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Peffer's Homestead-Pinkerton Inquiry Unexpectedly Opened Here.

AFTER THE FIRM'S LOSS.

Witness Refused to Tell, but Said the Men Are Out \$1,000,000.

It Was Denied That the Company Uses a Black List, but Admitted That Detectives Are Employed to Watch the Employees...

The Senatorial committee appointed to investigate the recent troubles at Homestead, and especially the employment and conduct of the Pinkertons...

Chairman Frick the Chief Witness. The principal witness yesterday was Chairman H. C. Frick of the Carnegie Steel Company...

The witnesses are paid \$2 for testifying before the committee. When Chairman Frick was through with his testimony...

Senator Gallinger commenced the questioning, and Mr. Frick related the story of the Homestead troubles...

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Q. What was the range of their wages? A. From \$1.40 per day to over \$2. Q. What proportion received the higher wages? A. I can furnish you with a statement showing the range of all men who worked over a ten-day period...

A. Yes, good many, but in no case have we been held liable for damages. Q. Have you contracts with any Government department? A. Yes, for armor plate...

Q. What is meant by strike and lockout? A. The first is when men quit work owing to differences of wages with their employers...

Q. Is it your opinion that if the sheriff attended to their duty there would be no need of compulsory arbitration? A. I don't think it would accomplish anything.

Q. Do the workmen continue to deposit money with the company, and does the company intend to lead them money? A. Yes, sir.

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AN ALLEGED PROPHECY.

Professor E. R. Hicks Proves He Foretold the Recent Cyclone in Illinois.

HE BLAMED IT ON SATURN.

Although Admitting the New Comet Might Have Assisted.

CHOLERA AND PESTILENCE NEXT.

A Terrible Prediction Made for the World's Fair Year.

QUEER COMPOSITION OF THE PLANET.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 23.—The regular cyclone that devastated the town of Redbud, Ill., was foretold by Prof. E. R. Hicks, the St. Louis astronomer and weather prophet...

Q. What effect will be produced by the close approach to the earth of the comet which is attracting attention now? A. It will be a good condition for the Western part of our continent...

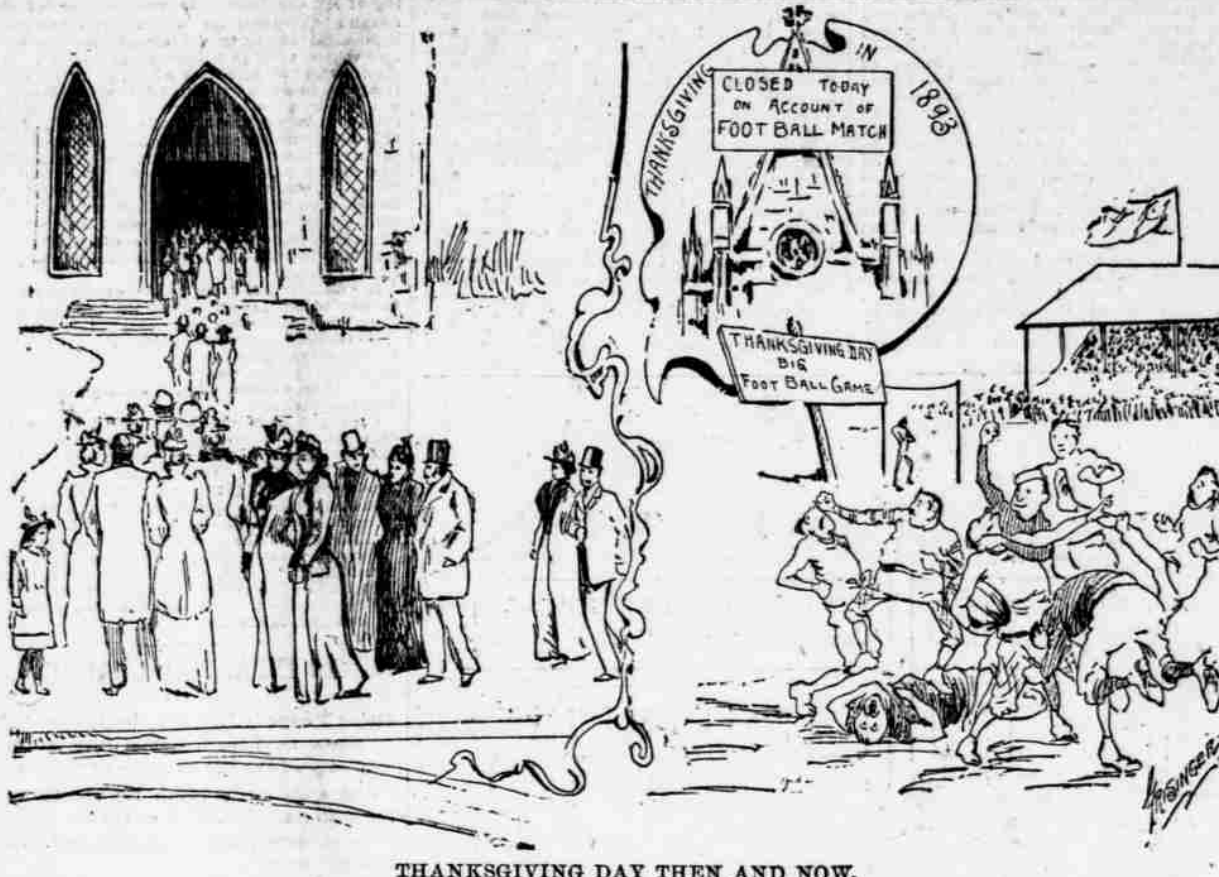
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IN THE TOILS OF A TRUST.

Cleveland Electric Companies All Gobbled, Probably by the General Combine.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 23.—An important consolidation of electric light and power companies has taken place in this city. The Cleveland Company, the local Brush Company and the New General Electric Company are in the combination...

WHITNEY NO COAL KING.

He Never Heard of Those Nova Scotia Mines Till Their Sale.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—[Special.]—William C. Whitney denies emphatically that he is at the head of a syndicate of American capitalists which is reported to have purchased the coal mines of Nova Scotia...

A JUROR JAILED.

His Lust for Booze Delays an Important Trial in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Judge Brown today sentenced Juror William C. Lincoln to one year in the county jail for contempt. Lincoln was serving on the jury which for the last two days has been listening to evidence in a special assistance case...

THE ELDER M'KINLEY DYING.

That Is the Intelligence Wired From Canton by the Governor Himself.

COLUMBUS, Nov. 23.—[Special.]—A dispatch was received by the Executive Clerk to-night from Governor McKinley, at Canton, in which the Governor states that his father, the late Senator M'Kinley, is not thought to be ill...

PITTSBURGERS NOT IN IT.

An Offer of \$3,250,000 for the Control of Indianapolis Car Lines Rejected.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 23.—The controlling interest in the Citizens' Street Car Company of Indianapolis to-day passed to one of the old stockholders—S. W. Allerton. Parties in Pittsburg made a proposition to take the road at \$3,250,000, which is \$150,000 per share for the stock and \$1,000,000 for the bonds...

NEW COAL LANDS TO BE OPENED.

By the Building of a Railroad in Indiana and Cambria Counties.

INDIANA, Pa., Nov. 23.—[Special.]—Another railroad is coming into the Indiana county coal fields, and large tracts, comprising nearly all the coal lands within 15 miles of Beltsco, Cambria county, have been recently purchased by Philadelphia and Pittsburg capitalists...

AN ACCUSAL FOR CRITICLOW.

It Didn't Take the Jury Very Long to Bring in a Verdict of Not Guilty.

THE 12 MEN OF ONE MIND.

And for the Sake of Appearances They Smoked for a Time.

Judge Kennedy, Apparently, Was Not Pleased, and He Curtly Dismissed the Jury—The Prisoner Overjoyed, and Congratulates His Attorneys—An Application Made for Bail on the Other Indictments, but the Court Said There Would Be Time Enough Later to Talk About That—District Attorney Burleigh Made the Best Speech for the Commonwealth—Both Sides Considered the Judge's Charge Impartial—Tom Marshall Closed for the Defense.

"Not Guilty!" were the pleasant words that fell upon the ears of Sylvester Critchlow as he stood up in the Criminal Court yesterday afternoon, and, from the expression on his face, it was as much of a surprise to him as it was to Judge Kennedy upon the bench and the attorneys at the counsel table.

Thus ends the first of the murder trials arising from the Homestead riots. While the speedy arrival of the jury at the verdict of acquittal certainly surprised everybody in the case, the majority of those who listened to the evidence and the speeches of



The Foreman of the Jury, Who Resembles Uncle Sam.

counsel on Tuesday made up their minds that the defendant had a good deal the best of the case as it stood then. District Attorney Burleigh's wonderfully able speech for the Commonwealth yesterday made the impartial listener shaky again about the jury's decision. That was why nobody expected the jury to make up their minds in so short a time as a little over an hour. They left the box at 3:30 and returned with their verdict at 4:45. It is said that in reality they could have delivered their verdict when Judge Kennedy concluded his charge. The statement is already made that Mr. Erwin's impassioned oratory did the work on Tuesday, and only one or two jurors showed the slightest desire to render any verdict but the one which they finally brought in.

TOOK A SMOKE FOR A HALF HOUR.

It is a fact that after they had retired to their room they reached an agreement so quickly that they felt it was only decent in such an important case to give evidence of deliberation, and therefore sat down for a half-hour's smoke and gossip before they sent word to the Court that they were ready to speak. As it was, the jury had to wait for ten minutes after they had told the tipstaves they had a verdict to deliver, while Judge Kennedy was hunched up to reconvene the court which he had adjourned till 6 p. m. Fortunately he had not left the Court House, so that the jury, as stated above, reached their jury box again at 4:45. There were few people in court; Messrs. Mouthox, Cox and Erwin of counsel for the defense were there, but none of the Commonwealth's attorneys. District Attorney Burleigh came in just after the verdict had been recorded. While the usual solemn ritual of the last stage of a murder trial was enacted Critchlow stood up and gazed anxiously at Foreman Roth. His hands were clasped behind him, and his eyes had been twitched nervously. The word "Not" was no sooner out of the foreman's mouth, however, before a big smile broke over Critchlow's face. By the time the second word of acquittal was reached he was laughing heartily. Critchlow was reaching out for the hands of his counsel. Judge Kennedy did not look pleased, nor did he say anything to show what his feelings were, but as soon as the verdict had been recorded, he curtly dismissed the jury from further service. They seemed mighty glad to go. Critchlow was remanded to jail to await trial upon other charges of murder and riot. His counsel wanted to raise the question of admitting him to bail, but Judge Kennedy said that there was plenty of time to consider that later on. So everybody put on his overcoat and followed the jurors out of court.

MR. MARSHALL DIDN'T FEEL WELL.

The senator began an hour at 9:30, and Mr. Marshall spoke for an hour and a half. The venerable attorney complained of ill-health, but he was vigorous enough in his language, and as usual caught and kept the jury's attention by his anecdotes and jests, relevant and otherwise. The oration lacked, however, the fiery climax which Mr. Marshall is wont to reach.

MR. BURLEIGH DIDN'T FEEL WELL.

Mr. Burleigh, who followed Mr. Marshall, was unusually pale and jaded and complained of a splitting headache. But that did not prevent him from making an excellent address, in fact, the ablest speech on the Commonwealth's side. His analysis of the evidence was masterly, and the way he drove home every fact telling for his case and against the defendant evidently disturbed the latter's counsel, who interrupted him frequently toward the finish.

BURLEIGH KENNEDY, JUDGES PORTER, McCLEUNG and Magee took seats on the bench while Mr. Burleigh was speaking. Several times Judge Kennedy called Judge Magee's attention to the force of the District Attorney's argument, and when the court adjourned not only the attorneys associated with him, but some of his opponents, and notably Judge Magee from the bench, congratulated him