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TO CONFESS HIS CRIME.

BUCKEY LEGISLATURE CALLED IN EXTRA SESSION.

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BE WILL CONFESS.

Murderer Birchall Will Make a Clean Breast of His Crime.

Woodstock special: Since his conviction, Birchall has been constantly talking about the murder of Benwell, and it is probable that soon the set for his execution arrives when he will have made a clean breast of the crime. He has ready made a number of important admissions regarding the case. He acknowledges that he was an accessory, and confesses that he took Benwell to Eastwood, and beyond in the direction of the swamp, where the body of the young Englishman was discovered, but denies that it was his hand that slew Benwell. He does not say much about his negotiations with the victim, and his father, though he freely admits he went in to swindle both them and Pelly. Mrs. Birchall had an interview with her husband the other day for the first time since he was condemned to death. The interview was a brief and affecting one, Birchall exhibiting considerable emotion.

To Visit the United States.

The Convention of the Irish National Party convened in Dublin. When the opening preliminaries had been completed the convention proceeded to select the gentlemen who are to compose the delegation which is to proceed to the United States to represent the Irish political position and solicit aid for the peasantry who are threatened with famine as a consequence of the potato blight. The delegation as agreed upon is constituted as follows: John Dillon, Wm. O'Brien, Thomas Power O'Connor, M. P., for Scotland, (Liverpool); Timothy D. Sullivan, M. P., for Clogue Green, (Dublin City); Wm. Abraham, M. P., for western division of Limerick, and Thos. P. Gill, M. H., for the southern division of Louth.

Struck by a Locomotive.

A distressing accident occurred on the Missouri Pacific tracks at Ewing Avenue, St. Louis. While Mrs. C. Gabriel, living at No. 2,316 Chouteau Avenue, and her little 5-year-old daughter were crossing the railroad track, they were struck by a locomotive drawing a construction train. When they saw the train approaching the mother and child attempted to get out of the way, but the child "slipped and fell" directly in front of the engine. The mother sprang to save the little girl, but was struck and hurled twenty feet away and rendered unconscious. The child's body was terribly maimed and dismembered.

Covington, (Ky.) Election.

The election in Covington, Ky., was conducted by ballot somewhat similar to the Australian system. Hitherto the method of voting has been vive voce. The result was the election of Major J. T. Thomas (Republican) by a majority of 4,000. He has succeeded the city weigher, three of the five Aldermen, five of the ten councilmen and five of the ten members of the School Board. The Democrats elected the Assessor. This is the first Republican mayor in twenty-five years.

Boycott Bob Ingersoll.

The private secretary of Robert G. Ingersoll has had considerable difficulty at Philadelphia in securing a suitable hall for the popular lecture on "Art and Morality." The officers of the Academy of Music declined to rent the hall to any person "who advocates infidelity and atheism." An attempt to secure the Union League Club annex was also unsuccessful. Finally Horticultural Hall was secured, and the lecture, which is designed to be a testimonial benefit to Walt Whitman, is arranged for Oct. 31.

Extra Session of the Ohio Legislature Called.

Governor Campbell has called the Ohio Legislature to convene in extra session Tuesday, October 11. The only extra session held in the present called one convened on June 1, 1855, a proclamation of Governor Robins' in order to consider the question relating to the southern boundary line and extension of our constitutional boundaries as described in law enacted at General Session.

Gold Fever Expected.

Authentic reports have been received at Ardmore, Indian Territory, of the finding of immense veins of gold and silver in the Arbuckle Mountains in the Chickasaw nation, forty-five miles north of that city. Army officers and others have gone through that region to look for gold in the Arbuckle Mountains. A small sized California gold fever is expected.

The World's Fair.

Chicago special: The Committee of the Local World's Fair Directory sent to Washington to confer with Secretary Proctor in reference to the use of the Lake front have returned. They bring with them a letter from the Secretary addressed to Secretary Butterworth in which it gives formal consent by the War Department to the piling of the lake basin.

PRIESTS STILL PRESIDE.

What Governor Thomas Says About the Mormons.

The Mormon question has been discussed at some length by the Governor of Utah. He asserts that the Mormon people are the priests, and that in every political and business act the church is not first, the country afterward. The population of the Territory is estimated to be 229,932, an increase of 55 per cent. during the past ten years. Large numbers of Mormons are recruited by immigration from Great Britain and Scandinavian countries. The report says that the average number of foreign-born persons brought to the Territory by the Mormons have been during the past nine years about eighteen hundred annually, and that this average has probably been maintained during the past year. The Governor says that political and official Mormonism deals in evasions and meaningless words, or words of doubtful meaning, hypocritical pretenses and false assertions. Its attitude toward polygamy is delusive in the last degree. It knows that there has been no change on the subject, but it seems to convey the impression that there has been.

armed before he could use it. The men were brought to this place. It was at first said that five men were engaged in the robbery, but it now seems that Hines and Hoffman undidled up the train. While one covered the engineer with his revolver the other forced Express Agent Avery to surrender to him two packages supposedly containing money, but subsequent development showed that these amateur bandits had made a water haul, as the packages contained nothing but \$100 worth of jewelry and railroad vouchers.

BANDITS IN OHIO.

Two Masked Men Bind and Gag an Express Messenger and Rifle the Safe in the Car of \$1,000.

As train No. 2 on the Cincinnati, Sandusky and Cleveland road was pulling out of Urbana the other morning at 3 o'clock two masked men broke in the Atchison Express Company car and presenting demands at the head of A. L. Scudder, the Express Messenger, demanded the keys. Scudder surrendered and was then bound hand and foot and gagged. The robbers then rifled Scudder's pockets, securing \$75 and his watch, and with the keys rifled the safe of its contents, about \$1,000. The train had reached West Liberty, a small town, by this time, and the robbers left the car and took a position on the platform. Scudder succeeded in calling the attention of the local agent and was liberated and the alarm given, but the robbers covered the trainmen with their guns and ordered the train to proceed, which it did, and just as they reached Bellfontaine the robbers left the train and disappeared in the dark in the booty. Scudder saw them jump and stood upon the train. They returned the fire from the valley from both revolvers, however, doing no damage. A reward has been offered for their capture. Scudder, the messenger, is an old employee, and no blame is attached to him. His doos were locked, and the first intimation he had was the cool end of a pistol held at his head, with the blood-curdling "Throw up your hands!" The rifling of the safe was but short work, and by the time the robbers were through Scudder had regained his voice and began to howl. One of the masked men placed his revolver at his head and pulled the trigger, but the gun snapped without exploding the cartridge. The other robber then interfered and saved the messenger's life by standing between him and his pal, saying "We do not need to kill him."

Superintendent Bimble, of the Adams Express Company, in a circular described the men as follows: Five feet 11 inches in height, weighing in the neighborhood of 180 pounds each, wearing plain black overcoats, one with a cap, the other with a hat.

FEELIE FRIEND.

A Hugo Cat Licks the Breath of a Six-Months-Old Child.

Chicago special: The little Stella Woyda, a 6-months-old child, was killed by a big cat, her breath being actually drawn out by the feline. The baby's father and mother reside at 1045 North Hoyne avenue. In the afternoon the baby was put in the cradle, the cat being placed along side of it for a plaything. During the afternoon it was noticed that the cat kept continually near the baby's bed, but little attention was paid to this. In the evening, thinking the child was sleeping remarkably well, Mrs. Woyda went to the cradle and was horrified to find the infant dead. The cat had sucked its life away. Efforts were made to resuscitate the child, but without avail. As soon as the facts became known, among the neighbors there was a general clew of cats. Tabbies that for years had enjoyed the efforts of a good homed place, a kitchen stove were ruthlessly "fired" into the cold world, and it is safe to say that in the immediate vicinity where the child lived there are not half a dozen felines. The murderous cat is one of the common species, and particularly large. It has been a household pet for several years—in fact, since it was a kitten. When the mother discovered that the baby was dead, she drove the cat out from the bed, and it disappeared and did not return until the morning, when it came back and crawled under the house, its young ones lay and where it remained till drawn out. The case is a peculiar one in many respects, and excited no little consternation in the neighborhood.

NO KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

On the New York Central—They Must Give Up Their Organization or Leave the Company.

The New York Central officials have decided that the Knights of Labor shall be employed on their road, and Vice-President Webb has issued a circular directing the heads of the various departments to make their decision known. The circular is addressed to the general manager, general superintendent, chief engineer, and superintendent of motive power and rolling stock, and says:

"The recent strike and the acts of lawlessness committed in connection therewith, the published correspondence between the leaders of the organization that ordered it, and the fact that many now are seeking re-employment state that they quit work from fear of personal violence and did not dare to offer to resume work for the same reason, except the management of the company to whom it objects to its employees being members of the organization known as 'Knights of Labor.'

"The management assert that membership in this particular organization is inconsistent with faithful and efficient service to the company, and liable at time to prevent it from properly discharging its duties to the public. You will at once take such action as will bring this circular to the attention of the employees in your respective departments."

DON'T LIKE IT.

The newspapers of Mexico call on the Government to appeal to the Postal Union against the action of the United States Government in forbidding the transportation of Mexican newspapers bearing Mexican postage with lottery tickets.

Blaine Will Not Campaign in Ohio.

Mr. Blaine says he will probably not be able to visit Ohio to take part in the campaign in McKinley's district, although he desires to do so.

A FARMER AND A SPORT.

Who Held Up a Train in Missouri, Under Arrest.

Lexington (Mo.) special: The Otterville train robbers were captured at Elmira, near here, and are now in jail in this city. Detective Thomas Filding has been quietly working on the case since August 19, when a Missouri Pacific train was held up by masked men in Robbers' Cut, Otterville. Two weeks ago he located the bold bandits. Keeping his own counsel, and at the same time holding the men under strict surveillance, he finally completed a web of evidence that warranted their arrest. The company with the deputies he proceeded to the house of Horatio S. Hines, a farmer, near Elmira, and arrested him and his pal, Frank Hoffman, a country sport and all-round tough. Hines attempted to show fight, and when he saw who the visitors were he grabbed a Winchester rifle from the wall, but was thrown

fifty yards from the mill; Walter Pitman and his brother and a son of Guerly's were killed. A negro was badly injured and it is thought he will die. There was another person injured but not seriously.

Morley's Condemnation of the English Government.

London special: Mr. Morley's outspoken condemnation of the course of the Government and the policy in the officially conducted riot at Tipperary, and of the brazen partisans of the court before which O'Brien and Dillon are being tried, and the meeting of the Liberal leaders at Howtham to discuss the situation and decide upon the course of the party, presage a very lively time for the Government as soon as Parliament re-opens next month, and the disgraceful Balfour regime will probably receive the hardest blow which it has experienced. Mr. Morley had yet to give expression to the result of his tour, as viewed from the side of the potato famine, the immediate interest of the public having been attracted just now to the flagrant outrages at Tipperary.

The Rev. Mr. McFadden, priest, declares that Mr. Jackson, the Financial Secretary of the Treasury, who gave so rosy an account of his trip to Ireland, never went near the really distressed parts of Gweedore, about which he pretends to talk so glibly, and that his representations of the state of the crops in Ireland are willful.

A Divorce in High Life.

Mrs. R. W. Rathbone, Jr., of Chicago, has decided to apply for a divorce on the grounds that her husband has been unfaithful to her. Mrs. Rathbone is the daughter of A. B. Pullman, a brother of the palace car king.

Mr. Rathbone is the son of a leading flour merchant, and the two families are conspicuous in the best society of Chicago, a boast. Mr. Rathbone's wife is of over-particularity, being Dr. Chapman, a New York physician, who has been in Chicago for some time past. The latter vehemently denies the charges and characterizes them as base lies. The couple have been married thirteen years.

Penny Postage.

It is well understood that the Postmaster General is strongly in favor of the establishment of a postal saving bank, and it is believed his next annual report will advocate the adoption of the plan which may seem to him the most practical to put out at the present time. When Mr. Wilmot makes his report again to Congress he will no doubt give it the benefit of his investigations into the practicability of a present letter postage to one cent. He will find a strong point in his favor in the comparison with the reduction of postage made in 1883 from three to two cents, which eventually resulted in an increase instead of a reduction of postage.

Dreadful Destination.

Denver special: Alonso Moore, a prominent Linden, Col., merchant, arrived here, and in an interview says: "It is estimated that there are about a hundred destitute families who are in a destitute condition and who will suffer for the necessities of life unless aid is procured. These settlers reside in what is known as the 'Rain Belt' of Eastern Arapahoe County. Owing to the scarcity of rain during the past season the crops have been a total failure. Most of these destitute families have recently come into the county and relied upon this year's crops for a start."

Kidnapped a Girl.

Two discharged colored farm hands of John Brown, a well-to-do farmer of Perryville, Pa., kidnapped his daughter Anna, aged 20, took her to a hut in a ravine and kept her there over a week, as she repeatedly and forcing whisky down her throat. They then left. The fiends' names are John Johnson and Jack Williams. A searching party went out when she failed to return home, but it was some time before she was found. She was almost insane and instantly accused Johnson and Williams. The men have not yet been captured.

He Was a Brute.

Alexander Frazer, a noted colored preacher, was in Police Court at Rockford, Illinois, charged with drunkenness. The庭庭 gave a sensational color to the case, as it showed that Frazer's wife had recently died in childbirth and that he had sold the body of the infant. The purchasers, who are presumably medical students, went to Frazer's house and dissected the body of the woman, leaving pieces of the remains scattered all over the room. Warrants have been issued for all the parties implicated.

Hold Up by Bandits.

Eureka Springs (Ark.) special: Road agents held up the Harrison and Eureka Springs stage to hold. The driver was commanded to lay out one of the highwaymen, who covered him with a shotgun, while his masked comrade revolver in hand, stepped to the door of the stage and interviewed the passengers of whom there were two. They were not molested, however. Taking the mail pouches with them the robbers disappeared in the woods. This is the third time this stage has been held up.

A \$900 Confabulation at Des Moines.

Fire was discovered in the Health Animal Mill, located near the railroad center of Des Moines, Iowa. It was well under way before an alarm was sent in. The loss on the mill and machinery will be \$50,000; on the stocks, \$30,000. The total damage on both buildings and stocks is about \$800, distributed among a number of companies. The origin of the fire is unknown. An incendiary is strongly suspected.

A Female Highwayman.

Otto Nelheim, a well developed German, while walking along Fourteenth street, near Penn Avenue, Washington, was seized by a colored girl, who pulled him into a dark kiosk, and when she struck a match knocked him down, and then she ran away with his money and his pockets and ran away. She was subsequently arrested and turned out to be the Eliza Foy, who was just released from the penitentiary, where she served a term for arson.

Worth \$100,000 and Put in Ohio Penitentiary for Burglary.

Probably the wealthiest convict in the Ohio prison, exceeding E. L. Harper, Arthur Robison, Portage County man, who doomed the strikers recently for a bank burglary. He is a young man and the black sheep of a respectable and wealthy family. Just before he was taken from the jail at Ravenna to go to the penitentiary he received notice of the death of a relative, by whose will he received \$100,000.

Executed for an Atrocious Crime.

Two brothers, Joe and Carmel Diaz were executed at Havana for a particularly atrocious crime. They had attacked a negro woman, a Hindu, and R. D. Rio, and subjected her to the grossest indignities. The husband of the negro sought to avenge the dishonor of his wife, but was killed by the brothers, who also murdered the woman and then mutilated the bodies of their victims.

A Negro Murderer Lynched.

Ernest Humphries, the negro who shot and killed Dick Miller, another negro, at Princeton, Ky., was taken from

jail at that place by a mob and hanged. Miller was the second man that Humphries had killed.

Public Debt Statement.

The public debt statement for September shows a decrease in the debt during the past month amounting to \$4,582,907. The interest bearing debt, exclusive of the bonds issued to the Pacific Railroad is \$638,688,070, against \$650,978,020 September 1, a month ago, or a reduction in the bonded indebtedness during the month amounting to \$42,399,950, while on the other hand the surplus in the treasury, which a month ago included subsidiary and national bank redemption fund, was \$107,397,877, is today \$59,791,350, a decrease of \$47,606,327.

Idaho Election.

Incomplete returns from seven out of eighteen counties in Idaho give Sweet, Republican, for Congress, 1,501 majority. The same counties in 1888 gave Dubois, Republican, delegate, 990 majority. The entire State is Republican by 2,500 to 3,000 majority. Late returns show that the Legislature will probably stand 33 Republicans to 19 Democrats.

Fire at Mansfield, Ohio.

The Mansfield Carriage and Wagon Company's works were totally destroyed by fire. The works were closed for repairs, and the cause of the fire is unknown.

Loss estimated at \$30,000; insurance, \$10,000. The works were almost totally destroyed by fire four years ago, when operated by the firm of Scherdt & Miller.

Lawmakers Nearly Lynched.

Hot times have been experienced in the Oklahoma Legislature over the capital question. Representative Perry grabbed the unsigned bill and started to run. Some one cried "Hang him!" The cry became general. The spectators joined the members, an attack was made on Speaker Daniels and a general row resulted.

Three Ladies Killed.

While Mrs. Dostaler, wife of Dr. Dostaler, was driving across the Canadian Pacific tracks at Maskinonge, Que., in a carriage containing herself, Mrs. Picke, Miss Heroux and two children, aged about 5 years, the carriage was struck by a freight train and all three ladies were instantly killed. The two children escaped with injury.

Wrecked in Wyoming.

The east-bound Union Pacific passenger train No. 2 ran off the track at an open switch at Rock station, Wyo.