THROUGH THE DISPATCH.

IN THE CLASSIFIED COLUMNS OF THE DISPATCH.

THREE CENTS.

FORTY SIXTH YEAR.

GLEAM OF HOPE

For the Anxious Ones Who Surround the Scene of the New York Horror.

NOTHING BUT DEAD BODIES

Yet Removed From the Ruin, and the Long List of the Missing Is Hourly Increasing.

MORE THAN A HUNDRED KILLED.

Hard to Make an Accurate Estimate, but Probable That the Total Will Exceed That Number by 50.

THE SLOW PROGRESS OF THE ITALIANS.

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NO LAW IN THE STATE THAT MEETS THE CASE

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. NEW YORK, Aug. 23.-The exact loss of life in the Park Place disaster of Saturday afternoon has not yet been ascertained According to the best information obtainlide it is extimated that the total number of solles had been recovered from the ruins. The list of known missing alone now numers more than a bundred.

The gangs of Italians employed on Saturlay night have been kept constantly at taken from the ruins up to midnight to-work removing the debris, but the ruin was no complete and the mass of bricks, beams that it is not likely that many of those reto complete and the mass of bricks, beams and iron was so tangled and iammed toetter, and so pinned down by the weight of ponderous printing presses that progress was slow and uncertain. The Italians worked under the supervision of the firemen. Two truck companies were kept at

A NEW DETAIL OF RESCUERS.

At 9 o'clock this morning the tired men who had worked all night were relieved by new detail. The men of 10 truck, who here such a conspicuous part in the hard ngla of Saturday, were again called upon this morning to resume the work of digging nway the wreck.

The ever-changing crowd which gathered muside the fire lines within five minutes Her the building fell has stood its ground er it has taken up its position, and until wreck is entirely cleared away and the he hady recovered the growd of watchers cill stand anxiously, curiously, idly outthe the fire lines, surging in now, and then

lew minutes and try it again. It is a finetuating crowd. As the night of Saturday were on those who had been vaiting, prompted only by that mysterious, marked enriosity which attracts people to the seene of disaster, grew tired and went nuny. They left only those tireless watchers who sat with cold fear gripping at their hearts, waiting for what the tearing aways of the rains might disclose.

ANXIOUS RELATIVES WAITING.

There were many of these waiting ones. The news of the awful disaster had been spread with all the speed ill news commends. From far and near the watchers had come. Some of them had relatives in the building when it fell. Others had friends who worked there. Still others had founds or relatives whose places of business were near the death trap, and who got their midday meal in the little restaurant.

Those who were permitted to go inside the fire lines stood or sat on the piles of brick and watched the slow Italians as they brick and watched the slow Italians as they went through the motions of working They formed in line from the edge of the to the piles of debris and passed from man to man a brick or two at a time. If some sympathetic onlooker volunteered to help without pay he was hus-

tled back outside the fire lines. One man who saw what little progress was making offered to bring in a hundred colunteers, who would work all night under the direction of the firemen and who would ask no pay or reward.

NO VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

"Put that man outside the lines," was the answer to his offer. Two or three gasoline lamps furnished light for the Italians to work by. And whenever a body was regovered, it was placed in its rude pine coffin and set down for a few minutes under one of the lamps, when those inside the lines gathered around the coffin and speculated tablishing co-operative stores in every to the identity of the body before it was taken away in the dead wagon. When gation at midnight last night, and reported morning dawned the crowd began to grow again, swelled by those who looked on simply from curiosity. All daylong people flocked into Park Place trying to get a

glimpse of the place. The buildings near the ruin served as observation points for their janitors and their The roofs were crowded all day long, and when rain began to fall late in the afternoon the watchers on the roofs were re-Instant to give up their vantage points.

NO ONE ALIVE THERE.

Early in the morning Inspector Williams anid he would not keep the men at work for Exchange. Secretary Sandusky's state another night. It was impossible, he ment shows that since January 1 the Allithought, to do anything for anyone under the rains, and it seemed a needless strain on the toilers to keep so constantly at work. When this word went around a growl of displeasure ran through the crowd.

There were men there who were waiting in Femalal suspense for the recovery of the bodies of loved ones.

There were women almost crazed with the ageny of waiting, and to think that the suspense was to be prolonged by a night of inactivity was terrible. Later in the day the inspector changed his mind and concluded to keep the men at work.

All day long inquiries kept coming to the men in charge about missing persons. It was meager information that the answers contained. Every time a body was recovered the questions were renewed, and if the girls have been attending, is in progress. the answers seemed to any of the ques-Kitty McCurdy, who was also thrown from tioners to indicate that the body was that of | the boat, was rescued.

a friend, off they went to the morgue, where he bodies were ranged for identification. AN EXPLOSION NOT PROBABLE.

The theory of an explosion is as improbable as the old theory is likely. It is said that there was a boiler in the basement of 68, but that part of the building was unoccupied. There was also a little receiving boiler in the basement occupied by Andrew Peter-son. Neither of these boilers could have caused the accident. Deputy Superintendent of the Department of the Inspection of Buildings McGinley said this afternoon that

it seemed most probable and plausible that the building had been overloaded. the building had been overloaded.

"It is unfortunate." he said, "that there is no law regarding the overloading of buildings. The Legislature has been asked to enact such a law, but it has not heeded the requests. The buildings department had requested the owners of buildings to post notices in the hallways of how much weight each floor would sustain. This was all the department could do, and as it has no authority to enforce compliance with its request it has naturally been very little heeded."

All estimates of the total loss of life must, in the nature of things, be for the present uncertain. They are based on reports which are comparatively accurate in the majority of the cases. But concerning one of the most important elements in the calculation, that is as to the number of persons in Petersen's restaurant, no definite intion could be obtained.

PIGURING UP THE MISSING.

It is known that there were at least 30 employes of Liebler & Moss who went down in the crash. Eight from the South Pub-lishing Company were caught. Six persons were killed in the street. In Rosenfeld's bronze powder factory were five girls and four other persons. The best information obtainable about Ellis & McDonald's place is that from 10 to 20 persons were lost. Both the members of the firm are among the miss-ing, and no absolute information can be had as to the number of their employes. It is learned that there were 14 employes in Petersen's restaurant. Three of them are believed to have escaped.

There the uncertain element comes in. The restaurant has a seating capacity of about 50. It is said that it was full, and that men were waiting for seats. But if it were but half full there would be in all 100 lives lost. So that with the best estimate which can now be made with any accuracy, silled would be considerably more than a it is probable that more than a hundred per-Up to midnight to-night 15 sons met their neath by the fall of the Taylor building. If Petersen's restaurant was full, probably the total loss of life will not fall short of 150.

In the list of missing there are more than a hundred names. Sixteen bodies had been ported missing will turn up alive. On this basis of figuring it seems certain that the death list when completed will be more-

POSSIBLY A MISTAKE.

AN ALIBI CLAIMED FOR THE COLUM-BUS GROVE SUSPECT.

The Man Carson Who Identified Him Charged With the Motive of Securing the Reward-Would-Be Lynchers Balked-Officers of the Law Robbed.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] LIMA, Aug. 23.-This city is excited tonight over the reports of another hold robbery in connection with the Columbus Grove affair and a reported lyching of young Roberts, the murderer. Investigation proves the robbery true, but as yet no lynching has occurred or likely. At 2 o'clock Deputy Sheriffs Miller and Reeder, of Putnam county, arrived here from Ottawa, intendto go to New Washi ncton by way o cyrus to take James Roberts, the Columbus Grove bank robber and murderer. The two officers at once took rooms at the Ar-lington Hotel, near the Fort Wayne depot. They arose at 7 o'clock this morning, and discovered their room had been entered and their pockets cleaned out, missing among other things a gold watch and \$50 in cash

and railroad tickets.

The people of Ottawa and Columbus Grove were out all night, and watching the depots early this morning, in the hopes of ing able to lay hands on Roberts. evening at least 2,500 people gathered at the depot at Ottawa, to meet the officers and prisoners, whom they expected on the 6 o'clock train, but again were they disappointed, the officers fearing to bring him back in the face of the enraced moh whereabouts of Roberts and the officers are unknown, but it is now supposed they will return in broad day to-morrow, or leave the night train near Ottawa and drive to the

The people are beginning to waver in their first announced intention of lynching Roberts, owing to the reports received that he was at home on the day the bank was robbed; that the father was sick in bed at the time, and the son acted as nurse. The old gentleman has already employed an attorney and will try to prove an alibi for his son. The father claims that Carson, the New Washington man, is no blood relation, The father claims that Carson, the and is working with a sinsster motive in trying to place the crime on young Roberts in order to secure the \$2,000 reward. Late to-night the excitement is cooling some-what in the several towns through which Roberts must pass on his way to jail, and should the affair be conducted quietly he will be landed safely behind the bars.

CO-OPERATIVE STORES

They Will Be Established in Every County to Kansas at Once.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) TOPERA, KAN., Aug. 23.-The committee appointed by the Alliance Commercial Convention to consider the scheme for escounty in this State completed its investi unanimously in favor of the plan. The re port is a voluminous affair, giving the de-tails of the scheme as outlined by the National Union Company of New York, and concludes with the statement to be sub-mitted at the Alliance State Convention, showing why the conditions in Kansas are more favorable for a test of a co-operative mercantile system than any other State in the Union. G. W. Sandusky, Secretary of the Alliance Exchanges, will be made general manager of the co-operative stores in

It is proposed to begin the establishment of these stores the first of the year, which is the close of the fiscal year for the Alliance ance Exchanges have done \$3,000,000 worth of business, which will, of course, be trans ferred to the co-operative stores. scheme, if successful, will result in driving many of the country merchants out of

TWO MAIDENS DROWNED.

Three Girls Upset From a Rowboat, but

One of Them Is Rescued. LANSING, MICH., Aug. 23,-By the overturning of a rowboat Pearl Scholy, 11 years old, and Ida Smith, aged 19 years, were drowned in Pine Lake, nine miles aortheast of here last evening.

The bodies of both girls were recovere rithin an hour and conveyed to Hazlett Park, a resort on the banks of the lake where the campmeeting of the State Spirit-ualist Association, which the families of

PITTSBURG, MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1891-TWELVE

Judge Lynch's Vengeance Follows Swift Upon a Hoosier Murder.

AN OFFICER IS ASSASSINATED.

He Arrests His Slaver After Receiving His Mortal Wounds.

THE JAIL IS ATTACKED SOON AFTER

SHELBYVILLE, IND., Aug. 23 .- Don Bruce, City Marshal, was shot and fatally wounded last night by Charley Hawkins, a desperado, who was lynched by a mob a few hours later. Hawkins was engaged in a quarrel, when Bruce came upon the scene and requested him to cease his disturbance. Hawkins then reached for his revolver, and with an oath fired three shots in succession at Bruce, each bullet taking effect. Hawkins fired twice more, but missed, and

started to run, with Bruce following. When about 150 feet from the place of the shooting Bruce caught Hawkins, placed him under arrest and immediately fell. He was taken to his residence. At 11 o'clock Bruce was vomiting blood and his case was con-

THE CAPTURE BY THE MOB.

At 12 o'clock last night a mob of 500 collected in the court house yard and proceeded to the jail without a word. The Sheriff demanded to know who was there. One of the mob impersonated a Deputy Marshal and said he had a prisoner. The Sheriff then opened the door, when 12 men entered the parlor and seized him by the throat. He was then tied hand and foot and a handkerchief was stuffed into his

One of the mob secured the keys of the iail and the barred doors were thrown open jail and the barred doors were thrown open and guards placed at the entrance to keep back the other prisoners. Hawkins was in a rear cell, and when the mob reached that portion of the jail he fell upon his face, placed his hands over his eyes and said: "Please let me pray." The committee did not wait but proceeded to tie his hands and feet and to adjust the rope about his neck.

In a moment six men came rushing out of

In a moment six men came rushing out of the jail, pulling their victim by the neck, dragging him on the ground. Twenty feet from the jail door, a tree was found and the from the jail door, a tree was found and the rope was thrown over a limb, and a second later Hawkins was suspended in mid air. Eight shots were then fired into his body and the dreaded work was over. The mob immediately dispersed, and in five minutes everything on the streets was as quiet as a graveyard. At the hour of the hanging Bruce was reported as dying.

EVIDENCE OF PREMEDITATION. It is said that Hawkins' deed was premeditated. A week ago the Marshal arrested Hawkins' 12-year-old son, who had
thrown some stones through some plate
glass windows, and Hawkins boasted that
he had come to the city prepared to get
even with Bruce. He had sought trouble
with several persons, but all were afraid of
him and avoided him. His father and son
were left in jail unmolested by the mob,
although each participated in the shooting
of the City Marshal.

After Hawkins had emptied his revolver,
which he had borrowed for the occasion, his

which he had borrowed for the occasion, his son stepped up and handed him another well loaded, but of this he was disarmed by other officers. The father of the assassin, a very old man, came up just as the Marshal started to fail, and going up to the dying man drew a club and was about to strike him when a bystander caught him. The mob, however, let him go on account of his

age and the boy on account of his youth.

The Coroner, Clarence Bruce, a brother of the Marshal, was called to the south part of the county to hold an inquest, and to-morrow will hold an inquest on the body of his brother's assassin, and will most likely be called upon to investigate the cause of his brother's death. The assassin leaves a wife and family who are in almost destitute circumstances. The body was left hanging in the court house yard.

WRECKED THE SHOW.

Circus Performers Strike, a Riot Follow and Wagons and Tents Are Fired.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH,) THOMPSONVILLE, CONN., Aug. 23 .-There was no performance of Harper Brothers circus here last night because of a strike and a riot. Just before the show began the actors and actresses presented themselves n a body at the office and demanded the back wages due them. H. N. Harper, the proprietors refused to pay them, whereupor the performers declined to go on with the show. As soon as it was noticed out among the crowd that the performers had struck a demand was made by many for the return of their money. Harper was in the ticket office. While the excited crowd was shouting for their money he hastily placed the receipts in a satchel and slid out the rear with all the cash. As soon as this trick was discovered some one cut a guy rope, which was the signal for the general der

of all the circus property.

A part of the mob went for kerosene oil, and soon the tent was saturated and the match applied. The big tent burned like tinder and was soon consumed. All the horses were cut loose. They stampeded through the street and many of them were caught and stabled. After the wagons had been fired the mob retired, leaving the police in charge of the ruins.

TWO SAD ACCIDENTS

Noted College Athlete Drowned an Jack Barnard Fatally Injured.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH,) BAY SHORE DEPOT. N. Y., Aug. 23 -Albert Mapes, the well-known Columbia College athlete, was drowned in the surf at Fire Island this afternoon. He and his brother James were in the water together. They were both strong and experienced swimmers, but ventured out too far. Dr. Mapes turned back to-swim to the shore. Thinking his brother was following him he never looked. Suddenly the crowd on the beach saw young Mapes throw up his arms. He went down like a shot. Several of the bathers tried to get out to his rescue, but all efforts to recover his body proved futile. Young Mapes was about 23 years old. He was a well-known athlete, and with his brother Victor has competed in nearly all the large athletic meets about New York

City. He was a nephew of Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge, the well-known authoress.

Another sad accident occured about here to-day. Jack Barnard, the son of Judge Barnard, was thrown from his wagon backward at the race course this morning. At the time he was racing one of his fast horses to get him in practice for the races this week. His horse shied and Barnard was thrown backward out of the seat to the His back was broken and he will

AN HISTORIC CHURCH.

Its Centennial Fittingly Celebrated in Old-Fashioned Way.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. | NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The First Methodist Episcopal Church of Upper New Rochelle, was 100 years old to-day. The centennial was fittingly celebrated. In the morning there was preaching by the Rev. C. S. Wing, Presiding Elder of the New York East district. An old-fashioned love feast,

with old hymns set to old tunes occupied a part of the afternoon, and historical notices and personal reminiscenses by representatives of the early Methodists took up the remainder. In the evening the celebration closed with the Lord's Supper and praise service. All the old parishioners for miles around gathered in the little white church to join in the centennial festivities, and many preachers who have stood in the pulpit there were present.

The church was the third society organized in this State. Its history is properly the SWUNG AT MIDNIGHT.

in this State. Its history is properly the commencement of the history of Methodism in this country north of New York. The first Methodist Church in this country was established in John street, this city, by Philip Embury some time before the year

LABORING ON BLAINE.

COLONEL SNOWDEN SPENDING HIS TIME AT BAR HARBOR.

Ie and General Kasson Believed to Be Urging the Plumed Knight to Accept the Presidential Nomination-The Secre

BAR HARBOR, Aug. 23.-Mr. Blaine is

tion, and to arrange matters toward working for that event. Everybody at all intimate with the Blaines are of the opinion that the whole Blaine family is working upon the head of the house not to enter upon the con-test, believing that his health is not equal to it, and Mr. Blaine himself shows signs of being averse to public life it he could retire from it with honor. Just what the result of the present conference will be, therefore, is not quite certain. General Kasson is another who is believed to be working with Mr. Snowden upon Mr. Blaine.

The certainty that prevailed two days ago regarding the President's coming seems to have met with a check. De Grasse Fox, who was sure of his coming, had arranged for an immense dinner and reception at Kebe Valley Tuesday night, but the order has been countermanded and the dinner postponed until further notice. That, to-gether with other signs, indicate that Sec-retary Tracy is still uncertain about the President's coming.

snowden, General Kasson and everybody of note will be present. Monday the ships will put out to sea for practice and Tuesday the great parade will take place.

Very Thing for It.

"CINCINNATI, Aug. 23.—A general rain has been falling all day here, just enough to keep up the life in the blue grass over the river in Kentucky, and not enough to hurt the growing corn on either side of the

nurt the growing corn on either side of the river. Corn in all this valley has had ideal August weather. Farmers say one could hear it grow at midnight.

A dispatch from Indianapolis says: It has been raining in nearly all parts of Indiana almost steadily for the past 60 hours—an almost constant downpour, unaccompanied by wind. In this immediate vicinity corn has been in good condition, but in other siderable damage from drought. However, the soaking the ground has received will

St. PAUL, Aug. 23 .- On Friday night the body of a well-dressed man was found floating in the river near the city and was taken to the morque. The body remained unidentified for two days. This afternoon it was Company's elevators at Minneapolis. Mr. Osborne mysteriously disappeared nearly a week ago. An investigation into his affairs was ordered.

fairs was ordered.

The fact that two ten-pound stones were found in the pockets of his coat, clearly indicating suicide, is considered a suspicious circumstance. Mr. Osborne was quite a well-known character about the Chamber that during the recent flurry he got caught

THE PRESIDENT'S HORSES

Indulge in a Runaway at Cape May and

Damage the Carriage. the running gear of the Presidental car-riage. The ladies had to be driven back to

TWO MILLIONAIRES FIGHT.

They Were About to Fire Upon Each Othe

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 23.-The rotunda o the Coates House was the scene to-day of personal encounter between J. E. McIroy and T. H. Swope, two millionaire capitalists of this place. Mr. McIroy and Mr. Swope had had a misunderstanding concern-

A Yachting Party Thrown on a Desolat

. Spot Without Food or Shelter.

steam yacht Cruiser driven ashore Thursday night at Pictured Rocks, fortunately striking Chapel Beach. A man got through the wood to Munising

at 2 o'clock vesterday, and reported the whole party, three women and four men, on the beach without food since the wreck. A heavy sea makes it impossible for boats to venture along that shore, and provisions were sent by guides through the wood last

tary's Family Thought the Other Way. [SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

eldom alone since the arrival of Colonel A. Loudon Snowden. The latter lunched with him to-day, drove with him over the island this afternoon and dined with him again this evening. In short, although Mr. Snowden stays at the Malvern, he practically lives at the Blaines. Mr. Snowden came but to stay a few dvys, and has not yet fixed the date of his departure.

Evidently his business with Mr. Blaine is not yet over, and it is an open secret among Blaine's friends here that the business is to urge Mr. Blaine to prepare for the nomina-

President's coming.

John McLean, of Washington, is to give a grand dinner at Kebe Monday night.
About 100 guests will be present. Admirals Gherhardi and Walker, several of
the principal officers of both squadrons, as well
as the Secretary and several ladies, Colonel

CAN HEAR CORN GROW.

Past Hot Weather and Present Rain th

has been in good condition, but in other sections, noticeably in the Western and outhwestern sections, there has been coninsure a good crop even in the districts

PERHAPS CAUGHT IN THE FLURRY.

The Body of a Prominent Grain Man Weighted With Stones, Is Found.

recognized as the remains of George J. Osborne, Superintendent of the Milwaukee

f Commerce at Minneapolis. It is said ing on the Southside whose name is un-

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]
CAPE MAY, Aug. 23.—The Presidental

team ran away last evening and tore a fore wheel off the carriage. Soon after the carriage had brought the ladies at the Presidental cottage to Congress Hall to attend the Children's Carnival, Coachman Turner drove the carriage up Washington street to a drug store. Turner alighted and went into the store, leaving the horses. During his absence they became frightened and ran down Decatur street two squares to Beach avenue and turned toward Cape May Point. When they had gone three squares they collided with another carriage and disabled

the summer cottage in a private carriage.

When Friends Interfered.

Swope had had a misunderstanding concerning an investment.

To-day Mr. McIroy was conversing with a friend in the hotel, when Mr. Swope stepped up to the latter and told him that McIroy was a thief, a liar and a villian. Mr. McIroy thereupon felled Mr. Swope to the floor by a blow on the head with his walking stick. As Mr. Swope arose he drew his revolver. Mr. McIroy followed suit, and the men were about to open fire on each other when friends separated them.

WRECKED ON LAKE SUPERIOR.

MARQUETTE, · MICH., Aug. 23.—The Brainary party from New York had their

1881--STRANGE SECRETS OF TEN LONG YEARS REVEALED AT LAST--1891

A Story More Remarkable Than Any Ever Penned by Hugo or Dumas--The Result of a Searching Investigation Covering Four States Given To-Day.

HE WHO IS BEST KNOWN TO THE WORLD AS SHOEBOX MILLER PRESENTS EVIDENCE OF HIS INNOCENCE.

The Affidavit of Dunn, the Man Accidentally Shot on the Night of the Bond Robbery, Corroborated by the Sworn Statements of His Wife and Other Witnesses of the Affair-Two Parties of Robbers Visited the Connors House-A Notary Called to the Sick Bed of Colonel W. D. Moore to Swear Him to a Most Sensational Narrative-The Inside History of the Remarkable Escape From the Western Penitentiary Given From Miller's Own Lips for the first time a bound of laws ago by The Disparce to examine, with others, into the parce to examine, with others, into the mill or innocence of James W. Miller, while it held forth the shadow of a hope of escape from that punishment which had been unjustly inflicted upon him. The secure the proofs a hope of escape from that punishment which had been unjustly inflicted upon him. The secure the proofs a hope of escape from that punishment which had been unjustly inflicted upon him. The secure the proofs a hope of escape from that punishment they inspired by the secure the proofs a hope of escape from that punishment they inspired by the secure the proofs a hope of escape from that punishment they inspired by the secure the proofs and he did not break the family record together to arrange to which his innocence, and he did not break the family record together to arrange to the Smoky City too hard

JAMES W. MILLER, BETTER KNOWN AS "SHOEBOX."

gle which was devoid of all that romantic into that unknown world where men expec-

nterest which novelists surround their he- to find mercy from the infinite which they

liancy of the escape that he made from the Western Penitentiary in 1881.

In company with Mr. Miller I made a personal investigation and assisted him in following up the thread of a most wonder-A Well-Known Pittsburg Detective Along. On the fourth day after the search com-

menced we were joined by Detective John P. McTighe, of the city force of Pittsburg. Together we worked in gathering the evidence. Every part of it was given freely, and we can attest that it is a pure recital of fact so strong that no one can read the story of Miller's most eventful life and believe he was ever guilty of the crime for which he was sentenced. The proofs certainly seem

Miller is the American "Jean Valjean," though, unlike Victor Hugo's famous hero, he was not guilty. Yet there is a wonderful similarity in their lives.

Though proving himself innocent of the crime which ostracised him from society he bore without a murmur the burden thrust upon him by fate that he might save from shame one of the most illustrious names of

A Commentary on Circumstantial Evidence His case is a commentary on circumstan tial evidence that will live as long as courts of justice are a feature of civilization. At the hour, almost the very moment, when the robbers with masked faces were taking from Farmer John Connors in Clarion that wealth which it had taken him fourscore years to accumulate, Miller, the man who suffered for the crime, was fleeing from the officers hundreds of miles distant, while the man whom he had socidentally shot lay in a little room on Sheriff street, Cleveland,

just as he had fallen with a bullet wound in his breast. Pittsburg for the Catfish robbery and within 27 days thereafter he was convicted and in

the penitentiary serving a sentence of seven years. Frightened Children With His Name The evidence was purely circumstantial, yet the odium was as great as if it had been

convincing. What he suffered unjustly none may ever know. Old women shud dered when his name was mentioned, and in Clarion county when the children were peevish or refused to sleep the mothers would scare them into submission with the dread statement, "Miller will catch you," or "We'll give you to Miller." That was a decade ago. Now public feel-

ing has fallen and when a few days ago he

visited there scarce one could be found who would not admit that he had been unjustly convicted. All were ready to take him by the hand and in looks if not in words ask forgiveness for the great wrong that had been wrought The real perpetrators of the Connors robbery were Hamilton, alias Archie Montague, George Foster, Yank Sullivan, alias Adams, and a fourth person now liv-

known, but which is believed to be Kresinger. The second band which repeated the rob-

bery that same night was made up of Harrop, Jackson and Ott. The Way of the Transgre The curious part of this drama of crime astonishes even the nineteenth century novel-reading public in this that while Miller suffered in that modern purgatory called a penitentiary, the real perpetrator of the crime each met a fate which seemed to bear out the truth of that old Mosaic lay which said: "An eye for an eye and a toot!

for a tooth "

Hamilton was killed while escaping from penitentiary in a Western State. Foster was killed in the very house in Cleveland in which Miller accidentally shot Dunn, Rowland was filled with buckshot as he lay with an extended hand pleading "Boys, I had a good mother." Adams was garroted in the City of Detroit by a fellow criminal, who mistook him for an oppulent citizen. Kis senger to-day toils in a mill, endeavoring to win bread for a wife whose tears and en treaties won him from a path of crime. The remarkable feature of this crime of the last decade is that second band of robbers which visited John Connors' that night, and were pardoned be cause of popular clamor and have met the ame fate. Harrop dies in Texas—he whose onfession shall grace these pages, dragged to death by the lariat of a runaway horse. Another toils to-day in a coal mine shunned by his fellows and ostracized by the community in which he dwells. The third re iterates his innocence to unbelieving ears and the shadow of the crime which th father committed makes his children walk alone among their playfellows.

All Miller's Energy Brought Out. As jockeys sometimes carry weight in a race which enables a second-rate horse to obtain a record which embalms him forever in the memory of the sporting public, so this boy, imprisoned, seemed to gather all the marked energy and determination which was the birthright of his race. What men had overlooked for years he saw at a glance, and with steadiness of purpose grasped the chance which enabled him to pass beyond the wall of a seemingly impregnable prison. True, his liberty was of short duration, but not until nations had been involved in controversy

which lead to the abolishing of treaties and

to mitigate the rigor of a long imprisonment by obedience to the commands of his jailors. He found, to his astonishment, that obedience to the rules which govern the institution was not sufficient to satisfy the feelings of his captors, but, do what he would, he must undergo the severest punshment which they could inflict. No letters, no papers, not even the sound of a human voice broke the solitude of this proto type of Dumas' "Monte Cristo." Beginning a New Life,

When at last the prison gates swung back and allowed this man to emerge from the solitude of the dungeon there began a strug-

roes. From a lumber yard where hard man-

ual labor filled at least one-half of the 24

hours which constitute a day, he with stern

face and unwavering purpose gradiated up-

ward until those luxuries which civilized

man think necessary were within his reach.

One of the names that shall always be

embalmed in the memory of this man, and

at whose bidding he will come with bowed

head, is that of Mrs. E. D. C. Mair. She

was one of the members of the State Board

of Charities in 1886, and when importuned

by a guard in the prison to visit Miller she

was informed by the warden that it would

be necessary before she could accomplish

anything in this man's case that another

Strange Story of a Plighted Love.

mong his fellows that entitled him to the

ecognition of the foremost political men of

the land, and having done services in the

last National campaign, which had gained him the thanks of the chief executive of the

country, he visited the National Capital.

While there he was introduced to Miss V.

gard this man with feelings stronger than

friendship. To her he related the dark

passages in his life, and, Othello-like, that

She, believing, placed her hand in his

and said: "Your God shall be my God;

your country my country; your people my

people, and wheresover thou goest, I go,

Later on, when this man had related to

the family of the woman whom he loved

was the only witchcraft that he used.

Stewart Mosby, who, in time, came to re-

year ago, having gained a position

Christ should be born.

and thus separate him from the woman of his choice. Then it was that this devoted an occupation and the remuneration too woman voluntarily visited the office of a newspaper and gave her version of the story of the crime, of which the man she

Goaded Almost Unto Death.

loved was accused.

Miller was then in Clarion county securing proofs which would rehabilitate him among his fellows, and when the press of the land chronicled the old charges which he thought he had lived down he bowed his head, and but for the encouragement of friends he would, like one of the stoics of old, have covered his head and passed over

ONE MYSTERY OF THE CONNORS ROB-

BERY MADE CLEAR.

Two Parties of Bandits Visited the Old

Upon the Scene.

gressor is hard."

FRANK DUNN, THE MAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY MILLER

Man's House on That Memorable Night

-The Arrest of Those Who Were Last

On the morning of the 23d of March, 1881.

vere gathered together in a back room of a

notorious dive called the Little Lamb Sa-

loon in Pittsburg, a group of men who fig-

ured afterward in many crimes and ulti-

mately met the fate which proves the truth

Hamilton, alias "Archie Montague," was

a clerical looking individual who was con

monly known under the soubriquet of "his

reverence." because of his resemblance to

priest. He had served several terms in

the Western Penitentiary and had been

outlawed in several states for crimes which

in any other country would have cost him

his life. He afterward was shot while

attempting to escape from a Western State

of the saying that "The way of the trans-

mill-working in the Smoky City too hard small to furnish means to satisfy his appetite. It is supposed that the fourth man was Kissinger, who was small and wiry. Real Story of the Robbery. These four men discussed the possibility

of securing John Connors' money, and having come to the conclusion that they could induce him to part with it, they betook themselves to the Union depot and arrived at Brady's Bend at dusk in the evening. Proceeding from the station to Jim Connors' house they committed the robbery which has become famous in the annals of crime. Connors and his wife were both very old and feeble. They had been hard-working people and had amassed over \$190,000. In an old safe in one corner of the room were bonds and securities to the amount of some \$20,000. Down in the cellar it has since been tearned, were concented about \$80,000 in money and securities. The robbers simply bound and gagged the old couple and went through the sate. After

obtaining all that was in the safe the burglars left, leaving the old couple still bound and gagged. Then came the strangest coincidence ever Then came the strangest coincidence ever known in the history of crime. As Montague and his men passed down the track toward Brady's Bend to take a train for Pittsburg they were compelled to hide in the bushes because of the approach of another gang of men. The second gang passed on up toward Catfish, while the first band of robbers succeeding in getting on a train which landed them in Pittsburg that night with the stolen hosts. with the stolen booty. The Second Party of Robbers.

bers, who were all miners and residents of that locality, had gained the Connor's firm-house for the purpose of robbery. When they reached there they found they had been forestalled in their work by the professionals from Pittsburg. The couple were still bound and gagged, and if there was any torture inflicted it was done by the second gang. In hunting through the house they found about \$80 hidden in a clock. Mrs. Connor's had placed it there without her husband's knowledge. The robbers then left.

In the meantime the second party of rob-

explains the mystery which puzzled even old Connors. He did not know that there were two gans, but said that after the robbers had pillaged the safe, they returned and ransacked the house. As both of the gangs had been masked it was easy for the old man to make this mistake.

How They Were Captured.

The way the second gang came to be caught was by the fact that when they crossed the bridge at Brady's Bend they did cannot secure among the finite. A letter from this devoted woman spurred him on to gather together the proofs which would esnot have money for toll and when they re-turned the Dutchman Ott threw down a tablish his innocence beyond any doubt. I was with him at every move. What we large bill and, with a curse, told the toll collector to take his money out of that. accomplished the public can judge. Here Almost immediately after the robbery at Catfish of John Conners the three men, Jackson, Harrop and Ott were arrested and is the story of the crime, Miller's life and confined in the county jail. It was a crime that puzzled the best detective talent in STORY OF A DUAL CRIME. he country. While they believed the men

ourg, charged with having sold the stolen

quilty they could not trace any of the stolen

property. Thus the matter remained in statu quo until the arrest of Miller in Pitts-

THE SWORN STATEMENT OF THE MAN MILLER SHOT ON THE

NIGHT OF THE ROBBERY. His Story Is Corroborated by His Wife and Other Witnesses of the Affair, All of Whom Make Affidavits-An Alibi Which

Seems Complete. On the night that Conners was robbed in Clarion county Miller was in Cleveland, O. While carelessly handling a revolver and under the influence of liquor a shot was fired which wounded Dunn and cost Miller the seven best years of his life. Both Miller and Dunn had been gambling. The bullet struck a beer glass, was deflected from its course, and while it seemingly entered about the center of the chest and passed through the man's body, is in reality had passed around the ribs underneath the skin, inflicting what appeared at first glance a mortal wound, but in reality a slight one, from which he recovered without any permanent injury in the course of a few weeks. The place in an instant was in an uproar, and during the confusion Miller made his escape. He sought a friend's house and remained concealed for several weeks, during which time the police in the city

vainly hunted for the perpetrator. Showing of the Affidavits. As for the story of the affair, here it is in the affidavits that I saw made and secured in Cleveland and Cincinnati last week, by the persons who were present at the time

the shooting occurred:

Hamilton County, § 25.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, in the foresaid county and State,
Frank C. Dunn, who, being duly sworn,
says that he is a resident of Cincinnati, O.;
that on the night of the 23d of March, 1881,
James W. Miller, while carelessly handling
a revolver, inflicted a wound accidentally,
which confined me to my bed for a period of
six weeks. I cheerfully say that I have fully six weeks. I cheerfully say that I have fully recovered, and am at present employed at Cincinnati, O., and that the above facts are

FRANK C. DUNN. Sworn and subscribed before me this 20th day of August, A. D., 1891. CURTIS C. MARSH, Notary Public,

Hamilton County, O. Attested by Detective John P. McTighe, of the city of Pittsburg; Edward J. Moses, a detective on the city force of Cincinna and Edward O. Christy, Staff Corresponde of the Pittsburg DISPATCH.

Sworn Statement of Dunn's Wil State of Ohio, Cuyahoga county, s.s. Be it remembered that on this 18th day of August, in the year 1891, personal appeare