

UNDER A NEW FLAG

SELF GOVERNMENT AGAIN TO BE CONFERRED ON CUBA.

Gomez Will Start Out Well by Decreeing that the Conservatives, Who Are a Hopeless Minority, Shall Have 30 Per Cent of the Appointive Offices

On January 28 at noon the Cuban people will come into their own for the second time at the hands of the American government. It was on May 20, 1902, that the American flag, hoisted after the war with Spain, was hauled down in favor of the blue striped, single starred ensign of Cuba.

Then in September, 1906, a company of marines landed at the palace from the United States cruiser Denver and halted a victorious revolutionary army on the outskirts of Havana, and American intervention, which first came against a foreign power, was once more a reality, this time to set things right among the Cubans themselves.

The members of the Cuban congress had become indifferent, and for months prior to the revolution it had been impossible to secure the attendance of a quorum. This necessitated government by presidential decree and it was quickly followed by the cry that President Palma was usurping the power and asserting the right of dictation.

The American provisional governor, Charles E. Magoon, says it was impossible for him to prevent a recurrence of this state of affairs only by decreeing that congressmen who do not attend the sessions shall not receive pay. These rules, however, have already been declared dictatorial and irksome by the congressmen, and an attempt undoubtedly soon will be made to repeal or to amend them.

The congressmen also are even now discussing an increase in their salaries from \$300 to \$400 a month, although the Cuban constitution, like that of the United States, declares that an increase in salary shall be effective only by congress amending the law.

The liberal party, which claims to be the party of the common people, goes into power as the result of an almost unanimous ballot, its overwhelming success at the polls being one of the points for the belief that Cuba is about to enter into a period of long contentment.

Most of the newspapers say the majority of the people are deeply humiliated that the intervention became necessary, and urge the politicians of all parties to remember the mistakes of the past and to do nothing that would make another and longer intervention possible.

Maj. Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez, the new president, has decreed that although the conservative party vote in the recent election was almost nothing, that party shall have 30 per cent of the appointive offices.

THIRTY CASES SETTLED.

One Firm Pays \$750 for Each Victim of Iroquois Theater Fire.

It was made public Monday that after five years of litigation settlements had been made in the cases of thirty of the deaths caused by the Iroquois theater fire. It is stated that \$750 a case is to be paid by one of the firms responsible for the theater, the prosecutions against the company in these cases having been withdrawn from court. In one instance a man who lost his wife and three children in the fire received \$750 for each death. Many other suits against firms and individuals interested in the theater are still pending. The number of unsettled cases is estimated at more than 400.

TWO WEEKS' TEST CLOSES.

Scores Relate Experiences of Living as Jesus Would.

The two weeks' effort of 1,800 young people of Cleveland, O., to "live as Jesus would live" closed Sunday with a big mass meeting at the Epworth Memorial church. Scores who made the trial related their experiences.

Rev. W. B. Wallace decided the test had been a success and indicated that Christians could live more Christlike. It was proposed that while the official test was closed, the effort to make the movement world-wide should go forward.

Robbers Get \$2,000.

The Klamath Falls County bank at Klamath Falls, Ore., was robbed of \$2,000 by two masked men who entered the bank with drawn revolvers and compelled the cashier to pay over the county all money in sight. Several citizens who were inside the bank were held at bay while the robbers escaped.

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SNOWBOUND IN NORTHWEST.

Relief Trains Hurrying With Food for Hungry.

Five hundred men, women and children, passengers on two snow-bound trains from the east, one from Chicago, crossed the Columbia river on the ice at The Dalles Friday afternoon. They were passengers on the Oregon River and Navigation trains and crossed to reach a north bank train on the Washington shore. The north bank train proceeded twenty miles toward Portland when it, too, poked its nose into a snowdrift, and there it remains. Relief trains from Portland are hurrying with food for the passengers and wrecking crews to open up the drift.

The cold weather which has prevailed in the Pacific northwest for the past ten days has been intense, but the weather is growing warmer and general rain has set in. The snow, which has been deep in nearly every section, is melting, and the rivers have commenced to rise.

Beyond the destruction of the Southern Pacific bridges at Sacramento and the Western Pacific crossing near San Francisco the damage resulting from the great rainstorm that has deluged the central part of California for the last week is slight. The storm is passing to the eastward and northward, having apparently crossed the mountains to the eastern slope of the Sierras, and it is hoped that no further damage is about Sacramento and Stockton, where an immense spread of farming land will be under water if the levees give way.

HAINS FOUND NOT GUILTY.

The Jury Clears Him of the Charge of Murder.

Thornton Jenkins Hains, author and reformer, who, together with his brother, was charged with the murder of William E. Annis, editor, who was shot and killed by Peter C. Hains at the Bayside Yacht club last summer was acquitted by the jury, at Flushing, N. Y., Friday.

The jury was out twenty-two hours. When the verdict was announced a great shout came from the crowded court room. Justice Crane ordered the spectators from the room. The defendant smiled when he heard the verdict, but his eyes were filled with tears when he turned to his counsel and shook them by the hand. It is learned from one of the jurors that seven ballots were taken. The first ballot stood 8 to 4 for acquittal.

PRISON FOR BANK WRECKER.

Pennsylvania Financier Gets a Heavy Sentence.

J. B. F. Rinehart, former cashier and vice president of the Farmers' and Drovers' National bank, of Waynesburg, Pa., Friday was convicted in the federal court of the charge of wrecking the institution, and sentenced to fifteen years in prison. The bank failed two years ago for \$2,000,000.

Tears trickled down the cheeks of the dazed banker as the judge pronounced sentence.

George W. Worley, a brother-in-law of Rinehart, and James L. Smith, who were arrested, charged with attempting to corrupt the jury, were released on \$2,500 bail each. It is said secret service operators are searching for an unknown third person to be arrested for tampering with the jury.

Carmichael Laid in Grave.

Rev. John Carmichael, the murderer of Gideon Browning, was buried at Romulus, Mich., Friday. Rev. T. W. Baldwin of Detroit, and Presiding Elder Rev. John Sweet made brief addresses at the funeral. A large floral tribute from the Detroit Methodist Episcopal district, with the words "Our Brother," lay on the coffin as it was borne from the church to the grave. There was no curious crowd at the station when the body arrived. The ball bearers were six clergymen.

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Slaughter in Russia.

Statistics are published by the newspapers showing that during the Russian year just ended 1,957 persons were sentenced to death in the empire and 782 executed. The largest number of executions were in Warsaw and Kiev, being more than 150 in each place, and in Yekaterinoslav 100 were put to death.

No Order From Court.

Gov. Haskell stated Friday that he would not reopen the state dispensary at this time, despite the decision of the state supreme court that the dispensary was not abolished by a vote of the people at the last election. Gov. Haskell says he will act only when a supreme court orders him directly to reopen.

Filipino Band at Inauguration.

The Philippine band at Manila will be brought to Washington to take a prominent part in the parade, ball and public concerts of the inauguration in March. The band numbers eighty-six members, all natives of the Philippines. Its trip will be made at the expense of the band as an organization and it will be paid for its services at Washington.

FLOODS IN FAR WEST.

Many Rivers in California Reach Danger Stage.

Floods in the river valleys and landslides in the mountains are threatened as a result of the rains now prevailing throughout California. The Sacramento, American, Feather, San Joaquin, Yuba, Kings and Salinas rivers are rising, and it is expected that the Sacramento and American will reach flood stages late Thursday night.

At Folsom the American is now up to the danger point. A gold dredger valued at \$150,000, which had been working in the bed of the stream, was wrecked by the high water and will be a total loss.

Twenty launches of the Sacramento Boat club were torn from their moorings and swept down stream during the night. The weather bureau has warned the people of Stockton that there is grave danger to that city from the San Joaquin river and Mormon slough. The latter, which carries a great quantity of water, broke through the levees above the town of Linden Thursday and has spread over a vast extent of territory.

The levee surrounding Visalia broke Thursday afternoon and flood waters swept into the town. At 2:30 o'clock, at the time of the last report, the northwestern part of the town was being flooded. School children were dismissed at noon. At an early hour Porterville was flooded. Twenty-five families living in the lower part of town were rescued by citizens with rafts. A woman and a child are reported to have been drowned.

FACE DEATH IN HOTEL FIRE.

Many Sensational Escapes from Topeka, Kan., Hostel.

Topeka's famous hostelry, the Copeland, noted as a stopping place for legislators and politicians, was destroyed by fire early Thursday. I. E. Lambert, of Emporia, one of the most prominent politicians in the state, is missing and is believed to have been burned to death. A dozen of 150 guests were injured, but none are thought to have been fatally hurt. There were many sensational escapes, several persons jumping from windows.

The Copeland hotel was of brick construction, four stories in height. It was situated at the corner of Ninth and Kansas avenues, one block from the state capitol. It was one of the oldest hotels in the state of Kansas. It had a roomy lobby and wide hallways, plentifully supplied with fire escapes. The main stairway, however, was built around the elevator, and the flames shooting up the shaft soon shut off this means of escape.

TOM JOHNSON IN A FLAT.

Mayor Gives Up Palatial Mansion for Humbler Quarters.

Carrying out the intimation made in his public declaration two months ago that he was "broke," Mayor Tom L. Johnson has taken possession of a Euclid avenue flat, giving up his palatial Euclid avenue mansion at Cleveland, Ohio.

That Mayor Johnson has decided to live in the Knickerbocker, in a top suite, costing \$135 a month in rental, became known when Mrs. Johnson and the mayor's daughter were seen emerging from the suite. The family soon will move in, having taken possession of the nine-room suite, which has two baths and the privilege of one stall in the garage. The mayor will keep one of his machines in the garage.

The Knickerbocker is an exclusive apartment, with all its attaches garbed in liveliness. The mayor has a year's lease, with renewal option.

Ready to Fight Johnson.

Joe Woodman, manager for Sam Langford, the heavyweight fighter, has received a message from Manager Pettison, of the London Athletic club, offering to match Langford with Jack Johnson, the fight to take place in London some day in May. Mr. Woodman answered that his man was willing to meet Johnson, but demanded a guarantee from the club before he would consider terms.

Rate of Discount Raised.

The rate of discount of the Bank of England was raised Thursday at London to 3 percent. This is the first change since May 28. The increase in the rate generally was anticipated and was due to the small gold reserve, a high rate being necessary to attract imports, as well as check continued demands.

Like New Laid Eggs.

A new method of preserving eggs which it is asserted makes six-month-old eggs poach like new laid ones, is reported by the American consul at Plymouth, Eng., Joseph G. Stephens. He says that a north of England firm of importers adopted the method of preserving eggs.

1,090 to Select From.

Mrs. Frances Livingston, of Boyd, Wis., who advertised in papers in all parts of the country for a husband and who has received 1,000 proposals of marriage, has chosen Louis Struvalz, of Dorchester, Wis., and Thursday a marriage license was issued.

Salt Coal Production.

Bituminous coal production in the United States in 1908 reached between 320,000,000 and 330,000,000 tons, according to the geological survey, against more than 400,000,000 tons in 1907.

Legal Holiday in California.

A bill making the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, February 12, a legal holiday in this state passed both houses of the legislature Thursday.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

GUN BATTLE WITH CROOK.

One Omaha Officer is Killed and Another Fatally Injured.

Patrolman L. A. Smith is dead, Detective M. G. Devereese probably fatally injured, Albert Clarke fatally hurt and Betty Smith dangerously shot as the result of an attempt by Clarke to hold up Anna Wilson's place on Ninth street at Omaha, Thursday morning.

Clarke entered the place and at the point of a revolver commanded the inmates to hold up their hands. At the same moment he snatched a diamond necklace from the neck of the Wilson woman and escaped to the street. Betty Smith followed him and Clarke fired a shot into her shoulder, inflicting a dangerous wound. Her screams brought Patrolman Smith to the scene and Clarke at once began shooting at him, firing two bullets into his body. Smith raised himself to a sitting position and fired twice at the robber, a bullet taking effect in his leg, but he escaped. Officers started out to search for the robber and an hour later he was located by Detectives Devereese and Heitfeld. As quick as the officers came up to the robber he began firing, one bullet hitting Devereese in the stomach. Heitfeld shot the robber twice in the stomach.

Albert Clarke, the desperado who shot and killed Policeman L. A. Smith in Omaha, was employed as a bartender in the Blue Ribbon saloon in Council Bluffs until recently. Although he went by the name of Clark, it is not believed that is his right name.

MAY WIN ITS CONTENTION.

Union Pacific Bound to Have a Fremont Street.

The Union Pacific has finally showed its hand in the factory street closing matter at Fremont, which has been agitating the city authorities for some time. The city police force woke up one morning to find that men had closed up the thoroughfare by means of a fence built during the night. It was practically conceded that the railroad was back of the move. It wants the city to bring condemnation proceedings against the property and to involve the Burlington, demanding a slice of street of equal size from it. The city will order a portion of the fence torn down on account of the fact that it is built of wire, which is contrary to a city ordinance. Already one teamster has driven into it with the result that a horse was hurt. It is likely that the condemnation proceedings sought by the railroad company will be brought.

BOTH HELD FOR CRIME.

Alleged Murderers of Volney Mann Are Given a Preliminary Hearing.

Lafayette Dale and Mrs. Jennie Geiger, the latter claiming to be Dale's wife, charged with murdering Volney Mann and burying his body in a ravine near Ogallala, were given a preliminary hearing and bound over for trial. Sheriff Beal was the principal witness and told of alleged confessions made by Dale and Mrs. Geiger, in which each charged the other with shooting Mann while he lay sleeping in his camp on the prairie. Both Dale and Mrs. Geiger were partaking of his hospitality.

WIDOW LOSES HER HOME.

Dwelling on Dr. Cummins' Farm, Near Seward, Burned.

The dwelling house on the farm of Dr. H. B. Cummins, three miles east of Seward, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. It was occupied by Mrs. J. W. Tally, who is a widow with a family of four children. They were all away from home at the time and it is not known how the fire started, but it is supposed that a defective chimney was the cause. Mrs. Tally lost all of her belongings, and is little able to afford such a loss.

Court House on Fire.

The Boone county court house was damaged by fire Tuesday evening, the flames originating from a child playing with matches in the living room of the sheriff. It is supposed. An alarm was turned in, which promptly brought the department to work, confining the blaze to the basement until extinguished.

Autos Help Business.

York merchants state that the use of automobiles by farmers has helped business in York for the reason that the farmers living a distance from York having autos who formerly traded at their nearest town now come to York, and the increase in business is quite noticeable.

Slugged and Robbed.

Noel Moats, residing southeast of Sutton, was drugged and robbed of a gold watch, \$30 in money, and a check for \$100. The gentleman lives alone and was in semi-conscious condition when found. He is a brother of Mr. Moats, residing near Grafton, who was poisoned by having strychnine put in his sugar bowl last Sunday night. No clue to the robber has been found.

Farmer Becomes Insane.

N. P. Thorman, a farmer living near Wisner, was seized with dementia one evening last week, turned his wife from home, took his children in the farm wagon and drove half the night or more. The weather was bitter cold and the children suffered intensely before rescue came in the form of friendly neighbors.

Farm House Burned.

The home occupied by Oscar Hansen, eight miles northeast of Table Rock, owned by George Keith, of Brock, was badly damaged by fire, caused by a defective flue. Help being at hand the place was saved after a hard fight.

Fire at Table Rock.

Fire damaged the home of Roy Buckles at Table Rock to the extent of from \$75 to \$100. The fire caught in the partition from an overheated range stove.

BUSY BURGLARS.

Break Into Five Business Places at Plattsmouth.

Notwithstanding the fact that the mercury registered 5 degrees below zero during Monday night, burglars got busy at Plattsmouth and succeeded in gaining admittance into the grocery store of H. M. Soenichsen, the Journal office, the meat market of Kunsman & Range, the general merchandise store of E. A. Wurl and the hardware store of Asemussen & Sons, all on Main street and within a few blocks. In each instance except one a glass was broken in a rear window, the fastening removed and the window raised.

Money was taken from the cash registers in each building, in some ranging from \$2 to \$7, and only such other articles as could be easily carried were taken away. In the Journal office the draft was turned on to the base burner and the coal shaken down, and the location of the chairs indicated that the intruders enjoyed the situation for as long a time as they desired. Thus far no clue has been learned as to who the perpetrators of the crime were.

FLOOD VISITS HAYDEN STORE.

Clerks in Basement Waded in Water Because Water Pipe Bursts.

Six inches of water flooded the basement of the Hayden Brothers' store at Omaha at noon Monday, when the head of a four-inch water main was blown off. Until workmen from the water company arrived and shut off the supply of water to the building, men went about in the basement with the water over their shoetops, unless they had rubber boots to wear. The force of the stream that poured into the shipping room, where the break occurred, was so great that no one could go near the main to turn off the water, and two clerks, Elmer Wagen and George Benjamin, who were near by, were knocked against the wall by the piece of pipe which was blown off.

Not much of the stock of hardware, crockery and groceries was seriously damaged and insurance was carried. The water soon ran out by way of the sewer vents in the concrete floor.

COURT HOUSE IN HOTEL.

Thurston County Commissioners Win a Long Fight.

The Palace hotel in Pender will in a few days be the Thurston county court house. The county commissioners have already begun preparations to move the offices out of the old wooden court house, which is not a safe place for the county records. This move is due to the action of E. B. Roberts, who last spring secured an injunction in the district court restraining the commissioners from moving in, asking the dismissal of his action in the Nebraska supreme court, which had reversed the decision of Judge Graves, of the district court, but had granted a rehearing.

Two Cut Their Way Out of Jail.

John Kaffer, an ex-convict, bound over for burglary, and Charles O. Anderson, bound over for forgery, escaped from the county jail at Hastings and are still at large. They made their way out by removing a section of metal ceiling, held on with tacks, and cutting through the pine floor of the room above. Kaffer had just finished a ten-year sentence for burglary in Lincoln.

Murderer Gets Life Sentence.

Matt Bozarth, who murdered James Dyer in Greenwood on October 6 by thrusting the blade of a knife into his heart, was taken to Lincoln Saturday to serve a life sentence in the state penitentiary. It is generally believed by those who tried the case that Bozarth will be transferred from the penitentiary to the asylum for insane within a year.

Taxes from an Old Suit.

Approximately \$2,000 in principal and interest will be paid into the treasury of Omaha by the Chicago House Wrecking company as the result of the decision of the state supreme court, whereby the decision of the lower court that the tax commissioner of a city may place on the tax rolls property omitted by him at the time of the assessment was upheld.

Congressman Pollard Buys Paper.

Congressman E. M. Pollard has purchased the Plattsmouth News Paper, previously owned by George L. Farley, for \$1,200. The semi-weekly will be published as usual, with E. C. Walters, of Grand Island, said to be an all-around newspaper man, as business manager. A. L. Tidd will write the editorials.

Death of Valentine Man.

L. Smith, a resident of Valentine, who had been in a hospital at Omaha for the past month, having undergone an operation for stomach trouble, is dead. His body will be taken to Bonner for burial. He was an old settler and had been a farmer for the past year or so.

Returns Contaminated Spoon.

An unidentified young man, who was formerly on the Nebraska university athletic team and was lately converted, has returned to the Victoria hotel, of Chicago, a silver spoon he took while stopping there in his college days. It came from Beatrice.

Decide on a Recanvass.

The democrats of the house and senate in joint session Tuesday, by a vote of 74 to 53, decided to recanvass the vote cast on the constitutional amendment increasing the judiciary, the minority, comprising 44 republicans, voting against the motion.

Brick Plant Shuts Down.

At Humboldt the brick plant has closed down for the winter, throwing a number of laborers out of employment. It is understood that some changes are contemplated by the board of directors before the opening up of the plant in the spring.

Fire and Police Commissioners.

Gov. Shellenbeger appointed Chas. Carbach and Carl Brandies, democrats, as fire and police commissioners for Omaha, vice John L. Kennedy and Robert Cowell, republicans.

SUICIDE FINAL SCENE OF CHURCH TRAGEDY

Pastor Carmichael, Haunted by His Deed, Ends Life at Carthage, Ill.

STRANGE CONFESSION IS LEFT. Hypnotic Spell He Seeks to End Given by Michigan Preacher as Motive for Deed.

REV. JOHN HAVILAND CARMICHAEL, WHO MURDERED A SIMPLE-MINDED CARPENTER, GIDEON BROWNING, IN A CHURCH AT RATTLE RUN, MICH., AND CREMATED THE BODY IN A STOVE, ENDED HIS LIFE IN CARTHAGE, ILL., MONDAY, LEAVING A REMARKABLE CONFESSION. CARMICHAEL CUT HIS THROAT WITH A POCKET KNIFE, HUNG SEVERAL HOURS AFTER HE WAS DISCOVERED LYING IN A POOL OF BLOOD IN A SHED NEAR THE BOARDING-HOUSE RUN BY MISS MIRANDA HUGHES.

The confession, written in a letter to Sheriff Wagenseil of St. Clair County, Michigan, pleading hypnotism first and self-defense finally, is a thrilling narration of the terrible church tragedy which aroused the inhabitants of lower Michigan and shocked the reading public.

IT IS THE STORY OF A MAN UNDER THE HYPNOTIC SPELL OF ANOTHER WHO PLAYED UPON HIS FEARS, HAUNTED HIS DREAMS, OVERPOWERED HIS WILL AND FINALLY LURED HIM UNDER FALSE PRETENSE, THE GUISE OF WISHING TO BE MARRIED, TO THE CHURCH, WHERE, AFRAID TO FLEE, HE WAS FORCED TO SLAY TO PRESERVE HIS OWN LIFE.

Carmichael's detailed account of the death of his victim is as blood-curdling as the most sanguinary tale from a dime novelist's imagination. He told of a terrific struggle, Browning armed with two knives and a hatchet attacking him after laughing at the trap in which he had snared him. Incoherently the preacher wrote the weird story of a man, who rebelled against the weakness of his own will as it was juggled fiendishly at the whim of an unsound mind, until reason broke into fury at the sound of laughing mockery and the sight of a grinning idiot claiming mastery over him, intent upon his slaughter.

Carmichael arrived in Carthage Friday night from Burlington, Iowa, whither he had gone from Chicago after flight from the scene of the tragedy. He sought lodging at the home of Miss M. Hughes, where he gave his name as John Elder. Haunted by the tragedy, he neither ate nor slept Saturday nor Sunday. Monday morning he paid his bill and prepared to leave. He put his suitcase in charge of the landlady, excusing himself, saying he would return within a few minutes. He went out the back door.

An hour later Miss Hughes heard scuffling in the shed. There she discovered Carmichael prostrate in a pool of blood. Physicians worked heroically to save him, the wound not being necessarily fatal, but exposure to the cold and loss of blood had so weakened the man that he expired shortly after noon.

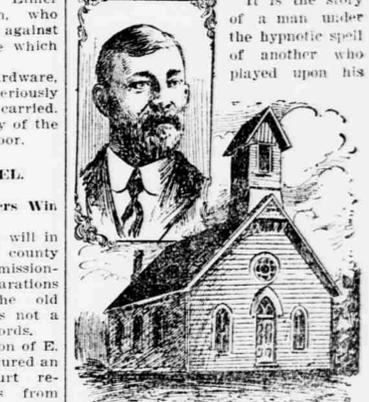
In Carmichael's suitcase were found letters addressed to the sheriff of St. Clair County and to his life at Adair, Mich. The letter to the sheriff, addressed to Port Huron, Mich., contained a complete account of the murder from the dead man's point of view. His words clearly indicate that his own mind was turned by the awfulness of his experience.

KILLS HIS FOUR CHILDREN.

Eldest Daughter Discovers Tragedy in Home Near Mankato, Minn.

One by one, as his four children descended the stairs from their bedrooms to the kitchen early Tuesday James York, a quarry worker living near Brainerd, Crossing, near Mankato, Minn., killed them with a knife, cutting their throats. Then he went to a woodshed and killed himself. An elder daughter, Ida, did not go with the children. When she went downstairs a few minutes later her brothers and sisters lay dead on the floor, their bodies side by side. She fled in terror to the woodshed to alarm her father, who, she thought, had gone there to work. In the dim light she stumbled over his body. He had hanged himself with a wire the strand had broken and his lifeless body had fallen to the floor. The children murdered were: Earl, aged 11; Nina, 12; Vera, 6; and Zola, a baby. York's wife died last summer and his last hope for his home was gone. The father always had been a miser, his neighbors declare, leading a miserly and having little intercourse with others. He was regarded as insane.

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