

DEATH AT CROSSING

TWO COUPLES KILLED BY TRAIN NEAR KANSAS CITY.

Husbands and Wives Returning from Easter Sunday Picnic Meet Instant Death—Trainmen Say They Drove Directly in Front of Engine.

Four persons in a buggy—two men and two women—were instantly killed late Sunday afternoon at the Fifteenth street crossing of the Chicago and Alton, Mo., by the Alton's Red Flyer, westbound from St. Louis.

The bodies were horribly mutilated. The dead: George Henry, aged 33, and his wife, aged 30; D. H. Monner, aged 30, and his wife, aged 40. The men were salesmen for local mercantile houses.

Trainmen say that the carriage drove directly in front of the engine, although the electric bell at the crossing had been ringing several minutes. Two of the bodies, a man and a woman, were picked up by the cowcatcher of the locomotive and carried some distance. The other two were thrown clear of the track. The horses and carriage escaped injury. The four people were returning from an Easter picnic in the country.

FOREST RESERVE RIGHTS.

Question of Water Payments Submitted to the Attorney General.

The national forest service has submitted the question of the legality of the practice of so charging commercial companies for the right of conducting water through the reserves for the development of power and other purposes as to cause them to contribute to the expense of maintaining the reserves. The service has heretofore exacted payment for pipe lines taking water from the streams in the reserves, but the right to do so has been questioned, and it is now the purpose to secure the attorney general's view on the subject.

CLEVELAND IS GRATEFUL.

Former President Makes Acknowledgment of Birthday Greetings.

Former President Glover Cleveland has furnished the following to the newspapers and requested its publication: "It seems to be impossible for me to acknowledge except through the press of the country, the generosity and kindly consideration of my countrymen which have been made manifest by congratulatory messages and newspaper comment on the occasion of my 70th birthday. These have deeply touched me, and in the book of grateful recognition they are written where every remaining day of my life I can turn a page and read them."

AN UNUSUAL ACCIDENT.

Torpedoes in Car Explode, Demolishing Train.

A car loaded with railroad torpedoes and iron tubes containing carbolic acid gas, located near the middle of a rapidly moving eastbound Baltimore and Ohio freight train, was blown up while passing Patterson's Creek, eight miles east of Cumberland, Md., Sunday. The car was demolished, the connecting cars smashed, two steel hopper cars on an adjoining track were blown over, the track torn up for some distance and telegraph poles and wires destroyed. Thousands of exploded torpedoes rained on house roofs many yards away. No one was injured.

Boy Slain by Farmer.

Charged with having shot and killed Oscar Brown, a 15-year-old son of J. W. Brown, and a neighbor, Adam Peltz, a farmer living near Celeste, Tex., is being searched for by a sheriff's posse, and if captured a lynching is feared.

Girl's Assailant Lynched.

"Jim" Williams, colored, charged with attacking Lillie Mizner, white, near Colbert, L. T., Saturday afternoon, was lynched at Durant Sunday night by a mob of 1,000 people.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$5.00. Top hogs, \$6.45.

Henry W. Goode Dead.

Henry W. Goode, of Portland, Ore., president of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company, and who was president of the Lewis and Clark world's fair in 1905, died Sunday at Atlantic City.

Chilly Easter in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., experienced the coldest Easter day in many years. After hovering around 25 degrees all day the mercury made a rapid descent at night.

THREAT TO TEACHER.

School Near Marvin Farm Is Invaded.

A report that gained wide circulation at Dover, Del., Friday night to the effect that Horace N. Marvin, Jr., the kidnaped boy, has been found in a woods near the home of his father at Kitts hummock, upon investigation was found incorrect. The report gained circulation from the fact that the Logan school house near the Marvin residence was broken into Thursday night and practically torn inside out by some unknown miscreant.

This is the school at which Lucy Killen, who was held up Tuesday night by two men, is the teacher.

Pinned to the black board in the school room was a note which bore a skull and cross bones and read: "Beware! You told!"

When Miss Killen came upon the two men they were talking about the kidnaped Marvin boy. They drew revolvers and threatened to kill the girl if she breathed to any person the conversation she had overheard.

FAMOUS SOAPMAKER SHOT.

William A. Proctor, of Cincinnati, Dies of Bullet Wound.

William A. Proctor, of Cincinnati, O., president of the Proctor & Gamble company and son of one of the firm's founders, is dead from a bullet wound self-inflicted at his home in Glendale, a suburb of that city. Coroner Cameron began an investigation of the circumstances of the shooting, and in the meantime refused to make any statement except to say that Mr. Proctor had died from a bullet wound. Mr. Proctor was widely known in business circles and was a prominent layman in the Protestant Episcopal church, to the institutions of which he was a liberal giver.

His wealth was estimated at many millions, most of which had been made by himself. He was noted for the co-operative scheme for a division of profits with employees which he had designed for his company.

COLLAPSES UNDER FIRE.

Accused Murderer Rushes from Court Room.

Leonard Leopold, who, with Howard Nicholas, is on trial at Chicago charged with the murder of Margaret Leslie, an actress, Friday took the witness stand in his own behalf. After denying that he killed Mrs. Leslie he was asked:

"Did you ever see her?"

To this he made no reply, but suddenly sprang from the seat of the witness chair and dashed from the room. Bailiffs, lawyers and spectators rushed for him. He had gone but a short distance in the hall when he fainted. He was taken to the jury room and revived. It is not believed the rush from the room was an attempt to escape, but was due to a nervous collapse following the strain to which he had been subjected on the witness stand.

PREACHES HIS OWN SERMON.

Ex-Minister Talks Before Going to the Gallows.

Thomas Harris, a young white man, formerly a Baptist preacher, was hanged in the jail yard at Gaffney, S. C., Friday for the murder of Mrs. Hortense Morgan, an aged white woman, last November. Before the black cap was adjusted Harris preached his own funeral sermon. He killed Mrs. Morgan by cutting her throat, after which he took \$800 from her clothes. Harris narrowly escaped being lynched at the time of his arrest and was taken to Spartanburg for safe keeping.

Drastring Gambling Law.

Gov. Campbell, of Texas, signed the bill making gambling a felony in Texas. The bill provides a penitentiary sentence for any person convicted of gambling, a jail penalty for the owner of any building in which gambling devices are kept and imprisonment for thirty days for any person found guilty of playing cards in a private house for a prize.

Speaker Cannon at Havana.

The steamer Bluecher, with Speaker Cannon and his congressional party on board, arrived in Havana Friday morning from Colon. The visitors were received by Gov. Magoon at the palace. A Cuban band played in the palace garden during the reception.

Divorced from Eighth Husband.

Mrs. Polly Weed Baker, the most married woman in Indiana, was granted a divorce from John Baker, of Booneville, her eighth husband.

Gen. Kuroki Coming.

It was made public Thursday that Gen. Kuroki, of Tokio, will represent the Japanese army at the Jamestown celebration in 1907.

Sidney Salisbury Ends Life.

Sidney Salisbury, son of Monroe Salisbury, the well known horseman and former society leader of San Francisco, Friday committed suicide by gas asphyxiation. Despondency.

French Troops Enter City.

French troops arrived in Oudja, Morocco, Friday. The Moorish governor met the French commander and gave him assurance of the friendliness of the population. No further incidents occurred.

Earth Shakes at Tacoma.

Three distinct shocks of earthquake were felt at Tacoma, Wash., a few minutes before 7 o'clock Friday morning. No damage is reported.

MANGLED IN WRECK.

Many Killed and Injured on Southern Pacific.

A disastrous wreck on the Southern Pacific occurred one and one-half miles east of Colton, Cal., shortly after 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon when westbound train No. 9, New Orleans for San Francisco, ran into an open switch, while going at the rate of forty miles an hour, and ten of the fourteen coaches were derailed with frightful results.

Twenty-six persons are known to have been killed, and the final list, it is believed, will total much higher than this number.

The injured number about 100, many of whom are seriously injured and will die.

The wrecked coaches were hurled in every direction. Four of them were smashed into splinters. Most of the dead were Italians from New York and New Orleans going to San Francisco. They occupied the smoker and day coaches.

The dead were terribly mangled. Thirteen of them were taken to an undertaking establishment at Colton by 8 o'clock, and eight additional bodies could be seen underneath one of the overturned and demolished cars.

This car could not be raised until a derrick was brought from Los Angeles, sixty miles away.

The injured were carried to Colton in vehicles of all sorts, and the hospital was quickly filled to its capacity. Many were then taken to the Presbyterian church and to private residences in the vicinity.

SEQUEL OF THE BIG FAILURE.

Two Missouri Bankers Are to Be Tried for Grand Larceny.

An effort is being made to secure a jury to try the case charged against Maj. Harvey W. Salmon, charged with grand larceny in connection with the failure of the Salmon & Salmon bank of Clinton, which closed its doors in June, 1905, with liabilities of \$1,000,000.

Maj. Salmon and Dr. G. Y. Salmon had been prominent in business and politics in Missouri since the civil war.

A month after the failure a receiver reported assets amounting to \$860,000, with liabilities amounting to \$1,000,000. But in these assets were included \$661,000 in bills receivable, nearly all of them alleged to be of a spurious character. The investigation developed that the bank had been in a questionable condition for some time as the result of cattle deals of the Salmons, and the taking by T. M. Casey, cashier, of the bank's funds to pay the debts of his father, George Casey, an extensive cattle operator, who failed in 1904.

Thirteen indictments for forgery were returned against Casey and six against Dr. and Maj. Salmon for grand larceny in receiving deposits when the bank was insolvent, and four against Dr. Salmon's son, Frank, for grand larceny. Casey pleaded guilty last year and received a sentence of five years in the penitentiary.

The Salmons are to be tried separately.

Campaign Was Bitter.

R. D. Holt, liberal, was elected to represent the Hexham division of Northumberland in parliament, by a majority of 1,157 over Col. Bates, unionist candidate, in England. The vacancy was caused by the elevation of Beaumont, liberal, to the peerage. The campaign was fought with great vigor and was marked by wild scenes of disorder.

Maude Roosevelt in Opera.

The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says Maude Roosevelt, President Roosevelt's cousin, has signed a contract to appear at the Municipal opera house, at Elberfeld, England.

Dynamite Explodes; Several Victims.

By an explosion of eight cases of dynamite in a freight car near the Southern railway freight depot at Atlanta, Ga., two negroes were killed, one fatally injured, and several other persons were injured.

Dual Chicago Tragedy.

Policeman W. E. Leonard, of Chicago, who has been sick for several months, Thursday shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide. Both died before they could give any explanation for the tragedy.

King Alfonso a Consumptive.

A dispatch from Rome says news has reached the quirkinal to the effect that King Alfonso of Spain is suffering from tuberculosis and that the Spanish court is extremely uneasy regarding his condition.

Two Killed by Lightning.

Walter Carday and Eleey Farmer were killed by lightning at Milbury, O., while working in a stone quarry. Both men were found by a searching party.

Permit Paris-Pekin Auto Run.

The Chinese authorities have authorized the automobile run organized by the Matin to Peking from Paris. The start will be made on June 10.

Inventor Brislin Dead.

John Brislin, of Pittsburg, Pa., 73 years old, blind and a well-known inventor, is dead from a broken heart alleged to have been brought on by adverses sustained by litigation brought by him to control his patents.

McMillan is Defeated.

In straight falls at Satch-as-catchan wrestling, Oscar Wasm, of St. Louis, defeated Duncan A. McMillan, of Seattle. McMillan had a rib broken in the first fall.

News of Nebraska

SHELDON PLAN BEATEN.

Nebraska Legislature Refuses to Try Single Tax Theory.

On Wednesday the senate indefinitely postponed the bill to tax real estate mortgages and put the single tax theory of Gov. Sheldon into practice. The senate began cutting down appropriations made by the house, and announcement was made by leading members of the finance ways and means committee that house appropriations must be reduced \$1,250,000.

The house passed two railroad bills, both originating in the house, one compelling roads to furnish sidetracks to elevator owners; another requiring them to furnish scales and weigh shipments in carload lots at division points and providing for a state weighmaster.

This was the sixtieth day of the session in the house, and members from now on must work without pay. The house sleeping car reduction bill was revived, following the defeat of the senate bill, and recommended to pass.

By a vote of 32 to 30 the prohibitory amendment bill was reported for passage. Gov. Sheldon signed the railway commission bill. It carries the emergency clause and is immediately effective.

KENNISON CASE PROCEEDS.

Motions for a Change of Venue and a Continuance Overruled.

The Kennison case at Scott's Bluff, contrary to expectations, will be tried at this term and the work of impeding the jury is now in progress. The motion for a change of venue was submitted and overruled by Judge Grimes. A motion for a continuance was made and overruled.

The regular panel of jurors has all been exhausted and as the questioning proceeds talesmen are being summoned and deputies are out over the portions of the county remote from the scene of the killing bringing them in. It is not supposed that a jury can be completed inside of several days.

The defense is making a very strenuous fight, but there is reason to believe that new evidence surrounding the tragedy itself has been held back and will for the first time be presented on the trial, which will prove the original theory to be correct.

The self-defense theory is apparently the one on which the defense will rely, although there is still a rumor of sensational allegations to be made in the defense. There are over fifty witnesses subpoenaed.

Kennison is on trial for the killing of Samuel D. Cox.

WORK OF THE CLUB WOMEN.

Nebraska Child Labor Law Before the Governor for Signature.

The child labor bill has passed both houses of the Nebraska legislature and gone to the governor for his signature. While the actual work of seeing the bill through the legislature has necessarily been confined to a few, the club women may justly take much credit to themselves for this progressive legislation begun at their instance. Of those who have been untiring in their efforts in behalf of the bill Mrs. Draper Smith, of Omaha, deserves especial recognition. As chairman of the industrial committee of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Smith was largely instrumental in bringing about the concerted action of the clubs and subsequently in gaining the active support of the state and Omaha Bar associations, the State Teachers' association and others who contributed their influence. Two years ago Mrs. Smith gave the same valuable assistance to the juvenile court bill and it was her continued interest in it after it became a law that convinced her of the necessity of the supplementary legislation embodied in the child labor bill.

HOME TREATMENT FOR BRINK.

Father Suggests that Young Man Be Left in His Care.

Frank Brink, whom the jury on Tuesday acquitted of murder, on the ground of insanity, may not be compelled to go to either of the state insane hospitals at Lincoln or Norfolk. Doctors and attorneys who are interested in the case say that Brink, now that the cause of his mental trouble, infatuation for Bessie Newton, has removed, will recover his senses within a month under the care of a friendly doctor. Brink's father will propose to the insanity board of Dixon county that he be allowed to keep the young man at home under the care of a private physician. Young Brink is now with his parents.

Bridges Guilty of Incest.

The case of John Bridges, of Nebraska City, charged with incest, which has been on trial for the past three days in the district court, ended Wednesday night. The jury returned a verdict of guilty after being out one hour.

Dead from Blow by Falling Limb.

Andy Bone, a prominent farmer residing east of Plattsmouth, who, while engaged with a force of men chopping trees about three weeks ago, was struck on the head by a limb and rendered unconscious, has passed away. A wife and six children survive him.

High School Declamatory Contest.

A high school declamatory contest was held at the opera house in Kearney. The gold medal was won by Jay Parrish, having the highest rank in the three classes, and he will represent the Kearney high school at the state declamatory contest at York.

Contractors Ready to Work.

The contractors who have in charge the erection of the Masonic temple and the Old Fellows building are in North Platte, and arrangements have now all been completed for the work to begin.

BRINK MAY ESCAPE ASYLUM.

Recovery Expected to Come Within a Few Weeks.

Believing that Frank Brink, who on the ground of insanity was acquitted of murder, will recover his mental balance in a short time, now that the cause of the insanity has been removed, M. F. Brink will ask the authorities to allow him to place the young man under the care of a private physician, instead of sending him to one of the state hospitals for the insane at Lincoln or Norfolk.

Mr. Brink believes that his son without doubt was insane on the day of the shooting of Bessie Newton. He believes that he was insane for some days previous to that fatal day. He believes that he is still insane. But he is convinced that his son's mental condition is of that sort which can be quickly repaired under the circumstances, the aggravation, which was nothing more nor less than his mad infatuation for Bessie Newton, being now a thing of the past. He would put the patient in charge of Dr. J. M. Davey, of Sioux City, who is a surgeon at St. Joseph's hospital, and thinks he would fully recover his senses within a month's time under friendly treatment.

PROTEST AGAINST CHEAP LABOR

Union Men Want Foreigners Excluded from Paving Jobs.

The labor unions at Fremont have petitioned the city council not to allow Chinese, Japanese and Italian labor on the paving contracts which are to be let next week. The delegation presented said the union men had voted for the paving bonds with the expectation of having an opportunity to do the work and were strongly opposed to having cheap labor employed. The matter will have to come before the board of public works. Those of the council who spoke were in favor of home laboring men having the first chance. Reports are current that one or more of the bidders, if awarded the job, will bring in cheap labor to do nearly all the work.

POSTMASTER CANNOT RUN.

Pierce Official Barred from Holding Office of Mayor.

Postmaster A. L. Brande, the citizens' candidate for mayor of Pierce, has filed his withdrawal with City Clerk Frank Mohrman. When he was nominated for this office he did not wish to accept the same. His many friends insisted and he consented. However, he wrote in to the postoffice department and asked them regarding his serving in that capacity in case he was elected and received a reply saying that third class postmasters were not allowed to hold any city office. A petition was circulated containing the name of Sam D. Berg for the office of mayor and as his is the only name on the ballot Mr. Berg will undoubtedly be elected. Mr. Berg is the proprietor of the Pierce clothing store and a young man of push and enterprise.

TEKAMAH PROGRESSIVE.

The City Will Operate a Light and Water Plant.

A special municipal election was held at Tekamah for the purpose of voting electric light bonds to the extent of \$10,000 and \$2,500 additional bonds for the extension of the present city water system. The bonds of both propositions were carried by an overwhelming vote, there being not more than 60 who voted against the propositions. Work will commence at once to remove the poles and fixtures of the old private light company, which had to quit operations last January because of the lack of funds to meet its obligations. Both of the plants will be operated and conducted under one roof and owned by the city.

Prairie Fire Near Wallace.

A disastrous prairie fire occurred in the southwest part of Lincoln county last Thursday, and the town of Wallace came very near being wiped out. The fire started near Ogallala and when it had reached within five miles of Wallace, the wind suddenly changed and drove it directly towards Wallace.

Minors Must Keep Out.

An ordinance prohibiting minors from loitering in, drinking intoxicating liquors or playing cards in the saloons in Plattsmouth, was introduced and recommended for passage at the last regular meeting of the city council. The measure was drafted by City Attorney H. D. Travis.

Five Years in Pen for Hendece.

Former County Judge Hendece, of Wilber, convicted of embezzling \$3,385 belonging to the estate of George Smith, the hermit, was sentenced by Judge Hurd to five years in the penitentiary.

Burlington Engine Fires Bridge.

Only by the hardest work of section men with pumps was the complete destruction of the Burlington bridge across the Platte river prevented at Grand Island.

New Theater for Tekamah.

E. W. Shafer, of the Shafer Hardware company, of Tekamah, has bought the building which is occupied by the Adams Drug company, and will in a short time, as soon as the lease which Mr. Adams has made with Mr. Shafer expires, erect a new brick building there.

No Twine Plant in Pen.

The house indefinitely postponed the bill appropriating \$200,000 for establishing a binding twine factory at the state penitentiary.



In a lengthy opinion written by Judge Letton and concurred in by the other members, the supreme court has sustained the demurrer filed by the attorneys of Gov. George L. Sheldon in the suit wherein the attorney general, at the governor's request, sought to collect \$100 rent for the governor's mansion for January. The court holds that the occupancy of the executive mansion by the governor, during the term of office, is not a perquisite of office or other compensation as prohibited by the constitution. On general principles the court says that when the legislature has construed a provision of the constitution in an administrative matter in one or two equally reasonable ways it will not take the opposite view, but will adopt and follow the legislative construction. Judge Letton goes on to say that there is nothing in the constitution which provides that the legislature shall furnish a state capitol building or that it shall furnish any office for the executive, but there is no limitation on its power to do so and the creation of the office implies the power and the duty to provide means, accessories and instrumentalities for the purpose of carrying into effect the purpose for which the office was created.

Special Assistant Attorney General S. R. Rush, who, with Assistant Attorney General Burch, will have charge of the mineral land fraud investigations and prosecutions in Colorado and Wyoming, are busily engaged in drawing up their plans of work. "While we cannot now name the men who will be caught in this act, they will be big fish," said an official connected with this work. "I can tell you the recent prosecutions in Nebraska, which caught such men as Bartlett, Richards and W. G. Comstock, two of the biggest cattlemen of the state, will be mere child's play as compared with the upheaval in Colorado and Wyoming. When the names of the defendants are known it will shake the west with sensation. And there will be no let up. Attorney General Boardman personally is determined that this shall be the most sweeping and thorough of all these land investigations. With the president he is hopeful of putting an end to such frauds this time."

In the case of Rock county against Holt county the court holds that the section of the statutes providing for the care of non-resident paupers by the county wherein they are found and reimbursement therefor by the county of such pauper's residence applies to all counties in the state. Holt county had contended in the lower court that the provisions of the statute did not apply to it because it had never established a poor house. The lower court ruled that this contention was good, but the supreme court did not agree with this view.

Gov. Sheldon did not make the expected appointment of a police commission for Omaha to succeed Commissioner Spratlan, whose term has expired. Said the governor recently: "I believe an entire new board should be appointed. I have had for some time the resignations of two of the police commissioners, subject to acceptance at pleasure, and I am deferring the appointments in the hope that the fourth member also will retire voluntarily and enable me to reconstruct the whole board at once."

The passage by the Nebraska legislature of the bill for taxation of railroad property in cities and villages for local purposes, on the same basis on which other property is taxed, marks the end of the fight that began in the legislature of 1901 and has been waged by bitter spirit in every succeeding session. It was inaugurated by the late Edward Rosewater, editor of the Omaha Bee.

The Pullman lobby won a victory when S. F. 409, by Thomas, providing for a reduction of sleeping car rates to \$1.25 for an upper and \$1.50 for a lower berth between points in this state was killed by a vote of 13 to 18. Before the bill was placed on its passage, Aldrich of Butler sought to have it recommitted to make the rate flexible and to give the railroad commission power to change unjust rates.

The senate passed the house child labor bill, amending it so as to exempt from its provisions boys who work on farms, and other boys between the ages of 14 and 16 years who have an eighth grade school education. The house concurred in the senate amendments, and the bill goes to the governor.

The senate committee on public lands and buildings submitted its report to the senate recently covering its examination of the various public institutions of the state. It was made by C. A. Randall, chairman. The condition of the different institutions and their equipment is declared to be generally good.

The senate wielded the pruning knife on the house appropriation bills by killing H. R. 403, by Elystone of Lancaster, appropriating \$50,000 for the erection of a building for men at the Lincoln hospital for the insane. The committee report indefinitely postponing the bill was adopted without opposition.

The Clarke child labor bill, known as H. R. 9, passed the senate by a better vote than even its friends expected. Owing to the fact that the bill had been recommitted twice for specific amendment those who were back of it were not sure it would be passed until the final vote was taken.

Mrs. A. L. Albright, superintendent of the Industrial home at Milford, has resigned her position and her resignation was accepted by Gov. Sheldon. The governor will appoint a new superintendent shortly.