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## IN THE FATAL CHAIR.

SING SING'S LIGHTNING EXECUTIONER AT WORK.

A New York "Sweater" Den the Funeral Pyre of Five—Ex-President Harrison at the Fair—The Chadron-Chicago Cowboy Race Is On.

In the Fatal Chair. A Sing Sing, John L. Osmond, suffered death in the electric chair yesterday morning. Osmond was convicted of the murder of his wife and his cousin John C. Burchell. He and his wife had lived in Burchell's apartments, New York City. He became jealous of his cousin, and after repeated quarrels left the house and Mrs. Osmond began proceedings for a divorce. He went to the flat on Oct. 3, 1891, and killed the woman and her admirer. His conviction for murder in the first degree was affirmed by the Court of Appeals.

FIVE LOST THEIR LIVES.

"Sweater" Shop Building, Filled with Workers, Gatted by Fire.

The six-story brick building at 10 and 12 Montgomery street, New York, proved a death-trap at 8:30 Tuesday morning, when a fire broke out, precipitating a panic among the 200 men and women employed in the "sweater" shops on five of the six floors. Five persons are known to have been killed and a number injured. The bodies of the killed were so horribly mangled that it was a difficult matter to identify them. One body was that of a woman about 30 years old, another that of a man 40 years old, and the third that of a man 45 years old. All of the occupants of the building were Polish Hebrews.

The fire started on the first floor of the building, it is supposed from a stove used for heating iron. The stove was near the stairway, and in a few seconds the flames shot up as far as the second and third floors, cutting off the escape of many of the unfortunate inmates of the building. When the alarm of fire was sounded in the building there was a wild rush of the men, women and children who worked in the different sweater shops. All got out safely except those reported killed and half a dozen who were injured. One woman jumped from the first-story window and fractured her legs and a man received a severe scalp wound by jumping. Many people suffered slight injuries in scrambling down the fire escape.

COWBOYS HAVE STARTED.

The Great Race from Chadron, Neb., to Chicago Has Commenced.

The much talked-about cowboy race from Chadron, Neb., to Chicago, has begun, and Governor Crouse, it is said, gave the signal for the start by firing a revolver.

The best opinion is that the men who averages fifty miles a day will win the race. Each man leads an extra horse and rides in this three-point saddle. The Human Society people hold meetings to devise a plan to stop the race, but did not prevent the start. The cowboys are as such as might be expected to take part in such an enterprise. They number twenty-five, and half of them are mounted on stolen bronchos "Snake Creek Tom," "Rattle Snake Pete" and "Cock-eyed Bill" are the names of three of the whites. He Dog and Spotted Wolf, two full-blooded Sioux, are in the lot. The route of the race has not been made public, lest humans people along the line should interfere. The first rider to reach Chicago is promised a prize of \$1,000 in gold by the managers of the race. Buffalo Bill is said to have put up another prize of \$500 and a saddle and revolver.

HARRISON AT THE FAIR.

The Ex-President Visits Jackson Park with Mrs. and Mrs. Palmer.

Ex-President Benjamin Harrison was among the distinguished guests at the World's Fair Monday. He arrived in Chicago from Indianapolis over the Rockford road early in the morning, and was met at the depot by his friend President Thomas W. Palmer, of the World's Columbian Commission, whose quest he was to be at the Fair. Accompanying the ex-President were his daughter, Mrs. McFee, "Baby" McFee, now grown to be a big chif; Miss Swan and Miss Dimmick. The party was driven straight to the Lakota Hotel. The ex-President lost little time in making his way to the Fair grounds, and expressed himself as being surprised at the magnitude of the show.

Appointments by the President.

President Cleveland turned the wheel Monday morning and ground out another batch of appointments. The full list follows: James E. North, Collector of Internal Revenue for the district of Nebraska; Harry Alvan Hall, Attorney of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania; Postmasters: Illinois—W. H. Grimes, Batavia; Samuel L. Coffey, Conneaut; Isaac Fielding, Champaign; James S. Wilson, Mount Carmel; John W. Potter, Rock Island, Illinois; Joseph T. Dilley, Mitchell, Kansas; Louis Sarbach, Holton; George V. Clever, Phillipsburg, Missouri—Jacob D. Allen, Benton; S. W. Hurst, Tipton, Montana; John N. Harder, Castle; F. W. Buckee, Kalsipell, South Dakota—George C. Kasper, Hill City.

Hanged to a Tree.

E. B. Ford, a newspaper correspondent at Dundas, Minn., narrowly escaped lynching the other night. He is the correspondent in which he criticised the Mills revival meetings. He also made a host of enemies in Dundas by publishing scandalous statements about a minister there, on account of which the congregation threatened him. Ten men clothed in white gowns and masks, went to his home and pulled him out of bed. They had him already hanging to a tree when his brother, with a rifle, shot at the crowd, and the whites dispersed.

Futile Attempt to Rob.

Four masked men stopped the Missouri Pacific express, bound for St. Louis, in the suburbs of Omaha Monday night.

Cheap Rates Announced.

The Pennsylvania, Michigan Central, and the Big Four railroad companies will run excursion trains daily until it is determined if the public attend in sufficient numbers to make it pay, landing passengers in the World's Fair grounds at one fare for the round trip.

Annie Goes to Prison.

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Rescued with a Lasso.

Thirteen-year-old Charles Bauer of Philadelphia was rescued from drowning in true wild West style. He fell into a mud pond, and when Mountaineer Policeman Bauer came along the boy's head was just above the level. The policeman threw a lasso over the boy's head and drew him out.

Six Men Rob Train.

Six masked men held up the New Orleans express on the Illinois and Ohio Railroad at Forest Park, Ill., at 6 o'clock Thursday night, and robbed the express car of \$10,000 in cash and valuables worth a large amount. The robbery did not occur over twenty minutes time.

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## MCKINLEY NOMINATED.

Buckeye Republicans Declare for the Present Tariff.

The Ohio Republican State Convention at Columbus renominated Gov. McKinley by acclamation. Gov. McKinley's name was presented by Col. Bob Nevin of Dayton and seconded by Senator W. M. Nichols of Bellwood. There were no other nominations, and the Governor was declared the nominee, amid a roar of applause and thunderous cheering. A committee was appointed to conduct him to the hall, and a few moments later he made his appearance. He was greeted with cheers, prolonged for several minutes, according the nomination, and expressed his gratitude and appreciation. The old ticket was named entire, and the platform adopted for the present tariff.

## LIEUTENANT PEARY'S PLANS.

Will Start on His Second Arctic Trip the Latter Part of This Month.

Lieutenant R. E. Peary, United States navy, having obtained a three years' leave of absence, is in New York making final preparations for his second trip to the Arctic regions. He intends to start the last of this month on the steamer Falcon, which has been built for the trip. Lieutenant Peary says that his main object is to determine the characteristics of the detached land masses he found on his last trip north of main Greenland and to determine the last coast land of Greenland from Independence Bay southward to Baffin Island. The trip will cost about \$25,000 and Lieutenant Peary will bear the entire expense from proceeds of lectures he delivered for that purpose. Captain Henry Bartlett will be in command of the Falcon and the crew will consist of Second Officer Dunphy and twenty-five men, most of whom served on the Kite.

## UNCLE SAM MAY USE HIS GUNS.

Determination of the Judiciary to Keep the World's Fair Closed Sundays.

A Washington correspondent sends out the following: "The ultimatum of the Federal Court at Chicago, to the effect that the World's Fair cannot be opened on Sunday and will be backed up by force of arms if necessary. This, in brief, is the way administration officials regard the matter. It cannot be said that anyone here fears that such extreme measures will be necessary, yet at the War Department there was considerable talk about the possible necessity of utilizing troops to prevent the gates being opened. In the absence of Secretary Lamont's name of the officials felt at liberty to be quoted as to what course would likely be pursued, but they all agreed that the military would be brought into prominent requisition if any attempt should be made to ignore the injunction issued by the court."

## FARGO IN RUINS.

Three Million Dollars in Property Destroyed, 3,000 People Homeless.

The city of Fargo, N. D., was practically wiped out by a terrible Wednesday night fire, and the loss is conservatively estimated at \$3,000,000, with not over one-third of that amount in insurance. It seems probable that as many as half a dozen persons were burned to death. Fully three thousand persons are homeless, and many have lost their all. Aid was soon forthcoming from the Red Cross.

Two Injunctions and a Supersedeas.

Sunday closing of the World's Fair now stands in this condition: Judge Stein, of a State court, granted an injunction to restrain the authorities from closing the United States Court of Appeals, by Judges Wood and Jenkins, granted another to restrain them from closing Justice Greely's office, and Saturday Chief Justice Fuller granted an order staying the latter injunction temporarily. Within a few days Justice Fuller will call in other Judges and the matter will be finally settled.

Three Firemen Killed.

Fire which broke out in Lyon Street, San Francisco, destroyed about a dozen fine residences, most of which were of recent construction. Three firemen, named Richard Windrow, Edward Davis, and Charles Madison, were instantly killed by the falling of a chimney, and another fireman named Heilert was badly burned. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

Four Were Drowned.

The festivities of a picnic party at Kummer's Spring, near Spring Valley, Minn., came to a sad end. A party in a carriage drove to the side of the spring, which is very deep, when the horses became frightened. Brick buildings seemed to melt away into heaps of crumbling sand and it was impossible to force enough water through the mains to fight fire by the acre.

DELUGED BY A CLOUDBURST.

Great Damage at Hinton, W. Va.—Three Drowned in a Cave in Mexico.

A cloudburst at Hinton, W. Va., and vicinity resulted in great destruction of property. The damage in Hinton is estimated at \$200,000. The trestles on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad were washed away, and landslides cover the track for many miles. The running of all through trains on the road is suspended. A City of Mexico dispatch says: A cloudburst at Mixquihualta, in the state of Hidalgo, has done considerable damage to crops. A man named Mirauro and his wife and child sought refuge in a cave when the storm came up, and the cloudburst filled the cave with water in a few seconds, drowning all three.

Five Slump in Wheat.

On the Chicago Board of Trade Thursday July wheat reached 62 cents, an unparalleled price. It was 3½ cents per bushel lower than ever before known on the board. Its fall in reaching this point was, according to our correspondent, rapid enough to satisfy the most greedy bear.

Great excitement prevailed upon "Change." The first sales of July wheat, when the comparatively cool lot of dealers entered the pit, were at from 66½ cents to as high as 67 cents, and everything appeared calm before the storm.

Soon after, however, came word traders began to sell the crop on their countenances, and some were seen to be indulging in their usual pranks. That lasted until they heard that prices were tumbling. In Minneapolis, where it was said, some grain elevator companies had failed. Even that was turned into a joke for a minute or two, for in answer to an inquiry one of the regular jokers said that it was the elevator at the Manufacturers Building at the Fair which he had heard was away with a big crowd in it. Matters soon became too serious for jesting, however, as the crowd became excited and rushed to sell out their heat before it went down to earth. At 67 cents it rolled downward until, in an hour from the opening, July wheat was worth only 65½ cents. In Minneapolis at the same time it was worth only 56½ cents.

Four of Gatling Guns.

There is a probability that the bore of the navy Gatling gun will be changed. To be of the greatest service, the Gatling gun used in naval warfare must be fitted to use the ammunition manufactured for the small arms issued to the sailors. The adoption of the small caliber for the new army rifle is to be followed up by the navy, and that in turn will necessitate the reduction of the bore of the Gatling guns from 45-caliber to 32-caliber. Already the Ordnance Bureau is preparing for the change.

Bank Open All Night.

During the recent run on Chicago banks the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank re-opened on Monday night after midnight, paying out money on demand. The last depositor in the line got his money at 4 a.m., when the bank closed until 10 o'clock in the morning. The assets of the bank are \$28,114,000. The stockholders are estimated as being worth \$150,000,000. The bank has not called a loan in nine years.

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Major General Sir John Hudson, commander of the British forces in Bombay, was thrown from his horse at Poona and killed.

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lic institutions, schools, and colleges, but for a month to come they will find living very expensive. A large number of box cars are being used for goods which have been saved, but a great deal of the property still lies in the open spaces and in the streets. A citizen meeting over \$1,000 were subscribed to relieve the immediate wants of the destitute, but generous help from the outside will be needed in a few days if much suffering is to be avoided.

The militia will be kept on guard until all the goods are housed, as it is known that a large number of crooks have come in from other cities on the lookout for plunder.

## ARE GIVEN OFFICES.

Administrative and Consular Places Distributed by Cleveland.

The President has made the following appointments:

William G. Crawford of Louisiana, to be Deputy Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department; Rudolphus O. Randall of Alabama, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Alabama; James C. D. L. Davis of Arkansas, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Arkansas; Edward J. Murphy of Massachusetts, to be Commissioner of the Internal Revenue for the District of Massachusetts; John W. D. Moore of New Jersey, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the District of New Jersey; and John C. G. B. Smith of Connecticut, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the District of Connecticut.

The new Comptroller of the United States:

John W. D. Moore of Connecticut, to be Assistant Solicitor of the Treasury.

Peter H. Pernot of Indianapolis, Ind.; Joshua H. Kinkead of Kentucky, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the District of Kentucky; and John C. G. B. Smith of Connecticut, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the District of Connecticut.

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