

THE NEWS.

J. C. Root was elected sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World for eight years at a salary of \$7,500. John Bigby, who was shot by the Palmetto, Ga., mob last Thursday, died at Atlanta, his death making the fifth victim.

The Illinois House of Representatives passed the Senate bill to prevent the introduction and spread in Illinois of the San Jose scale and other fruit insects.

Thomas Stubbfield, nephew of Circuit Judge Robbins, was shot and fatally wounded at Mayfield, Ky., by Joseph Hammonds, of Clarksville, Tenn., in a sudden quarrel.

A fast passenger train on the Erie Road jumped the track at Rittman, ten miles west of Akron, Ohio, killing Engineer Wallace Logan. Fireman Barney Ward and two passengers were injured.

Every employee of the Buffalo (N. Y.) Smelting Works, the local branch of the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company, received a bonus of ten per cent. of the wages earned during the past year in lieu of an increase in wages.

Maurice Chaney, who is wanted in New York, charged with operating a swindling game among the wholesale druggists of that city, was arrested in Chicago.

By the death of Mrs. Annette Hyde Colton, in Springfield, Mass., a bequest of \$25,000 becomes available to the town library of Stafford, Conn., the bequest having been made by her brother, Arby Hyde, formerly a prominent resident of that town.

Henry Miller, the old veteran at Montreal who sent threatening letters to President McKinley and others and was arrested at the request of the United States Consul General, has been examined by the police physicians and found to be insane.

The Buffalo express, on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, was derailed at North Wilkesbarre, Pa., by crashing into an engine which over-lapped a switch.

About 650 operatives in the Warren Cotton Mills, at Warren, R. I., stopped work on account of the dismissal of one of the employees.

Six hundred employees of the Fox Pressed Steel Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., have quit work because the firm has refused to grant an advance of 10 per cent. in their wages.

PUT TO DEATH.

Revenge for the Killing of a White Planter.

PLOTTERS RUN DOWN.

Leader of the Colored Men Tried to Start a Race War—He Murdered a White Man. Was Arrested and Lynched, and Then His Associates Were Caught by Aroused Citizens.

Texarkana, Ark., (Special).—Wild excitement prevails among the negroes of the Little River county, and seven negro men have been lynched by residents of that section.

The affair originated with the assassination of James A. Stockton, a planter, by "General" Duckett, a negro, last Friday. Duckett was lynched the day after Stockton's murder.

Among those who have fallen victims to the wrath of the whites are Edwin Goodwin, Daniel King, Joseph Jones, Benjamin Jones, Moses Jones, brothers, and another man whose name could not be obtained.

Joseph King and John Johnson was also taken in hand by mobs and whipped. They were afterward turned loose and have disappeared.

Stockton was murdered at his home, near Rocky Comfort, by Duckett last Saturday. The negro escaped at the time, but after remaining in hiding in the swamps until Tuesday he surrendered, saying he had nothing to eat since his flight.

When the negro was taken to the George plantation just before the start was made for Richmond, it seemed as if every man within ten miles knew of the capture. Before the officer and prisoner could get fairly started the whole county was aroused.

After the lynching it was learned that Duckett had frequently tried to get the negroes in the county to join him in a race war against the whites. A few hours after he killed Stockton he passed several negroes at a farm house, and it is said, told them he had killed one white man and if they would follow him he would kill more.

The Jones brothers were intimate with Duckett, and it was discovered that they were at the head of a scheme to avenge their comrade's death.

Plots that the followers of Duckett had concocted were unearthed, and when the revelation was made a band of men began their search for the principals. Friendly negroes, who had originally informed Stockton of Duckett's threat, knew the plans of the negro schemers, but had been warned under penalty of death, not to communicate them to the whites.

It was learned that 23 negroes were implicated in the plot, and the whites are now bent on meeting out summary punishment to all the conspirators. Seven have been killed, and the work of wiping out the entire list continues without relaxation. All implicated in the plot are known, and parties of white men, varying in number from 25 to 50, are scouring the country for them.

Wherever one was found he was quickly strung up and his body perforated with bullets. The work of dispatching the first two or three was an easy matter. But the news soon spread among the negroes, who, instead of making the resistance and offering their heads for the principal, became panic-stricken and began getting out of the community as quickly as possible.

Reducing Grades. The contracts have been let by the Receivers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, through General Manager Underwood, for the proposed improvements on the line between Wheeling and Pittsburgh.

In the trial of Frank Alasworth, at Carrolltown, Ill., who in an attempted hold-up of a night express train on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, shot and killed Engineer Fred Dempsey, the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and fixed the penalty at 45 years in the penitentiary.

In an altercation at Tampa, Capt. A. F. Beatty shot George R. Soot in the arm. The amputee is fast disappearing from Alexandria, Va., and the inspection of boats and cars between that city and Washington has been discontinued.

Rev. E. T. Wellford, of Newport News, Va., has received a fourth call to the Presbyterian Church, at Texarkana, Texas.

In Harbour county, W. Va., Frank M. Simon, who struck rich in Kiondike, was married to Miss Frances Simon, his fifteen-year-old cousin.

Reports to the West Virginia board of agriculture show that all crops were badly damaged by the cold weather in February. It is estimated 90 per cent. of the peaches were killed.

TO BURN A TOWN.

Rebels at Maliboo Threaten the Foreigners—A Revolt.

Manila, Philippine Islands, (By Cable).—Trouble has begun at Maliboo, the rebels imagining that the foreigners are plotting against them. Catabalogan has been fortified and the women have been removed.

General-Lukban threatens to burn the town before he will surrender. The condition of the foreigners is precarious, and there can be no immediate movement from Manila for their protection.

Advices from Cebu report everything quiet there, but say that a feeling of uneasiness prevails. The British gunboat, Plover, left Cebu on Monday for Manila to rescue O. R. Cogan, a British subject, who was a prisoner in the hands of the natives.

The Plover then went to Loyte, where Cogan was found, but a fight was narrowly averted getting him on board.

After getting Captain Cogan, commander of the Plover, offered to take three Spanish prisoners who were held by the natives, but the insurgents refused to give them up.

SCARE AT NEGROS. Native Tribe at Panay Threaten to Revolt—May Cause Trouble.

Iloilo, Panay Island. A scare is reported in the island of Negros.

Upward of 60 Spanish refugee planters have arrived at Iloilo, and state that a native tribe of 20,000 strong, living on the mountain slopes, 20 miles south of Iloilo, threaten to destroy the haciendas and crops.

There is no change in the situation here. The wounded men are recovering.

ADDRESS TO THE NATIVES. United States Commissioners' Has Been Made Public.

Manila, Philippine Islands, (By Cable).—The address to the natives of the Philippine Islands, drafted by the American Commission in behalf of the United States Government, and embodying the views of the President, has been made public.

It explains that the United States has assumed international obligations which it must fulfill, and which makes it responsible to the whole civilized world for the stable government of the Philippines.

The protection of the United States is not to be exercised in any spirit of tyranny or vengeance, but having destroyed the Spanish power and accepted the sovereignty of the islands, the United States is bound to restore peace in the Philippines.

The majority of the Commissioners incline toward giving the Filipinos a sort of tribal or provincial local autonomy under a central government which shall be military until a purely civil system is proved to be feasible.

NAVY HAS ANOTHER VESSEL. The Barcelona, One of the Spanish Gunboats, Has Been Saved.

Washington, D. C., (Special).—Another vessel has been added to the American navy in the shape of the gunboat Barcelona.

The Barcelona was one of the Spanish gunboats sunk at Guantanamo, Cuba. It is a useful type of vessel for patrol work and is about 50 per cent. larger than the gunboats Sandoval and Alvarado, now at the Washington navy yard.

The Barcelona is of steel, 114 feet long, 16 feet beam and 8 feet draft. Its displacement is 135 tons and with 220 horsepower it is able to make 10 knots an hour.

RIOTS IN HAVANA.

Many Persons Wounded in a Conflict With Police.

PEOPLE OPENED FIGHT.

Bad Feeling Between the Police and the People of Havana, Dating from Gomez Demonstration, Culminates in an Affray, During the Course of Which Thirty to Fifty Persons Were Wounded.

Havana, (By Cable).—A serious conflict between the police and people of Havana resulted in much shooting and clubbing. From thirty to fifty persons were wounded, some seriously.

Ever since the police interference about a week ago with the demonstration in honor of Gen. Maximo Gomez, the police have been unpopular with the populace, who jeer at them and declare them inefficient.

The police immediately notified headquarters, who ordered twenty reserves to the scene of trouble.

Public opinion respecting the police is conflicting. Some sustain them and others charge them with interfering with the rights of the people.

American troops were called to the scene when the trouble was over, and numerous arrests followed.

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NO APPOINTMENT FROM UTAH. Only One Senator From Utah Until the Next Legislature Meets.

Salt Lake, Utah, (Special).—Governor Wells has decided for the present, at least, not to appoint a United States Senator to succeed Senator Cannon, whose successor failed of election in the joint assembly, which closed its session in a deadlock March 9 last.

Cambon to Act for Spain. To Represent Spanish in Exchanging Ratifications of Treaty.

Washington, D. C., (Special).—M. Cambon, the French Ambassador, called at the Department of State and gave formal notice of the signature by the Queen of Spain of the peace treaty.

Recruits for Garrison Duty. Columbus, O., (Special).—An order for the organization of a new company at the United States barracks here is believed to mean that all posts in the United States will be garrisoned by recruits, while the regular infantry only is expected to be retained for duty in the West.

PERSONAL NATURE. Gen. Ewell Otis is always out of bed before reveille sounds.

Senator Jones, of Nevada, is said to be still one of the best rough riders in the State.

Senator Fairbanks has been presented with a Spanish sword, the gift of a soldier admirer, who captured it at San Juan.

Bishop Potter, of New York, has a dilapidated elevator, and generally walks upstairs in buildings where they are used.

SMOKELESS POWDER BLOWS UP.

Three Men Killed and a Number Injured at the Dupont Works.

Penn's Grove, N. J., (Special).—Over 3,000 pounds of smokeless powder exploded at the E. I. Dupont Powder Works, at Carey Point, near here, and opposite Wilmington, Del., instantly killing three workmen and injuring a number of others slightly.

The bodies of the dead were blackened and disfigured by the explosion. It has not been determined what caused the accident, which took place about 1 o'clock in one of the drying houses.

Immediately following the first explosion came several other distinct and noisy explosions in small storehouses. Both the drying house and the storehouses were demolished, and other small buildings about the works were damaged.

More Samoan Troubles. Germans Demand the Removal of the Chief Justice and the British Consul.

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DUG UP HIDDEN WEALTH. Farmer Found Money Buried in Old Shoes and Now He Is Arrested.

Terre Haute, Ind., (Special).—The police of this city have arrested Ream Ingram, a farmer here, on a peculiar charge.

Ingram was employed as the farm of George H. Frink, near Christian, Ill., and several days ago, while digging near his employer's barn, unearthed an old tomato can containing \$80.

CAPTURED BY HEAD HUNTERS. An American Said to Have Been Tortured in a Philippine Prison.

San Francisco, Cal., (Special).—A letter from Captain McQuesten, surgeon of the Twenty-eighth Infantry, now at Manila, tells of the release of A. B. Peters, an American photographer, who was captured and tortured by Filipinos.

CHATTANOOGA RAILWAY LEASED. Chattanooga, Tenn., (Special).—President S. W. Divine, of the Chattanooga Rapid Transit Company, has just returned from the East.

To Increase Southern Iron Output. Birmingham, Ala., (Special).—Because of unprecedented demand for Southern pig iron, furnace operators are preparing to increase the output of this district 30 per cent. within the next sixty days by blowing in seven furnaces now idle.

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VICTIMS OF FIRE.

Women Leap From a Blazing Lodge Room.

TWO OF THEM KILLED.

A Number of the Women Rush Through Smoke and Flame Down the Only Stairway—All of Them More or Less Burned—Explosion of a Gasoline Stove the Cause.

Omaha, Neb., (Special).—Comparatively insignificant in natural destruction, but appalling in its harvest of deaths and suffering, was a fire that partially destroyed the Patterson Block, at Seventeenth and Douglas streets.

Two of its victims have already passed away, one more is not expected to live, and about 25 others are suffering from broken limbs and burned and lacerated flesh.

The blaze started shortly after three o'clock. A group of women, busy with the affairs of the secret orders with which they were afflicted, were in a moment brought face to face with death.

They were unconscious of danger until a janitor threw open the door and told them to get out before the flames cut them off. The warning came too late.

Those nearest the door fled through the blinding smoke and reached the street with hands and faces burned and blistered. The rest faced a solid wall of flame.

In another instant the spectators attracted by the cloud of smoke were horrified to see one after another spring from the open windows and fall heavily to the pavement. No one arose. They were quickly carried into the office of a physician across the street.

As fast as dressings could be applied the victims were taken to the Clarkson Hospital. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Schabel died without recovering consciousness.

A PALACE OF SALT. Salt Lake City is to Have a Unique Edifice to Attract Visitors.

Salt Lake, Utah, (Special).—Something new in the way of palaces is to be erected in this city shortly.

Cities in a cold climate erect ice palaces, but Salt Lake intends to put up a salt palace. Millions of tons of salt rock are available.

Now it is an Oyster Trust. New Haven, Conn., (Special).—Under the laws of the State of New Jersey an organization is about to be formed with a capital of over \$5,000,000, which will control the oyster grounds on both sides of Long Island Sound, in New York and New Jersey bays.

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