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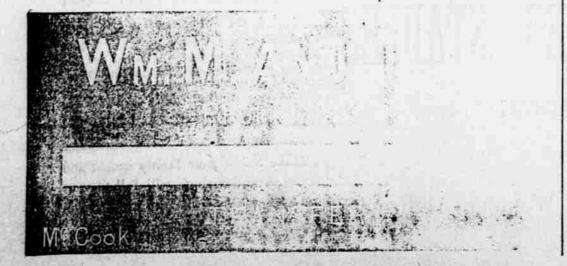
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LYNCHERS REPULSED THE WORST IS OVER.

NASHVILLE A SECOND TIME VISITED BY AN ANGRY MOB.

BUT THIS TIME WITHOUT SUCCESS

The Jail, the Work House and the Police Station Searched in Vain by a Committee-Police Drive the Mob Back With Bayonets - A Murder Quickly Avenged in Arkansas.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 23 .- For the second time in a month a mob has visited this city, but this time the wouldbe lynchers were foiled because the object of their vengeance had been Memphis.

The mob was informed that the man age on these reaches \$240,000. was not there, and to satisfy them alpolicemen, armed with Springfield rifles. At the point of the bayonet the police drove the mob back to the

Another committee was permitted to search with like results.

After more speaking the mob left the square and whether it will again assemble it is not known.

The negro it is stated, on good authority, was taken from the city yes-Ky., and placed on a train for Memphis.

MURDER QUICKLY AVENGED.

An Arkansas Officer Beaten to Death and His Slayer Strung Up.

MORRILLTOWN, Ark., May 23 .- In the jail of Perry county, twelve miles south of this place, yesterday, Charles Stewart, in custody for attempted outrage, dashed out the brains of guarding the jail, using a piece of the people of the stricken region have | with the progress of the season's work curing Stewart, took him out and hanged him to the nearest tree. the charge gangs of men are still hard the 6-year-old state of the force or planting.

Shot by Train Robbers. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 23.-North bound train No. 14 on the Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West railroad was held up at Lonely Hammock station at 1:30 o'clock this morning by four masked robbers, who in a desperate attempt to Express company, killed Express Messenger Saunders and badly wounded of a cessation of the inundation, the Soliciting Agent I. M. Cox. No money | signal service observer reporting as was secured.

One Term Not Enough.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 23.-Judge John McLain, the Savannah banker who failed three years ago for \$75,000, has just completed his term in the state penitentiary at Jefferson City and been taken back to Savannah to stand trial on five or six other indictments still pending against him.

A Kansas Minister's Son Shot. BILLINGS, Mont., May 23. - Harry B. Turner was fatally shot by Sam Russell, a tinhorn gambler, and died yesterday afternoon. His father is a Baptist minister at Eureka, Kan. Russell got away, but was captured by a sheriff's posse at noon. He is now in

Two Outlaws Killed by an Officer.

GUTHRIE, Ok., May 23.-Near Sapulpa, Deputy Marshal E. L. Drake attempted to arrest William Hostetter and William Miller, two notorious horse-Drake was wounded and the two The cabbage crop is also ruined.

Along the Upper Mississippi the

A Texas Mob Kills a Lothario. Houston, Tex., May 2 .- At Midway, went to the house of Arthur Burrows, who was accused of ruining a young him five times, killing him instantly.

Tarsney and Milliken Spar. NEW YORK, May 23 .- The Rimes this morning published a special from Washington detailing an exchange of without harm in cloak room of the house yes terday between Mr. Tarsney of Missouri and Mr. Milliken of Maine. The members had become heated over the Sherman monument clause of the sundry civil bill and exchanged but words. The two left the hall together and met in the cloak room where each aimed a harmless blow at the other Employes interfered and both disap-

Mr. Simpson Fully Vindicated. St. Louis, Mo., May 23 .- James Simpson of Dallas, Tex., was in to city vesterday with proof positive to the charges against him sent out for that city February 16 and 17, we false in every respect. He has now been indicted nor has he ever defra ed any one as was charged at the t In fact he has letters of the high commendation from the best peop

Austrian Financiers Embarassed. LONDON, May 23 .- The Stand Vienna correspondent says: "The ation to the international silver ference has embarassed the fin ministers of Austria and Hungar cause it strengthens the opponent the currency reform. Austria wil low Germany, but it is disincline enter the conference."

Kansas Drummers Meet. EMPORIA, Kan., May 23 .- The sas Travelers' association met in f annual session here to-day, with men present.

SIOUX CITY PEOPLE BUSY WITH REPAIRS.

Over Seven Hundred Homes Damaged-The Death List as Uncertain as Ever-The Situation In and Around St. Louis - The Des Moines Is Higher Than Ever - At Other Points.

Sioux City, Ia., May 23.-The flood here has almost entirely subsided, and quietly spirited away by the authori- away the ruins left by the raging ties and is now believed to be safe in waters. No one can yet make a positive statement as to the loss of life, At a late hour last night about fifty and, as said before, the deadly work of men from Chattanooga gathered a mob the flood will never be fully known. of several hundred and went to the Grave alarm was caused last night by avert a threatened lynching at that but this proved unfounded. Reports place, because of attempted as show that 721 dwellings were damaged sault on a white girl, be given up. or washed away. The aggregate dam-

Last night several hundred flood lowed them to make a thorough search | sufferers held a meeting and condemned of the building. Not being able to the action of the mayor in refusing to find Weems, they then made an attack receive offers of aid from outside. The upon the police station. Here they meeting appointed a committee to were met by a platoon of twenty-five | communicate with the governor and assure him outside aid is necessary.

The liquor sellers who were closed up several months ago by Mayor Pierce have arranged to create a fund of The mob then held a consultation on \$10,000 to be used by the city in repairthe square, speeches were made and a ing flood damage to bridges, etc., procommittee appointed to go through the police station. The examination business. The mayor positively reing with it trunks of trees and debris, was allowed, but no negro was found. fuses to receive or consider the propo-

At a joint meeting of the relief and flood sufferers committees at the opera house this morning to provide ways and means for the relief of the storm sufferers it was ageed to say to the benevolent people of the country terday afternoon, carried to Guthrie, that the losses far exceed the first estimates, and that whatever aid might be offered would be gratefully accepted. All contributions should be made to Maris Peirce, mayor of Sioux City, or to J. French, treasurer of the relief committee.

> NO CHANGE IN THE WEST. The Flood Situation as Dark as Ever-

Losses at Various Points. St. Louis, Mo., May 23.-No light has ter. Large gangs of men are still hard protect factories and other business places and the work of rescuing people from dangerous locations and re-

goes on. follows: "The river has fallen fourtenths at St. Louis, six at Herrman. Mo., and five at Alton, Mo. The Missouri river has risen nine-tenths at Boonville and one-tenth at Kansas City. The upper Mississippi has risen threeenths at Louisiana, three at Quincy and five at Keokuk Rapids."

moving stock from overflowed farms

At a meeting to-day of the flood relief committee a sub-committee was appointed to look after the collection and distribution of supplies, etc., throughout the flooded territory commercially tributary to St. Louis. It was agreed to at once notify municipal and county authorities in such territories to make their wants known. Governor Francis was present and promised the exchange that the state government would do all in its power to push the work.

Great alarm is felt over the potato outlook. The big American bottom, comprising nearly all of Madison and St. Clair counties, Illinois, one of the greatest potato fields in the Mississippi valley, is now completely inundated thieves, and a fight ensued in which and not a potato will be produced.

Along the Upper Mississippi the situation has suddenly become serious, heavy rains having caused high water. At Aikin, Minn., the meadows are two Madison county, last night, a mob feet under water and at Princeton, Minn., Rum river is over its banks, while all dams have been swept away. girl of that neighborhood, and shot At Bruce, Wis., the suspension bridge was wrecked by a flood and at Black River Falls, Wis., the bottom lands are submerged and tracks washed away.

> At Kansas City. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 23 .- The worst is likely over here as regards the flood situation. There is no rise in the Missouri river here, and its highest

> point is believed to have been reached should no further heavy rains occur. Despite the fall in the Kaw, the water was higher in most places in Armourdale to-day than it had been before since the beginning of the inundation, which was a week ago last Thursday. Quite number of new place were

The Des Moines Higher Than Ever. OTTUMWA, Ia., May 23.—Contrary to expectations the Des Moines rose ran ly during last night and vesterday as is now seven inches higher than and time previous. The Raccoon and other small streams have been augmented by yesterday's snow and raand a reported rise of eight feet in the Des Moines creates uneasiness here.

Atchison's Draw Rests Flood Swept. Atchison, Kan., May 23 .- The souri river at this point rose a for a few minutes this morning washed out the south rest of the bridge used in turning the stru-The north rest is also threatened.

Poison in the Jug. CLINTON, Mo., May 23 - David Spainhour died last evening of p maliciously put in a jug of alcohowhich he and four or five other men had for some time been drive Several of the other young men seriously ill from the effects of poisoned liquor. The affair eres great sensation.

Nebraska Afloat.

Never before in the history of the

state has there been a spring as stormy and wet as the present one. The storms which have been so prevalent since early March, seem to reach their culminating point this week in a general deluge extending over the entire west, and at Sioux City, Iowa, amounting to almost another Johnstown dis- the great stone that was to form the aster. Nebraska has fared no worse, arch at the entrance of the mamm oth and even better than other states, yet structure. every wire brings reports of damage and disaster by flood and storm. At speaking to the old gentleman, asked: Lincoln the floods of a week ago which had partly subsided, were again swelled by the torrents which fell Monday and Tuesday until Wednesday and Thursday the waters of Salt creek had reached a point higher than ever before in seventeen years. At least 300 families were drivhundreds of men are now busy clearing en from their homes and compelled to seek refuge in the school houses and court house basement. The railroad tracks were a'l submurged and all railroad traffic abandoned. Nearly ten blocks of cedar block paving were may strike you that I am presumptuwashed away or undermined so badly ous, but after awhite you will see hat jail and demanded that Weems, the the report that the Big Sioux was that they will have to be relaid. The my motives if not commendable, are man brought from Chattanooga to flood high and more rain was coming, electric light plant was flooded and the city was without light Wednesday night. The B. & M. train from Nebraska City had a very narrow progress of this great building and I escape near Firth. The engineer and conductor had stopped to examine the tracks when they were startled by a loud roar, and flashing their lanters in the direction of the sound, they were horrified to see coming down a wide draw a wall of water nearly eight feet high.

Springing into the cab, the engine was reversed and backed away not a moment too soon, for in another instant the great mass of water, carrystruck the track where the train had stood a moment before and tore up the track as easily as if the rails and ties had been made of wood and paper and ballasted with loose sand. The train was compelled to return to Lincoln via Tecumseh and Beatrice. The Union Pacific bridge was rendered impassible by the washing of the waters against the eastern approach, and for twentyfour hours Omaha was almost entirely without train service. At Plattsmouth the water rose above the approaches of the new Missouri Pacific bridge, and great fears were entertained for its safety, but with the subsidence of the wind danger was averted.

At O'Neill Thursday the rain still Tom Holmes, deputy sheriff, who was | yet appeared in the flood darkness but | continued and has greatly interfered | scantling as a weapon. The citizens settled down in calm despair to await on the farms. Small grain is in good forcibly broke open the jail, and se- the end, making such preparations as condition, but the ground is too wet

The 6-year-old son of Theodore Linat work strengthening railroad em- ken, a farmer living four miles north bankments and throwing up dykes to of Crete on the Blue river. was blown in the river by the heavy gale Friday morning and drowned.

Jimmy, the 15-year-old son of W. J. Eaton, probate judge of Otoe county, had a very narrow escape from drowning yesterday while returning in a cart from Nebraska City to Syracuse. The low-now, let me tell you," he sudcreek seven miles west of town had overflowed and the water over the bottom was eight or ten feet deep. The boy had succeeded in crossing the bridge but drove too near the edge of the culvert in a long fill leading to it. have \$5 please." The horse, cart and boy were swept down by the roaring current. While drifting under a willow tree, he succeeded in grasping a branch and drew himself out of the water. The horse was carried over a wire fence and held there by the cart catching in the wires until rescued.

The water in Salt creek at Ashland It never before has remained so high grain along the bottoms until today. get in this life." The water is rising fast, and the report has reached here that the Big Blue has cut through and is now flowing into Salt creek above Lincoln, There were no trains Thursday on the Schuyler line, as much of the bed has been destroyed along the Swift ice pond, northwest of the line about a mile. Old main line from here to Plattsmouth is badly damaged by the Platte, which is fast covering the bottoms for miles to the north of this place. Some damage is apprehended from the Blue flowing into the Salt and also the Platte to the north of

It continues to rain at Elwood and the farmers are looking blue, as they are already two weeks behind with their work. There is but a small proportion of the corn in the ground and that will have to be replanted. Wheat is doing well despite the heavy rains, but needs some sun to give it a good A cyclone started two miles west of

Elwood going in a northeast direction.

It unroofed the house and destroyed the stable on the farm of James Crage. Passing on to O. D. Lee's farm it destroyed the barn and all the farm ma chinery it contained. It then made direct for the fine new farm house of O. Cook, striking it at the southwest his day, too, he sabricated an Americorner and carrying it about 100 vards. deposited it in a canon a mass of broken timbers, brick, lime and furniture. The house was occupied by H. D. Stockham and family, four persons in all. How any of them escaped with is the wonder of all who have seen the wreck. The barn, only a few rods from the house, was not disturbed. A buggy setting in the yard was placed epaulets of the sort common in pictvery neatly on a stack of hay. A hen ures of General Scott. White breeches with a dozen chickens in a coop at the of the knee species accompanied this side of the house were untouched. All elegant coat, and a pair of white silk day crowds of people have been driving stockings and shoes, with big buckles, through the rain to the scene of the completed the story. A cocked hat disaster. The cyclone seemed to have and cockade and a sword in a scabspent its force here, and only did a bard of gold, capable of a most galsmall amount of damage to outbuild- lant jingle as its wearer walked about ings in its further journey.

The saloons of Alliance refused to pay occupation tax and tried to dictate terms to the town board, which is now after them with a sharp stick

CHANGED HIS MIND.

Mistake Male Ben Mer let Trying to

Teach a Lever. An old gentleman, with an appearance o authority, stood tooking at a number of workmen who were putting up an enormous building, relates the Arkan aw Traveler. He manifested a keen interest in what was going on: he examined beams and scrutini ed

A thoughtful fellow came along, and, "Would you object to giving me a few momen s of your time?"

"No sir." .Will you step over here, then, out of the way?"

They stood apart from the busy world about them. The old gentle-

ma I looked inquiringly at the thoughtful-looking fellow and said:

·Well sir?" · I have called you aside to speak a

rew serious words to you. At first it at 1 ast honest. As I came along there just no v I saw you standing in s lf-forge ful attention, gazing at the wondered if it has ever occurred to you that it will not be long until-now pardon me-the great house now going up will belong to some one else. You are going to protest, I see, but wait a moment. Your race in this life is nearly run. A few days mor von as in nim te as one of those foundation stones will sink beneath the surface of the earth. The anxiety you felt in this great building will be gone-all with you will be over. Please wait until I get through. We will not speculate as to the future dwelling place of your soul; we will not hint that your deeds have not been noble and generous enough to insure you an eternity of peace, but we will do this: We will question the judgment of a man with one foot on the crumbling brink of time, giving up his few remaining days to gazing with infantlike rapture at a building projected by greed and executed in vanity. Pardon me, if I seem harsh, and force upon yourself sufficient patience to listen to me until I am done. A few more hours and the world will move on without you. You won't be in it. as the vulgar saying goes. No one will miss you except in a sort of selfcongratulatory way. You will be moulder no "

"Hold on," said the moralist, mildly protesting. .. Wait until I have uttered a few more words and then I will let you return to your vain occupation. Now, if I were a wealthy man and knew my time on earth was short, what would I do? Put up a great building and act as if I were going to live always? No; I would do some real good with money; I would leave behind me one man, at least, who would hold my memory dear. I would select some poor, grateful feldenly broke off-"I am the most grateful man in this world. In the jeweled frame of memory I now hold the picture of a man who gave me 10 cents five years ago. Now, let me

..Your talk is worth \$5," said the old gentleman. "and I'm sorry you didn't let me save it for you." "Save what?"

"The talk:"

"How save?"

·By telling you that I'm not putting up that building-that I merely stopped here to look at the workmen. has been high for the past ten days. I am the pastor of the Third Presbyterian church and-won't you stay for that length of time. But little longer? No? Well, good day, and damage has been done except to small don't forget to be grateful for all you

WHAT MINISTERS WEAR.

Their Black Swallow-Ta'l Attire Prescribed by Congress.

I have been pervading the suburbs of Washington diplomacy recently with a view to knowledge. It would appear that the United States never sends abroad what nations name an ambassador. An ambassador is a sort of diplomatic king-pin, but we don't use him in our game. We are content with ministers and consuls. The American court dress, prescribed gravely by statute of 1867, is blackblack, cut a la swallow-tail. This severe garb is a very hard costume to wear, and makes many of our representatives look like farm-hands.

This statute of 1867 was found necessary to nip a budding gayety of dress, set growing by John Quincy Adams. It is not my intention to discourage admiration of the Adams family. It began well with old John, and has maintained its lick with fair repute to present times. But John Quincy. with all his brightness, his vigor, his wit, must now and then have been decidedly off his mental reservation. He wrote poetry, for one thing, and even bethought him of making a drama, albeit he never did. Back in can court dress-a garish thing which would well beseem the man with a big stick who precedes the band. Diplomates of this hour, and indeed until the frosty statute indicated, were wont to caparison themseives there-

It called for a blue coat bedight with buttons of brass, gold braid and put a finish to the Adams unife But congress took away the swe the cocked hat, dyed the

breeches the color of a there you are .- Wash tne Kansas City Ti