

GIVEN FULL PARDON

Ex-State Treasurer Bartley Liberated On New Year's Day.

GOV. SAVAGE TELLS WHY HE DID IT

B. & O. Fast Express Wrecked—Two Dead From Effects of Wood Alcohol—Highwayman Shot in Chicago—Other Important News.

Former State Treasurer Joseph H. Bartley, sentenced in 1897 to twenty years' imprisonment for the embezzlement of public funds, has walked out of the state penitentiary a free man. His sentence was commuted to five years, seven months and eight days, which term expired December 31, 1901, and the official discharge, signed by the governor, was delivered by Private Secretary Clancy to Mr. Bartley's family. A few minutes later Miss India Bartley, the prisoner's daughter, took the papers to the penitentiary and upon their presentation to Warden Davis her father was immediately released.

The arrest and incarceration of Bartley dates from June 24, 1897, when he was placed in the Douglas county jail. He was not removed to the penitentiary until July 6, 1898, after the supreme court had affirmed the sentence of twenty years imposed by Judge Ben Baker. Counting the time he was in jail and good time allowance he has served five years, seven months and eight days.

While the total shortage charged against Bartley is over \$300,000, he was convicted for embezzling the proceeds of a certain state warrant amounting to \$201,000. This warrant passed through the Omaha National bank and that institution and its president, Senator Millard, are now defendants in a suit in which the state seeks to recover the money. This suit is pending in the supreme court and it is reported that the three judges now on the bench hold different views in regard to the interpretation of the law.

The failure of Bartley to account to his successor created a sensation at the time and has ever since been the cause of much discussion in business and political circles. Having been elected on the republican ticket, his shortage was made an issue by the fusion party. Gov. Savage paroled Bartley July 13 for a period of sixty days. When the republican state convention met August 28, a resolution said to have been drawn up by E. Rosewater of Omaha was presented and adopted after a heated debate and within an hour Governor Savage sent Bartley back to prison.

In justification of his action Governor Savage says in part:

"The primary question to be considered in all cases involving executive clemency is, 'Has the prisoner been punished in a degree commensurate with his offense?' The object of every penal law is, or should be to adjust the punishment to the enormity of the crime. While it may be contended that the guilty should be punished as much with the object in view of deterring others as to making the guilty suffer, it is manifestly wrong to prey upon the liberty of one individual in order to remove the impure ingredients in the character of another individual. If the individual who commits a crime is punished according to the degree of the crime he has satisfied the demands of organized society and fully vindicated the law, and any further penalty inflicted upon him is a withering travesty on justice. That philosophy which remedies one ill by multiplying the enormity of other ills is both unsound and dangerous and should have no place in the laws or morals of a civilized people."

Story Discredited.

The reports circulated in Nebraska to the effect that Dr. J. Sidney Goodmanson had been lynched in Washington are without any foundation. There has been no lynching in this state, says the dispatch, for a long time, and nothing is known on the coast of a circumstance such as mentioned in the Nebraska papers.

Dr. J. Sidney Goodmanson formerly lived at Pender, and while a resident of that place his wife died suddenly. He was accused of being the cause of her death and arrested on the charge of murder. He took a change of venue and on trial at Ponca was acquitted. He never returned to Pender to live, but removed to South Dakota, which state he left some time ago. The report printed in several of the state papers was to the effect that he had been lynched at a town near Seattle for the murder of his second wife.

Aged Man Missing.

Robert Scott, aged seventy-eight of Joy, Ill., while on his way to California, decided to stop in Kansas City a day with his traveling companion, M. L. Wellets, also of Joy, Ill. The two men were separated and since last Thursday a vigorous search has failed to locate Mr. Scott. He is a wealthy farmer.

Express Train Jumps Track.

As a result of a through passenger train on the Baltimore & Ohio road jumping the track two men are dead and seventeen injured, five of whom are considered seriously hurt.

The work of rescue had to be done quickly because the gas tanks in the cars were exploded and set fire to the wreckage. The flames spread rapidly and in a short time the entire train was burned. The engine was completely demolished and the two men, when taken from the debris, were horribly mangled.

THE SENATORIAL SITUATION

Foraker and Hanna Forces Organizing for a Fight in Ohio.

The Ohio legislature, which elects the successor of Senator Foraker, convenes in Columbus next Monday. The party caucuses to nominate candidates for presiding officers and other positions in both branches of the general assembly will be held next Saturday night. As the republicans have a large majority in both houses and as there is no opposition to the re-election of Foraker, the senatorial question for this session is settled, but there is a very bitter contest in progress bearing on the re-election of Senator Hanna two years hence, as it is said that a majority of republican members will be re-elected to the next assembly. Senator Foraker is at his home at Cincinnati and Senator Hanna remains in Washington. Neither is expected this week, but both are in constant communication with the leaders of their respective forces. John R. Malloy, secretary of the state and oil inspector under Governor Nash, is manager of the Hanna forces, and ex-State Chairman Charles H. Kurtz, who was private secretary to Foraker as governor and who headed the fusion in the legislature against Hanna four years ago, is manager of the anti-Hanna forces. It is asserted by the Hanna men that the present contest is "the same old factional fight of 1897-98 over again." The Foraker men say that they are simply exercising their right to support their friends.

Both factions have their respective tickets for the caucus nominations and they are called the Hanna and Foraker tickets as openly as the designation of the democratic and republican tickets in campaigns. Four years ago the contest did not end with the party caucuses, but it was carried into the legislature. It is conceded by both sides that the results of the caucuses next Saturday night will be final.

HIGH WATER IN THE SOUTH

Torrential Rains in the States of Georgia and Alabama.

Owing to floods in Georgia mail for New Orleans and Texas points is being sent around by way of Birmingham and Meridian, while Pensacola, which is usually reached via Montgomery, is being served through Jacksonville.

The river at West Point began falling and all danger is believed to have passed. No trains have been run over the East and West railroad since Saturday. The company's trestle over the Etowah river near Cartersville, Ga., is covered and the track for four miles beyond is under water.

The torrential rains in Georgia, Alabama and east Tennessee and portions of North Carolina caused the death of four persons, as far as known, and inflicted serious damage to all kinds of property. The rains have been followed by clearing and much colder weather accompanied by high winds.

The weather bureau announced that the Chattahoochee river would continue to rise during the next thirty-six hours and it is expected that much damage will result. Three people were drowned at West Point, Ga., while trying to cross the turbulent Chattahoochee and Thomas Russell, an engineer on the Atlantic & West Point railroad, was killed in a freight wreck caused by a washout near Notasulga, Ala. Thousands of dollars worth of property has been destroyed at West Point and there is much suffering. The water in the streets of West Point was from one to five feet deep. Many of the people spent the night in Fort Tyler.

HEADS OFF PRISON PLOT

Warden of Leavenworth Penitentiary Discovers Plan to Escape.

Warden McLaughley of the United States penitentiary at Leavenworth, headed off a plot, planned by five of the convict mutineers of November 7, which embraced the possible death of Deputy Warden Lemon and a guard, R. G. Brown, the capture of the guard's armory and another delivery of prisoners.

The ringleader in the plot is Gilbert Mullins, who held up and disarmed Sheriff Cook and part of the Topeka police. Frank Thompson, the big negro, Frederick Robinson, Bob Clark and Turner Barnes were the other four. The plot was exposed by a fellow convict, who overheard the mutineers talking.

Mullins had obtained a file and another convict a case-knife. It was planned to file off the shackles, and when four convict barbers came to shave the prisoners in the stone-breaking shed, the razors were to be seized and the guards rushed.

Brained Him With an Axe.

An unknown man attacked Harold Friedborn, aged fifteen, and Florence, his sister, aged sixteen, while they were skating on a pond near their home in North Denver. The boy was struck on the head with an axe and instantly killed. The girl was then assaulted. Some time later she recovered consciousness and reached her home.

The police were notified and the entire force is now searching for the murderer.

A Deadly Beverage.

Five of the general prisoners at the military prison at Alcatraz island near San Francisco drank a beverage of which wood alcohol formed the principal part.

The bodies of two of them and the other three are still in the hospital. The two who died are Edward L. Canfield and Wm. Mitchell. Hospital attendants said that one of those in the hospital was so affected by the poison that his sight had left him. The other two were reported to be recovering.

BLOW OPEN SAFE

Bank at Bellwood, Neb., Looted by Cracksmen.

BLOODHOUNDS FOLLOW THE ROBBERS

Three Men Scalped to Death—Miners Fatally Injured in an Explosion—Nork Miners End Their Lives—Sheep Dying of Strange Disease.

Cracksmen forced an entrance in through rear door of the Platte Valley bank at Bellwood, Neb., blew open the safe and secured for their work about \$2,600 in cash. The robbery was the most daring in the history of the town. Three explosions were heard by several citizens, but they supposed it was some of the city's youngsters going home after a night in the barroom, and so did not investigate further, but plain facts were before them when people passed the bank at daylight. A. H. Gould, the cashier, says the loss will in no way affect the bank's business, and the same will be open for business as usual.

The Platte Valley State bank is owned by the Gould family. A. H. Gould, the cashier, and R. C. Gould, his assistant. It has a capital stock of \$15,000, and at the time of its last report to the state had a \$1,000 surplus on hand.

Two men came to Bellwood, or were seen here after the evening passenger from Lincoln went through. They played pool around town and otherwise spent the early part of the night. In the morning they had disappeared.

One man is described as about twenty-two years old, five feet seven inches tall, smooth face, wide forehead, large eyes, wide cheek bones, light hair, light soft hat and light grey mackintosh. The other is said to have been apparently thirty-five years old, five feet seven, light hair and small light mustache, looked like a Swede. He wears black plush cap, and black over coat and yellow leggings.

Fatally Scalped.

The boiler in the South Penn Oil company's pumping station, at Harry Rhoden, in Doldridge county, West Virginia, blew up, scalding to death Harry Rhoden, a pumper for the company, Merrick Frieck, who ran a string of well cleaning tools, and Dell Ash, his assistant. The men were all in the boiler house warming themselves when the explosion occurred. They broke open the door which had become locked and escaped to another house a mile away.

All were so badly scalded that flesh fell from them on the way. After reaching the other boiler house they collapsed and in a few hours all were dead.

Killed in a Wreck.

Three trains were piled up in a wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad about seven miles west of Johnstown. One man was killed and four badly injured, several others sustaining slight injuries. The killed and injured were railroaders. An eastbound mail and express train ran into a side track, on which was standing an eastbound freight train. The wreckage was piled up high over the tracks and before fragments could be sent out a fast westbound freight ran into the wreckage and much of the debris was tumbled down into the Conemaugh river.

Fatally Injured.

By an explosion in the mine of the Black Diamond Mining company near Springfield, Ill., while 150 men were working in the mine, Thomas Black and John Granhinski, both single, were fatally injured, and Jesse Leutakis, driver, who was entering the room where the explosion occurred, was badly hurt, while the mule and four cars were thrown from the track.

Peculiar Disease Among Sheep.

G. Sexson living some seven miles northwest of Grant, Neb., has a large flock of sheep which he recently turned onto fresh range and on Monday of this week they began to die, and to date he has lost 160 head. The cause of death is a mystery here and is exciting much comment among sheepmen.

Outlaw a Murderer.

Persons who have recently been victims of the Reeder-Cravens band of outlaws, operating in southern Oklahoma, have identified one member of the gang as Bob McCune, who has been wanted for over twenty years for the murder of a man named Riley, in the vicinity of Washington, Ia.

Killed by Accident.

Ira V. Lee, aged forty years, was accidentally shot and killed at Jonesboro Ill., by his nephew, Enis Peak, the son of Circuit Court Clerk William H. Peak.

Head-on Collision.

A head-on collision on the New York Central at Fancher, N. Y. Two men were killed and a number of passengers are reported injured.

Ends His Life.

William Donner, living about four miles northwest of Norfolk, Neb., hanged himself in the city jail, where he had been placed on complaint of his son for abusing his family. He used his scarf for a rope. He was addicted to the use of liquor.

Forest Fire in Territory.

A forest fire is raging along the Frisco railway, tributary to Tuscaloosa, I. T. The section of country is well settled by small farmers, and it is feared that there has already been loss of life.

JUDGES WILL CLASH

Judge McBride Says He Will Not Yield to Gov. Stanley's Appointed.

Judge W. T. McBride, who has been superseded by the appointment of James Lawrence, declares that he will not give up to Governor Stanley or Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence is equally as positive that he will convene court at Winfield, Kas., January 7, and says he has assurances from Sheriff McDaniels, who is a republican, that he will be obeyed. The county attorneys of this and Cowley county have received letters from Attorney General Godard not to try criminal cases before the old judges and lawyers here believe such action will interfere materially with the work of the court. Mr. Lawrence has assurance from Governor Stanley that he will appoint a sheriff to carry out his mandates should the sheriff of this or Cowley county refuse to obey him.

Drought at Cherryvale.

The lack of water at Cherryvale, Kan., is becoming a serious problem. The brick plant and factories have been pumping water from Drum Creek for some time, but now the supply from this source is well nigh exhausted. The water has been secured heretofore by attaching pipes to the ponds and pumping all the water from them, but now all the water in the ponds have been secured to a distance of four or five miles from Cherryvale.

Nearly all the wells and cisterns are dry and what few are left are supplying the whole town. Frank Appleby is furnishing water for almost the entire Fourth ward. Some parties who are fortunate enough to have good wells are coining money by selling water at 20 cents per barrel. The brick plants and some other factories are closed down on account of the dearth of water. The smelters claim they have enough water in their pond to last another month. They have been replenishing their pond from the creek.

Mystery of Begley's

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Dennis Begley of Atchison, Kas., and his being found nearly frozen is becoming more intense. Begley died without regaining consciousness. Those conversant with the case say it is not reasonable that Begley walked nine miles to the place where he was found nearly frozen. The theory that he was the victim of foul play is readily advanced. Rumor has it that Begley drew several hundred dollars from the bank on the afternoon of his disappearance. He was a man of splendid character and behavior and lived in the section many years. He was postmaster at Ellington during Cleveland's administration.

She Fell in a Well.

While Mrs. Ferguson of Leavenworth, Kas., weighing 180, was drawing a bucket of water from a well the covering gave way and she was precipitated to the bottom, a depth of fifty feet. The accident was noticed and it required the united efforts of six men to bring her to the surface. Upon reaching the surface she walked off, seemingly none the worse for her fall and bath in two feet of water.

Farmer Taylor Killed.

George W. Taylor, a well-to-do farmer and stockman, who resided in the territory south of Chetopa, Kas., was thrown from his horse and sustained injuries from which he died. The accident happened on the main street, near the Missouri, Kansas & Texas depot. Mr. Taylor was an old soldier and had been a resident of this vicinity for years.

Shot Himself With a Rifle.

Hugo Carlander, an eccentric character of Wellington, Kan., committed suicide by shooting himself in the left breast with a muzzle-loading shotgun, the charge tearing his heart to pieces. He had been ill for some time, and his relatives suspected he had been losing his mind. Carlander was a poet and song writer of some reputation.

Death Due to a Runaway.

Isaac Griffith, an old resident of Salina, Kas., died from injuries received in a runaway. The man was injured internally, causing death. His wife, who was with him in the buggy, received serious injuries, but will recover. Mr. Griffith was about seventy years of age and was born in England.

Epidemic of Smallpox.

An epidemic of smallpox has appeared in Concordia, Kan., following a big public dance held recently. Five families were found on Saturday with sixteen cases, and later four more families were discovered to have the disease. The health authorities have taken prompt steps to prevent further spread of the plague.

Dedicated Free of Debt.

The newly erected Presbyterian church at Minneapolis, Kan., was dedicated last Sunday. Dr. Williamson of St. Joseph, Mo., preached the dedicatory sermon. More than \$15,000 dollars was raised in twenty minutes and the church is now free of debt.

Improved Cattle Guard.

Not a few serious railroad wrecks have been caused by cattle straying from the highway onto the tracks through the cattle guards provided to keep them out, and there seems to be room for the improved arrangement for this work recently patented by Charles E. Sansoucy of Eveleth, Minn., a picture of which is shown here. The intention of the inventor is not only to erect a barrier to prevent the cattle from getting onto the railroad lands, but also to drive them from the guard instead of catching them and holding them on the crossing, as some other guards do. The arrangement consists of a platform over which the cattle must pass to get through the opening together with



SCIENCE AND INVENTION

Circulates Warm Air.

Most people put away their electric fans in the fall, thinking they will have no further use for them until the warm weather arrives in the spring, but there is a simple arrangement which makes it possible to utilize the electric fan for blowing hot as well as cold air.

It is the invention of Edwin F. Porter of Boston, Mass., and can be used to heat rooms and offices

wherever there is a gas jet handy.

It also keeps the air in circulation about the room, instead of allowing it to remain still and dead all day.

In this apparatus the frame or guard which surrounds the blades of the fan is of hollow tubing and is connected with