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HE HEARD THE LAST TICK.

A MURDER IN THAYER COUNTY.

A Quarrel Over Time Pieces Ends With a Fatal Stabbing.

Nebraska's Regular Contribution to the Criminal Record—The Murderer Arrested—State Occurrences from Bee Correspondents.

A Thayer County Murder.

ALEXANDRIA, Thayer Co., Neb., Nov. 5.—[Special to the BEE.]—Our otherwise orderly city was startled yesterday by an unprovoked murder which occurred during the afternoon. It appears that four men, each having a watch, quarreled as to the relative merits of their different time pieces. The quarrel became quite fierce between a farmer named Charles Metzgar and a man named John Upgraff. The trouble was apparently settled, and Metzgar and his son, who was one of the party, got into his wagon and started for home. Upgraff followed them, when the quarrel was resumed with fatal results. Either Metzgar or his son drew a knife and stabbed Upgraff in the back several times. Upgraff lingered until to-night when he died. Both the Metzgars were arrested, and taken to Hebron, the county seat, where they will probably have a preliminary hearing to-day. They will probably make a plea of self-defense, as Upgraff was undoubtedly the aggressor.

Careless Driving the Cause.

NORFOLK, Neb., Nov. 5.—[Special to the BEE.]—The Tillinburg house 'bus upset this morning while going to the train and seven passengers were badly shaken up. One conductor on the west end and a traveling man from Omaha are laid up with bruises, painful but not serious. Careless driving was the cause.

Death of a Prominent Citizen.

GRAND ISLAND, Nov. 5.—[Special to the BEE.]—The funeral of W. T. Chapin took place to-day. The remains are to be buried at Greenwood, Nebraska. Mr. Chapin was quite a prominent citizen. He was at one time receiver of the land office at Lincoln.

FROM OTHER LANDS.

The Bulgarian Trouble Assuming a Serious War Aspect.

VIENNA, Nov. 5.—King Milan continues to actively prepare for war, and is making hostilities to advance from Pierot to Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. The Servian premier, Garachinini, is preparing to cross the Timok river, which divides Bulgaria and Servia, with a strong force into the Widdin district. The first conflict between the Servians and Bulgarians will probably be brought on by an attempt to prevent the advance of King Milan into Sofia. Widdin will be attacked by a force under Garachinini only in case King Milan defeats Prince Alexander. Russia expects the Servians to be victorious. If Servia succeeds in taking Sofia and Widdin, Russia will intervene and insist that King Milan withdraw behind the Servo-Bulgarian frontier, following the lines indicated by the treaty of San Stefano.

The Stead Trial.

LONDON, Nov. 5.—Sir Richard Webster, attorney general, to-day finished his address to the jury in the trial of the defendants in the Armstrong abduction case. The court adjourned until Saturday. It is believed that the conviction of Mr. Stead, Bromwell and Booth, of the salvation party, and Mrs. Jarratt, is certain.

Snubbing Prince Alexander.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 5.—The name of Prince Alexander of Bulgaria has been stricken from the Russian army list, and the prince has been deprived of his coloneley of the Russian rifle battalion, to which he was appointed by the czar.

The Balkan Conference Meets.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 5.—The first meeting of the Balkan conference took place to-day. Business was limited to the exchanging of credentials and appointing of officers. The conference will reassemble to-morrow, when a formal business meeting will be held.

The Duke's Promotion.

LONDON, Nov. 5.—The report that the Duke of Edinburgh will be appointed commander of the Mediterranean squadron is confirmed.

The Monetary Conference.

PARIS, Nov. 5.—The monetary conference has closed, all the powers represented except Belgium having arrived at an arrangement.

Twenty-Two Drowned.

LONDON, Nov. 5.—The Norwegian bark Aquilla has foundered of Greenburg. Twenty-two persons were drowned.

She Wanted to Keep Posted.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Nov. 5.—Mrs. Catharine Trump, postmistress at the village of Corning, has been arrested, charged with opening letters out of curiosity and reading them for the purpose of keeping herself posted in regard to the business secrets of her neighbors, and love affairs of young people in the community. She admitted her guilt and in justification alleged she did not know she was committing an offense for which she could be punished. She is under bail to answer at the next term of the United States court.

The Fire Record.

CHICAGO, Nov. 5.—Inter-Ocean Ottawa special: A fire was discovered early this morning in the Exchange hotel, and burned so briskly that the guests were compelled to escape from the second story windows. The flames were speedily extinguished by the fire department, however, and the discovery was made that the building had been fired in five places. The proprietor, Andrew Stierke, was at once arrested for arson and lodged in jail. The building was insured for $4,500.

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Indications for upper Mississippi valley—Cloudy weather, local rains or snows, winds generally easterly; slightly colder weather in southern portion, stationary temperature in northern portion.

Missouri valley—Local rains, cloudy weather, winds generally southeasterly; falling temperature in southern portion, stationary temperature in northern portion.

A Sportsman's Mistake.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Nov. 5.—News was received here to-day that James Dana, a brother of the editor of the New York Sun, out hunting with E. Van Trott, near Thorpe, this county, mistook Van Trott for a deer and shot him through the back. The victim of the accident will probably recover. Dana went wild with grief over shooting his friend.

A Purse for the Heathen.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church was in session to-day. Bishop Bowman presided. Delegates are present from all parts of the country. It was voted to raise $1,000,000 for missionary purposes during the coming year.

A Hint of the Future.

ELLENDALE, D. T., Nov. 5.—There was a snow fall of ten inches and extreme cold weather here to-day.

LOVERS OF HORSE FLESH.

A Fine Exhibition of the Equine Race at New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The third annual exhibition of the National horse show association of America, which opened in Madison Square garden, is attracting a great deal of attention, and was visited to-day by a large number of people, including a number of ladies and gentlemen well known in New York society. The managers claim it is the largest show of the kind ever held in the world, and the average quality of animals much better than at the society's show last year. The number of horses present is 444, or over sixty more than a year ago. The display includes horses of all grades, from the diminutive Shetland pony up to the massive Percheron Norman. Among the special features of the show are the thoroughbreds, which comprise Woodstock, the Derby starter, the famous Bend Or, owned by A. J. Cassatt, and Stylites, formerly owned by the Earl of Aylesford.

The collection of trotters is the largest ever seen at a horse show, and embraces Don Cossack, owned by the Caton stock farm, Joliet, Ill., with a number of get; R. B. Conklin's King Wilkes, with others of Wilkes' strain; Alden Goldsmith's Castellar, Erastus Corning's Shawmut, C. J. Hamlin's Mambrino King, Hamler's Almont, jr., R. Cadergan's Bayonne Prince, R. B. Wallace's Gen. Putnam, Guy Miller's McKean and R. B. Conklin's Conklin Maid. Mr. Conklin bred the famous trotter Rarus, now owned by Robert Bonner. Alden Goldsmith, formerly owner of the great Goldsmith Maid, has a string of twenty-five trotters on exhibition.

The display of roadsters, coachers, saddlers, carriage and draft horses is large and good, some of them of very fashionable strains. Among the coaching stallions is Inconceivable, owned by W. K. Vanderbilt.

He was sired by Kabir, the property of the French government. The judging to-day was in the pony, draft and hunter classes. Canada was very successful, carrying off the most valuable prizes, New York taking the remainder. None of the western entries received a ribbon to-day. A. J. Cassott, of Pennsylvania, with Bend Or, won the hunter's prize.

AMONG THE RAILROADS.

No Change to be Made in Car Load Rates to Missouri River Points.

CHICAGO, Nov. 5.—All the principal lines west of Chicago were represented by both general managers and freight agents at a meeting held here to-day for the purpose of ascertaining the advisability of adjusting rates as between car lots and less than car lots. The meeting was held in response to a demand of Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis jobbers that an equitable adjustment of the classification be made. Missouri river and interior jobbers opposed any change in this. The opposition called forth quite a lengthy debate. A resolution was finally passed to the effect that it was inexpedient at the present time to abolish the principle upon which the classification was based, but that a committee of freight agents be appointed to ascertain whether any considerable discrepancies existed and if so to report a fair adjustment. The committee was accordingly appointed and the meeting adjourned until to-morrow to hear its report. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis jobbers think they gained a point in securing this concession from the roads.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—A special meeting of the passenger and freight agents, presidents and vice presidents of the trunk lines was held to-day to ratify the provisions of the reorganized pool, which the executive committee has been preparing for some weeks. Contrary to expectation the meeting was practically barren of results. A new contract was, however, carried section by section, but many of its provisions have yet to receive the approval of the presidents to-morrow. The demands of the Baltimore & Ohio were not discussed.

Suspected Dynamiters Arrested.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 5.—The police authorities gave out this afternoon that they last night arrested David Keenan, W. P. Sears, P. S. Burns, D. Weathers, and Master Workman Pinkerton, of the Knights of Labor, all street railroad men, upon the charge of being engaged in the recent explosions on the street car tracks. Another man, John Shaugnessy, was arrested this afternoon. The men arrested are all strikers. They were arrested at 119 Lucas avenue, from which place, it is claimed, they directed their operations. A quantity of dynamite and caps have been found there. The assertion is made that they purchased the dynamite in Louisville with money furnished by the Knights of Labor ostensibly to buy food for the stricken families. It is reported the men have confessed their connection with the plot to destroy railroad property, and that they will be prosecuted to the extent of the law.

The Texas Strike.

GALVESTON, Tex., Nov. 5.—The strike inaugurated by the Knights of Labor continues and as far as known no steps toward arbitration or settlement have been taken on either side. No freight arrived here yesterday, and the Missouri Pacific officials have instructed their country agents to receive no cotton for shipment to this city. Ten foreign steamers, partially loaded, are lying idle in the bay. Rumors are current that the executive committee of the Knights of Labor will order a general strike all over the state. Good order prevails, though the streets are crowded with strikers. The executive committee detailed 200 Knights to aid the police in keeping order.

Death of Two Journalists.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—William F. Smith, for many years foreman and night editor of the New York Herald, and one of the best known journalists in the United States, died yesterday of kidney disease at his residence in Brooklyn.

William J. Mackey, well known through A B C guides, died in Brooklyn yesterday, aged 47 years. He was formerly connected with the Associated Press as a reporter of Wall street doings.

Fatal Leap of a Convict.

SANTA FE, N. M., Nov. 5.—Maximo Apadoca, a life convict in the penitentiary here, was killed yesterday by jumping from the third story of the penitentiary to the ground, a distance of sixty feet. He was implicated in the murder of the Nesmith family in Donana county two years ago. It is not known whether he attempted to escape or contemplated suicide.

Starting Up the Ship Yard.

CHESTER, Pa., Nov. 5.—Orders have been received at Roach's ship yard to start up next Monday morning, and the machinery is being put in order to accomplish that end. Naval Constructor Steele, who will have charge of the completion of the cruisers, arrived at the yard to-day. About 300 men will be put to work.

Congratulating Cleveland.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 5.—The president continues to receive numerous congratulatory telegrams upon the result of Tuesday's elections, among which is one from Alton B. Parker, chairman of the democratic state executive committee, congratulating him upon the hearty endorsement which New York and Virginia gave his administration.

Perished in a Burning Lock-Up.

ROME, N. Y., Nov. 5.—The police station house was burned Tuesday night. Two prisoners named Converse and Dillon were burned to death. It is stated that the building was entirely deserted when the fire broke out. The keeper claims to have been called away on duty.

Unearthing Mormon Land Frauds.

SALT LAKE, Nov. 5.—Agents of the general land office are looking up frauds in the Mormon church acquisition of 30,000 acres of land in Cache county some years ago. They claim to have found enough to vacate the patents.

CHARGED WITH A VENGEANCE

The Wreck and Ruin of Field's Spy-nal Column Detailed by Visitors.

A FAIR COUNT COMMANDED.

A Decision in Favor of the Republicans in Cincinnati—Hennepin Advocates in Session—Chinese Highbinders in New York.

Destruction of the Andre Monument.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—[Special to the BEE.]—According to the accounts given by visitors to the shattered monument at Tappan, the fierce explosion must have been terrific. In a dozen houses in the village, some of them half a mile away from the monument, windows were broken and ornaments shaken from parlor shelves. Men and women awoke with a shiver to find the cold night air rushing in upon them and their floors littered with glass. The explosive was placed on the reverse side of the stone from where it was put on the first attempt to destroy the monument of three years ago. Then the men had to work in view of the roadway, but they arranged it so it would by an easy slope off into the bushes if anybody came along. Everything indicated that the damage was done with dynamite. The heavy base of stone was blown into a hundred pieces. Blocks weighing several hundred pounds were lifted and blown forty feet away. Instead of flying upward the scattering rock spread outward quite close to the ground, snapping several three-quarter inch solid iron railings like so many pipe stems. Two hollow iron support posts, as thick as a man's leg, were snapped and blown several yards away. The bricks used in the foundation were pulverized, and the ground around it was broken as if with a plow. The immense block of stone that forms the monument proper, weighing several tons, was lifted from the base and fell flat on one side. Dean Stanley's inscription was buried in the mud. These lines, attributed to George Washington, were visible: "He was more unfortunate than a criminal, an accomplished man, and a gallant officer." The polished surface of the monument was little injured, but its edges were badly torn.

The Cincinnati Election Cases.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 5.—The circuit court room was crowded this morning to hear a decision upon the election mandamus cases. When the court appeared the closest attention was paid to every word uttered. Judge Cox read his decision. He said there was a petition for mandamus filed by A. E. McGill for himself and three others, candidates for election as state senators, averring that the canvassing board was proceeding to do its work illegally and asking the court to compel it to count the returns according to law and to issue certificates to them instead of to the democratic candidates. To this the defendants had filed a motion to strike out the material averments of the petition as irrelevant and insufficient to support the demand in the petition. In the argument this motion had been treated as a demurrer and the defense claimed that the mandamus was not a proper remedy because the canvassing board's duty was not ministerial but quasi judicial and because the proper remedy was by contest before the senate. The court held that this court could direct the canvassing board by mandamus and that the mandamus was the proper remedy. The distinction made by Judge Buckwalter was followed by the court by declaring that it was not a contest for the office, but for the certificate, which cannot be given by the senate and which has a value distinct from the office itself. The court then considered in detail the averment which the defense asked to have stricken out, and overruled the motion in all cases, except in one where the allegations were as to irregularities in counting the vote. In the course of the decision the court stated that it had the right to direct the clerk to omit from his canvass returns which did not comply with the mandatory provisions of law. Among these were that the returns should be delivered to the clerk in the manner and within the time named in the law, and that the number of votes should not exceed the number of names on the poll books.

The defense asked until to-morrow to decide what steps they shall take. It is understood they will appeal to the supreme court.

The Hennepin Canal Boomers.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 5.—The Hennepin canal commission held an informal session here this morning. Delegates were present from Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan and New York. Joseph Utley, of Dixon, Ill., presided. It was decided to give the commission the name of the Lake Michigan and Mississippi River Canal commission. The formal session of the commission will begin this afternoon.

Eighteen members of the commission were present, and to these ex-Governor Bross expressed his pleasure at beholding so many friends of the canal in attendance. The speaker said it was of vital necessity to get a delegation before congress this winter and national legislation to push the project to completion. Governor Bross would have congress understand that if national legislation was not extended in favor of the scheme, the great west would oppose expenditures included in the river and harbor bill.

Judge Murphy said that while the prospects of the Hennepin canal never seemed brighter than at present, all must work in concert, and he thought the executive committee would have to hold itself in readiness to do much work at all times for the next five months. Mr. Murphy thought much care ought to be exercised in the selection of this committee.

At 11 o'clock, after being in session one hour, the commission adjourned till 2 o'clock.

This afternoon a large delegation from the Mississippi and Missouri River Graders association was present. The delegation was welcomed in a speech by Judge Murphy, following which other members of the commission made addresses bearing on the canal question. These addresses and the election of officers took up the entire afternoon session. The following are the officers elected: President, Joseph Utley; first vice president, John C. Dore; second vice president, A. B. Miller; secretary, D. T. Littler; treasurer, Murray Nelson. The following named gentlemen were appointed members of the executive committee: William Bross, George French, C. B. Farwell, A. O. Marshall, Murray Nelson, L. B. Ray, Joseph Utley, T. B. Robinson, D. T. Littler, Charles H. Deere.

The Chinese Highbinders.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—[Special to the BEE.]—Regarding the mysterious murder of the Chinese merchant, Chong Ong, a gentleman writes to a morning paper, advancing a novel theory. This gentleman says he has spent much time among the Chinese on the Pacific coast and elsewhere and claims to be familiar with many workings of their mysterious secret orders. He is convinced that this is a regular "highbinder" assassination. He says every Chinaman who comes to this country binds himself to the Chinese Six companies, first to obey under all circumstances the laws of the imperial Chinese government and next those of the six companies. He refers to the fact that it is no uncommon thing for a Chinaman to disappear in San Francisco or to be butchered in cold blood, and that the Chinese there in such a case not only make no effort to punish the criminal but will use all possible efforts to shield the "highbinder," as these murderers are called, from justice.

The Walkup Case.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 5.—The jury in the Walkup poisoning case is still out. It is reliably reported that they stand two for conviction and ten for acquittal. It is probable that the jury will disagree. In that event the case will probably not be tried again. Mrs. Walkup bears up well and is confident of acquittal.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Those of Nebraska Continue of a Republican Hue.

KEARNEY, Nov. 5.—[Special to the BEE.]—The vote is now all in, showing handsome republican majorities as follows: Judge, Cobb 473 majority; regent, Burham 370; regent, Gere, 523; H. J. Allen, county treasurer, 131 plurality; G. H. Cutting, clerk, 673 plurality; F. W. Hull, judge, 455 plurality; P. T. H. Schars, sheriff, 773 plurality; T. N. Hartzell, superintendent of schools, 323 majority; E. M. Porterfield, surveyor, 1,607, no democrat or anti-monopolist candidates; M. A. Hoover, 755 plurality. Over 2,400 votes were cast, smaller than last year. The board of supervisors stands 15 republicans, 6 democrats and 3 anti-monopolists.

NORTH PLATTE, Nov. 5.—[Special to the BEE.]—The official vote of Lincoln county is as follows: Cobb, 587; Martin, 480; Burnham, 583; Gere, 565; Livingston, 487; Zoelin, 483; clerk, Evans, rep., 684; Walters, dem., 463; treasurer, Osgood, rep., 470; Grady, dem., 634; judge, Hoagland, rep., 587; Snelling, dem., 676; Stebbins, ind., 44; sheriff, Patterson, rep., 351; Haley, dem., 742; superintendent, Nesbit, rep., 476; Garhard, dem, 199; Hona, ind., 326; surveyor, Fert, rep., 299; Watts, dem., 806; commissioner, Dudley, rep., 325; Hinman, dem, 301; Button, ind., 474.

BRAINARD, Neb., Nov. 5.—[Special to the BEE.]—Election is over and the returns are all in. The republicans have elected Reynolds for clerk by a plurality of 42 over Tjaden, Harper for treasurer by a plurality of 234, Clingman for judge by a plurality of 99. The rest of the ticket went democratic, Schram for sheriff by 120, Cooley for superintendent by 323, Patterson for surveyor by 323, Thropp for coroner by 28. More scratching was done this election than for years before. The prohibitionists did not figure at all. Holmes, their candidate for superintendent, and the strongest man on their ticket, received but 132 votes in the entire county. There is much dissatisfaction in the ranks of both parties over the election. No estimate can be made as to how it will go next time, party lines are so broken. The anti-monopolists fused with the republicans, but it was a political trap and the voters knew it, so it done no good.

NORTH AUBURN, Nov. 5.—[Special to the BEE.]—The entire county republican ticket is elected by majorities of from 300 to 600, and an increased majority for the republican state ticket.

The Hawkeye State.

DES MOINES, Nov. 5.—Up to midnight the State Register has complete returns from 93 of the 99 counties of the state. The counties unreported are Chickasaw, Clarke, Pottowattamie, Palo Alto, and Des Moines. In the 93 counties reported Larrabee has 8,161 majority over Whiting. The six counties unreported gave two years ago 1,329 combined opposition majority on governor. If they should stay the same it would leave a net republican majority of 6,832. But the Register estimates that there will be a net republican loss in these six counties of 500, leaving Larrabee's final majority 6,332. The Register has complete and definite returns from all legislative districts in the state. The only changes made to-day is that Case, fusion, for senator, is elected in the Floyd district over Reineger by 15 majority, and that in Cedar county, in doubt yesterday, Corrigan, rep., is elected by 106 majority. The senate will therefore stand 30 republican to 20 fusionists, and the house 60 republican to 39 fusionists and 1 independent republican. The counties reported in full show 15 per cent of republican stay-at-home votes as compared with the poll of two years ago, and 5 per cent of democratic stay-at-home votes.

DUBUQUE, Nov. 5.—The Herald, from its returns and from estimates on a few unheard from counties, figures Larrabee's majority in Iowa at 6,873.

Returns from New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—[Special to the BEE.] The Herald gives Hill 11,500 plurality; 8 republican majority in the senate and 26 in the assembly.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—With reports on that ticket missing from eight counties, including the counties of New York, Albany and Erie, (which includes Buffalo), the vote for Bascom, prohibition candidate for governor, is 16,618. The total vote for St. John in the presidential election was 18,853. No estimate is made of the prohibition vote in the missing counties.

Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 5.—Official returns of the vote for congressmen in the Nineteenth district of Pennsylvania, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William A. Duncan, show a plurality of 3,630 for Swope, dem., over Blair rep.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 5.—Complete returns from every county in the state gives Quay rep., for state treasurer, 64,962, and Day, dem., 20,835. Quay's plurality over Day, 44,127.

Connecticut.

HARTFORD, Nov. 5.—Corrected returns of the vote through the state shows several changes. According to these the republicans gain a representative in Bethany, Chaplin, Putnam and Groton, and the democrats elect one of the Meriden representatives, Dr. Davis. Corrected tables show the house 132 republicans and 116 democrats. There will probably be several contests.

Dakota's Capital Contest.

HURON, Dak., Nov. 5.—A dispatch from Hugh Campbell, to whom the returns were sent, concedes that Huron carries the capitol location by fully 4,000. A jollification meeting is being held here to-night. Dispatches from Pierre, however, still claim the capitol on the face of the returns and on estimates.

Heaping Serenades on Him.

ALBANY, Nov. 5.—Governor Hill was serenaded this evening at the executive mansion by the citizens of Albany and the Jacksonian club. In his reply to the greeting Governor Hill made these points: "That the democratic victory in New York will strengthen the hands of our president and aid him in his efforts for the purification of the public service; that New York can never be carried upon any issue of sectional hate; that he had not promised a non-partisan administration of state affairs, but would make an honest one." In closing he felicitated the party on the success of General Lee in Virginia.

A Bold Bad Banker.

JACKSON, Mich., Nov. 5.—Wesley Burchard, cashier of the Farmers' bank at Grass Lake is missing, being a defaulter to the amount of $18,000. He was in the habit of taking two or three hundred dollars at a time. When confronted by the directors on Tuesday, he acknowledged having done wrong, but promised to make the amount good. He was not arrested and disappeared that night. It is thought the funds were sunk in wild speculations in Texas. Burchard is over 50 years old and has a wife and grown up daughter.

Helping to Educate the Freedmen.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, now in session in this city, approves the appeal of the Freedmen's society for a quarter of a million of dollars a year for education in the southern states, among both the white and colored people. Every pastor is urged to raise his full apportionment for the cause, and churches and members of larger means are called upon to contribute with increased liberality to this work.

Trouble in the Hocking Valley.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 5.—The coal operators of the Hocking Valley and Sunday Creek Valley held a meeting to-day and refused to grant the demands made by the miners' state convention for an advance of 10 cents per ton in mining. Nearly all the miners in these valleys are out, and it is thought that this will result in idleness for one or two months at least.

Kansas City's New Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The president to-day appointed G. M. Shelley postmaster at Kansas City vice T. S. Case, commission expired.

DELUGE OF INK AND PAPER

The Product of Official Brains and the People's Print Shop.

THE SEASON FOR SUGGESTIONS

When Departmental Heads and Official Magnates Propose Sundry Changes in Government Affairs—Variety of Washington Small Talk.

The First Comptroller's Annual.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The annual report of First Comptroller Durham calls attention to the fact that in 1868 the first comptroller then certified balances due the United States from several states and territories respectively for direct taxes due and unpaid under the direct tax act of August 5, 1861, and such states and territories were accordingly debited on the books in the office of the register of the treasury, and says:

It may be doubted whether any corporate state was properly charged, but as the then comptroller had jurisdiction of the subject matter, the statements made by him of the accounts of the above named states and territories, as to their indebtedness on account of direct taxes, are binding on the present comptroller for the reasons indicated in opinions in the Mississippi direct tax case. Recently amounts have been certified to this office as due to some of the said states and territories from the United States on account of commissions on the net proceeds of the sale of public lands within the state and for other causes. The amounts so certified, instead of being paid, have been ordered to be credited on said indebtedness of the states and territories as stated against them by the former comptroller. Other states, it is reported, will present the same question as amounts may become due them for sales of lands or otherwise, and said amounts will be credited as above indicated unless congress shall direct the money due and to become due to said states shall be paid to them without reference to the charges, as stated heretofore, made against them by the former comptroller.

Discussing the question of old claims against the government, which are constantly being presented for his action, the comptroller suggests that some fixed period after the right of the claimant accrues should be subscribed by statute within which a claim may be brought before the proper accounting officers for their action thereon.

The Adjutant General's Report.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Adjutant General Drum, in his annual report to the secretary of war, invites attention to the subject of obsolete arms and ammunition in the hands of state militias or stored in the several armories. It would, he says, seem a most wise measure if at the approaching session of congress a general act were passed providing for immediate exchange, when requested, of all obsolete arms now in the hands of the militia of the several states, for improved Springfield rifles, calibre 45, and appropriate ammunition therefor. He recommends that proof be required with each application for the detail of a military professor at any military school that at least 150 male pupils above the age of 15 years are usually present. He finds that in some cases the number runs as low as sixty. He recommends that non-commissioned officers and privates on the retired list be paid the gross sum in money in lieu of their present pay and commutation for allowance, and he submits a table embodied in a proposition to pay them at a rate varying from $53, per month for chief musicians to $33, for artificers. He recommends the publication of a new edition of the army regulations to conform with the laws enacted since the present code was promulgated, and calls attention to the inadequacy in size of the military prison at Fort Leavenworth. He calls special attention to the value of the work done by prisoners. He also calls attention to the difficulty of procuring clerks acquainted with army forms, and recommends remedies.

The Paymaster General's Report.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Paymaster Rochester, in his annual report to the secretary of war, shows the disbursements of his bureau the last fiscal year amounted to $14,485,727, including $197,090 to the signal service, $213,000 to the military academy, and $12,649,443 on army pay rolls. The amount disbursed for mileage of officers was $155,000. General Rochester recommends legislation allowing an officer who may be traveling under orders his actual fare and a certain rate of mileage by the shortest usually traveled route, sufficient to meet incidental expenses. Such a scheme, he says, would be more equitable both to the officer and the government than the present system. Ninety-two non-commissioned officers and privates have been placed upon the retired list. General Rochester recommends legislation to authorize payment to these men of $9 a month in lieu of allowances for clothing and rations. The paymaster general reports that the diminished operations of his bureau make it possible to drop six clerks from the present force.

Fourth-Class Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The postmaster general to day appointed the following fourth-class postmasters:

Illinois—Cissno Park, Miss Emma E. Helmer; Kerney, Robert Orr; Ashmore, Miss Lillie Randall; Buncombe, James B. Suit; Colchester, Thomas Richards; Fenton, Mrs. Lydia M. Allen; Kilbourne, George F. Pierce; Lakeview, Mrs. Julia D. Young; Liberty, Benjamin F. Grover; Otterville, John S. Williams; Paloma, David C. Wear; Pulaski, George O. Haden; Putnam, H. M. Duncan; Wing, George H. Gray, jr.; Warrenville, Joseph H. Howbecker.

Iowa—Brush Creek, C. N. Shamway; Maynard, E. L. Payne; Viola, Francis M. Shanklin.

Dakota—Winfred, C. A. Devele; Steela, F. C. Corwin; Pembroke, William S. Hoagland; Frankfort, Peter Lafond; Forest City, Areston Clark; Diana, Frank W. Thaxter; Hazen, A. L. Roberts.

The Civil Service Commission.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The president this afternoon appointed Dorman B. Eaton to be civil service commissioner in place of Mr. Thoman, whose resignation was accepted to take effect November 1. The appointment is but a temporary one, however, as it is proposed to appoint a permanent successor to Thoman in a short time. Eaton consented to serve on the commission a few weeks in order to assist the newly appointed commissioners in familiarizing themselves with their duties, and also to close up certain unfinished matters in which he is greatly interested. It is not known who will succeed Eaton beyond the fact that the new appointee will be a republican in full sympathy with civil service reform.

An Over Zealous Preacher Apologizes

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 5.—Last Sunday Dr. Peck, a Methodist minister, denounced dancing and said the New Haven girls who danced with the members of the Ancient and Honorable artillery company, of Boston, on their recent visit here came in contact with men known in Massachusetts as moral lepers. Gen. G. M. Harmon, of this city, yesterday demanded an apology on behalf of the late guests, and Dr. Peck will publish a retraction to-morrow, saying his words were uttered in the heat of argument and he tenders a full apology to those whose feelings he has unintentionally wounded.

The Fire Waste for October.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The Commercial Bulletin estimates the fire waste in the United States and Canada during October at $5,750,000, which is by $2,250,000 more than the average of October fire losses for ten years past.

A ROMANTIC TALE.

It Relates to a Prima Donna, Her Husband and a Chorus Girl.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 4.—[Chicago Tribune Special.]—The marriage in New York yesterday of Arthur Bell to Miss Annie Carmen is the latest and not the least interesting chapter in a romantic story, of which Jennie Winston, the prima donna, is the heroine and the leading character. Jennie Winston and Arthur Bell were married several years ago in Australia. The wife rapidly grew in favor with audiences, while the husband became an efficient stage manager and a fair actor and singer. Two years ago they went to the Pacific slope, apparently as devoted a couple as ever. They returned the same time, but as far apart as if strangers. Mrs. Bell's friends say she had outgrown him. Mr. Bell's friends say it was simply a gradual drifting apart and into a mutual agreement to disagree. Both say that there was no quarrel or scandal connected with it. Both were engaged for a season at Baltimore and Washington—she as prima donna and he as a stage manager. In the company they played together without the slightest friction. Mr. Bell directed Miss Winston's entrances and exits, her poses and movements, and Miss Winston consulted Mr. Bell about the music or business of her part as coolly and indifferent as though they had never been anything more to each other than stage manager and star. When her role required it Miss Winston threw herself into Mr. Bell's arms with the chill passion of a Mary Anderson, and Mr. Bell pressed upon her lips a caress as unfervent as though he were a tenor with a wife in the lower box. Outside of the theatre they never spoke. In their social relations the prominent feature was a generous rivalry as to who could be most circumspect. Miss Winston was ice to male admirers. Mr. Bell resented with maiden coyness the sly ogles of the ardent chorus girl. If any worm preyed at the heart of either their appearance did not show it. Miss Winston gained new weight and color; Bell was more gracious and smiling than ever. Mr. Bell's maidenly reserve proved weaker than that of his nominal wife, however, and early this fall it became apparent that Cupid's arrow had once more pierced his heart, winged this time with the short blonde locks of pleasant, plump Miss Annie Carmen, of Brooklyn, one of the chorus girls. Their engagement was formally announced some time ago, though just how the thing was going to happen nobody seemed to know, inasmuch as there was already one Mrs. Bell in the land of the living. A mutual agreement is said to have effected the removal of this obstacle in a New York court yesterday morning, and in the afternoon Miss Carmen became Mrs. Bell, the original in the role legally gaining what she had some time assumed, the right to be known as Miss Jennie Winston. Mr. Bell, Miss Winston and Mrs. Bell, nee Carmen, have re-engaged in the company which will open its season in Philadelphia next week.

RECOVERED HIS SPEECH.

A Criminal Who Had Not Spoken for Months Swears When Sentenced.

ZANESVILLE, Nov. 5.—In the circuit court at Woodsfield, Guernsey county, David Conger, who was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing his wife in June last, was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. The murder was a most brutal one, he killing his young wife with an axe because she interfered in behalf of their six-year old son whom he was beating cruelly. Conger made no effort to escape, and was arrested soon after.

From the moment of his incarceration until the last words that dropped from the judge's lips which sealed his doom, the miserable wretch had not spoken a word or made an audible noise. Feigning insanity, he played the deaf-and-dumb act successfully for more than four months. All efforts of the officers to make him speak were without effect. Even a severe shock from an electric battery, which was applied in the hope of loosening his tongue, only caused him to squirm with pain. Throughout the trial he has been immovable, and when sentence was about to be pronounced the officers had to lift him to his feet. The last words of the ninety-nine years' sentence had hardly echoed through the court-room, when the criminal, who had so long been apparently dumb, poured forth an avalanche of oaths at the court, and, turning to the crowd, said:

"I have got more sand and backbone than any of you, and if you can stand it I can, too."

He was quickly hurried from the court-room and placed in his cell, but continued to shower curses and abuse on all mankind in a screaming voice.

Murdered for Money.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Nov. 4.—[Chicago Times Special.]—The mysterious finding of the nude body of a man hanging to a tree near Point Pleasant, Mason county, has at last been cleared up, and a terrible crime is disclosed. The man was named Hazlewood, from Gallia county, Ohio. He came to the Virginia side of the river with about $300 in his possession, with which he expected to purchase a blacksmith shop. He made his headquarters with a negro named David Anderson, who lives with a white woman on Five Mile creek. A negro named Hauck, also from Gallia county, followed Hazlewood to West Virginia for the purpose of killing and robbing him, and confided his scheme to Anderson. The latter, who is a well known desperado, agreed to help do the job. The two negroes decoyed Hazlewood into a thicket in a lonely locality, beat him to death, and then, first robbing the body, they stripped it stark naked and suspended it from a tree by a piece of rope, first tying the legs and arms with parts of the dead man's shirt lest he might not be quite dead and release himself. Then they folded his clothes upon the top of a neighboring stump and fled. The body was found about two weeks afterward horribly mutilated by wild animals and birds. Warrants have been issued for both Anderson and Hauck, and the former is now in jail. A requisition has been made on the governor of Ohio for Hauck, and it is expected he will soon be brought back.

Chinese Made to Move.

TACOMA, W. T., Nov. 5.—Tuesday being the time set for the Chinese leaving, at the signal given, many hundred citizens congregated, marching orderly along the streets to the Chinese houses, ordering the occupants to pack their goods and leave. The order was complied with. By 5 p. m. their goods were packed, loaded on drays, and the Chinese were marching alongside the loaded wagons en route to Lake View, nine miles south of here. The Chinese merchants were given time till this morning to pack their goods, each store being allowed three assistants. One hundred and ninety-seven Chinese reached Lake View about 7 p. m., and camped there. It is not known whether they will take the next train for Portland, but they probably will.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 4.—Many Chinese are located north of here on the railroad track. The citizens have sent out to the Chinese provisions. No trouble has occurred.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 5.—A private dispatch from Tacoma states that Chinatown, situated near the low depot and wharf of the Northern Pacific railway has been burned by a mob, and that the railroad tanks, trestle and other property has been damaged by the flames.

Claim a Share of the Credit.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The Post's Washington special says: Representatives of the Knights of Labor allege that the public press, in assigning the reason for the democratic victory in New York, has quite overlooked the importance of that secret organization as a factor in the result. One of its officers, who is also in government service, and spent some days in New York and Brooklyn in the interests of the organization, says that its members there voted with almost unanimity for Hill, and will claim that success was due to their efforts. Hill's answers to certain questions about labor questions pleased them better than Davenport's did.

Confessed the Crime.

BUFFALO, Nov. 5.—Herman, whose wife was found yesterday morning with her throat cut from ear to ear, made two statements and practically admitted his guilt. The statements are not yet made public by the police.

A HEAP OF SPECULATION.

Decrees of the Council of Baltimore on the Liquor Traffic.

Arrival of the Council's Messenger Anxiously Awaited—Assent to the Decrees Means a Catholic War on the Liquor Traffic.

Catholics and the Grog Shop.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The archbishops and bishops of the Catholic church of the United States, at the close of the third plenary council held in Baltimore in December, 1884, issued a pastoral letter to the clergy and laity of their charges. The pastoral letter, as usual, contained a summary of the decrees or rules passed by the council, and when published, one paragraph especially attracted attention. It read as follows:

"There is one way of profaning the Lord's day which is so prolific of evil results that we consider it our duty to utter against it a special condemnation. This is the practice of selling beer or other liquors on Sunday, or of frequenting places where they are sold. This practice tends more than any other to turn the day of the Lord into a day of dissipation and to use it as an occasion for breeding intemperance. While we hope that Sunday laws on this point will not be relaxed but even more rigidly enforced, we implore all Catholics for the love of God and country never to take part in such traffic nor countenance or patronize it; and we not only direct the attention of all pastors to the repression of this abuse, but we also call upon them to induce all of their flocks that may be engaged in the sale of liquors to abandon as soon as they can the dangerous traffic and embrace a more becoming way of making a living."

This straightforward admonition from the bishops placed the liquor traffic in a new light in its relation to the Catholic church. Up to this time it had been the general impression among those who were not members of the church that while she did not in any way encourage the liquor traffic she was not directly opposed to it. When the pastoral letter appeared, however, it became evident that the Catholic church in America had resolved to declare itself opposed to intemperance and grog shops. There were some who shrugged their shoulders when they read the above paragraph and declared that they did not believe it would have any perceptible effect upon liquor selling among members of the church. The matter has not been so thoroughly brought out before the several congregations by the priests as it will be should the decrees, which were forwarded to Rome, be returned with the endorsement of the Pope.

As is always the custom, the decrees adopted by the last plenary council were forwarded to Rome, the Rev. Dr. O'Connell, rector of the American college and procurator for the archbishop of Baltimore, acting as the messenger and ambassador. On his arrival in the Eternal City the decrees were delivered into the hands of Cardinal Simeoni, prefect of the propaganda, by whom the decrees were handed over to the congregation of the propaganda, the body of cardinals and theologians, who examined them carefully. The congregation of the propaganda submitted their report upon the decrees to the holy see. The Reverend Dr. O'Connell, who has been nearly a year away, is now on his way back to the United States with these decrees, which have been by the holy see. There is now much speculation in ecclesiastical circles as to the manner in which the decrees relating to the liquor traffic were received by the pope. If the pope has given it his approval and indorsement, it is expected there will soon be inaugurated in this country a crusade against the liquor business of an exceedingly effective character. "The organization of the Catholic church is such," a distinguished clergyman said to-night, "that it can, with the assistance of the pope, do more to cripple the business of grog shops than any other religious body."

Dr. O'Connell is expected to arrive at Baltimore within a few days. The decrees will then be published and priests and bishops and laymen will then be able to know the attitude of the church to the liquor traffic. Archbishop Corrigan last evening said that it would not be politic for him to say anything whatever concerning the decrees. He did not know what action had been taken by the holy see in regard to the special decree against the liquor traffic, and would not know until after the arrival of Dr. O'Connell.

THE PREVIOUS LETTER.

Reasons for Holding Medical Consultations in Gen. Grant's Case.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The current number of the Century magazine has, in part, a reproduction of a letter written by Gen. Grant to Dr. Douglas while on Mount McGregor, and in the text of this partially reproduced letter the general made reference to a "previous letter" in the same strain. The prompting causes of that previous letter and the letter itself are made public to-day as follows:

Gen. Grant reached Mt. McGregor June 16, and that night he slept full ten hours, and was well. The next afternoon the general sat upon the cottage piazza alone and in deep thought. Suddenly, as though after mature reflection, he had formed a resolve, the general summoned his servant and started down the steps and walked to the bluff of the mountain. There he sat upon a rustic chair with his eyes bent to the earth, his features drawn and terse, and an expression of introspection on his face. He had set himself to do a test of his own strength. He wanted a basis for a personal judgment of his condition, and he found himself weak beyond his expectations. He went slowly back to the cottage and reached his room discouraged and disheartened, and that evening seated on the piazza, as the sun went down, the general wrote a calm statement of his convictions as to his own condition. This he handed to Dr. Douglas, and it was the "previous letter" referred to in the general's reproduced letter in the Century. It is here given: "Since coming to this beautiful climate and getting complete rest for about ten hours I have watched my pains and compared them with those of the last few weeks. I can feel plainly that my system is preparing for dissolution in three ways: One by hemorrhage, one by strangulation, and third by exhaustion. The first and last are liable to come at any moment to relieve me of my earthly suffering. The time for the arrival of the third can be computed with almost mathematical certainty. With increased daily food I have fallen off in weight and strength very rapidly for the last two weeks. There cannot be a hope of going far beyond this time. All any physician, or any number of them can do for me is to make my burden of pain as light as possible. I do not want any physician but yourself, but I tell you so that if you are unwilling to have me go without consultation with other professional men you can send for them. I dread them, however, knowing that it means another desperate effort to save me and more suffering."

Thus it was Dr. Douglas that night sent for Dr. Sands, who came next day, and together they consulted with the general, and told him there was no danger of strangulation nor of hemorrhage, and exhaustion was a question that could not be discussed.

Will Be Hanged if Caught.

CALDWELL, Kansas, Nov. 5.—A report from the Oklahoma country is received that freighters and boomers have been losing mules and horses to a great number within the past few weeks. The community is greatly stirred up, and if the thieves are captured a wholesale hanging will follow. That country is filled with settlers, and they say they will not be removed by the government.

A Contest Between Oarsmen.

WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 5.—The three-mile single scull race for $300, between Peter Conley, of Portland, Me., and J. A. McKay, of Boston, at Lake Quinsigamond this afternoon was won by Conley by less than two lengths. Time, 20:30.