

Downers Grove Reporter.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD

Industrial, Political, Domestic and Foreign
Happenings of Minor Importance
Told in Paragraphs.

While the tug *Friella*, with a number of excursionists on board, was entering her wharf at San Francisco J. D. Paulson, a bookkeeper, aged 35 years, and Edward Sellinger, a bartender, aged 24 years, began a scuffle in a friendly way and both fell in the bay and were drowned.

Samuel A. Hoffhelmer, principal owner of the White Mills distillery, which was seized by the federal authorities on June 1 on a charge that it was being run with intent to defraud the government of the tax on its product, was dismissed by a United States commissioner at Louisville, Ky., no evidence having been discovered which would connect him with any knowledge of unlawful practices.

A cloudburst occurred Sunday at the village of Zenon, near Knajzevas, Bulgaria, and fifty-four houses were demolished. Thirty persons were drowned.

Prof. Simon Newcomb of Johns Hopkins university attended a meeting of the Institute of France at Paris and invited the members to send representatives to the congress of savants which is to be held in St. Louis, Mo., in 1904.

A legacy of \$400,000 was left by James Russell, of California, to his son on condition that the latter should marry a New Jersey woman. The son is about to come East to comply with the will.

The schooner *Martha T. Thomas* was rammed and nearly sunk in Massachusetts bay by the battleship *Massachusetts* on a clear night. A cargo of pine prevented sinking.

Four Logansport (Ind.) editors were refused appointment by Mayor Vaughn as special police at an illegal Sunday baseball game outside of the city limits in retaliation of their criticism of the mayor's act.

The attempted lynching of George White, a negro alleged to have murdered Helen Bishop near Wilmington, Del., was prevented by the workhouse prison warden.

Winnette washerwomen, twenty-three strong, are on strike for \$2 daily wages instead of \$1.50 and meals heretofore paid. Laundry prices also have been raised, and a threat made to prevent work being done elsewhere.

About a dozen indictments, including two prominent men, are expected at New York and Washington as a result of the postal scandal expose. Fifty arrests are likely, and the investigation will last several months longer.

Three men who pleaded guilty when arraigned in a Jersey City court for harboring slot machines used for gambling purposes in their places of business have been fined \$2,000, \$1,150 and \$500 respectively.

A posse is hunting for two negroes who attempted to hold up two bridge workers and killed one of them near Sherman, Kan., and a lynching is expected.

At San Francisco fire did \$125,000 damage in the warehouse of Cunningham, Curtis & Welsh. Other principal sufferers were the Louis Roesch company and the Union Lithographic company.

President Mitchell of the mine workers has ordered back to the mines the men in the Linton coal fields who struck and rejected arbitration.

The strike of freight handlers practically tied up Kansas City freight departments of the Rock Island and Frisco roads, while the Burlington suffered greatly.

In a fight which occurred on an excursion train returning to Hundale, N. C., from Johnson City, Tenn., Deputy Sheriff Garland of Mitchell county, North Carolina, was shot and fatally wounded by John Williams and Constable Bailey severely cut and bruised. Williams jumped from the train while it was running and escaped.

MaJ. Gen. Frank Whcator, U. S. A., retired, died at Washington, aged 70 years. A widow and two daughters survive him. Death resulted from a general breaking down in health. Gen. Wheaton had an active military career, and in the civil war participated in many battles, notably those in the various Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Washington campaigns.

David H. Mason, formerly tariff editor on several Chicago newspapers, and more recently in the Chicago post-office, died from pneumonia after an illness lasting ten days. Mr. Mason was born in Philadelphia in 1829 and came to Chicago in 1868. He was associated with the *Tribune*, *Herald* and *Inter Ocean* at different periods, and besides his newspaper work, he wrote several histories of the tariff question in the United States and foreign countries.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor is in session in Washington. Until William F. Glass, secretary of the Amalgamated Glass Workers at Chicago, is heard from the matter of jurisdiction over all putty workers will not be disposed of.

John W. Bradford, a pioneer of Columbus, Ind., died of heart disease in a fit of coughing.

George Durham and Fred Underwood were hanged at Clarksville, Ark., for the murder of Sheriff John H. Powell on Feb. 1, 1902.

Croghan Dawson, for over seventy years a resident of Lexington, Ill., dropped dead. He was widely known and at one time a leading stock shipper.

By an explosion of gas in the No. 4 mine of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, near Tamaqua, Pa., fourteen men were so badly burned that it is thought six of them will die. St. Stanislaus college at Bay St. Louis, Miss., was destroyed by fire. The flames spread so rapidly that the students generally lost their trunks and clothing. Loss, \$65,000; insurance, \$36,800.

Within less than a month in Massachusetts there have been at least four deaths from glanders in human beings. The Boston board of health, fearing an epidemic, is making every effort to prevent the spread of the disease.

Edwin Howell, former teller of the First National bank of Cripple Creek, Col., was sentenced to serve five years in the Fort Leavenworth penitentiary. Howell had pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement of \$1,000 from the bank.

The Mississippi board of election commissioners ordered a state primary election to be held Aug. 6. This action means that the next United States senator from Mississippi will be chosen by popular ballot. Senator Money and Gov. Longino are candidates.

Dr. Wiley's tests with boracic acid and borax treated foods will be suspended between June 30 and Oct. 1, and his boarders will take a vacation. Several are said to have been made ill by the test.

In a drunken carousal at Springfield, Ill., Thomas Snider stabbed and fatally wounded George Coleman in the groin. Both are employes of the Republican Iron and Steel Company's works.

J. C. Wells, a drummer of New York city, and J. D. Proctor, a police officer of Houston, ventured out beyond the ropes while bathing in the surf at Galveston, Tex., and were drowned. Both bodies were recovered.

In a fight at a picnic at Knuckle Tree, eighteen miles from Portsmouth, Ore., John Brown was shot and killed and his father, Frank Brown, was fatally wounded. The elder Brown and John Short got into an altercation and Brown's son attacked Short with a hatchet.

John A. McAuley, a real estate dealer and builder of Columbus, Ohio, filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities are scheduled at \$99,629.74 and assets at \$7,705.50.

The Washington Power building at Buffalo, adjoining the Lyceum theater, was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$150,000. Smoke in the theater made it necessary to bring the play to an abrupt end.

Nick Beirich, a German saloonkeeper of Atchison, Kan., was shot and killed by Theodore McKim, a notorious Kansas City character, as the outcome of a dice game. McKim was mortally wounded later by officers. Charles Long of Quincy, Ill., a comrade of McKim, was fatally wounded by the officers.

Standing in the river with water up to their shoulders, firemen at Rochester, N. Y., fought a fire in the wholesale liquor house of Fee Bros., that caused a loss of \$175,000.

John Shea of Escanaba, Mich., was held up in Milwaukee by two footpads, robbed of \$68 and shot through the little finger in grappling with one of the highwaymen.

An epidemic of typhoid fever is raging in Two Rivers, Wis., twenty-five cases having been reported, though no deaths have yet resulted. Health authorities are trying to locate the cause.

Ell Julian has been arrested at Bennington, I. T., charged with the murder of his father, Solomon Julian, a well-known citizen living in Choctaw nation. He was given a hearing and remanded without bail.

Matt Aubrey, formerly a son-in-law of Chief Justice Fuller and at one time a resident of Chicago, was sentenced at Milwaukee to serve four years in the Wisconsin state prison for forgery.

Sherman Bell, adjutant general of Colorado and former "Rough Rider," was married at Colorado Springs to Mrs. Essie Carter. They will spend their honeymoon at the White House at the invitation of the president.

M. J. McMaisters, proprietor of a restaurant at Plain City, O., lost his life in an attempt to rescue his 11-year-old son from a burning building. The boy died later of burns.

Bishop J. C. Hartzell of the Methodist Episcopal church has sailed from New York on the Germanic on his seventh tour of inspection of the African mission field. The tour will cover 20,000 miles.

Eldon and Earl Herring of Lisbon, Iowa, and Fred Risler of Davenport were killed and four men were injured in a collision of a Rock Island passenger train and a gravel train at Elmira, Iowa.

Fire in the five-story building of the Avery Manufacturing company at Omaha did damage estimated at upward of \$70,000.

Gov. Frazier has granted a requisition permitting the removal of Lee Turner of Quarter House fame from Jacksboro, Tenn., to Pineville, Ky.

M. V. Leasia, who last May went to the home of his divorced wife, at Portland, Ore., and shot and killed her father, compelling her to flee with him, has been found guilty of murder in the second degree. Sentence has been deferred.

The Junger Maennerchor of Philadelphia won the Kaiser prize in the songfest at Baltimore.

Miss Annie Neftall of Chicago was awarded a verdict for \$1,000 in her suit at Newport News for breach of promise against Harry Morewitz, a Newport News merchant.

ALABAMA PRESS HIDES PEONAGE

Newspapers of the State
Maintain an Attitude of
Indifference.

JUDGE'S OPINION IS IGNORED

Editors of State Appear to Fear Public Sentiment, Which Favors Maintenance of the Leasing System as Applied to Negro Convicts.

Montgomery, Ala., dispatch: The opinion which United States District Judge Thomas Goode Jones rendered to the federal grand jury for the enlightenment of the jury in connection with its investigation of peonage is a remarkable judicial pronouncement. It has not been accorded the publicity in Alabama which it deserves. One Montgomery newspaper published the full text of the opinion. The press of the state generally, however, dismissed it with the publication of a few excerpts selected with little intelligence.

Press is Indifferent. The indifference of the press is hard to understand in view of the fact that Judge Jones declares as criminal a system that has been fostered until it has grown to enormous proportions, and which certain elements in the state regard as one of the fundamentals of their prosperity. He says without equivocation that the contract labor law and the equally infamous statute which renders it a felony for a farm tenant or renter to throw up



"Little Russian comment"—(news item), but a lot of thinking.

his lease are not only unconstitutional, but that they are conducive to the creation of peonage.

Without those laws to give a color of legality to the slave deals which are being consummated in various sections of the state almost daily, there could be no peonage.

Judge Jones possesses the advantage, as a native of Alabama, of understanding the motives underlying the passage of the iniquitous laws. Many years ago, as speaker of the house of representatives in Alabama, he was instrumental in defeating a bill which was a counterpart of the present law.

He believed then that it was unconstitutional, and perhaps he believed also that the purpose of it was to reestablish slavery in the guise of peonage. On a later occasion, when a similar bill became the principal issue of a gubernatorial campaign, Judge Jones took the stump against it and was nominated for governor. Again was its enactment into law prevented.

But the advocates of the measure were persistent and in time were successful in having it incorporated among the revised statutes of Alabama. Since that happened Alabama has been cursed by a form of slavery more repugnant in most of its aspects than the slavery which was abolished by the emancipation proclamation of President Lincoln.

Expect Legislature to Act.

The law-abiding citizens of the State recognize that Judge Jones has rendered Alabama a conspicuous service in pointing out the constitutional defects of the laws under which peonage has been practiced and are preparing to make his words the slogan of a campaign for their repeal. The legislature will meet in September. It will be urged to pass a repealer without loss of time and also to enact laws which will bring within the jurisdiction of the State courts of Alabama criminals of the type who are now under indictment before the federal court for fostering peonage. The legislature will undoubtedly act with promptness, for by so doing it can

Police Chief Kills Miner.

Dillon, Mont., dispatch: Dan Mc Closkey, a miner, of Butte, met his death at the hands of Chief of Police Stone while resisting arrest. Mc Closkey was shot through the heart. He had first fired upon the officer.

Warship Sinks at Sea.

Boston, Mass., special: The British monitor *Scorpion*, formerly a Confederate craft, founded while in tow eighty miles off George's shoal. Her crew of fifteen men was rescued.

save hundreds of land owners from prosecution by the federal authorities.

Situation is Serious.

There can be no reasonable doubt that every planter and employer who has accepted the services of renters and laborers as penalties for violation of leases and contracts is guilty of forcing the persons concerned into involuntary servitude. Neither is there any doubt that they are amenable to the federal law and liable to immediate arrest and conviction.

The situation is very serious. The dockets of justices of the peace throughout the State could disclose to the federal authorities the extent to which the peonage statute has been violated. Every planter and employer who has taken advantage of the State laws is aware of this fact and fearful that, under Judge Jones' interpretation of those acts, he may be called to account.

Many May Be Indicted.

Certainly the grand jury, which is still in session in Montgomery and may not adjourn until September, has been given the widest possible latitude in dealing with offenders. With such assistance from Chief Wilkie's secret service as that official is capable of rendering, the jury can indict hundreds and perhaps thousands of farm owners who believed that they were protected by the laws of Alabama. Prompt repeal of the statutes would force abrogation of all existing contracts, free the peons and perhaps limit the future efforts of the federal authorities to the detection of barbarous slave drivers of the type already under indictment.

HEPPNER DEATH LIST GROWING

Belief That the Total Number of Dead Will Approximate 200.

Heppner, Oregon, special: Late developments show that the Heppner death list will exceed the estimates. Many corpses, which were carried

HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



"There she comes." Do you see her?

ELEVEN JURORS AGAINST JETT

One Man Saves Feudist From Being Convicted of Murder.

CHANGE OF VENUE IS GRANTED

Judge Redwine Removes the Case to Harrison County, Where Gen. John Morgan Recruited His Celebrated Raiders During the Civil War.

Jackson, Ky., special: But for one juror Curtis Jett would have been convicted here for the murder of Marcus and a majority of the jury favored the conviction of Thomas White also. Both of the accused men are almost 100 miles from home in jail at Lexington, and their next trial will be at Cynthiana, over 100 miles from Jackson, away from the mountains and in the Blue Grass region, under different conditions from those existing in Breathitt county.

Cynthiana is four times as large as Jackson, and it is not likely that newspaper men and other visitors will have to camp out at the next hearing.

Harrison county, in which the prisoners are to have their next trial, is the old home of Gen. John Morgan, who recruited there his celebrated raiders during the civil war.

Change of Venue. The interest in the change of venue was second only to the verdict. When Judge Redwine refused to hear arguments on the change or the location it was stated by many in the courthouse that the presiding judge had heard from Gov. Beckham, who is generally believed to have had something to do with the change of venue to Harrison county, which is the Eighteenth judicial district of Kentucky. There J. J. Osborne is the Circuit judge, L. P. Fryer is the commonwealth's attorney, and the sheriff and other court officers are also favorably known.

To Retain Troops. It is thought now that after the trials of Jett and White in Harrison county the cases of others who have never been arrested will be taken up on a change of venue. Among the cases cited is that of the late Dr. Cox, whose friends refused to secure witnesses for any jury in Breathitt county that was selected under the present regime.

The next case on the docket here was that of Curtis Jett for killing the town marshal, James Cockrill, but it will be postponed until after the trials at Cynthiana.

Col. Williams is at Frankfort conferring with the governor regarding the withdrawal of the troops. It is understood that he advised the governor that at least one company should be retained in Jackson as long as Provost Marshal Longmire was kept in charge of the town.

Baer is Going Abroad. Reading, Pa., dispatch: President George F. Baer of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad company, accompanied by his family, will sail for Europe on July 26. Mr. Baer, who is very fond of ocean travel, will be in Europe only two weeks, as he is unable to take a longer vacation this year.

Pay Massacre Sufferers. Berlin cable: The Jewish association here has received news that Prince Ursuff, the new governor of Bessarabia, has orders from the czar to compensate the sufferers from the Kishineff massacre for their losses.

Join Academy Francais. Paris cable: Prof. Frederick Mason, the historian, and M. Bastin, the author, were elected members of the Academie Francais to succeed M. Legouve and M. Gaston Paris, deceased.

More Trouble at Acre. Rio Janeiro cable: News just received here that Placido Castro has started in haste to the territory of Acre has caused much surprise. New complications are feared.

Trolley Links Large Cities. New Haven, Conn., special: An order just handed down by the Superior Court has made it possible for the final link to be completed in a chain of connecting trolley lines between New York city and Boston.

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TRIES TO SACRIFICE CHILDREN ON ALTAR

Georgia Mother, Crazed by Religion, Is Prevented From Killing Her Four Little Ones.

Augusta, Ga., special: Crazed with emotional religion, Mrs. Gussie Lott, a widow who lives in West Enis, bound her four small children before an altar which she had improvised in one of the rooms of her home and with a knife in her hand was about to sacrifice the eldest, a boy barely 7 years old, when relatives rushed in and interposed.

The boy said his mother had prayed and sung all night and ranged them on the east side of the house to greet the rising sun. It was her intention to sacrifice the children just as the sun rose.

Mrs. Lott has been an enthusiastic member of one of the local churches and has often indulged in extreme demonstrations during revivals and visits of traveling evangelists, but no suspicion as to her sanity was entertained until recently, when on account of her strange actions she was taken to the county by relatives. It was thought she had entirely recovered and she returned home. A charge of lunacy was entered against Mrs. Lott, and she will be taken to the state asylum at Milledgeville.

CLARK IS TO BUILD A PALACE

Montana Senator Will Eclipse Rivals With Washington Residence.

Washington dispatch: Senator W. A. Clark of Montana is planning the construction of a palace in Washington. The house will far exceed in splendor the senator's New York residence, recently completed, which surpasses the palaces of the Vanderbilts and other millionaires. The Washington residence will be located upon the site of the famous Stewart castle, which property is now owned by the copper king. Several world-famous firms of architects in Europe and America are competing in drawing the plans, the finest of which will be chosen by Senator Clark. The structure will cost several million dollars and two or three years will be occupied in erecting it.

WOODMEN RAISE THEIR RATES

Iowa Plan is Adopted by Indianapolis Convention by Fair Majority.

Indianapolis, Ind., dispatch: The Modern Woodmen's convention adopted the Iowa plan for readjustment of rates by a vote of 215 1/2 to 166, after defeating the Young amendment by 171 to 280 1/2. The committee appointed to submit a readjustment plan failed to agree and the session was thrown open to individual plans. The session was exciting and the various plans were earnestly contested. The convention will be held next year at Milwaukee.

DEWEYS TO STAY AT GOODLAND

Troops Will Be Withdrawn and Sheriff Left in Control.

Topeka, Kan., dispatch: Chauncey Dewey and his cowboys will remain in the county jail at Goodland and the governor will withdraw the troops now stationed there. The governor believes the sheriff is making a mistake by keeping the prisoners in northwest Kansas, but as the sheriff's authority in that matter is supreme, he alone will be responsible should any trouble occur.

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