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RENSSELAER. : : INDIANA.

The News Condensed.

Important Intelligence From All Parts.

DOMESTIC.

MASKED men tarred and feathered Rev. Charles Clancy, of Frontier, Mich., and then rolled him down a steep hill.

JOSEPH BECHTELHEIMER and his wife received probably fatal injuries in a runaway accident near Young America, Ind.

The directors of the Western Union Telegraph company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 per cent. payable October 1.

On the Terre Haute (Ind.) track Alix trotted a mile in 2:04, equaling the world's record of Nancy Hanks. Carbonate lowered the 2-year-old record to 2:10.

The drought has left an epidemic of typhoid fever through all the Upper Miami valley in Ohio. At Piqua in one day eleven corpses were awaiting burial.

BUCK HARLAN, a notorious counterfeiter, was captured by secret service men near Shelbyville, Ind.

At Terre Haute, Ind., Fantasy lowered the record for 4-year-old mares, trotting the mile in 2:06, beating her own time one second.

WILLIAM ENOCIS, of Martinsville, Ind., was driven from his home by white caps for alleged cruelty to his wife.

The Norwegian steamship Forbuna, from Java, landed in Philadelphia Arthur Vincent, a New York boy, who had circled the globe without a cent of money. He left New York two years ago at the age of 14.

KANSAS farmers were selling their hogs for transportation charges to market, having nothing to feed them.

The taking of testimony was completed in the trial at Chicago of President Debs and other officers of the American Railway union. The arguments will be made on September 25.

UNITED STATES engineers were considering the plan of connecting Lake Superior with the Mississippi river by a canal.

Six bicycle records were broken at Springfield, Mass. Titus rode 26 miles against time, making twenty new marks.

COL. THOMAS G. LAWLER, of Rockford, Ill., was elected commander in chief of the G. A. R. at the Pittsburgh encampment. The daughters of Veterans elected Mrs. Ellen M. Walker, of Worcester, Mass., as president, and the Woman's Relief Corps selected as president Mrs. Emma R. Wallace, of Chicago.

In a suit at Bloomington, Ill., Judge Tipton ruled that druggists, dry goods and grocery dealers were not compelled to sell to colored people.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. FETTERS were killed at Edon, O., by a Wabash train an hour after their wedding.

OVER thirty buildings were consumed by fire in San Francisco, the loss being \$100,000.

THE custom of publishing in newspapers the list of unclaimed letters at postoffices has been abandoned, congress having failed to make a sufficient appropriation for the purpose.

H. B. MORGAN, postmaster at Peoria, Ill., refused to deliver out-of-town newspapers not bearing postage of a cent a copy.

OFFICIAL returns of the Arkansas state election held September 3 show that over one-half of the counties in the state voted against liquor license.

STATISTICS compiled by the bureau of statistics show that during August the exports of breadstuffs amounted to \$10,851,326, against \$22,639,348 a year ago, and for the eight months ending August last to \$85,348,714, against \$129,261,102 for the corresponding period of 1893.

BERNARD TOKER was shot and killed at Connellsville, Pa., and his wife Mary fatally wounded by Franz Morris, a 12-year-old boy that they had befriended. The lad stole \$13 and escaped.

The exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 14th aggregated \$853,263,145, against \$794,382,538 the previous week. The decrease, compared with the corresponding week in 1893, was 7.8.

SAM JOHNSON, a 21-year-old negro, sold himself to Col. Stark Oliver at Selma, Ala., for \$50.

THERE were 207 business failures in the United States in the seven days ended on the 14th, against 215 the week previous and 314 in the corresponding time in 1893.

The forest fires in Wisconsin were extinguished by the first heavy rain that has fallen since June.

JAMES BARRETT was hanged at Eddy, N. M., for the murder of John Holihan at Seven Rivers.

ENOCH DAVIS, who killed his wife, was shot at Lehi, Utah, he having chosen that mode of execution in preference to hanging.

At Terre Haute, Ind., Robert J. paced a mile in 2:01 1/4, breaking all records. Carbonate put the 2-year-old mark at 2:09, and John R. Gentry cut the stallion record to 2:03 1/4 in a race.

In accordance with a recently enacted law Judge Lippincott, of Jersey City, refused to receive a plea of guilty made by a murderer.

THOMAS TAYLOR, 33 years of age, killed his wife, who was 25 years old, in Washington by shooting her and then shot himself. Jealousy was the cause.

A BOTTLE of pop exploded at St. Joseph, Mo., and put out the eyes of William Gardner, aged 3 years.

ADAM FOREPAUGH's circus stranded at Bluffton, O., on account of no funds to pay employees.

While planting flowers in a cemetery at Homeworth, O., a tombstone fell on Susan Johnson, an aged woman, inflicting fatal injuries.

The first snow of the season fell at Omaha, Neb.

At Neligh, Neb., Barrett Scott was convicted of embezzling \$32,000 while treasurer of Holt county.

FRED MILLER, 70 years old, while drunk fatally stabbed his wife at Kenton, O., and then drowned himself in a well.

In a quarrel over a line fence at Northport, Ala., John and Alexander Tyler (brothers) killed each other.

TWO new counterfeiters are in circulation, one being a \$10 silver certificate, check letter A, series 1886, and the other is a \$5 note of the First national bank of Cincinnati.

SCRANTON, Pa., suffered a loss of \$250,000 by a blaze in the business district.

THE percentages of the baseball clubs in the national league for the week ended on the 15th were: Baltimore, .684; New York, .653; Boston, .647; Philadelphia, .576; Brooklyn, .546; Cleveland, .513; Pittsburgh, .492; Chicago, .498; Cincinnati, .425; St. Louis, .400; Washington, .347; Louisville, .277.

M. L. DAVIS, of Little Rock, Ark., tendered his resignation as American consul at Merida, Yucatan.

LEONARD BLODGETT, of Luzerne, N. Y., aged 55, attempted to assault a girl and fatally wounded both her parents.

A WINDSTORM did great damage at Niagara Falls and caused the suspension bridge to sway like a cradle.

GEORGE CASE won the tennis championship of Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska by defeating J. W. Beck with at Kansas City.

In a decision at Des Moines, Ia., Judge Spurrier held the mulct liquor law to be constitutional.

At the close of the Adventist camp meeting in Emporia, Kan., 100 converts were baptized in the Cottonwood river.

DURING a dance in Philadelphia Samuel A. Kilpatrick, rendered insane by jealousy, killed his wife and fatally wounded her partner.

FIFTEEN persons were injured, several fatally, in a runaway accident near Irondale, O., caused by the raising of an umbrella.

WHILE passengers were being transferred past a wreck at Hammond, Wis., an oil tank exploded and twelve were seriously burned.

ANDREW BEE, who recognized Jefferson Davis when the latter was escaping, died at his home in Martin, Allegany county, Mich.

WILLIAM BLANFORD, an alleged forger of Clinton, Ind., was arrested after a search of two years.

THE only son of Count Vincent Mercader, owner of vast estates near Vienna, Austria, was found employed in Carnegie's mills at Braddock, Pa.

At Portland, Ore., J. W. Stangeles, a civil engineer, killed Mrs. Mabel Calvin and committed suicide. Jealousy was the cause.

THE Mutual Benefit Life Association of America closed its doors under orders of the insurance department of New York state.

BEVERLY ADAMS, a negro, was hanged at Hopkinsville, Ky., for murder.

J. L. GOODMAN and B. Y. Armstrong, Gatesville (Tex.) editors, shot each other to death in a street duel.

THIRTEEN men were indicted by the grand jury for complicity in the recent lynching of six negroes near Millington, Tenn.

THE new Planter's house in St. Louis was thrown open to the public. The hotel cost over \$1,900,000.

ELIAS A. WATSON, a colored postal clerk, was arrested in Chicago for rifling letters. Six years ago he found \$90,000 in a hotel bathroom and returned it to its owner.

THE visible supply of grain in the United States on the 17th was: Wheat, 69,214,000 bushels; corn, 4,110,000 bushels; oats, 8,221,000 bushels; rye, 312,000 bushels; barley, 1,628,000 bushels.

FIRE destroyed the mattress factory of Stump & Co. in Washington and five employees perished in the flames.

POLICE JUSTICE CONROY, of Dubuque, Ia., was attacked and terribly beaten by a prisoner on whom he had just passed sentence.

THE world's bicycle record, 12:39, in a 5-mile competition road race was broken in Chicago by Tracy Holmes, who ran over the course in 12:30.

ONE man was killed and three fatally injured by the premature explosion of a blast at a colliery at Hazleton, Pa. At Pittsburgh Harry C. Tyler, of Springfield, Mass., lowered the mile bicycle record for a quarter-mile track to 2:03.

An order for the transfer of more than half the regiments of the army to new posts was issued by Gen. Schofield.

UNKNOWN persons entered the circuit courtroom at Owensboro, Ky., and every indictment found at the recent term of court was stolen and torn to fragments.

SINCE the inauguration of the present administration at Washington 1,597,238 silver dollars have been coined.

A HURRICANE swept through the towns of Mining and Jennings, in Oklahoma, and nearly every house in both towns was laid low and a young woman and two children were killed and others wounded.

At North End, O. T., the Arlington hotel and eight of the most substantial business buildings were destroyed by an incendiary fire.

The seventieth annual session of the sovereign grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows convened at Chattanooga, Tenn.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

R. P. KEATING was nominated for governor and G. E. Gignoux for congressman by the Nevada democratic convention in session at Carson.

CANDIDATES for congress were selected as follows: Wisconsin, Fifth district, Henry Blank (dem.). Alabama, Ninth district, T. H. Aldrich (rep.). California, Fourth district, T. B. Shannon (rep.). Fifth, E. V. Lord (rep.). Virginia, Gardiner Tyler (dem.) renominated.

The official result of the election in Maine gives Claves (rep.) for governor a plurality over Johnson (dem.) of 34,424.

At a convention of the American Protective association held in Chicago O. H. Mann was nominated for state treasurer, S. D. Snow for school superintendent, and W. S. McComas, J. W. Pickens and J. B. Strubel for congress.

THE following congressional nominations were made: Wisconsin, Seventh district, G. W. Lewis (dem.). Colorado, Second district, T. M. Bowen (rep.). Virginia, Tenth district, Thomas Goode (rep.). New Mexico, T. B. Mills (pop.).

EX-SENATOR DOOLITTLE declined the nomination for congress tendered him by the democrats of the First Wisconsin district.

BOLTERS from the democratic party met at Carson, Nev., and nominated a state ticket headed by Theodore Winters for governor.

DANIEL SCULLEY, who for nearly a quarter of a century was a justice of the peace of Chicago, died of pneumonia.

CANDIDATES for congress were selected as follows: Illinois, Fourth district, Charles W. Woodman (rep.). Ohio, Twenty-first district, T. L. Johnson (dem.) renominated. New York, Twenty-eighth district, C. A. Chickering (rep.).

MRS. CASSA PIERCE (colored), of Indianapolis, Ind., claims to have passed her 126th birthday. She says she was born in Kentucky six years before the revolutionary war.

OWENS was said to have been victorious in the contest for the democratic nomination in the Ashland (Ky.) congressional district. His plurality over Breckinridge was estimated to be 410.

At Monticello, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. George Clouser celebrated their seventieth wedding anniversary.

NOMINATIONS for congress were made as follows: Illinois, Twelfth district, F. D. Rodeke (dem.). Michigan, Tenth district, William Maroux (pop.). Ohio, Eighteenth district, E. J. Raff (dem.). California, Second district, Anthony Caminetti (dem.). Louisiana, Third district, Taylor Beattie (rep.).

THE republican central committee of Nevada requested Senator Jones to resign because of his change of political faith.

FOREIGN.

CAPT. ADOLPH FRIETSCH, who sailed from New York August 5 in a schooner-rigged skiff 47 feet long, reached Queenstown in safety.

FIFTY-FIVE Brazilians were executed at Montevideo by order of President Peixoto. Military and naval officers were among the unfortunates.

At the Rosedale track, Toronto, E. F. Radway, of London, lowered the 100-mile bicycle record to 5:01:10.5.

A FIRE in the leather market in London caused a loss of \$1,000,000.

THIRTY persons lost their lives and 2,000 buildings were destroyed by a fire in Chung-King, China.

THE Mexican congress was opened by President Diaz, who, in his speech, said that Mexico was on friendly relations with all nations.

AFTER being released from a reef in the Carimata straits the steamer Nanyang sank with her crew of sixty-five men in sight of her rescuer.

THE Japanese gained a decisive victory at Ping Yang, 16,000 of the Chinese force of 20,000 being killed, wounded or missing, while the Japanese loss was trifling.

ALEXANDER L. POLLER, American consul general at San Salvador, died there from yellow fever.

LATER.

ARMED guards frustrated an attempt to hold up a Santa Fe express train near Gorin, Mo. Engineer Prescott was wounded and one of the robbers fatally shot.

WILLIAM JEFFERSON, a colored man who claimed to have been 110 years old, died in Champaign, Ill.

THE completion of the official count of the vote in the Ashland (Ky.) district shows Owens received a plurality of 270 over Breckinridge.

JAMES W. PURDUM, who captured the conspirator who had been detailed to kill Vice President Johnson in 1865, died at his home near Darnestown, Md.

THE Logansport (Ind.) presbytery resolved to establish at Cedar Lake a resort similar to the Chautauquan assembly in New York.

BANDITS made an unsuccessful attempt to wreck the Chicago express of the Big Four at Hazelridge, Ind.

MARSHALL COREY, a prominent farmer, and his wife and 18-year-old daughter were killed by lightning at Owingsville, Ky.

JOHN W. STEBBINS, of Maryland, was elected grand sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows at their meeting in Chattanooga, Tenn.

A SPRING of apollinaris water was struck at Radnor Forges, P. Q., which was said to far excel the well-known German waters.

THE official report of the French wheat crop of 1894 shows a total of 151,002,781 hectolites, against 97,792,080 hectolites last year.

MRS. HELEN L. GRIER, charged with poisoning her sixth husband, was found guilty at Spokane, Wash., of murder in the second degree.

THE National Association of Letter Carriers of the United States met in fifth annual convention at Cleveland.

THE German coke workers of Pennsylvania have resolved to remove to Douglas county, Wis., and take up farms.

THE sixty-fourth annual assembly of the grand council Royal and Select Masons opened in Columbus, O.

In convention at Saratoga Springs the republicans of New York nominated Levi P. Morton for governor.

The platform arraigns the democratic administration for its Hawaiian policy, its treatment of old soldiers, and says the most important achievement, the tariff bill, has been fitly characterized by the chief executive as one of perfidy and dishonor. An international agreement which shall result in the use of both gold and silver as a circulating medium is favored.

CAME TO GRIEF.

Missouri Bandits Felled in an Attempted Train Robbery.

An Armed Guard Drives Them Away, But Not Until the Engineer Is Shot—Two of the Gang Caught—One Badly Wounded.

BALKED BANDITS.

MEMPHIS, Mo., Sept. 19.—An attempt was made to hold up train No. 5 going west on the Santa Fe at 2:15 Tuesday morning near Gorin, Mo., in this county. One of the persons in the plot to rob the train told the officers here about three weeks ago and they communicated the fact to the officials of the road. The first night set for the deed was Thursday, September 6, but a heavy rain coming up the attempt was abandoned, as the robbers wished to accomplish their purpose and quietly return home to their accustomed work as though nothing had happened, but they feared the tracks made in the soft ground would betray them. The second night set for the deed was Friday, the 14th inst., but the weather was again unfavorable and the attempt was put off until Tuesday morning.

W. E. McDaniels, who had advised the officers of the plot, went with C. E. Abrams and Link Overfield and two other robbers to Gorin. Sheriff W. H. Saling and City Marshal L. E. Byrne went to Medill, east of Gorin, and joined Detective J. J. Kinney and two assistants of the Santa Fe, C. W. Stockton, detective of the Wells-Fargo express, and two assistants, and took passage on train No. 5.

As they neared Gorin the engineer noticed the switch signal light had been removed. He heard a torpedo explode and saw a signal flag being waved. He answered the signal and stopped the train. Abrams, the leader of the gang, ran to the engineer and ordered him to throw up his hands.

The engineer was a little slow in responding and Abrams shot him in the shoulder, inflicting a slight flesh wound. Detective Kinney, who was concealed in the tender, shot Abrams in the shoulder with a double-barreled shotgun loaded with buckshot. Abrams started for the brush and the other robbers ran for their horses. Abrams' horse was killed by one of Kinney's assistants.

The robbers fled when the other officers appeared. The officers followed in pursuit, but did not find them. The officers came to Memphis about 4 o'clock a. m., got out warrants and went 3 miles northeast of this city and located Abrams and Overfield, brought them to town and they are now in jail. Abrams will die. Two others are supposed to have been implicated in the hold-up and the officers are after them, but refuse to give their names. All the men are residents of this county.

Charles Abrams and Link Overfield, the two former bandits arrested for their part in the attempted Santa Fe train robbery, were captured only after a stubborn fight. Both made their way directly to their homes, situated 16 miles southeast of here in a lonely part of the country. Abrams, who received a full load of buckshot in the face, was compelled to walk the entire distance, his horse having been killed by the detectives. When he arrived home Abrams was secreted behind a bureau. He had practically run the whole distance, and when Sheriff Saling and his posse with the railroad detectives came up to the house after his arrival he was faint. However, when he knew that escape was out of the question he made a bold attempt to stand off his captors with a revolver, but the officers had the advantage of him and he finally gave in. After he had been handcuffed the search for the other bandits was resumed.

On the farm of Mrs. Tull, near by, the officers found Overfield, who had crawled under a bed. The house was first surrounded and a deputation sent in to make the search. Mrs. Tull and her two daughters stoutly denied that Overfield was in the house. Overfield showed fight when discovered, but before he could use a revolver he was grabbed by one of the officers. A fierce struggle ensued, the bandit finally being overpowered. Then both he and Abrams, with two brothers of the former, around whom suspicion also rests, were handcuffed and taken to Memphis. A search for the remainder of the "gang" is being made. The examination of the four men now under arrest will take place to-day.

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—Local officials of the Santa Fe road and the Wells-Fargo Express company confirmed the story of the hold-up and attempted robbery of a train at Gorin, Mo. C. F. Resseguie is general superintendent of the eastern division of the Santa Fe road this side of Kansas City. He admitted that he knew all about the intended robbery weeks ago and was prepared for it. Said he:

"It was nearly three weeks ago that we first got wind of this attempt at robbery, and I had nearly forgotten about it. You see, it was billed to come off some little time ago, and several times we have been disappointed. The plot to hold up the train was tipped off to us about three weeks ago, and we made preparations to give the bandits a warm reception. The matter was all put into the hands of our special detective, Kinney, and was managed by him. Of course we made every effort to keep it secret for fear we would be balked. There were ten men, all heavily armed, sent with the train every trip."

A Terrible Death.

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—John Foley, 51 years old, of Twenty-ninth and Butler streets, met death in a terrible manner Tuesday afternoon while at work in the planing mill of the Hines Lumber company at Robey street and Blue Island avenue. He was engaged in adjusting a belt about a pulley, when his clothing caught in the swiftly moving wheel and he was whirled rapidly around several times. Before the machinery could be stopped both his legs had been torn off below the knee and his head had been crushed in a frightful manner.

MORTON IN THE HARNESS.

The Ex-Vice President Nominated for Governor of New York.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 19.—The state republican convention, called to nominate a state ticket, was called to order here Tuesday at 12:40 p. m. Congressman Lemuel Quigg, of New York city, was made temporary chairman. Dr. Carey, of Saratoga, offered prayer, at the conclusion of which Chairman Quigg made a short address. His sallies at Tammany Hall and the democratic party were applauded. He said that Senator Hill was the only man in the democratic party faithful to his trust, at which there was a burst of applause.

During the address Mr. Quigg read a dispatch announcing that Gov. Flower had declined to be a candidate for governor. There were cries of "Good," "good," and applause and cheers. Members of the convention



LEVI P. MORTON.

expressed the greatest surprise at Gov. Flower's action. At 1:35 the convention took a recess until 4:30. The convention reassembled at 4:55. Warner Miller was made permanent chairman.

The Resolutions. Congressman Sereno E. Payne, chairman of the committee on resolutions, presented the platform, which extends greetings to the republicans of Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Oregon, Vermont and Maine, "for their prompt and just judgment of an incompetent democratic administration." National affairs are referred to as follows:

"The democratic president of the United States and the democratic chairman of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives have announced that the war against the protected industries of the country has just begun, and that it is to be prosecuted to the bitter end. On behalf of the wage earner, the agriculturist, the business man and of every sacred interest in the empire state of the union, the republican party of the state of New York, in convention assembled, accepts this challenge and pledges itself to defend against all assaults the rights of the workingman and his employer, both wantonly invaded by reckless demagogues."

Then follows an arraignment of the democratic administration, declaring:

"Its most important achievement thus far has been fitly characterized by the chief executive as one of perfidy and dishonor. It has rewarded the largest contributors to its campaign fund by the bestowal of foreign missions; denouncing trusts, it permitted one of them to formulate its tariff bill; promising a continuance of the vigorous foreign policies established by the lamented James G. Blaine, it substituted a 'policy of infamy' when Hawaii was freely offered up; denouncing the Sherman act as a 'cowardly makeshift,' it was enabled to repeal the silver-purchasing clause of the act only by the help of republican senators; arraigning protection as a fraud upon labor, it passed a mongrel protective measure, so tainted with scandal that it barely escaped the veto of a democratic president; advocating free raw materials and an extension of our foreign trade, it destroyed all the profitable reciprocal agreements made by President Harrison; pledging itself to the payment of 'just and liberal pensions,' it treats the union soldiers as if the Grand Army badge were the badge of beggary and brigandage; pledging retrenchment, it exceeded at the corresponding session of the last republican congress by \$27,000,000 in the face of decreasing revenues, and after it had added \$30,000,000 to the public debt; while pretending to be in favor of individual freedom, it hastened to enact an odious income tax force bill, empowering deputy collectors to enter the homes of citizens and compel them by threats of official summons and heavy penalties to disclose their private affairs."

Denounce the Tax on sugar.

"We denounce the federal administration for surrendering an annual revenue of \$8,000,000 on wool and imposing a burden nearly ten times greater by levying a tax on sugar the commonest household necessity."

"We favor an honest dollar and oppose any effort, whether by the removal of the tax on state bank issues or the free coinage of silver, to lower our currency standard, and we favor an international agreement which shall result in the use of both gold and silver as a circulating medium."

Morton Nominated.

Gen. B. F. Tracey in an extended speech placed in nomination ex-Vice President Morton. There was a storm of applause as Gen. Tracey finished. Col. Baxter, of Elmira, placed in nomination J. Sloat Fassett. Silas B. Dutcher, of Kings county, nominated Gen. Stewart L. Woodford. John S. Wise, of New York, formerly of Virginia, seconded Morton's nomination. E. A. Nash, of Cattaraugus, named Gen. Butterfield. Ex-Congressman Parker, of St. Lawrence county, presented the name of Judge Leslie W. Ruel.

Cries for a vote followed, and the chairman ordered the roll to be called by counties. Before Ontario was reached Morton had been nominated, and when the vote was finished the clerk, amid great confusion, announced: "Morton, 632 1/2; Fassett, 69; Woodford, 40; Butterfield, 29; Russell, 20; Bliss, 40 1/2; and Arkell, 1."

The nomination of Morton was made unanimous.

At 12:20 a. m. Charles T. Saxton was nominated for lieutenant governor on the first ballot. Judge Haight was nominated for judge of the court of appeals on the second ballot. The nomination, on motion, was made unanimous.

Explosive on the Track.

DE KALB, Ill., Sept. 19.—A party of bridge builders for the Northwestern railway had a startling experience Tuesday morning, which might have resulted more seriously than it did. Going south from this place on a handcar, when about a mile south of Elva they ran over some sort of an explosive which had been carefully placed on one of the rails. The stuff exploded with a noise like the report of a gun, completely wrecking the car and injuring all of the seven men, three of them seriously.

The Amateur Fisherman.

It was a stalwart fisherman, who bought a hundred flies, and vowed that other fishermen he straight-way would surpass. By catching trout in thousands—though he'd never fished before; He'd thought the task was easy as he'd watched it from the shore.

He got a boat and anchored in the middle of the pond. And had his family watching from a hillock just beyond. But when he swooped his rod about, it made him feel quite flat. To have the hook catch in the brim of his broad fishing hat.

"Well, accidents will happen; we'll do better now," he said. And gave his rod a triple swoop around about his head. His children cheered to note his grace, but it did chance, alack! This time the hook, by some odd freak, caught squarely in his back.

"Once more I'll try," he proudly tried; "in numbers odd there's luck." And then he had a chance to show if he was like a duck. For, as the fly went hurtling through the air, amid the peals Of happy laughter from his friends, he went in head o' heels.

And that is why that very expert fisherman, they say, Hath never tried to fish again since that ill-fated day; And that is also why it is folks say he knows not beans. Because his favorite fish is not the trout, but canned sardines.

—Harper's Bazar.

"Without Thee All Is Night." There is no blue upon the skies, Upon the hills no glow, Above a sea of darkness rolls, A cloud of gloom below. The stars from heaven are blotted out, The hills are sunk from sight; The living glow of earth and sky Is robbed in darkest night.

But darker than the starless skies, Or clouds of night can be, The absence of thy cheerful face, And pleasant smile from me. O love, without thy presence sweet Nor beauty lives nor light; With thee, the clouds are fairest gold, Without thee all is night.

—D. J. Donahoe, in Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The Humming-Bird's Nest. What a frail house to trust with family cares, Hair, string and moss in cunning complex twisted Upon a branch exposed to windy airs, As though for nestlings danger ne'er existed!

But there the humming bird, with brave courage, Lays, and broods on her tinted eggs so slight Within the woven cup, and for her forage Trusts thoughtless nature to give food a right.

The winds may blow till like a leaf the nest Danes and whips upon the frolic breeze, Yet will the fledglings thrive and take their rest. Rocked to small sleep amid the airy seas.

The sharp-nosed fox about the wood may prow, The sharp-eyed hawk peer down in search of prey, And 'neath