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STEVENSON'S NARROW ESCAPE

Former Vice President Loses Hair and Mustache in Flames.

Bloomington, Ill., April 9.—Adlai E. Stevenson, formerly vice president of the United States, lost his hair and mustache and received painful burns on the face, head and hands while trying to extinguish a fire in his home. The fire started in a bedroom and Mr.



ADLAI E. STEVENSON.

Stevenson was attracted by the smoke coming through a transom. When the statesman rushed into the room the curtains were ablaze. Without calling for aid Mr. Stevenson attacked the flames.

In a twinkling the hair started from his head and went up in a puff of smoke. As the amateur fire-fighter sought to save his hair, the fire seized his mustache and blistered his face. He retreated before his clothes caught fire. The damage to the house is \$1,900.

Special Verdict Ordered.

Frankfort, Ky., April 9.—When the trial of James Howard, charged with killing Governor William Goebel, was called, the defense filed an affidavit asking for a continuance, pleading the absence of witnesses. The commonwealth objected and the court in chambers heard the objections. The affidavit of the defense was admitted subject to exceptions for competency and relevancy. Examination of jurors was then begun, but the panel was soon exhausted and a special venire of 150 citizens of Woodford, an adjoining county, were ordered to be present in court this afternoon.

Brothers in Deadly Quarrel.

Lancaster, Ky., April 9.—John Metcalf shot and killed his brother, Ben Metcalf, at the home of their father on White Lick creek in this county as the result of a quarrel. John Metcalf was arrested. He claims that he shot his brother in self-defense.

POLITICAL SCANDAL AT INDIANAPOLIS.

Indianapolis, April 9.—There is to be an open investigation of the charges against Ed Logsdon of the board of works. Some contractors have filed affidavits with the Citizens' League, charging that Logsdon demanded 10 per cent of the amount of the sprinkling contract for the campaign fund. The contractor who it is reported was concerned in the deal, says he did not say that Logsdon asked for the per cent. Logsdon says he didn't, but several men say that the contractor says he did, so there you are. The matter has created a sensation politically. Logsdon demanded an investigation, and a council committee will investigate. But there are a large number of people who think the administration would have been acting in better faith if the matter had been placed in the hands of the grand jury instead of in the hands of a political committee.

Frank I. Grubbs, deputy secretary of state, is being congratulated on the manner in which he handled the copy for the acts of 1903. The first book was received from the printer yesterday and copies will be ready for distribution tomorrow or next day. Mr. Grubbs has worked night and day getting the copy of the bills to the printer, and the work was finished eighteen days quicker than last year and several days ahead of any previous record. As soon as the regulation number of copies have been sent to the county clerks and the latter receipt properly, the laws will be promulgated by the governor and the secretary and will then be in full force and effect. The acts contain over 650 pages, but the book is not quite as large as the

WEEKLY WAGE LAW DEADLY CYCLONES

State Supreme Court Says It is Opposed to Bill of Rights.

And as Such Is Unconstitutional and of No Effect, Says State's Highest Court.

Grounds Upon Which the Decision Was Based, and Something of Its Effect.

Indianapolis, April 9.—The supreme court has held the weekly wage payment law of 1899 unconstitutional, on the ground that it is in violation of Section 1, Article 1, of the state constitution, commonly known as the bill of rights, and the fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution, denying a state the power to deprive a person of life, liberty or property without due process of law.

Specifically, it deprives the workmen of the liberty of making a contract. The argument of the attorney general was that labor is not on an equal footing with capital and opportunities for oppression follow and that frequent payments make it possible for the laborer to pay cash for the necessities, which engenders thrift.

The state factory inspector for the state brought suit in the Delaware circuit court against the Republic Iron and Steel company of Muncie, to enforce the law for the payment of wages weekly, and to compel the company to pay William Havarstick \$36.35 back wages. The state won, and the judgment of the lower court, required the company to pay \$48.45, a 30 per cent penalty, into the common school fund. The lower court is reversed in an opinion written by Chief Justice Hadley. It was conceded that the evidence supported the complaint, and the only question was the validity of the act of 1899.

IT WOULDN'T WORK

Advanced Commercialism at Kokomo Failed to Pay.

Kokomo, Ind., April 9.—The Kokomo Co-operative association, which conducted a general mercantile business on the profit-sharing plan, is in the hands of a receiver. A wholesale grocery asked for the appointment of a receiver, but before that officer, named by the circuit court, could take possession, a local loan agent foreclosed a mortgage and had the keys in his pocket. The store was operated by Socialists, and it opened three months ago under the leadership of Dr. W. D. Wattles. The Socialists intended to place their theories in practical operation, but the enterprise was a failure. The stock will not pay off creditors, and the stockholders will get nothing.

Situation Again Serious.

New Orleans, April 9.—With the blowing out of forty feet of cribbing at the Hymella crevasse the situation there has become serious and fears are expressed that unless the damage can be immediately repaired, other portions of the 1,000 feet of work will be endangered by the strain placed upon it.

The decision of the supreme court holding the weekly wage law unconstitutional is a sad blow to the laborer. State Labor Commissioner MacCormack says it will fall more heavily on the unorganized than on organized labor, which is generally admitted for most of the union men have annual agreements, so that the number of pay days is not so much a matter of state law as it is a matter of arrangement between the men and their employers. But the unorganized men will have to do the best they can. Some of the labor leaders believe that the decision will result in the organizations being extended into new territory within the next few months, as there can be no more legislation until the next session of the general assembly.

Governor Durbin and his party returned from Shiloh battlefield last night, tired out but reporting a most enjoyable trip. The weather was almost ideal all the time, there being but one shower to mar it. This, however, did not occasion any great inconvenience. Members of the party say they were delightfully entertained. The exercises were of a stirring nature. The old soldiers were especially pleased with the trip, and they will not get over fighting the battle again in a long time. There was considerable discussion of General Wallace's criticism of General Grant, and while he was not condemned, most of the party seemed to think that the old subject should not have been reopened on such an occasion.

Alabama and Arkansas Visited by Worst Storms of the Season.

More Than a Score of Lives Are Lost in the Two Destructive Tornadoes.

An Alabama Hamlet Was Swept Away Without a Note of Warning.

Birmingham, Ala., April 9.—Without a word of warning the little hamlet of Hopewell, forty miles north of this city and one mile from Hanceville, was swept away by a cyclone which cut a path of desolation a mile wide and two miles long across a prosperous farming section of Blount county. Twelve persons were instantly killed, three or four fatally, and a score seriously injured. It is believed that several of the injured will die. The storm came from the southwest and traversed its destructive path in a northwesterly direction, tearing everything in its way. The section through which it went is flat, on an elevated tableland in the hilly section of Blount county. There was not the slightest intimation of its approach until the houses were being torn to pieces.

One of the first homes visited was that of Nathan Griffin. The house was demolished and Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and their son James were killed. Another son and niece of Mr. Griffin made a miraculous escape by running from the house before the demolition was complete and saving their lives. They were injured but will recover. The house of John McCoy was the next wrecked, but he and his family escaped with severe bruises. The home of Henry McCoy, son of John McCoy, received the worst impact of the storm. His wife was severely injured, two of his children are still unconscious and may die, and he and his babe and two other children are dead. He was still clasping his baby in his arms when his body was found, close to the house.

The storm then took an easterly direction and struck the house of C. C. Oden. The trees in the yard were twisted into gnarled shapes, and even the vegetables in the garden were torn from their roots. Mr. Oden was killed outright and so were his three daughters, aged fifteen, twelve and nine years respectively. Mrs. Oden received injuries from which she died later.

ARKANSAS TORNADO

Two Counties Swept and a Half Score Persons Killed.

Little Rock, Ark., April 9.—Specials from several towns in White and Cleburn counties, Arkansas, tell of a cyclone which swept through that section, leaving death and destruction in its wake. The major portion of the country through which the storm plowed its way is remote from railroads, telegraph or telephone lines, and it has been impossible to ascertain where the storm began, but it is known that it raged in those two counties, and the list of casualties will from indications, mount much higher than it now is, with nine dead, three dying and twenty-three others badly injured. At Bradford, which is on the Iron Mountain road, several houses were blown down and one man badly injured. The tornado came from the west and had spent its force by the time it reached Bradford. It is feared the little town of Hiram, with a population of 150, has been wiped off the map. It is near Heber where several were killed, and in the storm's track. Nothing has been thus far heard from it. It probably will be several days before the names of all who were killed by the tornado are known.

Tragedy Due to Domestic Trouble. Sherman, Tex., April 9.—Ben L. Thompson, cashier of the Bank of Commerce, was shot to death on the public square of this city by W. E. Stone of Texas. The men met on the street and without preliminary parlay drew their revolvers and opened fire. Stone is about twenty-two years of age and is a traveling salesman for a Dayton (O.) house. Stone surrendered. He stated that the tragedy was the result of a family difficulty.

Bonilla's Further Successes. Panama, April 9.—A dispatch from Honduras announces that General Bonilla has abandoned Nacome, and it is believed that he will flee to Salvador. The town of Coray has also been captured by the forces of Gen. Bonilla and only the Honduran capital, Tegucigalpa, now remains in the power of President Arias.

Boxer Uprising Predicted. St. Petersburg, April 9.—The French bishop of Saechuan, the middle province on the western frontier of China, predicts a general Boxer uprising throughout the province.

Rumor Will Not Down. Vienna, April 9.—It is again reported that the Russian consul, Stcherbina, who was shot by an Albanian near Mitrovitz, has died from his injuries.

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—DECATUR, INDIANA.—

Decatur, Ind., April 9, 1903. Editor Daily Democrat. In your issue of the 5th inst, there is an article signed by D. J. Coffee wherein he accuses me of reporting him as being on a drunk at Mat Shaffer's saloon last Sunday. I reported no such thing. I have other things to look after than keeping tabs on all the drunks. If he was not in Mat Shaffer's last Sunday why did he say to a certain person Monday that people was reporting that he and Charley Aukerman was in the saloon and that Charley was tending bar and that both got drunk and then laughed about it. I will say no more but let the grand jury investigate whether he was or not. Henry McLean.

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