

HE TELLS OF THE WAR

NEBRASKA MAN TAKEN PRISONER BY CUBAN INSURGENTS.

Was Given the Option of Death or Serving in the Cuban Army, and Accepted the Latter—Is Hastening the Crisis—Other Items.

Tells of the War in Cuba.

OMAHA: Arthur McPherson, a native of Scotland, has returned to Omaha after having spent a most eventful two years of his life among the Cubans. He went to Cuba to install some machinery, but was taken prisoner by the insurgents. He and his companions were charged with being Spanish spies. The accusation had a touch of the ridiculous about it, as not one of them could speak a word of Spanish. The party was given a sort of court-martial and given the option of death or serving in the Cuban army. They could do nothing but accept the situation.

"It is undoubtedly true," said Mr. McPherson that the Spaniards take out insurgent prisoners and shoot them down, but I have witnessed deeds of cruelty on the part of the insurgents that fully equalled that. I have seen them frequently hand over the women and particularly the young girls found in the houses that were raided to the negro soldiers in the army who were allowed to do with them as they pleased. The whole island is wrecked and ruined. There are no plantations and no ranches. Everything has been destroyed."

"The Cubans will win," continued McPherson. "The Spaniards' army must carry everything with them on expeditions. There are no provisions to be obtained in the interior. Spain cannot stand the expense of such warfare."

Is Hastening the Crisis.

CONSTANTINOPLE: To those who have eyes to see, there is more and more evident the approach of a crisis in the affairs of the decrepit Ottoman Empire. Though the limit has apparently been reached in the patience of the European powers, there is no diminution in the rancor displayed by the Mussulmans towards the Armenians, and no sign of the relinquishment of the Turks' contention that the Armenians are persistent and determined revolutionists and agitators against the sovereignty of the Sultan, and as such invite the stringent repressive measures that have been used against them.

Some color has to be admitted to this contention of the "Turks from the fact that some of the envoys of the powers have received a circular note from the Turkish revolutionary committee, declaring that if the reforms demanded by the Armenians at the time of the raid by them upon the Ottoman bank are not granted, there will be a more serious outbreak against the Turkish authorities and over a much wider area than was the last, which resulted in the apparently indiscriminate slaughter of Armenians in this city.

Bessie Little's Murder.

DAYTON, Ohio: Although Bessie Little was murdered over a week ago there is still intense interest in the case, which is developing into a murder of as much deliberation as that of Catherine Gung at Minneapolis, and into almost as atrocious a disposition of the body as that of Pearl Bryan, whose head was never found. Every day a circular note is circulating to show that Albert Frantz deliberately drove the girl to an obscure place along the Stillwater River, shot her and threw her body from the bridge into the river. He told a story of Bessie shooting herself while they were riding and that in fright he threw the body over the bridge and hastened home. He stuck to this theory since his arrest, but the missing link is a revolver which Frantz admits he threw into the river with the body. Chief of Police Ferrell had the river dredged and used magnets. Crowds line the river banks, while divers are going down and scouring the bottom of the river. If found the revolver completes the evidence against Frantz.

New Consul at Samoa.

WASHINGTON: The State Department has transmitted to Consul General Churchill, at Apia, Samoa, the formal papers appointing L. J. Osborn, vice and deputy consul general at that place. Osborn is the stepson of the late Robert Louis Stevenson and was the joint author with the novelist of several of his latest works. He is an American, but has resided in Samoa for several years and is worshipped by the natives of the island.

The Advance Up the Nile.

CATRO: Word has been received from the front that the Egyptian troops with the Nile expedition are concentrated at Feringi, which is only twenty-three miles from the Derwish outpost at Kerma, where the derwishes have been concentrating reinforcements of cavalry, as though with the intention of making a stand against the British advance.

Big Glass Trust to Combine.

ANDERSON, Ind.: The Indiana window glass manufacturers have called a meeting of the Indiana trust, the purpose being to perfect the amalgamation of the eastern and western trusts. All of the thirty-one plants are in the Indiana trust. Consolidation will be effected Oct. 1.

Western Editorial Convention.

DENVER: The second annual convention of the Western Editorial Federation, whose membership embraces twenty-one states west of the Mississippi River, opened in this city Monday. There is an attendance of 500 or 600 editors.

Rebel Leaders Shot.

MANILLA, Philippine Island: The leaders of the conspiracy against the Spanish Government in the province of Cavite have been shot.

Decides to Refund the Debt.

COLUMBUS, Ohio: The stockholders of the Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo Railway Company decided at a special meeting to issue \$30,000,000 4 per cent. gold bonds to refund the debt of the road. The proposition was carried by a unanimous vote.

Three Million Marks Gone.

BERLIN: Herr Oskar Schuster, director of the Deutsche Handels-Gesellschaft, has been arrested on the charge of embezzlement. It is reported that the defalcation amounts to 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 marks. Other arrests are pending.

Bradstreet's Review.

NEW YORK: Bradstreet's says: The feeling among jobbers and manufacturers last week that an improvement in demand for reasonable staples was in sight was evidently well founded, for at more than a dozen centers south and west demand is now more active, the volume of business has increased, and the general outlook is much more favorable for business later in the autumn. Notwithstanding the Labor Day interruption, the week's volume of business is slightly heavier, several cities reporting larger demand this week to replenish depleted stocks than during the two preceding months, notably among jobbers in groceries, hardware, dry goods, millinery, hats and shoes. The most marked improvement is at Chicago, St. Louis, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Pittsburg, Charleston and Augusta, although other cities have reported a better feeling and prospects for a more active demand.

Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week amount to 3,799,141 bushels, as compared with 3,339,000 bushels last week and 1,810,000 bushels in the corresponding week one year ago.

Miners Likely to Suffer.

WASHINGTON: Information received at the Treasury Department indicates that there is likely to be much suffering among the miners at Cook's Inlet who are returning from the Alaska gold fields, unless the commercial companies who took them north provide for their passage home. More than a year ago the department notified the commercial companies that thereafter the Government could not furnish transportation for these miners and that if the companies took the miners north they should look out for their return. It is said that if all the cutters in Behring Sea were pressed into service they could not accommodate more than 120 men. There are said to be nearly 1,000 of these returning miners now at Cook's Inlet.

Another Bank Suspends.

NEW ORLEANS: The Bank of Commerce, which everybody thought would be able to weather the wave of distrust and suspicion, which the recent wreck of the Union National engendered, has been compelled to close its doors. There was a large crowd outside the bank but everybody was orderly. All manner of surmises and opinions were freely aired by the crowd, but the sum and substance seemed to be that the Bank of Commerce had adopted the only course left to it. There was a lively run on the People's Bank. So many people were in line that it extended clear into the streets. The officials of the People's Bank did not seem to be worried over the run, and all checks for \$100 or under were rapidly cashed.

Fools Spanish Warships.

NEW YORK: Information has reached this city that the steamer Three Friends, which left Jacksonville last Friday, has again been successful in landing an expedition in Cuba, in spite of the watchfulness of the Spanish war vessels which constantly patrol the coast. The expedition landed precisely where the Spanish navy exerts the greatest vigilance, on the coast of Pinar del Rio province. The cargo is said to have consisted of 1,000 rifles, 400,000 cartridges, a pneumatic dynamite gun, 2,000 pounds of dynamite, 1,000 machetes, medical stores and clothing. It is thought in Cuba that Maceo will now attack the trocha in Pinar del Rio as soon as Gomez moves from the east upon Havana this autumn.

Liquor Laws Lower Revenues.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.: The executive committee of the State Liquor League met here to prepare for the state convention of the league on Sept. 17. The committee has prepared a report upon the effects of the Nicholson law, showing that it has driven 700 saloons out of business in Indiana, and caused a corresponding falling off in the school revenue, so that in many counties the school term has been curtailed all the way from four months to thirty days. The report also shows an increase in the amount of beer brewed and whisky sold in the state.

Fear More Outbreaks.

CONSTANTINOPLE: Fears are entertained here of a renewal of the recent disturbances. These apprehensions have caused a panic among the general public. Trade is almost at a standstill, and the lack of money in the Turkish treasury is a serious feature of the situation. Fifteen army officers who went to the war office to claim arrears in pay were informed that there were no funds with which to pay them. The officers thereupon resigned their commissions and were promptly arrested for so doing.

Big Gold Deposits.

NEW YORK: Lazard Freres deposited \$3,700,000 in gold at the sub-treasury in exchange for legal tenders Friday. The steamships Britannic and Fuerst Bismarck brought \$613,000 and \$3,697,800 gold respectively, making the aggregate amount received \$23,172,050. The bank of British North America will deposit at the sub-treasury in exchange for legal tenders \$1,000,000 in gold received on the Fuerst Bismarck. There was deposited at the sub-treasury up to 2:15 p. m. \$5,000,000 in gold.

Hundred Spaniards Killed.

KEY WEST, Fla.: The train carrying troops from Havana, which recently arrived from Spain, going by the way of Guanajay, was attacked near that place by the insurgents and destroyed. The loss of the Spaniards was 100 men killed by the bullets of the attacking party. This news was received here from Dr. Charles Mateo Feal, a captain in the insurgent army, who passed through here direct from the insurgent camp on his way to New York.

Famous Model Falls.

NEW YORK: Mrs. Catherine L. Beach, said to have been the model of Montana's silver statue, which attracted so much attention at the Columbian Exposition, is at Bellevue hospital recovering from hysteria, brought on by excessive drinking. Despondency over her failure to secure a theatrical engagement drove the woman to threats of suicide and then to drink.

Passengers on the Majestic.

LIVERPOOL: The White Star line steamer Majestic, which sails from this port for New York, will take among her passengers the Earl of Westmeath, Baron Hengel-Mueller von Hengervar, the Austrian-Hungarian Minister to the United States, and Prince and Princess Ruspoli.

For a New Gambling Resort.

CHICAGO: Alexander D. Hannah and David Hogg, wealthy Chicagoans, as it is stated, are endeavoring to purchase Mackinac Island, at the northern end of Lake Michigan. It is said to be their intention to spend half a million dollars or more to make the resort similar to Monte Carlo.

Means Much for United States.

SEATTLE: Chinese residents of this city have appointed a committee, representing three big Chinese mercantile concerns in Seattle, to wait upon and pay their respects to Li Hung Chang upon his arrival at Vancouver, enroute home. Mark Ten Sui, who is a representative of the better class of Chinese, says the distinguished viceroy's visit means much to the United States; that Li will, upon his return to China, begin the construction of a system comprising no less than 38,000 miles of railroad, and that gold and silver mines in a range of mountains, extending for 1,500 miles along northern China, will be opened. Much iron and machinery to be used in developing these enterprises, Mark Ten Sui states that from private Chinese advices, will be purchased in the United States. Mark says that Li proposes the publication of a book embracing his experiences and what he has learned on his trip upon his return to the flowery kingdom.

Hill Will Not Accept.

ALBANY, N. Y.: The Democratic primary Wednesday night selected Senator Hill as a delegate to the state convention. The delegation consists of twelve men, of whom seven, including Mr. Hill, are considered gold men, but the entire delegation is instructed to support Bryan and Sewall.

May Check Gold Drain.

LONDON: The Evening Standard says the unexpected raising of the bank rate by the Bank of England from 2 per cent. to 2 1/2 per cent.—for the first time a change has taken place since February, 1894—foreshadows further gold withdrawals, and created considerable surprise at the stock exchange. As a consequence the market was all flat and consols dropped 3/4 per cent. The Daily Mail Gazette says that unless the bank has other information, a general knowledge of the situation scarcely warrants the advance in the rate. But the directory may see the necessity of advancing the rate to 3 per cent., and decided that it was best to make the advance by stages in order to avoid danger of a panic.

Five Men Badly Hurt.

ST. LOUIS: One man fatally and four others seriously injured is the result of an explosion caused by the careless handling of gasoline. The explosion occurred in the building occupied by the Mound City Cleaning and Dyeing Company. The injured are: James Walker, the proprietor. James Vincent, a dyer. Harry Roberts, collector for Walker. John Meers. Edward Sherry.

British Trades Congress.

EDINBURG: The British trades union congress adopted a resolution calling for the complete remodeling of the British educational system on a basis "to secure the democratic principle of equality of opportunity" so as to make British children worthy citizens of a co-operative commonwealth. A resolution was adopted calling on the Government to pass a law making it compulsory for all municipal bodies to adopt some scheme of old age pensions for their employees.

Rockford Messiah Is Married.

MINNEAPOLIS: George J. Schweinfurth, of Rockford, Ill., was married to Mary Ann Tuttle, of the Church of the Redeemer Thursday, Rev. Marion D. Schuter performing the ceremony. Twelve members of the Church of the Redeemer were present, aside from the bridesmaids. The sermon was one of Schweinfurth's own creations. At the same time Albert Tefft was married to Amari Schweinfurth and Will Weidman was united to Bertha Olsen.

Unlimited Credit Is Given.

MADRID: The Cortes has adjourned, after unanimously authorizing the Government to borrow \$200,000,000, guaranteed by the railroads, and also unanimously authorizing the Government to raise another loan of unlimited amount to defray the expenses of the campaign against the insurgents, this loan to be guaranteed by any of the national revenues.

Make an Appeal for Aid.

LANSING, Mich.: The authorities at Ontonagon have made a second appeal to Gov. Rich for aid to the fire sufferers. They report that but \$3,000 has been contributed in cash, and the supply of provisions is insufficient for a period longer than a week. Several hundred people will need shelter and care for ninety days at least.

Barrel of Turpentine Blows Up.

WAUSAU, Wis.: Willie William Borchardt and Wilber Bartel were emptying a barrel of turpentine in the cellar of W. W. Albert's drug store a match was lighted and a terrific explosion followed. Before the fire department could get control of the flames the entire stock was ruined. Borchardt and Bartel were badly burned.

Three Rioters Reported Killed.

ASHLAND, Wis.: Sheriff Archibald has received a telegram reporting a serious riot in a Bavarian settlement near the village of Gladden. It is reported that three men were killed in a riot there. The trouble arose over a school board dispute. Two teachers were thrown out of the schoolhouse.

Turk Draws in Horns.

LONDON: A dispatch from Athens to the Daily Telegraph says: In response to the note of the powers the Sultan has now ordered an irade to be published commanding a summary cessation of the expulsion of Armenians.

Mississippi River Very Low.

BURLINGTON, Iowa: The Mississippi River is only four inches above the lowest known stage, and, in consequence of numerous sandbars, steamer traffic is almost suspended. All the larger packets have ceased running.

Employment for Yarn Spinners.

LAWRENCE, Mass.: The Upper Pacific yarn mill and print works has resumed operations, after a shut down of two weeks. This affects about 3,000 hands.

OF A GREAT STATE

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF NEBRASKA.

The State Democracy Held Their Convention on Friday Last at Omaha—Indorsed the Nominations Made at Hastings.

Democratic State Convention. Presidential Electors: Fred Metz, sr., Douglas. O. W. Palm, Lancaster. F. J. Hale, Madison. X. Piasceki, Howard. N. O. Alberts, Clay. S. L. Kostryze, Saline. M. F. Harrington, Holt. J. N. Campbell, Nance. Governor—Silas A. Holcomb. Lieutenant Governor—J. E. Harris. State Secretary—W. F. Porter. State Auditor—John F. Cornell. State Treasurer—J. N. Meserve. Attorney General—C. J. Smyth. State superintendent—W. R. Jackson. Commissioner—J. V. Wolfe. Judges Supreme Court—Long Term—William Neville. Short Term—J. S. Kirpatrick. University Regent—Thomas Rawlings.

C. J. Smyth, chairman of the state committee, called the Democratic state convention to order at Omaha, Friday. Lee Herdman, secretary, read the call. Edward P. Smith of Omaha, was named as temporary chairman of the convention. Mr. Smith, upon taking the chair, addressed the convention at some length. The committee on permanent organization reported in favor of Dr. Edwards of Lincoln for permanent chairman of the convention, but there was a strong sentiment in the convention that the temporary organization be made permanent. After considerable talk upon the question Dr. Edwards withdrew his name, and on his motion the temporary organization was made permanent.

The conference committee reported that of the eight names suggested by the Populist committee for electors these four had been selected: N. O. Alberts of Clay, S. L. Kostryze of Saline, M. F. Harrington of Holt and J. N. Campbell of Nance. The committee had submitted to the Populists a list of Democrats, from which that organization had selected these names: Fred Metz, sr., of Douglas, O. W. Palm, of Lancaster, F. J. Hale of Madison and X. Piasceki of Howard. The convention then elected these eight by acclamation.

W. H. Thompson read the following resolutions reported by the committee and they were adopted:

We, your committee on resolutions, beg leave to report the following: We, the Democrats of the state of Nebraska, in convention assembled, congratulate the people of the nation upon the honest, courage and sagacity shown in the selection of William J. Bryan and Arthur Sewall as its candidates for the presidency and vice presidency of the United States and the platform adopted and pledge our united efforts to the support of the ticket nominated and our adherence to the principles in the said platform contained.

We heartily indorse the action of those in charge who have endeavored to secure the union of forces in favor of the coinage of the two metals, both gold and silver, as provided by the constitution, and whose wise and generous actions ensure the election of our standard bearers as the next president and vice president of the United States.

We favor and shall use our best endeavors to secure the adoption of the proposed amendment to the constitution providing for the election of railroad commissioners by the direct vote of the people and the proposed amendment increasing the number of supreme judges from three to five, together with the amendment authorizing the investment of the public school fund, and other funds held by the state and not otherwise used or appropriated, in bonds as provided by the proposed amendment.

We demand a most rigid and economical administration of the affairs of the state, and strict compliance with the law in reference to the disposition of the school fund, and heartily indorse the action of Governor Holcomb in his honest endeavors to save the common schools from the hands of unscrupulous individuals who have held and used the private individuals' money, and condemn the action of the Republican Board of Public Lands and Buildings in refusing to assist the Governor in his noble efforts to uphold the law and sustain the rights of the people.

On motion of W. H. Thompson the convention indorsed unanimously the nominations made at Hastings by the Populist party.

Nominations for attorney general were then called for and C. J. Smyth of Douglas was presented. The nomination was seconded by everybody nearly, and it was about to be made unanimous when a gentleman from Lancaster called a halt and nominated Judge A. S. Tibbets of Lincoln.

H. D. Travis of Cass and George W. Shields of Douglas were then placed in nomination for attorney general. Roll call was ordered, but before it was completed the names of the other candidates were withdrawn and the nomination of Mr. Smyth was made by acclamation.

For regent of the State University the names of Joseph Oberfelder of Cheyenne, T. L. Hall of Richardson and Thomas Rawlings of Dixon were presented. The result of the roll call was: Rawlings 248, Hall 278, and Oberfelder 64. Oberfelder withdrew his name before the second ballot began. The result of the second ballot was: Rawlings, 320 and Hall 235, Rawlings being declared the nominee.

The usual resolutions instructing the state central committee to fill vacancies were adopted and the convention adjourned.

Condition of the Sugar Beet Crop. The beet raisers have had several analyses of this year's crop made. The beets are ripening slowly and thus far have not reached the required test of sugar content and purity. Each analysis, however, shows an improvement over the last and it is expected by October 1 the beets will reach 80 per cent. saccharine content and purity.

Carpenter Hurt at Fremont.

Louis Hanson, a carpenter employed on the cherty factory at Fremont, fell from a scaffold on the outside of the building, a distance of nearly forty feet. He struck a couple of boards in falling, breaking both his feet and landed on a pile of loose earth. No bones were broken, though he sustained very severe bruises.

Shubert Citizen Shot.

John Oatbott of Shubert was returning from Omaha overland in company with a cousin. They stopped at Dunbar where, in getting out of the buggy, a gun, which he carried was accidentally discharged, striking him in the breast. He died shortly after the accident.

Testing the Occupation Tax.

Suit has been brought against about forty business firms by the city attorney at Falls City for the payment of occupation taxes. The matter will be tested to see if they are compelled to pay.

HAD A GAY OLD TIME.

Lincoln Real Estate Man Loses \$200 in Council Bluffs.

John Strine, a real estate man from Lincoln, had a royal good time in Council Bluffs. When the police found him he was happily oblivious to the fact that he still had nearly \$500 in cash in his pockets and that he was in a condition to fall an easy prey to anything that might come along. An interview with him by the police authorities disclosed the fact that he had been robbed of \$220. This discovery assisted materially in sobering him up and he told the officers all that he could recollect of the fun he had had. He thinks he went to Omaha about Friday and does not have a very clear idea of when or how he came across the river. He was taken to the Ogden House on Saturday night by parties for whom the police are looking with a belief that they will be able to tell something about the robbery. The officers put little credence in his assertion that he was robbed, for they cannot conceive how any able bodied conscientious thief would take \$220 and leave \$491 in the pockets of a man so helplessly drunk that he did not know whether he was in Council Bluffs or Yokahama. Strine is a man between 50 and 60 years old.

BIG HUNTING PARTY.

Vanderbilt and His Friends Preparing to Slaughter Game.

The transportation and escort for the big hunting party of Vanderbilt, Webb and others was fitted up at Fort Robinson. There were forty-nine cavalry horses, twenty-one pack mules, twenty-two soldiers and one chief packer. They took the Elkhorn to Crawford, and transfer the train to the B. & M. at that point, which will take them to Billings, Mont., thence on the Northern Pacific to Cinnibar. From there the outfit will march to the National Park, and from there to the Jackson's Hole country.

County Fair Dates.

- Sept. 14-16—Antelope County, Neligh. Wm. Campbell, Sec. " 14-19—Nebraska and Kansas Interstate Fair, Red Cloud, Neb., D. J. Myers, Sec. " 15-18—Cass County, Elmwood. " 15-18—Gage County, Beatrice. " 15-18—Polk County, Osceola, S. B. Moffett, Sec. " 15-18—Jefferson County, Fairbury, W. W. Watson, Sec. " 15-18—Hamilton County, Aurora, L. W. Shuman, Sec. " 15-18—Madison County, Madison, J. L. Ryneason, Sec. " 15-18—Saunders County, Wahoo, L. W. Gilchrist, Sec. " 15-18—Kearney County, Minden, L. M. Copeland, Sec. " 16-18—Burt County, Tekamah, E. B. Atkinson, Sec. " 16-18—Boone County, Albion, C. G. Barns, Sec. " 22-24—Sheridan County, Gordon, H. G. Lyon, Sec. " 22-25—Nemaha County, Auburn. " 22-25—Phelps County, Bertrand. " 22-25—Lancaster County, Lincoln, William Foster, Sec. " 22-25—York County, York, L. D. Stilson, Sec. " 22-25—Valley County, Ord, J. L. Claffin, Sec. " 23-25—Platte County, Columbus. " 24-26—Dundy County, Benkelman. " 28-30—Stanton County, Stanton. " 29-Oct. 2—Otoe County, Syracuse. " 29-Oct. 2—Furnas County, Beaver City. " 29-Oct. 2—Richardson County, Salem, W. W. Allen, Sec. " 29-Oct. 2—Dodge County, Fremont, W. H. Haven, Sec. " 29-Oct. 2—Butler Grange, Butler, Buffalo County, D. A. Travelpiece, Sec. Oct. 6-9—Red Willow County, Mead, Cook, L. M. Copeland, Sec. " 6-9—Cass County, Plattsmouth. " 7-9—Washington County, Blair, F. H. Claridge, Sec. " 14-15—Lincoln County, North Platte. " 13-15—Johnson County, Tecumseh.

Texas Fever in Seward.

County Attorney J. J. Thomas of Seward County has written a letter to Governor Holcomb calling attention to the fact that five head of cattle from Arkansas, have been unloaded at a point near Germantown, and are now infected with Texas fever and quarantined. In his letter he asked that some veterinarian be sent to Germantown to look into the matter. It shipped out into the state the results are liable to be disastrous. The national quarantine law, recently enacted, has not yet gone into effect, and will not until some time in November.

Assaults a Prisoner in Court.

The trial of Wright Kelly was in progress at Greeley Center for an assault on the 9-year-old boy of Peter Reifers and was about concluded, when Keifer made a rush at the defendant with a heavy chair that would have smashed Kelly's skull had it not been that he was caught by Attorney Doyle, County Attorney Ganoe and Deputy Sheriff Gaffney. The court then took the matter of Keifer's hand and fined him for contempt of court.

Indians Get Drunk and Fight.

Prairie Chicken and his wife, Indians got on a drunk near their home on the reservation, near DeSatur, and it resulted in quite a serious fight. Knives were used and the old man was cut quite badly in several places. They are both invecerate drunks and are often in trouble.

Burglars Blow a Safe.

The Union Pacific depot at Yutan was entered by burglars. They broke open the tool box, securing tools; knocked the knob off the Pacific Express Company's safe, filled the safe with powder, and blew the door entirely off. They secured about \$42 in cash.

Fremont Workmen Hurt.

John Launer and Philip Mowrer while at work plastering the Catholic Church at Fremont fell from the staging to the floor below. Both were quite badly bruised and Launer's leg broken.

Madison County Old Settlers.

A Madison County farmers' and old settlers' picnic was held at Battle Creek. It was a grand affair. Nearly all parts of the county were represented. Colonel Simpson of Norfolk delivered an address on farming, followed by singing, speaking and dancing by the young folks.

Burglars Raid a Store at Stella.

Burglars affected an entrance into W. R. Wyatt's store at Stella by cutting a panel from the back door and carried away about \$40 worth of clothing and several dollars in cash.

SUSPICION MURDER.

FARMER'S WIFE AND GRANDMOTHER DIE SUDDENLY.

Young Agriculturist Said to Have Loved Another Girl Whom He at Once Married—Suspicion Is Aroused and His Arrest Follows.

Murder Mystery in Iowa.

James Paul is a young farmer just 20 years old, who lives, when at home, in a neat cottage on a picturesque spot the other side of Homer, ten miles from Webster City. He is now in jail charged with murdering his wife and her grandmother by administering poison.

Last Fourth of July eve the young woman whom Paul

led to the altar six years ago, died. On the night of Independence day he attended a "patriotic" dance, at which he was the escort of Miss Hartman, to whom for months he had been paying devoted attention. The following Sunday morning "Grandma" Dulin, Mrs. Paul's grandmother, and for the week since his wife's death his housekeeper, was dead, too. The old woman was buried, and about a week later the widower and Miss Hartman were married. Then Paul was arrested, charged with double murder. His bride of a week went back to her home to live with her parents, and now denounces the accused.

Such is the outline of the Paul mystery, which promises to be most sensational. The circumstances surrounding



PAUL AND HIS FORMER WIFE.

the death of the two women and the subsequent behavior of the man who should have been protector, point to him as being the one responsible for the sudden death of both. But if he is convicted it must be by circumstantial evidence or his confession.

James Paul might be called good-looking. His hair is light and his eyes are blue. He has the appearance of an honest man. He has resided in the county five years, and has many acquaintances, who were shocked beyond measure when he was arrested, charged with the double murder. Paul's wife died under suspicious circumstances on the 3d of July. On the night of the 4th he was enjoying life at a country dance, where his partner of the evening was the one he made his wife two weeks afterward. Before the marriage ceremony, however, there was an obstacle apparently in the way. The neighbors say it was the grandmother of Mrs. Paul. His wife, before her death, had been the joy and pride of "Grandma" Dulin, as she was called, and it was folly to think she would ever give her consent to the marriage of her grandson-in-law so soon after the death of her treasure.

The story the neighbors tell, and they told it under oath before the Grand Jury, is that Saturday afternoon after the death of his wife Paul was with "Grandma" Dulin, as she was called, and it was folly to think she would ever give her consent to the marriage of her grandson-in-law so soon after the death of her treasure. The story the neighbors tell, and they told it under oath before the Grand Jury, is that Saturday afternoon after the death of his wife Paul was with "Grandma" Dulin, as she was called, and it was folly to think she would ever give her consent to the marriage of her grandson-in-law so soon after the death of her treasure.



HOME OF THE PAULS.

only denies his guilt and insists his wife and her grandmother died from natural causes.

Paul was hardly placed safely behind the bars before the proper officers commenced gathering evidence. The remains of his wife had been laid to rest in a cemetery in Webster County, only a few miles from her former home. This was done in accordance with her expressed wishes in life. The remains of "Grandma" Dulin were interred in Hamilton County. Both the bodies were exhumed. The stomachs were sent to State Chemist Floyd Davis at Des Moines for analysis. In a few days word came from Des Moines that unmistakable signs of strychnine poisoning had been found.

Professional Gossips in China.

Professional gossips are common in China. Most of them are elderly women, who have regular patrons of the female sex, whose houses they visit, and whom they entertain by narrating the news and scandal of the day. They thus earn about enough to maintain them in a