

PARNELL COMMISSION CLOSES

A Distinguished Audience in the Court Room.

BIR HENRY JAMES SPEAKS.

More Interest Manifested Than at Any Time Since the Explosion of the Famous Forged Letters.

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THAT SPECKLED HORSE STORY.

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THE FOUR CONTESTED SEATS

Some Republican Members Have a Plan to Secure Them.

A SCHEME FROM AWAY BACK.

John Quincy Adams Spreng It on the Twenty-Fifth Congress—The Speaker's Contest—Land Office Decisions.

WASHINGTON HERALD THE OMAHA HERALD.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—[Special Telegram to The Herald.]

Some of the leading republican members of the house have perfected a plan which they believe will result in the immediate settlement of the four contested election cases.

When the house is called together for the first session of the 25th congress, Gen. Clark, the present clerk, will preside and will administer the oath to the members. It is not designed to interfere with the administration of the oath to any of the members, but as soon as all those whose certificates of election are in the hands of the clerk are sworn in some republican will move that the credentials be held by Messrs. Smith, McGinnis and Adams of West Virginia and Mudd of Maryland, and received and that they be given the seats for which Messrs. Jackson, Alderson, Pendleton and Campion respectively, hold certificates.

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SHOT BY A RUINED WOMAN.

A Prominent New York Man Killed in the Street.

THE SAD STORY OF HIS NEMESIS.

Drugged and Disgraced Mrs. Southworth is Scorned and Slandered by Stony-hearted Stephen.

An Old Route's End.

New York, Nov. 22.—Stephen L. Pettus, secretary and treasurer of the Brooklyn Union elevated railroad and member of the firm of Pollard, Pettus & Company of this city, was shot dead here this morning in front of his residence by Mrs. Hannah Southworth, who refused to give her address when arrested.

Mrs. Southworth says Pettus had betrayed her and ruined her family. About a year ago she assaulted him with a whip, and at that time was placed under bond to keep the peace.

A dispatch from Louisville, Ky., says she is the daughter of the late J. J. Martin, a well known cotton broker. She is about thirty years of age, and has been a widow for ten years. She charged Pettus, who was originally from Tennessee, with having committed an outrage on her person four years ago, for which a suit for \$20,000 was brought against him several months since. Several her brothers are prominent business men in New York, San Francisco and Brooklyn. For some time she has made her home with one in the latter city.

She was arrested at the corner of the office in the afternoon. She was affected to a great degree and her mind apparently was not in her right senses. She was taken to a hospital. She could not answer questions intelligently and her lawyer told her to say nothing. She was committed for a hearing next Tuesday.

According to the story told by her friends she became acquainted with Pettus through a mutual friend several years ago and one day he succeeded in drugging her while she was out together, and accomplished his ruin. Later it was found necessary to resort to medical aid, the result of which her health was wrecked.

In order to avoid exposure at the time of the wrong Pettus made promises of substantial pecuniary aid, and to save the name of her family, which is a highly respected one, she kept quiet. Upon her recovery, however, she was reminded of her obligations with derision, and finally, it is said, circulated the report that Mrs. Southworth was a discarded mistress who was trying to blackmail him. This drove her to desperation, and last March she attacked Pettus on the street, as mentioned above. She then applied to lawyers, not to obtain a divorce, but to have the truth made public. The statute of limitation protecting Pettus from prosecution for his original outrage, and she began suit for slander and defamation of character with the same object in view. This was the legal status of the case when she was arrested.

In the prison this afternoon Mrs. Southworth said the lady through whom she became acquainted with Pettus had also been ruined by him, and under threat of exposing her he obtained her aid in accomplishing the ruin of herself, Mrs. Southworth.

TWO FIRES AT ST. JOE.

A Fashionable Boarding House and the High School Burned.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 22.—[Special Telegram to The Herald.]—The Arlington house, a fashionable boarding place on North Fifth street, was badly damaged by fire at 2 o'clock this morning. The flames originated in the dining room and destroyed the entire upper portion of the house before they were subdued. A great panic was caused among the men and women were flying about the place in their night clothes. All escaped without injury. The loss to Miss Maria Swenson, the proprietress, will amount to \$2,000, fully insured.

At 10 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the rear of the St. Joseph public high school. The flames soon made their way to the rooms on the second floor, burning out the partition and floors. The damage will amount to \$4,000, fully covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

JOINED THE CANADIAN COLONY.

A St. Louis Business Man Absconds With Other People's Money.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 22.—[Special Telegram to The Herald.]—James A. Smith, president of the Jones A. Smith & Sons loan and trust company, has absconded with the second day after that firm was attached on Thursday last week, and it now develops that he has probably joined the Canada colony with \$60,000 of other people's money. He mortgaged the plant some time ago to Charles P. Chouteau and has since let the stock run down till the assets are only \$7,000, while the bank, as he had been told, would have been able to pay for it. It now leaks out that for weeks prior to the failure instead of depositing checks of the firm in the Farmers' bank, as he had been told, he cashed them and salted the money. He, although a man above middle age, having grown children, married his housekeeper, and she is reported to be the next day he was seen standing at the depot platform at St. Charles, talking to his landlady, who is reported to be a well known woman, but he is supposed to be in Canada. The sheriff burst open his safe at the Missouri safe deposit this afternoon and got nothing. The only man in a member of the firm, is in no way implicated.

WORSE THAN THE CARLSON.

Another Cottage Discovered in Chicago Covered With Blood.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—The police have made a strange and sickening discovery which will probably lead to the unearthing of a bloody tragedy. A frame cottage on Lansing street, which had been used as a boarding place for the 19th just by John Hughes, wife and five children. On that date Hughes moved out, leaving the house tightly shut up. The house remained closed until this morning, when a neighbor, who was closely scrutinizing, discovered a slight window in the front window. The door was broken in and a horrible sight met the view, the floor ceiling and walls of three rooms being almost literally covered with blood. It appeared as if a bloody struggle had been waged and the principals had gradually worked from one room to another. The police are investigating the matter, and it is the theory that the Hughes family, or a part of it, has been murdered.

The Broken Pittsburgh Bank.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 22.—Considerable excitement prevails to-day over the failure of the Lawrence bank. Many of the depositors, who are principally of the lower class, gathered about the institution, but the best order was maintained. The failure has caused but little ripple in financial circles and it is claimed no other banks are involved. Long & Campbell's iron plant is in the hands of the sheriff. The judgment rendered in favor of the defunct bank was \$600,000, but the firm asserts the actual amount is not over \$100,000.

The superintendent of the recruiting service will cause thirty recruits to be assigned to the Sixth infantry and forwarded under proper charge