

### MEADE'S RECORD DARK.

The Atchison Absconder's Principal Victims Women—A Dying Man Deceased.

ATCHISON, Kan., July 25.—The whereabouts of R. C. Meade, the missing insurance agent, still remains a mystery. A private box belonging to Meade was opened yesterday by Mrs. Meade's attorney. It contained several thousand dollars in worthless mortgages on imaginary property. Meade's victims are mostly women, and he got away with at least \$10,000 of their money.

The saddest case is that of Mrs. Pilkington, the widow, who lost \$2,400. The day before George W. Pilkington died Meade called at the house and talked with the sick man a long time. When he left he bent over the invalid and imprinted a kiss on his forehead. After Meade had gone Pilkington called his wife to his bedside and, with tears streaming down his face, told her to trust everything to Meade, and she did. She received \$2,400 from the A. O. U. W. as insurance on her husband's life and she gave it to Meade to invest.

The A. O. U. W. will make an appropriation to hunt Meade. The insurance companies will compel Meade's bondsmen to settle his indebtedness to them, which is about \$1,500.

### NINE MEN FACE DEATH.

Deadly Explosion of Gas in the Tunnel of a Pennsylvania Colliery.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., July 23.—An explosion of gas occurred in the tunnel on the first lift of New York farm colliery at 11 o'clock this morning by which nine men are known to have been killed outright and probably three others whose bodies cannot be found, while at least ten men are more or less badly burned and mutilated, some of whom will die.

### Deacon Seeks Divorce.

PARIS, July 25.—Edward Parker Deacon, who is serving a one year's sentence at Grasse for shooting and killing M. Abeille at the Hotel Splendide, Nice, has opened proceedings against his wife for divorce for adultery with Abeille. This action is taken by Deacon in consequence of Mrs. Deacon's application summoning her husband to permit her to have access to the children. According to the French law, if Mrs. Deacon is found guilty of the charge her husband makes against her, she will be liable to a term of imprisonment.

### Gratitude in a Substantial Form.

BOSTON, July 25.—Clayton C. Clough of this city about a year and a half ago in Halifax stopped a pair of runaway horses attached to a carriage in which Hereford Drummond of London and his only daughter were riding. Drummond wanted to show his gratitude in some substantial way, but Clough declined a reward. Yesterday he received notice that Drummond, who had just died, had left him \$25,000.

### Nearly a Million Stolen.

PUEBLO, Mex., July 25.—The people of this state are greatly stirred up over the revelations of corruption in state finances being made by Austin Mora, acting governor of Pueblo. An investigation made into the accounts of the general treasury of the state, which has just been completed, shows a shortage of \$900,000.

### A Notorious Outlaw's Ignoble End.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., July 25.—Jack Cooley, a member of the famous Cooley gang of outlaws that had terrorized the counties of Fayette and Westmoreland for years, died this morning from the effects of a wound received from a trap gun Thursday night, while robbing the henry of Thomas Collins, near Fair Chance.

### Light Peach Crops.

DAYTON, O., July 25.—The peach crop in Southwestern Ohio will not amount to much and what there is will be late. Lake Erie orchards have none. Some parts of Michigan will have good peaches. There will be few apples in Michigan; none in Southern Ohio. Peas are good everywhere.

### Springfield Leader Skips Out.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., July 25.—B. T. King, a prominent real estate agent and late Democratic candidate for mayor, has skipped for parts unknown. It is claimed that he left a large number of creditors and that he also had trouble in his family.

### CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Train loads of Kansas and Nebraska corn are being sold in Mexico for \$3 a bushel.

Two boys at Brazil, Ind., wound up a highwayman act by fighting a bloody duel with knives.

A woman in Ohio scalded herself to death by upsetting the coffee pot on herself at the breakfast table.

The bill granting amnesty to all political exiles has passed its third reading in the Brazilian chamber of deputies.

Joseph D. Boone, grandson of Daniel Boone, fell from a load of hay on his farm near Oak Grove, Mo., and died a few hours later.

Four tramps were arrested at Lexington, Mo., and when searched 60 gold rings and two watches were found. They are supposed to have stolen them at Liberty.

The British minister to Guatemala has telegraphed to the foreign office in London that the government of Honduras has closed its coast to foreign commerce.

The governor of the Mexican state of Coahuila has refused to deliver Turner and Jail, the two absconding Nashville bank clerks, because the reward has not been paid.

Farrish & Evans' stationery store, Nevada, Mo., was entered by burglars, who secured several hundred dollars worth of jewelry, pried open the door on the first floor and escaped.

John St. Germaine, a prominent farmer was shot and killed by Tom King near Chadron, Neb. He was riding horseback at the time and his body remained perfectly upright until his horse reached home when it was discovered he was dead.

### A WONDERFUL CREATURE.

The Mysterious Little Chameleon and Its Characteristics.

The chameleon has for ages been an object of curiosity, not only on account of its ability to change its color at will, as one might suppose who had read accounts which mentioned only that one characteristic, but also on account of a remarkable power which admits of the creature instantly changing its form. At times it takes upon itself almost the exact form of a mouse; again, with back curved and tail erect, it is the exact counterpart of a miniature crouching lion, which no doubt gave origin to its name, chameleon, which clearly means "ground lion." By inflating its sides and flattening back and belly it takes upon itself the form of an ovate leaf, the tail acting as the petiole, the white line over the belly becoming the midrib. When thus expanded it also has the extraordinary power to sway itself over so as to present an edge to the observer, thus greatly adding to its means of concealment. As is well known, the least excitement, as in handling, will cause a change in the color. In its normal state it is of a light pea-green. When excited the groundwork remains the same, but transverse stripes about thirty in number appear on the body. These stripes, which are of a very dark green to begin with, soon change to inky blackness. The prevailing idea that the chameleon takes upon himself the peculiar hues of whatever he is placed upon is as curious and widespread as it is erroneous. Placed in boxes lined with red or blue silk, they retain their pea-green color with no leaning toward the brighter hues of the surroundings.

### STOOD ON HER RIGHTS.

Demanding Her Full Privileges and Got Them, Too.

A conductor on the Iron Mountain & Southern railroad tells the following incident: "We were whirling along the other day through the granite hills of Wayne county, behind time and running at a furious rate, when the engineer caught sight of an old woman slowly pottering ahead on the track. Instantly the whistle was blown. No heed, however, was taken of it. Thinking the venerable dame would get out of danger in due time, the speed was not slackened, though the screaming of the whistle made the hills ring. Yet still the old woman kept slowly on, turning her head neither to the right nor to the left until the engine was almost upon her. Then the brakes were put on with a will and the train was stopped just in time to save her life. 'What the devil is the matter with you?' asked the engineer as he jumped off and took the ancient dame by the shoulders. 'Guess you needn't scream so. You have made fuss enough already,' was the caustic reply. 'You heard the whistle, then?' 'Certainly, I can't hear it.' 'Then, why in thunder didn't you get off the track?' 'You can't get no right to run over folks as I knows on and it's your business to stop when you see them walking on the track!' The swearing of the army in Flanders was nothing compared to that of the engineer as he pushed her aside, sprang upon the machine, and set it going again to the tune of forty miles an hour."

### PECULIARITY OF LEPROSY.

Its Victims Are Insensible to the Effects of Electricity.

"Down at Honolulu," said Harry Diamond, "I had a battery and worked the innocent Kanakas with the old \$5 gold piece. That is, I'd place the piece in the bottom of a jar of water connected with the battery. Then I'd tell the native boys that they could have the money if they'd pick it out of the jar and hold the handle of the other pole of the battery at the same time. Of course the moment their hands struck the water the circuit was completed, their fingers would be doubled up and they couldn't touch the money if their fortunes had depended on getting it. I had many a laugh and achieved quite a reputation among the boys as a wizard who controlled the devils in the water. 'One day when several young ladies were in the office, a lad came in, pushed on by a number of companions who had attempted to secure the \$5 and failed. He had been persuaded to try for the money, and I explained the trick to the ladies in an aside as I arranged the apparatus. The boy took the handle, and we all prepared for a great laugh. 'He put his hand into the water, slowly drew out my finger and quietly walked off with it; while I stood with mouth open, afraid to face those girls, and praying for a volcanic eruption to turn the trend of thought. 'The boy had the leprosy and the electricity didn't effect him.'"

### The Largest University.

The biggest university in the world is at Cairo, Egypt—a country which is not mentioned at all in the statistics—and it has 10,000 students. They come from every part of the Mohammedan world, and they study Mussulman law, history, theology, and other branches needed to confirm them in the faith of Mohammed. They sit on the floor of an enormous court and study aloud, and the Western visitor who calls on them during study hours thinks he has struck the original site of the Tower of Babel, and that the confused of tongue haven't stopped talking yet.

### To Dam the Zuyder Zee.

A report recently published in Holland proposes to close the Zuyder Zee by means of a dam that shall be constructed from the mainland on each side of the island of Weering. The idea is to drain this area, which will then be exceedingly valuable for agricultural purposes.

### THE STATE FAIR.

The Nebraska State Fair and Exposition, Lincoln, Sept. 2 to 9, 1892—Keep an Eye On It.

The object of the managers of the Nebraska state fair and exposition has ever been to present annually as full and complete a line of resources, products and possibilities of the whole state as can be gathered, thus to advertise and mutually benefit every industry and individual interest known, or to be thought of, in the entire state. The coming year, 1893, being the world's jubilee at Chicago, where all the world will be present to see all the world has to show—and where a great Nebraska exhibit is to be installed—extra efforts are being made to have the state fair this fall eclipse any of its predecessors. It is desirable that it shall be the "gathering together" of the material for Chicago.

We are officially advised that outlook was never more flattering. The people seem to be full of enthusiasm, and will meet the emergency in a manner characteristic of Nebraskans, and to the satisfaction of the most sanguine expectations. Every man, woman and child in the state should become a self-constituted committee of one, upon whom devolves the whole duty of pushing to successful completion this great enterprise.

While the substantial factor is as stated, the board is not forgetful of the important duty to provide for the pleasure and other interests of the public, its patrons. This being a political year, special arrangements have been made to give each of the national political organizations of the country a day on the fair grounds, and an opportunity to present to the crowds there assembled their respective claims for suffrage. The best talent obtainable to represent each party will be secured. Republicans, democrats, people's, independents and prohibitionists of national repute will address the people. Names of speakers and detailed publication will be made later, we are informed.

An arrangement has been made for the Nebraska state band association to hold its annual reunion on the grounds. This will bring together the most extensive convention ever known in the state, affording the rarest treat in that line our people have enjoyed. This feature will continue during fair week, and will be further announced in special publications.

Friday, September 9th, is set apart as "Old Soldiers' day," when all soldiers of the late war will be admitted to all parts of the grounds free.

Tuesday, September 6th, is children's day, when all children of the state will be on hand and have a good time in sight seeing.

The premiums have been enlarged, especially for agricultural products and live stock. For county collective exhibits seventeen premiums are offered, running from \$30 to \$250. Eighteen premiums are offered for the best quarter of an acre of sugar beets, ranging from \$50, the first, to \$5, the lowest. Ten thousand dollars is offered for speed. Some of the best horses in the country have been secured and more are promised. The races will be an immense attraction this year.

There was never a time when all connected with the state fair was more promising than for the coming one, commencing on the second day of September next. The people of Lincoln are preparing to entertain visitors in unusual style. Special evening entertainments are being provided. Railroad facilities for getting to and from Lincoln and the fair grounds have been largely increased, rendering such accommodations unsurpassed in any other state or for any other fair. For further, more desired or detailed information, write the secretary, Robert W. Furnas, Brownville, who is just now devoting himself to furnishing state fair literature.

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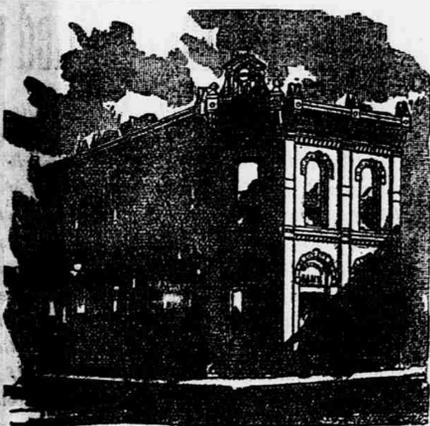
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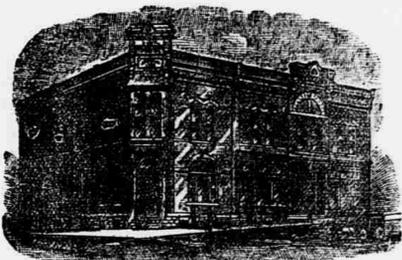
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