

BIXLER'S NEW DISEASE.

He Discovered He Was Suffering from Brain Desiccation.

Bixler was a little worried the other night about his health. Bixler is always discovering new diseases. If all his discoveries were real he would be honey-combed with ailments. His health would be as undermined as a beetling cliff whose base has yielded to the encroachments of the salty tide.

This beautiful sentence is taken from an after-dinner speech made by Bixler himself at a complimentary banquet to Col. Pike Wabash, who moved to Oklahoma last year for divers reasons. The beetling cliff didn't have anything in particular to do with the Colonel's departure, but it sounded well and seemed to create an impression.

One of the guests came to Bixler afterward and said: "I wish I had your command of language, old boy." Bixler slightly blushed. "Do you?" he said. "Yes," replied the guest, "if I had your gift of gab and a lot of those triple-jointed words I'd stand a little more show when I tried to talk back to my wife."

Well, the night that Bixler felt so much worried he got the idea into his head that he might be afflicted with brain desiccation. He had seen something of this kind mentioned in the press and it preyed on his mind. When you have brain desiccation your brain—or what passes for it—dries up and your skull shrinks at the same time. It isn't a nice trouble and Bixler worried over it a good deal.

Major Crumpet came over to call that evening, and when the Major calls the whist table is always brought out, and the Major and Bixler and Mrs. B. and Mrs. B.'s maiden sister, Matilda, played duplicate. Well, Bixler simply played a shocking game. He couldn't see trump signals, he blocked his partner's long suit and pretty soon the Major went home in a rage.

The next morning when Bixler put on his hat he was horrified to find it loose. Now he knew what ailed him the night before. Now he knew what had ailed him for days back. He was afflicted with brain desiccation.

The hat kept getting bigger all the way downtown and pretty soon Bixler had difficulty in keeping it away from his ears. He was a desperate man when he reached the office.

And then his telephone bell rang. "Is that you, Bixler? Say, this is the Major. Yes, Major Crumpet. Don't you know the voice? Say, Bixler, what do you mean by having such a ridiculously small head? I'll bet it's only a child's size. I carried your hat home last night and it stood up on my head like a collar box on a yellow pumpkin. I suppose you brought my hat down. Well, stay there until I can hustle your over. That's all."

And when Bixler hung up the receiver, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer, he actually smiled.

FOGS AND FUEL IN LONDON.

Efforts to Induce People to Use Anthracite Coal.

In the course of a deputation which waited on the lord mayor of London some time ago to urge that a fair trial should be given to an anthracite coal in London, it was stated that there was in that city a prejudice against this coal on the part of domestic servants, although nothing was easier than lighting the ordinary fires with anthracite and great economy resulted from its use. Anything that contributed to abate what was called "the fog nuisance" in London should, on public grounds, have some trial. There were, it was added, 700,000 houses in London and about 1,500,000 chimneys, and on a cold day about 40,000 tons of coal were consumed, emitting some 480 tons of sulphur.

The saving in consumption to manufacturers by the use of anthracite coal would be enormous, while it would also tend to remove the inconvenience caused by smoke. Such coal was being largely used in Paris, Berlin and other continental cities. There were laws, with penal clauses, for abating the smoke nuisance in factories and workshops. A bill was introduced into Parliament with the view of applying the same law to dwellings and it was urged that no reason existed why something of this kind should not become part of our law.

The members of the deputation stated that they were willing to form themselves into an association and to conduct, at their own expense, some experiments in different centers of the metropolis to show how largely the use of anthracite coal would abate what was called the fog nuisance; but, despite the sympathy expressed by the lord mayor, the use of anthracite has not yet made great progress.

This is a matter for much regret, says the London Iron and Coal Trades Review. No fuel gives more heat and the adoption of an anthracite fuel in London would give us the only quality that London seriously lacks—a pure atmosphere.

Censorship of Comic Papers.
Foreign comic papers are being subjected to a strict censorship in Germany just now. A special lookout is being kept for those published in America which contain pictures considered disrespectful to the kaiser.

Cigarettes for Subscribers.
El Pais, which is a pushing paper of Buenos Ayres, offers to give every subscriber for three months an equal value in cigarettes, so that the customer gets \$5 worth of news and tobacco each for the one price.

Wire Fences Cause Accidents.
Accidents due to the increasing use of wire fences have done much to cause a decline in the popularity of fox hunting in England.

A PRISON MUTINY

CONVICTS AT SALEM, ORE. FIGHT WAY TO FREEDOM.

USE ONE GUARD FOR SHIELD

NEITHER ASK NOR GIVE QUARTER AND WIN THE DAY.

SHOOT DOWN THREE GUARDS

Supposed to Have Been Furnished Weapons From Outside—Escape to Woods and Being Hunted.

Salem, Ore.,—Two desperate prisoners, Harry Tracy, sentenced to twenty years, and David Merrill, a thirty-year man serving sentences for assault and robbery, committed in Multnomah county, escaped from the penitentiary Monday morning after killing three guards.

The prisoners employed in the foundry were marched to work at 7 o'clock and had entered the molding room with Shop Guard Farrell inside and Guard Stapleton in an adjoining room. Without warning Tracy and Merrill appeared with rifles. Tracy aimed at Farrell, when Ingram, a life prisoner, attempted to reach and disarm Tracy. Instantly Merrill shot Ingram and Tracy shot Farrell, the latter dying almost instantly. Tracy and Merrill sealed the wall near the northeast corner stockade by means of a ladder. When outside the wall Guard Jones was shot twice and killed.

Tiffany was also shot, and he dropped off the fence, engaging the fugitives in a flight. His gun was soon empty and he was taken by the convicts and used as a shield while they made for the timber. When out of range of the prison they stopped and deliberately killed Tiffany, escaping into the timber immediately. They had Tiffany's gun, but finding it was empty, threw away.

Duncan Ross, a new guard, was on the fence, near Tiffany, having been ordered up to relieve the latter at his post. Ross was unarmed, and the convicts shot at him, one bullet striking him in the forehead, inflicting a slight scalp wound.

A large force of men is now out searching for the fugitives, who are known to be in the timber between the prison and reform school, and as they are desperate a battle is expected before they are secured.

Great excitement prevails in this city and scores of men are leaving for the woods, armed and determined to run the murderers down.

The prisoners are armed with two rifles and two revolvers. The arms are believed to have been thrown over the stockade Sunday night by friends, among excursionists who came from Portland.

Hong Kong Water Famine.

San Francisco.—The steamship City of Peking arrived Monday night from the orient bringing news of a water famine in Hong Kong. The wells of the city have gone dry, and in order to supply the island with water tugs were kept running between the city and the mainland.

The officers of the Peking state that the drought affected the Chinese mostly at the time the vessel left. Before every public watering place natives stood waiting a chance to fill their buckets. In one place in the busiest part of Hong Kong there were more than 1,000 coccies in line waiting to get water for their perishing families.

Boats Caught in a Squall.

Boston.—The harbor master's office and the police stations along the water front were besieged Monday by anxious men and women making inquiries for friends who went out in small craft Sunday and had not returned when a heavy squall swept over the harbor between 7 and 8 o'clock last evening. More than twenty persons are missing this morning. The squall came very quickly and was unusually strong and it is feared that small boats, heavily laden, could not have survived.

Wreck on the Great Western.

St. Joseph, Mo., June 11.—The Chicago Western passenger train No. 1 was wrecked seven miles north of this city Monday afternoon. Only one passenger was injured. He is Henry Vanderbaugh, a traveling man with headquarters in New York city. The entire train, consisting of seven coaches, left the track and rolled down a twelve foot embankment.

FEAR RISING OF NEGROES

BLACKS ARM THEMSELVES AND GO AFTER TROUBLE.

Meridian, Miss. June 9.—A threatened uprising of negroes, which terribly alarmed the people north of Meridian, has been frustrated by a determined stand of the whites, who armed themselves and placed the leaders of the gang, Green Johnson, and Nate Moore, under arrest.

A call for the negroes to band themselves against the whites was addressed to Nate Moore and was signed by a negro Baptist preacher named Ruffin. The latter said that a mob of fifty negroes would form in Rio, Kemper county, twenty-five miles northeast of Meridian and march to Green Johnson's house and from there start through the country and kill all the whites, destroy their farms and burn their houses. As soon as the whites learned of the purpose of the negroes, who outnumbered the whites two to one, they armed themselves with rifles and in a short time had so intimidated the negroes that it is now thought the uprising is at an end.

The people of the threatened district, however are very much alarmed and will be on the alert until all danger has passed. The people of Marion, from which the news of the uprising and threats first reached this city, are much wrought up and are prepared for emergencies at a moments notice.

Admits His Guilt.

Mobile, Ala., June 10.—Capt. C. W. King, former quartermaster in charge at Fort Morgan, who was convicted in the United States court in Mobile last year on the charge of accepting a bribe of three thousand dollars in connection with work done at the fort, was arraigned Monday on two counts. He entered a plea of guilty as charged in the first count and was sentenced to thirteen months imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$3,000. The second account was nolle prossed. King arrived last night from his home in Fort Dodge, Ia., where he has been since his release on bond.

Bad Ending of Hazing Bee.

Madison, Wis., June 10.—A hazing bee which started in a spirit of fun Monday came near ending disastrously. After Harry F. Herrman of New London, had been ducked in the lake he went home and procured a revolver in order, as he maintains, to defend himself. Later he appeared on the street and was "rushed" by the crowd, and in the melee, the revolver was discharged, the bullet lodging in the leg of Philip C. Kopplin, of Lavell. This enraged the students, who captured Herrman and gave him a second ducking. Several other shots were fired but failed to take effect. Kopplin's injuries are said to be slight.

Floods Delay Trains.

St. Joseph, Mo., June 10.—Train crews arriving here today from runs extending west into Kansas and Nebraska, say they never encountered such severe rain storms in their railway experience as they met Sunday night. All trains are greatly delayed. A St. Joseph & Grand Island engineer, at a point 100 miles west of here, said the rain fell in such heavy sheets that it was impossible to see even a few feet from the cab of the engine. He sought refuge for his passenger train on a siding remaining there for several hours until the storm subsided. Several bad washouts have occurred on the St. Joseph & Grand Island railways. Large sections of agricultural land, in what is known as the Platte purchase, is entirely submerged. The losses to crops will be enormous. Farmers believe that, in a general way, the losses will be made up by increased yield on table lands.

Sets Fire to Himself.

Ray City, June 10.—After saturating his clothing with kerosene oil, Joseph Rejch set fire to himself in the Catholic church at Fisherville, this county. His charred remains were discovered in front of the altar Sunday. Holes had been burned through the church floors by his blazing body. Rejch, who was thirty nine years of age, was the organist of the church and a teacher in the Sunday school.

Fight With Indians.

Tucson, June 10.—Star advices from Hermosillo report the receipt of brief dispatches from General Torres, telling of a severe battle fought by him in the Matazan mountains. The Indians withdrew from their fortifications with heavy loss in killed and wounded and a large number of prisoners were taken. Details of the battle are meager.

CARS IN THE DITCH

WRECK OF AN EXCURSION TRAIN NEAR ALPENA, MICH.

ONE MAN INSTANTLY KILLED

FIFTY INJURED. THREE PROBABLY FATAL.

CARRYING OVER 500 PEOPLE

Escape of Many From Death Well Nigh Miraculous—Destitution Wrought by Phelps County Storm.

Alpena, Mich., June 9.—A excursion train on the Detroit & Mackinaw railroad, which left here at 7:15 o'clock Sunday morning for Saginaw, consisting of an engine and twelve coaches and carrying over 500 people, was wrecked at Black River, while running forty miles an hour. One man was instantly killed, three probably fatally injured and nearly fifty others received injuries of various degrees of severity, ranging from bruises and cuts to broken limbs.

The excursion was under the auspices of the German aid society of Alpena. When the train reached Black River, the tender jumped the track. Engineer Hopper instantly set the air brakes and reversed his engine. The sudden stop threw the first three coaches of the train off the track and into the ditch. The first car was thrown half around and the next two coaches plowed through it and cut it in two. August Grosinski, the only person killed, was seated in this coach with forty other excursionists. His body was terribly crushed and death was instantaneous.

The escape of the others in the car was well nigh miraculous. Grosinski's little son occupied the same seat with him but the lad was uninjured. The three wrecked coaches were piled up in a heap and two hundred feet of the track was torn up. As soon as the occupants of the uninjured coaches recovered from the shock and surprise they rushed to the wrecked cars and began aiding the injured.

They were extricated from the wreck with frantic haste and given all possible relief, pending the arrival of the relief train. The train brought eight surgeons from Alpena. After temporary dressings had been made of the most serious wounds, all the injured were brought back to this city where the physicians worked over them until late tonight.

Mother Dead, Children Waifs.

Tecumseh, Neb., June 9.—Mrs. Henry Moore died at the poor farm here Thursday night and was buried in the Potter's field in the Tecumseh cemetery the following day. The circumstances that preceded her death are of a sad character. For some time the Moore family, consisting of the father and mother and three sons and two daughters, had lived in a little shanty in the east part of town. The father failed to provide for the family and the mother was compelled to take in washing to furnish the necessities of life. During the winter and early spring her health gave out, and she was seemingly too proud to ask the authorities for help. What little provisions could be secured was devoured by the husband and the children, the mother continually depriving herself of sufficient food to properly nourish her body, that the other members of the family might be fed. The children became waifs on the street and the boys though young, fell in the way of the b.d. Two weeks ago Wiley, the oldest boy, aged seventeen, was given ten days in the county jail, for stealing, and his sentence expired but a day or two before his mother died. Last week the officers became aware of the mother's condition and took her from her filthy little hut to the poor farm where she might be properly cared for. The time that she was at the poor farm was counted by hours and she died with no other member of her family with her than an infant baby in her arms. Since her death the father has informed the officers that they must provide for his children, and accordingly the girls will be sent to the home for the friendless and the two younger boys to the reform school.

Police Officer a Suicide.

David City, Nebr., June 9.—Chief of Police Joseph Calvia committed suicide about eight o'clock Sunday morning by shooting himself in the right temple. The weapon used was a thirty-eight calibre revolver. Becoming despondent because of poor health is the supposed cause. Mr. Calvia has been on the police force about ten years and last January was appointed chief.

LIES AT POINT OF DEATH

BOY VICTIM OF CRUEL ASSAULT CAN HARDLY RECOVER.

Grand Island, Neb., June 14.—Walter Harbott, the 15-year old boy, who was so viciously stabbed and beaten by his traveling companion Friday, lies at the point of death. Dr. Abbott, the city physician, and Dr. Roeder, physician of the hospital, are of the opinion that he can not recover. It is now found that six of the stab wounds penetrated the lungs and the lad has hemorrhages. Dr. Roeder has counted forty-one wounds.

Mrs. Harbott, mother of the unfortunate lad and a brother of the latter arrived this morning from their home at Campbell, Franklin county. It is stated that the boy had gone away from home, with the consent of his parents, three or four weeks ago to look for work. He had written home every week and was on his way home from Saratoga, Wyo., when he fell in with the vicious stranger who in all probability has taken his life. The mother is heart broken. The feeling in the city is such that should the man be caught in the next few days it is doubtful if the officers, with the present jail facilities, could keep the man safe from indignant people, though there is also a more conservative element, which, it is hoped, would be able to control the situation.

So far the police have heard nothing definite. One man reports driving the stranger for some distance south yesterday morning. Another believes he saw him crossing a road several miles southwest of the city, and following up the undergrowth of the Wood river valley. Another citizen is quite as certain that he saw a man answering the description passing his shop in a hurry yesterday morning about the time west bound freights pass through the city, and as the reports are all from reliable citizens the police are quite at sea, and have nothing definite. In view of the fact that the man had an hour's start and there are no bounds it is difficult to find a trace. However, every effort has been made to fully notify all the surrounding country.

Yaqui Indians Massacred.

Tucson, Ariz., June 14.—A prominent Arizona banker arrived here today from Prietas, Sonora, with details of a massacre of Yaqui Indians, men, women and children, yesterday in Santa Rosa canon, thirty-five miles from the Minas Prietas mines, by a detachment of General Torres' troops.

It appears that the Yaqui forces that were operating in that section had moved further into the mountains, leaving their women and children in Santa Rosa canon under a guard of eighty men. The Mexican troops came upon this camp and without warning opened a terrible fire sparing neither women nor children. After the first volley the troops charged down upon the panic-stricken victims and massacred all within their reach.

Of the guard of eighty Yaquis not a single one survived and over a hundred women and children fell victims to the Mexican bullets and bayonets. The bodies of the dead were left in the canon and the remaining women and children were driven to Minas Prietas by the soldiers, and from that point will be taken to Hermosillo.

The Mexican soldiers and rurales have explicit orders to take no Yaqui men prisoners, but to kill in all cases. This order was illustrated yesterday when a friendly Yaqui miner came down to Prietas for supplies and was killed by the rurales on the outskirts of the town.

Pay Well to See Hanging.

Montreal, June 14.—Thosvald Hansen was hanged here today for the murder of Eric Marote, a nine-year-old boy, last autumn in order to obtain some change, 17 cents, which the boy was jingling in his hand. Hansen's neck was broken. Ticket of admission to the execution were openly sold at prices ranging from 50 cents to \$10.

Sends in His Resignation.

Saginaw, Mich., June 14.—Governor Bliss, who is at his home here, said today that he had received word from Lansing that the resignation of Col. Eli R. Sutton of Detroit, as regent of the University of Michigan, was in the executive office at Lansing.

Used Company's Funds.

New York, June 14.—Charles Shivelor, who was secretary and treasurer of the American District Telegraph company in this city for many years, was arrested today by direction of District Attorney Jerome. He was accused by the company of speculation for half a dozen years amounting from \$16,000 to \$17,000. The case was referred to the grand jury.

NEBRASKA NOTES.

Retail hardware dealers of the state recently effected an organization at Hastings.

A social club, the initiation fee of which is \$500, has been organized by Omaha capitalists.

R. H. Davis of Lincoln has been appointed teacher at the Crow Creek, S. D. Indian school.

A rural free delivery route has been ordered established out of Clarks, to begin August first.

The Republican state convention meets at Lincoln June 18, and the Democratic state convention at Grand Island June 24.

A stock company is being organized at Lincoln to establish a country club, with a \$5000 clubhouse and thirty acres of ground.

A young man named Wishman, who attempted to swim out in the current below the dam was nearly drowned.

The residence of J. Wook at Schuyler was destroyed by fire with contents. There was \$1,000 insurance on the house and contents.

The Social Economics club of Chicago, composed of Chicago women, has six colored women among its members.

Farmers in the vicinity of Beatrice estimate their loss in grains from the present flood at \$50,000. The river in many places was a mile wide.

W. W. Holcomb died at Broken Bow, after a lingering illness. He was the youngest brother of Sias Holcomb and a member of the law firm of Holcomb Bros.

Governor Savage and staff will be present at Seattle on July 4, when the keel of the battleship Nebraska will be laid. The governor will leave Lincoln on June 30.

Robert Van Brunt, a Burlington engineer and formerly a Lincoln resident, was instantly killed at St. Joseph by being run over by an engine which he had attempted to board.

J. P. Marvin about July 1 will begin the publication of a new morning daily to be known as the Beatrice Daily Sun. Mr. Marvin is an old time Nebraska newspaper man.

McKinley Flansburg, of Trenton 7 years old, accidentally shot his younger brother Robert in the leg with a 22-caliber revolver. The ball passed through the fleshy part of his leg. The wound is somewhat painful, but not serious.

Work has begun on the piping for the fire protection system that the Great Western Cereal company is having put into its factory at Nebraska City. An efficient department has been organized among the employes of the factory.

Gibbon is to have a new telephone line from the southeast. It is a farmers' mutual line and starts from Shelton. The matter of a line to connect Lowell and Butler with Gibbon is being agitated and will undoubtedly be constructed.

Lightning struck the First Methodist church at Odell while the graduating exercises of the 1902 class of the High school were being held. Several people were shocked into insensibility, but not seriously injured.

Sixty bachelors of law graduated from the University of Nebraska college of law, which held its commencement exercises separate from those of the academic and industrial colleges. John J. Finerty of Chicago delivered the oration.

John David, president of the Lincoln Paint and Color Company, took his own life by shooting himself in the head with a 22-caliber revolver. The only theory advanced for his act is that a press of matters unbalanced his mind. He leaves a wife and two children.

The oldest piece of writing in the world is on a fragment of a vase found in Nippur. It is an inscription in picture writing, and dates 4,500 years before Christ. The University of Pennsylvania has secured it.

Fire, believed to have originated in the engine room, entirely destroyed the Elkhorn roller mills causing a loss of \$8,000. The insurance was merely nominal. The mills were erected in 1895 by Charles Schiepl, the present owner. Adjoining property was only saved by heroic work on the part of the firemen.

B. D. Sherlody of Carlisle, Neb., has been given an appointment as railway mail clerk.