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At a. A. native Committee of the Farmers Alliance

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 9.—The state executive committee of the Farmer's Alliance met Tuesday in this city and later a conference for the purpose of organizing the new people's party in Minnesota was held.

(Top) Destroyed by Gophers.

TACOMA, WASH., July 9.—Washington's wheat crop is in danger of partial destruction by gophers and squirrels. For several days wheat buyers have been receiving advices that for five or six days these animals have been appearing in large numbers in the Big Bend and Pe'ouse districts.

He stole the Jewels.

LONDON, July 9.—A clerk named Edward Wilkinson is under arrest on charges of having, with the assistance of two accomplices, stolen the Countess of Dudley's jewels at Euston station four years ago.

A Large Steamer Sunk.

LONDON, July 8.—Night before last a large steamer went down off Dover. One mass is only visible above the water. No boats from the vessel have been seen yet nor is any conjecture made as to her identity.

Largely Exaggerated.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 8.—Her majesty's ship Warspite arrived yesterday from duty in Chilean waters and will go to the dry dock for repairs. Her officers say the story sent to North America from the bombardment of Iquique was greatly misrepresented.

Six Men Killed.

LONDON, July 8.—A cable dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., says that while the British cruiser Coolidge was out at sea engaged in practice firing a six-inch breech loading gun exploded.

Two Found a Republic.

CAPE TOWN, July 6.—A body of armed Boers, composed of about one hundred, with their families, crossed the Limpopo to found the republic of North Matabeleland.

On the Field of Honor.

BREMEN, July 8.—It is reported in diplomatic circles that Count Von Munster desires the story about Prince Bismarck, recently circulated by H. de Bismarck, the correspondent of the London Times, the co-ordinator will challenge the count to give him satisfaction on the field of honor.

EXECUTED AT DAYLIGHT.

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The Men Made no Resistance and Departed this Life Without a Struggle.

THE WITNESSES BOUND TO SILENCE.

SING SING, N. Y., July 8.—James J. Stocum, Joseph Wood, Harris A. Smiler and Shisick Jugigo were killed by electricity in the prison yesterday morning in conformity with the law of the state. Stocum was executed at 4:42, Smiler at 5:13, Wood at 5:38 and Jugigo at 5:56. The execution went off quietly.

With the first gray gleam of daylight over the prison wall the electric light were turned out and the newspaper reporters who had kept vigil on the hill began to look for indications of a lull about the prison. At 4:25 the engine in the dynamo house to the north of the prison began firing up for the morning steam with which to run the fast compound engine.

The condemned men heard nothing of the busy preparations going on in the execution chamber. They knew that the last minutes were being measured off, though for their spiritual advisers had been with them for some hours giving them such consolation as they could.

The current was turned on in each case for twenty seconds. The voltage was about 1,500 and 1,000. In each case there were apparent evidences of revival as in the Kemmler case, and in each of these four cases the current was turned on a second time.

Ex-Warden Braun, under whose administration the apparatus was erected, drove through the grounds on his way to the depot. Asked concerning the appliances, he said: "Everything was in perfect order when I left it and I have no doubt but the apparatus was used just as I had planned it, because we had it in the best of working order."

The ex-warden added that he did not approve of electrocution, he thought it was barbarous and not deterrent. Lawyer R. J. Haire of New York, who tried to effect a stay for Wood, stayed in Sing Sing this morning until the announcement was made that all of the men including his client, had been killed.

"It seems to me that Warden Brown was unnecessarily in a hurry to execute Wood. He had all the week to do it in according to the law; and the best interests of law and humanity would have been served by following them the full time in which to secure a stay."

Dr. Alphonso D. Rockwell, the man who devised the electrode and who was one of the three commissioners appointed to supervise the electrocution, was the first of the experts to emerge from the prison. Dr. Rockwell drove to the depot to catch an early train to New York. He said: "We are pledged to money but I do not think I am violating that pledge when saying that all four executions were unequalled successes. The men all died painlessly and without a struggle, further than this I cannot speak."

Killed His Brother.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—Herman and Alexander Anderson, brothers, went on a spree Friday night, both becoming intoxicated. They went to bed together and quarreled. Alexander struck his brother in the face and the latter plunged a long knife into Alexander's back, killing him instantly.

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As a result of the conference held at the mayor's office Editor William M. Cann and Editor Robert McWade of the Ledger were notified to appear before the council's investigating committee to give testimony. The purpose of summoning the two witnesses is to acquire into the interview held with John Bradley by Mr. McWade in the county prison and which was not printed in the paper because it mentioned three prominent people as having in some manner been benefited by public money had led by the convicted treasurer. In the judgment of Mr. M. Cann it was not policy to allow a man who had perjured himself to see the columns of his paper in mere denunciation of others.

Bardeley himself has said that the interview was unsuspected by him and that if he had known it was intended for publication he would have been silent. The committee, however, believed that all statements by Bardeley may throw light on the banks' treasury iniquities and they, therefore, want to see it or learn by testimony of its contents.

Notification was also forwarded to Postmaster General Wamsmaker to appear, and as Mr. Wamsmaker has said that whenever he was asked to appear he would do so willingly, it is taken for granted that he will be present. Samuel B. ... and Edingham H. Morris, president of the Girard life insurance annuity and trust company, has also been summoned.

He got a Horse-whipping.

REIDLAND, VI., July 10.—Scott Yattin of Vergennes, combined a horse whipping, a law-suit and a wedding in his chapter of experiences for one week. It all came about in this way: Farmer George Wilson left his farm for the other day and took his fourteen-year-old daughter with him to hold his horses while he traded in town. In his absence she left the team and went strolling with a youth named Yattin. When her father returned and discovered her absence he pursued the pair armed with his horse-whip. Overtaking the daughter alone he applied the whip vigorously and then set out to find Yattin. To him Yattin was Yattin and nothing more, and coming upon a man who responded to that name, the whip again came in play. The victim was Scott Yattin and the wrong Yattin. His mistake was explained to Farmer Wilson, who said \$40 for the information in court, and also \$12 for whipping his daughter. With the \$40 Yattin got married, and has \$19 left with which to keep house.

The attention Deperate.

CALLO, PERU, July 10.—The passengers arriving from Valparaiso and Iquique state that the situation of the Chilean insurgents is desperate. They are without money and their vessels are in bad condition and with out ammunition. The army, which comprises three thousand to four thousand "Lotos," do not receive their pay. The insurgents have been able to obtain only 800 rifles in bad order, brought in Panama. Most of the inhabitants of Iquique, Pisagua and Antofagasta have emigrated to southern Chile or to Peru. The French residents in Chile and the Chilean government of Chile await with tranquility the decision of the French tribunals regarding the vessels constructed there for the account of the government of Chile. They have confidence in the integrity of the French judges and in President Carnot.

Paris, July 10.—The Chilean congressional party has re-established the emigration bureau here which was suppressed by Balmaceda.

Will Make It Rain in Texas.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Colonel Dyreforth of the department of agriculture with two assistants left for the interior of Texas, where he will make further experiment as to the feasibility of making rain in arid regions by exploding balloons charged with oxygen and hydrogen at a considerable height in the air. Tests will also be made in exploding dynamite attached to the tails of huge kites in connection with the theory that rain may be produced by the accumulation of high explosives in mid air. The dynamite is to be exploded in the same manner as are the balloons, that is by a slender wire