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THE Democrats of New Jersey have placed General Geo. B. McClellan in nomination as their candidate for governor. As New York has claimed him as a resident of that State heretofore, we suppose that New Yorkers will now crow about furnishing candidates and perhaps a governor for another State. We presume it will now be in order to get shovels ready for a fall campaign.

A New Source of Wealth.

Within a few years, the far west is furnishing a new source of wealth in its supply of borax. Until very recently the southern part of Europe furnished nearly all the borax for the world. Now the monthly production of California and Nevada is about 200 tons per month. The principal refining point is Columbus, Nevada, and the distance from there to Wadsworth, the nearest station on the Central Pacific Railroad, is about 300 miles over a desert country. The means of transportation is a train composed of three wagons, the pole of one fastened in the axle of the preceding. Twenty-four mules are harnessed to the first wagon. In this way the load of about 30 tons is distributed on the six axles, an important precaution, as the route lies over sandy plains and marshes where roads are unknown. When a difficult place is reached, the three wagons are separated and the whole force of mules is attached to one vehicle at a time, which is thus hauled over or through the obstacle. Generally the owner of the train conducts it, aided by one or two assistants, and in the last wagon is stored the necessary provision, which includes both food and water, for men and animals. This journey adds about 1 1/2 cents to the cost of the borax per pound. From Wadsworth to San Francisco the expense of transportation is 1 1/2 cents additional a pound. The total cost per pound in San Francisco is about 8 1/2 cents.

Not Going Home to Vote.

The New York *Herald's* Washington correspondent says: There is no truth in the report that the Ohio clerks and employees in the government service here have been ordered to go home to vote at the state election next month. Whatever may have been the practice in former years no persuasion will now be employed to induce government employees to go home and take part in their state elections. The exercise of the right of suffrage will not, of course, be denied to any who may wish to leave Washington, but the time they devote to enjoying this prerogative will be deducted from the thirty days' leave of absence granted by law to each government employee. Furthermore application for leave of absence will need to be made in the usual formal manner and will be granted only when the employee can be spared without detriment to the government service. So said Secretary Schurz, on the eve of his departure for Louisville, when questioned on the subject. Not a single application for leave of absence has yet been filed in the department of the interior, and so far as known hardly a dozen Ohio men have expressed their intention of going home to vote. And yet there are about six hundred Ohio republican votes lying around loose in Washington which could be utilized next month were the old system of the free passes and a holiday to every voter still in vogue.

The English Cotton Strike—One Hundred and Six Mills Closed.

The U. S. consul at Liverpool informs the department of state that the operatives in the cotton mills of Bolton and vicinity, to the number of ten or twelve thousand, struck on the first of the present month, rather than submit to a reduction of five per cent. in their wages. One hundred and six mills are closed in consequence. It was stated that the men are in good financial condition to continue the strike, and that contributions are supplied by other associations. These operatives struck, also in 1874 against a reduction of five per cent., but submitted to arbitration, which decided against them. The five per cent. was, however, restored in 1875, and the present strike is occasioned by

the attempt to take it off again. Unless arbitration is again resorted to the present strike is likely to prove a stubborn one, for while the men assert their ability to remain out an indefinite time, the mill owners, on account of the continually decreasing American markets for their goods, the famine now raging in India and the eastern war, are said to be well pleased to have their places closed for some time.

An Illinois Mystery.

Jacob Aply, a farmer, residing in the town of Council Bluffs, was assassinated by some unknown person about 9 o'clock Sunday while he was engaged in removing milk from the spring-house to the cellar for the night. The weapon used was undoubtedly a gun, which was loaded with buckshot. Two shots were fired, both of which took effect, one in the head, making a great hole in the skull over the right eye, while the right breast was pierced by nine balls.

A bullet hole was found directly behind the left shoulder. Strange to say, Mr. Aply lived until 9 o'clock next morning, and was in possession of his full faculties up to within a hour of his death. He executed his will during the night, and talked freely about his affairs, but did not know from whence the shots were fired or who was the author of the crime. The whole thing is involved in mystery, baffling the skill of the officers engaged in investigating the murder.

The terrible affair has caused the most intense excitement in the neighborhood, and a vigorous search is being made through the woods for the murderer. Tracks were discovered leading from the house across a meadow and through a potato patch to a small stream about a hundred yards distant from the premises.

On the morning of the 4th of January last the wife of Aply was found hanging from the limb of a tree back of the house. The coroner pronounced it a case of suicide, the evidence tending to show that the woman stealthily left the house at midnight and committed the deed. But it is now believed that the woman was taken from the house in some manner and hanged by unknown parties.

The St. Lawrence Rapids.

The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, after making the trip down the rapids above Montreal, concludes that "there is real danger in it." Of the Indian pilot he says: "He was the first man to take a steambot over these rapids. For thirty years he has been driving these steeds down this rocky and dangerous road, and he knows the path well. But I notice that while we are in the rapids his face is in dead earnest, the eye keen, the lips set, the muscles tense, and when we are passed a laugh breaks over his face, as if once more he realized the triumph of doing well a difficult duty." The passage is described as follows:—"The previous ones were rapids; this is almost a little cataract. Before, we saw the waves bent into foam upon the rocks; once we discerned the rocks beneath the foam; but here they push their sharp and cruel heads above the waters. These pour about them and over them, but always in the one direction; never with returning wave. Now we no longer seem to be in a miniature storm at sea, but in the very heart of a rocky current. The tortuous channel is bounded with visible rocks on the one side and on the other. The Captain requests the passengers to keep their places; moving to and fro may throw the steamer out of her course and into danger. The pilot holds her head firmly for the rock that threatens to pierce her strong sheathing through until almost within reach from the lower deck; then, with a sudden turn, swings her round, cheats the rock, and aims for her greedy fellow on the other side. So, veering from Seylla to Charybdis, we pass the last rapids."

A Good Moth Exterminator.

A curious accident occurred at Plattsburg, New York, the other day, by which the First Presbyterian Church was damaged to a considerable extent. It appears that the sexton had been sprinkling benzine upon the cushions and carpets to kill the moths with which the carpets and upholstery were infested. About two-thirds of a barrel of benzine was used in this manner. He then went down into the lecture room and made his preparations to start a fire in the furnace. He ignited a match when a shock came which threw him some fifteen feet and rendered him insensible for some time. The shock caused an alarm, and those who arrived first and entered the audience room found the atmosphere hot and impregnated with gas, the carpets and cushions on fire in places, several of the memorial windows ruined and the heavy outside front door blown out in the street. The theory of the explosion is that the gas given off by the benzine being heavier than air, a considerable quantity leaked down around the furnace registers into the

lecture room, and when the sexton lit his match it exploded. The damage is variously estimated at from \$500 to \$3000. It is thought that as a moth exterminator the plan was a success.

Mysterious Disappearance.

A few days after the recent Four Mile creek disaster a valise was found down the creek which has been broken open and rifled of its contents. In it was a letter of late date from Frank L. Putnam to George Wolfe, dated at Rockwell, Iowa. Investigation proves that Putnam wrote such a letter, and that he knew Wolfe, who was traveling for the Monitor Manufacturing Company, Cincinnati. It is supposed he was on the fated train, but no trace of him has been discovered and his whereabouts is a mystery.

Certain it is his body was not in the wreck, nor could it have been washed down the creek. How his valise came where it was found is also a mystery, as it was not where it could have been left by the flood. Wolfe is described as nineteen years old, five and a half feet high, weight 135 pounds, light sandy hair, freckled face, blue or gray eyes, scar on upper lip, and one tooth missing under the scar; face powder-burned, especially on the lower lip. The whole affair is rather mysterious.

Bold Express Robbery.

OMAHA, Neb., September 19.—A bold robbery was perpetrated on the Union Pacific Railroad, at Big Springs, Neb., last night.

As train No. 4, east-bound express, pulled up in front of the station and the express messenger opened the door to deliver for the station, about half a dozen masked men forced their way into the express car, and with drawn revolvers compelled express messenger Miller to unlock the safe, containing over \$60,000, mostly gold coin, with which they escaped.

The party consisted of about 12 or 13 men, some of whom, while the rest were in the express car, went into the telegraph office and made the operator destroy his instruments to prevent his reporting the occurrence. The robbers then mounted their horses and started north.

Strange Accident, on a Track.

At the Rush county, Ind., fair, a few days since, as the horses were warming for the second heat in the 2-40 race, Kay Armstrong, driver of High Jack, and John Spencer, driver of Red Hot, collided at the first corner from the stand, at a 2-40 speed. Both men were thrown quite a distance and the sulkies shivered into splinters. High Jack then passed on a few rods and ran into Winder, breaking his sulky to atoms and injuring the driver, Samp. Wilson, slightly.

The three horses then started around the track with pieces of their sulkies still hanging to them, very badly frightened, and the greatest excitement prevailed. After some dangerous exploits by Red Hot and High Jack, they were finally caught. Winder kept on at a break-neck speed until he had run around the track five times, and back and forth on the last quarter a number of times, and until it was impossible for him to go in the race.

After the Chinese.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 18.—Last night the Chinese quarters of Grass Valley, except one house, were burned. Over forty buildings were destroyed. A supposed incendiary attempt was made to accomplish the same purpose a few days ago. This morning a body of armed men left Roseville, Placer county, and proceeded up the Auburn road warning all Chinamen, numbering some sixty, in the seven camps visited, to leave before midnight under penalty of death. Some left at once. Twelve at Bardock's camp refused to leave, though threatened. The proceedings were conducted quietly and no violence offered. It is believed by Wednesday not a Chinamen will remain in the township. The refugees are mostly gathering at Falsom.

A Female Mariner in Court.

There was a tough customer before the Boston police court the other day in the person of a woman calling herself 19 years old, who has several years worked as a common laborer dressed in male clothes without detection, and who had been at sea several times as an able seaman before the mast. She had a man's suit in her trunk when arrested, and says she has knocked down many a man while wearing it.

A Bogus Murderer.

John Henderson, an Englishman, walked into the Sixth District Police Station on the 17th of last August and asked to be taken into custody, stating that he had murdered Sergeant Wheeler, of Troop E, Eighteenth Hussars of gate, England, in January last. He was taken before Magistrate Pole, to whom he confessed the crime, even to the most

minute particulars. The magistrate committed him and the English Consul here was advised of the matter. It was ascertained that such a murder had been committed. Henderson, not relishing his diet, afterward denied the story he had told, and said he had made the bogus confession in order to obtain a free passage back to England. Last week he was again arraigned before Magistrate Pole, and the British Consul having learned that he was not the murderer, he was discharged from custody.

Suicide in Jail.

ALBANY, N. Y., September 17.—A young man giving the name of Frederick Ballantyne, of No. 110 Front street, New York, committed suicide in the jail here yesterday by cutting his throat with a common table knife. He registered at the Clarendon hotel here three weeks ago and is supposed to have been an agent for a New York tea house and his real name is Fred. Boundly. He had been drinking very hard since his arrival here and for the past four days had been an inmate of the jail, put there by friends to keep him from drinking.

A Dangerous Luncheon.

WINDSOR, Vt., September 16.—John Hubbard left his home in Claremont, N. H., yesterday noon, to visit this place.—His wife prepared luncheon for him, and he ate it just before arriving here. He was immediately seized with convulsions, and the physicians pronounced it a case of poisoning by strychnine. He is now out of danger, and an investigation will be made. Mrs. Hubbard arrived here to-day. She visited her husband, and denies all knowledge of any poison being placed in the food.

CHATTANGO, September 21.—The abundant crops of cotton, corn and fodder in the valley of the Black Warrior, Alabama, have been entirely swept away. The river suddenly rose sixty-three feet, which is within two feet as high as it was in the terrible freshet of June, 1872. The planters had just commenced picking cotton and had not hauled the corn and fodder from the fields. It is estimated that 30,000 bales of cotton have been destroyed. Most of the planters are ruined, and it is doubtful if the actual necessities of life can be secured now. The town of Tuscaloosa is about at the head of the devastated section. Merchants had advanced heavily on these growing crops.

ROME, N. Y., September 21.—The west bound Chicago express train, due in Rome at 5.15 P. M., was thrown into collision with a pickup freight train by a misplaced switch one mile west of Rome depot. Both engines were completely wrecked, and the mail and baggage cars were ground together in an almost solid mass. The fireman of the express, said to be Wm. Hendrickson, of Albany, was instantly killed and badly mangled. Joseph Durgin, of Utica, brakeman of the freight train, was killed. J. L. Tunnard, of Troy, a mail agent, has died from his injuries. George W. Fitch, Oneida, mail agent, had his right thigh and back injured.

By the death of Mr. Klock, formerly of Reading, a new field has been opened for punsters. We presume his time had run out.—*Allentown Chronicle*. Perhaps Mr. Klock, as his name implies, was one of the Reading "strikers," and was killed in the riots.—*Norristown Herald*. Maybe he was a light weight, and couldn't strike hard when old Death tackled him. We can figure nothing else out of the case, looking at the face of the thing.—*Phila North American*. We presume he was run down.

Miscellaneous News Items.

Mr. Cyrus Gould, a Providence machinist, who was bitten by a Newfoundland dog about three years ago, was seized on Friday last with symptoms of disease resembling hydrophobia.

Lewis Myers, County Treasurer, from whose office at Wapakonetta, Ohio, \$30,000 were claimed to have been taken on the night of September 6, was arrested on Friday, charged with complicity in the robbery.

Edward C. Dyer, a stock dealer of East Liberty, Allegheny county, was murdered about sixteen miles from Columbus, Ohio, on Friday night. It is supposed he was first robbed of about \$3,000 and afterward thrown into the river.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Sept. 15.—The roof of the business house occupied by John B. Lander & Son fell in, last night, entirely destroying the building and stock of goods. Mr. Lander and two clerks were killed, and two others fatally injured.

Screw making machines are now being manufactured at the Cambria iron works, and if they prove a success it is proposed to erect buildings and establish works of sufficient capacity to turn out ten thousand gross of screws a day.

The Grand Duke Nicholas allows no pilfering by the troops under his command. Any offender detected is tried by court martial and shot. So strictly is the

order obeyed that Gen. Zotoff himself had to do without chickens for some days because the Bulgarians refused to sell him a fowl for his private table.

Wm. Devers, a farmer residing a few miles north of Ada, O., drove into that town Saturday evening a week with a splendid horse and hitched on Main street. Some unknown party took the horse out of the buggy and put in its place an old horse one hundred dollars inferior to the one taken.

The following is a literal copy of an address upon a letter recently mailed in New York: "For mister patrick Davy Crarston, rhode inland in the state of new york to be handed to bridget o flaherty tea be handed for her sister ann madigan pau-tucket rhodd inland ten remain in the post offis till called for monday week."

D. M. Bride an Allegheny county grand juror, has been arrested on a charge of participating in the recent Pittsburgh riots. It is alleged that he was on Cliff street with a gun in his hand on the Sunday on which the trouble occurred, and that he endeavored to incite people to the commission of unlawful acts.

Judge Hall, of the Bedford and Somerset districts, was taken suddenly ill last week with congestion of the lungs, and is at present lying in a precarious condition. His serious sickness makes it necessary for some other presiding judge to take his place at the opening day of the regular Bedford county term of court.

Four prisoners, named Spencer, McKuhn, Wallenbaugh, and Woods, escaped from the Armstrong county jail on Thursday. The prisoners crowded behind the door at the hour the sheriff usually entered the jail with ice for use in the culinary department. The minute he opened it they shoved him roughly in and he fell down, while the men broke out, closing the door behind them, and before the official could recover himself they were out of sight.

The ground of acquittal from murder upon which a young colored man escaped at Rockport, Ind., recently, was that he believed his victim to be a ghost. He was passing through the woods at night with a gun, when suddenly a white object appeared in his pathway. Terror-stricken, he mechanically raised his weapon, and fired, bringing the ghost down mortally wounded, which turned out to be a colored neighbor walking home with a white sheet wrapped about him.

A Rhode Island woman who died recently expressed a dying wish that she should not be buried or placed in a tomb. Her husband consequently built a stone cottage on the shore of the bay, exactly like an ordinary dwelling externally, in the cellar of which her body is kept. The building has but one room, which is fitted up with furniture they had in their parlor when first married, and the surviving members of the family spend an hour or so there in devotions every Sunday.

The Philadelphia and Erie mail train north, due at Muney Pa., at a quarter before eight o'clock, collided with a freight train near that place on Saturday morning a week. The baggage and express cars, with their contents, were totally destroyed by fire. Express messenger Jacob Steinman and Engineer William Attick were burned to death in the wreck. Two cars of wheat and several coal oil tanks were burned.

About two months ago George Duncan, living at Seney station, on the Sioux City and St. Paul road, went to England to secure \$25,000 which a deceased relative left for him. While he was there a brother turned up his toes, and left him another fortune. A few days before he started for home an aunt died, leaving his name in her will for another big sum. He hurried away, fearing the whole family would die.

Samuel Crozer, residing in the lower end of Harrisburg, while playfully throwing some water over one of his comrades, from a glass tumbler, started to run with the empty glass in his hand. He stumbled and fell, breaking the glass to pieces, when portions of fragments cut a deep gash into his wrist, which severed several of the tendons and one of the arteries, causing the young man to bleed freely.—The loss of blood rendered him quite ill, and he is not considered entirely out of danger yet.

HOUSTON, Sept. 17.—A storm similar to that of September, 1875, struck Galveston at an early hour this morning, prostrating the wires and covering the bridges with water, thus cutting off all communication. An engine left here at 10 A. M., to learn the extent of the damage, and found the track under water for a mile in the vicinity of the bridge. The wind blew from thirty-five to forty miles an hour all day.—No trains had arrived from Galveston since yesterday, and it is impossible to find out anything about the damage at that place. There was no damage, and but little wind here. At Indianola the wind reached the velocity of fifty-two miles an hour.

W. J. Rice, Surgeon and Mechanical Dentist, will visit Bloomfield the first two weeks of each month, professionally. Office at Squire Clouser's residence. The remainder of his time at his office in Lechesburg, Perry co., Pa.

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