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## A FOOL AND HIS MONEY.

AS IN ANCIENT TIMES SOON PARTED.

Mrs. Russell of East Claire Found Guilty of Murder—Don't Go to Sweden for Your Divorce—Two Lives Sacrificed at Dallas, Texas.

At Washington.

On the 24th the Senate passed several bills for municipalities, among them one providing for a \$50,000 building at Owosso, Mich. Mr. Mitchell, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, reported to the Senate a joint resolution proposing a Constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States Senators by popular vote. He said that the members of the committee were divided on the subject and would make separate reports. The joint resolution was placed on the calendar. In the House Mr. Stewart, of Texas, from the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, proposed back a bill which had an appropriation bill with the Senate amendments thereto with the recommendations that the Senate amendments be non-concurring in. The bill was referred to the committee of the whole. The time was spent on the sundry civil appropriation bill.

### TARIFF BILLS DEAD.

Senate Finance Committee Disposed to Delay Action.

Washington dispatch: The prospects for further tariff legislation by this Congress are not the most propitious, judged by a discussion on the subject that took place at a meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance, Tuesday. The probabilities of taking up at an early day one or more of the tariff bills passed by the House were talked over informally, but no definite information was given as to the probable policy of the committee in the matter. The impression left by the short discussion was that if the committee does report the free-will bill or some other tariff measure, it will not do so for several weeks. Democratic Senators do not seem very hopeful of securing any tariff legislation without the aid of the Finance Committee, which is opposed to the enactment of measures placing articles on the free list.

### BRICK TRICKSTERS FOOL A MINER.

Seven Thousand Dollars Secured from an Indiana Man of Faith.

George Swigart, a wealthy South Bond, Ind., man and former miner, was worked by the "gold brick" racket. A fine appearing man introduced himself as a nephew from Arizona. He told Swigart he had found an Indian in Chicago with a gold brick weighing seventy pounds and that it could be bought for \$7,000. Swigart, taken in the man's story, in company with his alleged nephew and a gold assayer, alleged to come from Philadelphia, went a mile from town into Cuyahoga Woods and met the Indian. Swigart thought the brick genuine and paid over the cash. The swindlers have skipped.

### MRS. RUSSELL GUILTY.

Jury at East Claire Finds She Committed Murder in the First Degree.

At East Claire, Wis., Mrs. Elizabeth Russell was found guilty of murder in the first degree. Mrs. Russell had been on trial for three weeks on the charge of causing the death of Mrs. Bertha Erickson. Mrs. Russell was in love with Erickson, who had been her hired man, and when the wife died it was suspected that she had been poisoned. An autopsy showed this to be the case. Mrs. Russell was accused of administering the poison and was convicted. Strong circumstantial evidence was given against her.

### ARKANSAS PEOPLE STARVING.

Little Rock Charitable Supplying Food to Hundreds of Families.

The destitution among the flock sufferers, both white and colored, between Little Rock and the mouth of the river, is simply appalling. Pine Bluff and vicinity are filled with refugees. All along the river the cotton crop is totally destroyed, and it is hard to tell on what the farmers will subsist during this summer. At a mass meeting held at Pine Bluff \$1,650 was subscribed in an hour. A flotilla of Government boats is continually on the river carrying succor to the helpless victims of the flood.

### THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

Governor Boles of Iowa has returned from a personal investigation of the devastation at Sioux City. He reports about one thousand homeless and in immediate need of relief. The loss of property is over \$200,000. He will issue his proclamation to the people of the State, giving the facts and calling for aid to relieve the needs of the flood-stricken districts.

### DIVORCES IN SWEDEN DON'T COUNT.

A most interesting case decided by the Wisconsin Court of Justice was one in which a divorce granted in Sweden to naturalized Americans was not recognized. The case came from Sheboygan and contained a touch of romance. It was that of William O. St. Lure against Olive St. Lure-Lindseth, of Sheboygan.

### DIED AT THE AGE OF 109.

Mrs. Mildred A. Clay, aged over 100 years, died in Leavenworth, Kan. She was married twice, and was the mother of fifteen children, all of whom are dead but two. She was born in Virginia, and went to Kansas in 1862, where she has since resided. Her health and memory were quite good to the last.

### TWO MEN KILLED IN A BLOW.

At Dallas, Texas, Policeman C. O. Brewer was shot and instantly killed by a negro named Henry Miller, whom he was trying to arrest. A mob attacked the jail and in the riot two men were seriously shot. The mob finally dispersed when they saw that to carry the jail meant heavy loss of life.

### WEDDED ON THE SPOT.

It became known that Miss Jenny Dunbar, the actress, was married last March in New York City to Thomas Winthrop Hall, a young Norwalk (Ohio) journalist. Miss Dunbar is now with the E. H. Sothern company.

### BLAINE AND McKINLEY.

Gov. McKinley's closest newspaper organ, the Cleveland Leader, in a leading editorial article pronounces for Blaine and McKinley as "the strongest ticket that could be made," and says that "next to President Harrison the only man seriously thought of for the Presidency is Mr. Blaine."

### WENT DOWN TO WATERY GRAVES.

John Mose and Charles Holmes, of Eastport, Me., started to sail from Indian Island to Deer Island. Their boat capsized off Cherry Island and both were drowned. They leave families.

### YOUNG GIRL CONVICTED OF MURDER.

Harris Smith, a 14-year-old Boston, Md., colored girl, was convicted of murder in the second degree. She poisoned her father, Thomas Smith, about two months ago, by putting arsenic in the teapot. She intended it for her brother Henry, who had refused to accompany her to a festival.

### ONE YEAR FOR DECON.

At Niles, the trial of Edward Parker Decon of Boston, who shot and killed M. Atchison at Canfield, the latter was with Mrs. Decon, resulted in a verdict of willful wounding, and a prison sentence of one year.

**IN A SEA OF DEATH.**  
The Floyd River Inundates Sioux City, Iowa—Many People Perish.

A dispatch from Sioux City says:

The Floyd River rose from its banks at Sioux City, and a wall of water three feet high swept upon the lower portions of the city. As a result, many residents left their houses to escape the flood, and in the city there suffered property damage of over \$2,000,000. The loss of life is not definitely known, being estimated at from twenty-five to one hundred, with the strong probability that the latter is correct. The first note of warning was a telegram received from Huston, twelve miles up the valley, to the effect that fourteen-foot rise was coming. Intelligence was sent to the police station. Chief Hawman was called, and sent at once for a boat, and a boat was started on the Illinois Central track for Leed's. The wave struck when but a short distance up, and the boat was launched at once. From one house three children were taken, and the other couple were left unharmed. The boat narrowly escaped being overturned by a second wave six feet in height. The angry waves nearly made way with the boat. From another house seven people were taken, who had crawled into the attic. Eight hours later the house had swept down the stream. Five people were taken from a tree at Springdale. When the warning came Captain of Police Wickles and a posse made haste for the flat and warned as many as could be reached. The police came in, and the mayor could not listen to the words of warning, saying they had seen high water before, and stayed and were drowned.

Besides this a large quantity of stock was bitten and had to be saved. Saturday night four men were bitten and Pier and Bert Larson were attacked by a wild Newfoundland dog and terribly lacerated. The Mayor has issued orders for every canine to be muzzled, and the police force armed with shotguns are slaughtering dogs right and left.

### DEEMING'S DEATH A RELIEF.

Public and Officers Breathe Easter Now that His Career is Ended.

The execution of Deeming, the Australian demon, which took place at Melbourne, Monday, is a relief to the public. So formidable was the reputation of the monster that many people were in constant fear of his committing some new atrocity and perhaps escaping to renew his hideous career of murder. The officials having him in charge were also burdened with anxiety. The execution was witnessed by 100 spectators, including doctors, justices, members of the Victoria Parliament, and representatives of the press. When the sheriff entered the cell for the purpose of reading the death warrant he found Deeming in a dazed condition, and he continued that way until the drop fell. The clergyman who stood by him on the platform had barely said, "Man hath but a short time to live," when the hangman gave the signal, the bolt was drawn, and Deeming was hanging six feet below the scaffold.

### RELIEF FOR IOWANS IN DISTRESS.

Gov. Boles Asks Sioux City for Instructions at Appeals to Aid.

Civics Boles, in his address to the meeting of citizens after he had visited the ruined district, plainly put the case with regard to needed relief. He said: "The case can be summed up in the good people of the State and the situation plainly stated, and it is for them to act to meet it. I may say, however, from what I have seen this morning, that I have no doubt it is your duty to ask for aid. You have no right to hinder this relief of such distress as I have seen. In fact, I would feel disposed to place the matter before the people of the State in any event, and the only point on which I wish this appeal should be made to the State or should extend outside the State. Unless there should be a unanimous opinion against it I have concluded to appeal to Iowa for you. I want to know whether this appeal should go further."

### Indiana at the Fair.

The Indiana State Board of World's Fair Commissioners has found that Indiana's building will cost \$100,000 more than they could pay out, so the State's enterprising manufacturers have decided to give \$70,000 worth of material. In design the Indiana building will be French Gothic, both inside and out. It will cover an area of 100x170 feet, including the verandas that surround it. The building will be furnished throughout with the best hard wood the State affords.

### By Masked Robbers.

Northbound train No. 14 on the Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West Railway was set out in full force fighting the fire, but made but little headway.

At 12:15 a. m. the Corn Exchange and Merchants' elevators were burning. The firemen abandoned the big Marine elevator, which is full of corn. A dozen fires were burning on the west side of the river, with no streams of water playing on them. Sheets of flame leaped out into the river from the burning elevators and all property in line of the fire on the west side was in imminent peril. The firemen were summoned.

### DEVASTATED BY A WINDSTORM.

Heavy Damage Inflicted at Jeffersonville, Indiana.

A windstorm almost equal in magnitude to the cyclone that played havoc in 1890 passed over Jeffersonville, Ind. This afternoon, dooms great damage to barns and fences, orchards, telegraph wires and many buildings. The citizens were almost paralyzed with fear, and many families residing in the city took refuge in outhouses instead of remaining in their respective homes, lest the buildings should be demolished. The storm was twenty-five miles in width and lasted thirty minutes, followed by a terrific downpour of rain, which caused many of the streets to be several large fins or flippers about five feet from the head. It was black in color, mottled with brown spots.

### DEATH ON A TRESTLE.

Trains Collide at Crooked Bayou—Eight Killed and Twenty-two Hurt.

One of the worst wrecks in the history of the Cotton Belt road occurred between New Orleans and the o'clock on Friday night on a trestlework between Humphrey and Goldsmith. The fugitive tried to leave the steamer with the cargo, but he was detected and captured. The French police were on the lookout for him and one of their best detectives was watching at the wharf.

### First Sea Serpent of the Season.

Two fishermen near Oak Harbor, Ohio, declare they saw a sea serpent in Lake Erie. It is described as about twenty-five feet long and a foot and a half in diameter in the thickest part of the body. Its head was large and flat, and there appeared to be several large fins or flippers about five feet from the head. It was black in color, mottled with brown spots.

### Train Robbers Caught.

Officers have arrested Charles Williams, Benjamin Ward, William Miller, O. L. Buchanan and two other men whose names are unknown, who attempted to rob the south-bound Missouri, Kansas and Texas train and afterward fired several volleys into it. Buchanan made a full confession, giving away the whole gang.

### Three Men Drowned.

Harry Crook, George Doughty, and Wm. Reilly, three young Cleveland (Ohio) mechanics, went out on the lake in a rowboat. The empty boat was picked up by a tug, and it is believed the men were drowned.

### Saddle Horses Burned.

The Metropolitan Stables have been burned at Hot Springs, Ark., with forty head of saddle horses. Thirty had been collected for the Oaklawn Stables of Chicago. Loss, \$25,000; insurance, \$15,000.

### MARKET QUOTATIONS.

CHICAGO—Cattle—Common to Prime... \$3.50 @ 4.75  
Hogs—Shipping to Prime... \$3.50 @ 4.75  
Sheep—Wt. to Choice... \$4.00 @ 5.00  
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring... \$4.25 @ 5.85  
CORN—No. 2, new... \$4.50 @ 5.00  
BEEF—No. 2, Choice... \$4.50 @ 5.00  
BEEF—No. 2, Prime... \$5.00 @ 5.75  
BUTTER—Choice Creamery... \$1.10 @ 1.25  
FRESH—Fall Cream, date... \$1.00 @ 1.15  
FOOD—Fresh Eggs... \$1.00 @ 1.15  
POTATOES—Choice old, per bushel... \$4.00 @ 5.00

CATTLE—Shipping to Prime... \$3.25 @ 4.50  
HOGS—Choice Light... \$3.50 @ 4.75  
SHEEP—Common to Prime... \$3.00 @ 4.75

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