, where the republicans elected their ticket.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

The Volume of Business Has Not Increased Nor Have Prices Appreciably Advanced. NEW YORK, April 11.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade, says: The volume of business has not on the whole increased, nor have prices appreciably advanced since April 1, when the range for all commodities was the lowest ever known in this country. Broadstuffs and iron products have risen slightly, but some other articles have declined and the root of the matter is that demand for consumption is still below expectations. The number of hands employed has been slightly lessened by strikes in some establishments and by stoppage or reduction in force in others, but the change during the last week has not been relatively important. The weather has not favored active distribution of spring goods, and uncertainty as to continued employment affects the purchases by hands in a large number of establishments. The injury done to winter wheat by storms and frosts as the west would appear, from reports of state officers, to have been considerable. Remarkably low estimates of condition are published by some state authorities, and while this may be the customary exaggeration, there has evidently been much actual loss, which tends at present to lessen purchases of farmers and of dealers in farming districts. Corn rose 2 1/2 cents with wheat and on accounts of small stocks. Cotton has not changed and known commercial and mill stocks exceed probable consumption until new cotton comes. Wool is weaker with sales for the week of only 2,225,000 pounds at the three chief markets, the smallest for many years. Prices tend lower, except for fine washed fleece, and manufacturers are rapidly reducing production. Failures for the past week have been 509 in the United States, against 307 last year, and 33 in Canada, against 27 last year.

HOLMES' MANY VICTIMS.

The Noted Criminal Says He Planned and Committed 27 Murders. PHILADELPHIA, April 11.—H. H. Holmes, the multi-murderer now under sentence of death for the murder of Benjamin Peitzel, has made a confession. In prefacing the confession, which covers in full nearly three newspaper pages, written in Holmes' own handwriting and detailing with a minuteness that is at times revolting, the arch-mutilator and author of 27 murders, as he admits himself to be, states with something like pathos that he does so simply that he may obtain money enough to educate his boy. Holmes writes of his blood-curdling atrocities with an abandon that simply appalls one. Not one grain of remorse seems to enter into the construction of that document and never for a moment, except in two isolated cases—one where he refers touchingly to the memory of Minnie Williams and another time when he pathetically speaks of an outrage perpetrated on his boy—does the redeeming element, pity, figure in the case. Regret is never for a moment expressed, and he comes out boldly and without compunction on his very opening with the statement: "I was born with the very devil in me."

OUR MINERAL PRODUCTION.

Statistics for Last Year Show That We Lead on Gold and Pig Iron. NEW YORK, April 11.—The total mineral and metal production of the United States for 1895 amounted in value to \$628,689,505. The increase over 1894 was \$84,226,503, or 15 1/2 per cent. The gold product last year was 2,265,612 fine ounces, having a total value of \$46,830,200. The increase over 1894 was \$7,068,995, and last year once more put the United States in the front rank as a producer. The silver made was 46,331,335 ounces, and the commercial value was \$30,254,296. This is a decrease of 3,515,640 ounces from 1894. The pig iron production was the highest on record, amounting to 9,446,398 long tons. Here again the United States takes first position as a producer, having made about 1,900,000 tons more than Great Britain, its nearest competitor, and about 3,600,000 tons more than Germany, who stands third. The coal production reached the enormous total of 196,243,000 short tons, putting this country very near the tonnage of Great Britain, and showing a gain of 26,468,000 tons over 1894.

BAD CONDITION OF WHEAT.

Only 77 Per Cent. for the Whole Country—Kansas Shows Up Well. WASHINGTON, April 11.—The condition of winter wheat, as reported by the statistician of the department of agriculture, is 77.1. Last December it was 81.4 and last April 81.4. The condition in the nine leading states is as follows: Pennsylvania, 64; Ohio, 59; Michigan, 82; Indiana, 77; Kentucky, 70; Illinois, 88; Missouri, 75; Kansas, 88; California, 91. The condition of rye is 82.9. In Nebraska and Kansas there was less winter killing than usual, owing to the mild season, and present conditions are reported favorable. Condition of horses is 97.6; of cattle, 98; of sheep, 98.5; of swine, 93.3; last year's figures being 96.9, 94.6, 95.5 and 92, from which an improvement is shown in every case.

OLEOMARGARINE MUST GO.

Pennsylvania Turns the Butter Substitute Down with a Heavy Hand. PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 11.—The agents of Armour & Co. in this state have been notified not to sell any oleomargarine after April 15. If they should have any on hand after that date they are ordered to ship it back to Chicago. This, it is expected, will end the war that has been waged against oleomargarine for several years. The cost of litigation in every county where it was sold was greater than the profits. The pure food authorities fixed April 15 as the last day, and will not interfere with the sale of the article until that time.