

HE WAS FEELING BLUE

Philadelphia Bank Dynamitard Said in a Letter to His Mother.

READY TO DO MOST ANYTHING

Closed Incident with the Philadelphia Police—Lynchburg Wife a Grand Rapids, Mich., Woman.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—"I feel so blue that I could do most anything. God knows this is a hard, cruel world at best." These words of Roland Steele, the Chicago ex-policeman who blew up the Fourth Street National bank of Philadelphia, were received by his mother, Mrs. Jane Steele, 755 Racine avenue, a half hour after her son had blown himself and a bank cashier to atoms and wounded eleven others. In the same letter, showing that despondency over ill-health and poverty had driven Steele to desperation, Steele told his mother he would be in Chicago soon.

Letters Showed Deep Despondency.
In a second letter received by his wife, Mrs. Irene Steele, Steele declared he would be in Chicago yesterday to eat dinner with his wife, his mother and his four sons. Instead of having her husband to dinner, however, Mrs. Steele wept over reports that the bomb-thrower had a second wife and a 10-year-old child at Lynchburg, Va., and fringed muddy downtown streets in endeavors to have officers of the Modern Woodmen of America bring the fragments of her husband's body to Chicago for burial. The last word received by the elder Mrs. Steele from her son was the climax of several letters in which he complained of ill-health and hard luck. Letters to his wife, too, showed deep despondency bordering on insanity.

His Remains Are Only Fragments.
Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—So far as the police here are concerned, said Captain of Detectives Donaghy, the bomb-throwing outrage is practically a closed incident. Steele defeated the ends of justice by blowing himself to atoms, said the chief, and all that remains to be done in the case is the disposition of his torn body. "Our investigation," he said, "shows that his crime was planned and executed by him alone." The body of the bomb-thrower is merely a collection of fragments of flesh and bone. The remains are in a bag at the city morgue awaiting a claimant.

Is a Grand Rapids Woman.
Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Bessie L. Steele, wife of J. R. Steele, who wrecked the Fourth Street National bank of Philadelphia, Saturday, being killed in the explosion, alleges that she was legally married to Steele at Greenville, Mich., June 12, 1904. She stated that Steele told her he was divorced from the Chicago wife, and admits that she had no other evidence. She says Steele had been sending a monthly check to Chicago, but she thought it was for his mother, and not the first wife. She will return to her home at Grand Rapids, Mich., and endeavor to clear up her marriage. Her maiden name was Goodno. She says she has no relatives living other than her 12-year-old boy, the result of her first marriage.

MEDAL FOR PRESIDENT DIAZ

President Francis, of the St. Louis Exposition, Goes to Mexico to Present the Same.

St. Louis, Jan. 8.—President D. R. Francis, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company, accompanied by John Scullin, L. D. Dozier, A. L. Shapleigh and Judge Ferris, World's Fair counsel, has departed for El Paso and thence to the City of Mexico, where, on next Sunday, ex-Governor Francis will present to President Diaz the gold medal and diploma awarded to him by the exposition company in recognition of his services in behalf of the World's Fair.

The party will be met by Albino R. Nuncio, who was commissioner general from Mexico to the World's Fair. All the Mexican exhibitors at the exposition will attend the elaborate ceremonies of the presentation. The party expects to be gone about two weeks.

Crapsey's Latest Doctrine.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Dr. A. S. Crapsey, the Episcopal rector who denounced the ministry after conviction of heresy by the ecclesiastical court, has begun his career as a lecturer in the Lyceum theater. He asserted it was impossible for a modern man to believe the creeds in a literal sense without utterly denying the whole modern conception of the universe.

Missile Comes Through the Roof.

Menominee, Mich., Jan. 8.—As the result of an explosion of dynamite, while clearing away the ruins of a burned paper mill, a piece of steel weighing 100 pounds was hurled high into the air, coming down on the roof of a residence nearby, and crashing entirely through a bed and buried itself in the ceiling.

Not the Only Ones.

"Fudge!" snorted the man from the Windy City. "I'm getting tired of all this talk of Chicago people eating pig with a knife."
"Yes," put in the St. Louis man, "they're always too blamed conceited."
"Conceited? Who?"
"Chicago people; they think they're the only ones that know how to eat pig."—Catholic Standard and Times.

A Surprise.

The three sons of Jacob Meisinger, residing eight miles west of Plattsmouth, surprised their father recently on his 50th birthday. The evening was passed away with games and at a late hour refreshments were served, after which all returned to their homes, wishing Mr. Meisinger many more happy returns of the day. Those present were C. J. Meisinger and family, G. P. Meisinger and daughter, John Meisinger, Jr., and family, and Louie Burkenbush.

A Bomb for the Railroads.

A special from Lincoln to the Bee under date of Monday, says: "Mike Lee of Douglas county will throw a bomb into the railroad camp tomorrow, when he introduces a joint resolution providing for an amendment to the constitution that no suit may be filed in any court against the state to enjoin the collection of taxes or to declare taxes invalid until after the taxes levied have been actually paid. Then suit may be brought to recover. Mr. Lee came down from Omaha tonight with his resolution all ready to introduce when that order of business is reached."

"Inasmuch as two railroads have enjoined the collection of their taxes and have materially injured the various school districts in the state, especially in the western portion, as well as depriving the state of about \$100,000. Mr. Lee believes his resolution will strike a responsive chord and will be passed practically unanimously."

After Good School Legislation.

At the recent session of the State Teachers' association a resolution was offered by Supt. Rouse which was unanimously adopted by the association conferring on the president of the association, W. L. Stephens, of the Lincoln city schools, authority to appoint a committee on school legislation. This committee will appear before the proper committees of the legislature this winter in the interest of good school legislation. In selecting this committee Supt. Stephens selected Supt. J. W. Gamble of Cass county to represent the First Congressional district on this committee. Supt. Gamble was also a member of the committee which revised the New Free Attendance High School law that will be introduced as a bill before the present legislature.

Welcome News, if True.

The Omaha World-Herald contains the following, which will be received as most welcome news to the towns along the line: "It is given out that next spring that portion of the Missouri Pacific between Omaha and Kansas City will be put in first-class condition. The track will be relaid with ninety-pound steel, these rails taking the place of the sixty-pound ones now in use. After the relaying of the track, the roadbed will be ballasted with rock from the quarries at Louisville. New fences will be built along the right-of-way, ditches constructed to carry off the water and everything in connection with the line modernized."

Plattsmouth Girl Rescued.

The Omaha World-Herald of this morning contains the following: "Bessie Runnels, a young girl from Plattsmouth, has been rescued from a disorderly house in Omaha and by Judge Sutton committed to the House of the Good Shepherd. The girl was located by her aged mother, assisted by Mrs. Shinrock, state superintendent of rescue work, and Mrs. Towl of the juvenile court."

Peter J. Hansen Very Low.

The Journal regrets to learn of the dangerous illness of Peter J. Hansen, one of Plattsmouth's oldest citizens, and for several years street commissioner. About a year ago he suffered a paralytic stroke, from which he never fully recovered, and this added to his old age, is the cause of his present condition. Mr. Hansen is sixty-eight years of age, and at the present writing he is entirely unconscious, and his life is almost despaired of. He has a host of friends who will regret to learn of his dangerous condition.

Select Jury for Spring Term.

The regular panel of the jury, as selected by the district clerk and sheriff to act during the term of district court beginning February 25, is composed of the following gentlemen: W. C. Bartlett, Wm. Holly, C. C. Hennings, A. J. Box, Geo. A. Mills, F. A. Creamer, S. M. Cox, Jas. H. Latrom, B. W. Livingston, Benj. Dill, Wm. A. Armstrong, W. E. Hand, Fred Denison, Geo. M. Schoeman, Henry Creamer, Wm. Neida, Frank A. Davis, M. M. Beal, Wm. Bouton, I. H. Dunn, Jno. M. McDonald, Jno. Easche, Jno. Bramblett and E. Palmer.

Policy Holders Attention.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Cass County, Nebraska, will be held at the Heil school house in Eight-mile Grove precinct on Saturday, January 12, 1907 at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year, and transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

J. F. FALTER,
Secretary.

MRS. LILLIE A FREE WOMAN

His Last Act the Noblest Deed Performed by the Retiring Governor.

SATISFIED THAT SHE WAS NOT GUILTY

The Persecution of an Innocent Lady Ends With Governor Mickey's Administration.

Governor Mickey's Statement.

"I am clearly led to the conclusion," said Governor Mickey, "that there is very grave and serious doubt of Mrs. Lillie's guilt, and I am compelled in my own unbiased and sincere judgment to grant her a pardon."

"For three nights and four days I have given the closest study of this case. Most of the time has been spent in sleepless deliberation. I have had documents and evidence of every character, and I cannot believe that the guilt of Mrs. Lillie has ever been established beyond a reasonable doubt."

A special from Lincoln in the Omaha World-Herald, under date of January 3, gives the following particulars of the pardon of Mrs. Lillie:

As the last official act of his career Governor Mickey today granted a full and complete pardon to Mrs. Lena Lillie, who has finished two years of a life sentence for the alleged murder of her husband, Harvey Lillie, at David City four years ago. News of the pardon was carried to Mrs. Lillie by Warden Beemer of the penitentiary. Her father, J. S. Hill of California, was with her at the time.

For the first time in all the trying and sensational career of the case this remarkable woman broke completely down and wept like a little child. It was for only a few moments and then she regained again that same dignity and composure which have been one of her strongest personal attractions since the time the first accusations were breathed against her by her friends and fellow townsmen of David City.

"I have never doubted for an instant," she said, "that the governor and those who believed me guilty would become convinced that I have been unjustly punished."

Mrs. Lillie spent Thursday night in the same bed in the same little room in the quarters of the women at the penitentiary. Shortly after the pardon was handed to her she and her father went out to breathe outside the walls of her prison the air of as fair a day as ever woke upon Nebraska soil. They did not leave the institution, merely strolling for a few minutes up and down the cinder path outside the gray stone wall.

This morning Mrs. Lillie and her father will leave Lincoln for California, where she will make her home and attempt to forget the trying four years which mark the close of her Nebraska residence. Mr. Hill was an old-time resident of this state and served eighteen years ago in the Twenty-first legislature.

Governor Mickey reserved this act of clemency, the most important since he has been governor, as his last official act. As he announced to Judge Hamer, Mrs. Lillie's attorney, that he had decided to pardon her there were tears in his own eyes. He said that his conscious was never clearer as to his duty than in extending this act of clemency.

Hearing was had before the governor about two weeks ago of the reasons for granting Mrs. Lillie a pardon and he has since had the matter under consideration. Affidavits were presented before him to show that evidence which was never submitted at the time of the trial would put a very different light upon the case.

The father, brother and other relatives of Mrs. Lillie were among the most persistent of those who sought the release of the imprisoned woman.

The Lillie Murder Case.

In the early dawn of the morning of October 24, 1902, Harvey Lillie of David City was shot as he slept. Mrs. Lillie says she was awakened by a noise and rose in bed as a strange man, standing by the bedside, shot at her. She rolled out of the bed on the floor and the shot passed harmlessly out of the window. Less than two months later, she was arrested for the murder. The trial of the Lillie case tore David City into factions—those who believed her guilty and those who did not. Among the latter were the relatives of Harvey Lillie, who have always protested that Lena Margaret Lillie was guiltless of her husband's murder, and that no motive could be found for the crime.

There was no other man in the case. Even her enemies could bring no reproach against her character. The domestic relations of herself and her husband were always harmonious, according to their friends, relatives and

employees who had lived in the house. There was no immediate need of money as both Mrs. Lillie and her husband earned good salaries and her losses on the board of trade had not been great.

Mrs. Lillie was considered an excellent dressmaker and saved her money for the purpose of educating her one child, a little girl, in music, for which she showed remarkable talent. This child was the object of absorbing affection on the part of both father and mother. Mrs. Lillie was convicted and was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary for the murder of her husband on circumstantial evidence. Her application for a new trial was refused and a petition for a pardon was immediately circulated. Her husband's mother and sister have been most active in the attempt to secure a pardon for Mrs. Lillie and their faith in her has never wavered. Her own father and mother spent a great deal of money in her trial and after her conviction took the child and went to California, where they now reside.

Mrs. Lillie was a model prisoner in the state's prison and accepted her fate with the same quiet fortitude which she displayed at the time of her trial. Under her plucky bearing, however, her spirits were frequently depressed and the confinement in prison told severely upon her. Her hair turned gray and the lines in her face show the suffering she has not betrayed by look or sign. At the foot of her cot in the prison hung a life-size crayon portrait of her murdered husband, where her eyes fell upon it the first thing in the morning and the last at night.

A Perplexing Situation.

Dave Young, a prosperous farmer near Murray, was in the county seat Friday seeking some explanation of a mysterious telegram, which he received this morning and which says: "Meet Missouri Pacific train Saturday morning, with hearse. Have grave dug by father's." This message was sent from Whiting, Ia., and was signed Mrs. Bloomfield, but who that person is or who the deceased was Mr. Young has been unable to ascertain. He made diligent inquiries about the city, but these failed to throw any light upon the puzzle. Mr. Young is of the opinion that some mistake has been made, for he has not a relative in Whiting, nor is anyone by the name of Bloomfield known in that vicinity. A telegram was sent to the authorities at Whiting, and the answer will no doubt reveal the identity of deceased.

James Manners Accepts Position.

James Manners, our genial mail carrier and telephone man, left New Year's night for the sunny climes of California. He has always thought that San Francisco would, since the earthquake, be a good place for a young man to make a start, and fearing that it might be a long time until the next quake, he considered this his opportunity. He will follow the telephone business, at which he is a very competent man. Jim has a long list of friends here who regret to see him leave. It was hard for him to break his ties, but he felt that he should go where duty called.

Mothers who give their children Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup invariably endorse it. Children like it because the taste is so pleasant. Contains Honey and Tar. It is the Original Laxative Cough Syrup and is unrivaled for the relief of croup. Drives the cold out through the bowels. Conforms to the National Pure Food and Drug Law. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co.

A Live Wire

Every nerve is a live wire connecting some part of the body with the brain. They are so numerous that if you penetrate the skin with the point of a needle you will touch a nerve and receive a shock—pain it is called. Aches and pains come from a pressure, strain or injury to a nerve; the more prominent the nerve the greater the pain. When the pain comes from a large nerve it is called

Neuralgia

whether it be the facial nerves, or the heart, stomach, sciatic or other prominent nerve branch. To stop pain, then, you must relieve the strain or pressure upon the nerves. Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills do this.

"I suffered intense pain, caused by neuralgia. I doctored and used various medicines without getting relief until I began taking Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills. These did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They never fail to cure my headaches, and their use never leaves any bad after-effects."

MRS. WM. BECKMAN,
902 W. 4th St., Erie, Pa.

Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills are sold by your druggist, who will guarantee that the first package will benefit. If it fails, he will return your money, 25 doses, 25 cents. Never sold in bulk. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

'BAD ORDER' CARS REPAIRED

Tracks and Switch Yards Freed From Last of Long String of Freight Cars.

FIRST TIME SINCE THE SHOPS OPENED

Over Two Hundred Damaged Cars are Rushed Through Shops and Back Into Service.

For the first time since the repair shops for the freight cars of the Burlington was established in this city, the side tracks and switch yards were freed today from the last of a long string of "bad order" cars. One of the yardmen who has been with the company many years, said the local switch yards, have never been so free from cars as they are today—only nine cars being in the yards, and of these several contained freight for local merchants, while the others are loaded with coal and other shipments. With a larger force in the car repairing department during the past six months, than has been employed for many years, the list of "bad order" freight cars which overtaxed the yard capacity last fall, when strings of twenty, thirty, forty and even an extra freight of about eighty cars were arriving for repairs, has rapidly been diminished until only a few cars are awaiting for repairs. These will no doubt be completed in a short time, after which more damaged cars will have to be forthcoming or the department employed with other work. The shortage of cars has forced this department to work day and night a part of the time to meet the demands, and now that the two hundred or more cars which came in last fall for repairs have been turned out, the work in this department will slacken up, as not many damaged cars will be sent in at this time when so much coal, grain and other freight is awaiting shipment.

To Get Rid of Husband.

The following, from the Glenwood Tribune, shows how easy it is to get rid of a husband if you only have the money: "Upon the payment of \$20 on the part of the wife, H. R. Thompson of Tabor has signed a contract to hereafter give full and unmolested possession of the home. Thompson was married but a few weeks ago to a widow who had several children. The match did not prove altogether harmonious. The final disagreement resulted in Thompson locking his wife and the children out of the house and denying them admission. A truce was arranged by which on the payment of the sum stated, Thompson was induced to capitulate and agree to keep away from the home."

Wedding at Eagle.

A special from Eagle, dated January 3, says: "Tuesday at the home of the bride's parents in Eagle, George L. Althous and Miss Elsie Allen were married by Rev. L. F. Townsend. The bride is well known in the community. The groom is a young farmer and is well known in Eagle. Mr. and Mrs. Althous will reside on a farm about six miles north of Eagle. The bride and groom left on the 10:35 train Wednesday morning for a short trip to points west."

D. of H. Instal New Officers.

The finance committee of the D. of H. held a regular business session at the office of grand recorder, Miss Teresa Hempel, Thursday. Among the out of town members in attendance were Mesdames Frona Van Andel of Lincoln, Anabelle MacDonald of Omaha, Lorina Callin of Omaha, and Mary A. Latky, grand chief of the D. of H. The above members were present at the hall in the evening to assist in the installation of the new officers of whom a list was published in the Journal at the time of election.

After the new officers had assumed their respective duties, the evening was devoted to a general social time, including dancing and delicious refreshments during the latter part of the evening.

Called Home by Message.

H. F. Boedeker of DuBois, Wyoming, who came here a few days ago to visit his brothers, and the scenes of his earlier days, was in the city Saturday enroute home. He received a message Saturday morning summoning him home as soon as he could possibly get there—that his wife was dangerously ill, and all hopes of her recovery were abandoned. Mr. Boedeker departed on the Sunday afternoon train over the Burlington for Omaha, where he will take the Northwestern. It will take three days for him to get home. After arriving at DuBois, the nearest postoffice, he has then seventy-five miles to go ere reaching home. The Journal hopes that upon his arrival he will find Mrs. Boedeker better and in a fair way for recovery.

TO SELECT THE NEXT JURY

Names of Those From Which the Jury for the Spring Term of District Court Will Be Selected.

The county commissioners have named the following persons from which the jury for the spring term of district court will be selected:

- Eight Mile Grove—C. C. Hennings, A. B. Fornoff.
- Plattsmouth—George Born, Louis Schultz and B. W. Livingston.
- Plattsmouth City—First ward, M. M. Beal and Fred Black; Second ward, Wm. Weber, I. H. Dunn, and Joe Hadraba; Third ward, John Busche, John Fight, J. W. Grassman and Wm. Holly; Fourth ward, Wm. Budig, J. H. Cotner and Fred Denison; Fifth ward, G. G. Hoffman and George Mapes.
- Nehawka—Will R. Davis and A. F. Sturm.
- Center—Ray Wiles and Will Boulton.
- Mt. Pleasant—James Carper and Andrew Anderson.
- Avoca—J. W. Amick and George Amick.
- Elmwood—S. M. Cox, Geo. A. Mills and John Weichel.
- Greenwood—Charles R. Gordon and John McDonald.
- Stove Creek—J. H. Hall, W. C. Bartlett, G. S. Carnahan and D. Smith.
- Salt Creek—W. A. Armstrong, A. L. Farmer and W. E. Hand.
- South Bend—John Campbell and E. A. Cramer.
- Tipton—Ed. Carr, James H. Latrom and Russell J. Mick.
- Weeping Water—First ward, John Colbert; Second ward, Frank A. Davis; Third ward, George Bremer.
- Weeping Water Precinct—William Newham and A. J. Box.
- Liberty—Wm. Niday, Andrew Taylor and John Bramblett.
- First Rock Bluffs—Henry Creamer and Benjamin Dill.
- Second Rock Bluffs—James Chalfant and Charles Sans.
- Louisville—E. Palmer, Chas. Phillips and George Schoeman.

The Gentleman From Cass.

It would seem from the number of bills introduced into the senate that the member from Cass proposes to do his part of the introducing. Already Senator Root has presented the following bills:

- A joint resolution directing the attorney general to institute quo warranto proceedings to test the legality of the railway commission law.
- Fixing the liability of railroads for damages for injury to employees and providing fault of fellow-servant, or accepting of insurance or relief shall be no bar or defense.
- Prohibiting the shipping of intoxicating liquor between points in the state without labelling the package in large letters "Intoxicating Liquor," and prohibiting the consigning of liquor to fictitious persons and providing for a fine of \$100 to \$300.
- Making the place of manual delivery of intoxicating liquor the place of sale.
- Providing that damage cases for death by injury shall be prosecuted in the name of the widow and next of kin and for their exclusive benefit.
- Defining the offense of adultery and providing the penalty shall be not to exceed a year in jail.
- Fixing fees to be charged by the county judge and providing for a regular fee of \$3 for performing marriage ceremonies.
- Repealing the law providing the governor may grant unconditional pardon to two long term prisoners in the penitentiary on July 4, of each year.
- Amending the present game law making the closed season for red fox and gray squirrels from February 1, to August 31, and providing a penalty of \$5 for each squirrel killed during the closed season.

Nebraska Divorce Questioned.

A special from Des Moines, Iowa, says: "In a suit to recover her dower rights to 260 acres of land in Madison county, Iowa, Mrs. Melia E. Johnson denies the legality of a divorce secured by her husband in Nebraska in 1889. The situation is considerably complicated by the fact that the husband has been twice married since that time. The suit will involve the decision of the United States court of some months ago on divorces secured in other states than that in which the party sued resides. The divorce was secured by Johnson in Nebraska by publication of the notice and he named his wife as Della Johnson instead of Della Johnson, so she asserts. She claims to have been entirely ignorant of his securing the divorce, and that after the date of the divorce decreed in 1889 he continued to write to her addressing her as his wife. In 1892 he bought a farm in Madison county. Later he sold the land, claiming to be unmarried. Mrs. Johnson claims her one-third interest. The husband is now dead."

NOTICE!

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