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## HOUSE WITHOUT A HEAD

M. M' MILLIN IS TEMPORARILY SPEAKER.

Trouble Imminent at Coal Creek, Tenn.—Best Sive Will Rob No Trains for Twenty Years—Heavy Damages for an Indiana Girl.

At Washington.

After the three-day recess of the two houses the Senators were not very punctual in their attendance on the floor, for not fewer than half the number was present when the opening prayer was offered. The calendar was taken up and bills were disposed of as follows: House joint resolution concerning mailing debris in California: passed. Appropriation for public buildings at Boston: March 1, N. D.: passed. To fix the compensation of the members and crews of life-saving stations: passed. Keepers of life-saving stations—except stations known as houses of refuge to be allowed to keep one year, and members of the crew of sixteen are to be paid \$6 per month during the time the stations are manned. House bill to provide an additional mode of taking depositions of witnesses in causes pending in the United States courts (allowing depositions to be taken under oath) was passed. The bill to prevent the adulteration of branding of food and drugs was then taken up as the "unfinished business," and Mr. Paddock (who is in charge of it) made some brief remarks in its support. Mr. and Mrs. Coke spoke again. The Senate adjourned, and soon adjourned. The House had a short session, but transacted no business.

ROASTED HER EYES.

The Fiendish Act of a Young Colored Boy in Georgia.

News of a horrible story of murder and cannibalism near Ray's Mill, Ga., has been received. Lucy President, a degraded and idiotic negro woman, left her 9-month-old infant in charge of her two older children, Mark and Linda, aged respectively 11 and 9 years. After her departure Mark received "upon putting the infant out of the way, he told his sister what he proposed doing, at the same telling her that if she told he would kill her. Procuring an ax, he deliberately hacked the infant's body until death resulted; he then took a fork and gouged out the eyes of the child, which he roasted, and then taking a slice out of either jaw, he and his sister sat themselves down to a feast. When the mother returned and found what had been done she did not show the least sign of maternal grief.

THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION.

President Polk of the Farmers' Alliance Chosen Permanent Chairman.

At the People's Party Convention in St. Louis President Polk of the Farmers' Alliance was unanimously chosen as permanent chairman. Miss Frances Willard was elected one of the vice presidents, and John W. Hayes, of the Knights of Labor, was made secretary. In taking the gavel Mr. Polk said the convention had assembled for action and recommended that active work be commenced.

SPAKER CRISP SERIOUSLY ILL.

The Judge Not Likely to Resume His Duties Any Time.

Speaker Crisp is a very sick man, and his condition during the last few days has given his old friends at Washington serious alarm. Speaker Crisp started for Florida, but returned to the hotel, being too ill to attempt the voyage. Mr. McMillin was elected to preside during the absence of the Speaker.

WILL Have 5,000 Tickets.

Members of the local committees on arrangements for the National Democratic Convention met the members of the National Democratic Committee at the Iroquois Club, Chicago, to discuss the issuance of tickets of admission and other matters. At the conclusion of the conference Mr. Winslow said the committees had arrived at a satisfactory agreement. This is understood, to mean that the local committee will be allowed to distribute the 5,000 tickets asked for local distribution.

SHOOTING AT COAL CREEK.

A dispatch from an officer duty with the force of State troops at Coal Creek, Tenn., says a slight skirmish occurred there. Privates Moore, Middleton and Moon, while on picket duty, were fired at by bushwhackers. A reserve relief sent to them was also fired on, and answered with a volley, which seems to have done execution as one of the bushwhackers' party was seen to throw up his hands.

First Natural Death at Hope, Idaho. James Duffy, a former bartender, was the victim of the first person of Hope, Idaho, to die a natural death. He went to the Sister Hospital sometime ago to be treated for consumption, but the expense was too great for him and he returned and died. He was an ex-drinker and drew a pension of \$18 a month.

Miss Wood Given a Verdict.

At Greencastle, Ind., in the suit of Mildred J. Wood vs. The Big Four Railway Company, in the Circuit Court, a jury gave the plaintiff judgment for \$12,000. The amount asked for was \$25,000. The young lady was badly injured at a grade crossing several months ago.

TWENTY YEARS FOR SLYE.

In the Circuit Court of Clayton County, Mo., Adelbert Slye, the Glendale train robber, who pleaded guilty to the charge of robbery in the first degree, was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

Railway Traffic Suspended.

Railway communication between Constantinople and Western Europe is still suspended, owing to inundations.

Heirs to \$2,000,000.

Three Buffaloniens have fallen heir to \$2,000,000 left by an uncle in New York City.

SIX YEARS FOR SIMMONS.

At New York, United States Judge Addison Brown signed the order in mandate to the United States Supreme Court sentencing James Al. Simmons to six years imprisonment in the Erie County penitentiary. Simmons was one of the clique engaged in bank robbing a couple of years ago in New York.

At Bay in a Coal Mine.

Bill Davis, known as "Horsehead Bill," a negro murderer, who escaped from Pocahontas, Va., while under sentence of death was captured in a coal mine near Pineville, Ky., where he had found employment.

SPRINGFIELD GETS IT.

Springfield won the fight for the Illinois Democratic State Convention, and the date set for this momentous gathering is April 27, and the hour for convening 2 o'clock p.m. The representation is fixed at one delegate to each 400 Democratic voters for Cleveland in the last presidential election.

WRECKED OFF CAPE HATTERAS.

The schooner Anna E. Pierce of Wilmington, Del., went ashore off Cape Hatteras, N.C., and was driven up on the rocks, and was dangerous on the Atlantic coast. The mate was instantly killed and the captain

SAYS DRINKING IS SIN.

At Beaver Falls, Pa., a sensation grew out of a sermon on temperance as distinguished from total abstinence, preached by Rev. J. C. Beagan, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The reverend gentle-

## GOLD IN THE TABLE.

It Had Formerly Belonged to a Miser Who Died Years Ago.

An old oak table that had been kept in the family of Mrs. T. B. Hatcher of Omaha for twenty years as a curiosity went to pieces under the investigation of an Omaha newspaper man, and revealed to its astonished owners a secret drawer in which was concealed a fortune of healthy proportions. It appears that about twenty years ago Mrs. Hatcher's father opened the safe of a miser named Rempe, near Clinton, Iowa. His attention was attracted to an oddly built and curiously carved oak center table about twenty-four inches long and eighteen inches wide, which he purchased for a trifling sum. The table had one shallow drawer. The purchaser took his property home and kept it for years, giving it a few years to Mrs. Hatcher. Sunday, an Omaha newspaper man who was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher noticed the odd carving of the table and started to examine it. A small seam along one side of the table caught the newspaper man's eye, and he began an examination which resulted in the discovery of a secret drawer, which was soon opened. Here was a surprise. Securely wrapped in a piece of gunny-sack was nearly \$40,000 in gold, legal tender, State bank notes and some old Confederate bills. Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher were simply dumbfounded.

## PROSPECTS NOT BRIGHT.

Bun's Review Says There's Nothing Encouraging in the Business Outlook. R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Trade Review says:

The business situation is not so satisfactory or encouraging as it has been. While the gradual increase in distribution of many of the standard commodities, there is a shrinking demand and much depression in iron. A further decline in cotton blights hopes of revival in the Southern trade, and the speculative mania, stimulated by cheap money and by the great success of the standard operations, has led to the adulteration of branding of food and drugs was then taken up as the "unfinished business," and Mr. Paddock (who is in charge of it) made some brief remarks in its support. Mr. and Mrs. Coke spoke again. Without action the Senate went into executive session and soon adjourned. The House had a short session, but transacted no business.

Mr. Reid has Resigned.

The Paris Gaulois states that Whitelaw Reid, the American Minister to France, has resigned and will soon leave Paris for the United States. The report lacks confirmation, but is generally believed in official circles. At New York, the report that Minister Reid has resigned finds no confirmation in the Tribune office. It is known among newspaper editors and publishers, however, that for some time past the Tribune's editor has contemplated resigning his journalistic labors. A Washington dispatch says: An unofficial report comes from the State Department that the resignation of Whitelaw Reid has been received.

OUTWITTED A GAS MONOPOLY.

The Capital City Gas Company, Des Moines, which has a monopoly, is striving hard to hold its exclusive privilege and keep up the price of an inferior article of gas. The Council passed an ordinance reducing the price from \$2 to \$1.25, but the company procured an order restraining the Mayor from signing it. The Council then passed a similar ordinance, and the Mayor signed it at once.

WILL NOT Go UPON THE STAGE.

Mrs. Blaine, who obtained her divorce at Deadwood, S. D., Saturday, has left for the Hot Springs, where she will tarry for several days before continuing her journey to Sioux Falls, S. D. After a few days' rest, she will leave for some quiet point in the South, where she will quietly rest for a couple of months. She denies that she intends to go upon the stage.

TROOPS TACKLE A SUMMER JOB.

The several troops of the United States Cavalry are still engaged in active scouting operations on the lower El Rio Grande frontier. Gen. Stanley believes that the Garza is still in hiding in the Chaparral, a short distance from Palito Blanco. The troops will be kept in the field until Garza is captured or until he is definitely located in some other part of the country.

DECAY HEAVILY DAMAGED.

At Decatur, Ill., a fire recently destroyed the public library block, in which were located a number of stores, a business college, lodges, rooms of secret orders and the Western Union Telegraph Company. The losses are \$150,000, partly insured.

DYNAMITE USED AS AN ARGUMENT.

As the outcome of a difference as to temporariness in the little town of Newport, Tenn., dynamite was used as a forcible argument. A saloon was blown up and incidentally two stores adjoining were destroyed.

CHICAGO MEN BUY SILVER MINES.

The Silver King Group, including Silver King, Bonanza Boy, Lady Helen and two other claims near Red Mountain, Col., have just been sold in Chicago. The capitalization is \$440,000 and \$40,000 working capital.

He Could Not Eat and Died.

At Trenton, N. J., Peter Smith, seventy years old, died of exhaustion. He was taken with the grip about fifty-three days before, and since that time had not tasted a morsel of food.

MOUNT ETNA ACTIVE.

Mount Etna is in an unusual state of volcanic disturbance. The people of Zafferano, a market town on the eastern slope, have abandoned their dwellings in consequence of a series of violent shocks.

MANY SHIPWRECKS REPORTED.

Many shipwrecks are reported from the Irish coast as a result of the recent storms, and it is believed that the loss of life has been considerable.

HOLD UP THE CON.

Five toughs tried to rob the conductor of a street car in St. Paul, but only succeeded in wounding him and smashing the car windows.

BURIED UNDER SNOW.

France and Germany are covered with snow to a depth that has brought railway traffic to a standstill.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

CHICAGO.

CATTLE—Cattle to Prime..... \$3.50  
LIVE CATTLE—Cattle to Prime..... \$3.50  
WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... .99 @ .92  
CORN—No. 2..... .49 @ .41  
BEEF—No. 2..... .75 @ .55  
RYE—No. 2..... .25 @ .17  
BUTTER—Choice Creamery..... .25 @ .17  
CHEESE—Fresh Cream, flat..... .12 @ .11  
CIGARS—Cigars, No. 1..... .18 @ .18  
POTATOES—Carrots, per lb..... .30 @ .24  
INDIANAPOLIS.

CATTLE—Shrunk Prime..... \$2.50  
LIVE CATTLE—Cattle to Prime..... \$2.50  
WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... .99 @ .92  
CORN—No. 2..... .36 @ .37  
BEEF—No. 2 White..... .75 @ .55  
OATS—No. 2 White..... .38 @ .28

ST. LOUIS.

CATTLE—Hogs..... \$2.50 @ .475  
LIVE CATTLE—Hogs..... \$2.50 @ .475  
SHEEP—Common to Prime..... \$1.00 @ .55  
WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... .99 @ .92  
CORN—No. 2..... .36 @ .37  
BEEF—No. 2 White..... .75 @ .55

CINCINNATI.

CATTLE—Hogs..... \$2.50 @ .475  
LIVE CATTLE—Hogs..... \$2.50 @ .475  
SHEEP—Common to Prime..... \$1.00 @ .55  
WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... .99 @ .92  
CORN—No. 2 Yellow..... .36 @ .37  
BEEF—No. 2 White..... .75 @ .55

DETROIT.

CATTLE—Hogs..... \$2.00 @ .50  
LIVE CATTLE—Hogs..... \$2.00 @ .50  
SHEEP—Common to Prime..... \$1.00 @ .55  
WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... .99 @ .92  
CORN—No. 2 Yellow..... .36 @ .37  
BEEF—No. 2 White..... .75 @ .55

TOLEDO.

BEEF CATTLE—Hogs..... \$2.00 @ .50  
LIVE HOGS..... \$2.75 @ .525  
WHEAT—No. 1 Hard..... 1.00 @ .50  
CORN—No. 2..... .36 @ .37  
BEEF—No. 2 White..... .75 @ .55

UFFALO.

WHEAT—No. 2 Spring..... .87 @ .88  
CORN—No. 3..... .37 @ .38  
BEEF—No. 2 White..... .86 @ .87  
PORK—M. S. 11.75 @ 12.50

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STRANGE SYMBOL.

Among the most extraordinary pieces of symbolism known to have been used by the early Asiatics was a figure of a donkey's head used as a representative of the Deity.

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man claimed that total abstinence is not a divine command. Hardy had the benediction pronounced when the congregation gathered in groups and began to excitedly discuss the views expressed in the sermon. Some sided with the minister, others bitterly condemned him, stating that they would never enter the church doors again, while still others thought it would have been better not to have been so outspoken.

WALKED IN HIS SLEEP.

Dime Museum Manager Shoff Boddy Injured While in a Somnambulistic Fit.

President Hamill and Other Chicagoans Attempt to Show that Pending Measures Would Depress Prices of Grain and Live Stock and Derange Business.

Speculators Talk.

President Hamill and four other members of the Chicago Board of Trade appeared before the Senate Committee on Judiciary to protest against the legislation contemplated by the Hatch and Washburn anti-option bills. President Hamill made a long address, and was followed by Thomas A. Wright and Michael Cudahy.

"Speculative bodies," urged Mr. Hamill, "are necessary to adjust the relations between the supply and demand of products. The advance in prices checks consumption and stimulates production, and the fall in price checks production and increases consumption. There is some price at which they are perfectly adjusted, and this is termed 'proper price.' The speculator makes the actual market value conform to it. He cannot influence it, since the supply and demand do that, but he merely determines the actual market price and makes it coincide with the proper price. Fluctuation should be as little as possible, and the tendency of speculation is conducted by the boards of trade to keep the market in a state of equilibrium."

The movement of wheat last fall was enormous. Under the existing system the dealers and exporters placed wheat for delivery in the future at high prices. The orders were filled, and by the time the farmer was able to deliver the machinery of commerce was in motion, and the crop moved off easily at good prices. No glut ensued, and the sellers as well as the buyers were benefited. The speculative supply, as a third element, prevents undue enhancement of prices. The speculator is also an important factor in distribution. Buying in a market relatively cheap and selling in a market relatively high prevent accumulation at some points and undue depletion at others, and this equalizing process helps distribution."

Mr. Hamill continued that the bill would have the effect of prohibiting merchants from handling products in legitimate channels of trade. While it would allow the farmer to sell his products for future delivery, the merchant who bought of him would be prevented from selling until the actual delivery was made.

"The result is," he continued, "that while the farmer has the naked right to dispose of his property, even before he has raised it, he can really dispose of his wheat only when it is to the miller alone. His corn, rye, and barley must be sold, if sold for future delivery, to a dealer who, under the provisions of the bill, would be prohibited from disposing of such property until its actual delivery. It entirely eliminates all legitimate competition in the purchase from the farmer of his products, for the reason that the miller and master alone remain unhampered as possible buyers for him. It discriminates solely in favor of the miller and master, and creates a monopoly for their advantage by driving out every other dealer and warehouseman."

Under the bill, said Mr. Hamill, the packer of hogs, now the only important buyer in that line, would be prohibited from contracting for future delivery of pork products. As the result the packer would be compelled to insist upon a larger margin to cover the additional risk of market while manufacturing. This would tend to reduce the price to the grower or farmer.

As a final objection to the bill, Mr. Hamill urged that it