

PRISONERS AT LARGE.

One of the Escaped Convicts Killed by Posse.

HAVE RELEASED THE HOSTAGES

Convicts Are Now Near the Sierra Nevada Mountains — Pursued by Sheriffs and Deputies of Three Counties and a Company of Militia—Escaped From Surrounding Posse.

Placerville, Cal., July 29.—Of the 11 convicts who escaped from the state penitentiary at Folsom Monday 12 are still at large. Joe Murphy, who was serving a 14 years sentence for robbery, was shot dead Monday night at Pilot Hill.

Gordon, the reported leader of the gang, who had been sentenced to 41 years for robbery, deserted his followers soon after they left the prison. It is not known where he went. A negro convict named Seavis, who was reported wounded, appears not to have been injured.

The outlaws who remain together are making for the Sierra Nevada mountains. They are closely pursued by the sheriffs of three counties, backed by deputies, and assisted by a company of militia. About 20 guards from the Folsom prison are also engaged in the chase. A desperate battle is anticipated.

The work of the pursuing posesses has been rendered less difficult than was anticipated by the unexpected action of the convicts, who have released all of the men they held as hostages. The convicts are now believed to be near Placerville, not far from the mountains, where they evidently hope to find refuge.

The fight at Pilot Hill between the convicts and their pursuers seems to have been a more serious affair than at first reported. After they had looted a provision store the convicts were practically surrounded by a strong posse.

All four horses of the convicts' wagon were shot and one of the criminals was killed outright. The outlaws raised a white flag and marched up the road with the guards and others whom they had captured on each side of them. A general volley was not ordered for fear of killing innocent men. The pursuing officers have been instructed to shoot the convicts on sight.

Building Trades Situation.

New York, July 29.—Another important move was made in the labor situation when the Iron League, employers of the iron workers, following the action of the Employers' association, sent formal notice to the House-smith and Bridgemen's union that unless their men returned to work by next Monday their places will be filled by any men who are willing to work individually under the joint arbitration agreement. In taking this step the iron employers received the support of the newly organized board of building trades.

Railway Strikes in Russia.

London, July 29.—The Russian correspondent of the Times says that the strike at Baku seems to have been the most serious labor disturbance that has ever occurred in Russia; that it extended to Tiflis, to Nostof and Novo Tcherkask, in the district of the Don Cossacks, and that the Far Eastern railway employees were concerned. According to the same authority the disturbances have been renewed at Borisoglebsk, on the railway between Voronezh and the Lower Volga.

Arrested for a New York Murder.

Philadelphia, July 29.—Patrick Shea, alias Sheeran, who is wanted in New York city in connection with the murder of William McMahan, and who was arrested here, was given a hearing and held to await requisition papers from New York. McMahan's widow identified Shea. When recognized Shea is reported to have said: "It is all up with me now." The murder occurred on May 5 and was the result of a quarrel.

Transport Dix Aground.

Washington, July 29.—Quartermaster General Humphrey has been informed by cable that the transport Dix went aground off the Japan coast last Saturday. She has since been docked at Draga and it is estimated that it will take 40 days to make the necessary repairs as she is in rather bad condition. The Dix had on board 225 tons of Philippine exhibits for the St. Louis exposition.

Hawaiians Want Home Rule.

Honolulu, July 29.—At the session of the Home Rule convention ex-Deputy Wilcox urged that congress be memorialized to grant Hawaiian independence and the establishment of a government similar to that of Cuba. His remarks were received enthusiastically. It is probable that a petition embodying Wilcox's views will be prepared.

New College For Women.

Geneva, N. Y., July 29.—It was announced that William Smith, a millionaire nurseryman, will found and endow a college to be known as the William Smith college for women. The institution will be on a plot of 30 acres in the outskirts of the city. The plans call for one building to cost \$150,000.

HORRIBLE DEED OF PARENTS

Accused of Brutally Killing Their New Born Babe.

Brownsville, Pa., July 29.—William C. Arnold, 25 years old, a well-to-do farmer of Jefferson, is in jail charged with the murder of his son. His wife Mary Etta Arnold, 22 years old, is also charged with murder. Late on Friday night last Dr. Lilley of this place was summoned to the Arnold house where he found a woman and a new-born babe. He was told by one of her parents that he was called in to kill the child.

The physician examined the babe and took from its mouth a mass of cloth that nearly choked it. He then told the couple that before he would kill the child he would kill both of them. Later, Dr. Lilley with a friend went to the Arnold house and asked to see the babe. The mother said it was dead and had been buried by her husband. Officers exhumed the body and the coroner's jury found that the infant had been murdered and recommended that Arnold and his wife be charged with murder.

HEAD BLOWN OFF.

Boy Meets a Terrible End While Out Hunting.

Washington, Pa., July 29.—J. Elliott the 14-year-old son of George Elliott a farmer near Prosperity, 10 miles south of here, was killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun, the top of his head being blown off.

Young Elliott and a 10-year-old companion, Thomas Bell, secured a shotgun and went hunting. Elliott, who was carrying the gun, leaned it over a fence and in some manner the weapon was caught and discharged full in his face. He fell to the ground dead without a cry.

Young Bell was so badly frightened that he failed to tell anyone of the affair and was found in the woods some time later faint with terror. Elliott's body was found by friends passing through the field where he was killed.

An Ancient Patent Filed.

Uniontown, Pa., July 29.—A patent granted by John Penn, Jr., and John Penn, Esquires, "true and absolute proprietaries and governors-in-chief of the province of Pennsylvania, and counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex, upon Delaware," to Benjamin Chew and Alexander Wilcocks, for a tract of land called Prospect hill, situate on the west side of the Great Crossings about one mile north of Braddock's road in Westmoreland county, now Fayette, containing 150 acres, has been left for record here. It is dated Sept. 26, 1776, and signed by John Penn. The Tub Run Coal company is purchasing land, and the patent is to make the title clear.

He Must Have Money.

Philadelphia, July 29.—President Shields of the Consolidated Lake Superior company has made another appeal to the stockholders of the company for financial assistance. In a circular letter he announces that unless the proposed \$12,500,000 bond is taken, the whole property must pass into the hands of the creditors. The creditors are New York and Philadelphia banks, headed by Speyer & Co. of the former city, who hold all available collateral securities of the company for loans of \$5,050,000. The Lake Superior company is capitalized at \$102,000,000, of which \$70,000,000 is held in this city.

Championship of the World.

Pittsburg, July 29.—President Dreyfuss of the Pittsburg team of the National Baseball league announces that if Pittsburg wins the National League pennant, the winner of the American League pennant will be challenged to a series of 11 games to decide the championship of the world, the conditions being that the winner receive 75 per cent of the gate receipts and the loser 25 per cent, the winner also to visit the West and the coast as world's champions, the losers to remain at home.

Bad Wreck Near Washington.

Washington, Pa., July 29.—A bad wreck occurred on the B. and O. road early Monday morning, when the second section of eastbound freight No. 87 crashed into the front section which was standing in Brady's tunnel a mile east of here. The tunnel was filled with wreckage and the track was torn up for some distance, while the walls of the tunnel were slightly damaged. No one was injured. All traffic was held up for nearly half a day.

\$1,000,000 For Cars.

Greensburg, Pa., July 29.—An extensive purchase of steel cars by Greensburg coal companies, entailing an expenditure of \$1,320,000, has been announced. The cars are of the latest pattern and were made by the Pressed Steel Car company. The Keystone Coal and Coke company purchased 500, the Jamison Coal and Coke company 500 and the Mt. Pleasant Coke company, financed by Greensburgers, 100. The cars cost \$1,200 each.

Double Tracking Main Line.

Corry, July 29.—The Erie Railroad company is engaged in double tracking its main line from Salamanca to Buck tooth, Jamestown to Lakewood, Columbus to Corry, and from Corry to Concord, to do away with the freight blockade which has existed for several months.

The Lime Juice Island.

Nearly all the lime juice used in the world comes from the tiny island of Montserrat, in the British West Indies. The lime grows wild in many West Indian islands, but only in Montserrat is it used commercially. That island is one vast garden of lime trees, and nowhere in the world is there a finer sight than its thirty miles of orchards, laden with the fruit of the lime or fragrant with its blossoms.

The fruit is gathered by negro women, who carry it down the hills to the shipping port in big baskets on their heads. Like all West Indians, they are remarkable for their ability to carry heavy weights in this manner. Once the company which controls the lime juice industry sought to lighten the burden of its laborers by introducing wheelbarrows.

The negroes filled the wheelbarrows readily enough, and then carried them on their heads as they had been used to carry the baskets. Many a negro woman will carry a hundredweight of limes on her head for a distance of a mile or more.—Indianapolis News.

Naming the House.

The custom of naming a ship when it is launched with the breaking of a bottle of wine on the prow is a survival of an ancient practice which had many forms. In early times, when the frame of a house was raised, the bottle of wine was broken on the ridge-pole. The usage is mentioned in McLellan's "History of Gorham, Maine."

It was the custom at a raising to break a bottle of spirit on the ridge-pole and to repeat some rhymes, "naming the frame," as it was called. When, in 1839, Jacob H. Clement of West Gorham raised a stable, John Phinney, an old Revolutionary soldier who was present, repeated the following lines, which he said were used in naming the frame of Captain John Stephenson's house and barn, which were raised about 1775:

FOR THE HOUSE FRAME.
Cursed is the Tory's heart
Which from the congress laws depart;
If the laws they do not fear
I hope they will prosper here,
And if the laws they do obey
I hope they will prosper in corn and hay.

Chair Postures.

It is one thing to have a chair and another to know how to sit on it. The ideal of a graceful sitting posture has varied in the different ages of the world. The Egyptian sat bolt upright, the knees and feet closely pressed together. It was the ceremonial attitude. The Greeks and Romans, when they were at liberty to forget their dignity, sat stooping, with one or both elbows supported by the arms of the chair.

The Chinese ideal was with the knees and feet wide apart. They have maintained that attitude in sitting for 400 years. The Saxons and early Norman kings are represented in old manuscript and on coins in the same position. Down to a date comparatively recent, kings and queens received sitting stilly on their thrones, any marked change of posture being thought to derogate from the royal dignity. They now receive standing.

A Legend of February.

Here is the pretty legend which tells why February has only twenty-eight or twenty-nine days. Long ago, they say, February was a gambler, and he was so unlucky that he soon lost all his money. Like other gamblers, he tried to recover it, and he said to his companions that if they would lend him some money he would give them as security one of his days. January and March, who were naturally associated with him more often than any of the other months, accepted his offer, and as poor February soon lost the money which he had borrowed each of them acquired one of his days.

That is why January and March have each thirty-one days and February has only twenty-eight in ordinary and twenty-nine in leap years.

Ungrateful Girl.

"Miss Pechis," began Mr. Klose, "if you marry me you can be assured that—"

"I'm sorry, Mr. Klose," the girl interrupted hastily, "but it is impossible. I can never marry you."

"What! Well, if that ain't ingratitude. Didn't I bring you a box of candy last week?"—Philadelphia Press.

Nothing More Doing.

The Mistress—How long were you in your last place?

Cook—Three weeks, ma'am.

The Mistress—And why did you leave?

Cook—Sure, ma'am, all the dishes were gone.—Detroit Free Press.

What He Didn't Mean.

Mr. Blunder—Why, your mother looks as young as you do, Miss Stale.

Miss S. (stiffly)—That is not very complimentary to me, Mr. Blunder.

Mr. B. (confusedly)—I didn't mean that. I—I mean you look as young as your mother.

Even With Him.

Mr. Flirty (tauntingly)—I saw Mrs. Berryman on the street today. She looked charming in her mourning gown.

Mrs. Flirty (sarcastically)—Indeed! It's a pity we can't all be widows.

Frank and Honest.

Butcher—What did you think of that steak I cut you yesterday?

Patron—To be perfectly frank with you, I thought it came off a South American cow that had been foddered on rubber trees.

Education is a mighty good thing to have in the house, but you can't trot a small jackass around a college and make a blooded steed of him.—Dallas News

The Very First Lightning Rod.

Almost everybody believes that Franklin was the inventor of the lightning rod, and in this one particular nearly everybody is mistaken. The first lightning conductor was not invented by the genius who is said to have "caught the lightning wild and played with bolts of thunder," but by a poor Bohemian monk who lived at Seutenberg, who erected his lightning catcher on the palace of the emperor of Preiditz, Moravia, on June 15, 1754. The name of this inventive monk was Protop Dilwisch. His apparatus was composed of a pole surmounted by an iron rod supporting twelve curved branches and terminating in as many metallic boxes filled with iron ore and inclosed with a wooden boxlike cover. This was traversed by twenty-seven iron pointed rods, the bases of which were connected with the ore boxes. This entire system of wires was united with the earth by a large chain.

The enemies of Dilwisch, jealous of his success, excited the peasants of the neighborhood against him, claiming that his invention was the cause of the dry weather that was ruining their crops. When the inventor laughed at them and refused to remove it they put him in prison and then destroyed his work.

M. Meisen used a triple pointed rod years before Benjamin Franklin ever thought of a lightning rod.

The King Snake's Prowess.

The most relentless exterminator of reptiles is a member of the family itself—the beautiful, lithe, yellow and black king snake, the friend of man and the avowed enemy of anything that creeps or crawls regardless of size or poison fang. A native of our own south, the king snake is between five and eight feet long and no thicker around than a man's thumb. Built in every muscle and bone for speed and tremendous constricting power, there is not another snake on earth that can withstand his assault. He is immune to the poison of the cobra and the rattler alike, and the strength of a thirty foot python has no terrors for him. Within five minutes from the opening of the fight the king snake could kill the biggest python that ever lived. Ferocious as the little constrictor is toward his own kind, toward man he is friendly and rarely tries to escape when met afield.—A. W. Roker in McClure's.

Modern Sun Worshipers.

In Europe several persons now sedulously pay homage to the sun, and in a learned journal, entitled L'Ecole Nouvelle, one of them maintains that the sun should be especially honored at Christmas.

"Christmas should be regarded as a festival for the benefit of humanity," he says. "In this way we can once more become united with the Aryans, our ancestors, who worshiped fire and so celebrated the birth of the divine constellation, who is the father of light, of heat and of life."

He then suggests that the following prayer be said daily:

"O thou who causest lies to vanish, who drivest away the evil influence of prodigies, of malignant predictions, of dreams and of wicked apparitions—O thou who bringest to naught the plots of the wicked, to thee we pray, Lord Sun, since thou art the light of the world."

An Orchid Tragedy.

Perhaps Madagascar has claimed more orchid hunters' lives and been the scene of more revolting acts of cruelty than any other place. Some years ago a German orchid fancier, while seeking some specimens in the forests of this island, was captured by some of the native priests, who, after covering him with oil, burned him alive. Another collector who was seized by some of the same priests was allowed to choose between being burned alive or himself setting fire to some fagots on which lay another prisoner, also an orchid collector, and thus saving his own life. He chose the latter alternative and died six months later a lunatic.

Antiquity of Wrestling.

Probably the first authentic record of a wrestling match is in A. D. 1222, when chivalry on the European continent was undergoing a change for the better. During the reign of Henry III, of England a match took place in St. Giles' field, London, between citizens of Westminster and the city of London proper. Wrestling was, however, popular as a pastime in England at a much earlier period, and from that country many of the different styles originated.

The Blunderer.

She—Of course, he bored me awfully, but I don't think I showed it. Every time I yawned I just hid it with my hand.

He (trying to be gallant)—Really, I don't see how a hand so small could—er—hide—er—that is—beastly weather we're having, isn't it?—Philadelphia Press.

Military Exercises.

N. Y. Guard—I suppose when you were in the army you often saw a picket fence?

G. A. R. Mann—Yes, but it was a more common sight to see a sentry box.

An Opinion.

Tourist—I'm afraid you're prejudiced against the bulls and bears.

Farmer—Mobbe so. Anyhow, I think there's more useful animals than they are.

It is a bad plan to throw stones even if you live in a house made of solid rock.—Acheson Globe.

Genius begins great works. Labor alone finishes them.—Joubert.

Summer Suits



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