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WAS A RIDE TO DEATH.

THE SAD FATE OF A SLEIGHING PARTY.

Warren Springer Must Answer for Criminal Negligence—Alarming Illness of Secretary Blaine—Arthur P. Gorman Returned to the Senate—Detroit Now Awake.

The Lawmakers.

The Chaplain had a somewhat larger audience of Senators on the 19th than usual. The first paper presented was a report from the Secretary of State (In reply to a Senate resolution) as to the Mexican awards under the convention of 1868. Secretary Blaine's report gives the full amount of the awards as \$1,865,000, all of which had been paid by Mexico in fourteen annual installments in accordance with the terms of the convention. These were passed on April 20, appropriating \$10,000 for Postoffice building at Mammoth Hot Springs, in Yellowstone National Park; to the South Dakota to support a school of mines at Rapid City, Pennington County; to the State of Michigan for a school at Hastings, Neb; appropriating \$20,000 to increase the accommodations of the Marine Hospital at Detroit, Mich.; appropriating \$100,000 for a public building (Mansfield, O.) at Worthington, Neb.; appropriating \$15,000 for a public building at Jacksonville, Ill.; appropriating \$100,000 for a public building at Ferguson Falls, Minn.; appropriating \$100,000 for a public building at Zanesville, Ohio; consideration of the Mexican award bill was resumed, and the last vote was on its amendment against it. Mr. Morgan replied to Mr. Vest, and then the bill went over till the 20th without action. The enrolled House bill, fixing times of sessions of United States Courts in the North and South, was signed by the Vice President. It is to be read in the present session to go to the President for his approval. In the House, nothing of importance was done.

BLAINE A SICK MAN.

Stricken at the Cabinet Meeting by Another Attack of Nausea.

Secretary Blaine is again a very sick man. He was taken suddenly ill at the Cabinet council, and the important business of the day was brought to a standstill forthwith.

The great State Secretary was assisted to his carriage by Secretary Elkins and driven to his home.

The family physician was summoned at once, and the report given out was that Mr. Blaine's illness was a recurrence of the attack of nausea which he suffered early in January.

GORMAN GETS IT.

He Has Been Re-elected United States Senator from Maryland.

Hon. Arthur P. Gorman has been re-elected United States Senator from Maryland. The memorial volume containing the names of the subscribers to the silver service presented to the Senate for Gorman by the citizens of Maryland was immediately presented to him upon his re-election. The inscription in the book reads: "To the Hon. Arthur P. Gorman, United States Senator, from citizens of Maryland in token of their appreciation of his services to the nation and State during the Fifty-first Congress." Baltimore, May 14, 1881.

CRIME OF THE BOILERS.

Springer and Four Employees Deemed Criminally Responsible.

Enlightened or otherwise by the testimony of forty witnesses, the Coroner's jury at Chicago, charged with the inquiry as to the causes of and responsibility for the explosion of the boilers at the Springer Building, agreed upon its verdict. Five men, Warren Springer, owner of building, and four of his employees, Edward B. Gallop, Charles Schroeder, W. H. Cartwright, and Martin Lyng, were deemed guilty of criminal negligence in permitting the existence of conditions which led to the explosion and killing of Henry Oswald, Elias H. Bush, Arthur Hall, Patrick Rogers, and John H. Lee.

St. Louis Tragedy.

At St. Louis, a four-horse sleigh load of twenty-one persons, members of the Clover Leaf Club, was struck by a Wabash westbound passenger train at the Wabash Ball-way crossing. The colored driver and seven of the party were instantly killed and ten or eleven more or less seriously injured. Only two escaped uninjured. The dead were taken to the morgue, while the injured were brought in on the train and were taken to their homes. The crossing is a dangerous one, being in rather a deep cut.

Detroit Wants It, Too.

A party of fifty Detroit citizens have started for Washington with a guaranteed bond of \$50,000 and a limitless supply of promises to present the claims of that city to the National Democratic Committee for the coming convention. The committee includes Gov. Winans, Mayor H. S. Plunge, ex-Congressmen Maybury and Tarsney, William E. Quinlan, Don M. Dickinson andesse H. Farwell.

Another St. Louis Bridge.

The construction of a new railroad bridge at St. Louis, the work to begin early in the spring, has been determined upon, which will give an avenue of entrance into the city for eastern railroad lines which will largely dispense with the use of the Eads bridge and tunnel and the Merchants' bridge. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company is at the back of the enterprise.

BLOWN UP BY NATURAL GAS.

A Private Residence at Lancaster, Ohio, Leveled to the Ground.

A disastrous natural-gas explosion occurred at Lancaster, Ohio. The residence of Judge John S. Brazeau, a two-story brick house, situated on a street, was leveled to the ground. Judge Brazeau was the only occupant injured. He was blind, sixty feet across the street, where he was found unconscious. Windows were broken for several squares around, and an organ in an adjoining church was ruined. The shock was felt for miles. The house and all its contents were ruined. Loss, \$30,000.

Faithful Unto Death.

Amos Rich, of Yorktown, Ind., accidentally shot himself while rabbit hunting. A full charge of shot entered his abdomen, but death was not instantaneous, as he laid taken off his overcoat and laid it on the snow for a rest, his head before he died. When found, his faithful dog was standing by the body.

Kissing Rights of a Pastor.

Chaplain Morrow, of the Pittsburg Bethany Faith Home, has been removed for kissing and hugging the female attendants. Mr. Morrow, it is said, was caught in the act on one or two occasions by Miss Mary Moorehead, the founder of the home.

BURNED TO A CRISP.

Horrible Catastrophe on the Northern Pacific Railroad. A horrible accident occurred on the Northern Pacific Railroad at Jonesville, Minn., by which two women met death in horrible form, being burned to death, while twenty others were injured. The train had on board the Andrews Opera Company, going from Duluth to Grand Forks, and was running at the usual rate of speed, when it struck a broken rail. The sleeper left the track and went down an embankment, landing bottom side up. The flames broke out from all sides of the car, immediately and burned so rapidly that the crew could do nothing but extricate the passengers from the wreck. When it was thought all had been rescued a search revealed the fact that Mrs. Ed Andrews, wife of the proprietor of the troupe, and her nurse, Mrs. Lilly Wallace, were missing. When the flames were finally subdued the remains were discovered, but so badly burned that it was impossible to identify one from the other. Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Wallace had occupied an upper berth at the forward end of the car and were wrapped in the bedclothes. There was no outcry from this berth while the work of rescuing the injured was progressing, and it is supposed that both occupants were killed instantly.

WRECK ON THE OMAHA.

The St. Paul Express Lands in a Ditch Near Black River Falls.

Passenger train No. 3, on the Northwest and Omaha Road, was wrecked at Shephard's switch, six miles east of Black River Falls, Wis., while running at the rate of fifty miles an hour. The entire train, except the engine and baggage, left the rails. The sleeper, breaking loose from the train, left the roadbed, rolling into the ditch upon its side, the others remaining intact. There were nine persons in the sleeper, all of whom were injured, but none fatally, the injuries being confined to bruises, contusions, and slight contusions. The accident was caused by the breaking of a switch rail at the engine and baggage car passed over. The train was running to make up time, and owing to the breaking loose of the sleeper the air brakes did not work, and the train was stopped by reversing the engine. It was probably one of the most fortunate accidents of its kind known, as all the cars were well filled with passengers, and it is regarded as almost miraculous that no lives were lost.

JUSTICE FIELD ANGRY.

He Indignantly Denies the Charge of Senator Power.

"It is a falsehood, sir," and the venerable face of Associate Justice Field, of the United States Supreme Court, lost its kindly expression. It was stern and harsh. His hair was thin, his eyes blazed with indignation, says a Washington correspondent, his voice rang with anger and his body trembled with the wrath of an honest man who gives an infamous charge.

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meeting at once, and the report given out was that Mr. Blaine's illness was a recurrence of the attack of nausea which he suffered early in January.

Carl Schmidt, who confessed while drunk in Denver that he helped murder Mrs. Greenwood in Napa County, California, was taken to the scene of the crime. He was identified by Captain Greenwood, the husband of the murdered woman, from among a score of men. Sheriff McKenzie, who worked on the case for eleven months, had a clue to the other murderer and hoped to hang them both. The crime was inspired by hope of plunder, and Captain Greenwood was left for dead by the side of his wife, but he recovered.

Identified as a Murderer.

A locomotive of the Debardeleben Coal and Iron Company, en route from the Enniskre mines to Oxmoor, Ala., eight miles south of Birmingham, blew up, instantly killing Engineer Joseph Hunt and Fireman Bradford. Their bodies were blown into fragments. The engine was totally wrecked, the track torn up and a large hole dug in the ground. The head of the dead engineer was found about a quarter of a mile from the scene of the explosion. The disaster was caused by the water getting too low in the boiler.

His Head a Quarter-Mile Away.

At Newton, Kan., a fast mail on the Union Pacific was wrecked. A switch rod broke as the engine passed. The baggage and smoking cars left the track but remained up all right. The passengers hardly realized that a wreck had taken place.

Frozen to Death.

John Hamer, accompanied by a negro, left Topeka, Kan., in a skiff to hunt up castles on Waring River. Nothing was heard from them, and a searching party went down the river in a skiff. Hamer's dog was found curried up on a log almost frozen to death. Near by was the skiff and further on was Hamer's dead body in a kneeling attitude by a log. It was partly devoured by wood rats.

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WAS FULL OF HORROR.

PARTICULARS OF THE DISASTER ON THE MONON.

Section Men Charge that They Had Vainly Applied for a Rail—Caring for the Dead and Wounded—Agents Settling with Victims—Statement of Officials—Services of a Heroin.

Many Are Maimed.

In all truth the officials of the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railroad Company have said that the disaster which overtook their northbound passenger train north of Crawfordsville, Ind., was the worst in the history of the road. The Monon has had its share of disasters. There were more fatalities at Broad Ripple and at other wrecks on the line, but none exceeded the Crawfordsville affair in horror, or in wholesale maiming, as the stories heard and the investigations made at the scene of the accident go to show. Three victims are in the list of fatalities so far. They are Mme. Erina Van Rokay, the dancer of the City Club Burlesque Company; Ben Hamburg, the Cincinnati traveling man; and C. N. Check, lumber merchant, of Green Castle. Nellie Hanley of the show company, Mrs. Rosa Evans of Green Castle, and E. White sides, three of the thirty-four maimed victims, will die.

In Crawfordsville the wreck caused great excitement. Feeling was strong against the section men, who were reported to have left the rail which caused the wreck insecurely spliced to the track. But there came a change of sentiment when Samuel Burkholder, a respected citizen, reported that in a conversation with one of the section men he had been told that the rail which caused all the trouble had been broken for a long time, and that the section men had applied to the company for a new rail. It was refused, so the section man said, on the ground that the whole line was soon to be supplied with new steel rails.

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