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WEEK'S NEWS RECORD

Andrew Doig, a stonemason, was arrested in Cleveland upon the charge of having murdered Mrs. Mollie Knapp, whose mutilated body was found in her apartment. Doig admitted that he assaulted the woman and alleged that she had robbed him.

At Jacksonville, Oregon, G. W. Traynor shot and killed J. Hardenbrook and then killed himself. Hardenbrook was engaged to be married to Miss Sarah L. Beeson, a sister of Mrs. Traynor, but Traynor objected to the match and it is said had threatened Hardenbrook's life.

In a 15-mile motor paced race on the indoor-bicycle track at the Velodrome, Los Angeles, Cal., Gus Lawson defeated John Nelson, the middle distance champion. Lawson won by a quarter of a mile, and incidentally lowered the world's record by thirty-seven seconds, his time being 25.12.

A difficulty has arisen between Germany and Turkey. The Ottoman government objects to Germany using Far San Island, in the Red Sea, as a coaling station and wishes to establish there a Turkish depot accessible to all the powers. Germany, however, insists that she will not abandon the island.

New proof of the probable truth of Andrew Carnegie's statement that John D. Rockefeller is the richest man in the world was given in the offer of \$800 a share for 500 shares of Standard Oil stock. The holdings of Mr. Rockefeller in that company must be worth approximately \$200,000,000.

The Treasury Department has decided to admit the lace workers and their families who were brought to this country by Dr. J. A. Dowie, the "divine healer," and founder of Zion City, Ill., to teach others the art of lace making. This is a reversal of the action of the Philadelphia immigration officials.

The lifeless body of W. H. Fullhart, an eccentric and well-to-do ranchman near Anselmo, Neb., was found on the prairie near there by the sheriff. Fullhart had been murdered, his skull being crushed by some blunt instrument. Fullhart lived alone, except for a hired man, and this man is missing.

Dr. H. A. Hamilton, a prominent physician of Marysville, Iowa, was shot dead by an assassin. Alfred Ahn, who had accused the doctor of causing the separation of Ahn and his wife, is under arrest on the charge of firing the fatal shot. No one saw the shot fired and the physician died without making any statement.

A policeman found a starving woman with her 18-month-old starving girl baby in Broadway, New York. The clothing of both was saturated with rain and the woman was wandering aimlessly about in a half-dazed condition. She is Claudia Staples of Omaha, in search of her husband, who she says, deserted her.

Thomas A. Edison, Jr., states that he has authorized lawyers to institute divorce proceedings against his wife of one year and seven months. He said that she left him seven months ago and has since declined to either live with him or begin divorce proceedings. Before her marriage Mrs. Edison was Miss Tuohy of Chicago.

Mrs. Natalie Bayard Brown of Newport, R. I., guardian of her infant son, John Nicholas Brown, has filed an inventory of the estate left to him by his father, showing it to be worth \$1,943,690.31. The estate coming to the child from his uncle, the late Harold Brown, will nearly equal the amount of property he receives from his father.

Solitary confinement and degradation to the ranks was the severe punishment ordered for three officers and one cadet of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., after a recent breach of discipline. The officers are the most popular men in the first class, and the action of the authorities is strongly resisted by the mass of students.

The Indiana Supreme Court has rendered a decision that the law of 1890 prohibiting the piping of natural gas outside of the State of Indiana is unconstitutional. The decision was rendered on an appeal from Marion, Ind., in which the manufacturers of the State sought to shut off the supply of gas now being piped to Chicago and Ohio cities.

NEWS NUGGETS.

Sons of Jubaland have killed Sub-commissioner Jenner.

A. Schmidt & Co., wholesale furniture dealers at Laredo, Texas, have made an assignment.

Twenty-five alleged terra-cotta statues from Tanagra, in Boston, are found to be rank forgeries.

Creditors of the Castellanes have joined the Gouds from paying any money to Countess Anna.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies has adopted the socialist motion to abolish trials by court martial.

Will of Charles H. Hoyt cuts off his near relatives, leaving his estate to the Lambs Club and to friends.

R. H. May has been awarded \$140,000 in his case against Guatemala for annulment of his railroad contract.

Sugar City, Colo., celebrated the starting of work on the construction of an immense sugar refinery plant costing \$1,000,000.

At Akron, Ohio, Frank Werner and Louis Rohr were killed by a broken telephone wire charged with electricity. It had fallen across a trolley wire. The men stooped to pick it up and both were instantly killed.

The population of Texas, as officially announced, is 3,048,710, against 2,235,523 in 1890. This is an increase of \$13,187, or 36.3 per cent.

David R. Snover of Orange, N. J., a lawyer, who was convicted of embezzling \$1,375 from the estate of Catherine Brett of Rockport, Ind., was sentenced at Newark to six months' imprisonment.

The entire crew of the schooner Mamee Valley, which sank in shallow water on the Point Au Pelee middle ground, near Toledo, Ohio, has been lost. There were seven of them, including the officers.

EASTERN.

The torpedo boat Blakely was launched at the works of George Lawley & Son, South Boston.

Charles Garez, a rich Brazilian, was robbed of diamonds and money, in all \$5,000, in New York.

The crack North German Lloyd steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse came into New York, with one of her propeller blades missing, after the stormiest passage she has ever experienced.

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., are rejoicing over the birth of a girl, who will be the heiress to the Vanderbilt millions. Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., was formerly Virginia Fair.

In New York an overdose of morphine, taken to relieve suffering caused by an over-indulgence in liquor, ended the life of Dr. Robert Acton, a physician and a football player on the Harvard team in 1893.

In Rochester, N. Y., fire wrecked the plant of the Citizens' Light and Power Company and destroyed the Washington four mills, causing a loss estimated at about \$175,000, partly covered by insurance.

At Grechburg, Pa., Morris Shofnosky, the 8-year-old son of Isaac Shofnosky, a merchant, was playing on the gridiron with boys about his own age. During a scrimmage he was hurt and died from his injuries.

During the howling of a storm a sneak thief stole jewelry valued at \$2,500 from the residence of Alter Megear in Philadelphia. The thief in escaping with his booty boldly climbed down a pillar of the front porch.

Henry Seelig, a swindler whose stealings may aggregate \$1,000,000, and who has been a fugitive from justice for four years, was arrested in New York City. He is said by the police to have been swindling Chicago merchants.

Dr. George H. Shurburg of Troy, N. Y., who has spent some time in the arctic regions, believes that Andree is still alive, but shut out from the rest of the world by a sea of ice. Dr. Shurburg is the world's leading authority on Greenland next spring.

Arthur Kinney, 23 years old, committed suicide at Waverly, N. Y., by blowing off the side of his head with a shotgun. He was one of the gunners on the Marblehead when the Spanish cable was cut at Cardenas, and was honorably discharged last May.

The Real Estate Investment Company of Philadelphia made an assignment to John J. Ridgway, the president and a principal stockholder of the company. The assets of the company, it is said, amount to \$300,000, while its liabilities are \$100,000.

May Brooks, a New York "tenderloin" girl, was arrested, charged with coming in too close touch with a Chicago man's cash. The victim is Arthur Lynn. He went to New York with \$2,000 to exchange for amusement, but the New York pace was too swift.

The bodies of Thomas Farley and his wife Julia, both with bullet wounds in their heads, were found lying in the bedroom of the flat they had occupied in New York. Clashed in the man's hand was a revolver, with which he had evidently killed his wife and himself.

William Simms, colored, who killed his wife, Lillie Belle Simms, at Dunbar, Pa., on Aug. 16, 1889, was hanged in the presence of 600 people. Simms met death unflinchingly. He gave out a letter claiming that the crime was due to his wife's infidelity. He warned all to be careful whom they married and not to marry too young.

WESTERN.

Robbers blew open the safe of the Farmers' Bank at Orlando, O. T., with nitroglycerin and secured more than \$5,000.

Claude Chittenden, aged 30, a gambler, was shot and killed at Kansas City by Percy Seawall, aged 19, of Mangan, Oklah.

Leonard Day, son of a millionaire Minnesota lumberman, who died a few years ago, was killed in a midnight brawl in the West Hotel, Minneapolis.

Dispute over high and low church ritual may lead to the secession of Trinity Episcopal Church of Oshkosh, Wis., from the diocese of Fond du Lac.

The population of Missouri, as officially announced, is 3,106,665, against 2,679,184 in 1890. This is an increase since 1890 of 427,481, or 15.9 per cent.

While lighterizing the cargo of the stranded steamer Isaac Ellwood in Mud Lake, Michigan, the forward boiler of the lighter Stewart blew up, killing three men and injuring six others.

Fire destroyed the general merchandise store of Begole & Van Arsdale at Beatrice, Neb., causing a loss of \$85,000. Several other smaller firms located in the same building were burned out.

The death of W. H. Lawrence at his home at Dover Bay, a Cleveland suburb, was indirectly due to his participation in a lawn tennis game last July, when he broke his arm while swinging at a ball.

Mrs. William J. Harris was granted a divorce by Judge Richardson in Spokane, Wash. Harris agrees to give her \$125,000, as provided in their original agreement, and settles \$25,000 upon her daughter Louise.

Frank Speasmaker, postmaster and prominent business man, was found dead in his place of business at Lenton, Ohio, by one of his clerks. He had shot himself in the head with a revolver taken from his show case.

Insurance Commissioner O'Shaughnessy of Minnesota has taken action toward winding up the affairs of the Northwestern Mutual Casualty Insurance Company of St. Paul because it is unable to meet outstanding obligations.

Mrs. Caroline Clark Quantrell of Canal Dover, Ohio, mother of William Clark Quantrell, the famous guerrilla chieftain, has been admitted to the I. O. O. F. Home at Springfield. She is a little past 80 years of age.

A jury in the criminal court at Indianapolis found Councilman Higgins guilty of soliciting a bribe from D. M. Parry, a local manufacturer. Under the Indiana law his sentence will be indeterminate, from two to fourteen years.

The Union Pacific accomplished a run with the fast mail from Grand Island into Omaha which will go down in the annals of fast running as one of the record-breakers. The entire distance, 154 miles, was made in 150 minutes.

A hurricane traveling eighty-five miles an hour struck Colorado Springs and caused a monetary damage of a quarter

of a million dollars and has resulted in the fatal injury of Edgar T. Ensign and the serious injury of five persons.

Joe Mulhatton, known as "king of liars" among traveling salesmen, was sent to the insane asylum at Phoenix, Ariz. His trouble is attributed to over-indulgence in alcoholic stimulants. He has been operating a mine near Florence.

A bank was opened at the village of Burns, Kan., and before 4 o'clock the same day \$100,000 had been deposited in its vaults. Farmers, stockmen and citizens went into the little town with their money in old tin cans, stockings and purses.

At Rosedale, Kan., a suburb of Kansas City, a Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis switch engine left the track on a trestle, and, falling thirty feet to the bottom of the ravine, exploded. Four men in the cab of the engine at the time were painfully hurt.

A special from Red Wing, Minn., says: "The loss of the plant of the Minnesota Stone Company, which was totally destroyed by fire, will reach \$75,000. One thousand men were thrown out of work. The plant was one of the largest of its kind in the United States."

Chicago's commerce for the year 1900 will show a great falling off as compared to that of previous years, says Lyman E. Cooley. The engineer further declares that the commerce of the city has not maintained a relative growth equal to that of other parts of the world.

William Goepper, a Cincinnati street railway conductor who had been drinking heavily, attempted to kill his wife with dumbbell and seriously injured her. When he thought he had killed her and the neighbors closed in on him he killed himself by shooting through his head.

G. H. Zscheck, a botanist of Chicago, who has been visiting in St. Louis for several days, has made a discovery in one of the parks which he believes of importance to the botanical world. He is pretty certain that he has discovered a new plant, which he will investigate and name.

A large bar iron, sheet and tube plant will soon be erected in Youngstown, Ohio. The plant will consist of puddle mills, three finishing mills, butt and lap weld tube mills for making wrought-iron pipe, ten hot sheet mills and a galvanizing department. At least 1,000 men will be employed.

Mrs. Frederick Williams, a prominent widow of Ashtabula, Ohio, flogged George Close, a well-known man of Painesville, in Toledo, most unmercifully. She knocked him into the mud and then used an umbrella upon him until she wore it out. She claims Close clapped with her young daughter.

Adele Nelson, a pretty 16-year-old San Francisco girl, filed suit for \$10,000 damages against her former employer, John Kehs, a wealthy wholesale baker. In her allegation she declares that while she was busy performing an office task Kehs stealthily approached her, and, throwing his arms around her waist, kissed her.

Several hundred Indians in San Diego County, Cal., are threatened with starvation. They have made no provision for the winter, and are now suffering for want of food. Children and women are almost naked and there is not enough food in many of the lodges to keep the inhabitants thereof alive through the winter.

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Corrigan, McKinney & Co., an ore and vessel firm of Cleveland, Ohio, has decided to invade the Atikokan iron range, which is located north of Duluth, on the Canadian side. It is learned that negotiations for the control of the property on the Atikokan, which is owned by the Hunters and others of Duluth, are well advanced.

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Rev. Oliver C. Miller, a chaplain voluntarily attached to the Fourth cavalry, has reported at the War Department, having been invalided home from the Philippines. He says he knows of no city in the United States where there is so little crime or where crime is followed so quickly by punishment as in Manila.

The Pere Marquette Railway Company is going to place carrier pigeons on its fleet of six car ferries and line steamers, which will be in service on Lake Michigan during the coming winter. The dangers of winter navigation and the necessity of prompt news from vessels caught in the great ice floes are the leading causes of this novel move.

Bradstreet's says: "Unsettled weather conditions have operated to curtail retail and jobbing distribution this week, and imparted a quieter tone to several lines indirectly associated therewith. Stock speculation, too, has been less rampant, and last week's record of bank clearings has, therefore, not been equaled. There is, however, little or no apparent loss of basic strength, and, indeed, the general level of staple prices has been slightly advanced. This latter movement is most notable in the iron and steel trades, in raw cotton and to a lesser degree in the cereals and some hog products. Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 3,827,296 bushels, against 4,062,020 last week. Corn exports for the week aggregate 5,235,568 bushels, against 3,970,914 last week."

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