

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE: ILLINOIS.

HISTORY OF A WEEK.

THE NEWS OF SEVEN DAYS UP TO DATE.

Political, Religious, Social and Criminal Details of the Week Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—The Accident Record.

Great Barrington, Mass., was visited Monday by the largest fire in the history of the place. The flames started in a large tenement near the railway station, and, helped by the terrific gale that was blowing, soon had the greater part of the city in danger. Conservative estimates place the loss at \$200,000, with insurance of over \$150,000.

The town of Epping, N. H., was visited Monday by the most serious fire in its history. Six buildings are in ashes and the loss will foot up \$35,000, only partly covered with insurance.

Helen Keller, blind, deaf and without sense of taste and smell, has passed the Harvard examination with credit. She will enter Radcliffe (Harvard annex) at a younger age than most freshmen.

At a mass-meeting at Milwaukee, Wis., conducted by the Rev. Fay Mills, \$2,000 was raised for the Armenian sufferers.

An unknown man coolly walked down through Prospect Park, Niagara Falls, Monday, and, after taking off his hat and placing 40 cents in it, deliberately leaped over the railing and into the water. In an instant he was swept over the American falls before the eyes of three horrified spectators.

A correspondent in Guayaquil, Ecuador, telegraphs that General Alfaro, now the chief executive of the nation, has presented a bill to the national convention providing for a gold basis, the premium not to exceed 100 per cent.

The directors of the Morning Union (Newspaper) of Bridgeport, Conn., have decided to ask for a receiver. The plant will be sold at auction.

By the assignment of Printer E. F. Bigelow of Portland, Conn., the following papers, which were printed in his establishment, are compelled to suspend: The Middletown Tribune, the Middletown County Record, the Wesleyan College Argus and the Colchester Advocate. Of these the Tribune is a daily, the others weekly.

The sheriff closed the Star Clothing House at Freeport, Ill., under confessed judgments aggregating \$9,900. The business was established several years ago and was owned by Mrs. Hat-Ottlinger, her husband, E. Ottlinger, conducting it. No statement was given out.

At Youngstown, Ohio, the directors of the William Anson Wood Mower and Reaper Company filed a petition in court for the dissolution of the corporation, claiming that the debts, amounting to \$80,000, are all due to stockholders, and they desire the business wound up.

The Union Loan and Trust Company of Boston was not open for business Monday. This is the company for which the savings bank commissioners petitioned the court for a receiver last week, claiming its reserve is 5 per cent below the legal requirements.

Colonel J. R. McLain, a large lumber dealer of Putnam county, West Virginia, assigned last Saturday. Monday Circuit & McLain of Charleston, of which firm McLain was a member, assigned. McLain's liabilities are said to be \$100,000 and those of the firm much less.

The comptroller of the currency has received a telegram announcing the failure of the First National Bank of Eddy, N. M. It had a capital of \$50,000, and its last report showed an indebtedness to depositors of about \$75,000.

Bufford Overton was executed at Harlan, Ky., for the murder, June 21, 1895, of Gustave and Julia Loeb, Jewish peddlers.

Mrs. Meyers, aged 72, of Williamsburg, Iowa, fell into a cellar, completely scalping herself and fracturing the base of her brain. She died twenty-four hours later.

Judge Shaw overruled the motion to quash the indictment against James French for the murder of his wife last July at Rockford, Ill., and the prisoner entered a plea of not guilty.

A fierce fire is raging in the coal workings of Righter & Co.'s Mount Carmel mine at Shamokin, Pa., and a line of pipe was laid to the pit to extinguish the flames. The fire has been burning since Saturday and the vein is thirty-five feet in thickness.

Ex-City Treasurer Frank F. Michelson of Camden, N. J., against whom there were thirteen indictments, charging him with embezzlement and malfeasance in office, has been found guilty on the fourth indictment, which charges malfeasance. Sentence was deferred.

Baron Alexander Ucknell Gyldenbrandt has been appointed Russian minister of the interior.

In the case of the Heston Penitentiary Button Fastener Company against the Heston Specialty Company et al, the United States Court of Appeals reversed the lower court. This decision sustains the claims of the Heston patent and affects about 50,000 shoe manufacturers and dealers in the United States.

The Melbourne, Australia, assembly, after an all-night sitting, has passed the second reading of the bill abolishing the female suffrage and "one man one vote."

Domestic relations between Italy and Austria are promising in a matter both sides.

CASUALTIES.

Mrs. G. Walsdorfer of Leo, Ohio, lost both eyes while playing with her baby. The child struck its mother in the eyes with its finger nails, rendering her hopelessly blind.

Erick O. Moen, a Cottage Grove, Wis., farmer, 52 years old, was killed in a runaway last night. Moen was dragged about three-quarters of a mile. His body was found lying in the middle of the road this morning.

Arnold Boecker, the 17-year-old son of ex-Mayer Boecker of Naperville, Ill., met with a horrible death last night. While he was seated in a buggy near an excavation in the famous stone quarries of Naperville the horse dashed over a precipice embankment eighty feet high. The young man was frightfully crushed and died almost immediately.

The morocco factories of Garrett & Barr, Charles Baird & Co., and Washington, Jones & Co., in the neighborhood of Second and Walnut streets, Wilmington, Del., were damaged by fire to the extent of \$260,000. William McNeal, a fireman, was killed by falling walls.

Photographer Joseph Connell of Kokomo, Ind., had his left hand blown off last night in a singular manner. He was taking a flash light picture when the powder compound exploded, mangleing him terribly.

Tuesday night seven men started in a skiff to cross the river from Canton, Mo., to Quincy Ill., where they had been attending a political meeting. When about fifty feet from the Illinois side the boat upset, and John Reed, George Withrow and John Simms were drowned. All were in the government river service, and the last two came from Fort Madison.

FOREIGN.

There was a demonstration at the grave of the late Charles Stewart Parnell at Glasneven, Ireland, Sunday, the occasion being the anniversary of the funeral ceremony attending the burial.

It is reported that a Russian loan of 40,000,000 is impending, and also a Spanish loan. The continental demand for gold continues and money rates promise to rule firm.

The Russian newspapers are unanimous in expressing the opinion that the review of the French troops by the czar at Chalons signifies that if the two powers, Russia and France, are sincerely pacific, they also, by acting in unison, possess the force necessary to secure respect.

Emperor William is to visit the Krupp works to inspect an invention of great importance for improving the power and durability of guns.

The attorney-general for the post office department has decided that the post office department cannot pay rewards for dead men. Under the law the government offers the reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of post office robbers. By this ruling, however, the robbers will have to be taken alive if a reward is expected by the captors.

Wyatt Williams, a former cattle king, well known in Chicago, St. Louis and the west, was murdered on Main street, Ardmore, I. T., by Bud Watkins, a half-blood Indian, aged 24 years. The murderer was captured after a sensational chase and lodged in jail.

The Paris Evening alleges that a treaty of alliance between France and Russia was drafted in 1889 and was signed on May 27 last by M. De Montebello and the late Prince Lobanoff, Russian minister of foreign affairs.

The French cable steamer, the Francois Aargo, sailed from Halifax to proceed with the work of laying the new Haytian cable. The steamer Seine, engaged in the same work, is still in port.

CRIME.

A dispatch from Monterey, Cal., says Count Ballester, an artist, was shot and killed last night by a man named Abiger, who lived with him. Abiger has been arrested. The shooting was accidental. It is said both men are well known in Berlin.

Despondent over the death of his wife and the loss of his home under a mortgage, Thomas Robinson committed suicide by hanging himself to a tree in his yard at Rockford, Ill. He was a well-known old citizen.

Bret Robinson, an employe of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, aged 40, committed suicide last night at Chamolis, Mo., by shooting himself through the head, death being instantaneous. Remorse for heavy losses by gambling caused the act. He left a widow and one child.

C. T. Cole, cashier of the National Bank of Corning, Iowa, was arrested by the United States marshal on a charge of embezzlement. The bank was forced to sell its business last week to the First National bank. The deficit is about \$16,000.

George J. Marsh, treasurer of the Cape Ann, Mass., savings bank, and reputed wealthy, committed suicide at his summer house at Magnolia by shooting himself through the head with a carbine. It is believed he was an embezzler to the extent of \$150,000.

William Leisner, a hermit and junk dealer of New Palestine, Ind., committed suicide. He placed a gun in his head and fired.

The trial of George F. Stickerberger, who murdered his wife at Buffalo, Iowa, Sept. 10, ended in the jury declaring Stickerberger insane. He was taken to the asylum at Mount Pleasant.

Burglars held high carnival at Atwater, a town eight miles north of Alliance, Ohio, Friday night. Every store and shop in the place, to the number of one dozen, was entered.

George Sanders committed a murderous assault with a club on a piano tuner named Fisher at La Grange, Ind., and then hanged himself to a rafter in a deserted house. Fisher cannot live.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The filibustering expedition which left Palm Beach, Fla., early on Friday morning on the steamer Dauntless was the largest that has yet been dispatched to Cuba from Florida. The Dauntless carried nearly 200 men and four carloads of arms and ammunition. The fifteenth and final day of the Christian Alliance convention in Carnegie Hall, New York, Sunday, was one with great results. At the morning meeting subscription blanks were passed around the hall and the subscriptions for missionary work amounted to \$110,000. Rev. Dwight L. Moody preached in the afternoon.

Senator Blackburn of Kentucky is quite ill at his home. He has a fever and is threatened with bronchitis. He took a cold in New York last week when speaking at Tammany Hall. His physicians have ordered absolute quiet. He will not be able to resume his campaign for ten days and possibly not before election.

The New York Recorder of Sunday contained the announcement that it will cease publication with this issue.

The reports from the farmers in Ohio and Indiana of losses from hog cholera are alarming. The corn crop is very large, but the hogs are dying rapidly. Diphtheria is doing deathly work in Newman, Ill., and children are dying on every hand. The doctors here have secured anti-toxin and are using it.

John Lunn, wholesale grain dealer of Philadelphia, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. The liabilities amount to \$73,000; assets about \$30,000.

The bridge difficulty between Menominee, Mich., and Marinette, Wis., has been settled by the former building 693 feet and Marinette 827 feet of the 1,520 feet between opposite shores.

The proceedings begun by Attorney Edgar A. Howard against A. T. Hert, warden of the southern Indiana penitentiary, to oust him from office were dismissed on request of the plaintiff at Jeffersonville, Ind.

Col. Christy, counsel of the American Railway Union and the Knights of Labor, called at the department of justice at Washington, D. C., and filed a petition to the president and the attorney general for the pardon of W. H. Clune, Philip Stanwood and Isaac Roers, convicted in Southern California of conspiracy to obstruct and retard the United States mails during the railroad strike of 1894.

A suit has been commenced at San Francisco in the United States circuit court by Herman Cramer, claiming \$5,000,000 from the Singer sewing machine company, profits alleged to have been made by the company in selling machines infringing on Cramer's patent.

The steamer Belgic arrived at San Francisco Wednesday from Hong Kong and Yokahama. Among the passengers was Prince Michael Khilkoff, imperial minister of ways and communication of Russia, who has come to America to inspect its railway systems.

The First national bank of Ithaca, Mich., closed Wednesday. R. M. Steele is president of this bank, as well as of the one which failed Tuesday at Mount Pleasant. The capital of the bank is \$85,000.

The Tyler car and lumber company, one of the largest lumber concerns in Texas, is in the hands of a receiver. The liabilities are in the neighborhood of \$250,000; assets are estimated from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

The comptroller of the currency has appointed Charles M. Wilson of Grand Rapids, Mich., receiver of the First national bank of Mount Pleasant, Mich. R. J. Jarvis, postmaster of Benton Harbor, Mich., has been removed from office because of offensive partisanship.

John Kroder, incorporated, dealer in brass bedsteads, bicycles and curtain poles, at New York, assigned to Frederick Schanhauser. The sheriff is in charge of the company's stock under five executions for \$22,000. The company was incorporated in 1892, with a capital stock of \$200,000.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

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HEPREFERRED DEATH.

SHERBURNE BANK ROBBER COMMITS SUICIDE.

In the Pursuit of the Bandits the Leader of the Fosse Is Shot Dead—Most of the Stolen Money Found on the Dead Robber.

The deliberate murder of two women was committed at Sherburne, Minn., Wednesday by highwaymen who robbed the bank of Sherburne of \$1,000. About noon two strangers, one of whom looked like a mere boy, rode along the main street on bicycles. The strangers loitered around the outskirts until nearly 1 o'clock. At that time they sauntered lazily down the street and stopped immediately in front of the bank of Sherburne. After a moment's talk they went into the bank, and the elder of the men engaged Assistant Cashier George Thorburn in conversation. One of the desperadoes secured possession of a roll of bills containing about \$1,000. Thorburn tried to prevent the men from getting away with the money, when they whipped out their revolvers and began firing and at the same time retreating. One of the bullets struck Thorburn in the neck, causing almost instant death from internal hemorrhage. The shooting within the bank aroused the town, and the citizens began running in that direction. The first man to reach the place was Olaf Oesteru, a traveling salesman for the Wood harvester company, of St. Paul. He made a dash to grapple with the desperadoes, but was not quick enough, as he was struck in the head and fell dead at their feet.

They ran down the street firing at random, while persons in the street hurried to places of shelter. They ran about three blocks to some bushes where they had left their wheels. These they mounted and rode rapidly away toward the Iowa line, six miles to the south. A large posse at once started in pursuit, but was unable to overtake them.

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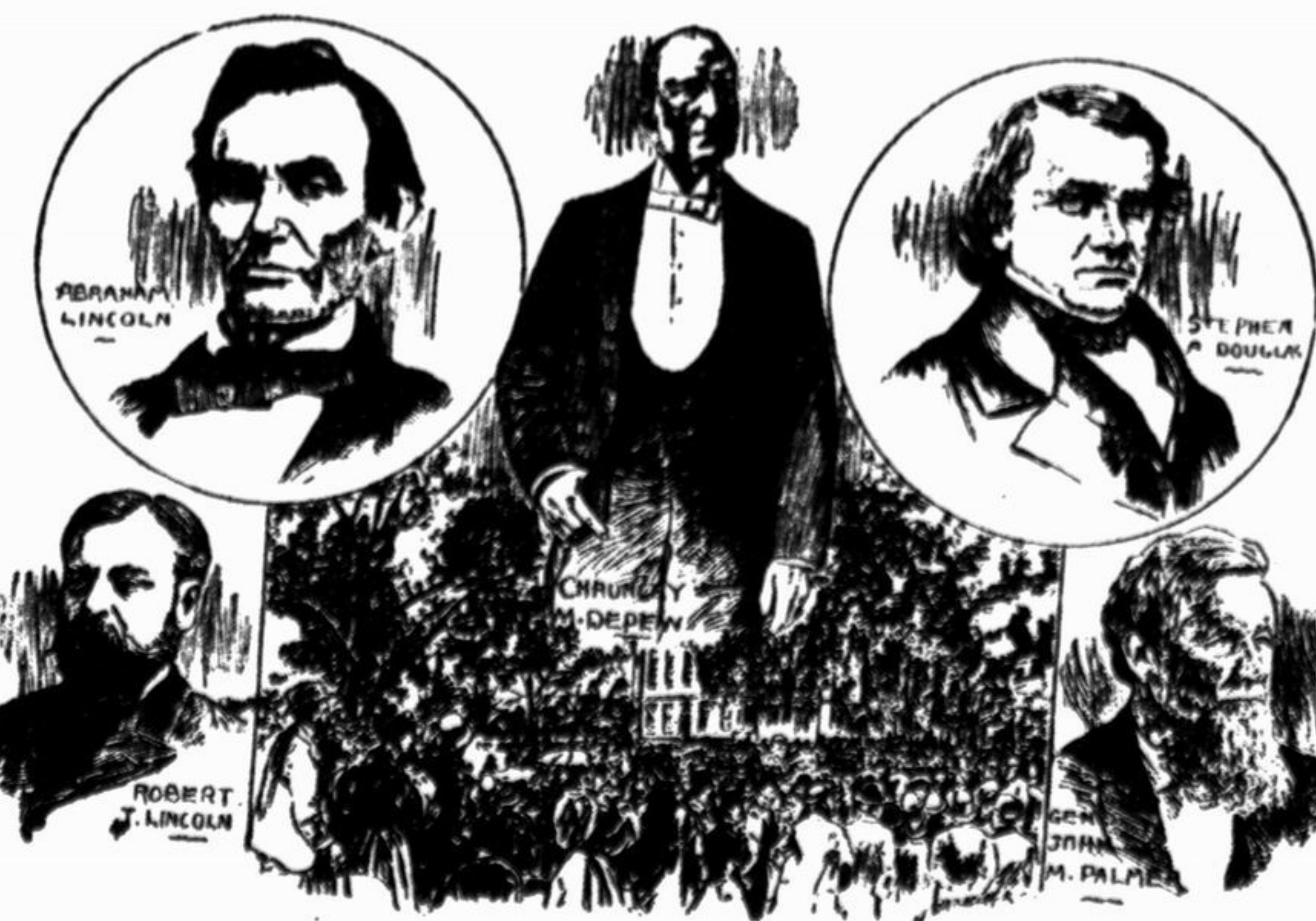
In the confusion Sair ran out a back door, mounted his bicycle, and rode rapidly east on the state line road. He would have escaped, but a pedal of his wheel broke and he had to abandon it, jumping a fence and making for some timber. Deputy Sheriff Ward sprang from his horse and fired at the fleeing criminal with his Winchester. The shot took effect in Sair's shoulder. He fell, but regained his feet at once, turned and glared at his pursuers a moment, and then deliberately put his revolver to his right temple and blew out his own brains. Upon examination of his clothing it was found that Sair had about \$600 in bank bills concealed in an inside pocket of his shirt.

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THE LINCOLN-DOUGLAS CELEBRATION AT GALESBURG, ILL.



It was thirty-eight years ago Oct. 7 since Lincoln and Douglas jointly discussed the political issues of that day at Galesburg, Ill. The anniversary was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the people of that city and vicinity. The celebration was at once historical and political. It could not be otherwise. As a landmark in history, that debate will stand out clear and high as long as the republic endures, and certainly it will have political bearing as long as the two great parties of that day continue.

The idea of a joint debate was not at all novel. The plan had long been a familiar one. Of late years it has rather fallen into decay. The tendency since the war has been to give each side its own day in the court of public opinion, holding its own meetings when and where the managers for that side might elect, wholly independent of the other side. Nor was the pitting

THE TRADE REVIEW.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS SHOW AN IMPROVEMENT.

Various Influences Stimulate a Demand for Staple Goods—Splendid Grain Crop Assured—The Week's Failures in This Country and Canada.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Distinctly better conditions have appeared of late and are reflected in somewhat larger employment of labor, in larger transactions and in continued buying of materials for manufacture.

A great part of the change is due to those relentless laws of supply and demand which take wheat where it is wanted and gold where it is wanted. India is waiting for cargoes of wheat on the way from Pacific states, just as Australia and south Africa were not so long ago. The surplus usually available from India disappears, and the surplus from Russia and European countries is reduced, according to late estimates, 75,000,000 bushels.

Happily this country has a supply which official accounts have not correctly measured, if actual government reports do not greatly mislead. Western receipts for the week were 7,243,969 bushels, against 7,351,474 last year, and this follows an increase of 14,000,000 in receipts during the quarter ending Sept. 30. Atlantic exports were 2,069,071 bushels, flour included, for the week, against 1,707,629 last year, but are not yet so large as to force prices upward if European buying based upon European needs did not control our markets.

A feature of large importance, too, is the unusually heavy foreign demand for corn, which is a rarely falling sign of deficient crops abroad, where other grains are used instead when wheat becomes scarce and dear.

Textile manufacturers are gaining a little and the buying of wool by large mills covers 7,662,800 pounds for the week, against 11,249,200 last year. Prices advanced about 1 per cent in September and have since advanced even more, though few of the mills have orders for a long time. Buying of cotton has been checked by heavy receipts from plantations, 1,122,287 bales having come into sight in September, against 542,394 last year. The price has dropped seven-sixteenths for the week and fewer now have confidence in a crop of only 7,000,000 bales.

Failures for the week were 296 in the United States, against 268 last year, and forty-six in Canada, against fifty-two last year.

State Ticket Will Stand. A conference was held Wednesday by the Indiana populist state candidates, and it was decided that the state ticket will not be withdrawn from the field.

Illinois Gold-Standard Ticket. The Illinois gold standard democratic electoral and state ticket will go on the official ballot shorn of the original title. The matter was settled out of court, and the condition of settlement was that they should be designated upon the ballot as the "Independent Gold-Standard Democracy."

Declare in Favor of Bicycles. The Pennsylvania State convention of the W. C. T. U. declared in favor of the bicycle, denounced scorchers, women who ride men's wheels and Midway Pleasance exhibitions.

Women's Clubs Meet.

The women of the state began a three days' convention at Springfield, Ill., Wednesday. The delegations from Illinois women's clubs took the capital city by storm. It was a gathering of notable and progressive women and their representatives reflected credit upon Illinois.

Archbishop of Canterbury Dead.

The archbishop of Canterbury was seized with apoplexy after the service began at Hawarden church Sunday morning and died shortly afterward.

Burglars Rob Banks.

The safe in the bank of Shelby, Neb., which was supposed to be burglar proof, was blown open at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning and \$3,100 stolen. The bank of Clatsop, Gage county, was also robbed last night of \$1,500 in cash. The robbers escaped.

The man who murdered Mrs. Baumle at Mayville, Mo., last week has been captured. He gave the name of Ezra Rocco, and has confessed the horrible details of the crime.

The treaty which has for some time past been pending between Nicaragua and Germany has been ratified by congress.

At a secret session the Peruvian congress approved the treaty of friendship and commerce between Peru and Japan.

In a collision on the Humber, near Hull, England, between the steamers Alexander and Emden, the former sunk, drowning ten of her crew.