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MURDERED BY HER FATHER.

Mrs. Annie Bryant Shot Dead by Her Enraged Parent.

HER CHILD BORN BUT A MINUTE.

Seduced by a Scoundrel She Marries Him, Only to Meet Death as Her Offspring Came Into Existence.

Brutal Murder at Curtis.

CURTIS, Neb., May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—One of the most atrocious crimes in the annals of humanity was perpetrated about 8 o'clock yesterday morning on the farm of a man named Greenwood, about fifteen miles from Curtis, in the adjoining county of Lincoln. The victim was Mrs. Annie Bryant, Greenwood's seventeen year old daughter.

While employed in a restaurant here the girl met a young man named Lem Bryant, with whom she kept company until about three months ago, when it was discovered that she was in a delicate condition. She then disclosed the fact to her parents. Her father was very angry and said he would disown her. Both the girl and her family were highly esteemed, and popular feeling ran very strong against Bryant. This, in connection with the fact that the matter was brought before the grand jury, induced him to marry the girl. He soon abandoned her, however, and refused to contribute to her support. Hearing that an indictment was about to be brought against him, Bryant left and has not been heard of since.

The condition of the girl was such that she was unable to work and was compelled to seek shelter at her home in Lincoln county. Her father at first refused to let her come back but finally yielded to the intercessions of her mother. He brooded a good deal over the disgrace to his name which Annie had brought upon the family and frequently exhibited symptoms of insanity which grew more marked as the time for her confinement approached.

Yesterday morning Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliff were on the way to town and were passing by Greenwood's house when Mrs. Greenwood came rushing from the house with an infant babe in her arms, not yet dressed, exclaiming "For God's sake, take Annie's baby and take care of it, for Greenwood has shot her. Don't come near the house for he threatens to shoot the first person who comes there."

Annie had given birth to the child a few minutes before her father came and he drew his revolver and shot and killed her.

A posse of citizens left for the scene of the murder at once.

State Sunday School Association.

YORK, Neb., May 22.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The annual convention of the State Sunday school association assembled in this city yesterday afternoon. The work of the afternoon was deferred until evening on account of Sheriff Hamilton's funeral, which was being held in the Methodist church. The address of welcome was made by Mayor Wyckoff. The response was by President C. C. White of Valparaiso. Nearly three hundred delegates are in the city and nearly every county is represented. Rev. J. N. Presson of Elwood, conducted the praise meeting. Rev. Willard Scott of Omaha, delivered a fine address and chose for his subject "More Room." Ralph Wells of New York city, delivered an address on the theme of "How to Use the Bible." The committees appointed are on international Sunday school work, enrollment, auditing and nominating.

To-morrow the following programme will be carried out:

In the morning reports will be read by the executive committee, statistical secretary, treasurer and special committees, followed by papers on "The Sunday School, a Training School, for Intelligent, Stable and Useful Church Members," President D. B. Perry, Crete; "The Use of the Bible in the Sunday School," Rev. J. D. Stewart, Aurora; "The Work Outside the School," Rev. J. G. Tate, Shelton.

In the afternoon sections will discuss subjects as follows from 2 until 3 o'clock: "Pastors and Superintendents," in the convention room, led by Mr. Wells; "Primary Teachers and Officers," in the M. E. church parlors, led by Mrs. M. M. Bailey; "County Secretaries and Officers," in the Baptist church, led by E. F. Phelps, Aurora. At 3 o'clock the convention will reassemble and the balance of the afternoon will be devoted to temperance work, opening with a "Greeting from the W. C. T. U.," by Mrs. C. A. Carscadden, state superintendent of scientific instruction; "Bible Temperance," President W. F. Ringland, Hastings; "The Temperance Cause in the Sunday School," W. O. Henry, M. D., Pawnee City.

In the evening addresses will be delivered by Mrs. Mattie M. Bailey and Ralph Wells.

Saunders County Court Matters.

WAHOO, Neb., May 23.—[Special to THE BEE.]—For the past eight days the district court has been in session with Judge Marshall on the bench, and in that time four cases out of 150 have bee disposed of. At this rate Saunders county will never have her district court docket cleared. The cases disposed of have been of more than usual interest and importance. The case of Jefferson against C. M. Pickett, in which a verdict for $1,000 was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, was for false imprisonment. Mr. Jefferson had the misfortune to look like some one else who had been guilty of disposing of mortgaged property and was arrested and imprisoned by Pickett, who at that time was not an officer, and when he was released he brought his action for damages with the above result. The case of Sornborger against Sanford has been of deep interest. Some years ago Sornborger, who was then a son-in-law to Sanford, was loaning money for the latter, and the old gentleman came west and found, as he thought, that his son-in-law was not using the money for the purpose for which it was entrusted to him, and secured from somebody a chattel mortgage on nearly all his possessions, including a large and valuable law library, for about $9,000. Two years ago Sanford sought to foreclose the mortgage and took possession of the library, and Sornborger replevied, setting up that the mortgage was obtained under threats of prosecution for embezzlement, which constituted duress, and was therefore void. The jury in the case rendered a verdict to-day giving the possession of the library to Sornborger, and holding that the mortgage was void. The case of the State against W. S. Wilson for shooting with intent to kill Cary at Ashland last February is now occupying the attention of the court and jury.

A Pow Wow of Braves.

CHADRON, Neb., May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Indians at Cheyenne agency are holding a conference in regard to surrendering the land recently opened. The conference commences on the 21st inst., and consists of all the chiefs and under chiefs of the agency. The five principals are Red Cloud, Spotted Elk, Young-Man-Afraid-of-His Horse, Tall Bear and Little Chief. Red Cloud is the grand mogul. The sentiment expressed so far is against surrendering the land and a general disapprobation of the manner of remuneration to be received from the government. The general opinion of a number of squaw men who are interested in inducing the Indians not to surrender the land is that it will be almost impossible to get the requisite number of Indians to sign. There are a large number of squaw men who own large herds of stock, and they are allowed to range their cattle and horses at will on the reservation. They are doing their utmost to induce the Indians not to give up the land.

An Imposing Funeral.

YORK, Neb., May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The funeral of Sheriff Hamilton occurred from the Methodist church in this city this afternoon. All business houses were closed in accordance with the proclamation of the mayor, and business of all kinds was entirely suspended. The new court house was draped in mourning and a deep gloom pervaded the entire community. The funeral was in charge of the masonic fraternity and was the largest ever known in this part of the state. The procession was composed of the Masons, Odd Fellows, Grand Army, fire department, county and city officers, members of the bar, United Workmen and a company of National Guards headed by a band, about one hundred carriages completing the grandest funeral cortege ever seen in the west. The sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Dudley of Stromsburg, a life long friend of the deceased. The Masonic ceremonies at the grave were conducted by Major A. G. Hastings of Lincoln, past grand master, and were very impressive. The loss of Sheriff Hamilton to the county and state can never be replaced. His position as grand marshal of the state fair is also made vacant.

Ransacked the Court House.

WILBER, Neb., May 22.—[Special to THE BEE.]—One of the boldest attempts at robbery that has occurred at this place for years came to light this morning, when it was discovered that during the night "members of the light-footed gang" had ransacked the entire court house during the night. But, as fortune favored Wilber's citizens, the thieves obtained nothing whatever in any of the various rooms that they had gone through of any value.

In the sheriff's office where the safe was blown open $10 was obtained, while in the treasurer's office, where at least $800 had been stored away in the large vaults, the thieves had evidently become disgusted before they attempted to open the iron doors. In the county clerk's and judge's office nothing was done but disturbing some papers that were of little value.

As yet no clue has been obtained as to the perpetrators, and if we can judge from indications it is hardly likely that they will ever be discovered.

The Prohibitionists Appeal.

WAHOO, Neb., May 23.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Last night the city council again took up the hearing of the remonstrance against applications for saloon licenses, and finished the hearing in the cases against the applications of John D. Ryan and Mary Simonides, overruled the objections of the remonstrators and decided to grant licenses. The remonstrators appealed to the district court and the cases will probably be heard there this week. In their remonstrance against the application of Mary Simonides they took the ground that a license could not be legally granted to any woman, citing section 1 of the Slocumb law in support of their position, which says that the applicant must be a man of respectable character, etc. The council seemed to think that the word man as used in the section was meant to include women as well, and sat down on the point raised by the prohibitionists.

Murderer Dumkee Suicides.

COLUMBUS, Neb., May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Albert Dumkee, who murdered his wife a few weeks ago and was to have have had his trial to-day, committed suicide by hanging himself in his cell, using his suspenders and a handerchief for the noose. He is supposed to have committed the deed about 5 a. m., and he was cold in death when the sheriff came with his breakfast two hours after. When found he was hanging to the iron grating of his cell, his feet almost touching the floor. A letter was found written in German, stating that he was tired of being in jail, wished to save the county further expense, and asked to be buried beside his murdered wife in the city cemetery. There was great excitement at the court house all day, throngs of citizens and visitors in the city going there to get a glimpse of the dead man. No doubt existed as to his guilt of the crime charged.

Commencement Exercises at Edgar.

EDGAR, Neb., May 23.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The first commencement exercises of the Edgar high school will occur Friday night, May 25, at the M. E. church of this city. The class finishes the major grade of the state university, and are as follows: Mr. Clarence Avey, Mr. Ed Gunn, Mr. Elmer Baker, Mr. James Ronsey, Miss Opal Boaz, Miss Sallie Montgomery and Miss Maggie Christy. Chancellor Manatt will confer the diplomas, and Prof. Thrasher, superintendent, will address the class.

Stopped the Rehearsal.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 23.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A fatal accidental shooting occurred at a school house in the southwestern part of the county near Diller last night. In rehearsing for an amateur presentation of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," J. W. Fouls, teacher of the school, pointed a pistol at Samuel Stump, thinking it was not loaded. It exploded as usual, killing Stump almost instantly. The coroner was summoned but held no inquest, being satisfied the shooting was accidental. Stump's remains will be taken to his home in Appanoose county, Iowa, to-morrow. Foul is almost frantic with grief.

Brought Home a Bride.

FREMONT, Neb., May 23.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Prof. J. A. Hornberger, superintendent of the Fremont city schools, arrived home last evening with a bride from Iowa. The latter was Miss Emily Purkhiser, and they were married yesterday at Nevada, Ia. The bride is a talented young lady and Prof. Hornberger, who has had charge of our schools for a year has shown himself an able and enthusiastic educator.

She Was an Opium Eater.

GREELEY CENTER, Neb., May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Mrs. Houston, wife of Dr. Houston, a former practitioner of St. Paul, but now residing nine miles southeast of here, committed suicide last evening by cutting her throat. Both the wind pipe and jugular vein were completely severed. She was addicted to the use of opium, and while suffering from the lack of it took her life.

Another Wreck Near Benkleman.

BENKLEMAN, Neb., May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The second wreck within a week, occurred this morning on the B. & M. near Parks Station, this county. An east-bound freight struck a broken rail and completely demolished twelve cars loaded with coal. Nobody was injured, but passengers were delayed a few hours.

Blue Springs Will Shine By Night.

BLUE SPRINGS, Neb., May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Our city council last night granted the francnise for an electric light plant and a system of lights to be operated in Blue Springs to Alexander Stewart and Ora Richards. They intend to have the system completed in about two months.

Failure at Filley.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Barton & Fuller, general merchants at Filley, have been closed on chattel mortgages on their stock to wholesale dealers, amounting to about $4,000. Other claims to come in will swell the indebtedness to $7,000. Cause of failure, dull trade and inability to make collections.

FIVE MINUTES WILL BE NEXT.

With Night Sessions to Hurry the Tariff Through.

WORK ON THE REPUBLICAN BILL.

Condition of Crops in Iowa and Dakota—Late Land Decisions for Nebraskans—General Sheridan's Illness.

Tariff Again By Tuesday.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23.

Chairman Mills said this afternoon that if next Monday was not given up to measures for the District of Columbia in the house work on the tariff bill would be resumed. It will come up on Tuesday anyway. He says the first important movement will be to secure night sessions, with a view to completing the proposed amendments within three or four weeks, so as to get the measure out of the way in the house, by the 15th or 20th of June at the farthest. He expects the republicans to protest against this, but he has a majority with him and will undoubtedly secure night sessions.

REPUBLICANS AT WORK ON A TARIFF BILL.

A republican member of the committee on ways and means told me to-night that the question of free sugar and the attitude of Judge Kelley on the subject had brought them to a standstill in their efforts to compile a bill to be offered as a substitute to the one pending consideration. Judge Kelley is unalterably opposed to free sugar or to reducing the duty on sugar to any extent. The republicans have the greatest respect for the judge, but this one of his colleagues anticipated that there would be free sugar or something to that effect in the republican bill. When I asked him what he thought would be the form of the bill which the republicans will offer as a substitute for the Mills bill, and when it would be completed, he said: "I think we will take the duty from alcohol to be used in the arts, making a reduction in the income of $6,000,000 a year. We will put all grades of sugar on the free list, excepting probably one or two of the highest grades, on which we will retain a sufficient duty to pay a bounty of 2 cents a pound on that product in the United States. Our sugar product amounts to about $6,000,000, and we pay about $5,600,000 a year sugar imports. This will make a reduction on sugar of $50,000,000. We will accept practically what the democrats propose in regard to internal revenues, removing all the duties on tobacco excepting in the form of cigars and cigarettes, and also abolishing the license of tobacco and liquor dealers, making a reduction on the internal revenue of $24,500,000. In all this is a reduction of $80,000,000 in round figures. This is the essence of the skeleton of the bill we now have under discussion and which we are turning over at our nightly conferences."

"There were a lot of propositions on the sugar question," continued the member, "but those which were most seriously considered outside of the ones I have indicated made all sugar below 13 Dutch standard duty free, and retained the duty on the grades above 13 Dutch standard. That was rejected because it proposed to retain the duties upon all sugar which could come upon the table. Another proposition was to retain just enough duties on sugar to maintain the refineries. Still another proposition was made to meet the argument of the democrats to the effect that if we make sugar free Cuba and other sugar producing countries will levy an export tax equal to our present duty, which would thus make our sugars as high as at present and turn all of the duties we now receive to the foreign sugar producing countries. It was suggested that we could prevent this by the insertion of a prohibitory or retaliatory clause, but this was rejected. I do not expect to see the bill completed under a week or ten days before the final vote is taken on the Mills bill. This will give us advantage of the knowledge we will gain in the debate under the five-minute rule. The substitute bill we will present will meet the approval, I think, of the entire republican side of the house."

CONDITION OF CROPS IN IOWA.

The bulletin on the condition of crops issued to-day from the department of agriculture has no reports from Nebraska, although nearly every one of the southern states is represented. The following from the report relates to the condition of growing wheat in Iowa: "Winter wheat has barely held its own since April 1. It has suffered quite generally, and in some sections quite bad by dry weather."

The following is in respect to the changes in the area of crops in Iowa: "There is a general and marked falling off in the acreage of spring wheat as compared with last year. This is attributable to fear of chinch bugs and low prices. Barley is the same, though perhaps it has not suffered so extensively. The fields heretofore going to, and now left by, wheat and barley, will be planted to oats and corn, oats probably taking the greater share, hence a marked increase in the areas of these crops. From the natural drift of farming in this state there should be a decided increase in the areas of meadow land and pasture; but, instead, they have barely held their own. This is owing not only to the poor germination of seed the past year, but to the fact that many fields already in sod were turned last fall and this spring—fields that had been yielding unsatisfactory returns the past two years.

In Dakota it is stated that farmers are seeding with all the force possible. The spring was so backward that work was delayed about ten days, and part of the land plowed for wheat will be used for oats, barley and corn. Wheat and a portion of the oat crop is already in. Frost occurred nearly every night during April, which also retarded work, and the wind has been so high for the past fifteen days that seeding and dragging have been almost impossible. The increase in the area of wheat over last year in Dakota is slight.

NEBRASKA LAND DECISIONS.

Nebraska land decisions were to-day rendered by the secretary of the interior as follows:

Adam Hohmann vs. Phoebe J. Scott, an appeal of the former holding for cancellation his timber culture entry in the Niobrara district: affirmed. Frank Dixon vs. Mrs. Mary S. Southerland, appeal of the latter holding for cancellation her timber culture entry in the Grand Island district; affirmed. John Piper vs. George H. Blanchard, ditto, McCook land district, appeal of the latter on a protest made by Ira J. Burleson to the proof offered on pre-emption by Martin Devine, rejecting the latter's testimony and holding the entry for cancellation; affirmed. W. H. Stoner vs. Lucas S. Wiard, appeal of the former from the holding for cancellation and dismissal of contest for a timber culture entry in the Niobrara district; affirmed. The decision in the case of Robert C. Callahan vs. John L. Burke, appeal of the former from a holding for cancellation of timber culture and pre-emption claims in the North Platte district, was also affirmed.

GENERAL SHERIDAN IMPROVING.

Upon inquiry at the residence of General Sheridan to-night it was stated the general had improved during the afternoon and was considerably better. There was a report circulated around the capitol to-day to the effect that General Sheridan was dangerously ill and was suffering from fatty degeneration of the heart. This was denied at the home of the general, where it is contended that the trouble grows out of exhaustion and nervousness.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Representative Dorsey was called to preside over the house awhile yesterday and to-day by Speaker Carlisle, and gave evidence of good executive ability.

A man here by the name of Charles J. Fox offers to bet $1,000 that General Black will receive more votes at the St. Louis convention for vice president than any other man from Illinois. PERRY S. HEATH.

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following pensions were granted Nebraskans to-day: Original invalid—Henry C. Maxon, Westerville; J. A. Stanley, Wymore. Restoration—Ames Holkyard, Pawnee City. Increase—Joseph Sturd, Long Pine; Thomas Carroll, Syre; James W. Greer, Brewster; James Anderson McCormick, Palisade.

Pensions for Iowans: Original invalid—Ira Vincent, Atlantic; Joseph Ernst, Mapleton; J. R. Butter, Washta; S. B. Mahaffey, Kalone; C. E. Fuller, Sioux City; H. L. Wagner, Davenport; S. C. Harlin, Chariton; B. R. Shipley, Big Springs; J. A. Singley, Moulton. Increase—Samuel Neptune, Chariton; Rufus Brayton, Nugent; Samuel Good, East Des Moines; Charles Molte, Irvington. Reissue and increase—J. T. Harriman, Grinnell. Mexican survivors—C. S. Jenkins, Correctionville; Thomas D. McCrea, Hawkeye.

Both Parties at the Tariff.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The republicans in the house have formally decided to decline the acceptance of Mills' proposition to dispense with consideration of the tariff bill under the five-minute rule.

The democratic members of the ways and means committee are hard at work upon amendments proposed by democrats endeavoring to dispose of them before the end of the week, so that the house can enter upon consideration of the bill for amendment next week.

The republicans are confident they will be able to agree upon a substitute for the Mills bill and the conference has already agreed upon several of the leading points of the measure, but it is their present plan to allow the consideration of the pending bill to run along under the five-minute rule for some time in order to fully disclose in debate the sentiments of all the members of the party.

Army News.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Captain Byron Dawson, Ninth cavalry, having been found incapacitated for active service by an army retiring board, is granted leave of absence until further orders on account of disability.

Upon the completion of the movement of his regiment from the Department of Texas to the Department of Dakota, First Lieutenant James B. Hickey, Eighth cavalry, will repair to New York City and report in person to the superintendent of the recruiting service.

National Bar Association.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The convention of delegates from state and local bar associations of the country, having for its object the formation of a national bar association, met again in session this morning and adopted a constitution. The first annual meeting will be held in Cleveland, O., August 8. Colonel James O. Broadhead, of St. Louis, was elected president for the coming year, and A. S. Worthington, of Washington, and Judge John H. Doyle, of Toledo, vice-presidents.

Reported Favorably.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The senate committee on agriculture has ordered a favorable report on the Hatch bill to enlarge the duties of the department of agriculture and make it an executive department. The committee has, however, struck out all that portion of the bill which looks to the transfer of the weather bureau to the department of agriculture.

Gone to Philadelphia.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—President and Mrs. Cleveland left Washington at 11 this morning for Philadelphia to attend the Presbyterian anniversary. They will hold a reception at Overbrook this afternoon. The president will return to Washington to-morrow, but Mrs. Cleveland will remain with friends for about a week.

Postal Changes.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following Iowa postmasters were appointed: Edward F. Connor, Quincy, Adams county, vice Luke R. Jones, resigned; Abram W. Bowman, Tuscega, Decatur county, vice J. C. Varney, removed.

Washington Brevities.

The house committee on appropriations has ordered an unfavorable report on Representative Outhwaite's bill appropriating $113,000 to defray the expenses of the government at the Cleveland exposition next fall.

The conferees on the pension appropriation bill were advised to accept the senate amendment allowing soldiers' widows to draw pensions from the date of their husbands' death.

The senate committee on appropriations has completed consideration of the Indian appropriation bill and will probably report it to-morrow. It has made a net reduction of $226,000, making a total appropriation of $8,172,000 in round numbers.

A LIFE THROWN AWAY.

A New York Millionaire Who Married His Cook.

NEW YORK, May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—At his home at East Neck, L. I., Robert C. Townsend, a well-known millionaire-member of the Union club, of this city, lies dead. He was a son of Robert C. Townsend, for many years a prominent society man, and from whom he inherited over $1,000,000. He was only forty-one years of age, a brilliant college graduate, held an established position in society, had traveled in Europe, enjoying all the advantages of great wealth, and had thrown his life away in reckless dissipation. He belonged to a fast set. He married an educated and refined lady, but fell in love with his cook. When they took Mr. Clark's house they kept one, "Mary Ann Murphy," an Irish girl, but recently come to this country. The girl soon began to obtain a certain influence or power over Townsend, who, unknown to the so-called Mrs. Townsend, devoted much attention to her. She was of short stature, blue eyes and a devoted Catholic. He secured a special dispensation by telegraph, he becoming a Catholic, and they were married. Mrs. Townsend was absent meanwhile and when she returned the cook drove her out. Townsend alleging that he was never married to her. His wife, however, induced him to largely change his habits and forsake his old haunts. There is much speculation as to the contents of the will. In case it is found he has left his fortune to his wife it will be contested. To-day the widow is the only woman present at the home of the dead man, who is abandoned by all else.

Clerical Contract Labor.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Judge Wallace, of the United States court, has overruled the demurrer of the Holy Trinity church, New York, to the district attorney's complaint that Rev. E. Walpole Warren, the pastor of the church, was imported from London under contract of service for the church. The court holds that, while congress may not have intended the act against foreign contract labor to apply to ministers, it does so apply and its plain language must be obeyed.

Banker France Discharged.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—James France, the corrupt banker of Rawlins, who was indicted for fraudulently receiving deposits after his bank was insolvent, was discharged from custody yesterday, the indictment against him being quashed on technical grounds.

Weather Indications.

For Nebraska and Iowa—Slightly warmer fair weather, light to fresh variable winds.

For Dakota—Slightly warmer fair weather, winds becoming fresh southerly.

IT'S PALMER AGAINST FIFER.

Sucker State Unterrified Assemble at Springfield.

USUAL CLEVELAND PLATFORM.

General John M. Palmer Nominated for Governor — Pennsylvania Democrats Meet at Harrisburg.

Illinois Democrats.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 23.—The democratic state convention was called to order at noon by Hon. Erskine M. Phelps, chairman of the state central committee. The call of the convention was read by Secretary Nize, after which Chairman Phelps delivered a brief congratulatory address. Phelps then announced, as temporary officers of the convention, as agreed upon by the state central committee General Jesse J. Phillips, of Montgomery, chairman; W. J. Mize, of Macon, secretary; J. B. Craig, of Calls, T. H. Stokes, of Logan and W. F. Beck, of Richland, assistant secretaries. General Phillips was escorted to the chair and addressed the convention.

After districts were called and committees announced a recess was taken until 2 o'clock. convention reassembled at 2 o'clock, but it was not until 3:30 that the committee on credentials was ready to report. After this committee's report the committee on permanent organization reported, recommending that the temporary organization be made permanent and adding several assistant secretaries. The report was adopted. The committee on delegates-at-large to the national convention, presidential electors-at-large and state committeemen-at-large reported as follows:

Delegates-at-Large to the National Convention—William R. Morrison, Monroe; William C. Goudy, Cook; N. E. Worthington, Peoria, and James S. Ewing, McLean.

Alternates—Alfred Arendorff, Sangamon; S. S. Marshall, Hamilton; A. A. Goodrich, Jersey, and C. E. Crafts, Cook.

Presidential Electors-at-Large—M. C. Crawford, Union; Charles H. Swab, Cook.

State Central Committeemen-at-Large—Thomas W. McNeely, Menard; S. P. Cummings, Fulton; Delos P. Phelps, Warren; J. W. Richards, Cook; John Powers, Cook; W. B. Brinton, Douglas; George W. Payne, Cook.

The report was adopted.

The report of the committee on resolutions was presented and adopted as follows:

The democracy of the state of Illinois, in convention assembled, earnestly endorse the administration and acts of President Cleveland. They deem him to have proved himself by his wise and conservative course, and by his faithful and efficient discharge of his official duties, worthy of the confidence of all the people and entitled to the loyal support of that political party whose illustrious leader he is. Public good demands his renomination and re-election to the chief magistracy of the nation. We admire his candor and applaud his courage in voicing in his recent message to congress upon the present tariff, the democratic doctrine that the constitutional tax power of the government is exhausted when the government has, by means of it, exacted from the people a sufficient amount of revenue to meet the necessary expense of government, economically administered.

In the raising of such revenue they insist that the government lay its taxes in such manner as to make, as far as practicable, luxuries rather than the necessaries of life bear the burden of governmental expense, and that they be not levied in such manner as to create class distinction and promote business favoritism and breed trusts and monopolies.

Not less urgent they believe is the demand for reform in state taxation than in the nation, and they call the serious attention of the voters of Illinois to the enormous increase in the expenditure of public money by the present republican administration for the support of the state government, in itself a cause of the utmost concern to taxpayers. So alarmingly have these expenditures increased that the people were taxed to raise the sum or $22,808,000 for the year 1887, a sum almost $1,500,000 in excess of the former year. A sum so large demonstrates that the longer the republican party remains in power in the state the more corrupt and extravagant it grows and justifies the demand of the people for a ceange, not only to the end that such extravagance shall cease, but that proper investigation may be had to ascertain if the money has been honestly expended.

The democratic party favor full governmental inquiry into the causes of the present disturbed condition of the industrial world and demand such legislation, state and national, as will remove unjust burdens from those who labor, and they also favor laws to encourage and provide arbitration in disputes that affect public welfare.

The people of Illinois call upon congress to make provision for the construction of a great national waterway between the great lakes and the Mississippi river sufficient for the largest inland commerce and for naval defense, as proposed by the waterway convention held in Peoria, October, 1887, and endorsed and approved by the national waterways convention held in Memphis, October, 1887, and by the national farmers' congress held in Chicago, November, 1887, and the democracy of Illinois requests the national convention to make this question part of its declaration and platform.

They cordially commend the energetic action and liberal course of administration of Grover Cleveland in administering all pension laws for the benefit of union soldiers and their families by which their claims have been rapidly adjusted and comfort and happiness brought to the homes of thousands who, by inefficiency and neglect in the former administration of pension laws, have been wronged and neglected.

Resolved, That the democratic party is opposed to non-resident foreign holders of lands in the United States. The democratic party favors no legislation restricting the emigration and naturalization of honest men who come desiring to assume and to discharge the duties of proper citizenship.

A resolution was also adopted thanking President Cleveland for appointing Hon. M. W. Fuller chief justice of the United States supreme court.

A. J. Bell of Peoria, John M. Palmer of Sangamon, W. A. J. Sparks of Clinton, and Henry Seiter of St. Clair, were named as candidates for governor. The first ballot proceeded, but before the result was announced Seiter and Bell were withdrawn. The roll call went on and when the last county had been reached it was apparent that General Palmer had received a large majority of the votes, and without the result being announced he was declared the nominee of the convention by acclamation. Hon. A. J. Bell, of Peoria, was then nominated for lieutenant governor by acclamation. N. K. Ricks of Christian, was nominated for secretary of state by acclamation. Charles H. Wacker of Cook, was nominated for state treasurer by acclamation. James G. McShane of Cook, William Prentiss of McDonough, and Jacob R. Creighton of Wayne, were named for attorney general. McShane was withdrawn, Prentiss withdrew his own name and moved the nomination of Mr. Creighton be made by acclamation, which was done.

Business was suspended and General Palmer addressed the convention briefly.

Homer Bevans of Cook, John Landgregan of Edwards, Samuel T. Busey of Champaign, and John Cunningham of Coles, were nominated for trustees of the Illinois university.

The following district delegates to the St. Louis convention were reported: First district, William Fitzgerald, Chicago, and Thorp Gagan, Chicago. Second, Daniel Corkery, Chicago, and G. P. Bunker, Chicago; Third Michael Ryan and John A. King, Chicago; Fourth, A. Hoffman, William Devine, Chicago; Fifth, Philip Scheckler, Aurora, and A. J. Dennison, Waukegan; Sixth, James McNamara, Freeport, and John Lake, Rockford; Seventh, E. C. Johnson, Sterling, and Charles Dunham, Geneseo; Eighth, P. C. Haley, Joliet, and James Duncan, Ottawa; Ninth, James Smith, Chatsworth, and J. E. Patrick, Sheldon; Tenth, Matthew Henneberry, Peoria, and Ferris Cook, Galesburg; Eleventh, C. C. Ward, McComb, and D. P. Phelps, Monmouth; Twelfth, John Jones, Carrollton, and J. M. Bush, Pittsfield; Thirteenth, James W. Patton, Springfield, and William D. Maus, Pekin; Fourteenth, James T. Hablitt, Lincoln, and James P. Lillard, Bloomington; Fifteenth, H. S. Tanner, Paris, and E. S. E. Kimbrough, Danville; Sixteenth, James Dickinson, Lawrenceville, and W. F. Beck, Olney; Seventeenth, T. B. Murray, Vandalia, and Thomas N. Thornton, Shelbyville; Eighteenth, A. S. Wilderman, Belleville, and W. C. Wheeler, Edwardsville; Nineteenth, W. S. Cantrell, Benton, and T. E. Merritt, Salem; Twentieth, W. H. Green, Cairo; and G. W. Hill, Murphysboro.

Pennsylvania Democrats.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 23.—The democratic state convention to elect four delegates-at-large to the national convention and to ratify the nomination of delegates to the national convention from each congressional district, and to nominate electors and a candidate for the supreme judgeship, was called to order at 10:30 this morning. William Hensel, of Lancaster, was elected temporary chairman. Upon taking the chair Mr. Hensel spoke briefly of the prospects of the democratic party, after which the subordinate officers of the temporary organization were made permanent officers of the convention. The convention then took a recess until 2 o'clock.

The committee on resolutions of the state convention held a meeting immediately after the body had taken a recess. Ex-Congressman Storm offered a set of resolutions, one of which was in regard to the tariff. It declared a revision of the tariff laws necessary with a view to their simplification; the correction of their incongruities and inequalities; the regulation of duties in such a manner as will put American industry on a firm and permanent basis covering the difference of wages in this country and in foreign countries, the abolition of taxes on raw material for manufactures, and relief of the people from useless and onerous taxes and from extortion by trusts and monopolies controlling the prices of the common necessaries of life. A hearty and emphatic endorsement is given to the recommendations of President Cleveland's last annual message to congress. A recommendation was made to congress to promptly pass the revenue bill reported from the committee on ways and means; the resolution urges the democratic representatives in congress from Pennsylvania to give it their earnest and undivided support.

Saunders, of Philadelphia, then offered a substitute for the tariff section of Storm's proposed platform. The substitute reaffirms the principles of the democratic platform of 1884, and endorses the president's message, but makes no mention of the Mills bill.

The resolution offered by Storm was adopted by the committee and will be reported to the convention.

It was 2:35 before the convention was called to order. William A. Wallace was made permanent president of the body, and on taking the platform he delivered a lengthy address.

The platform endorses Cleveland and opposes trusts of all kinds. Delegates-at-large were selected as follows: C. F. Boyle, W. T. Muchler, L. C. Cassidy and W. L. Scott. Judge J. B. McCullom was nominated for supreme judge, and after naming district delegates and electors the convention adjourned.

Wisconsin Prohibitionists.

MADISON, Wis., May 23.—There were nearly four hundred delegates in attendance upon the prohibition state convention, when T. C. Richmond, of Madison, called the body to order. He made a brief address. Captain J. F. Cleghorn, of Clinton, was made permanent chairman, and J. B. Smith, of Hudson, secretary. T. C. Richmond and S. D. Hastings of Madison, E. C. Durant of Racine and Mrs. Amy Kellogg Morse of Durand were elected delegates to the national convention. The convention then adjourned.

Mississippi Democrats.

JACKSON, Miss., May 23.—The state democratic convention was held here to-day. Ex-Governor J. M. Stone was made permanent ahairman. A memorial from the Woman's Christian Temperance association asking that the convention indorse prohibition principles was referred to a committee, but it was not reported on. The delegates-at-large are W. H. Sims, H. H. Taylor, W. F. Martin and C. B. Calhoun.

Lone Star Democrats.

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 23.—The democratic state convention adopted a platform which, among other things, opposes any further agitation of the state prohibition question. The delegates-at-large are: G. J. Throckmorton, D. C. Giddings, George Clark and Horace Chilton.

Republican Delegates to Chicago.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The republicans of the Fourth congressional district met in convention in this city to-day and elected John Albus, jr., of this city and J. A. Sanders of Andrew county, delegates to the republican national convention at Chicago.

North Carolina Democrats.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 23.—The republican state convention to-day organized by the choice of James F. Boyd as permanent chairman. Hon. H. O. Dockery was nominated for governor by acclamation.

IN OMAHA TO-DAY.

Arrival in St. Joseph of Lieutenant Governor Robinson, of Georgia.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The special train bearing Lieutenant Governor Robinson and party of eighteen, of Augusta, who are making a tour through the west, arrived in this city at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, over the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs. The party was met at the union depot by the reception committee in carriages and escorted to the board of trade rooms, where an informal reception was held. They were then given in charge of the entertainment committee and driven over the city for three hours. At 7 o'clock the party was driven to the Benton club, where they were entertained until 11 o'clock, when they left for their private car. At 2:45 o'clock the train left for Omaha, where they will be entertained by the board of trade of that city.

A washout at Waldron delayed the special train containing the excursionists an hour and a half.

They Must Have Passports.

STRASBURG, May 23.—A decree in relation to Frenchmen entering Alsace-Lorraine has been published. It provides that all travelers entering Alsace-Lorraine from France, whether they are merely passing through these provinces or whether they propose to take up their residence therein, must present passports signed by the German ambassador at Paris and dated not more than one year prior to the time of presentation. Germans arriving from France, and inhabitants of the French frontier districts coming into Alsace-Lorraine on business, are exempt from the conditions of this decree if they can satisfy the frontier police as to the truth of their claims.

Fixing Reduced Rates.

CHICAGO, May 23.—The Western States passenger association to-day agreed that excursion rates for visitors may be made on the occasion of college commencements taking place at this season of the year at various points in the territory of the association. It was also decided that the Illinois state militia going to and from the state encampments during the months of June, July and August may be transported at a special rate of 1 cent per mile as heretofore.

A Girl Accidentally Shot.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Miss Mattie Chonning, of Bigelow, Mo., while attending a party at Big Lake, near that place last night, was accidentally shot in the shoulder by W. J. Schotz, one of the party. It will probably prove fatal.

A FRIGHTFUL DOUBLE WRECK.

Rock Island and Wabash Bridges Both Give Way.

FIVE PEOPLE LOSE THEIR LIVES.

The First Train Crashes Through the Bridge But the Catastrophe is Discovered Too Late to Save the Second.

Disaster Follows Disaster.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A double wreck of freight trains occurred this morning near Randolph, five miles east of here, on the Rock Island road, which resulted in the death of

E. G. ARMSTRONG, a brakeman of Belleville, O.

T. RESTRON, a brakeman of Edgerton Junction, Kan.

JAMES TAYLOR and

EMIL STROHEN, two tramps, and

AN UNKNOWN TRAMP.

Benjamin Norvis, a Rock Island engineer of Chillicothe, Mo.; Benjamin McClellan, a Wabash engineer of Kansas City; C. J. Snyder, a Rock Island fireman of Trenton, Mo., and a negro who was stealing a ride, were