

## TALKS OF WRECKING TRAINS

Principal Witness in the Lee Trial at York on the Stand.

## TELLS A VERY SENSATIONAL STORY

Minute Details of the Alleged Plot to Murder a Prominent Nebraska Citizen Given to the Public.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The Lee trial opened this morning with Messing still on the stand. He continued his story about the plot to wreck the train. He told how Lee approached him upon the subject of ditching the train by intimating that the Messing had been engaged in some of the plot to wreck the train. He told how Lee approached him upon the subject of ditching the train by intimating that the Messing had been engaged in some of the plot to wreck the train. He told how Lee approached him upon the subject of ditching the train by intimating that the Messing had been engaged in some of the plot to wreck the train.

On the evening of October 5, said Messing, Lee, in speaking of the person he was going to put to rest, said that the individual is dead easy to get. He's a sure mark. I tried to get him once before, but a limb caught my arm.

Messing says that the train was to be wrecked by placing spikes in the joints of the rails at a curve which would elevate the engine so that it would fall into the ditch. He tells about Lee going with him to the tracks of the St. Joe & Grand Island railroad and then showing how the derailing was to be done.

MUCH EVIDENCE INTRODUCED. The cross-examination which followed was rigid. The defense made a strong effort to tangle the witness, and succeeded in getting Messing's memory somewhat mixed. An attempt will be made by the defense to invalidate Messing's testimony and to show that he is a clever rascal, and that his motive in exposing the plot was a purely mercenary one. Messing has not borne a very savory reputation here, although he has never been proven guilty of any crime.

The prosecution continued to introduce evidence the greater part of the afternoon. Messing was again called to the witness box. He identified a letter which he received from Lee, asking Frank to meet him at a certain time about some craven work. It was signed "Lee." Frank Messing claims that he has no knowledge of any craven work.

William Purcell testified that he saw Lee and Messing on the St. Joe railroad track evidently engaged in something on the track. Frank Brown and William Harris told that they saw Lee and Messing on the tracks of the St. Joe & Grand Island railroad, on October 15, east of the city, near the crossing of the two roads. They regarded his actions as suspicious. B. H. Smith, who was with Lee at the time, testified that he saw Lee and Messing on the tracks of the St. Joe & Grand Island railroad, on October 15, east of the city, near the crossing of the two roads. They regarded his actions as suspicious.

The defense then took charge. The first witness was Lee. He testified that he never saw Lee and Messing on the tracks of the St. Joe & Grand Island railroad, on October 15, east of the city, near the crossing of the two roads. They regarded his actions as suspicious. B. H. Smith, who was with Lee at the time, testified that he saw Lee and Messing on the tracks of the St. Joe & Grand Island railroad, on October 15, east of the city, near the crossing of the two roads. They regarded his actions as suspicious.

MURDER HEARD FROM MONDAY NIGHT. SCHUYLER, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—There are no new developments in the Diefenbach murder case. The last known of him was that he was at the home of his sister, eight miles northeast of North Bend, at 11 o'clock Monday night. He left there soon after it and is said, on foot. His relatives claimed to know nothing of his whereabouts. The coroner's inquest was held this morning, the jury finding that Diefenbach died by gunshot wounds inflicted by a pistol shot.

POSTPONES GOODMANSON'S HEARING. PENDER, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The preliminary hearing of Dr. Goodmanson was postponed today until December 14 at 10 o'clock a. m. Pending his hearing, he was in charge of the sheriff at his quarters in the Peckels hotel, but today was confined to the county jail. In an interview with a Bee reporter today he expressed no fear of future developments in the case, and thinks he will be released at the time of the hearing.

Plan to Extend Congregational Work. BOSTON, Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The executive officers of the six national Congregational missionary societies have met today to plan for unifying and extending "Congregational work" in the United States. They will issue a joint statement of their work to the 60th Congregational church members of the United States, asking for one generous contribution annually from each society, and carrying on historically and at the present time.

Emmett Gets His Divorce. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The divorce of Dr. Emmett from May H. Emmett, tried today in the supreme court, when he married in 1894, Emmett, after hearing the testimony of Edward J. Hayes, after hearing the testimony of the court said he would give Emmett a decree.

REPORTS FROM STATIONS AT 8 P. M. STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.

Omaha, clear, 48-54. 24-30. North Platte, clear, 42-52. 24-30. South Platte, clear, 42-52. 24-30. Cheyenne, clear, 42-52. 24-30. Rapid City, clear, 42-52. 24-30. Huron, part cloudy, 42-52. 24-30. Chicago, clear, 42-52. 24-30. St. Paul, clear, 42-52. 24-30. St. Louis, clear, 42-52. 24-30. Kansas City, clear, 42-52. 24-30. Omaha, clear, 42-52. 24-30. St. Paul, clear, 42-52. 24-30. St. Louis, clear, 42-52. 24-30. Kansas City, clear, 42-52. 24-30.

And why not a pie-pusher as well as a coffee-pusher? It's far more necessary. Do you suffer with dyspepsia? Ayer's Cathartic Pills will cure you. Take a PILL AFTER PIE.

## TROUBLES OF FRENCH HUSBANDRY

M. Meline Says International Husbands are the Worst.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The agricultural budget was discussed in the Chamber of Deputies today. The premier, M. Meline, admitted the farmers were suffering from the continued fall in prices, and that the import duties had partly lost their efficiency, owing to the fall in value in foreign countries, and the fall in exchange. The remedy, he explained, was in international settlement. The government, he further stated, intended to study the effects of speculation in wheat and farmers' insurance. Continuing, the premier suggested that a system of export bounties was discussed, and might bring results. The government, however, would consider the proposition. In conclusion, M. Meline said one of the greatest services which could be rendered the French husbandry would be to relieve it from land taxation. M. Meline said the export of pork and salt meats had decreased from 17,000,000 to 12,000,000 francs. Imports had not caused the fall in prices, which he explained was due to increased home production.

## MISS LUCY UHL WEDS IN BERLIN.

Daughter of the Minister to Germany Married to a Yale Professor.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Miss Lucy Uhl, daughter of United States Minister Uhl, was married this afternoon to Prof. Guy Thompson of Yale university. During the morning the band of the Alexander regiment of guards serenaded the young people. The civil ceremony took place early in the afternoon and the religious ceremony was celebrated at the bride's house at 7 o'clock this evening. Letters were received from President and Mrs. Cleveland and from the imperial household, regretting inability to be present at the ceremonies. Mr. John B. Jackson, secretary of the United States embassy, and Mrs. Jackson will remain in Berlin. The newly married pair will depart tomorrow, and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will afterward return to their wedding trip. The wedding has been kept strictly secret, even from the parents of the bride.

## AMERICA'S RESERVE OF STRENGTH.

Paris Financiers See Conscience and Reason.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The Paris strongly approves of President Cleveland's message to congress and says: "It proves that, apart from the fomenters of international discord, there is a reserve of men in America awayed solely by the dictates of conscience and reason." The Gaulois remarks: "The message is of a nature to arouse the susceptibilities of Europe."

## Consider French Naval Credits.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The budget of the commerce of the Chamber of Deputies today heard the premier, M. Meline, M. Cochery, the minister of finance, and Admiral Besnard, minister of marine, on the subject of M. Leclercq's amendment, demanding a credit of 200,000 francs for the navy. The minister of marine declared that the condition of the navy was not so unfavorable as its critics alleged. The government, however, was adding for several months been studying a program for increasing the strength of the fleet and it would soon be decided to ask Parliament for money to carry it out. But said the minister, in conclusion, the government would reject any proposition to inject an extravagant budget for the navy.

## Banquet to Sara Bernhardt.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—Over 100 people were present at the banquet given at the Grand hotel this afternoon to Mme. Sara Bernhardt by her admirers. They included the leading artists, literary and society people of the capital. The great French actress, who was a hat of the box. Perfect Smith was on the store with Lee's gallery, before the latter's removal last summer. Bennett says Lee often visited her. Perfect Smith was on the store with Lee's gallery, before the latter's removal last summer. Bennett says Lee often visited her. Perfect Smith was on the store with Lee's gallery, before the latter's removal last summer. Bennett says Lee often visited her.

## Germany and Steamers Subsidies.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—During the discussion in the Reichstag today of the bill subsidizing steamship lines to the far east, Dr. von Bötticher, minister of the interior, declared that the competition in eastern Asia between the nations seeking new outlets for trade was so keen that there was every justification for protecting German enterprise by subsidies which, in his opinion, should be raised to 1,500,000 marks.

## Six of the Crew Are Missing.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Portuguese bark, Victoria, Captain Pereira, from Brazil, left, October 6, with a cargo of timber for Oporto, was seriously damaged and partly filled with water off Vaca. Six of the crew, including officers, left in a boat and have apparently strengthened the vessel. The remainder have landed at Oporto.

## Madagascar Situation Is Improving.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The Chamber of Deputies today adopted the colonial budget. The minister for the colonies, M. Lebon, read a dispatch from General Gallieni, the French commander in the island of Madagascar, announcing that the situation there continues to improve.

## Dock Strikers Resuming Work.

HAMBURG, Dec. 9.—The number of dockers working continues to increase. Only 600 out of 1,100 men employed on the state quays have ceased work. The crane men have been warned that if they do not resume work they will be sued for breach of contract.

## FEDERAL NOTICE.

Funeral services of Vernon S. White, of Omaha, Dec. 9.—The funeral of Vernon S. White, who died at the First Methodist Episcopal church, Twentieth and Broadway, Friday afternoon, December 11, 1896, at 2 o'clock. Interment in Prospect Hill cemetery. Friends invited.

## FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER.

Nebraska Will Have It Fair Again.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The forecast for Thursday is:

For Nebraska and Kansas—Fair; south to west winds.

For South Dakota—Fair; warmer in eastern portion; southwest winds.

For Colorado and Wyoming—Fair; variable winds.

For Montana—Fair, followed by local showers in northern portion; colder in northern portion Thursday night; west winds.

For Missouri and Iowa—Fair; continued warm; west winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU.

OMAHA, Dec. 9.—Omaha record of rainfall during the past three years:

Maximum temperature 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

Minimum temperature 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

Average temperature 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

Record of temperature and precipitation.

Omaha for the day and since March 1, 1896.

Normal temperature for the day, 20.

Excess for the day, 15.

Accumulated deficiency since March 1, 1896.

Normal precipitation for the day, .34 inch.

Deficiency for the day, .34 inch.

Total precipitation since March 1, 1896, 1.31 inches.

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## ANXIOUS TO AVOID ARREST

Iowa Soldiers' Home Trustees Object to Fostering Criminals.

ASK THE GOVERNMENT FOR A CHANGE

Federal Officers Having the Matter in Charge Refuse to Consider the Application of the Officers.

DES MOINES, Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—J. J. Bannell and Attorney General Remley, who will represent the officers of the Soldiers' home in the prosecution about to be commenced, consulted with some of the trustees and with District Attorney Fuller, the prosecutor, today. It was learned that the trustees desired that no formal arrests should be made, and requested that they should not be made. They wanted Fuller to make Commandant Bannell the only defendant in the matter. This course was urged on the ground that the case was not really a criminal action, although begun in that form, but in effect a test case, and that there was no necessity for embarrassing the trustees by subjecting them to arrest. Fuller declined to consider this proposition, insisting that all must be arrested. The trustees, however, are being delayed for some reason which the district attorney refuses to make public.

## OBJECT TO STATE COMPETITION.

Professional Nurserymen of Iowa Formed an Association.

DES MOINES, Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The State Horticultural society, which for two years has had a feud with the State Agricultural college at Ames, exploded a charge today in its annual meeting. It was declared that the Agricultural college was operating its horticultural department as a regular commercial nursery, and with the state's backing, is competing with nurserymen of the state on terms that make it unfair. The horticultural department, it was charged, is using its position to induce the people of the state to adopt certain varieties of fruits which have been long recognized as failures in this part of the country. The horticultural department, it was charged, is using its position to induce the people of the state to adopt certain varieties of fruits which have been long recognized as failures in this part of the country.

## TWO HUNDRED SHIPWRECK MEET.

El Kabir Temple Elect Officers Rapids.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Nearly 200 members of El Kabir temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, from all over eastern Iowa, attended the annual meeting of the temple in this city this afternoon. Reports show there has been a large increase in membership during the past year. The grand lodge now being 13,335. Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: Illustrious potentate, Augustus, of the grand lodge, chief rabbi, E. L. Alderson; grand secretary, chief rabbi, C. H. French; Cedar Rapids; oriental guide, W. A. Dearson; Stone City; treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Beaver; Cedar Rapids; recorder, John Wesley, Geiger; Marion; first ceremonial master, E. L. Camp; second ceremonial master, John S. Clemmons; Cedar Rapids; director, F. H. Juckett; Cedar Rapids; marshal, C. P. Emerson; Cedar Rapids; captain of the guard, A. L. Boardley; Cedar Rapids; outer guard, Z. Farr; Cedar Rapids.

## At 6 o'clock a banquet was tendered

the members of the temple by the local chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, the members of the temple being the newly elected officers were installed by Past Illustrious Potentate George W. Beaver, and a large class of candidates was initiated.

## IOWA SHERIFFS IN CONVENTION.

POLICE Enter the Meeting in the

DES MOINES, Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The Iowa Sheriffs' association opened a two-days' session today and the first thing announced was that certain politicians had tried to pack the meeting in order to pass a resolution in favor of R. T. St. John of Chicago for United States senator. The resolution tonight the newly elected officers were installed by Past Illustrious Potentate George W. Beaver, and a large class of candidates was initiated.

## SENATE SECRETARYSHIP IN DEMAND.

Hot Contest Over the Position at the Extra Session.

DES MOINES, Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—There is a hot contest in progress for the secretaryship of the state senate at the extra session. W. E. Bullard of Belmont, secretary of the regular session, would ordinarily serve through the extra session. Soon after the adjournment of the regular session he was arrested on a charge of forging a mortgage, on which he borrowed money here, but has never been investigated. Meantime he has been elected secretary of the senate in Wright county, and the trial will begin this week. Bullard insists on his innocence. The senators will attempt to impeach him and elect a new secretary. It is believed that the new officers will be P. E. Narey of Spirit Lake, president, and George A. Smith of Burlington, secretary. Mr. Narey is a well-known politician, and is a strong supporter of Bullard. The senators will attempt to impeach him and elect a new secretary. It is believed that the new officers will be P. E. Narey of Spirit Lake, president, and George A. Smith of Burlington, secretary. Mr. Narey is a well-known politician, and is a strong supporter of Bullard.

## Settles an Old Controversy.

DES MOINES, Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Des Moines has been only one board of public works. When Mayor MacVicar was elected into office last spring, he announced that the terms of John Sherman and George Simms, the incumbent board, had expired, and that they should be succeeded by E. W. Crellin and C. D. Boardman. It was understood the change was made for political purposes. There had been a question for several years as to when the United States annexed its suburbs in 1890, and reorganized its official corps. The new board tried to assume the office, but the old board, hearing the case, the lower court decided in favor of the old members. The case was appealed and today decided in favor of the old members, Sherman and Simms. The supreme court held that Sherman's term will expire in 1897 and Simms in 1898.

## Identifies a Dead Robber.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The robber who was shot and killed at Fairfax Monday night by P. F. Bennett, the agent of the Iowa law enforcement, has been identified as Frank Wolfe, whose home was near Ames, but who has been in Chicago for about three years. He was in jail and the Bridwell several times. His pal, Henry Schultz, also of Chicago, was captured at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the home of Wolfe's father, near Ames. He was brought here tonight and made a full confession. He is shot in the thumb.

## Look to your interest. You can get Sal-

vation Oil, the great pain-cure, for 25 cents.

## BANQUET TO COLONEL MCCLURE.

Veteran Philadelphia Journalist Dies.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Men from many cities gathered around the board at the Hotel Marlborough and did honor to Colonel A. R. McClure, editor of the Times, who today completed his fiftieth year in journalism. Governor Hastings presided, and the event was made notable by the presence of Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson, Major General Miles, Commodore Melville, and many other prominent men. The newspaper world was represented by a large outpouring of sympathy. The proprietors and editors of all the Philadelphia newspapers were also present.

In the course of his address to the assembled guests, Mr. McClure delivered an elaborate address on the duties and responsibilities of journalism, concluding as follows: "To seek promotion in civil trust from the editorial chair of an influential newspaper is to sacrifice the grand opportunity and responsibility for the unsatisfying fame of Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson, Major General Miles, Commodore Melville, and many other prominent men. The newspaper world was represented by a large outpouring of sympathy. The proprietors and editors of all the Philadelphia newspapers were also present."

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