

Foiled again—a robber. And by the usual Chicago girl.

Sir Thomas Lipton is again after the cup. He has the tea.

Is the prolongation of human life to be in the hands of the salt trust hereafter?

Fate couldn't conceal San Francisco's labor mayor by naming him Schmitz.

'Tis better to be stingy and have money in the bank than to be broke and have to borrow.

True, it costs more to live than it used to, but it is worth something to be alive these days.

Mr. Balfour wants to standardize English education, but he is opposed to standardizing his golf.

The fewer brains a man has the more mouth he has and the greater his propensity for using it.

Marconi says that his experiments are giving complete satisfaction. Then why is he so reticent?

Along comes the ax trust. It will be followed by the hammer trust. Then what will the knockers do?

With a crop of more than 2,500,000 bushels, it ought to be impossible this year for any one to corner corn.

The automobile owner who doesn't believe in running over people finds it hard to be a hero to his chauffeur.

Marie Corelli appears to be troubled by an abnormal development of the personal pronoun, first person singular.

It is reported that King Leopold is going to get married again. The name of the lucky music hall artist is not given.

A Chicago woman asks for \$30,000 damages for a broken heart. It must have been smashed into a good many pieces.

About the only man in this world who always gets just what's coming to him is the villain in the modern melodrama.

A great battle is said to be going on in Venezuela. A couple of men will sometimes get together and put up a stiff fight.

A new Mexican volcano has begun operations in the state of Tobasco. As if tobacco were not hot enough without tripping.

A Kentucky woman recently secured divorces from two different men in one day. Let us hope that she now feels free and equal.

Mark Twain says joyfully that his wife is getting better daily—and he has often remarked that she was the best wife in the world.

It is the irony of fate that after pining so long for a life of freedom Jim Younger should so quickly find it intolerable when obtained.

Another Frenchman has been scratched in a duel. The French duel may yet become deadly. There is always the possibility of blood poisoning.

The decision to hold the Olympic games in St. Louis instead of in Chicago, which has talked so much about them, must be a hard blow to the Windy City.

Morocco should have sense enough to keep quiet. If she makes noise enough to attract the attention of the European powers one of them is likely to gobble her.

Mascagni declares that he despises this country. The man is rash. Has he never heard of that beautiful axiom, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again"?

The Baron Muenchhausen, who went into the marriage syndicate with a view to capturing a \$7,500,000 American widow, appears to have got a new way of spelling his name.

A New York man who was out hunting the other day mistook his brother for a deer and shot and killed him. It is wonderful how many different things the human form looks like to a man with a gun.

Auto Runs Into a Ditch—Auto Strikes Elevated Post—Auto Turns a Somersault. Judging by these headlines from one column of a New York paper, the life of the rich is not entirely without excitement.

The spectacle of an automobilist doing a term of six months in jail will doubtless be a welcome one to the farmers of New York who have been dodging these vehicles all summer.

A young man in New York has won a wife by his good cooking. Now, if he is only a first class sweeper and fuster that will be a happy household.

CAN BUY BONDS

Court Approves Purchase of Massachusetts Securities

DECISION IS VERY SHORT

Will Create Revolution in Methods—Board of Educational Lands and Funds Welcomes the Decision

—Will Invest in Securities

With the sanction of the supreme court the Nebraska board of educational lands and funds will revolutionize investment methods by buying \$300,000 state of Massachusetts bonds. Department No. 1 of the court, comprising Commissioners Hastings, Kirkpatrick and Lohmeyer, Wednesday last gave a decision granting a writ of mandamus requiring state Treasurer Steufer to pay out not to exceed \$300,000 for Massachusetts bonds in accordance with an order of the board.

The remarkable thing about this transaction is that Nebraska will be the only far western state to hold securities of one of the old and rich states of the far east. The board does not disguise the fact that they do not care to buy the bonds of any and every state in the union. An opportunity recently offered for the purchase of Tennessee bonds but it was permitted to pass unnoticed. If the board uses good judgment in the future it is believed the decision of the court will result in nothing but good for Nebraska.

The decision came as the result of a test case filed by the board, comprising Land Commissioner Folmer, Secretary Prout and State Treasurer Steufer. The board at a meeting held November 11 agreed to buy the bonds which were offered by a firm of brokers of Topeka, Kelly & Kelly. Attorney General Prout gave the board an opinion in which he said the right of the board to buy the bonds of any other state could not be successfully denied under the constitution. In order to secure a decision of the court Treasurer Steufer declined to pay out the money for such a purpose and a mandamus suit was filed by the attorney general.

The petition of the attorney general states that on November 11 the board accepted the following proposition submitted by Kelly & Kelly: "We herewith offer you \$300,000 state of Massachusetts bonds bearing 3 1/2 per cent interest to net you 3 per cent. If there should not be sufficient funds on hand to take up all at once we will carry them at a bank in Lincoln where they can be delivered and taken up as the funds come in. All bonds offered will run from thirty to forty years without option, making a very desirable investment."

The decision of the court is very brief. In substance it holds that the wording of the constitution regarding investments in United States bonds and state securities and registered county bonds of this state means that not only United States bonds may be purchased, but that the securities of any state may be bought.

As a result the uninvested educational funds of Nebraska will be invested immediately. The sources of investment are growing scarcer all the time and are so limited by the constitution that money is constantly accumulating. The decision of the court will give much relief but it may be only temporary. About \$200,000 of educational funds are now on hand and by the first of the year there will be enough more to take up the \$300,000 bonds offered. The state already holds many county bonds but these are being paid off rapidly with money which is accumulating in county treasuries. Maturing land contracts are also bringing in a great deal of money. Treasurer Steufer already feels for his successor who is to be the custodian of this increasing fund. He believes the board will be called upon to invest \$12,000,000 during the next five years. All attempts have failed to amend the constitution so as to permit investment in school district bonds. Municipal securities will also be favored by some when the time comes to amend the constitution.

Terrorize the Town
Seven masked men, heavily armed, held up the town of Edinboro, in Erie county, New York. The postoffice safe was robbed of \$700. A jury deliberating in an alderman's office near at hand, heard the explosion and surrounded the building, but were stampeded by a volley of shots. George S. Goodell, watching the affair from a window in his house, was shot in the arm. The gang escaped in stolen rigs, after breaking into several shops.

Jumps From Train
Fred L. Demay, of Minneapolis, an ex-convict from the Nebraska penitentiary, escaped from Sheriff Klum, of Hamilton county, at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning by jumping from a moving Burlington passenger train at Albia, Ia., while being brought back from his Minnesota home to answer to a charge of burglary.

Schley at Kansas City
Admiral Schley arrived at Kansas City Wednesday morning as the guest of the Commercial club at its John Jay treaty anniversary banquet. Escorted by a regiment of militia, the admiral was the chief figure in the parade and great crowds cheered an enthusiastic welcome. A general reception was held at noon and later the admiral was the guest of honor at a select luncheon.

Big Smelter Plant
An immense iron and copper smelting plant to employ 1,500 men, is reported to be the next industrial project of magnitude to be launched on the Alameda shore of the canal or estuary, nearly facing the two big steel plants upon which work is now under way, says a San Francisco dispatch. It is rumored that mineral lands containing copper and iron, located in this state have been secured by the promoters of the enterprise. Oil fuel will be used so as to successfully compete with eastern rivals.

BEETS PROFITABLE

Lots of Money Made in Raising Beets in Nebraska

The state of growth to which the sugar beet industry has attained in Nebraska is, perhaps, receiving its best exemplification at the big factory at Leavitt, owned by the Standard Sugar company. Already 28,000 tons of the saccharine vegetables have been worked this season and their sugary content made into an excellent quality of the granulated article. The factory has had to suspend operations once or twice owing to wet weather, but its great capacity has made this record possible. Two hundred acres of sugar beets in the vicinity of Leavitt and Ames are still to harvest. The factory generally runs up to the first of the year.

Profits of sugar beet growers are said to be larger in some instances than ever before, while in all cases the crop has paid well. The Fremont Sugar Beet company, a local syndicate, had one hundred and fifty acres under cultivation this season, and a statement from the manager a short time ago was that the profits would justify declaring a dividend of not less than 25 per cent on the investments. Individuals have not found their returns quite so lucrative, because their fields are smaller and have not been so systematically worked, but the revenue from the crop is in all cases satisfactory.

One of the things now interesting beet growers and sugar men in the vicinity of Fremont is the reported invention of a Tecumseh man, H. M. Hellig, for the pulling and topping of beets and loading them into a wagon. A letter received from Mr. Hellig says that his machine works perfectly, and an officer of the Standard Sugar company will go to Tecumseh to witness its operation. Such an invention would undoubtedly lessen the cost of harvesting beets by from \$5 to \$6 per acre.

The Standard Cattle company, which operates in conjunction with the sugar corporation, is now selling off its 5,000 acre ranch near Ames. Its officers believe that better results can be secured all around where individuals own the beet crop and sell it to the factory, and their plan is to have the large tract split up into a great many smaller ones to carry out this idea.

Able to Maintain Transit
The navy department has received the following cablegram from Admiral Casey, dated Panama, November 16:

"Colombian government has today about five thousand men of line of railroad. More are expected daily. General Perdomo expressed to me his ability to maintain free transit. I have ordered withdrawal from isthmus of Panama and embarkation of marines Tuesday next."

To Share in Profits
Deputy Ernest Roche, who calls himself a nationalist-socialist, has introduced in the French chamber of deputies a bill to compel those companies holding mining concessions from the government to admit their employees to a share of the profits within six months of the passage of this bill. The house voted urgent consideration for the bill, which was referred to the committee on mines.

Negroes Fight Duel
In the suburbs of Kirkwood, near St. Louis, Rev. Samuel Tyler, pastor of the African Baptist church and Logan Flemory, one of his parishoners, fought a duel with pistols Tuesday. Both were wounded and it is believed Flemory will die. Rev. Mr. Tyler is in jail. The two negroes fought over a domestic difficulty.

Lady Managers Meet
The board of lady managers of the St. Louis exposition held a business meeting at New York. No definite action was taken on the adoption of a set of rules and regulations for conducting the meetings of the board, which have been under consideration since the organization on September 30 at St. Louis.

Annul the Marriage
The courts of Vienna declared that the marriage of Leopold Welneger, an Austrian Jew, and Elise Shekely, a Hungarian Protestant, in New York in 1892 was null because of the Austrian law prohibiting the marriage of persons of different religious beliefs. An inheritance of a million dollars was involved.

BRIEF DISPATCHES

Nearly three million gallons of petroleum stored in reservoirs on the outskirts of Odessa, Russia, have been destroyed by fire.

The cigarmakers at all the factories at Havana went out Wednesday and it is estimated that a total of 30,000 employees are now on strike.

Oberlin college Thursday elected Dr. Henry Churchill King to the presidency, vice Dr. John Henry Barrows, deceased. Dr. King was born in Hillsdale, Mich., in 1858.

The railway strike on the Bloomington street railway was resumed November 19. The discharge of two motormen started the trouble. Two men chosen by the employes for arbitrators were rejected and this intensified the feeling.

The statutory groups of the Sieges Allee at Berlin were subjected to further vandalism Wednesday night. Five of the groups were damaged. The crosses forming part of the designs being knocked off. The perpetrator of the outrage has not been apprehended.

Two hundred and fifty men employed in the coal mines at Washington, Ind., struck Wednesday because they claimed the operators had failed to have the bank mules properly fed and curried.

The Danish government has selected all the members of the commission which is to go to the Danish West Indies in December to investigate and report on the necessary steps to be taken for the improvement of the economic condition of the island. M. Nordlien, chief of the department of railroads and telegraphs in the ministry of public works is head of the commission.

Tragic Romance in the Life of Jim Younger.

Declared to Be Legally Dead, He Could Not Marry the Woman He Loved, and in His Despair Committed Suicide.

Strange and terrible were the last days of Jim Younger. The man who for twenty years was an outlaw and

On Saturday he telegraphed me two words: 'Don't write.'

"He was driven to this act by persecution. I am his wife, spiritually. Before God he is mine and mine alone. My life work will be to place him right before the world."

While she spoke she was preparing to return to St. Paul to carry out the last wishes of the man for whom she had made such tremendous sacrifices. And this was the end of the ro-

For two years Miss Mueller managed to keep her plans secret, and when they were divulged the storm broke forth. The relatives of those who had been killed by the outlaws in their raid on the Northfield bank, and some of those who had been in the fight, protested bitterly against releasing the murderers. And there were others who were just as bitter.

Since 1889 at least three efforts were made to secure the release of the Youngers before Miss Mueller disclosed the results of her long planning and working. The sentiment against the brothers was still powerful, but Miss Mueller was the stronger and she secured from the legislature the passage of a special act which resulted in the release of the Younger brothers on parole.

The lovers thought that their troubles were over and their happiness knew no bounds.

But the attorney general decided that the Youngers were still legally dead. They had not been restored to citizenship. In the eyes of the law they were as much prisoners as if they were still in the penitentiary.

Then Jim Younger realized how great was his capacity for suffering. He was racked and torn by emotions so terrible that his mind became unbalanced. To marry Miss Mueller meant more to him than anything else in the world. It was worth all the years he had spent in prison. And she was fighting the white death thousands of miles away. He could not go to her, for the law said he could not leave the state. He could only hope that the ban against him would be removed, that the board of pardons would grant his prayer.

But it decided against him.

Years before, after the Northfield raid, one of the many bullets that found a resting place in Jim Younger's body pierced his brain and lodged there. It had given him no trouble until he was released from prison. Then it manifested itself. The mental struggles, the bitter disappointment when he found that he could not marry Miss Mueller, still further weakened him. There is no doubt that Jim Younger was fast becoming insane when he shot himself.

He sent a telegram to Miss Mueller telling her not to write on Saturday, Oct. 18. That night he shot himself in his room in St. Paul. When the door was broken open there was found the love letters he had received from Miss Mueller, on which was a note that read:

"Oh, lassie, good-by. All relatives just stay away from me. No crocodile tears wanted. Reporters, be my friends. Burn me up."

"Jim Younger."

They did not cremate Jim Younger's body as he requested. Instead it was taken to Missouri and placed beside that of his brother Bob in Lee's Summit cemetery, from which one can see the grove of oaks on the banks of the Little Blue where William Clark Quantrell organized his band of guerrillas in which rode Cole and Jim Younger, Frank and Jesse James, Jim Cummings and others who drifted from war into brigandage and could scarce distinguish between them. And for years there was little difference.

A wooden board eighteen inches high and nine inches wide, on which a boy has rudely carved with a jack-knife the name of Bob Younger in two lines, marks where the youngest of the brothers lies. And another board, with "Jim Younger" written in lead pencil, is at the head of the second brother. In the course of time Cole Younger will rest there, too.—New York World.

His Hands Divining Rods.

Henry Zachary, a Texas plowboy, fifteen years old, who has been visiting in Pueblo for the last week, says the Denver Daily News, is possessed of a magic power in his hands by which he can locate minerals, water or oil at a great depth with a certainty never before known. While holding the plow in one of his father's fields he felt a peculiar tingling sensation in his hands, which, as often as he returned to that part of the lot, was repeated, and at one spot with such force that he cried out for his father. The elder Zachary ridiculed the boy and told him to go on with his work. But so surely was the strange tingling repeated that well diggers were put at work and came upon a good depth of excellent water. Since then young Zachary has done little plowing. From every part of Caldwell county, where the family lived, came constant calls for the services of the boy from people who were anxious for a sure thing in well sinking. Not once did he fail.

Rain Water Good, if You Like It.

"When a man gets used to drinking rain water," said Mr. N. D. McDonald of New Orleans, to the Washington Post, "there is no other water in the world that tastes so good. Most of the people in New Orleans have cisterns in their yards which hold an abundant supply of water caught from the clouds—the purest and best in the world, according to my notion. The winter rainfall alone is used, the summer catch not being desirable. It is somewhat curious that in northern latitudes the cistern water does not keep wholesome and sweet as it does in our country."

Blood in the Human Body.

The amount of blood in the human body is 1-13 of the body weight.



MISS ALEX MUELLER

a king of outlaws, sharing the leadership of the greatest gang of bandits this country has ever known, the man who passed a quarter of a century in prison, enduring in the last few months of his life greater misery than he had ever known before.

And all because of his worship for a good woman who returned his love. He had endured without a complaint the quarter of a century which he passed in convict stripes in the Minnesota penitentiary, but when his release came his whole being throbbled with joy, because he believed that he was at last free to marry the devoted woman who had opened the doors of the prison for him.

But he found that the freedom granted him was an empty thing. The inexorable law still held him in chains. Justice, personified in the attorney-general of Minnesota, sternly declared that Jim Younger was legally dead and that he could not marry.

He left the woman who had done so much for him to fight on alone. Miss Alex Mueller bore the sentence more bravely than did the man. She was in Boise City, Idaho, when the news reached her that her lover had killed himself. She had gone there in the hope that the climate would check the ravages of consumption which had fastened its grip upon her. She seemed to be not surprised. He had given her a hint of his desperate state of mind. When the telegram announcing Younger's suicide was placed in her hand she said:

"Jim wrote me on Oct. 16 saying that he had given up all hope. He was out of work and utterly despondent.

manche which began six years before when Miss Alex Mueller visited Stillwater prison and was permitted to gratify a curiosity common to all visitors to that institution, to see the Younger brothers, the only survivors of the James and Younger gang of train robbers, outlaws and bandits.

Miss Mueller was born of German parents, from whom she inherited a sufficient fortune to enable her to live comfortably. She was ambitious and a life of ease and inactivity did not please her. Newspaper work proved an attraction and she entered upon it in St. Paul. She has also worked as a reporter in Denver and Salt Lake City. For a time she edited a weekly newspaper in a small Minnesota town.

When Miss Mueller first visited Stillwater penitentiary she had no greater interest in the Youngers than had thousands of other visitors. But the personality of Jim Younger interested her, as, indeed, it has most people with whom he has come in contact.

He was then 50 years old. She was just 24. Neither had ever had a love affair. Almost from the very start these two recognized the affection each bore the other, and it was not long before they spoke of it. Others suspected it because of the frequency of her visits to the penitentiary.

Miss Mueller determined to secure the release of her convict sweetheart, and that, of course, meant the release also of Cole, his older brother. She planned a campaign worthy of an experienced politician. So long as it was possible to do so she worked quietly, enlisting the aid of those having influence and power.

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