

FAMOUS FEUDIST IS SHOT DOWN

EX-JUDGE JAMES HARGIS IS MURDERED BY HIS SON.

IN HIS STORE AT JACKSON.

The Author of a Long Series of Tragedies in Breathitt County, Kentucky, is Slain—The Story of His Career.

Jackson, Ky.—Ex-County Judge James Hargis, for years a member of the state democratic executive committee, accused of complicity in many killings and a prominent figure in the feuds which have disrupted Breathitt county for years, was shot and instantly killed in his store Thursday by his son, Beach Hargis.

The son fired five shots at his father, who fell dead while his clerks were waiting on customers. The exact cause of the murder has not been learned, but it is supposed to have been the result of differences which have existed between father and son for some time.

Young Hargis was arrested by Town Marshal Smith and Grover Blanton and placed in jail. He was raving like a maniac and the officers were compelled to drag him to jail.

Judge Hargis has been for years a prominent figure in Kentucky in political and criminal circles. He has figured in the courts in the mountains for years on account of the murders of Dr. Cox, Attorney Marcum and "Jim" Cockerill. Judge Hargis was the political leader of the democrats of the Tenth district and was the boss of Breathitt county. For years his sway was not opposed, but some years ago Mr. Marcum had the temerity to oppose Hargis in a law case. From that date Marcum was a marked man.

Hargis had been on trial at various times for complicity in the murder of James B. Marcum, Jim Cockerill and Dr. Cox, but had secured an acquittal on all the charges. He was recently forced to pay a judgment of \$8,000 to Mrs. Marcum in connection with the death of her husband, a verdict having been found against him in the circuit court at Winchester.

The Hargis-Cockerill feud, out of which grew the innumerable tragedies with which Judge Hargis' name is linked, had its inception in a political contest. The Hargis family had long been dominant in Breathitt county, where they conducted a general store and were engaged in the lumber business. The brothers, James, Alex, and Elbert, were good business men and accumulated what, in the mountains, is a great fortune.

The trouble with the Cockerills arose when the Cockerills opposed the Hargises at the polls. Feeling was bitter, when one day Benjamin Hargis, a younger brother of Judge James Hargis, met one of the Cockerill boys in a "blind tiger" near Jackson. There was a gun play and Cockerill killed Benjamin Hargis.

TWO SETS OF DELEGATES.

They Will Be Sent by Florida Republicans to the National Convention.

St. Augustine, Fla.—Florida republicans stand conspicuously in the limelight as being the first to hold their convention to select delegates to the national convention, and it is said here that the exciting scenes enacted Thursday are a forecast of similar scenes in other southern states, caused by the efforts being made by the anti-Roosevelt republicans for control in the national convention. The convention here was one of the most remarkable in some respects ever held by any political party. It was really two conventions held at the same time in the same hall. The progress of business was frequently interrupted by knock-down and drag-out fights.

The officeholders' faction was called to order by the chairman of the state committee and they proclaimed themselves as the regulars. Resolutions were adopted endorsing William H. Taft for the presidency. On the other side of the hall the contesting convention chose delegates untrammelled by instructions, positive assurance being given by Joseph N. Stepling, who led the movement, that despite the fact that they were branded as bolters by the other convention, the delegates they named would be seated in the national convention.

The anti-Taft convention adopted resolutions condemning the attempts to control by means of federal patronage through government officeholders the selection of delegates to the national convention in the interest of any presidential candidate.

A dozen policemen were on duty in the hall and were frequently called upon to eject unruly delegates. Nineteen of the men in both conventions were negroes.

Congress.

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FROM NEW YORK TO PARIS

AN AUTOMOBILE RACE WILL BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 12.

Americans, Germans, Frenchmen and Italians Are Entered in the Proposed Contest.

New York City.—The first of the New York, Feb. 8.—The first of the foreign teams scheduled to start in the New York to Paris automobile race on Wednesday next arrived Friday on the steamship Kaiserin Augusta Victoria and its members were met at the pier by a group of enthusiasts and officials connected with the contest. The team is to represent Germany in the daring enterprise and is composed of Lieut. Koeppen, of the Fifteenth infantry, imperial army, and Engineer Hans Knappe, also of the German army. Four French teams and one from Italy are on board the steamer La Lorraine, which will dock today. With their arrival the last details of the contest will be decided upon. Four American cars have been entered.

The route lies across the American continent to San Francisco, where the machines will be transported by steamer to Seattle and thence to Valdez, Alaska. Debarking at Valdez, the racers will set out over the snow-packed roads and ice-covered rivers of Alaska for a 1,100-mile trip to Nome. At Nome it will be necessary to ship on another steamer across the straits to East Cape, Siberia, where a stretch of 11,350 miles faces the drivers. Altogether the journey will amount to about 20,000 miles, nearly 18,000 being made in the machines.

The contestants will be accompanied from New York by a great cavalcade of automobiles and at various points along the route across the United States local drivers will act as pilots and escorts. Leaving New York the automobilists will pass through Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Erie, Cleveland, Toledo, Chicago, Council Bluffs, Omaha, Cheyenne, Green River, Ogden, Winnemucca, Reno, Goldfield, Santa Barbara and San Jose, the southern detour from Reno being made necessary by the impassability of the Sierras at this time of the year.

TO MANAGE TAFT'S CAMPAIGN.

First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock Will Resign His Office.

Washington, D. C.—Announcement was made Friday of the approaching retirement from the postal service of Frank H. Hitchcock, first assistant postmaster general. Mr. Hitchcock will assume the active management of the campaign of Secretary Taft for the republican nomination for the presidency. The exact date for the retirement has not been determined, but it probably will be about February 15.

Mr. Hitchcock will be succeeded as first assistant postmaster general by Dr. Charles P. Grandfield, who, for a little more than two years, has been chief clerk of the bureau over which Mr. Hitchcock presides. Dr. Grandfield has been actively identified with the postal service for 29 years.

Several weeks ago Mr. Hitchcock was requested by Secretary Taft to undertake the management of his campaign. The secretary desired to enlist his services, not only because he is widely known and has had valuable experience in campaign work, but because he felt the necessity of having a man in charge to whom he could refer questions that were arising constantly and to which he was unable to devote the time they seemed to demand.

THE NATIONAL LAWMAKERS.

Proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Washington.—On the 5th Mr. Beveridge made a speech in the senate in favor of his bill providing for a non-partisan tariff commission. The day in the house was devoted to speeches on tariff revision and the president's recent message to congress.

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BUSINESS BULLETIN.

The Few Changes Noted in the Situation Are in the Right Direction.

New York City.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Little change appears in the commercial situation, but progress is in the right direction in so far as any difference can be discerned. Recent gains are maintained in almost every instance, and a few further encouraging symptoms appear; notably the smaller decreases in railway earnings and larger forces at work in leading industries.

The iron and steel industry is in 2 better position than a week ago, although new contracts are placed with much caution and each order is the subject of extensive negotiations.

City Will Give Work to Idle Men. Pittsburgh, Pa.—The city government has completed plans for furnishing work to the unemployed and next Monday 3,200 men will go to work on half time. There are 35,000 men out of employment and 9,000 of this number have taken out civil service application blanks, wanting to work for the city.

Three Men Killed by a Train. Erie, Pa.—Three foreigners unused to gas were asphyxiated Wednesday night at their boarding house in this city.

Picked Up in Pennsylvania

WOMEN WERE PRESENT.

Man's Politeness Prevents Shedding His Burning Trousers.

Beaver.—His trousers afire, but too polite to remove them in the presence of feminine spectators, Frank Shell-drake, employed in a meat-shop here, faced an embarrassing situation recently. Leaving the cold shop he had entered living rooms in the same building and stood in front of an open grate with his back to the fire. Enjoying the warm glow, he was ignorant that his apron strings had ignited, setting fire first to his trousers, then to the tail of his coat. Finally discovering the situation, Shell-drake tore off his apron and coat, but had to stop there because there were women in the room.

They tried to help him, but didn't do much good. With the fire eating into his flesh, Shell-drake finally made a dash for an adjoining room, where he rid himself of the corduroy "pants" he was wearing for the first time.

Aside from blisters, Shell-drake was uninjured, although he is not able to sit down.

A Doubly Fatal Collision.

Pittsburg.—Fourteen passengers on a Homestead, Braddock & East Pittsburg street car were seriously cut and bruised Tuesday when the car was struck by a Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston railroad passenger train at the Sixth avenue crossing in Homestead. The car was thrown some distance and two persons were fatally injured. They are Miss Mary Gelak and Miss Kate Early. The 12 other passengers were badly cut by glass and trampled in the panic which followed the collision.

Wants Decision Changed.

Uniontown.—Mine Inspectors W. J. Neilson, D. R. Blower and Henry Louthitt have filed a petition here to have the court strike off the appeal of the Pittsburg Coal Co. from the decision of the several mine inspectors filed recently. It is held that the appeal is based on the fourteenth section of the 1893 act of assembly, and does not apply. The inspectors also say that if upon notice the dangerous condition is not removed the remedy is by injunction.

Fight Liquor Licenses.

Butler.—The Butler Ministerial association has opened the fight against granting liquor licenses in Butler county by employing William H. Marcum as attorney. Remonstrances are being prepared against granting wholesale licenses, and when license court opens it is expected to have 10,000 signatures against the wholesale privilege, which it has been denied by Judge James M. Galbreath for four years.

Unemployed Men Stormed City Hall.

Pittsburg.—With immediate work for only about 3,000 men in sight, the city hall was stormed on Wednesday by the "unemployed" and 6,000 application blanks were issued by the civil service commission. The relief measures provided by the ordinance appropriating \$220,000 for public improvement in order to employ the idle men appear inadequate, but much good will result, notwithstanding.

Railroad Builder Dead.

Lansville.—Victor H. McCord died recently. He spent several years building railroads in South America, and was convicted of conspiracy against the government of Peru. He was sentenced to be shot, but the United States government interfered. He sued the Peruvian government and received \$40,000 damages. He was 67 years old.

Awarded Contract.

Chester.—The report of the Scout Cruiser Chester committee, which was adopted by city councils, awards the contract for furnishing the silver service to be presented to the warship here on June 15 to Tiffany & Co., of New York. It will include a punch bowl, tray and ladle, at a cost of \$2,000. There were five bidders.

To Satisfy Creditor.

Lebanon.—To satisfy an execution for \$800 Sheriff Gerhart will, on February 29, sell the property of the Reformed Methodist church in North Lebanon township. The execution creditor is George H. Krall, executor of the estate of the late Carolus Runkel, of this city.

Claims He is Heir to Fortune.

York.—W. B. Hoyt, serving six months in jail for false pretense, declares that he is heir to a fortune of \$100,000. He says he is a brother of the late Charles Hoyt, the playwright, and that the fortune was left by his father to be divided by them. He has two more months to serve.

Baptized in Icy Water.

Norristown.—With the thermometer registering 12 degrees below freezing and a cutting wind from the northwest, two girl converts to the Mennonite Brethren in Christ were baptized in the icy creek at Hatfield.

Dynamiters Caused Much Damage.

Greensburg.—A dynamite bomb was exploded on Wednesday under the store of Samuel Letsovic, at Export, near here, demolishing the building and causing a fire which damaged adjoining property to the extent of \$16,000. Recently Letsovic received threatening letters from a Black Hand society.

Typhoid Epidemic Cost \$121,000.

Pittsburg.—According to an average established by investigations, typhoid fever cost Greater Pittsburg the enormous sum of \$721,436 for the year ending June, 1907.

Many Candidates for Congress.

Kittanning.—The most surprising contribution to the Pennsylvania congressional situation, generally speaking, is the announced candidacy of Representative Samuel B. Cochran, of Armstrong county, who thinks he would like to represent the Twenty-seventh district, composed of Armstrong, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson counties. Major Joseph G. Beale, also of Armstrong, is now serving his first term as the representative of the Twenty-seventh district. He is a candidate for re-election; so is W. O. Smith, whom Beale succeeded. J. H. Langham, of Indiana, and George F. Arnold, of Clarion county, will also contest for the nomination.

Suggests that it be Left to Vote.

Philadelphia.—Because of opposition to placing a statue of the late Senator Quay in the rotunda of the new capitol at Harrisburg, David H. Lane, of this city, chairman of the republican city committee, has suggested that the question be put to a vote of the people of the state. The legislature appropriated \$20,000 for the erection of a statue of the late senator in Capitol park, Harrisburg, and there has been more or less criticism of the action of the legislature. Mr. Lane was appointed a member of the commission to carry out the action of the legislature. He wants the statue erected in the capitol rotunda.

Chicken Thief Was Murdered.

Pottsville.—Isaac Bevan, of Shendoan, Pa., was found on Thursday riddled with bullets from two revolvers which his pursuer, Anthony Sinkiewicz, emptied into his body as he lay helpless in a snow bank. Twelve shots took effect. Sinkiewicz had been annoyed by chicken thieves and fixed up a burglar alarm. He was awakened by this alarm and he and a boarder at his home gave chase to the intruder. The chase continued for more than a mile, when Bevan dropped from exhaustion and was shot to death. Seven chickens were found in a bag which he carried. Sinkiewicz has been formally charged with murder.

Pickpockets Sent to Jail.

Reading.—John McCay and William Roth, giving Philadelphia as their home, were sent to jail recently by Mayor Gerber as suspicious characters. It is alleged that they are pickpockets, who have been following William Jennings Bryan. Albert Thalheimer, a manufacturer, who had a \$300 diamond stolen, appeared against them. Detective Tate arrived from Philadelphia and declared that McCay was one of the greatest diamond crooks in the country. He said that the prisoner had just finished a three-year term in the Eastern penitentiary. Roth, he said, was a member of the same gang.

An Order for 55,000 Tons of Rails.

Philadelphia.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Co. on Thursday placed orders with steel manufacturers for 55,000 tons of rails to be delivered during 1908. These rails will be rolled under entirely new specifications. Most important of these is the placing more upon the manufacturer the responsibility for the character of the rail produced. Considerable latitude is to be allowed in the methods of manufacture so long as the result is a sound rail.

Will Develop Rich Territory.

Pittsburg.—The completion of the Pittsburg, Harmony, Butler & New Castle railway this spring is expected to have more than usual bearing on the development of the rich and populous territory through which this road passes, and already it has been responsible for the promotion of an additional line between Beaver and New Castle Junction, which will give fast service between these two points and Pittsburg.

Sheriff Seized a Bank.

Philadelphia.—Following the disappearance of Giovanni Bersani, of the Banca Provinciale Romana, in the Italian settlement, the contents of the bank were on Wednesday seized by the sheriff on a note of Daniel Sassi, a patron. The bank has about 1,000 depositors who clamored for their money and hung about the offices threatening vengeance upon the heads of the Bersani brothers, who ran the institution.

Found Frozen by Grave.

Pottsville.—W. W. Williams was found frozen to death by the grave of his father by adoption. He had not been seen in this vicinity for five years. Williams left Cressona five years ago after separation from his wife and their three children. His adopted father was his wife's father. Mrs. Williams and her children live in Reading.

Murdered His Friend.

Sharon.—Because he was jealous of his wife, John Miller shot and killed Gable Moard, his friend, Monday night. The men had been drinking, became involved in a quarrel over Mrs. Miller and Moard was ordered to leave. He refused to go and Miller shot. Miller was arrested.

Train Wreckers at Work.

Pottsville.—At the inquest into the death of Grant Siegried, the Pennsylvania railroad engineer who was killed on Monday when his engine plunged over an embankment at Frankville, it was developed Wednesday that the accident was the result of a deliberate attempt to wreck the train.

Cold Weather Caused Suffering.

Philadelphia.—Reports from points in eastern and central Pennsylvania tell of much suffering because of the extreme cold. Wednesday was one of the coldest days in many years.

All Tastes Satisfied.

New Clerk—I notice some of these barrels of apples are marked X and some Z. Are they different kinds? Dealer—No; same kind, but differently packed. Some customers want a barrel opened at the bottom and some at the top.—N. Y. Weekly.

AMBIGUOUS.



She—Who's your fair friend? He—I really forget her name, only a bare acquaintance.

She—Hardly that. She had her opera cloak on.

Mother Goose a la Newport.

Little Miss Muffet Sat on a tuffet Playing "bridge whist" all night; But a society shark Found she was a mark— And won all her cash ere 'twas light.—Chicago Daily News.

The Little Brother Again.

Bobby—My sister will be down in a few minutes. Mr. Softly, she's upstairs rehearsing.

Mr. Softly (who has come prepared)—W—what is she rehearsing, Bobby?

Bobby—I don't know, exactly, but she's standing in front of the mirror, and blushing and saying: "Oh, Mr. Softly—or—this is so sudden."—Royal Magazine.

No Cause for Complaint.

Irate Customer—See here, I've worn these new trousers only a week and they already bag at the knees.

Dealer—Yah, dot was recht. Dose are our new patent pious pants vot makes peoples dink our customers go to church dree dimes effry day.—N. Y. Weekly.

Deduction.

Bobby—Sister's got a beau, all right!

Tommy—What makes you think so? Bobby—She used to say: "Bobby, see who's calling," when the 'phone rang. Now she runs to it herself, instead of telling me.—Cleveland Leader.

Changed.

Mr. Dun—But, my dear fellow, this account has been running seven years.

Scientific Debtor—That's right, old man. But you know every atom of a man's system changes in seven years. I am not the man who bought the goods.—Royal Magazine.

An Advantage.

Patience—Don't you like that opera? Patrice—No, I don't. There's too much soft, low music in it to suit me.

"That's the reason I like it. It doesn't interfere with the conversation."—Yonkers Statesman.

Sunk.

Wall—What business are you in now?

Broad—I'm a stock broker.

Wall—They say that there's a good deal of money in that business.

Broad—Well, there's a good deal of my money!

Pessimistic View.

"Life," remarked the optimist, "is made up of sunshine and shadow."

"Yes," rejoined the pessimist, "but the trouble is there are about nine shadows to one sunshine."—Chicago Daily News.

The Medic's Suggestion.

Mr. Hittenup—What shall I take, doctor, to remove this redness of my nose?

Physician—Take nothing for several months.

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