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Iowa reports an immense corn crop.

Don Cameron for President, is still agitated in some quarters. The boom is a little one yet.

Twenty thousand children met in Hyde Park, London, to celebrate Victoria's 50 years reign. The Queen has many children, but, of course, these youngsters were not all her own.

The Board of Pardons recommended the commutation of the death sentence to that of imprisonment for life in the case of William J. McMeen, the Juniata county wife poisoner.

If the Democracy of the state want to do themselves credit by nominating sound legal talent for Supreme Judge, let them rest their eyes on ex-Judge John H. Orvis, of the Centre county bar.

Jefferson Davis agrees with the republican editors that the battle flags ought not to be returned. It is singular that Jefferson Davis and the republican editors are nearly always of the same mind.

The Republican county chairman of Somerset county is behind the bars for violation of the election laws, and the last call for a meeting of the Republican county committee was issued from the Somerset jail.

The way of the transgressor and boodler is hard. Jake Sharp tottered into court on Monday morning looking wretched and worn.

The reason for this was that he passed a terrible night, not even getting as much as his lot Saturday night. Mrs. Sharp, who had been privileged to remain with him, had not rested one moment during the night.

The death of James Speed removes the last survivor of President Lincoln's Cabinet. He had lived beyond the usual limit of man's life, having entered upon his 76th year. A Republican in the days when it required courage and an unlimited capacity for self-sacrifice to be a Republican in Kentucky, General Speed found himself unable to support Mr. Blaine in 1884. His entire career was an honorable one and he was with out question a man of large ability and high legal attainments.

The tax on watches, pleasure carriages and furniture is, after all, to be collected this year. The legislature at the recent session repealed the law which imposed this tax and the attorney general a short time ago gave an opinion that it was not collectible this year, although assessed. The state board of revenue commissioners which consists of the state treasurer, auditor general and secretary of the commonwealth, has just decided that the repealed law is still operative, and that the new act will not go into effect until next year. If that position is tenable it is said the state will receive about \$120,000 this year, which it was supposed would be kept in the pockets of the taxpayers.

The New York hotel keepers have won a victory in the decision of the supreme court. They may lawfully serve guests with liquor at meals on Sunday. The court construes the word "entertain," in the license law as covering the case, and that the prohibition of Sunday sales was aimed at bar drinking. The decision is held also to apply to restaurants furnishing meals. A meal is a very indefinite phrase. It may mean a five dollar spread or a cracker, piece of cheese or a pickle. The case now goes to the court of appeals for final decision, but in the meantime the hotels and restaurants will "entertain" their guests.

Something should be done to protect the veterans of the "Philadelphia Brigade" from the wrath of the Republican political-capital manufacturers. These benighted men have invited the survivors of Pickett's Division of Confederates to be their guests at Gettysburg next month, and actually propose on the occasion to return the tattered flags captured by them from the latter at the great battle fought there. The President has been written to learn if the flags can be procured for the purpose by the men who won them. These old soldiers evidently have not heard from the Tribune or Gen. Fairchild nor seen the war dance of Murat Halstead. They still labor under the belief that they fought to save the Union rather than to sustain a post-bellum generation of would-be Republican puppets. Are the veterans to be paralyzed, or are they to be permitted to give back the flags they ask for? We wait to see. There is danger, though, that if the matter is left to the soldiers the flags after a while will be similarly disposed of, and then what will become of the country?

MINERS AND KNIGHTS FALL OUT.

The Executive Board of the National Federation of Miners and Mine Laborers, has issued a circular to the miners of the United States, in which some very hot shot is fired at the Knights of Labor. The circular explains the failure of the miners of Southern Illinois who belong to the Knights of Labor to demand a scale of prices as agreed upon in a joint convention held last February. The Executive Board state that the National District Assembly, No. 135, of the Knights of Labor has for its chief aim the antagonizing, and, if possible, defeating of the Federation. They charge its officers with being men devoid of principle and dangerous to trust. The assembly is pronounced rotten from the centre to circumference, and can hope for no further support or recognition from the Federation.

The circular is important, as heretofore the Knights and National Federation of Miners have been on very friendly terms and worked smoothly together. Every member of the Executive Board of the Federation who signed this circular is a member of the Knights of Labor and has been for years.

MORAL COWARDICE.

The world is full of cowards of all kinds and there is no important movement looking to the world's progress in which their influence is not felt.

A coward never thinks for himself, but is entirely dependent upon the opinions of others. He never predicates his actions upon what is right, but upon that which he considers to be popular or politic.

There is the social coward, the most politic of all, who is willing to disobey God's own law that he may conform to the, to his thinking, more important dicta of society. He is willing to stifle the most kindly and charitable dictates of his heart, to withhold the helping hand or the word of cheer where sorrow or misfortune has fallen heavily, if, thereby he may win the plaudits or escape the sneers of the world.

But the most despicable of all cowards is the political coward. He never acts at all if he can help it. If in a public position with others associated with him, whenever action is demanded he will wait for some one else to take the lead, and if his colleagues, as very frequently is the case, are cowards also, the situation becomes extremely interesting especially to the public to whom prompt action may be of the greatest importance.

The most audacious and wicked combination in the history of grain speculation was the recent corner in wheat engineered by E. I. Harper, of Cincinnati. Conceived in the brain of a reckless and unprincipled operator, who did not hesitate to rob and wreck the bank of which he was Vice-president in order to obtain the funds with which to carry out his scheme, the wheat corner resulted in the ruin and disgrace of its originator and his associates and broker, and gave a blow to the grain trade of Chicago from the effects of which it will be long before it recovers. That the combination failed was because its head was so unscrupulous as to lose all sense of fear or caution, and because his principal agents were stupid and inexperienced in grain speculation. It failed also because it has become almost if not quite impossible to carry on a successful corner in wheat. The history of this remarkable deal in wheat has never been fully written.

But first it should be said that a "corner," though a crime against the community, is no worse than a "raid." The one is a device to increase artificially the value of a commodity and the other is directed to depress the real value. One is as bad as the other. One makes the consumer pay more for his wheat than it is really worth and the other makes the producer or holder sell for less than the honest value. Both are detrimental to honest trade.

The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in session at Chicago, has added its voice to the protest against Anarchism, Socialism and all kindred heresies being allowed to obtain a foothold in the United States, and also against trades unions, and declaring that the religious, social, political and property rights of citizens must be protected against all assaults by whomsoever made. All members of the church are warned against joining or in any wise supporting such association.

A letter from Naperville, Ill., says: Never before, to the knowledge of the oldest residents, have prospects for crops of all kinds in this vicinity been so bad as now, owing to the severe draught prevailing. No rain has fallen in this (Dupage) county for months and the dairy interest is suffering greatly. Pastures are drying up, and for fodder many farmers are cutting down their oats, already headed out and only about ten inches high. Hay will not average one-fourth of a crop. The fruit crop is about a total failure.

HAIL-STONES THAT STOPPED A TRAIN.

The north-bound Missouri Pacific train for Kansas City on 27, was caught in a terrific hail-storm near Yalto Centre, Kan., and all the glass on one side of the train was demolished. The engineer stopped the train and sought safety under the engine. Large dents were made in the sides of the cars and the Pullman plate-glass windows were riddled. The stones were as large as hen's eggs and covered the ground to a depth of fourteen inches, utterly destroying the corn crop of a section in Wilson county two and a half miles wide. Lightning tore both ends of a house to pieces, but did not harm a child less than three feet away. It took the entire roof off another house.

A MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

Chicago, June 26.—Early this morning one of the employes of the Chicago Packing and Provision Company discovered fire in the tanks room. In a few minutes one of the tanks exploded, scattering burning lard over the adjacent buildings, and dozens of separate fires were soon burning. The destruction of the immense establishment was nearly complete, though the fire was under control this evening, four and one-half hours after it started. The embers are still smouldering. Loss, \$1,200,000. Six hundred hogs were burned.

BERKS COUNTY OFFICIALS INDICTED.

The Berks county grand jury, which has been investigating charges of frauds against the tax collectors, returned indictments to-day against eleven collectors, all prominent citizens, for misappropriating funds, ranging in amounts from \$500 to \$10,000, and aggregating \$30,000. It is thought that about thirty others will also be indicted.

The following act was approved May 19, 1887: That the minimum school term shall be six months, and after the close of the school year ending on the first Monday in June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, school directors and controllers shall keep the schools of their respective districts in operation at least six months each year. Provided, That the length of the annual term may remain as at present in districts where the maximum amount of tax allowed by law to be levied for school purposes shall be found insufficient to keep the schools open a greater length of time.

Jake Sharp who is now being tried in New York as a boodler, when arrested was about getting ready to figure in a 4th of July celebration, to cover up his tracks and let on he was an innocent chap. To hide ones wicked doings by figuring in a 4th of July celebration is a new dodge.

Another of the Chicago boodlers has turned traitor to his fellows, and as a witness for the state will tell all he knows about the rascality. As he was in all the jobs some astonishing disclosures are expected, and the states Attorney believes he will be able to astonish people by the immensity of the frauds that will be uncovered. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were boldly stolen from the taxpayers, and nearly all the county officials received part of the plunder. They could not work out the sum they stole if they were all sentenced for life and lived to be as old as Methuselah, but the state should endeavor to get all the service out of them that is possible.

It is evident the Rowan county feud will never be ended until the last remnant of the Tolliver family has been wiped out. The surviving male members of the family are recruiting an army of desperadoes with which to avenge the death of their distinguished relative, Judge Craig Tolliver, their programme being to murder all his enemies and sack and burn the town of Morehead. With warning of the intention of these outlaws, Governor Knott will show lack of grit as well as of judgement if he is not ready for them when they march out to battle. Let it be made a war of extermination against them, in order that peace and good order may be secured throughout Kentucky.

MARSHFIELD, WIS. DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Milwaukee, June 27.—Fire almost swept the town of Marshfield out of existence this afternoon, and two thousand people are homeless. The loss is not less than \$1,000,000. A locomotive spark started a blaze at noon in the lumber yard of the Upham Furniture Factory and it rapidly developed into a roaring fire that spread toward the town. Insufficient fire protection facilities prevented any resistance to the flames, and several flourishing factories, the business blocks along the main street and adjoining residences were wrapped in flames. The people gathered such household effects as they could and fled to the woods.

THE FEELING UNABATED.

REV. S. Y. HAYS ON THE ACTION OF THE PARDON BOARD IN THE MCMEEEN CASE.
Millintown, Pa., June 27.—Public indignation over the action of the board of pardon in commuting the death sentence of Murderer McMeen, is not decreasing, but instead the entire Juniata Valley, press, pulpit and citizens, have denounced the unjust action of the board. Rev. S. Y. Hays, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church in his address yesterday to young men, took occasion to refer to McMeen's past and present life as a warning to all young people. He said that retributive justice would surely follow to those who were responsible for this defect of justice. His remarks were received and are the sentiments of the entire community with one or two exceptions. The people are very indignant at this unjust and unreasonable action of the board, and believe that if a murderer were fairly tried, McMeen was. The verdict of the jury and the decision of Judge Barnett and the supreme court were manly and right laws rulings, such as are calculated to give confidence in and respect to the laws of the land. But the board of pardons have ignored the evidence, the rulings of the learned judges, the verdict of the jury and the sentiments of the community. Governor Beaver should veto the recommendation of the board of pardons.

SHARP NEARING THE END.

New York, June 28.—The *Mail and Express* in an extra 7 p. m. edition says: It is believed that Jake Sharp is dying. His physicians and lawyers say his condition is very critical. His defence ended in a fiasco this afternoon. Every one was surprised at the sudden turn in affairs. At the beginning of the trial it was Sharp's expressed determination to take the stand in his own behalf and had prepared statements and other matter to take the jury. His counsel were horrified to-day when they informed him that he was to be called, and discovered that he was a physical wreck, and even mentally was not in fit condition to be a witness. It is the opinion of Sharp's physicians that he cannot live longer than ten days or two weeks. The slightest excitement will cause death, owing to the condition of his heart.

Harper and Hopkins, the officials of the bursted Cincinnati Fidelity Bank, are still in jail, unable to secure new bondsmen. That's the proper place for bank scamps and swindlers—they are getting to plenty, and Canada is overrun with escaped ones from this county.

Uncle Samuel, who is the keeper of the big American eagle, says the bird will not eat oats. Don't let this deter any one from celebrating the eagle on the 4th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER.

We are authorized to announce that John D. Decker, of Potter township, is a candidate for commissioner, subject to Democratic usages.

TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce that J. F. Krebs of Pine Grove Mills, is a candidate for Treasurer, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that Joshua T. Potter, of North precinct Potter, is a candidate for Treasurer, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that James Kimpport, of Harris township, is a candidate for Treasurer, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that George W. Spangler, of south precinct Potter, is a candidate for Treasurer, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that Joseph Smith, of Penn Hall, is a candidate for Treasurer, subject to Democratic usages.

SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce that Oscar Hill, of Burdette township, is a candidate for sheriff, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that Joseph L. Neff, of Boggs township is a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that Joseph H. Hoar, of Marion, is a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that J. Adam Hase, of Spring township, is a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that J. P. Condon, of Pine Mills, is a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that John Q. Miles, of Martha Furnace, is a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that W. A. Isher, of Bender township, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages.

COMMISSIONER.

We are authorized to announce that Jacob Emerick, of Penn township, is a candidate for commissioner, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that A. J. Grist, of Fleming, is a candidate for Commissioner, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that J. C. Shope of Milsburg, is a candidate for Commissioner, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that John M. Furey, of Pleasant Gap, is a candidate for Commissioner, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that Michael S. Feldler, of Haines township, is a candidate for Commissioner, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that Joseph G. Ferguson, of Penn township, is a candidate for Commissioner, subject to Democratic usages.

RECORDER.

We are authorized to announce that John S. Gray, of Philadelphia, is a candidate for Recorder, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that A. Sternberg, of Bellefonte, is a candidate for Recorder, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that W. Geler Morrison, of Fort Matilda, is a candidate for Recorder, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that D. L. Zerby, of Millheim, is a candidate for Recorder, subject to Democratic usages.

REGISTER.

We are authorized to announce that John A. Rupp, of College township, is a candidate for Register, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that G. V. Bamberger, of Unionville, is a candidate for Register, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that W. J. Carlin, of Miles township, is a candidate for Register, subject to Democratic usages.

MOVING A LARGE BRIDGE.

The Operation Performed by Thirty-two Men in Eleven and One-half Minutes.
PHILADELPHIA, June 27.—Two thousand persons saw a wonderful achievement of engineering skill at Holmesburg junction, on the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad, yesterday. Thirty-two men moved a distance of fifty feet the iron bridge, weighing 160 tons, that spans the Pennypack, and they accomplished the great task in the remarkable time of eleven and one-half minutes. Some time ago the company decided to build a four-arched stone bridge in place of the iron structure over the big creek. The iron bridge had to be moved westward fifty feet that it might be used until the stone bridge is built and ready for service. The removal of the bridge had to be done between the running of fast trains. The men were placed in the big undertaking with the building of trestle approaches to both sides of the creek at the point where the iron bridge was to be placed. A carriage way was built for the bridge, and rails laid on which it was to slide, and "crabs," or windlasses, were placed in front of it, pouring oil over the greased rails. Superintendent Crawford and others held watches in their hands as the big iron structure moved smoothly toward the end of the trestle. At one time the eastern end began to lag, but it was only for a few moments, and soon the bridge slid over the rails, foot by foot to its new resting place without a mishap and in the brief period of 11½ minutes, while a mighty roar went up from the people.

The workmen on both sides of the creek then tore up and laid down frogs, switches and crossties and moved the rails to the new position. They soon had the tracks connected with the two new tracks on the bridge. A half hour after the bridge had been cut loose a heavy construction train was run over the structure, and at 12:19 the Philadelphia express dashed across it.

REVOLUTION IN FORTY-NINE.

Dunne Defeats Quinn and Succeeds to the Executive Power.

NEW YORK, June 27.—When district master workman James E. Quinn called district 49 to order yesterday at Stephens Fenimore institute he was met with an array of facts such as he had not laid on in many days.

His removal of George W. Dunne from the chairmanship of the committee on arbitration and strikes was the special order of business begun at midnight when business began and midnight was near at hand when the assembly closed. A leader of the anti-home club element arose, and addressed Master Workman Quinn, who sat pale and defiant. He launched out with an indictment against the home club in blistering language. He recited many acts of tyranny, its efforts to crush trades-unions and its persecution of men and organizations that honestly differed from it.

When he finished, delegate after delegate spoke, pouring oratorical shot and shell into the Home club's camp.

Quinn's friends attempted to reply, but they met with a poor job of it. Delegates upon their feet had almost depended got up and lashed the Home club of which he was a shining light. After considerable wrangling a vote was taken and the board of arbitration and strikes was abolished.

It was then voted to have an executive committee of five. George W. Dunne was elected chairman, John J. McKenna, J. P. Archibald, James Raleigh and M. J. Hallon are the others. This committee is to transact all business for the district as the assembly itself is not in session, and it is the controlling power. At session, it will be the controlling power with Dunne as chairman.

Canadians Threaten Retaliation.

NIAGARA FALLS, June 27.—The action of the United States authorities in taking the names of Canadians employed on the American side as they pass over the bridge causes great indignation here. The citizens thence that, if any bill compelling them to live there be put into effect, they will bring about measures to have the railways transact their business on the Canadian side.

Mistaken as a Burglar.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., June 28.—While acting as one of a vigilance committee to capture burglars who infest Blighland Falls, George Votosen, a young man residing in that place, was early yesterday morning shot twice by one of his companions who mistook him for a burglar. One ball entered the mouth, passed under the tongue and lodged in the back of the neck, another entering the fleshy part of the arm.

Discriminating Against Colored Men.

AUGUSTA, Ga., June 24.—Two colored men, father and son, from Boston, took seats in a first-class white car of the Georgia railroad fast train from Atlanta to Augusta. The conductor requested them to take seats in the car provided for colored people, which they refused to do until a show of force was made to eject them, when they took seats assigned them by the conductor.

A Switch Tender Causes a Wreck.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 25.—The New York express train on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad ran into an open siding near the depot here and collided with a freight train. The passengers were thrown about the cars with great force, though no one was injured. The accident was caused by the carelessness of a switch-tender.

She Cut Four Throats.

ENHURTON, June 26.—Mrs. Leckie, wife of a Presbyterian minister at Airth, near Grangemouth, county of Stirling, Scotland, in a fit of temporary insanity last night cut the throats of her three children and then her own.

NO LOOP-HOLE FOR JAKE SHARP

He is Now Treated as a Common Prisoner and no Latitude is Allowed.

NEW YORK, June 26.—The prosecution in the Sharp trial has nearly closed its case. Then the defense will start in and endeavor to demonstrate that Mr. Sharp is a much-misunderstood and much-maligned individual. Those who have familiarized themselves with the story as it has been unfolded, however, incline to the belief that nothing that the defense can present can overbalance the dead weight of testimony that has been dumped into the scales of justice. In none of the boodler trials that have heretofore taken place has there been anything like the positive evidence that has been brought forward against Sharp. There does not seem to be any opening large enough for him to crawl through. It would appear as though the only hope left to him were a Tweed-like escape from Ludlow street jail or the same undue influence has been brought to bear upon one of the jury-men. The first contingency has been looked of the men composing the jury would leave little hope in that direction, while the care with which they are guarded shuts out any approach to them, even though any one of them were approachable.

Before anything else was done in the Sharp trial yesterday morning the lawyers representing the people and those for the defense held a prolonged conference with Judge Barrett. It was evidently of an interesting nature. The lawyers indulged in many postulations and their utterances were earnest, though made in low tones. When it was over they all declined to say what had been the subject under consideration. At the stroke of 12, when an adjournment was taken, the conference was resumed. Sheriff Grant was brought into the room after a while, and then it became apparent that upon the result of the consultation depended how much comparative liberty Sharp should thereafter enjoy until the end of the trial.

Meanwhile Sharp sat at the table where he has sat for many weeks. His head was supported upon his hand, while his elbow rested on the table. He was evidently in a very dejected frame of mind. The deadly evidence that had been given against him on the two preceding days made it very clear that the chances even of a disagreement of the jury were very slim, while there was no hope at all of an acquittal.

When the confab was over what it was all about was announced. Sharp was to go back to Ludlow street jail, and he might consider himself very lucky that he did not have to go to the Tombs. There had been anxiety in the district attorney's office to state from what source the information had come, but he considered it of sufficient importance to justify Sharp's incarceration in the Tombs. He argued further that it was not wise to permit Sharp to ride to court in his own carriage, nor to allow his wife and daughter to remain with him at the Ludlow street jail. In support of this latter point he instanced the escape of Sharkey in women's attire.

Sharp's lawyers protested vigorously against any change in the arrangements then existing. Judge Barrett debated the question with the lawyers and Sheriff Grant for a considerable time. He finally decided to permit Sharp to remain in Ludlow street jail, but forbade his going to his home, and directed that his wife and daughter should no longer be permitted to stay at the jail.

Charges Against a Postmaster.
New Brunswick, June 27.—Ex-Postmaster E. Carson of this city will to-day make public charges against the present postmaster, William H. Price, of having tampered with his mail, by intentionally retaining it from May 5 until June 23, thus depriving him from answering communications from the post office during the first quarter of the current year, and thereby bringing him into disrepute with the department officials, besides depriving him of an amount due him from the department. Postmaster Price is out of town, and his answer to the charges cannot be learned.

In Jail for Challenging a Deacon.
COLUMBIA, S. C., June 24.—J. Harvey Neely, a wealthy farmer of Chester county who was recently acquitted of committing a criminal assault upon his six-year-old niece, is again in trouble. For his alleged crime deacon J. O. McMurray had appealed to the code, challenging McMurray to deadly combat. Neely went to the dueling ground with a shotgun, but instead of finding McMurray there he found the sheriff who arrested him, and he is now in jail awaiting trial for violating the statute against dueling.

A Society that Opposes Germany.
PARIS, June 26.—The recent meeting of the French patriotic league has led to the resignation of many members of that organization, including M. Metivier, one of the founders of the league and an intimate friend of Gambetta. Letters have been received from various branches of the league protesting against "throwing France at Boulanger's feet." The affair threatens to break up the league. The leader of a fashionable Hungarian band has been arrested on suspicion of being a Prussian spy.

To Erect a Statue of John McCullough.
NEWPORT, R. I., June 26.—The committee having charge of the erection of the McCullough monument at Philadelphia have changed their plans, and have written to Mr. Noble, the sculptor, who executed the bust of the actor, to at once arrange to execute a full portrait statue to take the place of the bust. Mr. Noble will complete the statue by adding to the bust already accepted by the committee.

Roark, the Robber, Convicted.
UTICA, June 26.—The jury in the express robbery case found Roark guilty of robbery in the first degree. He will be sentenced Thursday morning.