

QUICK VENGEANCE.

A FEARFUL CRASH.

A Well Known Nebraska Farmer and Daughter Shot.

CHARLES PRATT, THE ASSASSIN,

Taken from Jail at Blair by a Determined Mob—The Son of the Murdered Man Ties the Hangman's Knot and the Sheriff Watches the Execution.

BLAIR, Neb., Aug. 16.—N. R. Town, an old resident of Washington county, living southwest of Kennard, was killed and his daughter dangerously wounded. Charles Pratt, who worked for Mr. Town four years ago, came upon them about sunrise and commenced shooting. They were out doors near the cow shed. A son of Town's ran in the house, procured a shotgun and followed the man on horseback, never losing sight of him, and ran him into a crowd of men that were thrashing. He gave up and was bound and brought to Blair, where he is now in jail. The murderer admits he did it. When asked why he did it he said: "I am even now. I expect to go to hell, and may as well go now as any time."

Pratt formerly paid his addresses to Miss Town, but was discouraged by the father. Miss Town's wound is likely to prove fatal.

At 11:30 o'clock a crowd of mounted farmers rode into town, and were speedily joined by fully 200 citizens. No time was lost and they proceeded to the jail, where the sheriff and about fifteen deputies were keeping guard over Charles Pratt, the murderer of N. R. Town.

The sheriff ordered them to stand back and positively refused to turn over the prisoner. The parleying was of short duration, and the sheriff was overpowered and his keys were taken from him.

An incredible short time Pratt was jerked outside the jail. He was surrounded by the lynchers, who at once started with him for a small grove about a mile from town.

The lynching party was led by Harry Town, son of the murdered man. Arriving at the scene of the intended lynching, young Town was given the privilege of tying the rope about the murderer's neck, and also of having the first pull on the rope.

The end of the rope was thrown over a limb, and hauled taut.

Pratt was then told that if he had anything to say he had better say it quickly. He replied that he would say a few words if the rope was loosened a little, and then they might pull away "just as hard as they d—d please."

The rope was slack and Pratt then stated that he killed Town and meant to kill the whole family. He declared that he came up from Missouri purposely to do the job, and firmly intended to kill every one of the Town family. He was sorry he had failed. He said he had owned a farm near the one owned by Towns, and worked hard to make a living, but the Town family imposed upon him to such an extent that he could not save a cent.

At this juncture some one in the crowd wanted to know what that had to do with the girl. Before Pratt could respond the rope was given a pull, and he was jerked into the air. He struggled frantically for a few seconds, but the lynchers grimly held his neck tightly against the limb, and in two or three minutes the lifeless corpse of the murderer was swinging lightly to and fro in the night wind.

The rope was made fast to the trunk of the tree, and the crowd of vigilantes came quietly back to town. In about fifteen minutes the farmers left for their homes, but little knots of citizens gathered on the corners and discussed the train coming from either direction.

Deadly Tale of Open Switch and Unbridled Steam.

ONE TRAIN THROUGH ANOTHER,

Runs Into a Depot, the Engine Explodes, Spreading Death and Destruction—Three Lives Sacrificed to a Train Wrecking Fiend—Jockeys and Horses Killed.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Aug. 16.—As the east-bound North Shore limited, on the Michigan Central road, was passing Augusta, a small town nine miles west of here, it ran into a standing freight train while going at full speed and crashed through the depot, completely demolishing it. The engine then exploded, blowing the fireman literally to pieces and killing the engineer, Charles McRoberts. One brakeman is missing, and it is thought he is buried in the debris. Many occupants of the forward coaches were seriously injured. Physicians were summoned from this city. The limited did not stop at Augusta, but having right of way was running about fifty miles an hour. The freight was waiting on siding for the express to pass. The switch for some unaccountable reason, was left wrong, and the express came into the freight at full speed. Eight cars were tossed into the air, and the engine plowed through the debris and crashed into the depot. Engineer Charles McRoberts was blown twenty feet into the air, and his mangled remains were picked up some distance off. Of the passengers only nine were injured seriously.

A Miscreant's Deadly Work.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 16.—At 1 o'clock a.m. the Atlantic express, on the Baltimore and Ohio, carrying a large excursion party for Atlantic City, ran into a huge pile of railroad ties and rails piled upon the track at Osceola, twenty miles from Pittsburgh. The engine and baggage car were thrown fifty feet over the embankment. The remainder of the train—seven sleeping cars—was thrown from the track and upon their sides. The escape of the occupants from fatal injury was miraculous. Only four of the passengers were injured, and they slightly. Engineer Sullivan and his friend, Bob Given, another engineer, who was riding on the engine, and a man named Hirsch who was stealing a ride, were instantly killed. It is reported at the scene of the wreck that the obstructions had been placed by Catholics intent upon killing some of the members of the Patriotic Sons of America, who were on the train. This report, however, is not credited, and the perpetrator of the deed is not known.

Jockey and Horses Killed.

LAWSON, Mo., Aug. 16.—A collision occurred on the race track here between a horse ridden by Eugene Arthur and a trotter and sulky driven by Geo. Sweet. Drivers, horses and sulky were thrown into a confused mass. Arthur's neck was broken and the injuries to Sweet's spine and head will prove fatal. The horses were so badly injured they were shot.

A Yacht Sunk.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Aug. 16.—The tug John Hickler and Lewis A. Hall's yacht Ramona came in collision near Bay Mills. The Ramona sank in sixteen feet of water. She is valued at \$27,000, and will be raised with pontoons. The captain of the Ramona claims that the tug's light was not burning.

Killed on a Crossing.

GOSHEN, Ind., Aug. 16.—Levi Trogers and wife, while crossing the track at the Bristol cut in a buggy, were struck by the engine and both killed. The cut is so deep that it is impossible to see a train coming from either direction.

Knights of Pythias Officers.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 16.—The Iowa Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias adjourned after having elected grand officers as follows: Grand chancellor, Will M. Farvis of Muscatine; grand vice chancellor, C. E. Shaw of Iowa Falls; grand prelate, A. C. Moon of Williamsburg; grand master of exchequer, W. G. Mercer of Burlington; grand keeper of records and seal, H. D. Walker of Mount Pleasant; grand master-at-arms, W. A. Cunningham.

Approved by the President.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The president approved the joint resolution to permit Capt. George W. Davis, U. S. A., to accept a position in the Nicaragua Canal Construction company, the joint resolution to continue the provisions of existing laws providing temporarily for the expenditures of the government; the joint resolution to accept from the national encampment of the G. A. R. a statue and pedestal of the late Gen. Grant, and the act amendatory of the act entitled "An act to provide for taking the eleventh and subsequent census."

Growing Smaller by Degrees.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 16.—Wm. Barnie, manager of the Baltimore Base Ball club, has received a telegram from the Hartford (Conn.) club which states that that club will disband. This will, owing to the disbandment of the Washington club, leave but six clubs in the Atlantic association for the remainder of the season.

Horace Porter III.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 16.—Horace M. Porter, of the Reading railroads press bureau, is ill of typhoid fever at his home in this city. Mr. Porter is a son of Gen. H. H. Porter of New York, and is a general favorite in railroad and social circles.

Sunol and Palo Alto.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 16.—Sunol and Palo Alto are entered for Belmont Park races in this city on September 4. Sunol will trot against Mand S' record, 2:02, and Palo Alto will go against the stalion record of 2:12.

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Cholera in Cairo.

CAIRO, Aug. 16.—Three cases of cholera have been reported here, one of which was fatal. The appearance of the disease here has created much uneasiness.

ARE ALL SPLIT UP. THE LOTTERY BILL

The Condition of Republican Senators After Their Caucus.

THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY WORK.

He Approves a Number of Bills and Acts on Petitions for Executive Clemency—Congressional Proceedings—Census Reports—New Banks.

THE CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM.

It Passes the House Practically Without Opposition.

Quay's Resolution to Limit Consideration Leaves the Senate in Uncertainty—The House to Take Care of Work that Should Have Been Done Last Week.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The Republican senators held a caucus from 8 o'clock p.m. to 10:35 to discuss and, if possible to formulate an order of business to govern the senate during the rest of the present session of congress. There were thirty-nine senators present. Senator Edmunds presided. No definite proposition was brought before the caucus, but the subject discussed was the advisability of laying aside the federal election bill and arranging with the Democratic senators to have a vote on the tariff bill in the near future. Both the Pennsylvania senators, Senator Plumb, and others advocated laying the election bill over. They said it would be bad policy to keep congress here much after the 1st of September, because members of both houses were needed in the states to take part in the canvass for members of the house of representatives. Senator Aldrich and other members of the finance committee expressed the belief that the Democrats could keep the senate busy with the tariff bill for two months longer, unless some agreement was reached, and they urged the necessity of putting the tariff bill through at an early day. Senator Edmunds said that he did not believe that the senate could pass a resolution to amend the rules so as to provide for calling the previous question. He said that it would be necessary to have a quorum of Republicans present, and there was so much sickness now among members that it was extremely doubtful if a quorum could be got together. Senator Spooner and Senator Hoar then urged the necessity of passing the election bill now, and the hopelessness of trying to pass it during the short session. As one senator expressed it after the adjournment, Senator Spender "read the riot act to the assemblage. Finally, after more than two hours of debate, without coming to any agreement as to the future action of the senate, and without fixing a day for reassembling, the caucus adjourned. The debate developed the fact that about fifteen of the senators present were in favor of letting the elections bill go over. A special injunction of secrecy was placed on those who were present, and one Republican senator, who is noted for extreme frankness, would only shake his head and say in response to inquiries: "We are all split up."

During the course of his remarks Senator Quay said that he objected to having southern Republicans in the house set upon him by Speaker Reed to help at his heels like a pack of dogs in favor of Senator Hoar's measure. It is understood that the discussion of the tariff bill will be continued and the river and harbor bill allowed to go over until next week.

Executive Clemency.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The president in denying the application for pardon in the case of Alva W. Butler of Oregon for violation of the postal laws, says: "Nothing has developed since the trial, so far as appears, to create any doubt as to the guilt of the petitioner." He granted a pardon to Jarrett Taylor, convicted in Tennessee of violation of internal revenue laws and sentenced to six months' imprisonment and a fine of \$100 and costs. He also remitted the fine of Rufi Smith, convicted of selling liquor without a license in Virginia, and sentenced on November 29, 1888, to three months' imprisonment and a fine of \$100 and confinement in jail until the fine is paid. This case has been before the president several times. On the way to jail Smith jumped from the train and escaped. While a fugitive from justice a petition was presented to the president, which he endorsed as follows: "I will not examine an application for pardon while the petitioner is a fugitive from the process of the court. Subsequently Smith surrendered himself, and the president endorsed his petition to the effect that so much of the sentence imposing a fine is remitted.

The Arid Land Law.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Commissioner Groff of the general land office, has issued to registrars and receivers of land offices a circular giving in full the recent opinion of the attorney general, which sustains the construction placed upon the law of 1888 known as the arid land law by the interior department. Attention is again attracted to the department circular of Aug. 5, 1888, in which they were instructed not to permit entry of any part of the arid region which might come within the operation of the act of Oct. 2, 1888. Although, in any case, says the commissioner, there is at the time no designation of the land involved therein as a selection for a site or sites for reservoirs, ditches or canals for irrigation purposes, or as land thereby made susceptible of irrigation, that fact is not to be considered as showing that the land is open to entry, although not yet so selected, it may be liable to such selection, under said act, which is held to withdraw all lands so liable from disposal. Absolute obedience to the order is enjoined.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The river and harbor bill was taken up in committee of the whole and further amended. The committee rose and the senate agreed to the amendments and passed the bill.

House.

The conference report on the bill to establish a national park at the battlefield of Chickamauga was agreed to. The vote then recurred on the Nat Mc Kay bill, and the bill was passed, the speaker counting a quorum.

The resolution for the immediate consideration of the anti-lottery bill, the previous question to be considered as ordered at 4:40 o'clock, was adopted and the anti-lottery bill was taken up and passed.

A Millionaire Suicides.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Millionaire Joseph A. Jameson, of the well known Broad street firm of bankers and brokers, Jameson, Smith & Co., committed suicide by hanging, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Amos Colling, on Fifth avenue. Temporary insanity caused by illness is given as the cause. Mr. Jameson leaves a widow and five adult children.

Bond Purchases.

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Census Reports.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The census office announces the population of the following three New Jersey cities: Hoboken, 43,560; increase since 1880, 12,561, or 40.52 per cent. Elizabeth, 37,644; increase, 5,415, or 33.35 per cent; Trenton, 63,483; increase, 28,574, or 35.63 per cent.

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The Deadlock Broken.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 18.—The deadlock in the Twentieth district Republican convention was broken when Hon. N. A. Taylor of Cleveland was nominated for congress on the 31st ballot.

A SHOCKING TRAGEDY.

In Which a Husband Avengers an Insult to His Wife.

BLOOMSBURG, Pa., Aug. 18.—A shocking tragedy occurred at Danville, the details of which have just reached here. The reports, as far as received, do not say that the principals of the affair were killed instantly, but subsequent developments show that their wounds are fatal. The names of the victims are Frank Schuraski and Patrick Monahan. John Minnies, who committed the crime, is now in jail. Public opinion is in sympathy with the prisoner, as the evidence, as far as can be learned, shows he committed the deed while representing an insult to his wife. Schuraski and Monahan went to Minnies' house during the night, under the influence of liquor. After reaching it some noise was made which attracted the attention of Minnies, who appeared in the door with a lamp in his hand, followed by his wife. One of the men told her to go in and mind her own business, but this she declined to do, at the same time making a retort; but before it was finished the lamp, which her husband held, was grabbed and thrown across the room in the direction the woman was standing. Minnies at once became furious, and seizing an axe slashed right and left with terrible effect. The light was now extinguished, and a terrible struggle ensued. Mrs. Minnies was knocked to the floor senseless, where she was found when the rescuers arrived. Minnies was also overcome by a blow in the head, but soon rallied. Monahan was found on the step with his skull split, a deep gash was cut in his shoulder, and otherwise bruised. His companion, Schuraski, was found in the house, where he had been knocked by a blow in the forehead, which was split clear across. Neither of the men can recover.

An Immense Educational Scheme.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—There is a movement on foot which, if carried out on the lines proposed, will eclipse all former plans and give to New York an institution without a rival in the country. The establishment of a national university in this city with an endowment at the outset of \$20,000,000, is proposed. John D. Rockefeller, president of the Standard Oil Trust company, and Rev. S. S. MacArthur, D. D., pastor of the Calvary Baptist church in this city, the two men most interested in the project, are both out of town, but from a friend of one of them it was learned that MacArthur's dream of a great Baptist university in this city seems about to be realized. The university which Dr. MacArthur desires the Baptist denomination to have in this city is one into which no one shall be matriculated who has not already been graduated from some reputable college. He considers it unfortunate, religiously and patriotically, that so many young Americans have been obliged to go to Germany, Austria, France and other foreign countries to complete their education.

Ex-Confederate Soldiers' Home.

BOONVILLE, Mo., Aug. 18.—Several hundred ex-confederates and citizens of Cooper county held a picnic on the Kemper family school campus in this city for the purpose of collecting money to erect a home in this state for disabled ex-confederate soldiers. Hon. W. M. Williams presided at the meeting and Rev. M. T. Broadus delivered an address. About \$1,500 were subscribed to the fund, besides what was taken in at the different stands. The meeting was opened up by Capt. F. P. O. Brobaugh, who has charge of the collections raised in the sixth congressional district. The largest subscription received was from Senator Geo. Vest. It was for \$300. Some liberal subscriptions were received from Republicans. The citizens of Cooper county intend to try and raise more than any other county in the district and then to make an effort to have the home located at Boonville.

Six Were Shot.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 18.—A serious and probably fatal shooting affray occurred at an early hour Sunday morning, by which six people were shot. It seems that a number of laborers employed by the Addyston Pipe company, whose plant is located fifteen miles from this city, came here Saturday night and imbibed freely, and on their return home on a "Big Four" train, which carried a number of other passengers, a general fight ensued among the laborers. Revolvers were used, and when the smoke cleared away the following named were found to have been shot, two of whom probably fatally: Syl Lewis, shot in the abdomen, fatally; Mrs. Americus Harvey, a passenger, shot in the shoulder, painful; Al Hedges, Frank Godfrey, Al Singleton, Be Beckel. No arrests were made.

Arson in South Dakota.

HIGHMORE, S. D., Aug. 18.—Early yesterday morning fire was discovered in Crow's opera house. Citizens worked hard but were unable to check it until nine business blocks were destroyed. P. F. Crow had been acting in a suspicious manner. On Saturday the city marshal watched his place until 3 o'clock Sunday morning when he thought it was safe enough to go to bed. About 4 o'clock the fire started. Indignation is very high and threats of lynch law are freely indulged in. Crow was arrested at noon for arson and the circumstantial evidence is strong. Loss is estimated at over \$15,000; insurance, \$5,000.

Disgraceful State of Affairs.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—A visiting committee of the county board has discovered a disgraceful state of affairs at the Cook county insane asylum. In addition to other abuses and frauds, delicate inmates were found forced to work with pick and shovel for the contractors of the asylum. An investigation will be ordered.

An Assault by Tugends Ends Fatally.

DANVILLE, Ills., Aug