

THE SUNSET CITY.

California's Midwinter Exposition Formally Opened.

Great Enthusiasm Characterizes the Exercises, an Outline of Which Is Here Given—Over 72,000 Persons in Attendance.

IN FULL BLAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—The Midwinter fair has at last been opened. Thousands of people from all parts of the state witnessed and participated in the dedicatory ceremonies, and the greatest and grandest enterprise ever seen west of the Mississippi river is finally in full swing.

It was a holiday in San Francisco. The shops were closed and business was neglected and abandoned. Buildings in every part of the city were lavishly decorated with flags and bunting, and the whole population thronged the streets and gave to them an eminently festive appearance. Thousands of visitors were here who are residents of Los Angeles and the distant southern part of the state,

open. In the management of concessions and the general conduct of the exhibition there was nothing to distinguish Sunday from the opening day, and though chaos still reigns in machinery hall and all of the exhibits in the other buildings are still in a state of disorder, thousands of people visited the grounds.

CAUGHT AFTER A FIGHT.

One Outlaw and One Officer Killed and Two Others Shot.

BIG STONE GAP, Va., Jan. 30.—Three Virginia officers tracked the two Fleming brothers, outlaws, from this county to West Virginia, and found them Thursday in a store in Boggs, a lonely little mountain town more than 50 miles from a railroad. Cal Fleming was shot instantly through the brain. Heenan, his brother, shot each of the three officers. He was shot in the chin and had the fingers of his right hand shot away. He shot Ed Hall through the back of the head, Doc Swindell through the neck and John Branham through the right lung. Then he gave up. Cal Fleming lived long enough to ask to be brought back home, but was buried

A SCENE OF HORROR.

It Attends the Hanging of George H. Painter, in Chicago.

The Rope Breaks and the Doomed Man Falls to the Floor—Picked Up in a Dying Condition, His Inanimate Body Is Hung Again.

A BOTCHED JOB.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—George H. Painter was hanged in the corridor of the county jail at 8:03 a. m. Friday for the murder of Alice Martin. The execution was marred and delayed by an unfortunate accident. At the first attempt made to carry out the sentence of the law at 7:59 the rope broke, carrying the condemned man to the floor with a heavy crash. Blood streamed from a wound in his head and dyed the white shroud in which his form was enveloped with deep crimson stains.

The spectators—there were not many of them—jumped from their benches and chairs as the body struck



GEORGE H. PAINTER.

the floor. Dr. Fortner and the other physicians and jail officials hurried to its side, but there was not a movement to indicate that life still existed. While the shroud-enveloped and bloodstained body lay at one side of the scaffold with the physicians hovering over it, the drop was put back in place and a new rope was strung. Then the body was dragged to the drop again, while suddenly cries from the prisoners in other parts of the jail broke in upon the almost deathlike stillness. They had in some way learned that the drop had fallen. The cries and shrieks were taken up from cell to cell, and from tier to tier until pandemonium seemed to have broken loose. The bailiffs were sent back to stop the thrilling clamor.

There was a pause in the proceedings until the cries could be stopped, and then the body was placed a second time under the rope. It was a difficult task to fix the noose, and the scene was revolting. Blood had trickled to the bottom of the shroud and the hood was saturated. The neck had been broken in the first fall and the head had to be held up while the noose was put over it. Then it was found that with the body flat on the drop there would be almost no fall, and it had to be pulled back to the inner edge, where it could be supported in a sitting position by one of the jail officials standing on the more solid part of the scaffold. It seemed a long time, but in reality it was only four minutes from the time the drop fell the first time until Jailer Morris gave the signal and it again fell. It was 8:03 o'clock when Painter's body straightened out at the end of the rope after the second fall and at 8:18 he was pronounced dead.

Painter kept up his courage to the last. He had taken liquor to strengthen him before beginning his march to the scaffold. He walked to the platform without a tremor. On the scaffold he made a brief speech, concluding as follows:

"I killed Alice Martin—the woman I dearly loved, the woman I loved so much that I would have almost committed a crime for her. I pray this minute—my last minute on earth—that the Eternal God will put me into eternal hell. Look here, gentlemen, if there is one man among you who is an American, I say to you on his soul—on his soul, I say, that the murderer of Alice Martin is found. Good-by."

[Painter's alleged crime for which he suffered the penalty of death was the murder of Alice Martin, in her room at 88 Green street, about midnight May 17, 1891. A man named Treadwell and a woman named Morris also lived in the house. A few moments before 12 o'clock they heard quarreling in the room of Alice Martin, followed by sounds as if blows were being struck and a fight was in progress. A few moments later they were startled by the appearance of Painter, who rushed into their room crying out: "Alice has been murdered." His coat, they declared, was somewhat bloody and he was greatly excited. They followed him back to the room where they found the lifeless body of Alice Martin lying across the bed and evidences of a terrible struggle. Painter gave the alarm to the police. He was subsequently arrested and at his trial was convicted. An unsuccessful appeal was made to the supreme court. Then Gov. Altgeld was called upon for executive clemency. Twice he granted a respite, but finally refused to interfere further, and the law was allowed to take its course.]

BATTLED SEVEN YEARS FOR LIFE

California's Governor Finally Commutes the Sentence of a Murderer.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 29.—The sentence of John McNulty, condemned to hang, has been commuted by Gov. Markham to imprisonment for life. Seven years ago he shot Patrick Collins. The murderer was but 19 years of age and he got much sympathy. For nearly seven years he has been in jail. Six times has the day for his death been fixed, five times a gallows has been erected from which he expected to drop to death, but each time execution of his sentence has been stayed.

FOUR GIRLS WERE KILLED.

Fatal Result of a Snowslide in White Bird Gulch in Idaho.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 29.—News reached here that a fatal snowslide occurred in White Bird gulch. A family named Thomson lived at the bottom of the gulch, and the slide came down without a moment's warning, wrecking the house and killing four girls. The parents and one infant child escaped.

Six Men Drowned.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 29.—B. B. Campsen and Fred Miller and four others were drowned by a boat capsizing near Sullivan island.

INDIANA STATE NEWS.

JAMES HELMS, assistant master mechanic of the Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis railway, died at his home in Princeton.

The Indiana supreme court has affirmed the decision of the Porter circuit court in the contested election case of Joseph Sego vs. Heber Stoddard. Two years ago Stoddard was the republican and Sego the democratic candidate for sheriff in Porter county. Stoddard received three more votes than Sego. The democrats contested the election, which was decided in Stoddard's favor.

CAPT. JOHN K. GOWDY, of Rushville, was the other day re-elected by acclamation chairman of the state republican committee.

LEWEL BAILEY, a member of the Muncie bar, charged with stealing two stacks of hay from his neighbor, was acquitted in the circuit court.

MISS EDNA MAGLEY, the 16-year-old daughter of Albert Magley, a mail carrier, had a beautiful head of auburn hair. She lives with her grandmother at Indianapolis, and the other evening she received a visit from her father and accompanied him to the electric car, a short distance away, and then returned home. As she was entering the gate an unknown party threw a heavy cloth over her head, and before she could free herself or give the alarm her hair was closely clipped off. The girl had no enemies and was a general favorite. It is supposed that her hair was taken for the purpose of profit only, as it was very long, heavy and of unusual beauty.

The other night Samuel Jackson's residence burned in Whitley. Loss \$1,200, and a residence of Soney McWilliams, on Beacon street, was destroyed. Loss, \$500. Several firemen were badly frozen while at work with the temperature at 3 degrees below zero, and Ted Whiteman, another fireman, was injured by a chimney falling on him. William Baugh ran several squares in his bare feet to turn in the alarm and his feet were frozen.

No. 4 shaft, north of Brazil, belonging to the Crawford Coal Co., was destroyed by fire the other night. The large engine and boiler and other valuable machinery was greatly damaged. The loss will be heavy, but is covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

SAMUEL GRIFFITHS, an old soldier was found dead in a house in the outskirts of Warsaw the other morning. Griffiths lived by himself and a Mrs. Garvin found him lying on the floor of his dwelling. He had evidently been dead several days.

Quite a sensation was caused by the filing of a \$5,000 damage suit against John Neff by Riley C. Goodwin and wife for slander at Muncie. The parties are well known.

The death of Mayor Wagner, of Madison, has brought out a large number of aspirants for the unexpired term. The outcome of the fight is uncertain.

The Lake Erie & Western Railroad Co. was made defendant in a suit for \$15,000 damages at Muncie, the other day, by A. L. Smith, who alleges that he lost a hand at Tipton while in the employ of the company last summer, and that the accident was the result of the recklessness of a drunken engineer.

The natural gas was acting badly the other day at Ridgeville on account of the cold weather. Next morning at 8 o'clock the wife of Prof. Watson lighted a match to start a fire in the cook stove. The room was full of gas that had escaped during the night, and the consequence was a terrific explosion, in which Mrs. Watson was terribly burned. The windows were blown out and the house set on fire. Near neighbors were at the scene in a moment and succeeded in stopping the fire and probably saved the life of Mrs. Watson, whose dress was on fire when they reached the house.

There was a terrific gas explosion at the Indiana Iron mill, Muncie, which imperiled hundreds of lives and caused a damage of \$3,500.

INDIANA has eighteen special pension examiners.

D. BAGGER has been appointed receiver of the Adams Electrical Co., Elkhart.

A young lady of New Albany has collected 43,000 of the 50,000 canceled stamps necessary to get an invalid claim.

L. A. VOBEREREN was nominated for mayor by the republicans of Marion. He represents the younger element.

MACK DIXON, a colored desperado from Louisville, went to Columbus, the other day and was arrested for drawing a razor on Howard Hill. An effort was made to apply the handcuffs, when the Negro knocked the constable and his deputy down, raised a window and jumped to the pavement, fifteen feet below, and escaped.

The arrest of Miss Lulu Van Slyke, the only daughter of ex-State Senator Van Slyke, a retired Methodist preacher, has caused a big sensation at Goshen. Miss Van Slyke is charged with the theft of a valuable ring, which was found in the possession of her lover, Vernon Young. Young swears he will go to prison before he reveals anything as to how it came into his possession. Miss Van Slyke is 15 years of age, of rare beauty and possessed of a mind unusually well cultivated. She is a daring horsewoman, and her skill has made her known throughout Northern Indiana.

A New Source of Alcohol.

Wood cellulose can be converted into sugar and used to make alcohol, but the compact texture of the wood makes the method expensive. The cellulose of pent moss, however, is now reported to have given more favorable results. The cellulose is converted into sugar by boiling the turf four or five hours in dilute sulphuric acid, when the expressed liquor is fermented with yeast and afterward distilled. The dry turf is stated to yield rather more than half as much absolute alcohol as an equal weight of potatoes containing 20 per cent. of starch.

ROSINA VOKES.

The Popular Actress Dies at Her Devonshire Home.

A Victim to the Ravages of Consumption—Her Last American Engagement Cut Short by Disease—Her Career.

DEATH OF MISS VOKES.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Rosina Vokes, the well-known English actress, died at Torquay, Devonshire, on Saturday. A few months ago she was compelled by ill-health, while making a tour of the United States, to break up her company. She returned to England in the hope that her health would be benefited, but her hopes were not realized.

Consumption made its appearance about fifteen months ago and from that time she declined rapidly. Her death was painless. Her husband and a number of relatives were present when she breathed her last.

Mrs. Cecil Clay, better known to the American and British public as Rosina Vokes, although her actual maiden name was Theodosia Vokes, was one of "The Vokes Family," which in 1831 was called "The Vokes Children," and made its debut at the Operetta house in Edinburgh. The company consisted of Fawcett, Frederick, Mortimer, Jessie, Victoria and Rosina. The success of that combination is so well known that it is unnecessary to enumerate in detail its history during a period extending over ten years. The Vokes family made their London debut at the Lyceum theater, December 24, 1838, in the pantomime of "Humpty Dumpty." The Vokes crossed the Atlantic ten times and their travels took them half over the world. It is worthy of note that the pieces in which they appeared were for the most part written and invented by themselves and many of the incidents presented were simply illustrations of their own adventures that they had met with during their travels. "Fun in a Fog," for instance, was based on the incidents of their journey across the plains with the ill-fated Custer.

On marrying Rosina Vokes retired from the stage, but returned to it after a short absence. She organized a company of her own and appeared as a star, playing many successful engagements in Great Britain and America. Her last appearance was in Chicago, in November, 1899, when she played at Hooley's in "Maid Marian," "Dream Faces," "The Circus Rider" and other comedies. She was ill at the time and it was announced that she was about to retire from the stage permanently on account of her failing health.

BADLY SCARED.

Riotous Miners in Pennsylvania Have Lost Their Courage.

MANSFIELD, Pa., Jan. 31.—Nine Hungarians went to Foster's gun store at Bridgeville Monday afternoon and demanded ammunition. On being refused they threatened to demolish the store. They then left, and fifty men arriving with Winchesters pursued them, capturing three. The latter were armed with revolvers.

In the Tom's run and the Painter's run districts there is no sign of immediate trouble. The 100 deputies have complete control, and are not meeting with the slightest resistance. The rioters have come to a realization of the seriousness of their work and are hiding in every corner. The deputies went from house to house and thoroughly searched for the guilty parties. The deputies were divided into arresting squads, and, with their weapons ready for any resistance, visited the different places where the rioters were thought to be.

About fifty arrests have been made so far. The arresting squads brought their prisoners to Roseville, where they were handcuffed in pairs and marched to the train with four deputies with Winchester rifles as guards. A large crowd gathered to see them off and many threats were made. At Mansfield hundreds of persons followed them to the lock-up. The prisoners were badly frightened lest they should be attacked. They made up one of the roughest-looking gangs of men ever seen in that section. Not one of them is an American citizen and only a few can talk or understand English. Most of those arrested are miners from the Roseville and Hazlet mines on Tom's run. They were found in the attics, cellars, out-houses, under beds, in closets, and several had cut open bed-ticks and had crawled in.

Heidelberg, a hamlet 1 mile from Woodville, is said to be the general headquarters of the rioters. Three groups of anarchists are located here and it is known that the rioters have much ammunition stored away. Deputies are searching the houses to find it. They have been unable to locate the ring-leaders and it is believed they are hiding in the hills.

TWO BROTHERS KILLED.

Fatal Accidents Which Caused the Death of John and James Dill.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 31.—At Hoods, Etawah county, Johnny Dill, aged 6 years, was accidentally struck on the head by an ax in the hands of his elder brother, James, and killed. Two hours afterward James was riding a mule. The mule got frightened and ran away. James became entangled in the bridle and was dragged 300 or 300 yards. He was picked up unconscious and died Saturday morning.

ROBBERS LOOT A BANK VAULT.

Escape with Seven Thousand Dollars—Dogs on the Trail.

ELLSVILLE, Ga., Jan. 31.—The Planters' bank of this city was broken open by burglars Sunday night and \$7,500 taken. The work was done scientifically and it is evident that the perpetrators were professionals. Dogs were put on the trail of two strange men who were seen journeying toward Preston. They had been in the neighborhood two days and disappeared Sunday night.

ENDED FATALLY.

A Fit of Incessant Hiccoughing Kills William Milhollin.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 31.—William Milhollin, a veteran contractor, died Saturday evening under peculiar circumstances. He had been ill with the gripe, but for seventy hours before his death he was in terrible agony from incessant hiccoughing and all efforts of physicians failed to relieve him. He was entirely conscious and attempted to control the hiccoughing, but it was useless. He became weaker and weaker and finally died from sheer exhaustion.

KNIGHTS DEFEATED.

Their Appeal for an Injunction Against the Bond Issue Is Denied.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Judge Cox, of the district supreme court, has declined to grant the application of the Knights of Labor to compel Secretary Carlisle to show cause why he should not be enjoined from issuing \$50,000,000 of bonds as proposed in his recent bond circular. The court's judgment caused no surprise.

The application of the Knights of Labor asserts that the members of the organization as citizens and tax payers have a right to the injunction. Should the bonds be issued the interest will practically amount to a tax of about one dollar a head on the country, thereby resulting in an outlay of \$300,000 from the Knights of Labor, according to the application filed.

The court said there never was a per capita tax in this country. No law now in force requires the payment of a direct tax, though there was one in 1816 and another in 1861. Should such a law exist the complainants have not shown that they are property holders. They have no standing in the court as tax-payers and no legal right in the question as to a bond issue.

Their claim that the interests of the organization are different from the general public and would suffer more than any other class (referring to the claim that many knights were miners) by the issue is a grievance of discrimination, but it has no standing in judicial proceedings. Consequently, as tax-payers or as miners the complainants have no standing in court.

Judge Cox then reviewed the laws bearing on the question and declared it was unnecessary to enter into a discussion of the rights of the secretary to make the issue. The secretary, he said, had legal authority to redeem notes when presented and to issue and sell the bonds when necessary.

The claimants will appeal to the court of appeals and when that body decides against them to the United States supreme court. There is practically no doubt that that high tribunal will decide in the same way. Meanwhile Secretary Carlisle will issue his bonds.

Secretary Carlisle has received a dispatch from New York saying that \$30,000,000 of the 5 per cent. bonds had been subscribed for. The secretary is now confident that the whole issue of \$50,000,000 will be subscribed for at 117.25 or higher.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—In the senate Tuesday the resolution of Senator Stewart, (rep., Nev.) declaring the proposed issue of bonds to be without authority of law was taken up, and Senator Stewart addressed the senate in its favor. The significant feature of the discussion was the firm stand taken by Senator Sherman in favor of the authority of Secretary Carlisle to issue the bonds. The gold reserve he declared to be a fund which should be preserved inviolate, and he thought it even mandatory, rather than discretionary, with Secretary Carlisle to sell at least sufficient bonds to restore the gold reserve.

BODIES BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Frightful Disaster Near Owensboro, Ky.—Five Men Killed.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Feb. 1.—One of the most horrible disasters in the history of southern Kentucky occurred near Crow Hickman, a station on the Owensboro & Nashville railway, 9 miles south of here. A boiler in the saw-mill of John Mercer exploded, killing five men and fatally injuring another. The explosion was caused by the running of cold water into the hot boiler. The engineer foresaw the explosion and urged the bystanders to run, but they regarded his warning as a joke. The bodies of two of the men were found in a tree 75 yards from the scene of the accident, torn to atoms. All the victims were horribly mangled. John Mercer's body was an unrecognizable mass. The concussion was plainly felt in this city.

DRINK CAUSES MURDER.

Three Men Killed and Two Badly Injured in a Row at an Arkansas Dance.

GURDON, Ark., Feb. 1.—Reliable information has been received from Alpine, a small village in the northwestern portion of this (Clark) county, announcing the killing of three men and the wounding of two others during a melee at a country dance at the house of James Forbes Saturday night. Frenzied by drink the men came to blows among themselves, and as a final resort knives and revolvers were brought into action. Lew Jones, Charles Ross and Sam Powell were killed, Jones and Powell having been shot, while Ross was stabbed through the heart with a butcher knife. Walker Jones and Bill Jones were both seriously, if not fatally, wounded.

THE LARGEST CARGO.

The Freightliner Civic Makes a New Record at the Port of New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The new White Star line freighter Civic, which sailed for Liverpool Tuesday, is said to have carried the largest cargo ever taken from this port. Shipping merchants all over town commented on the size and value of the cargo. The cargo consisted of 144,000 bushels of grain, 9,000 bales of cotton, 896 head of cattle, 400 tons of copper, 300 tons of fresh meat, 3,000 sacks of flour, 3,000 boxes of cheese, 2,000 barrels of oil, 600 barrels of paraffine wax, 2,000 bundles sorted hides, 300 tierces of beef and 500 bales of hay.

Murdered by Robbers.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 1.—News has just reached here from Holmesville, 10 miles north, that on Thursday a wealthy bachelor named Gustave Johnson, who was living alone on his farm, was found with his skull crushed, and died a short time after, never regaining consciousness. An empty pocketbook was found on the floor, with other indications that he was murdered for his money, as he was known to have quite a sum about him. Unknown parties attempted to rob him last year and he had to fight for his life.