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AMERICAN RAIN IN LONDON.

Arrival of the New Consul-General John C. New.

JOHN SHERMAN THERE ALSO.

General New Tells About His Own and His Family's Movements — He Approves of Bob Lincoln's Appointment.

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LONDON, May 9.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—American visitors fairly rained upon London yesterday. The City of New York, City of Rome, and the Traave arrived over, landing altogether nearly a thousand Americans, who came up to London by every possible train. These, or a majority of them, at least, came to London, and where they all found roofs to cover them is a mystery. The hotels were already full to the sky parlor, and each turning away from the door almost an average of a hundred a day. But presumably all found some place in which to run up a bill for the necessities or luxuries of life.

Of all the arrivals yesterday, the one in whom the greatest interest will be taken, perhaps, was the successor to Consul-General Waller, the Hon. John C. New, the new appointee, together with his family, who reached London by special train on the Northwestern railway, at 3:30 p. m.

The scene at the Euston square station, when the special became due, was a lively one. As the train came to a stand-still the door was opened, and General New stepped from the carriage to the platform. After him came his wife and daughter; then Senator Sherman emerged from the door, accompanied by his wife and daughter. They were welcomed by Consul General Waller and Vice-Consul Moffat.

To the Herald reporter, who questioned him, last evening, General New said: "We had a delightful trip across the water. Not a single person on board was sea-sick, or if there were, none of us heard of it. We have received a very cordial reception to London, for which we are exceedingly grateful. Governor Waller was very cordial in his welcome, but that was to be exceeded of course, for his reputation in the United States generally, is that of a very genial gentleman.

"In his own state, Connecticut, both republicans and democrats like him. They regard him as a fair, able and most genial man. The welcome he has extended us here is greatly appreciated, I assure you."

"Have you selected a place of residence in London yet?"

"No; I have no idea where we shall settle down. We have simply come to this hotel to stop temporarily until we can find a place. My family will not be quite so large after a few weeks, for the young ladies will go to Paris to school."

"What do you think of the appointment of Robert Lincoln as minister to England?"

"I think it a good one. I have no doubt that he will make an excellent and capital minister. The appointment is not entirely one of sentiment. Aside from being a son of Abraham Lincoln, he is a good lawyer; and, as secretary of war under President Garfield and President Arthur, he gained an experience in public affairs, and discharged the duties of his position most acceptably. He is a fitting man to be the representative of the United States to any court."

"Was the appointment of Whitelaw Reid to Paris well received in America?"

"Yes; it is well liked, and it is unnecessary to say that he will fill the place admirably. Every one knows his ability."

Senator John Sherman, of Ohio, is another distinguished arrival and is staying at the Hotel Metropole.

Hon. W. W. Thomas, United States minister to Norway and Sweden, arrived at Liverpool, yesterday; he will go direct to Stockholm. He has already filled the same position for four years, having been succeeded by the man whom he now succeeds.

Senator Donald Cameron, of Pennsylvania, also arrived at Liverpool and will do England in a coach.

A Noted French Physician Murdered.

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ALBI, France, May 9.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Dr. Cassan, physician to the hospital of the insane, the Don Sauveur, was murdered last night. Upon entering his room this morning his attendants found him lying on the bed in his night shirt. His body was literally covered with knife wounds, and his head nearly separated from the trunk. Dr. Cassan was a quiet man, and much respected by all who knew him. He was mayor of Albi under the empire and during the regime of the Sixth of May.

[ED.—Albi is a small village in the Department of the Tarn, forty-one miles north of Toulouse.]

The Oldest Army Officer Dead.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 9.—A private dispatch received this noon reports the death, to-day at Orlando, Fla., of General William Harney, the oldest officer in the United States army. General Harney was born in 1800.

General Harney in 1818 was given his first military appointment by President Monroe, as lieutenant in the first regiment of infantry stationed in Louisiana, and Harney's first expedition was an exciting one against Lafitte. His next conspicuous service was in the Blackhawk war. He also served with distinction in the Mexican war. During the period preceding the civil war he was at Washington, and was frequently in conference with President Buchanan. When the war began he was stationed at St. Louis. His services ended in 1863, when he was retired.

The Weather Indications.

For Nebraska: Light showers, slightly cooler, except in extreme western portions slightly warmer, southerly winds, becoming variable.

For Iowa: Threatening weather with light showers, slightly cooler, variable winds.

For Dakota: Fair, except local showers in eastern portion, warmer in northwest portion, cooler in southeast portion, northerly winds, becoming variable.

The Wrapping Paper Trust.

CHICAGO, May 9.—A meeting of wrapping paper men from all over the country was held here to-day to discuss the state of trade. It was decided that the lack of success of the organization in controlling product, etc., was due to the erection of many new mills. The secretary was instructed to correspond with the proprietors of these mills, explain the situation, and ask them to join the association.

Sigel's Successor.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The president this afternoon appointed Frank C. Loveland to be pension agent at New York city, vice Franz Sigel resigned.

Colonel Grant Reaches Vienna.

VIENNA, May 9.—Colonel Fred Grant, the new American minister to Austria, arrived here to-day.

THE CRONIN MYSTERY.

Many of the Missing Man's Friends Abandon the Theory of Murder.

CHICAGO, May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The search for Dr. Cronin still continues. Many of his friends are forsaking the theory of murder. In fact, the Conklins are now about the only ones who are absolutely certain that the missing doctor was murdered by his enemies. The police are working on a number of clews, but have almost given up the theory of foul play, and are turning their attention in other directions. Captain Schaack refuses to talk on the subject or express any opinion as to the probable whereabouts of Cronin. From his manner, however, it is plain to be seen that he expects, when he finds Cronin, if he does, to find a very lively corpse.

Nothing was found in the river today, but another brilliant mind has evolved an idea which may be acted on to-morrow. This is to have the newly made graves in the cemetery north of the city examined for tracers of the missing man.

Dr. Cronin is not the only well known Irishman whose absence from Chicago is causing considerable comment. Mortimer Scanlan, an intimate friend of the doctor, went away Friday night, and rumor was floating about this evening to the effect that it would not be at all surprising were it to turn out that they were together. Cronin's friend, John F. Scanlan, however, asserts that Mortimer has gone to Philadelphia on strictly private business, and knows nothing of the doctor's whereabouts. A prominent Irishman who is well acquainted with Cronin said to-day:

"I am positive that he is unharmed, and that when he turns up it will be found that he has not been in any way injured. The calm attitude of his friends regarding his absence, their disinclination to give information regarding him, and their refusing to tell Captain Schaack whom they suspect of having abducted him, is, to my mind, conclusive proof of those friends knowing more about him than they care to tell. In a few days he will come back, and will be apt to hear considerable about his being abducted by force, but such methods are obsolete, and I take very little stock in it."

President Fitzgerald, of the Irish National League, who is in the city on his way east, said this evening that the assertion that Cronin had documents derogatory to to the league was "simply rot." He did not care to talk further about the subject. Mr. Scanlan to-day received from R. McCahey, a prominent Irish-American of Philadelphia, a telegram telling him to push the investigation regardless of expense, and that all funds needed would be guaranteed. Mr. Scanlan said that before taking any further action he would await a definite report from the police authorities. The Pinkerton detective agency, which has had a number of operatives employed on the case, threw it up to-day. Mr. Pinkerton gives it as his belief that Dr. Cronin is alive and well, and is on his own business and for reasons best known to himself.

To-night the asserted belief of Cronin's friends that he had been abducted and murdered received another set-back. Two hours after the alleged abduction, the doctor was seen down town, heading for the union depot. A young lady, well acquainted with him, saw him on a North side street car coming down town, and a conductor of that line recollects a man of Cronin's description, who was carrying a surgical case, and who inquired, when on the South side, the shortest way to the union depot.

FOREST FIRES IN MICHIGAN.

Two Towns Destroyed and Many People Missing.

CHICAGO, May 9.—A News special from Marquette, Mich., says that terrible forest fires are still raging in that section. All the telegraph wires have been down for two days. Reports are now arriving of terrible forest fires in the country recently settled by homesteaders. The flames started Tuesday morning, and swept across miles of dense forests until checked by rain in the evening. Many homesteaders were burned out. Great suffering is reported among the women and children, who could hardly breathe on account of suffocating smoke. Many reached the railroad tracks and others sought shelter in the swamps where, by burying themselves in mud and lying face downward, they managed to survive the heat and smoke. Bruce's Crossing is destroyed. Matchwood is also burned, and a tract many miles square is in ashes. Relief parties are out to-day to look after those who are known to have been in the burned district. It is feared many have perished. Great damage has been caused at Anthony, a lumbering town in the Homestead country. Vulcan lost a large engine house, several thousand cords of wood and twenty houses, homes of miners. Norway fought fire on all sides for eighteen hours and was just on the point of surrendering when the rain came and saved the town. Fears are entertained of loss of life in towns remote from railroads.

Later dispatches from Marquette say that the forest fires in that region have been grossly exaggerated. There was no loss of life.

CREDOYGAN, Wis., May 9.—Forest fires are raging to an alarming extent along the line of the Michigan Central railroad. On several occasions trains have been delayed for hours on account of the fires along the tracks, the dense smoke nearly stifling the passengers inside.

FRANKFORT, Mich., May 9.—The forest fires have been extinguished by a heavy rain, which fell yesterday and last night. The Wilce Lumber company lost 1,000,000 feet of logs.

SAD READING.

Depositions of Inmates of the Home of Incurables in Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 9.—The taking of the depositions in the suit brought against the management of the home for incurables was begun to-day, under an order of the court. The depositions of a number of the institution were taken. They were generally of a tenor to sustain the allegations in the complaint filed a couple of days ago. The unfortunates were very loth to testify, a number of them declaring they would be made to suffer for it. Their stories were pitiful and told of neglect and cruel treatment from the matron and the attendants. Two of the patients testified that on the morning before the night that James Bottan died recently, they heard a conversation between Matron Barlow and an attendant, relative to a proposition to tie down Bottan's hands, as he was troublesome. Mrs. Barlow agreed, and the next morning Bottan was found dead in bed with his hands tied and his face and eyes blackened with blows. The other patients testified that a paralytic was forced to walk without shoes or stockings through the snow from one building to another; that patients suffering from chronic dyspepsia were not allowed to have food as prescribed by the physicians, and nearly starved to death; that another patient suffering from spinal affection was forced to sit in a stiff, straight back chair, causing him intense suffering, and generally that patients were treated with abuse and cruelty.

The Lead City Delegates.

LEAD CITY, Dak., May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The democratic district convention met at Deadwood, to-day, for the purpose of nominating delegates to the constitutional convention. Judge T. D. Murrin, of Central City, presided, and after the nomination had been declined by Colonel W. R. Steele, the convention selected C. M. Thomas, of Deadwood, and A. J. Corum, of this city. Thomas is judge of this district, and Corum is a prominent member of the Knights of Labor, having been a candidate for the legislature last fall.

For Matthew's Shoes.

SPRINGFIELD, May 9.—The democrats tonight nominated Clayton E. Crafts as a candidate for the vacancy caused by the resignation of Peter Matthews. The republicans nominated Jas. N. Miller, of Stark.

HE WOULD A MARTYR BE.

Benedict Refuses to Resign, and Gets a Little Note.

ON THE UTAH COMMISSION.

Saunders Will Be a Member of That Body — A Rose-Tinted Report From Oklahoma—Opposition at Thompson.

WASHINGTON BUREAU, THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.

Public Printer Benedict is seeking a lone, cheap martydom, and has got it. He's one of those officials of the last administration who failed to respect the precedent that has been followed by nearly all of the officers of the government from time immemorial when a new administration comes in, and declined to send in his resignation. He said soon after the election that he should not voluntarily resign, and has repeated this remark in a bombastic manner as often as he has had an opportunity since. Mr. Palmer's appointment was made out yesterday and Mr. Benedict was notified of the fact, but not having the decency to tender his resignation, the president took the trouble to address him a little note, notifying him that he was summarily removed from office. Mr. Palmer filed his bond with the secretary of the interior to-day and will take charge of the office to-morrow. He made a tour of the building this morning and was introduced to the principal employes. This afternoon he spent at the white house. Mr. Palmer made a new bond for $100,000. His bondsmen were ex-Senator William E. Chandler, Assistant Postmaster-General Clarkson, Gardner Hubbard and Myron M. Parker. The bond signed by Mr. Chandler yesterday afternoon was not in proper form. The law requires more than one persons as surety.

WILL BE UTAH COMMISSIONERS.

It has been definitely determined that ex-Senator Saunders, of Nebraska, and ex-Lieutenant-Governor Robertson, of Fort Wayne, Ind., shall be members of the Utah commission, and their appointment is expected within a few days. It is not known what will be done in reference to the other three commissioners. Colonel Robertson was a Gresham man before the nominating convention last June. He was elected lieutenant-governor of his state at a special election in 1885, but a democratic court held that the constitution of the state did not provide for the filling of a vacancy except at a regular election, and he was kept out of his seat. He was also forcibly kept out of the senate chamber after a regular election in 1886, on the ground that a president pro tempore of the senate regularly chosen at a previous session was possessed of the prerogatives of the office to the exclusion of any man elected to fill an unexpired term. Colonel Robertson is about fifty-two years old, is a good lawyer, and in personal appearance slightly resembles Judge Gresham.

OKLAHOMA.

Secretary Noble, to-day, received an interesting report from the two inspectors of the general land office, who have been in Oklahoma since the territory was opened. They gave a graphic description of the growth of the towns, tell about the barber shops, bath houses, street sprinklers, fire engines and opera houses opened, and say that Guthrie has now a population of 6,000 male citizens, leaving the female population to be estimated. With regard to the troubles and complaints that have come from these sources, they say:

"Public confidence has been restored here by the prompt action of the government. Captain McArthur and Marshal Needles have acted with great discrimination, and too much praise can not be given them."

The report further says that they visited the land office at Kingfisher, and found the business proceeding in a commendable manner, and satisfactorily to all parties interested.

"We heard no complaint of deputy marshals or other officers making entries of land contrary to law, or to the detriment of settlers. The question of town sites is being quietly and satisfactorily adjusted, and there is perfect security here of both life and property."

OPPOSITION TO THOMPSON.

It is more than a probability that the nomination of ex-Governor and ex-Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Hugh S. Thompson, of South Carolina, to be a civil service commissioner will not be confirmed by the senate. President Cleveland appointed him to this position in February last, and the republicans, learning that Thompson was at the head of the bulldozing element of his state and the ballot box terrors of the south, refused to take action on the nomination. They are now, it is said, to be assisted in antagonizing his confirmation by the tariff protection element in congress, led by ex-Speaker Randall.

PRESIDENTIAL POSTMASTERS.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker said this afternoon to Congressman Williams, of Ohio: "As far as presidential postoffices are concerned, I wish to say that a rule has been made that the present incumbents will be allowed to serve out their four years, to date from the time of their appointment." As many of the presidential appointments were held up by the senate for a long time, some of them nearly two years, this is a most important ruling. They will be permitted to serve four years and no longer, and those who think that the department will not take any notice of the time during which their names were before the senate are very much mistaken.

BATCHELLOR DISSATISFIED.

First Assistant Secretary Batchellor, of the treasury, has become dissatisfied with his office, and wants the appointment of minister to Turkey. Judge Batchellor was a member of the international court in Egypt prior to the incoming of the Cleveland administration, when he was removed.

NEBRASKA POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

L. J. Hoag, Axtell, Kearney county, vice B. F. Morehouse, resigned; A. L. Cook, Barneston, Gage county, vice J. Guillard, resigned; L. L. Benson, Foster, Pierce county, vice J. W. Reed, resigned; D. P. Ashburn, Gibson, Buffalo county, vice John B. King, resigned; Anna Schoff, Grafton, Fillmore county, vice T. F. Combs, resigned; S. H. Cummings, Hoag, Gage county, vice John W. Westfall, resigned; A. E. Brainwell, St. Michael, Buffalo county, vice George W. Carr, resigned; John Kelley, Strickland, Hayes county, vice W. J. Jackson, resigned; M. Steward, Vista, Johnson county, vice L. S. Severens, resigned; W. S. Fisher, Webster, Dodge county, vice George W. Caskey, resigned; Mortimer Brown, Wellsville, Cheyenne county, vice W. H. Rochford, resigned; S. W. Mosher, Willowdale, Antelope county, vice W. J. Beard, resigned.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The comptroller of the currency, to-day, authorized the First National bank of Wisner, Neb., to begin business with a capital of $50,000.

W. H. D. Miller, of Beatrice, has been appointed a postal clerk, with a run between Omaha and Superior.

In its white house gossip, this evening's Star says: Nebraska was represented by ex-Senator Saunders and Congressman Connell, of Omaha. With them was Judge Peabody, farmerly of Omaha, who desired to pay his respects. When that had been done, the trio talked to the president about the vacancy which exists in the ranks of the inter-state commission, and urged the immediate appointment of Judge Groff. The judge is not only Nebraska's candidate, but is the choice of the boards of trade of the northwest.

PERRY S. HEATH.

Phelps Returns to Yale.

NEW HAVEN, May 9.—A rumor to the effect that ex-Minister Phelps would resume his duties as professor in the Yale law school was verified, to-day, by the issuance of a prospectus of the elective studies, with a course of law by Prof. Phelps.

TEN MINERS KILLED.

A Car Falls Down the Shaft on the Ascending Cage.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 9.—At the Kaska William colliery, near Middleport, this evening, a cage containing ten miners was ascending the shaft, and had reached a height of about fifteen feet from the bottom when an empty car was pushed over the top of the shaft by two Hungarian laborers. The car struck the ascending cage with awful momentum, shattering it to splinters and instantly killing every one of its occupants. The names of the victims are:

MICHAEL BOYLE, assistant inside foreman.
HUGH CARLIN,
PAT MCDONALD,
GEORGE BENDEL,
JOHN POTTOVISCH,
FRANK STRATKOVISCH,
JOHN MOORE,
ALBERT DYER,
EDWARD KURTZ,
STEPHEN MATSON.

The cage with the victims was hurled into the "dump," a hole at the bottom of the shaft where water from the workings accumulates, and the mangled bodies were not recovered for some time. The mine is operated by the Allian Coal company. It is an old working shaft and is 500 feet deep.

The colliery employs about five hundred hands, and is also known as the "Big Vein." There is intense indignation over the employment of stupid Hungarians in a position of such responsibility as at the mouth of the shaft. There is thirty-five feet of water in the "dump," and the work of recovering bodies is very difficult. At 7 o'clock this evening only one body had been recovered.

HE LOOKED LIKE WILKES BOOTH

Death of a Man Arrested For the Murder of President Lincoln.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Samuel W. Pearce, a grain merchant, died in this city, to-day, in the forty-eighth year of his age, from peritonitis. At the time of the assassination of President Lincoln, Pearce and his sister, Mrs. Stevenson, had a narrow escape from lynching or death by shooting, and when the order went out to arrest Wilkes Booth and Mrs. Surratt, all trains were searched and the Providence couple were arrested. Pearce bore a striking resemblance to Booth, and Mrs. Stevenson is said to have looked like Mrs. Surratt. While they were incarcerated in Fortress Monroe, where they were at once hurried, notwithstanding their protestations, they were threatened with death by the soldiers and by a mob, and Pearce always said it was by a miracle that he and his sister escaped. He appealed to the government and to Governor James Y. Smith, of Rhode Island, whom he knew personally, for aid. Several influential persons were then sent south, and the man that looked like Wilkes Booth, was set at liberty. About a dozen years ago a story gained considerable prominence in the press to the effect that the assassin, Both, was still alive. The man referred to was the Providence grain dealer, now deceased.

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Pensions granted Nebraskans: Original invalids—Marshall Robare, jr., George Beaumont, John H. Smith, Hezekiah, J. Wallace. Increase—William H. Barnhart, William Douglass, George A. Weeks, Patrick Griffin, Oscar M. Childs, John Smith. Original widows, etc.—Susan, mother of Jacob W. Dekins. Original invalids—Robert H. Hitchcock, Samuel C. Thomas, John C. Plitcher, Nelson Schooley, Warren Barnes, James S. Carry, Milo L. Gates. Increase—William J. Morgan (navy), Albion B. Prince, Orin S. Brooks, Alfred L. Debruler, Lafayette Carr, Jonn S. Duncan. Pensions for Iowans: Original invalid—Otto R. Sensebaugh, Simon P. Callahan, David D. Dailey, Robert Bailey, Paul Wortman, Hosiah P. McQueen, James Rigney, John McLaughlin, Tilman H. Smith, James H. Burke, Rudolph Bowman, Martin Onderkirk. Increase—Nathan L. Daniels, Ch. R. Cooper, Samuel P. B. Shepherd, Allen Faulkner, James R. Gailey, Jonathan Casebeer, Zachariah Morris, John L. Scott, William H. Rinehart, Edwin W. Bunce, John Liebs, Patrick Mcnaghan, Solomon C. Trogdon, Hiram Persal, Daniel Ford, George Stanfield, John Smice, Joseph B. Downing, James A. Gustine, Samuel A. Gordon. Original widow, etc.—Minor of Westley Fry, Manning. Oorliginal invalids—Henry E. Baker, Darwin Downes, Benjamin F. Baker, Isaac D. Marsh, Allen T. Cole, Thomas B. Stokes, Clemens P. Dunton, Winant Denart, William Ball, Rudolph Christen, William W. Dull, John D. Fletcher, Washington Rawlings, William B. Strickland. Increase—David L. Barkhart, Herndon Reynolds, Alex Spencer, David D. Rockhill, Samuel R. Chase. Original widows, etc.—Elenor, mother of Brice T. Friend; Emmeline, widow of Thomas B. Stokes; Hannah, widow of Hiram Hunter; Catharine, widow of B. T. Baker.

The Carter Divorce Case.

CHICAGO, May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—After the hearing of some more dry depositions in the Carter divorce case this afternoon, the fair plaintiff was herself recalled to the stand. Four weeks of a trial in a court room do not seem to have had any appreciable effect upon the lady. She looks just the same. She was once more questioned at length concerning the various correspondents, and once more entered a positive denial of improper conduct with any of them. Dr. Gilbert, she said, had been employed by her husband. She branded all of Lawyer Crawford's assertions as false and abominable, and said that her maid was always present in the room when the doctor called. As to Mr. Bellew or Senator Pierce, she had nothing to add to her former declarations in contradiction of the assertions of her husband's lawyers. With the close of her cross-examination, practically all the testimony is disposed of. It is expected that the court will adjourn to-morrow until Monday, to give the lawyers time to prepare their speeches.

Refused to Arbitrate.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 9.—At the Brazil convention, to-day, nearly two thousand miners were represented. By a plurality vote the committee was entrusted to call on the representatives of the operators' executive board and state that the miners were willing to submit their differences to arbitration. The operators declined the arbitration, saying it was impossible to pay a higher price than that offered. The committee returned and reported to the convention and a committee of five was appointed to act in behalf of the miners at any conference that may be asked by the operators. All mining has been suspended and the prospects are not encouraging.

He Would Be King.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 9.—Advices from Samoa to April 30 state that the natives are quiet. The position of the hostiles is unchanged. Admiral Kimberly of the United States navy, on suggestion of Mataafa, tried, through Dr. Knappe, to persuade Tamasese to agree to peace. Tamasese declined to agree to the proposition unless he was recognized as king. Mr. Kimberly thereupon issued a proclamation urging the natives to maintain peace.

The steamer Rockton, which will convey 450 men belonging to the wrecked American war ships to San Francisco was to be ready to leave and was expected to sail to-day from Apia. Eighty men will reman with Kimberly at Apia.

The Contested Election Cases.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Mr. Mobley, clerk of the house committee on elections of the Fiftieth congress, is diligently at work arranging, printing and docketing the papers received in the contested election cases which will claim the attention of the committee during the congress.

HOODOED BY AN EGYPTIAN.

A Strange Case of Mental Hallucination at Newton, Ia.

PRACTICING THE BLACK ART.

An Old Woman Narrowly Escapes Being Swindled Out of All Her Earthly Possessions By a Female Fraud.

A Newton Sensation.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A startling case of attempted swindling and mental hallucination is reported from Newton, Jasper county. The victim is an elderly woman, living alone, and possessed of considerable property. Tuesday morning she called at the bank where she had deposits, and requested the president of the bank to call at her house, during the day. He did so and was informed that she wanted to draw $4,000, and wanted him to bring the money to the house, stating that she was going to make an investment. When the banker learned that she was going to keep the money in the house, he strongly remonstrated, since she was entirely alone. Finally she said she would see if a check would not do as well as the currency.

Yesterday she returned, saying that she must have the money, and in large bills, and that it would be safe, for she would hide it. As she grew more confidential she divulged the fact that it was a woman who was going to make so much money for her, and that the woman was an Egyptian. The banker became at once suspicious that some black art was being practiced, and he determined to go to the bottom of the mystery. Telling her that he would be down in fifteen minutes, he called the cashier and proceeded to the house on the pretext of wanting to purchase it. They made an inspection of the house, and had almost finished their tour when, in the last room of the second floor, the president, opening the door of a dark closet, beheld, hidden in the darkest corner behind the door, the Egyptian. He quietly slammed the door and summoned the cashier, and then ordered the woman to come out. The Egyptian came forth, a woman of extraordinary height, blue eyes and sharp features. She protested her innocense, and claimed to be a friend of the lady in whose house she was stopping.

Her plan of procedure seems to have been begun last fall with a kind of hoodoo influence. She had told the lady that through the aid of spirit forces she could find certain treasures hidden in the yard about the place. But in order to find the hidden gold, it would be necessary to have a large pile of money in the house to establish sympathetic communication. Fifteen hundred dollars was first named last fall, but later the Egyptian said it would take $4,000, and had finally convinced her victim.

When the banker went for an officer, the Egyptian skipped out and down the railroad track, but was overtaken and captured. People in Newton recognized her as one of a band camped near there last fall, who went around telling fortunes. The woman was held for examination and tells conflicting stories, but said that her name was Mrs. Mary Brewer, and that her home was in Nebraska. This evening Mrs. Brewer was arraigned at Newton on a charge of vagrancy and was fined $50 and costs, which she promptly paid. She seemed very anxious to leave town, and took the first train west, promising not to come back. This morning a young man appeared at Newton with what purported to be a certificate of good character for her from a party in Des Moines, and he left town with her to-night. The people of Newton are very much aroused over the strange affair.

The Turney Case.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The famous case of Chester Turney, the young man imprisoned at Anamosa on a seventeen-year term, whose mother brought suit against the governor for libel, was passed upon by the supreme court to-day. Application had been made to the court for his release, on the ground that his trial was irregular and unjust; that his conviction was illegal and his sentence excessive. The court decided that the records do not show any irregularity or illegality in the proceedings of the trial; that the young man admitted his guilt and made no defense, because he had none to make, and so far as the courts were concerned, his trial was regular and in accordance with the forms of law. As to the question of the excessiveness of his sentence, the court says the records present no cause for mitigation, and the court must be governed by the record.

But the court intimates that the case might very properly be referred to the governor for executive action, and suggests that he might pardon the boy on such conditions as he could, but the court could not, impose. It is thought here that the governor will quite likely issue a pardon, as he has preferred to wait until the case has been passed upon ay the supreme court, and he could grant a pardon now without the sacrifice of personal self-respect or official dignity.

The Supreme Court.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The supreme court filed the following decisions here to-day.

State of Iowa vs Kate Kuhner and Jacob Scratcher, appellants; Polk district; affirmed.

Richmond Bros. vs Lundberg & Co., appellants; Montgomery district; affirmed.

George S. Damen, appellant, vs Samuel Weston, Pottawattamie district; affirmed.

State of Iowa vs Philo Pierce, appellant; convicted of embezzlement; Boone district; affirmed.

Theodore Hawley, appellant, vs George E. and Pqoebe Page; Humboldt district; affirmed.

Head Bros. vs George W. and Elenor M. Thompson, appellants; Greene district; affirmed.

John Orr, appellant, vs Catherine O'Brien; Jones district; affirmed.

Charles H. Leas, appellant, vs Henry Garverich et al; Keokuk superior court; affirmed.

An Inhuman Father.

LA PORTE, Ia., May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—George Cramer, an old resident and citizen of this place, was arrested this morning on the charge of incest with his twelve-year-old daughter. The charge was preferred by his son, who has been acquainted with the facts for some time. Cramer has been married twice, and both wives died. He came near being white capped, but was hustled off to jail, having waived examination. He will appear before the grand jury, which meets in Waterloo in a few days. The little girl stated to her attorney that her father had come to her bed and assaulted her, thoroughly accomplishing the act many times.

Struck By Lightning.

MASON CITY, Ia., May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—During the heavy rain storm last night, lightning struck the large stock barn of J. W. Barlows, near Rockwell, and it was consumed by fire. A large amount of farm machinery, hay and grain, horses, and other live stock was burned. It was partly covered by insurance.

Wind Storm at Clarinda.

CLARINDA, Ia., May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Yesterday morning occurred the severest wind storm ever known in the city. Serious damage was done to the brick block owned by ex-Representative William Cutler, which is occupied by the postoffice and a delivery barn. The wind was so violent that the building was completely unroofed. About ten feet of the upper wall fell in, crushing the second floor, and the debris completely covered up some thirty head of horses, but by heroic work they were all extricated alive, save one—Mr. Butler was the only person hurt, some falling timbers striking him on the head, inflicting a severe scalp wound.

A Traveling Man Sandbagged.

WATERLOO, Ia., May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—This morning an unknown man was found lying on the street at Iowa Falls. He was in a semi-conscious state, and could not give an account of himself. His pockets were turned inside out and their contents scattered. In his pocket-book was the name, E. J. Carter, but nothing else to indicate his identity. He was cared for, but has laid all day in a state of stupor, and it is thought probable that he may never revive. In his mutterings he talks about being sandbagged, but does not give any intelligible answer to questions. He was well dressed, and is thought to be a traveling man.

The Dentists.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The State Dental association, in session here, elected, this evening, the following officers for the ensuing year: President, F. M. Shriver, Glenwood; vice-president, F. R. Ross, Cedar Rapids; secretary, E. W. Miller, Des Moines. Special clinic work was conducted by Dr. Hunt, of Iowa City, and Dr. Brophy, of Chicago. This afternoon essays on various subjects were read by Dr. Taft, of Cincinnati, and Dr. Artman, of Waterloo.

A Former Iowan Honored.

IOWA CITY, Ia., May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Information has just been received here that the Rev. Dr. Oscar Clute, of Southern California, for some years pastor of the Unitarian church of this city, has been elected president of the Michigan Agricultural college, in place of President Willets, now assistant commissioner of agriculture.

Drank Carbolic Acid.

DUBUQUE, Ia., May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Yesterday the three-year-old child of Jacob Loes, of Cascade, in this county, got hold of a bottle of carbolic acid, and drank enough to cause speedy death.

TAKE NO RISKS ON "HEAVEN."

Underwriters Refuse to Insure Crank Schweinfurth's Home.

ROCKFORD, Ill., May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The troubles of the alleged Messiah, Rev. George Jacob Schweinfurth, appear to be many these days. Yesterday he was the recipient of a notice from a local band of White Caps to quit the vicinity under pain of a visitation of tar and feathers, and to-day, besides being threatened with more suits for alienating the affection of wives and mothers, the agent of a local insurance company, which had a large policy on Schweinfurth's home, cancelled all risks. Schweinfurth's home consists of a substantial farm house and outbuildings, and is known to his diciples as "Heaven." He made application to other companies in the city for insurance, but they all refuse to write policies for him. Schweinfurth is indignant over the White Cap notices, and says they do not alarm him in the least. He has nearly thirty people residing with him, and is prepared with rifles and other implements of earthly warfare to give any unpleasant visitors a warm reception.

TO HANG THIS MORNING.

Preparations For Executing the Bald-Knobbers in Ozark.

OZARK, Mo., May 8.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—All hope of executive clemency in the case of the condemned Knobbers is cost, and preparations are making for the triple execution that must take place to-morrow. Workmen have put up a fence sixteen feet high, enclosing a part of the jail yard adjoining the cells, and a gallows is being erected inside.

The prisoners slept but little last night and much time was spent in prayer. The appearances now are that John Matthews will walk to the gallows as firmly as the Walkers, whose Spartan firmness has been so often praised. The visit of Matthews' family, last Sunday, has had a wonderful effect in bracing him up.

The execution will be strictly private, only the necessary guards, medical men, and a few reporters are to be admitted. Bill Walker is to be baptized by a Baptist minister, this afternoon, for which purpose a baptismal font has been taken into the corridor, and a few friends will be admitted to witness the ceremony.

Delany has sent a farewell message to his clients from Jefferson City.

New Iowa Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following Iowa postmasters were appointed to-day: Lynd White, Belmond, Wright county, vice Samuel Adams, removed; George Furrow, Carson, Pottawattamie county, vice William H. Groff, resigned; Charles Augustine, Cottage Hill, Dubuque county, vice Gertrude Schroder, removed; W. S. Goldie, Crathorne, Plymouth county, vice Richard Goldie, resigned; Thomas W. Brown, Cumberland, Cass county, vice R. T. Breen, resigned; James H. Johnson, Hubbard, Hardin county, vice E. H. Sheldon, removed; William F. Law, Hudson, Blackhawk county, vice S. L. Wilson, removed; John W. Flynn, Murray, Clarke county, vice Wesley Stiffler, resigned; Samuel A. Rose, Nelson, Guthrie county, vice A. Teagarden, resigned; W. E. Remington, Neola, Pottawamie county, vice S. N. Harvey, resigned; H. B. Waters, Niles, Floyd county, vice T. F. Thompson, resigned; Samuel Odson, Nordness, Winneshiek county, vice J. J. Wharley, removed; J. H. Brown, Sand Spring, Delaware county, vice H. C. Allender, removed; L. S. Bullard, Sheffield, Franklin county, vice W. S. Bowen, removed; L. E. Sherwood, Shell rock, Butler county, vice James Jerolaman, removed; Mrs. E. Bennett, Smyrna, Clark county, vice Emma F. Wilson, resigned; Elihu M. Cass, Summer, Bremen county, vice M. V. Miller, removed; William E. Roberts, Turin, Monona county, vice George S. Bisby, resigned; H. R. Williams, Wales, Montgomery county, vice W. B. Hagues, resigned; John Kohles, Westphalia, Shelby county, vice M. Millaerding, resigned; S. F. Burris, Wichita, Guthrie county, vice Isaac Mann, resigned.

Kansas Republicans Dissatisfied.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The annual state convention of the Kansas republican league was held here, to-day, with delegates present from about two hundred clubs. The afternoon was taken up in the discussion of a resolution criticising President Harrison for his failure to remove democratic office-holders in Kansas promptly. Ex-Governor Anthony declared that civil service was a fraud, and he was in favor of the doctrine "to the victor belongs the spoils." The following resolution was finally adopted:

"We indorse our senators and representatives in congress in their efforts to secure the immediate removal of democratic federal officials in Kansas, and the substitution of republicans in their places. We further believe that the 80,000 republican majority in Kansas should sustain the president in the course herein recommended."

An Insane Man Runs Amuck.

STUTTGART, Vt., May 9.—An auctioneer named Bosch, residing in this city, suddenly became violently insane, to-day. Before he could be secured he seized a hatchet and killed his sister, and then rushed into the street and killed a passer-by. After a desperate struggle the man was overpowered by soldiers and taken to a place of confinement.

SAVE US FROM THE KANUCKS.

The Imploring Prayer of the Railroad Presidents.

BLAMING THE INTER-STATE LAW.

It Fetters the Home Roads, While It Leaves the Foreign Corporations Free and Untrammeled.

Subject Them to American Laws.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The senate inter-state commerce investigating committee met again to-day. The first witness was President George B. Roberts, of the Pennsylvania road. He stated that his road had very little actual business relations with any Canadian road. In answer to a question as to what he had to say of the relations between the Canadian roads and those of the United States, he replied:

"Since the United States has begun to regulate railroad companies by special legislation, the latter have been placed at a disadvantage in their competition with those of Canada. The effect of the Grand Trunk roads being independent of the legislation which affects those of the United States is a constant menace to the latter. I do not know that at present the Canadian roads do any serious injury to American commerce, but they are in a position to do so at any time the managers see fit. The Canadian Pacific is heavily subsidised by the government so as to encourage the development of the country. Both the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific roads draw their supplies from England free of duty."

When asked what remedy he had to suggest as an amendment to the law that would place American and Canadian roads on an equality, Mr. Roberts said that any foreign corporation doing business should be subject to the same laws as the roads of this country. Senator Gorman asked President Roberts the same questions that Wiman answered yesterday, whether or not it would be a fair proposition for the United States to demand that all Canad