

JAILS ARE FAULTY

Too Many Such Structures Over the State Have Been Condemned.

A Case at Point at Bedford Emphasizes Plea of State Board of Charities.

Annually for Fifteen Years This Jail Has Been Condemned, Yet Nothing Is Done.

Indianapolis, Feb. 1.—The Bedford murder mystery which has excited so much interest throughout the entire country has emphasized some statements the board of state charities has been making for a long time about county jails. The authorities at Bedford admit they would not dare to confine a man in the Bedford jail if he was charged with a crime so serious as to inflame the public mind as this murder has done.

The jail would hardly hold a prisoner in, much less hold a mob out. It has been condemned every year for fifteen years, and the board of state charities has repeatedly called attention to it, yet no other provisions have been made. There are many other counties in the state whose jails are in the same condition.

INTERESTING GOSSIP

Senator Fairbanks' Vice Presidential Boom Gets Going Again.

Indianapolis, Feb. 1.—The revival of the talk of Senator Fairbanks for the vice presidential nomination has caused quite a flurry among politicians. Men who have been regarded as his closest friends seem much concerned. It is believed they are in the dark as to his intentions. Most of them think it would be a sacrifice for him to take the nomination, yet many have come to the conclusion that he is the logical man for the place and that his strength would be so generally conceded that it would be an easy matter for him to get the presidential nomination in 1908. Anyway, the way the big papers in the East are taking up the matter has caused his people at home to think it is not improbable that he will be selected.

BEAM JURY DISAGREES

Second Trial of Man Accused of Murder Ends Without Verdict.

Hammond, Ind., Feb. 1.—For the second time in as many months the jury in the Lake Superior court disagreed as to the guilt or innocence of Truman Beam, charged with strangling his sweetheart, Martha Lawrence. The first trial resulted in a disagreement, eleven standing for conviction and one for acquittal. The jury discharged by Special Judge Peterson of Crownpoint stood seven for conviction and five for acquittal. The jury took a ballot during their deliberations to decide whether the girl was murdered. They decided that she was.

Farmer Frozen to Death.

Greensburg, Ind., Feb. 1.—The body of George Newman, a prominent farmer living near Napoleon, was found frozen in the snow in the corner of a field about a mile from his home. Newman had driven in his wagon to the village of Napoleon and while there he became intoxicated. He did not start for home until late at night, when a blinding snow was falling and it is thought he became bewildered and lost in the snow, and thus froze to death.

Requisition Refused.

Indianapolis, Feb. 1.—Governor Durbin has refused to honor the requisition from Governor Yates of Illinois for E. F. Adams, who is wanted in Chicago for the alleged obtaining of \$6,000 under false pretenses. A former partner of Adams was the prosecuting witness. The alleged offense was committed five years ago. Adams, who has been in jail in Vincennes, where he was arrested, for the last few days, has been released.

Child Fatally Burned.

Indianapolis, Feb. 1.—Little Eddie Coffin, the six-year-old invalid son of Charles Coffin of 528 Warren avenue, was fatally burned at the Coffin home by pulling a lighted lamp over. The child's clothing became ignited from the burning fluid, and before its mother could extinguish the flames the boy had been horribly burned about the body and head.

Ended in a Mistrial.

Anderson, Ind., Feb. 1.—After being out seventy-two hours and taking more than 300 ballots without reaching an agreement, the jury in the A. J. Baker murder trial was brought into the courtroom and questioned by Judge McClure as to the possibility of reaching a verdict, after which it was discharged.

Woman Run Down by Train.

Alexandria, Ind., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Mary Taffinger was run down by a Big Four passenger train at the Harrison street crossing here. The body was hurled twenty-five feet and it remained wrapped completely around a telegraph pole until taken down. Nearly every bone in the body was broken.

CABLED CONGRATULATION

Root's Last Official Act Was to Felicitate Gov. Wright.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Just before his retirement from office Secretary Root addressed the following cablegram to



LUKE E. WRIGHT, GOVERNOR OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Gov. Luke Wright at Manila: "Heartily congratulations and good wishes upon your assuming office of civil governor. There can be no better wish than for same fidelity, ability and success which have always characterized your public service in the Philippine islands."

ON VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY

Personal Injury Suits Give Chicago Cause for Alarm.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Personal injury suits amounting to \$38,666,952 are pending against the city of Chicago, according to the report of City Attorney John F. Smulski. The council, the legislature and finally the people are appealed to for relief. Sidewalk injuries caused the majority of the suits. Mr. Smulski in his report shows that the interests combining to loot the city in this way amount practically to an organization. Names of lawyers, mostly young men and doctors, occur with great frequency in the list of suits. The city attorney says the piling up of suits will inevitably continue for some years, even should the city at once begin to tear up every wooden sidewalk.

The city attorney says the main cause of this condition is the deplorable state of the city's finances, which makes it impossible to care properly for its streets and sidewalks. The remedy, he says, is a new city charter. The many judgments awarded against the city are pointed out and Attorney Smulski says that unless favorable action is taken in regard to a new charter, inevitable bankruptcy will result.

CASHIER WAS SHORT

Henry Burkhold's Account Was a Quarter of a Million Off.

Cincinnati, Feb. 1.—The report of the experts who have completed their examination of the books of the Franklin bank of this city shows ex-Cashier Henry Burkhold to have been \$241,000 short. Burkhold was superceded as cashier several months ago and has been so prostrated by his financial collapse that he is not expected to recover. John J. Kilgour, president of the Franklin bank, says there will be no prosecution and that the bank and the creditors will not lose a cent. Burkhold has given President Kilgour power of attorney to sell securities and settle up his affairs, and out of the two millions of Burkhold's holdings it is thought about \$20,000 will be left for his estate.

Many Texans Disfranchised.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 1.—The registration of Texas voters for next November's election closed last night at midnight, and while all the returns will not be in for a couple of days, it is estimated that out of some 700,000 voters in Texas only 550,000 of them have saved their voting privileges by paying their poll-tax. Under a constitutional amendment enacted two years ago and made operative a year ago, voters in Texas are not allowed to exercise the franchise privilege unless they pay \$1.75 poll-tax per year.

Jimenez Has Lost Out.

Washington, Feb. 1.—According to information received at the state department all the ports of San Domingo are now in the possession of the Morales provisional government, which succeeded the government of General Wos y Gil. The Jimenez revolution seems to have been stamped out.

Deadly Gas Explosion.

Pittsburg, Feb. 1.—An explosion of natural gas in the cellar of the home of Henry Magel in West Liberty Sunday, was the cause of the deaths of two persons and the severe injury of six others.

Whole Town Destroyed.

Greenville, Miss., Feb. 1.—Fire at Hollandale destroyed every building in the town except two dwellings and caused a loss estimated at from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Death of Mr. Bryan's Sister.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 1.—Miss Nannie Bryan, the sister of W. J. Bryan, is dead at her home in this city after a short illness of peritonitis.

HAD GOOD EFFECT

Consul Skinner's Visit to King Menelik Was Very Timely.

Its Effect Upon America's Cotton Trade Will Prove Quite Beneficial, the Report Goes.

Abyssinia's Ruler Was Greatly Interested in the Visit of the Americans.

Marselles, Feb. 1.—The following details of the governmental mission to King Menelik, of Abyssinia, which was led by United States Consul Robert P. Skinner, have been obtained.



MENELIK, KING OF ABYSSINIA.

Mr. Skinner's party arrived here Saturday on board the steamer Victoria. The American marines and blue jackets who accompanied the expedition were left at Aden, and went on to join the American gunboat Machias.

Consul Skinner and the other members of the party are in good health, and they speak enthusiastically of the receipt accorded them by King Menelik. On the way to the coast, the party saw one elephant and heard a number of lions, but experienced no exciting adventures. In the course of an interview, Mr. Skinner said: "President Roosevelt selected a most opportune time for establishing relations with Ethiopia, as Americans heretofore have been too indifferent to the remarkable development which is now going on in Abyssinia. Our cotton goods pass through many hands before



EMPEROR MENELIK II OF ETHIOPIA.

sold at high prices in Abyssinia, but now Americans have an opportunity to conduct their own trade. King Menelik will send some of the products of his country to the St. Louis exposition, as well as a commission composed of able men to show the Americans commercial opportunities in Abyssinia. The king is a broad-minded statesman who will welcome Americans."

During the visit of the Skinner party at the capital, King Menelik received them surrounded by an imposing assemblage of 2,000 functionaries. The escort of American marines established a camp called "camp Roosevelt" which attracted a great deal of interest.

The king made a personal inspection of the camp which lasted for three hours, and after having witnessed the maneuvers of the marines, he asked one of the men for his gun and loaded and fired it. This act on the part of the king pleased the visitors greatly. The Americans were impressed with the assimilative ability of the Abyssinians, and that new roads, bridges, water supplies, telephones and telegraph lines are being constructed. He considered the Abyssinians to be the "Japanese" of Africa. He points out, however, that the postal and banking systems are defective and unsatisfactory. The money is on a silver basis. Consul Skinner believes that Americans will find a large field for activity in the gold, coal, petroleum and asphalt possibilities of Abyssinia.

An official report of the result of the mission has been forwarded to Washington.

Tilbury Was Acquitted.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Hollis M. Thurston against James Tilbury, her former chauffeur, for blackmail, rendered a verdict of not guilty.

BAILEY HAD ENOUGH

Governor of Kansas Says He Is Through With Politics.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 1.—Governor W. J. Bailey's withdrawal from the Republican gubernatorial race is the culmination of one of the greatest political upheavals in Kansas in years. So far the element headed by Cyrus Leland, who on Friday last predicted Bailey's nomination at the state convention, which meets at Wichita on March 7, has not announced a candidate and



Ed W. Hoch, the Marion editor, the candidate of the anti-machine crowd, is the only man in the race. Congressman J. M. Miller predicts Hoch's nomination by acclamation. Following the announcement of Governor Bailey's retirement, W. R. Stubbs, who is directing the fight against the machine crowd, so-called, headed by Mr. Leland, has issued a manifesto declaring that "the fight against the machine has been won."

Governor Bailey announces that he will never run for office again. "I am out of it," he said. "My career is rounded. I am done." He added: "I am going to try to live to reward the friends I have. I am not going to punish my enemies."

MRS. MAYBRICK NOT RELEASED

Celebrated Prisoner Simply Has a Change of Scene.

London, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Florence Maybrick, who is serving a life sentence for the murder of her husband, has not been released, but was removed from Aylesbury prison Jan 25, presumably



ably to a private institution, for the purpose of recuperation. She is still undergoing sentence under guard, and though apparently not an inmate of any prison, she still remains as much a prisoner in the eye of the law as when she was at Aylesbury.

Interest Revived.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Regarding the case of Mrs. Maybrick, interest in which has been revived by reports that she had been released from prison in England, state department officials say there has been no recent communication between them and the English government on the subject. The last information the department had regarding the case, and this is now some months old, was that Mrs. Maybrick probably would be released late in the coming summer.

Native Rebels Are Active.

Berlin, Feb. 1.—A dispatch received here from Swakomund, German Southwest Africa, says that since January 21 three men have been killed in sorties from Okahandja against the besieging rebel natives. The garrison at Omaruru repulsed a severe attack on Jan. 27, and it is assumed that Otimbingwe is also besieged. Repairs to the railroad beyond Karibib have been commenced.

BRIEF DISPATCHES

There will be no ball at the White House this season.

Representatives of insurance companies now estimate the losses at Aalesund at \$5,000,000.

The sixth annual convention of the American Ceramic society is in session at Cincinnati.

Five men were instantly killed in the Pappe Hill colliery, at Manzanow City, Pa., by an explosion of powder.

The Colorado flyer on the Missouri Pacific railway was derailed near Osage City, Kan. One person was killed and twelve injured.

For the calendar year 1903 the patent business transacted exceeded all previous records. There were 50,213 patents applied for and 11,020 issued.

American warships have been signalling to each other a distance of fifty miles, by searchlight rays, over and across the mountains of the Isthmus of Panama.

The national house of representatives decided that the called session and the present regular session of congress was one and the same thing, by striking out of an appropriation bill a provision giving representatives \$15,000, and senators \$15,000 extra mileage.

WEEK IN CONGRESS

The Program in the House Offers a Wide Variety of Subjects.

In the Senate the Panama Question Continues to Crowd Out All Other Points of Discussion.

Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation Bill Will Be Passed This Week.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The house this week will pass the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill which was reported from the committee on foreign affairs last week. Mr. Hitt, chairman of the committee, will call it up at the first favorable opportunity. District of Columbia business is the special order for today; private claims bills for Tuesday and pension legislation for Friday.

Consideration of the diplomatic bill will afford opportunity for a further wide range of discussion on such topics as members may desire to introduce. The bill providing for the ratification of a treaty with the Sioux tribe of Indians on the Rosebud reservation, which reached the point of third reading Saturday, is pending, and its consideration is a special continuation order so long as it does not interfere with appropriation bills or private calendar business. A number of bills of minor importance have found their way to the house calendar, some of which may be passed during the week, but such as threaten to precipitate extended debate must wait until more important legislation is out of the way.

IN THE SENATE

Panama Question Holds the Boards Against All Comers.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The senate this week will continue to discuss the Panama question. Speeches will be made by Senator Fairbanks (Rep.) and Senators Clarke (Ark.) and Clay (Dem.) all in support of the treaty. There also will be other speeches, but a temporary cessation may be expected later in the week as there is a disposition on the part of many Democratic senators to postpone further discussion of the question until responses to the resolutions of inquiry shall be received from the executive. The Democrats, however, have given assurance to the Republican leaders that they will not seek delay merely for the purpose of postponing a vote on the treaty which they will permit as soon as legitimate debate shall be exhausted.

The present plan is to continue the discussion in open session, but if it becomes apparent that more can be accomplished by closing the doors executive sessions will be ordered. It is now certain the solid vote of the Republican side of the chamber in favor of the treaty will be augmented by many Democratic votes. The suggestion was made in the Democratic caucus Saturday that the entire Democratic vote should be pledged in case assurance is given of concessions to Colombia, but it was not acted on.

The urgent deficiency appropriation bill will be reported during the week and will receive attention if the Panama question shall be side-tracked to meet the requests of the Democrats for delay to digest the new information they hope to receive on the revolt. The canal question will be kept to the front as much as possible even to the exclusion of appropriation bills.

Punishment for Greathouse.

Edwardsville, Ill., Feb. 1.—After being out twenty-four hours the jury in the case of Frank Greathouse, on trial for the murder of Mrs. Laura Bailey of East Alton and for an assault on her eighteen-year-old daughter Eliza, returned a verdict of murder last night and fixed the punishment at thirty years in the penitentiary. Mrs. Bailey and her daughter were found lying unconscious in the road last June. The mother died but the girl revived and accused Greathouse of having been their assailant.

Talked Things Over Sociably.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Secretary and Mrs. Root spent their last evening of official life in Washington in dining with the president and Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House last night. Later in the evening Governor Taft, who today took the office vacated by Secretary Root, called at the White House and with the president and secretary discussed for some time matters relating to the Philippines.

A Fugitive Drowned.

Webster, Pa., Feb. 1.—One of a party of five negroes fired upon a party of white men who had been making fun of them. Two of the white men were wounded, one of them fatally. In trying to get away from the infuriated companions of the injured men, one of the negroes was drowned in the Monongahela river.

An Early Reply Expected.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Information received at the state department is to the effect that the Russian reply to Japan's last note on the far Eastern question will be made the early part of the present week. The tenor of the prospective communication is not known here.

Weather Forecast.

Indiana—Fair, except light snow flurries in south portion; Tuesday fair, warmer in north portion.

MARKET REPORT.

Accurate prices paid by Decatur merchants for various products. Corrected every day.

GRAIN.

BY E. L. CARROL, GRAIN MERCHANT.

New Corn yellow	\$ 57
New Corn, mixed	56
Machine shucked one cent less	
Oats, new	37
Wheat, No. 2	86
Wheat, No. 3	83
Rye	52
Barley	50
Clover Seed	5 57
Alfalfa	@ 5 06
Buckwheat	48
Flax Seed	80
Timothy	\$ 90

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago market closed at 1:15 p. m. today, according to J. D. Hale, Decatur special wire service, as follows:

Wheat, May	90 1/2
Wheat, July	89 1/2
Corn, May	50 1/2
Corn, July	49 1/2
Oats, May	43 1/2
Oats, July	42 1/2
May Pork	13 00
May Lard, per cwt.	7 1/2

TOLEDO GRAIN MARKETS.

Changed every afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. J. D. Hale, Decatur, Special wire service.

Wheat, new No. 2, red, cash	\$ 92 1/2
May wheat	91 1/2
July wheat	89 1/2
Cash corn, No. 2, mixed, cash	46 1/2
Corn, July	45 1/2
May Corn	44 1/2
Oats, Cash	41 1/2
May Oats	42 1/2
Oats, July	38 1/2
Rye, cash	60

OTHER PRODUCTS.

BY VARIOUS GROCERS AND MERCHANTS.

Eggs, fresh, per doz.	\$ 27
Lard	9
Butter, per pound	11 1/2
Potatoes, new	60
Onions	50
Cabbage per 100 lb.	50c
Apples, per bu.	50
Sweet Potatoe, per bu.	75

STOCK.

BY FRED SCHEIMAN, DEALER

Lambs	4 @ 4 50
Hogs, per cwt.	\$1 60 @ 1 75
Cattle per lb.	3 @ 3 1/2
Calves, per lb.	5 @ 5 1/2
Cows	2 @ 2 1/2
Sheep, per lb.	2 @ 2 1/2
Beef Hides, per lb.	5 1/2

POULTRY.

BY J. W. PLACE CO., PACKERS.

Chickens, young per lb.	5 @ 6
Fowls, per lb.	5 @ 5 1/2
Ducks, per lb.	6
Young Ducks	6
Young Turkeys, per lb.	10
Geese, old per lb.	4
Geese, young, lb.	4

HAY MARKET.

No. 1 timothy hay (baled)	\$7.50 @ \$8.50
No 1 mixed hay (baled)	\$5.00 @ \$6.25
No. 1 clover hay (baled)	\$4.50 @ 6 25

WOOL AND HIDES.

BY B. KALVER & SON.

Wool, unwashed	16to20
Sheep pelts	25c to 75
Beef hides, per pound	06
Calf hides	08
Tallow, per pound	04
Coco	15 to 1.25
Skunk	20 to 1.25
O'possum	10 to 60
Muskat	5 to 22
Mink	50 to \$2.00

COAL—Per Ton

Anthracite	\$ 7 50
Domestic, nut	4 00
Domestic, lump, Hocking	4 00
Domestic lump, Indiana	3 80
Pocahontas Smokeless, lump	5 50

OIL MARKET.

Tions	\$2.02
Pennsylvania	1.87
Corning	1.57
New Castle	1.74
North Lima	1.37
South Lima	1.32
Indiana	1.51
Whitehouse	1.35
Somerset	1.32
Nedasha, (Kan.)	1.21
Barkersville	.97
Ragland	.86

MARKET NOTES.

Liverpool market closed steady. Wheat, 1/2 cent higher. Corn, 1/2 cent higher.

Receipts at Chicago today:

Hogs	37000
Wheat	39 cars
Corn	404 cars
Oats	202 cars
Cattle	20000
Sheep	20000

Estimate for tomorrow:

Hogs	32000
Wheat	45 cars
Corn	135 cars
Oats	133 cars

For Sale—A good clean stock of groceries and fixtures. Will give possession at once or Feb. 1. Room 22x30 with good ware room. Rent reasonable. Good established trade. Reasons for selling. Have other business to take our attention. For particulars write or call on Minch & Co. Geneva, Ind. tf