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ASTORS IN MOURNING.

THE HEAD OF THEIR FAMILY HAS PASSED AWAY.

Monstrous Fire in the Athenaeum Building in Chicago—The Paris Anarchist, Ravachol, Sentenced to Imprisonment for Life—St. Louis Aloud.

The Lawmakers.

In the House, on the 25th, Mr. Blount of Georgia asked unanimous consent that the House go into committee of the whole for the consideration of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. The House then went into committee of the whole, Mr. Ostler, of Alabama, in the chair, on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. It appropriates \$1,825,725, being \$72,000 less than the current law, and \$35,541 less than the estimates. The reduction on missions was \$25,000, on consuls, \$37,000, on legations, \$10,000, and on diplomatic services, \$10,000. After a long discussion, the committee then rose and the House agreed to the request of the Senate for a conference on the amendments made by the Senate to the Chinese exclusion bill passed by the House. Messrs. Geary, Chapman, and Hitt, were against the bill, and Terrell, in the Senate the silver question consumed all the time.

WILLIAM ASTOR DEAD.

The Head of the Noted Astor Family is Dead at Paris.

Cablegrams received from London and Paris announce the death at the Hotel de Liverpool, in Paris, of William Astor, head of the Astor family and third richest man in the United States. The cause of Mr. Astor's death was given as heart failure, and his friends here at once connected it with the shame and humiliation growing out of the scandal affecting the good name of his daughter, Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton. Mr. Astor, accompanied by his wife, went abroad two months ago and spent most of his time in London and in the south of Europe. When the Drayton-Borrows scandal became public Mr. Astor and his wife joined their daughter in London and took her to Paris, where they sought to protect her name from the taint that had fallen upon it. The contemptible conduct of the parties involved rendered this impossible, and both Mr. and Mrs. Astor felt the ignominy of their daughter's position very keenly. Mr. Astor was known to be a very sensitive man, and worry over the affair is regarded as being in a measure responsible for his death. It is a curious coincidence that William Astor's brother, John Jacob, died of heart failure at his home two years ago, and that the original John Jacob Astor was similarly troubled. With continual investing and continual speculating the estimate of the Astor hoard have grown steadily until now it is no uncommon thing to hear it asserted that the combined wealth of the family amounts to \$400,000,000. John Jacob Astor's individual share was often put at \$25,000,000, and even \$30,000,000, and only last November such a well-informed writer as Thomas G. Shearman estimated it at \$150,000,000.

FRUIT FROM WASHINGTON.

Preparing to Bring It Into Competition with the California Article.

Hitherto almost the only fruit sent from the Pacific coast to the East has been that grown in California, but the Northern Pacific Railroad is now preparing a freight schedule for fruit by which the Washington product will go into the markets at St. Paul and Chicago, and perhaps as far East as New York. The beginning will be a reduction of one-third in the rate to Montana and similar cuts will be made as the business develops eastward. The express companies are also arranging to handle small lots of fruit and give special rates. Eastern Washington is now chiefly devoted to wheat raising, all contains land which, though arid, is very fertile when irrigated. Apples, pears, peaches, plums and grapes do well, and melons are particularly successful. Were the freight rates favorable the supply of the fresh fruits for the Eastern market would be almost unlimited. In Western Washington apples, pears, cherries and prunes are easily practicable, and a prune orchard eight years old will net the owner from \$400 to \$600 an acre annually.

SCORE ONE FOR ST. LOUIS.

The Postoffice Department to Introduce Pneumatic Tubes There.

Col. Smith A. Whitfield, First Assistant Postmaster General, who has been in St. Louis for the past few days on business connected with the Postoffice Department, has completed his visit and started on his return to Washington. Col. Whitfield says that in St. Louis the first practical pneumatic service for carrying mail matter will be introduced. "The department has had the idea of the pneumatic service for a long time," he said, "but this is the first instance where it will be worked out."

Fire in the Athenaeum.

Screeching with terror, nearly four hundred men and women made a wild rush down the iron and marble stairways of the Athenaeum Building at Chicago, Tuesday evening. Many in the flying crowd fought fiercely to gain the street, and that score of people were not crushed beneath the feet of the frightened mob seemed almost incredible. No one was seriously hurt. The fire in progress damaged the upper floors of the building about \$75,000, burned over \$8,000 worth of oil paintings, and caused other losses reaching \$35,000.

Ravachol to Die.

The trial of the Paris anarchist Ravachol was begun and completed, Tuesday, in the Seine Assize Court. There was great excitement, and the jurymen and all connected with the court showed signs of nervousness and apprehension. A large force of police guarded Ravachol and his fellow prisoners. Ravachol was found guilty, and, contrary to expectation, did not receive the death sentence, but is sentenced to imprisonment for life. Paris is in a veritable reign of terror, because of the dynamite explosion in M. Very's cafe.

Horses and Cattle Burned.

A fire started in one of the out-buildings of the Cheshire Improvement Company established in Parkville, L. I., the other morning and spread rapidly to the three big barns of the concern, in which were stabled 250 or more head of cattle and horses. The barns burned like tinder, and some 150 of the cattle and horses perished.

Cincinnati in Danger of a Flood.

The Ohio River is rising again at Cincinnati at the rate of one and one-half inches per hour, with the stage of water within nine inches of the danger line.

Young Girls Sent Home.

Jessie May Howell, the 13-year-old Alliancian, Ohio, girl who eloped with 12-year-old Carl Vespard, has been sent home. She was caught in New York city. Her youthful lover was captured a few miles east of Alliancian. The girl, however, eluded capture until she reached New York.

Heavy Reward Offered for O'Brien.

Governor Flower, of New York, has decided to offer a reward of \$2,500 for the capture of Thomas O'Brien, the bunko sharp who escaped from Keeper Buck at Utica, and is now fleeing from justice as an escaped convict sentenced to Dannemora Prison.

PANIC IN A CONGREGATION.

Fort Wayne Worshippers Flee for Life from a Cry of Fire.

At the St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., Sunday morning, while the big edifice was filled almost to suffocation by a congregation attendant upon the ceremony of the first communion being conferred upon a large number of children, a panic occurred. The altar and the interior of the cathedral were profusely decorated with artificial flowers. Just as Father Oechtering, the officiating priest, was about to close the ceremonies, a gust of wind disarranged a bunch of paper roses, which blew against a lighted taper, and in an instant the whole front of the church was in flames. Children screamed, women fainted, and the entire congregation, panic-stricken, made a wild rush for the doors. Many were trampled under the feet of others, and some were less seriously injured. The priests and elder heads among the men exerted every effort to calm the frightened congregation, and at last succeeded. The decorations were torn from their places as quickly as possible, but not before the plot and a number of his assistants were quite severely burned about the hands and arms. Considering the great number of women and small children present it is considered almost miraculous that no serious casualty occurred.

DEADLY LIGHTNING STROKE.

One Man Killed, Seven Knocked Senseless, and a Boy Goes Crazy.

A flash of lightning descended a telephone pole in New Orleans Thursday morning and instantly killed Jesus J. Bernadot, aged 18 years, knocked down and rendered insensible Emile Dennis, Charles Lenoit, Tom Baker John Dorsey and three more men who were standing within the feet of the boy, and instantly killed a horse and mule. The party of young men, some of whom are employed in the stables at the fair grounds, were standing under a shed near the main stable. The lightning struck the telephone wire running over the shed and down the pole. The electric fluid struck Bernadot under the right ear and descended through his body to the ground. For several minutes the others, rained with lightning, the first to recover was Benoit, who was horrified to see his companions lying around him as if dead. All the others gradually recovered, except Emile Dennis, a colt boy, who was insane. He, however, slowly improved, and at last accounts was doing well.

THREE LIVES WRITTEN OUT.

An Ohio Man Shoots His Wife and a Boarder and Kills Himself.

At Dennison, Ohio, George Moore shot his wife, killing her instantly, shot Ed and McClelland, a saucy keep's boy, and,ounding him, and then fatally shot himself. Moore was employed by the Ian-handle Railway Company, and worked at night. McClelland is a salo-nee-keeper and boarded at Moore's house. Moore and his wife had had a great deal of trouble, and, as far as could be learned, the first to recover was Benoit, who was horrified to see his companions lying around him as if dead. All the others gradually recovered, except Emile Dennis, a colt boy, who was insane. He, however, slowly improved, and at last accounts was doing well.

CHARLEY REED IS DEAD.

Another striking example of this was afforded by the latest efforts of Mr. Evans. During the last few years of his service in the Senate one could detect a ray of light in his mental composition. He was a man of commanding presence, a man of general education and reasoning. His great brain was moving on with all the vigor of youth, but the tongue was palsied, the lips were half and weak, the gestures those of senility. His last speech in the Senate was like that of a manikin endowed with the highest mentality.

CHARLEY REED IS DEAD.

Charles H. Reed, the counsel of Guitteau the presidential assassin, died at his home in Baltimore. His family used every means to keep his death a secret, and it only came to light through the undertakers' certificate in the health department. The cause of death was progressive paralysis, which gradually claimed the once strong man to an imbecile before death relieved him.

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Philip Baker, the murderer of Mrs. Laura Nelson, the wife of Neil Nelson, living in Carrollton, in the upper part of New Orleans, exhibited his crime upon the gallows in the parish prison. He died without the quiver of a muscle, walking to the scaffold with a firm tread, and maintained his innocence to the last. Every effort was made to save Baker.

OPEN TO COUNTY TAXATION.

The Supreme Court of the State of Georgia has affirmed the constitutionality of the law passed by the Legislature making the property of railroads amenable to county taxation. The fight to secure county taxation has been a long one. This means the addition of \$60,000 to the revenues of the counties of the State.

CAPTURED BY DAHOMEYANS.

It is reported in Paris that Porte Novo has been captured by the Dahomeyans. The rumor is not official, but has caused great public anxiety.

GIGANTE TOBACCO FRAUD AGAIN.

The President has appointed John R. Tanner, former y State Treasurer of Illinois, as Assistant United States Treasurer at Chicago.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

CHICAGO.

CATTLE—Common to Prime..... \$3.50 @ .25

HOGS—Slipping Grades..... \$2.50 @ .475

Sheep—Lamb to Choice..... \$4.00 @ .50

WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... \$2.40 @ .35

COFFEE—No. 2..... \$1.40 @ .25

COFFEE—No. 3..... \$1.20 @ .25

COFFEE—No. 4..... \$1.00 @ .25

COFFEE—No. 5..... \$0.80 @ .25

COFFEE—No. 6..... \$0.60 @ .25

COFFEE—No. 7..... \$0.40 @ .25

COFFEE—No. 8..... \$0.30 @ .25

COFFEE—No. 9..... \$0.20 @ .25

COFFEE—No. 10..... \$0.15 @ .25

COFFEE—No. 11..... \$0.10 @ .25

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