

HER LOVER ACCUSED

AN OHIO GIRL KILLED AND THROWN IN THE RIVER.

At First Supposed to Be a Suicide, but Upon the Body Being Exhumed a Bullet Was Found to Have Entered the Right Ear.

Ohio Murder Mystery.

DAYTON, Ohio: On August 27 Bessie Little, a boarder with Mrs. Freese on South Jefferson Street, this city, disappeared at 6 o'clock in the evening. She told Mrs. Freese she had an engagement to ride with Albert J. Frantz, her alleged lover. On Thursday, Sept. 3, Bessie's dead body, bloated almost beyond recognition, was found in Stillwater River, near the bridge just north of Dayton. The coroner supposed it a case of simple drowning—perhaps a suicide. Bessie's known delicate condition suggested suicide. Public sentiment demanded closer investigation. The body was exhumed and re-examined. A bullet that had entered the right ear was found lodged in the brain. This was the first revelation of murder. Frantz was then arrested. He says Bessie was not with him. No body has been found that saw Frantz and Bessie together on that Thursday night. On the following night Frantz's stable burned and his buggy, with its evidence, if it contained any, was destroyed.

Prevented a Lynching.

PITTSBURG, Pa.: Prompt action by the police authorities prevented a probable lynching at Homestead. Four negroes broke into the residence of Wm. Marsh, a prominent picture-dealer of Homestead, for the purpose of robbery and probably a more heinous crime. They entered the sleeping apartments of Mr. Marsh's three daughters and upon discovery one of the negroes tried to strangle Miss Annie Marsh. The father being aroused, came to the rescue and the negroes fled. One of them, Isaac Mills, jumped from the second story window and was so badly hurt he will probably die. The others were arrested soon after and placed in the lockup. The feeling against the negroes was intense and a crowd of about 300 had planned to lynch them, but the police officials smuggled them out of town and lodged them safely in jail in this city.

A Pastor in Disgrace.

HANNIBAL, Mo.: The committee appointed by Bishop Galloway to try the case against Rev. Thomas Cooper, the deposed pastor of St. Joseph, has found him guilty of gross immorality, slander and profanity. It recommended that he be expelled from the church. The conference adopted the report at once, and Cooper was expelled. The suicide of Dr. McDonald this week is said to have been due to threats of prosecution made by Rev. Mr. Cooper. Dr. McDonald had charged him with immoral intimacy with a young woman of the church.

Bids for New Battleships.

WASHINGTON: Under Government specifications bids for three battleships are to be opened September 14, and for twelve high grade torpedo boats two days previously. Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the Navy Department to postpone the opening day until November 15. All prominent shipbuilding firms in the country desire this action. The law is mandatory, however, and no postponement can be made.

Dr. Leo Browne Goode Dead.

WASHINGTON: Dr. Leo Brown Goode, assistant secretary of Smithsonian Institute, and probably the leading authority on fish and fisheries in the United States, died at Washington, D. C., of bronchial pneumonia. He was a native of Indiana. From 1884 to 1877 he held the office of chief of the division of fisheries in the Smithsonian Institute, and on the organization of the National Museum became its assistant director.

Wealthy Missourian Disappears.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo.: Casper Uimer, a wealthy retired farmer, aged 77 years, left here last Monday to attend the G. A. R. encampment at St. Paul. He registered at the Metropolitan Hotel, and was lodged at a private house just across the street. Tuesday night he got up, dressed himself and told his friends he would go across to the hotel. This was the last seen of him.

Gold Imports.

WASHINGTON: The treasury on Saturday, received a telegram from the sub-treasury at New York stating \$4,750,000 in gold coin had been received, of which \$1,750,000 appeared in Saturday's statement, the remaining \$3,000,000 appearing Monday. The withdrawal Saturday amounted to \$32,100, which left the true amount of the reserve, exclusive of the \$3,000,000 not taken up in Saturday's statement, \$104,085,152.

Fruit Importers Fail.

NEW YORK: H. Dumois & Co., among the largest fruit importers of West India fruits in America, assigned Saturday without preference. Their last statement to Bradstreet's in November, 1895, showed assets \$96,000; liabilities, \$285,000. Gen. Weyler's edict prohibiting the exportation of fruit from Cuba, where the firm owns vast estates, is given as the cause of the failure.

North American Review Sold.

NEW YORK: Lloyd Brice has sold the American Review, one of the oldest magazines in the United States. David A. Monroe, who is the new editor, president and treasurer, was for a number of years connected with the literary department of Harper & Bros.

Train Robber Killed.

SACRAMENTO, Cal.: An attempt was made to hold up the overland express eight miles west of this city. The engineer killed one of the robbers and then pulled out and the train reached this city.

Helena Bank Fails.

HELENA, Mont.: A notice posted by the manager of the First National Bank announced that the bank was unable to meet the withdrawals demanded. The manager said creditors would be paid in full. No statement of assets or liabilities was made.

Columbus Railway Fails.

COLUMBUS, Ohio: The Columbus Central Street Railway Company went into the hands of a receiver Saturday morning. The assets and liabilities are unknown. The cause of the failure was insufficient business.

Bradstreet's Review.

NEW YORK: Bradstreet's says: There is a somewhat better feeling among wholesale merchants as to prospects for autumn trade in seasonable goods. This extends to some industrial lines, notably iron and steel. Chicago sales of iron this week are larger than for all of August and Pittsburgh sales are larger and prices better on the outlook for harmony among steel makers. The most notable increase of sales of seasonable goods has been at Chicago, mostly among dry goods and hardware jobbers. St. Louis also reports a moderate gain in demand as does St. Paul. Baltimore wholesale trade is checked by restricted bank credits, but is still larger than one year ago.

The more encouraging nature as to the movement of prices lies in advance of quotations for wheat on the stronger statistical position and free export movement, higher prices for iron and steel at Pittsburgh and Chicago with a gain in demand and a further appreciation in quotations for cotton on renewed reports of damage to the crop. Petroleum and leather are also higher. On the other hand there has been no general increase in industrial production, the output as a whole being smaller than previously during the year.

Drop Out the Diamond Match.

CHICAGO: W. H. and J. H. Moore have resigned their positions with the Diamond Match Company. The resignations were handed to George M. Pullman, one of the large carriers of Diamond Match stock. W. H. Moore was first vice president and a director. J. H. Moore was not a director, but was second vice president of the company. While the retirement of the Moore brothers makes but one vacancy in the Diamond Match directory, it is probable that two other resignations will be received. According to the way matters are drifting, Director J. K. Robinson of Chicago, and Director C. E. Hopkins of St. Louis may retire. It is not improbable that Mr. Robinson will be elected treasurer of the company, a position which he now holds. Outside of Mr. Armour and Mr. Pullman, H. N. Higinbotham and C. H. McCormick have been considered as possible candidates.

To Be Open to the World.

SHANGHAI: Reports are in circulation in the circles of highest authority to the effect that the Chinese Empire will shortly be thrown open to free trade with the rest of the world. When Li Hung Chang was in England one of his staff said the main object of his tour was to sound the European governments regarding an increase of China's tariff. He added that he understood Russia, Germany and France were favorable to the increase, but the British premier brought forward several important counter propositions.

It is now certain that China is inclined to concede these conditions; that as a preliminary tariff be increased, all transit dues in the interior of China be abolished and later free trade established throughout the empire. A preliminary increase in the tariff is made necessary in order to secure necessary loans.

Heir of Prince Lobanoff.

ST. LOUIS: The vast estates of Prince Lobanoff Rostovsky, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, who died suddenly in Kiev last Sunday, will pass to a man who, sixteen years ago, came to St. Louis as a Russian exile and proscriber. This man disappeared a year later, taking with him the divorced wife of Prof. Jules Belin, a teacher of French. Since then he has been heard from but once, and then it was alleged that he had gone to New York, and there had been sentenced to prison. The exile claimed to be a nephew of the late prince. His name is Lobanoff and before his exile he was judge of the criminal court in Odessa. He was a nihilist, and when this fact was discovered he fled for his life.

Comes Back at Altgeld.

CHICAGO: Ex-Democratic Congressman Forman publishes a rejoinder to the answer of Gov. Altgeld to the charges of borrowing state money, etc., made by him against the Governor. He repeats the charges and says:

"The public has a right to expect an explanation of every charge, but instead they are met with personal abuse, mean insinuations and hypocritical eulogies. I want to remind you," says Mr. Forman, "that the issue was squarely presented to you and, as you refused to accept it, I shall await with confidence the verdict of the people of the state of Illinois, to be rendered in November, and predict your overwhelming defeat."

San Francisco Wants to See Li.

SAN FRANCISCO: The Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade and Mayor Sutro have sent an official invitation to Li Hung Chang, through the Chinese Consul General, to a reception at the hall of the Chamber of Commerce, should he pass through San Francisco. The Southern Pacific Company has placed at the disposal of Li Hung Chang a special train from New York to this city and hence to Portland if required.

Saves \$50,000 to Cattlemen.

GUTHRIE, Oklahoma: The last Legislature passed an act taxing all cattle ranches, houses and other personal property of white men in the Indian reservations of the territory. The cattlemen fought the tax. The supreme court held that part of the levy, for general territory purposes and court expenses, shall stand good, but holds that the county and school tax is illegal. By the decision the cattlemen save over \$50,000 a year.

Bogus Chinese Certificates.

MONTREAL: The special United States treasury agents arrived here to obtain evidence regarding the forging and selling of Chinese merchants' certificates. They will act in conjunction with Dr. Anderson, consular general. No attempt will be made to extradite the offenders, but indictments will be asked from the court of the queen's bench, as the offense is one against the Canadian criminal law.

Great Western's Earnings.

CHICAGO: The annual meeting of the Chicago Great Western road was held in this city. The net earnings of the road during the last fiscal year were \$1,899,578, an increase of \$580,228 over the preceding year. H. A. Gardiner, H. E. Fletcher and A. Oppenheim, the retiring directors, were re-elected.

Spanish Gold Sinks Laurada.

KINGSTON, Jamaica: The steamer Laurada, of Cuban filibustering fame, struck a reef while entering the harbor of Port Antonio. She will be a total loss it is feared. It is suspected that she was wrecked purposely through Spanish bribery.

Philippine Islands Revolt.

LONDON: A dispatch to the Times from Hong Kong says that the revolution in the Philippine Islands is less serious than was at first expected, and that no danger is feared for the lives and property of foreign subjects.

OF A GREAT STATE

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF NEBRASKA.

Detective Cox of Omaha Institutes a Crusade Against the Omaha-Council Bluffs Inter-State Thieves' Association—Asks for Requisition.

After Inter-State Thieves.

Detective Cox of Omaha applied to Governor Holcomb for a requisition for John Malone, who is now under arrest at Council Bluffs, charged with the arrest of a suit of clothes in Omaha of the value of \$13. The reason for asking a requisition for one guilty of so small an offense is explained by a letter addressed by Cox to the Governor, as follows: "Enclosed please find an application for John Malone, together with special delivery stamps for the purpose of facilitating the speedy delivery to me of the requisition papers and to save the expense of travel in procuring the same. I trust his honor, the Governor, will grant the same for the reason that there are a great many petty thieves who will steal an article of small value in our city and go over to Council Bluffs with the idea that the amount is under grand larceny and thereby not a felony, that they will not be prosecuted and punished; but as I desire to make an example of this case and break up what seems to be an interstate thieves' association with headquarters in this city and Council Bluffs, I trust I shall receive your co-operation in the matter."

BURN CHILDREN TO DEATH.

Murderers Saturate a Bedroom with Kerosene and Apply the Match.

Of all the horrible and villainous crimes ever committed in Northwestern Nebraska, the one which resulted in the death of two children of Assistant Postmaster W. A. Danley at Chadron, clearly takes the lead. About 4 o'clock Thursday morning a fire alarm was turned in and the blaze was discovered to be the dwelling of Mr. Danley. Before the arrival of the apparatus Danley, his wife and a young baby had been removed from the house, the first two unconscious and the baby dead. It was shortly learned that the 4-year-old girl was also in the house, and that L. A. Dorington crawled all over the house on his hands and knees, finally finding the little girl in her bed. She was dead.

Some unknown party had thrown kerosene over the entire room, and set fire to it. The entire family sleep in this room, and the blaze and smoke came so suddenly that they were nearly suffocated. Appearance would indicate that the fiend had thrown oil through the east window of the bedroom, completely saturating the bed where the older child lay, and sprinkling the carpet underneath and around the bed containing Mr. Danley, wife and the young baby. The citizens are much excited over the affair, and all kinds of theories are being expounded regarding it, the most logical being that the guilty party made a mistake in the house and was after some one else.

A common tin sprinkler was discovered in the house, which had lately contained kerosene. The coroner's inquest is liable to produce a sensation of no small proportions.

Farmer Seriously Hurt.

F. H. Hubbard was quite seriously injured at Overton by a loaded billy in the hands of Jake Brown. Mr. Hubbard, who is an enterprising farmer of that locality, had employed Brown for a few days to assist him on the farm. After the family had retired for the night, Brown attempted to assault the farmer's daughter, 18 years of age. Her screams awakened her father, who promptly knocked the miscreant down and threw him out of doors. Later in the night he called and requested his clothes and other effects. His appearance was sufficient to open hostilities again, during which Mr. Hubbard was injured. Brown has disappeared.

Life of a Child Crushed Out.

A fatal accident occurred at Chittenden the wealthy widow of John A. Hogue, who amassed a fortune in the wholesale grocery trade in this city, became violently insane while on her way to this city from a visit during the summer in Chicago and northern lake pleasure resorts. Upon her arrival here she had to be forced from the train. Mrs. Hogue is laboring under the hallucination that she is under arrest and her captors are trying to rob her of her money.

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Had Hoarded \$100,000.

CHICAGO: Fritz Struckmeyer, worth nearly \$100,000, died of heart disease in the wretched room he called his home at 389 North Avenue. He had been a miser for a quarter of a century, denying himself the comforts of life and almost the common necessities, although he had enough worldly possessions to place him beyond want. He died in a store room, deserted even by the rats. Death found the old man sitting on the end of an empty nail keg, across which his lifeless body soon stretched.

Fritz rented the first floor of his two-story building to a candy dealer. He lived in a small room over the store, his sleeping apartment being in a little closet adjoining. He did his own cooking on the rickety stove, and the neighbors say that as he never took a bath he did not feel the lack of a bath room. He dressed in tatters and rags.

He was also the owner of much other property and a very good money maker. It was common gossip that he kept some of his hoardings in his room, over the threshold of which no person, save one friend, was allowed to pass. His fear of robbers, it is said, was something remarkable, and with locks and bars he fortified himself against their attacks, being suspicious of everyone.

Lost Spanish Mine Discovered.

ROUND ROCK, Texas: There is great excitement in the counties of Bell and Milan over recent discoveries of gold. In Bell County syndicates have leased large bodies of land, and the ore taken out has been sent to Cripple Creek, Colo., to be assayed. If the report is favorable mines will be actively developed.

When the discovery of gold in Bell County was announced some two months ago, the old story of the lost mine on the Boyes place was revived, and a company quietly leased the land before making known their purpose. They sent to Cripple Creek and employed E. L. Conway, a gold miner who for many years has had experience in the mines of California, British Columbia and Australia. He immediately began the work of locating the old Spanish mine, and from almost obliterated landmarks he finally succeeded in ascertaining where the shaft had been sunk. After removing the earth it was found that the shaft had been completely filled up and it will take much hard work and considerable time to remove the debris. A large force of men has been employed, and the work of developing the mine is now actively under way.

Shy On Revenue.

WASHINGTON: In spite of the fact that circumstances have so shaped themselves as to make it appear that the financial problem is the predominant issue, the treasury statement for August shows that the question of adequate revenue is of overshadowing importance. The deficit for August was upwards of ten million dollars, and the total deficiency for the first two months of the fiscal year was \$23,198,839. It is clearly demonstrated that in the event of a continuance of the deficit the next president will be compelled to call Congress together immediately after his inauguration.

Predicts a Very Hard Winter.

WICHITA, Kan.: Joseph H. C. Swan, "the sage of the Whitewater," widely known for his correct forecast of the St. Louis cyclone and other meteorological phenomena, makes the following prediction: "The winter of 1896-97 will be very long and cold, with much snow in all localities where snow is a factor. Blizzards will be numerous, highways and railroads will be blocked, and all to be followed by much rainfall and high water most of the year."

Flow of Gold Will Not Stop.

NEW YORK: Nearly all bankers say that they now begin to realize the magnitude of the present gold import movement. It is declared by bankers who had studied the situation and the condition of trade between Great Britain and this country, that, in the absence of any untoward political event which would cause heavy selling of American securities abroad, the importation of gold before the movement closes is likely to aggregate between \$40,000,000 and \$51,000,000.

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PALMER AND BUCKNER

BLUE AND GRAY PUT FORTH AT INDIANAPOLIS.

Anti-Silver Democrats Adopt a Platform and Name Candidates for President and Vice-President—Chosen on First Ballot.

Palmer for President.

John M. Palmer, United States Senator from Illinois, was nominated for President of the United States by the anti-silver Democrats at Indianapolis, and Gen. S. B. Buckner, of Kentucky, was nominated for Vice-President. The nomination of Senator Palmer, who received 75 1/2 votes on the only ballot cast, was made unanimous on the motion of Gen. E. S. Bragg, of Wisconsin, his only competitor, who received 12 1/2 votes. Gen. Buckner was nominated for Vice-President by acclamation, for no other candidate was placed before the convention. The nominating and seconding speeches were numerous, and enthusiasm ran high from the moment the reading clerk began to call the roll of the States until the Chairman duly announced that the convention was at an end.

Chairman Caffery called the convention to order at 11:38 Thursday morning. The Platform Committee was not ready to report, so the crowd called on Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge for a speech. He was escorted forward amid mingled hisses and cheers, and made a brief address. Mr. Ochs, of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution that the national convention express-



GEN. JOHN M. PALMER.

es grief at the untimely death of William E. Russell. It was carried by a rising vote. T. De Witt Warner of New York, Lehman of Missouri, Bynum of Indiana, and Eckels of Illinois addressed the convention. A motion to take a recess at 1:45 was voted down.

Senator Vilas then appeared and read the report of the Resolutions Committee. The platform declares that the convention met that Democrats may unite to avert disaster from the country and ruin for their party; that the Chicago platform attacks sound financial policy and that delegates to that convention abandoned for Republicanism allow the Democratic cause of tariff reform to court the favor of protectionists; that delegates to the Indianapolis convention cannot support candidates of the Chicago convention nor be bound by its acts, liberal policy toward American shipping is demanded; and an economical administration of government; international arbitration, and a liberal pension policy are favored; all efforts to touch the Supreme Court are condemned, and the gold standard is approved. The platform expresses opposition to free and unlimited coinage of silver and compulsory purchase of bullion; denounces the present system of paper currency as a constant source of injury, and demands currency reform, and commends the fidelity, patriotism and courage of Cleveland's administration.

The platform was adopted unanimously. A motion to take a recess was cried down. Breckinridge of Kentucky moved to nominate a candidate on the platform. The motion carried, and a roll call was ordered. Carroll of Kentucky, withdrew Watterson's name, and a telegram was received from President Cleveland announcing his positive declination.

Palmer's Name Presented.

Palmer's name was presented by the Michigan delegation, as he had refused to allow the Illinois delegates to put him in nomination. His name was greeted with an outburst of cheers that caused him to retire to a lobby in confusion. John E. Hartridge of Louisiana, after regretting the refusal of President Cleveland to allow his name to be presented, seconded Gen. Palmer's nomination. Georgia did the same. Then the States, one after another, fell into line. Senator Palmer was nominated on the first ballot, and the choice was at once made unanimous on motion of Gen. Bragg.

The nomination of the Vice President was then taken up, and the Chairman instructed the reading clerk to call the roll. That young man took in the situation and promptly called out "Kentucky." This raised a cheer for Gen. Buckner, and his name rose from all parts of the hall. Wm. B. Browden made the nominating speech, and the instant he closed his address a delegate sprang up and moved to nominate Gen. Buckner by acclamation. It received a dozen seconds and was carried with a great roar.

After passing a resolution giving the national committee the usual authority and another thanking the temporary committee members for the work they did and another thanking the people of Indianapolis for entertaining the convention so handsomely, a North Carolina delegate asking Chairman Caffery if he remembered the remark made by the Governor of North Carolina to the Governor of South Carolina. This hint produced a motion to adjourn, and the motion was carried forthwith at 4:15 o'clock.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Norman Allen, known as the "cattle king" of Florida, was ambushed and killed.

Police detectives have arrested two young men who are suspected of robbing the branch of the American National Bank in the Livestock Exchange Building in Kansas City, Mo.

A car on the Frederiek and Middleton Electric Railway jumped the track near Frederiek, Md., with 110 people on board. Fortunately no one was killed, but several were badly though not fatally hurt.

A CIRCULAR FISH.

It Had Become So Through Growing in the Interior of a Human Skull.

"The strangest fish story I ever heard was an experience I had myself," said Judge Scudder, of Ataluma, as he settled himself back in his big arm chair, while a reflective look passed over his open countenance.

"It was in the summer of '82, I think, that an Easterner and myself started out on the warpath for fish. Salmon Creek afforded fine fishing for salmon, trout and salmon trout as well, and many were the stories of mammoth fishes caught there which were wafted to our ears when our friends learned of our destination, to all of which my friend from the East listened incredulously.

"This stream, as you know, flows through a narrow defile, with precipitous sides, and winding around considerably after leaving Freestone finally empties into the Pacific, and right near there we had our headquarters—at the Ocean View House—tramping up the narrow canyon each morning with bait in ourselves as well as the fishes.

"We had good sport—fine luck, in fact, for two days, and on the third day I chose a very wild spot and seated myself on a large rock overhanging the creek. I fished with a line and rod, using the same old-fashioned sort of worm I did as a boy. There was no need to use the more scientific fly when fish were so easily caught.

"The Easterner was down stream a little way, and everything was intensely solemn and quiet. When I felt a fierce pull on the line I roused up at once, and pulling up what should I see come bobbing to the surface but a human skull, which, to all appearances, had swallowed the bait through its eyes. Naturally my otherwise steady nerves were considerably shaken, and with a sort of howl I started back suddenly, which motion swung the gruesome thing rather sharply against a rock, where it cracked apart and the several pieces—to my relief—slid off into the stream leaving dangling on my line a most peculiar looking fish, almost white and forming an almost perfect ring.

"I quickly jerked the hook out of its gills and let it drop into the clear water, where it went through the strangest motions, still keeping its circular shape. It was unable to swim, but twisted around in the water, or moved with a wheel-like motion. My friend, who had been attracted by my howl, arrived just in time to see some of the eccentric gyrations, and I really believe if he hadn't actually seen it he would always have said it was a California yarn.

"We afterward came to the conclusion that the fish, when small, had strayed into the skull, and probably through some motion of its own had turned the ruin over, and so closed its mode of egress, though it could easily survive and grow on the food which came floating by, and there it continued to grow, only in a ring, till the worm, falling through one of the eye-sockets, provided a mode of relief from its cramped quarters.

"We quit fishing for that day, and it was some time before I could eat fish without a thought of this strangely imprisoned curio."—San Francisco Call.

Old Flesh Repellers.

I wonder what fat people did twenty years ago? So far as I can remember, apart from the heroic measures recommended by Mr. Banting, there was but one remedy generally indorsed, and that was the extract of seaweed, a preparation which would have been excellent had it not in reducing the flesh reduced strength as well. It left you thin and lifeless. A little later the water of German spas were in vogue. Fat people who were rich went to Carlsbad and Marienbad, then came back poorer, thinner, wiser and weaker, too. For they also debilitate. Subsequently, Bismarck announced that he has lost a roe-buck's weight through the simple process of drinking nothing at his meals. But sauce for the goose is not always sauce for the gander. Fat men all over the world tried the remedy, and fattened on it. The less they drank the fatter they grew. Nowadays there are a hundred nostrums, but I take it that, barring hereditary predisposition, for which there is no remedy, the one cure is exercise and abstinence from certain foods. The question is what form of exercise is the best. A scientist to whom I recently submitted that query recommended swimming on the back or, rather, swimming with your back to the floor—with a dumb-bell attached to each foot. There is nothing, he assured me, which will at once reduce and strengthen as quickly as that. It eliminates every ounce of fat and hardens every shred and sinew. If you happen to be a fat man, try it.—Collier's Weekly.

Ancient Journalism.

At a recent Congress of Journalists held at Heidelberg, fac similes of the first newspaper ever printed were distributed to the members. It is a sheet published at Strasburg in 1609 by Johann Carolus. In a letter from Venice, dated Sept. 4, in the first number, Galileo's discovery of the telescope is announced: "The Government has added 100 crowns to the pension of Master Galileo Galilei, of Florence, Professor at Padua, because he has invented an instrument which enables one to see distant places as if they were quite near."