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CURRENT COMMENT.

THE King of Holland proposes to resume the reins of government.

THE sister of the King of Sweden died recently. She was born April 23, 1830.

THE provisional directors of the Comptoir d'Escompte of Paris have signed a deed creating a new company.

THE question of whether Parnell will be given the freedom of Edinburgh, Scotland, is to be submitted to the rate payers.

SEVERAL priests and many other persons have been arrested for participation in the riots in the State of Guanajuato, Mexico.

A SELECT party, including General Boulanger, Count Dillon, General Graham and an unknown lady dined with Lord Randolph Churchill in London the other evening.

THE colored farmers of South Carolina have organized a union for the advancement of the race in education and other respects. It is to be strictly non-political.

FRED RYERS, champion pool player of Buffalo, N. Y., and a noted sport, was found unconscious outside a Chinese opium joint in that city recently, and died in a short time.

THE Spanish Government, it is said, will sell at auction $50,000,000 worth of state woodlands in order to cover the financial deficiency, make public improvements and establish rural loan banks.

VISCOUNT MANDEVILLE was charged in a London police court the other day with fraudulently obtaining £925. The magistrate did not enter the case upon the court record and the hearing was adjourned.

THE National Gazette, of Berlin, says that the Government instead of avoiding a debate in the Reichstag on the Samoan question, will give every facility for such a debate at the earliest possible moment.

THE Union Steel Company, of Chicago, has been sued for $100,000 in the Federal Court by Andrew J. Gustin. Gustin charges the company with infringing two patents for a "canbering machine" and a "dragging-out apparatus" used in dredging.

THERE is trouble brewing between the management of Iowa roads and their employes. Recently the Central Iowa reduced the entire force fully one-third. There were rumors of a threatening strike on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul on the part of the engineers and firemen.

THERE was an aggregate of 580 pension certificates issued by the certificate division of the Pension Office on the 26th. The list includes certificates for original pensions, reissues, increases, etc., and is the largest that has been made in one day since Commissioner Tanner's installation.

SURGEON-GENERAL HAMILTON, of the Marine Hospital Service, has been informed by the president of the Board of Health of Sanford, Fla., that a case of yellow fever existed in that city. Dr. Hamilton says every precaution has been taken to prevent the spread of the disease and no danger is apprehended.

THE Inter-State Commerce Commission has notified all the principal railroads of the country over which oil is shipped that they are likely to be affected by the questions presented in the complaint of George Rice against the Cincinnati, Washington & Baltimore road and that such of them as desire to intervene or to be heard in these proceedings will be furnished with a copy of Rice's complaint.

CONSUL SMITHERS at Tientsin reports that the Chinese Government has authorized an extension of the Tientsin & Tongshan railway, which will make it possible to reach Peking from Tientsin in about three hours, whereas it now requires as many days. The Consul says that the opposition of the conservatives having at last been overcome, China may now be said to have fairly entered upon a career of railway construction.

THE President has appointed the following Commission to negotiate with the Sioux Indians in Dakota: General George Cook, United States army; Hon. Charles Foster, of Ohio, and Hon. William Warner, of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Irving Miller, of Chicago, has been appointed secretary and disbursing officer of the Commission. Mr. Miller is a prominent young lawyer, and a son of Justice Miller, of the United States Supreme Court.

PIERRE LORILLARD was in St. Louis recently for the purpose, it was rumored, of forming a gigantic tobacco trust, or at least for forming an association to maintain prices, control the output, lessen the expenses of production, restrict competition and punish contract violations. He has interviewed all the great plug tobacco men. Liggett & Meyer were closeted with Lorillard half a day, but the firm stoutly maintains that they will never form a combine.

PRESIDENT STRONG, of the Atchison Railroad Company, has received from C. K. Holliday and L. S. Every, the Western directors of the company, dispatches stating that the great invasion of Oklahoma, which they witnessed, was perfectly marvelous and beyond the power of human description. It ought, they say, to be of incalculable benefit to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road, as hundreds of thousands of people will hereafter occupy the territory which has heretofore been a desert waste.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

KING CHARLES, of Roumania, has formally announced that his nephew, Prince Ferdinand, has been selected as his heir to the throne.

CHARLES W. FILES, of Connecticut, has been appointed chief of a division of the Pension Office, vice General J. B. Cort, dismissed. George W. Gilt, chief of a division in the Pension Office, has also been dismissed.

COLONEL DUDLEY says he has been misrepresented in what he said disparagingly of President Harrison.

THERE was a rumor that Judge Veazey, of Vermont, will be appointed to succeed Mr. Walker on the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

EX-CONGRESSMAN JOHN E. ELLIS, of Louisiana, died at Washington on the 25th of heart failure. He had served five terms in Congress and was forty-eight years old.

MR. PENDLETON, United States Minister, will take no part in the conference on Samoan affairs. He has presented his letters of recall to Emperor William and will leave Berlin.

M. HENRI ROCHEFORT'S departure from Brussels was due to a request from the Belgian Government that he leave the country.

THE New York Senate has passed the Saxton Electoral Reform bill.

FREDERICK SCHULTZ has sued August Michel for $2,500 damages at Minneapolis, Minn., for covering him with a coat of red and black paint while he slept and afterward calling in fifty other boarders to laugh at the sight. He was awakened by their shouts of laughter.

DR. LAWS, president of the State University at Columbia, Mo., has resigned.

H. B. SPOFFORD, the historian of Clarendon, N. H., died recently.

THE lower house of the Illinois Legislature has defeated an election bill providing for a system similar to the one in use in Australia.

THERE was extra session talk recently in Washington, the idea being that Congress would be called together in the fall.

THE Supreme Court of Texas has reversed the decision of the lower court in the case of Richmond, a railroad conductor, who sued the Missouri Pacific for damages for publishing him on the blacklist as a conductor discharged for carelessness. The Supreme Court held that the case was not actionable for libel for absence of express malice in the publication.

L. U. REAVIS, a well known writer, author of the expression the "Future Great" with reference to St. Louis being the National Capital, died recently. He was born in Illinois in 1831.

HON. ELIJAH M. HAINES, ex-Speaker of the Illinois House and a prominent figure in State politics, died recently. He was the author of several works on Indian lore.

THE Pope recently summoned Father Agostino, the famous preacher of Rome, and reproved him for his recent sermon in which he invoked the Divine blessing upon King Humbert and the Italian army.

MISCELLANEOUS.

TREASURER HYATT has returned to Washington from New York. He says that the counters at the sub-treasury are forging ahead at a rapid rate and are now handling about $15,000,000 of gold a day. He expects that the count there will be concluded by May 4.

OWNERS of the American ship Bridewater, which was illegally seized by the Canadian Government in 1885, have presented a claim for damages amounting to $20,303.20.

THE exodus from the vicinity of Quebec into the States has never been so great as during the present year. Within the last few days 600 men have left for the brick yards of Massachusetts and other New England States.

WHILE driving logs on the Nicolet river, near the village of St. Paul, Que., D. E. Chester and four men named Gayne, Roberg, Bowest and Hince were drowned. All of the men were married.

THERE was a fierce riot at Vienna on the 23d over the street car strike. A hand-to-hand fight took place between the rioters and the military. During the disturbances seven shops were looted.

THE slaughter house and pork packing establishment of F. A. Lainly & Co., on Spring Grove avenue, Cincinnati, was destroyed by fire recently. The loss was nearly $250,000.

DISPATCHES from West Africa say that a British squadron has destroyed the chief of the Wendb tribe on the Sulieman river and released 3,000 slaves.

CAPTAIN MILLER, of the steamship Caroline Miller, from Cape Haytien, reports that the forces of Legitime burned and destroyed the town of Petite Revere April 7.

PATRICK FARRELL jumped from Brooklyn bridge the other day and was taken in a dangerous condition to the hospital. Whether his intention was suicide or a jump for a wager was not known.

THE Commissioner of Pensions, in granting the application of John Webb for an increase of pension for varicose veins of the left leg on the ground that total disability in the foot now existed, says that total disability shall be held to exist when the afflicted member, by reason of wound or disease, is useless for the performance of ordinary manual labor.

THE National Reform Association in Pittsburgh, Pa., adopted a resolution requesting President Harrison to mention Christ in state papers, especially Thanksgiving proclamation.

TWO thousand German immigrants were landed at Baltimore, Md., on the 23d by the steamship Dresden.

MINISTER DENBY reports to the State Department that the Emperor of China assumed the reins of government March 4.

THE mammoth hotel at Rockaway Beach, near New York, was sold on the 24th for $29,000.

THE nineteenth annual assembly of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church began in Philadelphia on the 24th.

IN the Pacific Derby at San Francisco on the 23d the Czar made a mile and one-half in 2:36, the fastest Derby ever run in America, beating the record of 2:36¾ made by Ben Ali in 1886 and that of C. H. Todd at Chicago in 1877.

THE Secretary of State has been informed that Russia will send delegates to the marine conference which is to meet at Washington on October 16 next.

A MAIL route has been established between Guthrie and Lisbon, in Oklahoma.

THREE men died of congestive chills in one night on claims near Oklahoma City.

A NUMBER of squatters were reported in the Cherokee Strip, and General Merritt on the 24th gave orders to drive them out.

THE crowd of officeseekers about the White House continues very large, but only a favored few are admitted to President Harrison's presence.

W. F. DELMAGE, Crown land inspector at Rat Portage, Man., has disappeared, leaving a shortage of $20,000 in his accounts.

THE Thingvalla line will pay for the cargo jettisoned by the steamer Missouri when rescuing the passengers and crew of the Danmark.

JOHN SCHOFIELD and one child were killed and Mrs. Schofield and the other three children crazed by a bolt of lightning, near Beach Hill, N. S., the other night.

THE United States steamship Brooklyn, which came home from the Asiatic station under sail in consequence of the breaking of the shaft, arrived off Sandy Hook on the 26th.

A RAILROAD official at Chicago states that he does not anticipate any strike on the Western roads this year.

GEORGE M. MCNEIL, formerly of Iowa, employed on the Oak levee near Baton Rouge, La., and two colored women, Colly Norton and Frankie Romero, were drowned the other night by the upsetting of a skiff.

JOHN WAYS and wife and James M. Linerman, a boy of twelve years, were killed recently while driving across the track at Newport, five miles south of Wilmington, Del.

THE Sanford (Fla.) yellow fever case (Mrs. Charles Dement) ended fatally.

A GREAT gale came over the lake, striking Erie, Pa., on the afternoon of the 24th.

DURING a storm at Atlanta, Ga., recently a wall was blown down, killing two firemen and injuring others. The wall belonged to the Jackson building destroyed by fire.

THE Reading road demands that its employes shall sever connection with all labor organizations.

A LADY fifty-seven years old, fell from a fourth-story window in New York and was killed.

THE Emperor of Austria has paid the late Crown Prince's debts, which amounted to $2,500,000.

AN accident occurred recently to a freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad, causing fatal injuries to the engineer and fireman. The train ran onto a burning bridge over Roaring creek, near Wilkesbarre, wrecking forty cars. One brakeman was dangerously hurt.

BY a premature explosion of dynamite near Homer, Mich., Connor James and Harris James were killed. The explosion occurred on the latter's land. The two left home to blow out stumps and had twenty-five pounds of dynamite. Their bodies were found five rods from the explosion.

JOSEPH DION, the well known billiard player, has been declared insane by a sheriff's jury at New York.

THE gingham mill of the White Manufacturing Company at Rockville, Conn., has been shut down on account of a strike of 150 weavers, and its other mills will also close, throwing 400 employes out of work.

THE Grand Trunk railway has joined in the Sunday rest movement as regards freight trains.

BY a collision between freight trains, near Glen Mary, Tenn., the other day two trainmen were killed and three others injured. The forgetfulness of an engineer was the cause.

ANDREW D. BOGART, a prominent real estate dealer of New York City, committed suicide recently by shooting himself through the head.

THE directors of the Chicago gas trust have appointed a committee to investigate the feasibility of supplying Chicago with natural gas.

THE business men of Portland, Me., have passed resolutions against any legislation tending to interrupt the present commercial relations with Canada.

ALL the crops in a district of Silesia, Germany, have been destroyed by a storm and five persons killed by lightning.

THE seventieth anniversary of Odd Fellowship was celebrated on the 26th.

THE Harlem Electric Light Company's old shops, a wooden church, a carriage factory and half a dozen tenements in upper New York City were destroyed by fire the other night, causing $150,000 losses.

THE Wabash purchasing committee has decided to issue enough new bonds to pay off dissenting bondholders and carry out the original purpose of the reorganization plan. The amount to be issued has not been definitely decided upon, but is estimated at between $5,000,000 and $6,000,000.

A TANK of naphtha in the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad yards exploded recently at Chicago, blowing a man fifty feet, killing two horses and doing other damage.

WHITE laborers have taken the places of most of the striking negro workmen in the tobacco factories of Danville, Va.

THE Belle Prairie convent, near Little Falls, Minn., took fire recently. The twenty-four children had a narrow escape, being saved with great difficulty by the Sisters in charge.

THERE was a collision on the B. & O., at Baltimore on the 26th. Vice-President Morton, General Schofield and Foraker, of Ohio, were on one of the trains, but escaped unhurt. The only person injured was a trainman.

A DISPATCH from Auckland, N. Z., says that the United States steamship Nipsic was again disabled while being towed in Apia harbor.

THE steamer Australia and schooner George went ashore in a blinding snow storm on Michigan island, near Duluth, Minn., recently. They were scuttled in order to save them from pounding to pieces on the rocks. There was no loss of life.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

A SON of Henri Rochefort, the noted Frenchmen, committed suicide by shooting himself at the Hotel Algiers, Paris, recently.

THE fast mail and an east-bound freight train on the Lake Shore road, collided at Rolling Prairie, seven miles east of Laparte, Ind., the other night. Both engines were wrecked. A tramp who was stealing a ride was fatally injured.

CLEARING house returns for the week ended April 27 showed an average increase of 2.2 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York there was a decrease of 0.1.

THE old town of Bladensburg, Md., was recently inundated by a freshet.

WHILE the Queen of Wurtemburg was driving at Nice her horses became frightened and started down the road at a terrific pace. One of the horses fell and was killed. The Queen was badly shaken up and much frightened but received no injury.

SECRETARY TRACY has decided that the law gives him authority to proceed with the construction of new coast defense vessels, notwithstanding there may not be enough of the appropriation left to build the three other vessels ordered by the same law.

THE First Baptist Church Society of Providence, R. I., celebrated its 250th anniversary on the 28th. The present church building is over 100 years old.

COLONEL D. B. DYER, formerly of Kansas City, was elected the first mayor of Guthrie, I. T. The differences between the rival town site companies at Oklahoma City were reported settled and Captain Couch elected mayor.

EX-GOVERNOR BISHOP, of Ohio, and others have been sued for $270,000, said to have been illegally drawn by them as trustees of the Cincinnati Southern railroad.

THE steamship Orinoco, from Bermuda, has brought to New York the captain and ten of the crew of the ship Richard P. Buck, which was burned near Bermuda.

THE carpet mill of the Lowell Manufacturing Company, Lowell, Mass., was destroyed by fire the other morning after it had been supposed a small blaze had been put out. Loss, $400,000.

THOMAS HINCH, a Wisconsin pugilist, while training at Iron Mountain, Mich., for a match was drowned by the capsizing of his boat.

THE Iron Mountain railway, a part of the Missouri Pacific system, has given notice that all unnecessary Sunday train service, both passenger and freight, will be discontinued on that road and that only trains conveying live stock or perishable freight will be permitted to run on Sunday.

ON the London Stock Exchange during the week ended April 27 English railway securities showed a relapse, while Americans improved. Prices were weak in Paris and dull in Berlin. At Havana sugar was quoted higher and advancing.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

THE Prohibition conference recently held at Lincoln passed resolutions pledging the Prohibitionists of the State to work for the adoption of the Prohibitory amendment submitted by the Legislature; pledging co-operation with all temperance organizations working to the same end; deprecating the carrying of partisanism into the work and unfriendly criticism upon those working by different methods to accomplish the desired object; urging the labor element of the State, of whatever party affiliation, to unite in carrying the State for Prohibition; favoring the utmost freedom in attending the proposed non-partisan conference at Lincoln June 5 and calling upon all temperance organizations "to each perfect its machinery, adopt its own methods, strengthen its own organization, and then march forward in hearty sympathy with each other's work for a combined assault on the most formidable citadel of the rum power—high license."

BOB WOODS, a well-known colored resident of Lincoln, was murdered the other night. He was shot as he lay in his bed in his cabin. His little boy was sleeping at his side, but was neither struck by the flying shot nor awakened by the report of the gun. No one else was in the house, and nothing was known of the murder until Mrs. Woods returned home and raised the alarm.

JAMES MILES a farmer living near Rockville, committed suicide the other day by taking laudanum. He was about fifty-five years old and in fair circumstances, but his family relations were not pleasant and he had several times before threatened his own destruction.

JAMES GREENWOOD, who owns a fine farm near Creighton, was declared insane and sent to the insane asylum over a year ago, but several months ago his father took him back home where he remained peaceably. The other morning, however, he arose from the table and proceeded to "clean out" the house. He chased his father and mother off the premises with an axe, then returned and demolished the furniture, breaking the beds, chairs, tables and stove into small pieces, afterwards burning up some of the bed clothes, and also his good clothes, in the pockets of which was $50 in greenbacks. He was afterwards surprised while asleep and manacled.

MR. BLESSING, a man between sixty and seventy years of age, committed suicide at Scribner the other day by shooting himself in the mouth with a revolver. He had been despondent for a long time.

FIRE recently destroyed the barn of Dr. Jauss, at Loup City. Five horses also perished. Loss, $2,000; no insurance.

THE supervisors of Harlan County have called an election on the question of voting bonds to build a $5,000 jail and a $25,000 court house.

ONLY three fires visited Schuyler last year and the net loss was $165.

A BARN belonging to J. M. Bechtelheimer, of Juniata, burned the other morning, containing a span of mares valued at $500, two other horses, a colt, calf, buggy, set of harness, mower, hay rake, seven hundred bushels of grain and nine hogs. The entire loss was $2,000; uninsured, except the barn. The fire was supposed to have been incendiary.

OSCAR BRINKMAN, eighteen years old son of Henry Brinkman, residing near Fremont, was a sailor on board the Vandalia when that ship met with disaster in the recent hurricane at Samoa; young Brinkman had a narrow escape from death, but through his heroic efforts a number of men were rescued from what appeared to be certain death.

ARBOR DAY was duly observed at Dakota City, the main feature being the high school exercises, which consisted of appropriate songs, declamations and the planting of beautiful trees, one of which was in honor of Miss Julia O'Connor, deceased, formerly principal of the high school.

A LARGE barn and its contents belonging to Robert James, a prominent farmer living one mile east of York, was destroyed by fire the other night. Eleven head of cattle and ten head of horses perished. A large amount of grain and machinery was destroyed. Loss, $4,800; no insurance.

A BOY of fifteen and a girl of eighteen were recently licensed to marry at Dakota City.

L. M. RECKARD and George W. Ives, a brother-in-law from Burnett, were cutting trees the other morning on the river banks south of Norfolk, on land belonging to William Boche, when William and Herman Boche came upon them armed with an axe and a revolver. A fight ensued in which Ives had his skull crushed with the axe in the hands of one of the Boches.

MRS. FRAHM, wife of Hans Frahm, a farmer and truck raiser living in Saunders County, five miles southeast of Fremont, committed suicide by poisoning the other morning, supposed to be the result of frequent family quarrels.

NEBRASKA CITY celebrated Arbor Day in good style. There was a procession over a mile long in which were 1,500 school children. Speeches were made and several thousand trees planted.

JOHN O'BRIEN, of Omaha, who recently had both legs cut off by a Union Pacific train at Fremont, died later of his injuries. He left his family penniless.

RECENT rains have made farmers in the western part of the State happy. Crop prospects are flattering.

FOUR sons of Joseph Dryok, living in the Niobrara valley, twelve miles from Niobrara, were buried in a sand cave the other day. One escaped, but before he could return with aid one of the three had suffocated.

A MAN giving his name as Bancroft Good recently applied for admission to the Norfolk asylum declaring that he was insane. He walked all the way from Bassett to Norfolk, and was taken in charge by the sheriff until his relatives could be heard from.

A WYMORE man fishing in Indian creek the other day, drew out a bundle containing the body of a male infant, which had evidently been strangled immediately after birth.

A DISASTROUS prairie fire recently swept through Valley County. Ord was only saved after a hard fight. One farmer lost all his buildings and much damage was done to groves and orchards.

THREE of the teachers in the college at Fairfield have resigned because they do not approve of the withdrawal of the institution from the State board.

THE prairie schooners are becoming very numerous in Keya Paha County and new settlers are arriving rapidly.

THE mayor of Broken Bow raided the gamblers at that place the other day, and proposes to clean them out. They had just victimized a well known citizen out of several hundred dollars.

ONE day recently Charles Chester, the seven-year-old son of Uriah Chester, of Long Pine, got hold of a revolver and was playing with it when it was accidentally discharged killing the child instantly.

FOR twelve days S. C. Cutler, living near Crawford, thought he had been robbed of a full-blooded Hereford bull, but while walking through his pasture the other day he heard a strange noise in an old well, and upon investigating found the missing animal. With the aid of a rope and tackle the bull was brought to terra firma alive, although a little emaciated by its twelve days' imprisonment.

A YOUNG son of ex-Sheriff Van Gilder, of Antelope County, tried to force a shell into a gun the other day when it exploded, inflicting a severe wound in his head.

A PETITION has been put in circulation calling a non-partisan conference of Prohibitionist at Lincoln, June 5.

'SCOPED THE SMOKER.

Disastrous Accident Near Hamilton, Ont.

A Baggage Car Telescopes the Smoker and the Wreck Takes Fire—Many Burned to Death—Serious Accident at a Pleasure Resort Near Kansas City.

HAMILTON, Ont., April 29.—An accident—one of the greatest in the history of Canada—occurred one mile from here at seven o'clock last night. The express train, which had started from Windsor and was bound for Suspension Bridge and the East, went down an embankment immediately after leaving the track. The baggage car telescoped the smoker and immediately took fire. Those who were free tried to save others in the burning smoking car, but without success. The wrecking of the water tank cut off the supply of water to a great extent and what water could be got had to be applied by means of pails. There were 115 passengers and ten train hands on board, and of these about thirty passengers were in the smoking car. As far as has been learned thirteen passengers got out of the smoker. Two were killed instantly, one of them being L. S. Gurney, who was on his way from Chicago to New York, and the other an Italian, whose name is not known. The remains of fifteen bodies have been taken out of the wreck, which, with the two killed and thirteen rescued, all more or less wounded, make up the thirty who are supposed to be all that were in the smoking car. None of the train hands were seriously injured. The worst hurt was Edwin Chapman, the fireman, of London, who had his right arm burned and scalp wounded. None of the fifteen who were taken out of the wreck after the fire have been identified. It is doubtful if they can be for some days, at least, as their remains are charred beyond recognition, many being horribly mangled before the fire broke out. Their remains were taken out from the burning wreck in small fragments. The train was making sixty miles an hour at the time of the accident. The whole fifteen were huddled together in the forward end of the smoking car. The baggage car jumped right over the top of the engine and carried it down on the track about one hundred yards ahead of it. The railway and city authorities have done all in their power to help the wounded. Twelve of them were removed to the city hospital and the others had their wounds dressed at the station and went on their way by special train. It is not likely that any of the wounded will die, their injuries not being very serious. Hamilton Clark, of Chicago, had his right leg broken and his head bruised. He may also have received internal injuries, in which case he is not likely to recover. Others who were wounded and taken to the city hospital are: Anthony Maar, an Italian on his way from Wisconsin to Italy, not seriously; Edwin Chapman, fireman, of London, not seriously; Enoch Kenzer, engineer, of London, Eng., ribs broken, not serious unless internally injured; C. C. Aztell, of Edwardsport, Ind., cut and bruised, not serious; William Lepsey, Chicago, badly sprained ankle; A. L. Doney, Danville, Ill., head cut, not serious; J. A. Palmer, Ilion, N. Y., head cut, not serious; George White, going to Union Hill, N. Y., ear cut off and head cut; Andrew J. Carpenter, Yankton, Dak., cut and bruised, not serious; S. E. Young, Chicago, knee and back hurt, not serious; Joseph Morris, on his way to Clark's Island, Me., cut about head, not serious.

A SUNDAY IMMERSION.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 29.—At four o'clock yesterday afternoon, while 15,000 people were viewing the aquatic feats of Alphonse King on the artificial lake in Chelsea park, the west end bridge, crossing over to the pavilion, gave way and precipitated fully seventy-five people into the water below. For an hour, in the greatest confusion, and while willing hands were busy with the work of rescue, it was believed that at least twenty persons had been drowned in the three and a half feet of water under the wrecked bridge. The wildest rumors spread like lightning over the city and hundreds of people who had friends at the pleasure resort flocked to the park only to find that there were very few casualties and no fatalities so far as could be learned. The crowd was ungovernable and persisted in forcing its way on to the bridge in spite of the warnings of the park police. King had just completed his bicycle test and was preparing for the pole balancing feat when with a crash the center span of bridge gave way. For an awful moment a single truss supported the center planks of the structure, then with a swinging motion it, too, gave way and precipitated a mass of screaming men, women and children a distance of fifteen feet into the water below. The scenes that followed are almost indescribable. Rescuers, however, were soon at work and victim after victim was pulled out. Some of the strong men in the water, maddened by fear, plunged over the heads of children and women to get to the land. The result was that quite a number of people sustained injuries, which are, in no case very serious.

The injured, as far as could be learned late in the evening, are as follows: Samuel Lester, musician, living at Murrayville, right arm broken in two places; he boards at the corner of Ninth and Grand avenue, and is being cared for by Dr. Colter, who says he will be about again in a few weeks. Mrs. McDarty, living in Kansas City, Kan., severe bruises about the head and arms; William Allen, resuscitated, slightly injured about the head; Mrs. S. D. Mitchell, bruised about the arms; Annie Winler, Kansas City, Kan., slight bruises; Mary Dee, living on James street, Kansas City, Kan., slight bruises; a boy, name unknown, ribs crushed; Julia Alden, Kansas City, Kan., slight bruises; Edna Wood, Kansas City, Kan., slight bruises; H. Shade, Kansas City, Kan., slight bruises; J. C. Parrish, Kansas City, Kan., slight bruises; Robert Nach, Kansas City, Kan., slight bruises; Mrs. Victoria Beaucaire severely injured in the side.

—The word "attainder" is from the French word teindre, meaning to stain. According to the old English law, when a person was condemned to death for treason or felony, or had been outlawed for any crime, he was deprived of all his civil rights, and his estates were forfeited to the Government. This was called attainder, and the person thus punished was said to be "attainted." Parliament might also thus deprive an offender of rights, and the act was called a bill of "attainder." Not only did those convicted of high treason forfeit all their possessions, real and personal, and all their individual rights as citizens, but the offense also worked "corruption of blood," that is, the descendants of the offender could not inherit any of his property or any civil rights that had been his. The disabilities created by the corruption of blood could only be removed by act of Parliament. The bill of attainder, as passed by the English Parliament, was a legislative conviction with judgment of death. Sometimes evidence was heard on the case, but not often, for the object of the act was to secure conviction without waiting for legal proof of guilt. The first recorded use of the bill of attainder by Parliament was in 1321. Its last use was in 1697, when Sir John Fenwick was attainted and executed for participation in the assassination plot. In the 376 years intervening the plan had been used very often to dispose of persons obnoxious to Parliament.

BRINKMAN'S BRAVERY.

The Terrible Experience of a Nebraska Boy in the Samoan Storm.

FREMONT, Neb., April 27.—Oscar Brinkman, son of Henry Brinkman of Seven Oaks farm, near Fremont, aged eighteen years, was a sailor on board the Vandalia when that ship met with disaster in the hurricane at Apia, Samoa. Writing to his parents he said that when the hurricane struck the ship all hands were at their posts and the anchors were cast, but it soon became evident that they would not hold the ship against the furious gale, and she slowly but surely drifted toward the surf. A tremendous sea struck her, sweeping over her, washing away many poor fellows and clearing the deck of every thing which was not securely fastened. In the interval of quiet which followed the men took to the rigging and clung to the masts and spars.

Presently the vessel gave a heavy lurch before the gale, and many men and boys, including young Brinkman, were literally blown from their places and were left in the foaming surge. Brinkman struck out for life, and succeeded in seizing a plank which had been washed from the deck of the steamer, to which he clung with all his strength. Another terrible wave swept over the ship carrying with it Captain Schoonmaker. He was seen by Brinkman, but apparently quite stunned or else exhausted, as he made no effort to combat the elements and was carried away by the storm and not seen.

Brinkman, whilst clinging to his plank and furiously driven about by the waves, saw one of his mates struggling in the water and nearly exhausted, and, immediately quitting his plank, seized hold of him by the hair and swimming with him again got on the plank, to which they both clung whilst the storm roared. All around men were struggling for dear life in the surging, seething waters. Many were stunned or killed outright by being dashed against floating objects which had been washed from the storm-battered ship.

Young Brinkman and his companion had a terrible battle with the waves in their attempt to reach the shore, but a high wave finally landed them safely on the beach and notwithstanding his exhaustion and the perils of the attempt he succeeded in manning a small boat with natives, and after a desperate struggle with the waves and storm finally again reached the Trenton and throw a rope aboard by which means many lives were saved.

A FATHER'S VENGEANCE.

A Negro Saloon Porter's Disreputable Act and Summary Punishment.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 26.—Yesterday Lewis Jackson, a negro porter in a billiard hall and saloon took an insulting note to the eighteen-year-old daughter of Charles Nowland, a prominent citizen of this city, purporting to have been written by a man and sent by Jackson. The young lady handed the note over to her father who had Jackson arrested. At the marshal's office the negro stubbornly refused to reveal the name of the sender of the note when the enraged father shot him four times with probably fatal effect.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 27.—Last night it was learned that the insulting note carried by Lewis Jackson, the colored porter, to Miss Nowland, for refusing to tell the author of which her father yesterday shot and fatally wounded Jackson, was written by a fourteen-year-old boy in a wholesale tobacco store at Jackson's dictation. The porter's idea was to learn if the young lady would make appointments with men, and, if so, he proposed to add her name to the list he had for the benefit of those who might ask for them.

When he was arrested, as it was stated yesterday, Jackson was taken to the private office of Chief of Police John Bradley in company with Nowland and his brother and the chief. The doors were locked and Nowland borrowed the revolver of the chief, and advancing seized Jackson by the throat forcing him to his knees. Then pointing a revolver at him, the muzzle almost against Jackson's face, he demanded the name of the party for whom he had carried the note, failing to secure which he swore he would kill Jackson. The negro was terrified and began to yell as loudly as possible and to beg for help. His cries were heard all over the City Hall and across on Second street. This was kept up for almost an hour, Jackson steadily denying that he knew the name of the man who had given him the note. If Jackson should die an effort will be made to hold the chief as an accessory to the killing. So far he has declined to say any thing in his defense.

CENTENNIAL CHOICE.

The Grand Marshal's Staff—The Sixteen Fleet Ladies.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Major-General Schofield's chief of staff, Colonel Crugier, announces the following as the representatives of their various staffs on the Grand Marshal's staff: Colonel Ben Wheeler, Delaware; General Frank Reeder, Pennsylvania; Colonel S. Meredith Dickinson, New Jersey; Colonel Grantland, Georgia; Captain Phineas B. Ingalls, Connecticut; General E. E. Currier, Massachusetts; Colonel Columbus O'Donnell, Maryland; Colonel Leroy Springs, South Carolina; Colonel H. M. Seaman, New Hampshire; Major Norman C. Randolph, Virginia; General D. D. Wylie, New York; Captain Buchan Cameron, North Carolina; General E. H. Rhodes, Rhode Island; General Edward H. Ripley, Vermont; Colonel Morris B. Belknap, Kentucky; Colonel H. C. Corbin, Ohio; General Henry M. Sprague, Maine; Colonel C. H. Jones, Missouri; Colonel Albert W. Gilchrist, Florida; Colonel W. S. Stone, Kansas; Major J. C. Alderton, West Virginia.

THE SELECT SIXTEEN.

NEW YORK, April 27.—The sixteen ladies who will dance in the quadrille of honor at the centennial ball, according to the Tribune, have at last been determined upon as follows: Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, Mrs. Levi P. Morton, Mrs. Grover Cleveland, Mrs. Gracie King, Mrs. Alexander Van Rensselaer, Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting, Mrs. William Astor, Miss Cora Livingston, Mrs. Newbold Morris, Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry, Miss Louisa Lee Schuyler, Mrs. Buchanan Winthrop, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mrs. William Jay, Mrs. S. V. R. Cruger and Mrs. Alexander S. Webb.

Notable Illinoisan Dead.

WATERLOO, Ill., April 27.—Hon. Elijah M. Haines, ex-Speaker of the lower house of the State Legislature and for many years a prominent figure in State politics, died at his home here Thursday morning of paralysis. He was one of the early settlers of Chicago and his tall, thin figure had been a familiar one throughout Northern Illinois for a great many years. He was much respected as a citizen and exercised great influence politically, as was evidenced in his repeated election to the State Legislature, in which he served probably longer than any other member of that body. He was greatly interested in the Indian race, to whose history he devoted a quarter of a century of study.

L. U. Reavis Dead.

ST. LOUIS, April 27.—Mr. L. U. Reavis, long a conspicuous and well-known citizen, died at the city hospital yesterday from the effects of a surgical operation performed a few days ago. Mr. Reavis inaugurated the movement several years ago which had for its object the removal of the National Capital to St. Louis, and wrote a number of pamphlets and books upon the subject, in which he gave St. Louis the sobriquet of the "The Future Great." He also published the "History of St. Louis," and was engaged in various literary enterprises and newspaper publications. He leaves a wife and nine children in almost destitute circumstances. He was born in Illinois March 28, 1831.

THE TRUE STORY.

General Dudley Gives Out the Letter He Really Wrote—He is Out of Politics.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—When the Van Pelt letter was shown to Colonel Dudley to-day he pronounced it a "clear, cold forgery," and telegraphed to Van Pelt demanding that Van Pelt give out for publication the letter which he actually wrote, and added: "I wrote only one and have preserved a copy. Here it is. While I don't care to have my private letters published to the world, yet there is nothing in this letter which I am ashamed of, and while it was hastily written in confidence to an old friend I would have no objection to the President seeing it. I have asked nothing from General Harrison and have therefore nothing to compromise. I wish the Administration every success, and would not if I could embarrass it in any way. I am out of politics and would not accept any public office. I have recently associated with Mr. Charles H. Ingersoll, of New York, and Jerome Twitty, of Philadelphia, and have decided to devote my entire attention to the practice of law. I neither seek nor would accept any public office." Following is the letter produced by Dudley:

S. P. Van Pelt, Esq., Anderson, Ind.:

WASHINGTON, April 15, 1889.—Dear Old Sam: Your good letter of the 6th of March I got in good time, but it found me absent. I have recently returned from a trip to the South, where I went on legal business, and had a good time and a little rest from the crowds of people who throng my office from morning until night and from the mountains of letters which pile upon my desk every day. Your letter got into the pile, where I rescued it to-night, and I hasten now to say how much good it has done me to hear from you again. There is nothing I should like better than to do something for you, Sam, but I am afraid you greatly overestimate my influence. Your old friend Reed has placed his pension in my hands and I am working away at it to get it soon. Perhaps there is no one in the country who has done as much for General Harrison during the last twenty years as I have, but because our Democratic friends down in Indianapolis have started the hue and cry on me, "Brother Benj" does not seem to feel that he can afford to recognize me as an acquaintance, and consequently I did not take dinner at the White House as might be expected. I have not been inside the White House since Cleveland's inauguration, a little over four years ago, but I will see if something can not be done a little later on and tell you what to do. If you shouldn't hear from me again for the next two months don't be alarmed, for there will be just as good chances two months hence and a little better as there are now. Give my kind regards to all the boys at Anderson, and remember me always as your friend.

W. W. DUDLEY.

ILLEGAL GRABBERS.

Officials Who Grabbed Lands in Oklahoma to Be Investigated—Bona Fide Settlers to Be Protected.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Immediately upon the receipt here of press reports that Government officials and others temporarily in Government employ in Oklahoma had used their authority as such officials to secure prior rights in lands in the Territory, in disregard of the rights of others, the President and Secretary Noble telegraphed to special agents of the department now in the Territory to make a thorough and prompt investigation of the facts in the case and upon its completion to immediately notify the Secretary of their findings. A report is expected during the week.

In speaking of the matter Secretary Noble said that not the least shadow of an injustice to settlers in Oklahoma would be tolerated for a moment and that as soon as the facts in the case could be ascertained if officials were found to have been implicated in any attempted injustice or wrong doing the action of the Government in the matter would be very prompt and decisive.

Commissioner Stockslager, of the General Land-office, said that from present indications the contests over land claims in Oklahoma would ultimately involve nearly every quarter section in that Territory. This being the case, he thought it probable that the department would make the Oklahoma contest cases a separate class and dispose of them at once. Otherwise in the ordinary course of business it would likely be eighteen months or two years before they could be reached. Contests in which abandonment is charged could not be passed upon until the expiration of six months, as the law did not recognize a separation of the claim for a shorter period than six months as abandonment. But cases in which fraud or violation of the law or the President's proclamation in going into the Territory prior to April 22 could be tried and disposed of at once.

AN OLD GRUDGE.

A Missouri Lawyer Fatally Shoots a Wealthy Farmer.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 26.—At 4 o'clock last evening A. H. Livingston, a prominent lawyer of West Plains, fatally shot William Summers, owner of a large farm, grocery store and livery stable.