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## A REIGN OF TERROR.

FIREBUGS BUSY AT CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Tremendous Fire in California. Grain Fields—Taney County, Mo., Men Butcher Each Other—Queen Freak of an Indians Couple—Soldiers Arrested.

Tax Sales Declared Illegal.

Judge Woodson, of the Circuit Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, rendered a decision which declares all tax sales of real estate made in St. Joseph during the year of 1888 by the City Treasurer illegal for the reason that the sales were not properly advertised in the official papers, in that the advertisements failed to specify the State, county, or city, or the location of the property. About \$500,000 worth of property is involved.

INCENDIARY FIRES IN CLEVELAND.

Insurance Agents Becoming Alarmed and Refusing to Take Risks.

Insurance agents all over the city of Cleveland are in a state of intense excitement over the recent many fires which have occurred in the down-town portion of the city, during several of the most prominent of the agents declared that they would positively refuse to renew all risks in the lumber district. Large fires are following each other so rapidly that the companies are instructing their representatives to be extremely careful in issuing policies and to refuse them if they think the risk too great. It is generally believed that a systematic effort is being made to burn the city. Over a dozen fires occurred in one week in the most dangerous places.

LAWLESSNESS IN MISSOURI.

Remarkable Duel with Butcher Knives—A Reign of Terror.

Another violent outbreak is reported from Taney County, Missouri. Dispatches from Terre Haute say that John Nettleton and Richard Meyer, young men, fought a duel with knives near the town of Protem. In the northern part of the county, the duel was the result of the murder of Sheriff Williams several months ago, young Meyer saying publicly that all connected with the mob on that occasion ought to be lynched. Nettleton's people were connected with the affair, and Meyer was promptly challenged. The young men fought with butcher knives, both dying in half an hour from loss of blood. Each had at least thirty cuts.

MISFORTUNE FELL ON MLYSH.

He Failed to Graduate in Medicine and Is in Jail for Stealing a Skirt.

Allen McIlvane, son of a prominent physician of Olive Hill, Ky., failed to graduate from the Kentucky School of Medicine, at Louisville. His father had promised to take him home and give him a good start in life if he did not diploma, but failing, McIlvane secured a stiff stock of it with provisions, and started to float down the river to New Orleans, where he expected to make a fortune. His skirt was caught by the ripples on the falls and he narrowly escaped drowning. He is now locked up charged with stealing the skirt.

CUPID PLAYING WILD FRANKS.

Indiana Man Married, Divorced and About to Remarry His First Wife.

James Scarlet, of Orange County, Indiana, was the hero of a romantic marriage to Miss Belle Gibbons, at the head of the Lost River, in 1875, and who afterward, becoming divorced and marrying another woman, and then leaving her to again court his first wife, who was recently divorced from her second husband, has again gained the affections of his first love, but finds that he can not marry until the September term of court grants his second wife a divorce.

Burned Seven Thousand Acres.

The first big grass fire of the season broke out on E. McNeely's farm near Merced, Cal. It moved straight east, and burned over all the country until it was stopped by Mariposa creek. Seven thousand acres of fine grass were left a blackened waste. The loss will reach \$100,000.

Lightning Strikes a Woman.

Miss Jacob Drey, of Lincoln County, S. D., was fatally injured by a bolt of lightning while at Wall Lake. She had taken refuge under a canvas spread between two wagons. When the lightning struck her hair caught fire and she was terribly burned.

Desperate Lover.

A WARRANT has been issued for the arrest of Charles Waldron, of Utica, N.Y., who was engaged to marry Emma Pears, 13 years old. It is reported that Waldron threatened to kill Emma's life if he could not marry her.

Two Score Soldiers Under Arrest.

The forty regular soldiers who attacked the town of Sagu, Wyoming, are under arrest. Major Tsey of the Ninth cavalry will turn them over to the Sheriff of Sheridan County for trial. The soldiers attacked the people without cause.

Died from Bee Stings.

At Wabash, Ind., Mrs. Joseph Klem underwent to have a swarm of bees, and the insects became infuriated and stung her in hundreds of places. She died in a few hours, suffering intense agony.

Hatch Bill Considered.

The Senate Judiciary Committee to which the anti-option bill was referred, after considering the measure for two hours, adjourned. It is expected now the bill will be certainly reported next week.

Murderer Myron Pratt Dying.

At Lincoln, Neb., Myron Pratt, the aged ex-soldier who five weeks ago deliberately murdered Margaret Sperry, is slowly but surely dying in a little basement room in the court house.

Court House Burned.

Fire totally destroyed the Hyde County Court House at Highmore, S. D. The records and most of the furniture were saved.

Mission Work for Japan.

Nine ministers and five teachers were received into the German Lutheran Synod at Winona, Minn. The greater part of the time was taken up by a disputation of the establishment of a mission in Japan. These students especially educated for this work have about finished their studies. The result of the discussion was the adoption of the resolution to send one member of the mission committee to the meeting of the general representative body of the church. The delegates to the Synod of Michigan returned and reported the unanimous and hearty approval of that synod to the proposed plan.

Cyrus W. Field Very Ill.

Cyrus W. Field, who went a month ago to his country home at Ardsley, near Yonkers, N. Y., is very ill. His family and friends are very much concerned about him and think that he will not live through the summer. Mr. Field has been confined to his bed for a week. He has appeared in the village only once, in his carriage. He is attended by his son-in-law, Dr. Lindley. Members of his family are with him.

Palacio Is Out.

The Department of State was Friday morning advised by cable from the United States Legation at Caracas of the resignation of the President of Venezuela.

## FORTY-THREE ARE DEAD.

A Bridge Collapses, Carrying Workingmen Down with It.

Cincinnati special: One of the most fearful accidents in the history of this vicinity was that of the fall Wednesday of the bridge which was in course of construction over the Licking River between Covington and Newport, Ky. Forty-five workmen were on the structure. So far as is now known only two escaped unharmed. The others were either killed by the crushing of the iron and timbers or were drowned. The cause is surmised to be the weakening of the wooden false work. The high water has washed out the earth about the bridge piers, and it is said one of the contractors had a day or two before that he was afraid the bridge would not stand under the weight of the heavy material. But still they kept at work. Wednesday a force of forty-three men, under the direction of Robert and William Baird, the contractors, was engaged in putting in place the heavy iron work on the main span. Suddenly, without warning, there was a crackling sound of breaking timbers, a swaying of the structure, and a headlong plunge of the whole mass of timbers, iron, and helpless workmen into the muddy waters of the Licking River, fifty feet below. A very few forms were to be seen struggling on the surface, but most of the men were pinioned beneath the wreck at the bottom of the river.

THREATEN TO CUT THE LEVEE.

Jefferson Authorities Protest Against the Steps Taken to Protect Orleans.

The fight which was threatened by the parish authorities of Jefferson, La., against the Parish of Orleans came to a head, and it threatens to be a lively one. City Surveyor Brown, in order to more fully protect the city, has put a force of men at work raising the levee between the two parishes. This levee is on the dividing line. A year ago, when the same work was attempted, Jefferson Parish got out an injunction against the authorities of Orleans preventing them from raising the levee. This injunction was made perpetual, not notwithstanding the fact the surveyor began the work and an order for his arrest has been issued by the Jefferson Parish authorities. Just now he cannot be found and the work goes merrily on. Croavase water is rapidly covering Jefferson Parish, and the people are afraid if the work of raising the protection levee is not discontinued, to cut the old levee and let New Orleans get a taste of what a crevasse is.

DOZENS OF GRAVES IN A HAMBURG CEMETERY FOUND TO HAVE BEEN ROBBED.

Hamburg, Iowa, dispatch: Forest Hill Cemetery, one mile south of town, is alive with a swarming mass of people, excited almost beyond bounds by the discoveries that are being hourly made there. An examination of a newly made grave disclosed the fact that it had been robbed. The examination was quickly proceeded with until more than a dozen graves were opened. In each instance it was found that the body had been stolen. The news of the discovery spread rapidly, and fully 1,000 people were waiting at the cemetery to witness the progress of the investigation. Within the past eighteen hours, nearly 100 people have been buried there, and it is believed that every one of these graves has been desecrated by the ghouls. The evidence points to the existence of a well-organized and bold body of graveyard ghouls. There is no large medical institution near here, hence the only demand must come from a tanning establishment. No mercy will be shown if any member of the gang is caught.

SHOT DOWN IN THE STREET.

City Marshal Dorn, of Kentland, Ind., Killed While Doing His Duty.

City Marshal Dorn, of Kentland, Ind., was shot down in the street by Jackson Plummer. Plummer was arrested. The City Council recently passed an ordinance providing that all shade trees along the streets be trimmed. Plummer refused to comply, armed himself, and began to look for Councilmen. He first met J. D. Conklin, a member of the board, who escaped. Conklin notified Marshal Dorn of Plummer's threats. Dorn in attempting to disarm Plummer was shot through the heart and expired immediately. Dorn had served as Marshal for ten consecutive terms. He leaves a widow and eight children.

EMMONS BLAINE DEAD.

The Second Son of James G. Blaine Dies Suddenly at Chicago.

Emmons Blaine, second son of James G. Blaine, died suddenly at Chicago, Saturday noon, of blood-poisoning, following trouble of the bowels. He had been critically ill but a few hours, and death was unexpected.

It is believed that the original trouble resulted from his exertions at the Minneapolis convention. After repeated efforts to reach his father by telegraph, word was finally received that Mr. and Mrs. James G. Blaine had left Bar Harbor for Chicago. The telegram announcing their son's death was the first intimation to the parents of the sad event.

ANTI-OPTION BILL DOOMED.

President Hamill Satisfies Himself that Measure Cannot Pass the Senate.

President Hamill of the Chicago Board of Trade, at Washington, for awhile Tuesday afternoon, did not seem to know over the anti-option situation. While he conferred with several persons supposed to be well posted on the situation and he left for home with the belief that the bill will not pass the Senate. His belief is based on a canvass made by a clever agent, who told the correspondent that he had seen all of the Senators but three, and that he felt sure that the bill would be defeated.

DR. SCUDER IS DEAD.

Dr. Henry Martin Scudier died at the county jail, Clinton, Tuesday morning, from morphine poisoning, and it is supposed that he took the drug with suicidal intent. He had for several days been obtaining morphine upon the pretense of allaying nervousness, but he saved the drug to kill himself. Dr. Scudier was arrested at his residence, 322 Grand boulevard, on the morning of March 2, upon a warrant sworn out by his father-in-law, H. F. Dunton, charging him with the murder of Mrs. Dunton. The motive of the crime was to obtain property.

VERDICT AGAINST THE LAKE SHORE ROAD.

At Norwalk, Ohio, the jury, in the case of Steward, admr., vs. the Lake Shore Railroad Company, returned a verdict for the plaintiff of \$9,000. The case was tried seven years ago, resulting in a verdict for the defendant. The case will, undoubtedly, be again carried up, as it was originally brought by G. W. Herkis, who is now dead, and who was proprietor of the Maple City House. He had a leg taken off which he claimed was due to carelessness of the Lake Shore Railway Company.

Freight Handlers May Strike.

The freight handlers of every road center in Indianapolis, except the Pennsylvania, have voted in a demand for an increase of wages. They say their work is not only extremely hard and dangerous, but they have to put up with many petty annoyances, and that \$1.25 a day is not living wages. Frequently they must work over time, and for this they do not receive what they deem proper compensation. They request \$1.50 a day and time and a half for overtime.

CHICAGO AND TAMMANY.

THIS CONVENTION AS TEMPORARY OFFICERS THE GENTLEMEN NAMED IN THE LIST, WHICH THE SECRETARY WILL READ.

SECRETARY SHEEHAN ANNOUNCED THE TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION—WILLIAM C. OWENS OF KENTUCKY TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN; SECRETARY, S. P. SHEEHAN, OF INDIANA; ASSISTANT SECRETARY, W. H. DOYLE, PENNSYLVANIA; H. SHEPARD, VIRGINIA; C. THILFORD, MISSOURI; L. A. ROWLEY, MICHIGAN; R. E. WILSON, MISSISSIPPI; C. R. DEFREEST, NEW YORK; J. C. SWAYNE, ILLINOIS; PRINCIPAL READING CLERK, NICHOLAS M. BELL OF MISSOURI; SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, RICHARD J. BRIGHAM OF INDIANA; OFFICIAL STENOGRAPHER, EDWARD DICKINSON, NEW YORK.

THE LIST WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION, AND THE CHAIR APPOINTED DR. SHEEPER.

DR. SHEEPER TO SPEAKER'S STAND.

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