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OTH ANXIOUS AND ACTIVE.

Little Legislation But Plenty of Party Talk.

M'KINLEY AS A DARK HORSE.

Mills Breeding a Large Sized Row—Senator Cullom Criticizes the Ticket—John Sherman Working Hard.

The Republican Exodus.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 10.

A large number of republican congressmen and senators will leave Washington this week for Chicago. It is expected that there will be nearly a hundred of them absent from their seats during the convention. Most of the republicans here from Ohio will depart for there the middle of this week. Senator Sherman's managers are very active. Some of them are going early for the purpose of keeping a close lookout after one of their number, Major McKinley, who is regarded as a dark horse. McKinley will leave Washington on Thursday for his home, at Canton, and join the crowd that will go from that section of the state. McKinley stops at the Ebbitt house here and is receiving every attention from the Ohio republicans that they can bestow upon him. There is so much talk about McKinley as a possible dark horse that it seems necessary for some one of the Sherman leaders, like Butterworth or Grosvenor or Thompson, to be on guard at all times with McKinley and sit up with him at long as he shows any disposition to stay up. Whenever McKinley is seen around in public places, excepting possibly the house of representatives, one is almost sure to see one of the trio named keeping him company. It is earnest but ludicrous. Notwithstanding the careful manner in which Thompson, Grosvenor and Butterworth are constantly after McKinley there is no disguising the fact that they were greatly annoyed at the prominence that McKinley is attaining in connection with the coming convention. McKinley himself receives the personal allusions to himself with a modest look of approval, and when forced to say anything at all says the nominee will come from Ohio, and that he is for Senator Sherman.

Ex-Senator Mahone of Virginia arrived in the city last night for the purpose of consulting with Senator Sherman on the presidential outlook. The republicans of Virginia are harmonizing, and it is stated that they will all come together and vote solidly for one man at Chicago, being all inclined to Sherman. The Sherman headquarters in Chicago are expected to be the most capacious of any that will be opened, excepting possibly those for Alger of Michigan, and Gresham. Senator Sherman will have a large number of delegations from the south assisting about his headquarters.

SNAP JUDGMENT ON THE TARIFF.

Chairman Mills is circulating a call for a caucus at which he will propose to limit debate on each amendment proposed to his tariff bill to five minutes with a view to secure a final vote by the first week in July. From now on the speeches on each amendment are limited to five minutes each, but there is no limit to the number of speeches on each amendment. Mills' proposition, if carried, will raise a large sized row.

SENATOR CULLOM ON THE OUTLOOK.

Senator Cullom arrived to-day from West Point where he has been attending the graduating exercises as one of the board of visitors. "The democratic ticket and platform suit me first rate," said the senator. "I am confident that the democrats cannot win with it and that Oregon's splendid majority is the prophet of our party success in November. We shall win handsomely on a verdict rendered by the intelligent and truthful people of the country. New York democrats are fearful of the platform and many who stomached the dose of 1884, will decline the still worse mixture of 1888. I shall attend the convention as a looker-on and add my voice to the enthusiasm which will be manifested for Judge Gresham."

SHERMAN HARD AT WORK.

Senator Sherman is working night and day in New York, where he is being ably assisted by Charley Foster, of Ohio. Those lately from the ground assert that he is daily gaining strength in the New York delegation. The senator is frank enough to deny that Thurman's nomination makes his own a necessity. "Ohio," he said the other day, "will be carried by any republican nominated. Issues are widely different from sentiment or a mere name. It is a republican state and believes in the republican doctrine of protection to American industry. Its voters are not in the habit of being carried off their feet in national campaigns by minor issues."

ARMY MATTERS.

From the returns from departmental boards appointed to examine candidates from the ranks of second lieutenancies of the army, which are now all in, it appears that Fred H. Sargeant, corporal company G, Seventh infantry, and William C. Bennett, sergeant company H, Seventh infantry, were among the eleven who successfully passed examination. There are no vacancies at present for these young aspirants, there being twenty West Point graduates in excess of the number of second lieutenancies now vacant, but it is reasonably certain that their efforts will be rewarded during the next six or eight months, that is if they all come up to the standard when they appear for final examination at Fort Monroe in October next.

Captain James M. J. Sawris, Seventh infantry, is among the latest to register at the war department. PERRY S. HEATH.

Congressional Forecast.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—The fisheries treaty and the District of Columbia appropriation bills are likely to take up most of the time of the senate during the coming week. Senator Cullom will probably speak to-morrow or Tuesday on the inter-state commerce law. He will review the operation of the law and advocate the amendments already reported from his committee. Should the treaty debate be suspended for any reason the bills to admit Washington, North Dakota and Montana into the union may be taken up.

In the house during the week the tariff bill will engross the entire time of that body with the probable exception of an interruption in favor of the army appropriation bill.

The Crop Outlook.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—The weather crop bulletin, issued by the signal service office for the week ending June 9, says: The weather for the week has been generally favorable for all growing crops. Reports show improved conditions over the preceding week, although the cool weather in the extreme northern sections has probably retarded the growth of corn. In the wheat regions of Minnesota and Dakota conditions were generally favorable for the rapid growth of all crops.

Sheridan's Condition Improved.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Sheridan's condition is considerably improved to-day and there is hope that he may be able to get about once more. The constant fear of a relapse and another attack of heart failure remains omnipresent.

The Gathering Knights.

CINCINNATI, June 10.—Only a few advance guards of the Knights of Pythias have arrived here. Private telegrams announce great numbers coming to-morrow. It is expected 30,000 uniformed knights will march in the procession next week. It is expected 50,000 people will be here.

THE CLEARANCE RECORD.

The Financial Transactions of the Past Week.

BOSTON, Mass., June 10.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The following table compiled from dispatches to the Post from the managers of the leading clearing-houses of the United States, shows the gross exchanges for the week ended June 9, 1888, with the rate per cent of increase or decrease as compared with the amounts for the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	CLEARINGS.	Increase.	Decrease.
New York	$24,331,844	.....	17.2
Boston	82,942,844	.....	8.0
Philadelphia	63,067,899	5.2	....
Chicago	64,699,000	3.8	....
St. Louis	16,357,666	.....	12.4
San Francisco	14,958,596	17.1	....
Baltimore	12,676,103	.....	10.4
Cincinnati	9,804,350	.....	24.3
New Orleans	6,180,000	2.7	....
Pittsburg	10,879,409	12.9	....
Kansas City	8,942,571	0.1	....
Louisville	6,008,899	6.8	....
Providence	5,005,000	4.7	....
Milwaukee	4,300,000	.....	3.2
Omaha	3,920,492	18.7	....
Minneapolis	4,999,520	23.7	....
St. Paul	4,194,516	2.7	....
Denver	3,113,385	17.3	....
Galveston	651,362	.....	24.7
*Detroit	3,457,000	.....	15.6
Cleveland	3,314,629	.....	4.6
Indianapolis	1,636,008	.....	30.6
Memphis	1,731,349	19.4	....
Columbus	1,972,199	.....	3.8
Hartford	1,654,824	.....	1.2
Duluth	2,416,071	.....	9.7
Peoria	1,306,581	24.9	....
Portland	975,000	1.4	....
Springfield	1,100,858	12.4	....
St. Joseph	1,526,242	.....	1.9
Worcester	950,424	.....	0.2
Wichita	801,140	13.0	....
Norfolk	762,188	14.1	....
Lowell	660,502	3.9	....
Syracuse	830,491	46.4	....
Grand Rapids	638,831	13.9	....
Topeka	383,352	.....	0.5
Total	$872,403,218	.....	11.8
Outside New York	$48,399,394	.....	2.2

*Partly approximated.

BLIND BIGAMIST FLEMING.

Confession That He Belongs to a Gang of Counterfeiters.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 10.—Samuel Fleming, the blind Illinois bigamist, who is now confined in the county jail, made a confession to a fellow-prisoner, K. P. Sumby, who is confined in the same cell with Fleming, told the jailor that if Chief Conolly would call at the jail he would tell him something about Fleming. The chief of police called at the jail, and he and Sumby were admitted into a private room, where they held a long consultation. Sumby stated to the chief that Fleming had made a confession.

"The blind man told me he had no chance of getting out of jail unless somebody would go to his friends and tell them where he was. I promised to help him if I could and upon this assurance he told me that he belonged to a gang of counterfeiters, and that there were five men on the road getting rid of spurious $20 greenback bills which were furnished by a man connected with the treasury department at Washington. Fleming said he would give me a letter of introduction to this person as soon as I got out, and that I could join the gang at once and then help him out. I told Fleming I doubted the whole story, and he told me to write to a certain bank in San Francisco and ask if about a year ago a man was not arrested there for attempting to pass a counterfeit $20 bill, and if a blind man did not come to the city and put up the necessary money to get the bondsmen. The counterfeit bills, so Fleming states, are printed on the same paper used by the government, the official referred to having ample opportunity to secure it.

"The bills are perfect with one exception, and that is in one of the signatures there is a letter 'i' that is not correctly made. Before passing the bills, Fleming said he always rubbed his finger over the letter and made it looked blurred and indistinct. I believe there is some truth in the blind man's story, as he is quite careful about the details of the business. He told me that the gold and jewelry which he carried about were furnished by the Washington official, and were used to create the impression that he was rich and to account for his possessing so much money."

Chief Connolly noted Sumby's statement carefully and will make such investigations as may be necessary. He has the name of the Washington official and the San Francisco bank. Sumby said he had no motive in telling what Fleming had said except to let the people know who and what the blind bigamist was. He requested particularly that nothing be published until after the matter had been investigated.

Singular Case of Blood Poisoning.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 10.—A strange case of blood poisoning has just developed on the person of Dr. Clements, one of the most prominent physicians in this city. He is county surgeon, and in that capacity was recently called upon to amputate the leg of a man named Palmer. The sore which rendered the amputation necessary was examined by several surgeons, all of whom failed to ascribe to it a name. It was a peculiar ulceration, that caused the flesh to fall away in chunks, horribly decayed. Two days after performing the operation Dr. Clements' right hand and arm began to swell, and it was announced that blood poisoning had set in. All last night friends watched by the doctor's bedside, and through these watchers it was to-day learned that he is in a very critical condition. There was neither scratch, bruise or scar of any kind on his arm when he performed the operation on Palmer, and the only means of passing into the doctor's system was through the pores of the skin.

Eads Ship Railroad Scheme.

NEW YORK, June 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The directors of the Eads Concession company, which proposes building a ship railroad across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, connecting the two oceans, met at Jersey City last night. An hour's discussion resulted in the awarding of the contract to construct the proposed railroad, to the Atlantic and Pacific Construction company. The contract stipulates the work of construction shall begin within a year and be completed in five years. Colonel James Anderson of Pittsburg and William Williams of this city are negotiating the bonds of the company in America, England and France. The scheme of the company is to carry loaded ships across the isthmus in cradles so supported by hydraulic appratus as to prevent any unusual strain on the vessels. The road is to be built in the line of concessions made by the Mexican government to the late Captain Eads.

Short in His Accounts.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., June 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Ex-Treasurer Harry C. Carter has been discovered to be about $8,000 short in his books and has turned over his property to his bondsmen. At the last election Carter, who had been treasurer for two terms, was elected city auditor. The discovery was made in an attempt to make a settlement. Carter claims that the shortage was due to a mistake in making entries. An expert book keeper is now engaged in overhauling the books. The collector's office was turned over April 15. It now transpires that a settlement has not been made for three years. The general impression is that the mistake is due to imperfect book keeping and that Carter is honest.

Colorado City Scorched.

TRINIDAD, Col., June 10.—One of the most disastrous fires that ever visited this city started last evening. After a hard fight the fire department succeeded in getting control of it, but not until the Commercial hotel with seven or eight business houses had been consumed. The fire also cut off telegraphic communication, making it impossible to get further particulars to-night.

LOVE WAS THEIR RELIGION.

A Racy Scandal Developed Down at Bennet.

THE ELDER AND THE ORGANIST.

Story of Two Prominent Church Members Who Exceeded the Bounds of Brotherly and Sisterly Affection.

Fell From Grace.

On Friday last THE BEE received the followin from Bennett. "Our little town has an exceedingly interesting sensation. Mr. Joseph Southwick has for years been one of the leading lights of the M. E. church at this place, a leading exponent of prohibition principles, having been nominated for senator on that ticket last fall, and altogether he has been regarded as one of the 'highly respected, exemplary sort.' He has a family, consisting of a wife and four grown-up children. Mrs. Vail is the rather handsome wife of a prominent stock dealer, a leading figure in local social circles, and the mother of two interesting children. For some time there has been a growing intimacy between the twain, encouraged, possibly, by a mutually overzealous interest in one of the 'causes.' On Tuesday the affair culminated in the announcement of the simultaneous disappearance of the pair and the daughter of Mrs. Vail. It is considered a case of elopement, and the town is greatly excited."

This information was held from the public until it was corroborated by the following special

BENNETT, June 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Joseph Southwith, formerly manager of the Nebraska City elevator at this place, a pillar of the Methodist church and a leader of the prohibitionists in Lancaster county, left Bennett on May 19, for Ewing, Neb., ostensibly to look up a new location. Before going he sold a quarter section of land in this vicinity for cash, taking the proceeds with him. On the 20th he wrote his friends here a letter dated Grand Island. On the 21st he wrote again from Fremont, and on the 22d from his destination, Ewing. Since then neither his family or his friends have heard anything from him, directly.

On the 22d Mrs. A. J. Vail and child left here for a visit to relatives in Macomb, Ill., and though money and letters have been forwarded to her since, word comes back that she is not there and has not been. As she took no money with her except enough to pay her expenses to Macomb, it is thought unlikely that she could have gone far without help, and intimate friends of the family have no doubt that she has gone for good with Southwick. There was a scandal about the two last winter, but it was hushed up on account of their respectable family and church connections. Several circumstances have occurred within the past few days which tend to confirm the rumor. A near relative says that on the 23d a letter was sent here to Southwick from a hotel proprietor at Red Oak, Ia., asking him to return the key to one of the rooms, which he had occupied the night before, which was the day of Mrs. Vail's departure. A few days later the West Branch, Ia., Record recorded a visit at that place from Joseph Southwick, among old friends in that vicinity. A commercial traveler told a reliable Bennett man this week that he saw Southwick at a hotel in Burlington about that time with a lady whom he supposed to be his wife. The report has been suppressed as much as possible in the hope that it might prove unfounded, but members of both families here have admitted to your correspondent that they were compelled to believe its truth. Mrs. Vail left a husband and one child here, and took one child with her. Southwick leaves a wife and several children behind him without other means than eighty acres of land which he deeded to his wife a short time before his departure. Friends of the family still hope the transaction can be honorably cleared up, but all fear the worst. Both parties were active and prominent members of the church, Mrs. Vail being organist and Southwick a deacon and treasurer of the church. He was also a candidate for the state senate two years ago on the prohibition ticket and is well known to all the third party in Lancaster county.

Sheldon's Murderer in Custody.

VALENTINE, Neb., June 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Sheriff Little reached here to-day from Gordon with Robinson, the desperado who murdered Sheldon at Keath's ranch last week. The sheriff went after his prisoner on last Sunday, but on reaching the scene of the tragedy found he had fled. He was followed to Gordon, where he was found in hiding and is now safe behind steel bars. The murder was a cold-blooded affair and leaves the murdered man's family in the most destitute circumstances.

Will Receive Him Royally.

ORLEANS, Neb., June 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The greatest ovation ever given a man awaits the coming of Van Wyck to this valley. Committees from the several counties will meet him at Red Cloud July 10 and escort him through the valley.

Robson and Crane to Separate.

CHICAGO, June 10.—Stuart Robson and William Crane, whose names during the past ten years have been inseparably associated in the theatrical world, have resolved to dissolve partnership and each one to pursue his own way. The reasons that have led to this determination are not quite apparent. Mr. Robson declines at present to make a statement, and Mr. Crane said there was no particular reason for the severance of the partnership beyond his resolve to star hereafter on his own account.

"This dissolution, however," said Mr. Crane, "will not take place until the season after next. Next season Mr. Robson and myself will play together in The Henrietta, after that I shall star on my own account. Mr. Joseph Brooks will be my manager."

The season's work of the two comedians closed last night at the Chicago opera house, where The Henrietta has been played for four weeks. The business done has been larger than that done by any company in this city at regular prices, nearly $45,000 being taken in the four weeks. It is estimated that Robson and Crane's profits for the season are considerably over $120,000.

A Mysterious Fire in Georgia.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 10.—In a bend of the Chattahoochie river, in Harris county, there is raging a fire which can not be explained. A dark smoke was first seen, followed by a roaring sound like thunder. Thomas Jennings, one of the oldest settlers, first discovered the fire, as it was on his land. He could not approach nearer than fifty yards of the main head of the flames. The spot burning has a diameter of about fifty feet. At the edge of the burning ground stand numbers of pines, which are now dry and parched. The people gathered in great numbers to extinguish the flames, but without avail. The fire, which has been burning three days, keeps within its limits. There is great excitement in the neighborhood about it.

Honoring the Anarchist's Victims.

CHICAGO, June 10.—The proposed monument which is to perpetuate the heroism of the gallant policemen who fell in the Haymarket massacre is to be erected not where the bomb was thrown, but about a mile distant. Union park, a beautiful spot surrounded by pretty residences, is the spot selected. The design will be that of a female figure austerely draped, holding aloft an open book. The figure is law, the book the statutes. The pose bespeaks the triumph of order over anarchy. The book proclaims that in this commonwealth the law is supreme.

A REAL MR. HYDE.

A Legal Decision Partly Based on a Work of Fiction.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 10.—November 22, 1886, J. H. Yarborough, a clerk in the Santa Fe material yards at Emporia, shot and killed L. D. Collier, son of the famous preacher, the Rev. Robert Laird Collier, and agent of the railroad company at that city. The fatal shooting was the result of a quarrel between the two men. Yarborough being under the influence of liquor at the time. Up to the day of the murder both had been on the most friendly terms, but the killing was willful and premeditated. The cause came up for trial at the May, 1887, term of the Lyon county district court and resulted in a verdict of murder in the first degree. A motion for a new trial was overruled and the case was appealed to the supreme court, the main grounds for a reversal of the judgment of the lower court being the lack of premeditation on the part of the murderer by reason of his intoxicated condition.

To-day the supreme court affirmed the judgment of the lower court. In summing up the evidence and cases cited Chief Justice Horton said: "Lord Bacon said that 'If a mad man commit a felony he shall not lose his life for it, because his infirmity came by act of God; but if a drunken man commits a felony, he shall not be excused, because the imperfection came by his own default.' For this reason, the courts almost unanimously hold that if a man kills another while in a fit of voluntary intoxication, it is murder and he must suffer the penalty. Of course, drunkenness may be considered by the jury in determining whether there was that deliberation, premeditation and intent to kill necessary to constitute the offense charged. In this case, it is not claimed that the drinking had created delirium tremens, or that the defendant was insensible. We think he was not so drunk as to have lost his reason or understanding. Counsel assert that when the defendant was only a little drunk he became wild and ungovernable. It seems that while he had indulged in drinking intoxicating liquor, even to a slight degree he became a second Mr. Hyde. Upon this account it is urged that he should be dealt with more leniently. If the story of Dr. Jekyll was true rather than a fanciful one, Dr. Jekyll, according to the theory of counsel, ought not to have been responsible for the murder of Sir Danvers Carew, although he voluntarily drank the potion that so powerfully controlled and shook the very fortress of his identity.

"Dr. Jekyll, like Yarborough, when not under the influence of the fatal potion, which he accustomed himself to drink, was of a very kind disposition and of unusual amiability. After drinking the drug, or tincture, he doffed at once the body of the noted professor and assumed, like a thick cloak, that of Mr. Hyde. His pleasures then turned toward the monstrous, and his whole being, as Mr. Hyde, was inherently malign, brutish and wicked. At such times the kindness and virtues of Dr. Jekyll slumbered, but the evil of Mr. Hyde was alert and swift to seize the occasion. Should it be said that Dr. Jekyll was not responsible and that Mr. Hyde after all, and Mr. Hyde alone, was the guilty one? Yarborough is not to be relieved from responsibility because he did not get drunk with the thought of a difficulty with Collier. Dr. Jekyll did not drink the drug, changing his character to one wholly evil, for the purpose of injuring the child he cruelly trampled upon, nor to take the life of Sir Danvers; but in that case, as in this, a wicked and depressed disposition was developed, or produced by the voluntary act of the party. If the indulgence in a slight degree awoke in the defendant the spirit of hell, he should have refrained from touching the intoxicating draught; he should have chosen the better part and not been found wanting in strength to keep it.

"In the tragedy of Othello, Montano, to quiet Cassio, who had taken a few cups, but who was unfortunate in the infirmity, said: 'Come, come, you're drunk.' Cassio, in return, at once thrust his sword through Montano. Soon after, in his grief and remorse over the act, he said: 'O, thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee devil.' What Cassio uttered Yarborough may well repeat. He voluntarily stripped himself of all those balancing instincts by which even the worst of us continues to walk with some degree of steadiness among temptations, and in his case to be tempted, however slightly, was to fall. Upon the whole record, the judgment of the district court will be affirmed."

DIVIDED UP.

A Deputy Sheriff Said to Be Implicated in a Robbery.

LAREDO, Tex., June 10.—Last night there arrived in this city by Pacific express from Eagle Pass a consignment of $7,000 in Mexican money for a large commission house in New Laredo. It was in packages of $1,000 each. There being no room in the safe for it, on account of its bulk, the express agent, G. L. Hadley, stacked it up alongside. About 9 o'clock he went to the postoffice, and during his absence, two men, named Boutri and Cervantes, broke the glass in the door, and one of them entered, and, when making his exit with one of the $1,000 sacks, was sen by a person who gave the alarm. The officers were almost instantly on the spot, and guards were sent to the river to prevent the boodlers escaping to New Laredo. The search was kept up until late at night. Sheriff Sanchez finally identified the party who stole the money by the description given and the informant was taken to his house and he was fully identified and arrested, and his accomplice, Reutri, was also taken in. The officers exerted their utmost efforts to find the stolen money, and this afternoon succeeded in unearthing $518, which was buried near the house of the thief. Reutri then turned state's evidence, and said that a deputy sheriff named Aricia, who had been one of the party who arrested him, took him to the spot and made him divide last night before he was placed in jail. Aracia was immediately arrested by Sheriff Sanchez and is now in jail.

The Stevens County War.

GARDEN CITY, Kan., June 10.—Latest accounts from Stevens county say that no blood has been shed there yet, but that the situation is still threatening. Hugoton is armed to the teeth and none of Woodsdale's citizens are allowed in the town. It is reported that two of their own citizens who protested against the existing state of affairs were roughly handled by the Hugoton men. Brigadier General Murray Meyer, of Wichita, of the state militia, with several of his staff, is now in Hugoton. A crowd was gathering yesterday at Woodsdale. Two of the three county commissioners are at the latter place, and refused to go to Hugoton yesterday to canvass the vote on the bond election. They addressed a communication to J. B. Chamberlain, chairman of the board, who is in Hugoton, that until the county seat is freed from mob law, and until they can have the protection accorded by the law in the discharge of their duty, they will not go to the county seat to canvass the vote. It is expected that the presence of the representatives of the state will restrain the people from violence, and that a peaceful solution of the matter will be reached.

Tammany Man Missing.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 10.—Dennis McGinty, a leading member of Tammany hall, soon after the members of the organization arrived in this city for the convention and has not since been heard of. On returning home and not finding trace of him, his friends became alarmed and notified the St. Louis police. A thorough search was instigated, but no trace of the missing man has been found.

Stuart Wins the Grand Prix.

PARIS, June 10.—The race for the Grand Prix of Paris of 100,000 francs was run to-day and was won by three lengths by Pierre Donan's chestnut colt Stuart.

King-Harman Dead.

LONDON, June 10.—The Right Honorable Edward King-Harman, parliamentary undersecretary for Ireland, member of parliament for the isle of Thanet, division of Kent, died at his residence in Ireland this morning.

LABORED WITHOUT REWARD.

No Money to Pay the University Investigating Committee.

HOW LONG DOES NOON LAST.

The Recent Rumpus at the Agricultural College—Hawkeye Editors' Annual Jaunt—Iowa Delegates at St. Louis.

Resolutions Don't Appropriate.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—There hasn't been for a long time a public muddle quite equal to that in which the legislative commission that is investigating the state university at Iowa City finds itself. When the cry for an investigation was urged at the close of the last legislature it was thought that if one was ordered it would be the most effectual way to stop the continual complaints and criticisms of that institution. So in the hurry of the closing hours a joint resolution ordering such an investigation was passed and fixing the rate of compensation for those engaged in it. But in the hurry no one thought to present a separate bill appropriating money for the purpose. So the other day, after the commissioners had been in session about two weeks, they wanted a little money, and presented their orders to the state auditor asking for the necessary warrants. The auditor being posted, replied that he could not issue them, for no money could be taken from the treasury by simple resolution of both houses. A bill of the regular form was absolutely necessary for that purpose. He referred to the attorney general, who sustained his position. The constitution of the state expressly stipulates that no money shall be paid from the treasury unless granted by law. A law, as defined by the constitution, is something more than a joint resolution. The latter does not require a majority of all the members to pass. It does not go to the governor for his signature or approval, and manifestly would not be sufficient authority to justify the payment of money from the treasury. One recourse was left to the commissioners—to appeal to the executive council and see if that body had not discretionary power to help them out. But the executive council doesn't enjoy having so much responsibility thrust upon it, and so it says no, and tells the commissioners that it is unable to keep them. So the only thing they can do is to wait two years till the next legislature meets. The expenses of the investigation so far have amounted to about $2,000, and the witnesses and clerks, etc., want to know who is going to pay the bills. It looks very blue for the poor commissioners who have paid their own expenses so far and received nothing for their time and services, and must now stop with the work but half done, and perhaps pay the bills already incurred, and carry the amount for the state for the next two years. But this experience will doubtless have a salutary effect hereafter in teaching legislators to be more careful.

An interesting point was recently raised at the state house, as to when was precisely "12 o'clock noon." It seems that the executive council advertised for bids for contracts for printing the supreme court decisions, and stated that bids would be received till 12 o'clock noon of a certain day. About forty-five minutes after 12 o'clock noon of that day the representative of a Des Moines publishing house appeared and put in a bid which when opened proved to be 2 cents lower than any other. The council asked the attorney general if the arrival at 12:45 was too late, and that worthy funtionary said no, that in the sight of the law it was 12 o'clock until it was 1. So the late arrival secured the contract. Now, however, one of the other bidders objects, and through counsel argues that it is not 12 o'clock till it is 1, and that 12 o'clock noon meant sixty minutes before 1, and that a bid that was received forty-five minutes after 12 was clearly barred out of the contest. So the council have had quite a study over the matter and referred it again to their fountain of legal knowledge, the attorney general, for solution.

The trouble between the students at the agricultural college at Ames has about quieted down. There has been a very bitter feeling between students who are members of the secret societies and those who are not. The latter claim that the former enjoy special privileges from the faculty which they do not, and that they combine to secure college honors and don't give the other fellows a fair show. The investigation showed that in the late riot there the anti-secret fellows let loose a gas of the most deadly character, intending in this way to smoke the society fellows out of their room. If a match had happened to have been lit in connection with it an explosion would probably have followed that would have wrecked the building. But the justice of the peace before whom the supposed culprits were examined concluded that he couldn't find sufficient evidence to hold them, so they were released. Probably they will not be so reckless another time.

The Iowa editors are getting ready for an excursion to the Yellowstone park. They propose to start from Council Bluffs about July 10, and go to Denver and Salt Lake, thence to the park and return by the Northern Pacific to St. Paul. This year stringent precautions will be taken to limit the attendance strictly to newspaper people. Two years ago there was a press excursion from Iowa to Washington Territory, and about half the people who went along had no more to do with the press than the man in the moon. It was unpleasant all around, and the real members on Iowa papers felt very much annoyed by the imposition. So this year the bars will be up high, and nobody can go through who can't show a straight connection with legitimate and reputable papers.

The scramble of the Iowa delegates at St. Louis to get some of the honorary offices shows that an Iowa democrat is still anxious to take anything in the way of an office lying around loose. It recalls the time, several years ago, when an Iowa democrat had mighty little chance of getting anything, and so grabbed at the first offer. The story is told of a well-known democrat of this state, who was a persoual friend of Franklin Pierce. When the latter became president, he remembered his Iowa friend and wrote, asking him if he would accept the position of minister to Bogota. The Iowa patriot rushed to the telegraph office and hastily penned this reply, "Yes, Frank, I accept; but where in h——l is Bogota?"

Beheaded His Little Boy.

WATERLOO, Ia., June 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Word has just been received here of a tragedy that occurred last Monday night in Hazel Green township, about seventeen miles from Monticello. An old man by the name of Rothbacker, who was working in a stone quarry with another man, undertook to whip his boy, a lad about twelve years of age, when the other man interfered. In the evening the old man tried to whip the boy again but he ran away. This enraged the father, and he caught the boy, knocked him down and cut his head off with an axe. Up to last night the officers have been unable to find him. Threats of lynching are freely used, and if Rothbacker is caught he will undoubtedly be hung up by a mob.

An Iowa Snake Story.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 10.—A Bloomfield paper declares that George Milton, a farmer living near Floris, has captured a hoop snake, and that a Floris druggist has it on exhibition. It is described as fifteen inches long, streaked with black and white, and with a socket between the eyes to contain the spike. The snake struck Milton's plowbeam with its tail.

Mrs. Diggle Again Arrested.

EAGLE GROVE, Ia., June 10.—Two weeks ago George Diggle, a Sioux Falls barber, died at Clarion after taking some beer with his wife, who had left him to become the leading woman in a small theatrical company. She was arrested but discharged. She has been again arrested at Conrad, and is now here to have her preliminary examination Monday. She preserves the cool demeanor she showed at Clarion.

RESCUED FROM AN ISLAND.

Experience of the Survivors of the Bark Henry James.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 10.—The Oceanic steamer Mariposa arrived to-day from Australia bringing the first details of the rescue of the crew of the wrecked bark Henry James after they had spent six weeks on Palmyra island, a coral reef in the Pacific. While off Samoa Captain Hayward, of the Mariposa, was notified by Lieutenant Cressap, of the United States steamer Mohican, that a boat had reached Samoa with the first officer and four men from the wrecked bark. Crptain Hayward hearing that they were in a destitute condition decided to go to the island.

The Mariposa reached Palmyra on May 29, and took off the castaways. Purser Smith gave the following graphic account of the rescue:

"I put up a notice that we would require clothing, and in less than half an hour I had received thirty suits of clothes. One gentlemen also donated six pairs of white kid gloves. Palmyra is a typical coral island. There was the roar of breakers over the coral reef, the lagoon, and, in the distance, the palm trees. We stood within three miles of the island and could easily distinguish the men and women on shore. The first to see us was a small boy who had been out hunting, and he rushed to the camp and gave the alarm. Then they all hurried out, and we put off in a boat and made for the island. The captain of the shipwrecked crew also put off with some men to meet us and pilot our boat through the reef. They were a miserable set, those thirty-five human beings. Some had only canvas about their waists. Their coats were worn through, their backs were blistered, their hair unkempt. They had been in this condition for nearly six weeks, and had begun to fear that the boat sent to Samoa for assistance had been lost, and that they were doomed to slow starvation, as their diet had begun to make them sick."

Captain Lattimore told the following story of the wreck:

"The Henry James, loaded with coal from Newcastle, New South Wales, to San Francisco, ran on a reef, thirty-five miles northwest of Palmyra, at 10 p. m., April 16. Two boats were gotten ready, and the ladies and children lowered first over the stern as the sea was breaking along the main deck. All hands and some few provisions being safely in the boat, they stood by the ship until daylight. The captain had a narrow escape from drowning through falling into the sea. Finding it impossible to get on board, owing to the heavy serf making a clean brush fore and aft, sail was made for and Palmyra Island reached at 5 p. m., having had heavy showers and shipping many seas. They found on the island remains of six persons, but no inhabitants. Also a quantity of firewood which had been cut and piled probably by some shipwrecked crews. The ladies and children were made as comfortable as possible, a fire lighted and some mutton and biscuits formed the first meal. No clothing or other effects were saved except a pair of blankets and they were thoroughly drenched. On Saturday, April 21, a boat in charge of the first mate, the boatswain and three sailors who volunteered, left the island at noon for Samoa, a distance of 1,300 miles, which was completed in nineteen days, the men being picked up in a terrible condition from exposure to the tropical sun. On April 24 the remaining boat was launched and headed for the wreck. The ship was sinking down, and as the sea was breaking over her, fore and aft, it was impossible to board her. The attempt was abandoned for good. During the six weeks on the island, with the exception of diarrhea, all hands enjoyed fairly good health. Water was found on a small island about two miles away from camp. Cocoanuts were found in abundance, and these, with eels, birds and crabs and peppergrass formed their diet."

Palmyra Island is a small, low island, about two thousand four hundred miles north from Sanwan Island, and is nearly on the course between Samoa and Honolulu. North of the island the charts show a dangerous reef, known as Kingman reef.

A Peculiar Labor Contract Case.

COLUMBIA, S. C. June 10.—Robert Bratcher has been tried in court in Abbeville for enticing away laborers under contract, which is a serious offense in this state. The case is curious. Some time ago a Miss Hamilton, with her sister, brother and mother, contracted to work with J. B. Ashey, of Shelbyville. Although in poor circumstances, the girls were young and pretty, and Miss Hamilton soon captivated the heart of a young farmer named Bratcher. He asked her to marry him and she accepted, and the ceremony was performed and he took her to her home. Miss Hamilton, however, was still under another kind of contract with Ashey, and it was unlawful for Bratcher to take her off the place. The defendant was arraigned and tried. The case was hotly contested. The jury, however, could not be made to be hard on the young couple, and they received a verdict of not guilty for a wedding present.

Her Head Torn to Pieces.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., June 10.—Word has just been received of the accidental shooting of the child of John Selinge, a farmer of Van Buren township, Brown county. He had been out with his shotgun hunting, and came into the house and set his gun down against a chair in the sitting room. His two little daughters, one six and one four years old, were in the house and the elder one took the broom and began sweeping the floor and struck the breech of the gun with the broom, knocking it down to the floor. The cap exploded and the heavy charge in the gun struck the little four-year-old girl in the head, littorally carrying away the whole top of the head, causing almost instant death.

The Jury Disagreed.

PARSONS, Kan., June 10.—The second trial of Marion Osbell, for perjury, in the district court, resulted in a disagreement of the jury after being out thirty-six hours. Osbell is the son of a wealthy farmer of the county. Last year he became infatuated with another woman, and deserted his wife and child for her and refused to support them. He was fined $500 under the vagrant law for such abandonment and neglect of his family. It is charged that he swore falsely on that trial, and he was arrested for perjury. The jury at the last term found him guilty, but he secured a new trial with the above result. He was ably defended and made a desperate fight for an acquittal.

Timber-Cutters Arrested.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 10.—Deputy United States Marshal Burns yesterday run down an alleged gang of timber-cutters at Rolla, Mo. There were six of the party, as follows: Wesley Williams, Frank Laycock, William Coffee, George, Thomas and John Jordan, tie contractors for the Missouri Pacific. They had cut 10,000 ties from government lands which were in rafts ready to let down the Gasconade. It is quite likely that other charges will be brought against that gang, as they have operated in that part of the country for some months, and this is not regarded as their first offense, although it is the largest committed in southwest Missouri for years.

Dr. Cox Not Indicted.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 10.—Judge Hubbard, of the circuit court, yesterday ordered the release of Dr. George M. Cox from the $5,000 bond he was under for an alleged assault with carbolic acid upon Effie Ellis, the actress with whom the doctor's son was infatuated. The grand jury has been investigating the case and failed to find evidence sufficient to return an indictment. The man A. P. Reuth, who drove the hack, stated that if Dr. Cox was in the hack at the time of the assault he did not know it.

ST. PAUL BEATS THE IOWANS

The "Saints" Let the "Prohibs" Cross the Plate Once.

ST. LOUIS WHITES SHUT OUT.

With Staley in the Box the Tail Enders Defeat Them—Kansas City Wins From Milwaukee—Rain at Chicago.

Western Association Standing.

Below will be found the standing of the clubs, including yesterday's games:

	Played	Won	Lost	Pr Ct
Des Moines	27	17	10	.629
Omaha	30	18	12	.600
Kansas City	31	18	13	.581
Milwaukee	28	15	13	.535
St. Paul	28	14	14	.