

## FREIGHTING IN EARLY DAYS

Incidents on One of the Trips by One of the Freighters, in Which a Murderer Was Lynched.

Coming from the Rocky Mountains with my old friend, Marshall McElwain, in July, 1890, to Denver, Colo., we came one day too late to witness a hanging bee in that city. The cause of the execution of a man named Miller was for having murdered his employer, while driving a team from the Missouri river to Denver. It was proven that the man owned two teams, his wife taking care of one and the hired man drove the other. Some distance from Denver one night the driver killed his employer with an ax, and dragged the corpse to a slough and covered the same with some brush and grass. Then compelled the woman to drive one team and he drove the other, threatening to kill her if she made any attempt to expose him. But as good luck would have it, a party of men on horseback came along, and the heartbroken woman cried out to them and asked them to protect her from the beast of a man with her, and told them the story of the killing of her husband and agreed to go with them to the place where the murder took place and she would show them where her husband was buried. The men agreed to go back and secure the murderer and they found the body of the murdered man, just as the woman had told them. They took the criminal to Denver, and in the absence of a court the people formed a people's court. Mr. William Slaughter, a former business man of Plattsmouth, was selected to act as judge. It was plainly proven that the man Miller was guilty of murder and was sentenced to be hung by Judge Slaughter. After that, as was the rule of a people's court, the people took a vote as to whether he should hang or not, and all voted for hanging. The hanging took place to the satisfaction of all the people.

Only a few days afterwards another man was brought to Denver from the plains for having killed a young teamster of a train, in which the man brought in was the wagon master of the train. A people's court was again started and Mr. James Dume, a former citizen and business man of Plattsmouth in the early days, was selected as judge. The man was tried and found guilty by the judge and by a people's vote and sentenced to be hung. The prisoner was put in a shanty for safe keeping and a guard put over him. Next morning the news spread all over Denver that the prisoner had escaped by the aid of outsiders, who no doubt had bribed the guard and furnished the condemned man with a horse, and by morning was no doubt a good distance from Denver on his way towards Nebraska.

Sometime in 1880, while I was holding some government land in Hayes county, a neighbor of mine, inquired of me whether I had heard of such a trial as I have described. I told him that I was present when it took place and knew all about it. He then informed me that the same man was a highly respected farmer in Frontier county, near the Hayes county line. He had killed the young man in self-defense while being assistant wagon master of a freight train. It had been a case of you kill me or I kill you, and to save his own life he had pulled the first trigger. I was very much pleased to hear his statement of the case.

Spending a few days in Denver I met my old-time friends, Mr. Oscar Johnson and George Fairfield, of Plattsmouth, both ready to return to that place, and as I was of the same mind, we concluded to take the Platte river, which then was high on account of the June rise, and commenced to build a boat and after finishing the same we bid Denver farewell. But we had delayed too long, as the water was going down, and we had a hard time keeping in the channel. Part of the time we had to jump in the water and push the boat across a sand bar into deeper water. I was tired of this and concluded to leave the boat as soon as I could find a chance. Besides I wanted to see something of the buffaloes we expected to meet soon, and as good luck would have it we met our young friend, Henry McMaken, with his ox team on his road to Plattsmouth. Mr. Johnson and George Fairfield remained with the boat. In a few days we expected to meet buffaloes and we were not disappointed.

My next article will be of interest, especially among nimrods who never had a chance to see and never will see one of them, as they are exterminated, and to the shame must it be said they were wantonly slaughtered by hide hunters, who killed them only for this purpose.

CONRAD SCHLATER.

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## Funeral of Mrs. Walker

The last sad services over the remains of the late Mrs. Emma Sayles Walker, were held from the home on the corner of Oak and Fourth streets, at 1:00 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon. Many old friends and acquaintances of this pioneer settler of Cass county were in attendance at the funeral to observe the final tributes of respect, which were conducted by Dr. J. H. Baird and Rev. J. H. Salsbury. Profuse floral offerings which adorned the casket, bore evidence of the esteem in which the deceased was held during life.

Those to bear the casket to its last resting place were: Messrs. J. M. Roberts, Will Adams, Lee Sharp, J. M. Robertson, O. C. Dovey and C. A. Rawls.

After the impressive services at the home, the remains, accompanied by a long cortege, were conveyed to the Oak Hill cemetery, where beside the husband, who preceded her several years ago, she was laid to rest.

Now side by side they are sleeping  
In the grave's dark, dreamless bed;  
And the willow boughs seem weeping  
As they bend above the dead.

## INSPECTION OF LOCATIONS

Government Architect Richard Forsho, of Kansas City, Views Sites Offered for Public Building.

Considerable curiosity in regard to the probable location of the public building was aroused this morning when it rapidly became known that a special agent of the government architectural department was in the city to inspect the several sites offered by our citizens. The special agent, Richard Forsho, of Kansas City, proceeded with his investigations of the various locations in which property has been offered for the postoffice building. Mr. Forsho conversed with County Surveyor Hilton and several of our citizens in regard to the soil of the divers properties. The property on the corner of Fifth and Vine streets seemed to have made a favorable impression upon the inspector, as considerable details in regard to the property and vicinity were asked for by Mr. Forsho.

The report of the investigation will be sent to the department at Washington, where the matter will be decided in about two months.

## Business for Health.

The desire to make money is so deeply planted among our people, that to it health and even life is often being sacrificed. We forget our own bodies, while being immersed in work and business, for fear, that a slight rest might offer a welcome opportunity to our competitor to jump into our place and rob us of the fruit of our hard labor. We deny ourselves the pleasure of life, working overtime and concentrating our whole mind on our business, until the body collapses. The poor stomach usually suffers the most; instead of supplying it with nutritious food we often whip it only with strong liquor, finally becoming the martyr of dyspepsia. Strengthen your stomach and intestines with Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine, whenever they are overworked, weakened and exhausted. It will heal the inflamed membranes, strengthen the muscles of the digestive organs and you will be able to attend both to your business and to your baby. At drug stores, Jos. Triner, 799 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

## Returns From Hospital.

After a few weeks' treatment in the Clarkson hospital in Omaha, Miss Vesta Eaton, who was operated upon several weeks ago for appendicitis, returned home yesterday. In honor of her home coming a quiet social gathering of relatives occurred during New Year's day at the home of Superintendent and Mrs. J. W. Gamble. Those present were D. S. Williams and wife and M. W. Gamble of Omaha, C. J. Thiessen and wife of Gretna, and Mrs. E. S. Dungan of Union.

## County Board Reorganizes.

The county board of commissioners reorganized today, the new member, Martin L. Frederick, occupying a seat, and taking part in the business to come before the board. Among the matters to be disposed of was the selection of sixty names from the county to be sent to the district clerk, who will select the jury panel for the spring term from this list. The board appointed Dr. M. M. Butler of Weeping Water county physician and reappointed Joe Mullen a member of the soldiers' relief committee.

The relief of Coughs and Colds through laxative influence, originated with Bee's Laxative Cough Syrup containing Honey and Tar, a cough syrup containing no opiates or poisons, which is extensively sold. Secure a bottle at once, obtain a guarantee coupon, and if not fully satisfied with results, your money will be refunded. Sold by Gering & Co's drug store.

## SKULL BADLY FRACTURED

John Kastol Attempted to Alight From a Freight Through Cedar Creek.

## FELL HEAD FOREMOST ON LARGE ROCK

Rendered Unconscious by the Fall, and the Patient is Still in a Very Serious Condition.

While a fast extra freight was passing through the railroad yards at Cedar Creek yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, John Kastol, who was aboard the same, attempted to alight from the train, with the result that he was hurled from the moving cars to the ground, sustaining a badly fractured skull and numerous other bruises.

The unfortunate man had been to Louisville to spend New Year's day, and in the afternoon he boarded the freight at Louisville, no doubt thinking that it was the regular local freight which stopped at Cedar Creek, but had been annulled yesterday. When the freight failed to stop at Cedar Creek Kastol, proceeded to pile off the best way he could and the speed of the train being greater than he imagined it to be he was thrown off his feet as soon as he let go of the hand holds of the car and was hurled headforemost into some slaty rock.

The fall rendered him unconscious, but friends soon found him and summoned medical assistance, who are of the opinion that the skull is badly fractured, besides numerous bruises and scratches about the face and body. The patient is still unconscious and in a very serious condition.

John Kastol is employed in the quarries at Cedar Creek and is a brother of Joseph Kastol, who met with a similar accident in Omaha some time ago.

## INJURIES RESULT FATALY

John Kastol Passes Away About Midnight, Without Regaining Consciousness.

After remaining in an unconscious condition for over thirty hours, John Kastol, the man who was seriously hurt New Year's day while alighting from a freight near Cedar Creek, passed away about midnight last night at the hotel in that village.

The man when first found in an unconscious condition near the railroad tracks where he had fallen, was taken to the station and a physician summoned. Dr. J. B. Duff, after examining the patient, had him removed to the hotel and Drs. G. H. Gilmore of Murray and E. H. Worthman of Louisville called in consultation. The injured man was found to be suffering from a very bad fracture of the skull, caused by striking a rock; from both arms being broken, and from numerous bruises about the face and body. The medical aid in attendance upon the patient were of the opinion that he could not recover from the injuries, although every possible means was employed in an effort to restore him to consciousness. John Kastol was in Plattsmouth to spend Xmas with relatives, and from here went to Manly, thence to Louisville, where he boarded the Burlington extra freight that carried him to his fatal fall.

The deceased was about forty-eight years of age and has resided in this county many years. For some time past he has been employed in the stone quarries at Cedar Creek, and it was while returning to his work, after spending the holidays with friends, that the unfortunate mishap occurred. The deceased leaves a sister, Mrs. John West, and a brother, Joseph Kastol, the latter of whom is now in a critical condition as the result of an accident that he met with in the yards at Omaha last fall.

## There Will Be No Strike.

While in the capital city yesterday, General Manager Holdrege said in reference to the strike probabilities on the Sheridan division: "The Burlington does not compel employes to work sixteen hours. I have no advices from the Sheridan division indicating serious labor trouble. I don't think a strike is threatened."

Mr. Holdrege also said the situation on the lines west is very satisfactory and that business has been moving in good shape, barring some inconvenience to traffic caused by the storm. So far as he knew, the men are not in a striking mood. He don't look for labor trouble.

Elegant leather goods at Gering & Co.'s

## BLOW AT GAVEL RULE

Gov. Hughes, of New York, Would Regulate the Political Convention, Too.

## CONTESTS TO GO TO THE COURTS

No Change of Minorities Into Majorities by "Nerve."

Favors Giving Hearst His New Hearing—Mayor McClellan "Hands One" to Tammany—Legislative Notes.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Governor Charles E. Hughes, in his first message to the legislature, made the following recommendations: A recount of the votes cast for mayor in the New York city election in 1905, when, on the face of the returns, William R. Hearst was defeated by George E. McClellan; that the courts be empowered to order a recount summarily in the future, and that the power to bring an action to try a title to office be taken from the attorney general and conferred upon the supreme court. The adoption of a new ballot whereon the name of a candidate will appear but once.

State to Regulate Politics, Also. That the amount of money which a candidate may expend to procure his election be limited. That the courts be empowered to review the acts of political state conventions and state committees in expelling delegates and members. That any general committee of a party may adopt rules for direct nominations of candidates at primaries.

On the recount matter the governor reviewed the efforts of Hearst to secure a recount and said: "It is a matter of the gravest concern that the view should be largely, even though erroneously, held that one who has been elected to office has been deprived of his seat through invalid returns. A failure to obtain a summary recount through a defect in the law has aggravated the sense of injustice."

## Conventions Need a Curb.

With reference to empowering the courts to review the acts of political conventions the governor held that there is no limitation upon the authority of political state conventions and state committees arbitrarily to exclude honestly elected delegates and members, and that the fraudulent or corrupt action of such a convention or committee cannot be reviewed or corrected by any court. "Minorities should not be permitted to make themselves majorities by the arbitrary seizure of political organization," said Governor Hughes, "nor through corruption or dishonest methods, and the courts should be vested with ample power to review in a summary manner all such abuses and to restore to defrauded persons the political rights to which they are justly entitled."

## McClellan vs. Tammany

New York's Mayor Throws Down the Gauntlet, as It Were.

New York, Jan. 3.—John T. Dooling has been named by Mayor McClellan to succeed John R. Voorhis as president of the board of elections. Rudolph Fuller was appointed to succeed Michael J. Daly, and Charles B. Page and William McGuire were reappointed members of the board of elections. In announcing the appointment of Dooling Mayor McClellan threw down the gauntlet to Tammany Hall and its present leader, Charles F. Murphy. He declared that he could not recognize the existing control in Tammany or tolerate any relations with its present leader.

"I have no candidate for the leadership of Tammany Hall," he said, "nor have I the least desire to involve myself with the aspirations of any one who is seeking such leadership. There has been no time when I have had such a candidate, or sought to control the organization. I should like to have the support of the Democratic organization because I have always been a believer in party responsibility in administration; but if I cannot have that support under conditions which favor clean and efficient government then I am content to do without it."

Voorhis later made a formal protest to the board of elections against the seating of Dooling as president. Voorhis protest was on the ground that he is the certified and recommended member of Tammany Hall, and that no one else is eligible for the position of president. The protest was filed by the board without comment or action.

## State Legislative Doings.

Denver, Jan. 3.—The sixteenth general assembly of Colorado has organized, the Republicans controlling in each branch.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 3.—The forty-fourth general assembly convened here and transacted the business of organization.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 3.—Charles M. Floyd of Manchester, Republican, was elected governor of New Hampshire by the state legislature at the opening session of that body, there being no choice at the November election. He was formally inaugurated today.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 3.—Both branches of the Seventy-third Maine legislature have organized for the biennial session of three months.

Governor Income and Outgo. Washington, Jan. 3.—For the month of December, 1906, government receipts were \$75,812,970, and expenditures, \$46,537,586, leaving a surplus for the month of \$29,275,000.

## DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO WED

Fair Cashier of a Bank Postpones Her Wedding Because of a Business Emergency.

Rensselaer, Ind., Jan. 3.—Miss Maud Irwin, assistant cashier of the State bank of Rensselaer, postponed her marriage on the eve of the happy event to help her employers balance the accounts for the year. Miss Irwin tendered her resignation to the officials of the bank to take effect the last of the year, and a substitute had been appointed. At the last moment the substitute accepted a position elsewhere, and the bank was left without an assistant cashier.

Miss Irwin was to have started for El Paso, Tex., Tuesday to be married today to M. C. Canton. Tuesday morning she wired her betrothed that the wedding would have to be postponed indefinitely, as she would remain with her employers until the accounts for the year were straightened out. Miss Irwin was assistant cashier at the McCoy bank at the time of its failure.

## INVESTIGATION IS PROBABLE

Senate Nearly Certain to Put Its Probe Into the Affair at Brownsville.

Washington, Jan. 3.—There is no longer much, if any doubt, that the senate will order an immediate investigation of the discharge of the negro troops of the Twenty-fifth infantry on account of their alleged participation in the "shooting up" of the town of Brownsville, Tex. Senator Foraker, whose resolution authorizing the committee on military affairs to make an inquiry is pending, expresses the hope that the resolution would be adopted soon after the reconvening of congress, and said that unless it was further attacked he would not make another speech on the subject at present.

It has been expected that Senator Lodge would oppose the inquiry, but he has recently stated that he would not do so. Unless, therefore, opposition opens from an unexpected quarter the resolution probably will be taken up and passed without debate.

## FRANCE HAS NO NEWS

Is Not Informed of Any Conspiracy in Serbia, but Looks for Some Balkan Developments.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The French government has no advices regarding the reports that Serbian conspirators are ready to overthrow King Peter of Serbia in favor of a foreign prince. It is regarded as significant, however, that the reports of important developments in the Balkans should follow the signature last week of a contract between the Serbian government and the Creusot arms factory (at Le Creusot, France) for the delivery of sixty new batteries of field guns.

The financing of this purchase, it is pointed out here, was for a long time obstructed by the Austrian-Hungarian authorities.

## Murder of a Missouri Doctor.

Carthage, Mo., Jan. 3.—Dr. J. W. Meredith was shot and probably fatally wounded by Arthur Sanderson at the latter's home here. Sanderson had called the physician in to attend his wife and met him at the door and fired on him. Sanderson, who was arrested, asserted that Dr. Meredith had broken up his home. Meredith says that Sanderson shot without provocation.

## Death of an Aged Odd Fellow.

Louisville, Jan. 3.—George W. Morris, for forty-seven terms grand treasurer of the Kentucky Odd Fellows, and for sixty years a member of that society, is dead at the age of 81. Morris, in addition to being grand treasurer of the order at the time of his death, was first vice president of the Louisville Water company and identified with several banks.

## Four Boys Stealing a Ride.

New York, Jan. 3.—Elmer Dunn, Clarence Bennett, William E. Casey and William Bell, all of Newark, N. J., were killed because of the breaking of a coupling pin on a Lehigh Valley train at South Plainfield, N. J. The boys were stealing a ride on a freight train and stepped off directly in front of the Chicago-bound flyer of the Lehigh Valley railroad.

## No Passes: No Time Tables.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 3.—Every newspaper in central Illinois appeared Tuesday for the first time without the railroad time tables. The roads have indicated no desire to pay for the publication, and the newspapers refused to run the time tables unless paid for at regular space rates. Their action is due to the new anti-pass law.

## Will Scull for the Championship.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 3.—George Towns, the Australian sculler, and "Eddie" Hanlan Durman, of Canada, have signed articles to row on the Nepean river, March 2, for the sculling championship of the world and \$2,500 a side.

## Amir on Visit to India.

Laudkhana, British India, Jan. 3.—The amir of Afghanistan, Habibullah Khan, with a formidable retinue, arrived at his frontier post on his way to pay an official visit to India. Representatives of the viceroy, the earl of Minto, and an escort of British troops met the amir here.

## Warehouse for Farm Implements.

Newman, Ill., Jan. 3.—W. J. Roller, a large land owner near this place, will erect a shed covering ten acres of land. The building will be floored with concrete, and will be inclosed with a steel frame work and covered with galvanized iron, making the entire structure fire-proof. It will be used for housing farming implements.



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## A NEW VETERINARY LAW

Dr. A. P. Barnes, of This City, Proposes a New Law Governing Practitioners.

The following is taken from the Lincoln Journal of this morning: "Dr. A. P. Barnes of Plattsmouth, a practitioner of veterinary surgery, dentistry and medicine of twenty years' standing, who was prohibited by an act passed two years ago from calling himself a veterinary surgeon because he had not graduated from a veterinary college, has proposed a new law to take the place of the present law. It differs little from the present law without the exception of a provision to permit one of ten years' experience in practice to continue to call himself a veterinarian. It contains the following:

"Section 4. Any person of good moral character who has practiced the profession of veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry in this state for a period of ten years immediately preceding the passage of this act shall be deemed eligible to registration as an existing practitioner upon presenting to the board of veterinary medical examiners created by this act satisfactory evidence that such person is of good moral character and that such person had actually practiced veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry in the state of Nebraska for a period of ten years immediately preceding the passage of this act, provided that such person present to said board of examiners such evidence within ninety days from the time of the passage of this act, he shall be entitled to receive a license without examination and be registered as such, and any such person who has assumed the title of veterinary surgeon or analogous title in this state preceding the passage of this act without being entitled to the degree of veterinary surgeon or analogous title, shall be allowed to continue the use of the title after having received his license. All persons previously licensed and registered in this state shall be entitled to continue to practice without further registration."

## Fire Department Elects Officers.

The members of the city fire department held a meeting last evening to elect officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected to various positions: John G. Claus, president; Geo. B. Mann, vice president; Mack Bajack, treasurer; Gus Rhode, secretary; S. L. Cotner, chief; Joe Libb, assistant to chief.

During the business session the department was called to the coal lumber yard of J. V. Egenberger, near which place a large bonfire had been kindled. This was soon extinguished and thus the newly elected officers properly initiated in their work.

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