

## MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

### POLICE OFFICERS AT TROY, N. Y., ARE BAFFLED.

#### Efforts to Find Slayer of Nineteen-Year-Old Girl, Whose Body Was Found Sunday, Unrewarded.

A dispatch from Troy, N. Y., says out of a maze of theories which confront the authorities who are trying to lift the cloud of mystery surrounding the death of 19-year-old Hazel I. Drew, whose body was found in an old mill pond near Avenue Park last Sunday, nothing tangible developed so far that points to the murderer the motive for the crime. No arrests have been made, although the police have closely questioned several persons whom it was thought might throw some light on the case.

That the girl was assaulted before she was murdered and thrown into the pond, is the generally accepted theory, but the body was in such a state of decomposition when found as to make it practically impossible for the physicians to determine that fact.

Theories multiply as to the motive for the murder. The girl was not known to have an enemy or sweet heart, and the baffled authorities were even willing to take up the possibility of suicide. The physician's statement, however, to the effect that there was no water in the lung was given as proof that the girl was dead before her body was thrown into the pond.

At the church yard at Poestenkill, where Hazel's life began, her body was laid to rest. A bunch of roses adorned the casket, while the Rev. W. H. E. Richards, of the Methodist Church, offered prayer. Only a few friends and relatives were present.

What the girl did from the time she left her aunt on Monday, July 6, until the body was found, remains untold. Rhody Gunderman and Frank Smith tell of having seen Hazel on Tuesday night on the road leading from Averill Park to Taber-ton. They met her, they say, at a point in the road called "The Hollow." A little farther along another road branches off to the left and leads to the home of Wm. Taylor, an uncle of the girl. She may have been on her way to visit some friends in Taber-ton or her destination may have been her uncle's home. According to Gunderman's story the girl was carrying her hat in her hand. One of the numerous theories that developed suggested that a young woman living at Taber-ton closely resembles the murdered girl and that Gunderman and Smith might have been mistaken in thinking that she was Hazel. The girl, however, when questioned, said she was not on the road on Tuesday night, although she had been that way on foot on other nights.

The authorities are endeavoring to find the suit case and handbag which the girl carried when she left Troy. The fact that she did not have them when she met Gunderman and Smith is taken to indicate that she may have left them where she has spent the preceding night.

The possibility that the bag and suit case may have been thrown into the mill pond led the authorities to open the gate of the dam for the purpose of draining. After about two feet of water had been let out a heavy thunder storm came up and further operations were postponed until Thursday. The girl's hat, gloves and eyeglasses were found on the bank, and there was no indication of a struggle, although a sufficient time had elapsed since the girl met her death to have permitted the trampled grass to revive.

The theory that the girl died from strangulation as the result of a corset string tied about her neck, and which is said to have been cut at the time of the autopsy, is not given much credence by the authorities.

The string apparently was one that the girl wore about her neck and it broke when the body became swollen by being in the water so long.

The authorities do not place much credence in the story that the girl was taken to the lonely pond by a party in an automobile.

## PLEASURE LAUNCH LOST.

### Twenty-Five of its Seventy-Five Passengers are Drowned.

A pleasure launch, bound from Manilla to Corregidor Island, carrying about seventy-five passengers, was caught in a typhoon Thursday and foundered.

It is believed that twenty-five of the passengers, including three Americans, were drowned. The others, numbering about fifty, were picked up by the British steamer *Suvaric*, which was passing close to the launch when it foundered.

The *Suvaric* lowered its boats immediately and those, together with the boats from other craft that came to the rescue, picked up the fifty passengers with much difficulty.

It is reported that an army of surgeons is among the lost. Details of the disaster have not yet reached Manila.

Corregidor Island is at the entrance of Manila Bay, thirty miles from the city.

### Difficulty About a Cow.

At Lancaster on Wednesday a difficulty occurred between two negroes, Bart Frazier and Harvey Massey, on the Witherspoon plantation, on Cayuga river, in which Frazier was shot in the abdomen. Massey was shot in the chest. The attending physician says the wounded man will die. The trouble was about a cow.

### Commits Murder and Suicide.

After shooting his wife to death at St. Louis, Mo., Mertz Martindal on Friday killed himself.

## KILLED BY ENGINE.

### Horrible Accident Occurred in Columbia Tuesday Night.

At Columbia Mr. James E. Mikell met a horrible and almost instant death Tuesday night just a few minutes before the hour of midnight at the corner of Gervais and Lincoln streets. He was struck by a Seaboard passenger engine at the point where the tracks of the Seaboard cross Gervais street and his body was dragged about 100 feet north before the engine passed over it.

Mr. Mikell has been employed for several weeks by the Seaboard as a substitute watchman, and Tuesday night he was on duty at the Gervais street crossing, next to the Seaboard station. When the south-bound passenger train arrived at 11:45 p. m., he was at his post and readily gave the proper signals. The engine which brings this train to Columbia from Portsmouth is relieved here by another engine and crew. The engine which brought the train into the station had transferred to the siding and was backing, going north to the Sydney park yards, when it struck Mr. Mikell.

The engineer, Mr. Jas Horton, evidently failed to observe that his engine had struck any object, for he made no stop after striking the man and was not aware that he had run over and killed a man until some 20 minutes afterward when the agent called him over the telephone and so informed him.

## BODY ON MARKET FOR \$50.

### John Barrett, 70 Years Old, Wants to Sell His Body.

Deserted by his fortune, which once smiled upon him, John Barrett, of Middleton, Conn., offers to sell his body for \$50. The offer has been refused by the George Washington hospital, at Washington, D. C., to which it was made, but the offer is still open.

Barrett is about 70 years old, and although apparently hale and hearty and likely to live many years more, he feels that his days are numbered, and rather than live in want he would raise the \$50 which will chase the wolf away for a while by giving a lien on his body. He came to Washington in search of health, hoping to be benefited by the climate. "I don't think there is anything so unusual in my offer," he said. "I have heard of such cases before, and I know that hospitals pay \$50 for bodies for dissecting purposes. By getting this money I can live a little easier for a while, but I believe that my days are not very long, and I fear the time when I will not have a penny. I have been able in the past to pay my room rent promptly and purchase the food that I need, but my money is very low now."

## FIRE ANSWERS PRAYER.

### Blaze Consumes Park Preacher Prayed Might be Removed.

Twelve hours after the Rev. Geo. Edward Lewis, in a public prayer, asked that the amusement resorts of Irving park, Chicago, where liquor might be burned to the ground, Excelsior park was consumed by fire. The prayer was offered within three blocks of Excelsior park in a revival meeting in the Emmanuel Congregational church.

Proprietors of the park state their loss will reach \$50,000, and that they had taken extra precautions against fire, owing to the preacher's prayer. It is believed the blaze was caused by crossed wires. The police are looking for two men who were seen in the park just before the fire.

## AFTER BEEF TRUST AGAIN.

### New York Decides to Investigate High Price of Meat.

The transactions of the Beef trust in New York state is to be examined by Attorney General Jackson, of the commonwealth. Tired of the constant rise in the price of meats, the people of the state have revolted and Gov. Hughes has heard the public clamor.

"I am glad this matter has been called to my attention," declares Attorney Jackson, "as I can not see why, at this time of the year, when it costs less to keep cattle than at any other season, the trust is charging the consumer three and three and a half cents a pound more than it did three months ago. If I can find any trust officers within this state who can be proceeded against, I intend to get after them."

### Kills His Wife.

Robert Wright, aged 32, cut his throat and then attempted to commit suicide at their home, four miles west of McKinney, Tex., Tuesday. When discovered his wife was lying dead on the floor with her windpipe severed, and Wright, with several gashes in his throat, was wandering about the house, begging for some one to kill him. The couple are survived by a three-year-old child, near where its dead mother was lying.

## White-Haired "Tiger" Convicted.

D. Parker, an old white-haired, gray-headed man, pleaded guilty in the Court of Sessions at Spartanburg Tuesday morning on the charge of selling opium. He looked like Alexander Dowie. Judge Hydrick endeavored to get the defendant to promise that he would not sell any more opium, but the old man would not promise. He was sentenced to serve three months or pay a fine of \$100.

## Bar-tender Charged With Murder.

Charles King, who served as bartender in the East Varick hotel, in Seneca Falls, N. Y., is under arrest on charge of murdering his employe, John Steinbacher, who was injured in a barroom brawl. Other arrests will be made.

## VICTORY FOR BRYAN.

### REPUBLICAN LEADERS ADMIT DEMOCRATS HAVE CHANCE.

#### Hand a Throttle to Party Machinery is Hand of More Seasoned Engineer—Attention to New York.

In the view of practical politicians in Washington the Democrats have started well at Denver. It is candidly admitted by prominent Republicans there that the beginning of the campaign is under more auspicious circumstances than at any period of the party's history since 1892. No one attempts to account for the fact that harmony seems to have prevailed at Denver to an unusual extent, and that the whole party machinery seems to have been better oiled than at any time for sixteen years. The only explanation offered is that the hand of the man at the throttle was that of a more seasoned engineer than in past years. Mr. Bryan, according to shrewd observers, has learned some things. Years have brought with him the knowledge of placating opposing elements, instead of putting them at each others' throats.

Men who were ten days ago declaring that Bryan had no earthly chance of election in November now admit that the beginning made at Denver is such as to ensure a rattling campaign and possibly, Democratic victory. It all depends, they believe, upon whether the Democratic campaign is smoothness as the preliminary stages. If it is November may bring tidings of a change in government control.

There is little question, in the minds of politicians that the fight to be made by Mr. Bryan will be in the West and Middle West. That, it is pointed out, is plainly shown in the platform. Mr. Bryan went out of his way to put up a platform which would catch the Western people, and as plainly as if he had said it himself the declaration of principles of the Democracy appeals to Western sentiment and thought. Mr. Bryan will depend for his election upon the South, with Nebraska, Kansas, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and the Dakotas, and he expects to give Mr. Taft a great fight in Ohio, where the Republican party is still torn with dissension. It is doubtful, according to political reasoning, if they will do that which will depend upon the developments in the entire State.

Mr. Bryan plainly says to the country that he has studied sentiment in the West, and that he believes it will be with him in November. It has been 15 years since Winnebago has been the scene of a hanging in 1893 two white men, Jasper and John Atkinson, uncle and nephew, were hanged by the late Sheriff Ellison in the jail yard. Another prisoner, Starks Means, is now in jail awaiting the September term of court when he will be sentenced, as the supreme court a few days ago affirmed the verdict of the lower court, which was murder in the first degree. Means will doubtless be hanged in October.

### HURT IN FIRE.

#### Woman Jumps From Second Story With Fatal Result.

In a fire at Memphis, Tenn., Tuesday which destroyed the fashionable Jefferson flats, Mrs. F. B. James, formerly of Chicago, jumped from a second story window and is now in a critical condition at the Presbyterian hospital. Mrs. J. J. Stein was carried from the building by firemen.

Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald, living on the fourth floor, did not awake until she was hemmed in on all sides by flames. Her cries attracted firemen who carried her through a window and down an extension ladder.

A few minutes later the roof fell in over her room.

A number of other occupants of the building were rescued by firemen, most of them clad in their night garments.

Diamonds valued at \$10,000 were recovered from Mrs. James' room during the progress of the fire by Policemen Crosby and Smith. Loss, \$25,000, covered by insurance.

## SHOT THROUGH WINDOW.

### Son of Superintendent of Methodist Orphanage in Georgia Badly Hurt.

At Atlanta, Ga., Hiram Jamieson, the eight-year-old son of Superintendent Jamieson, of the Decatur Methodist Orphan's Home, and Mrs. Jamieson were perhaps fatally wounded late Tuesday while on a suburban car returning to their home after an outing given to the orphans of "Nulton County."

As the car was speeding along a hot was fired from a passing freight train on the Georgia Railroad, which riddled the trolley line, the bullet passing through the head of the boy and entering his mother's neck. Who fired the shot is not known, but after the entire crew of the freight train was placed under arrest. Attending physicians say the boy can not recover and that Mrs. Jamieson's condition is critical.

## GONZALES VISITS BRYAN.

### Columbia Editor Says the Commoner Will Make a Few Speeches.

W. E. Gonzales, editor of the State of Columbia, S. C., and one of Mr. Bryan's lieutenants, after a visit with Mr. Bryan and Mr. Kern at Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., Tuesday said:

"The statement that Mr. Bryan will not make a canvass is incorrect. It is his present purpose, however, to deliver no platform speeches, but to make ten or a dozen political addresses, dealing with the more vital issues as presented in the platform. Mr. Kern will make a more continuous campaign, and I was assured in Denver that Mr. Towne will be no less active than if he had been the Vice Presidential nominee."

Mr. Gonzales will be invited by newspapers in his State, and he believed every Democratic paper in the South would do likewise.

## NEGRO HANGED.

### JOHN WESLEY SHEDD PAYS PENALTY FOR DOUBLE MURDER.

#### His Crime Was the Killing of George Lawhorne and Alice White in May Last.

The first capital execution since 1893 in Winnebago was held in the county jail Friday. The victim of the execution was a negro, John Wesley Shedd, who at the June term of court was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced by Judge Gage to be hanged on Friday, July 17. Shedd was convicted of the murder, near Ridgeway, of two other negroes, George Lawhorne and Alice White on May 15, this year.

Shedd has never throughout the entire time, since he was imprisoned, betrayed any visible signs of trepidation and up to the time the trap door was sprung he maintained that same composure. He addressed the immense crowd which surrounded the jail in a few words Friday morning, telling them to never touch whiskey, to which he attributed the source of his crime, and to live as good men should. He confessed to the murder some weeks ago and again Friday morning he stated to his audience that he felt he was prepared to meet his God and that he believed God would have mercy on his soul.

He was then led back into the jail, where the cap was put over his head and face, his hands and feet were tied and the rope fastened around his neck. He stepped upon the trap door and Sheriff Hood shook his hand and told him good-bye. At exactly 11:04 o'clock Sheriff Hood, with a clean cut of a hatchet, severed the rope which supported the trap door Shedd's body dropped six feet into space. The fall, however, was not sufficient to break his neck and he struggled vigorously for several minutes before his muscles relaxed. The examining physician pronounced him dead in 13 minutes after the trap was sprung. His body was taken down and turned over to relatives who carried it to Ridgeway, where it was buried.

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The hanging Friday seemed to have a depressing effect upon the immense crowd of negroes who had assembled from all parts of the county. They were very quiet throughout the entire affair and no disturbance was brought about at all.

## RAILS CAUSE WRECK.

### One Woman Killed and Several Other Passengers Hurt.

One woman was killed, two were perhaps mortally injured and nearly 400 persons were seriously hurt when the White Mountain express, of the New York, New Haven and Hartford was wrecked 100 feet west of Greenwich, Conn., Thursday.

Spreading rails caused the ten-car train to leave the tracks while it was crossing a bridge over a steamboat road, and five of the passengers cars, including four Pullmans, were hurled into a ditch, where they collapsed like paper boxes. That less than fifteen of 180 passengers were killed or injured seems little short of miraculous, as the train was going fifty miles an hour.

The most tragic incident of the wreck was the death of Miss Margaret Armstrong, of Wayne, Pa., who was seated beside her mother in one of the Pullman coaches when the train left the tracks. Miss Armstrong sprang from her seat and leaped out of a window just as the car toppled over and she was ground to death as her mother looked on. Mrs. Armstrong fainted from the shock, and when she recovered consciousness in the hospital she was out of her mind. The doctors administered opiates to quiet her. They say her condition is serious, and that she may die, although she was not injured in the wreck.

Another other woman who may die is Mrs. A. W. Drake of 17 East 8th street, New York city, who was crushed in one of the cars. An immediate investigation as to the cause of the wreck is to be made. The coroner has had the engineer and both conductors of the train placed under arrest, and he is having the work of moving the wreckage watched. This action was taken because of a report that reached the corner that a rotten tie on the bridge caused the accident. There is evidence to believe that the tie was in such a worm-eaten condition that the spikes holding the rails were pulled out.

## Brick Mason Kills Himself.

Paul Eichelberger, a brick mason, committed suicide at Orlando, Fla., Tuesday by taking poison. His body was found in an alley. Eichelberger was recently sentenced to the penitentiary for cruel treatment to his wife, and the humiliation is evidently what caused him to take his life.

## Non-Union Miners Resume.

All coal mines in the Alabama field, not recognizing the union have started up without any apparent shortage of employes.

## Pork Breaks Record for Price.

Hogs touched high mark at Chicago last week, when they sold at \$7.05 per 100 pounds.

## SAYS IT'S BRYAN

### THE "SOLID WEST" IS AFIRE WITH ENTHUSIASM.

#### It is in the South Alone That the Democrats Do Not Seem Thoroughly Aroused.

Capt. W. T. Thrower of Cheraw, who attended the national Democratic convention as a delegate from the Fifth congressional district, filling Capt. John G. Richards' place passed through Columbia Friday, en route to his home. He was enthusiastic in praise of the Democratic nominees and says he firmly believes that they will win a great victory at the poll in November.

"The West is enthusiastic for Bryan and a landslide for the Democratic ticket would not surprise me in the least," said Capt. Thrower. "I never talked with a single man in the Western country who was not outspoken for Bryan, and I talked with many who have heretofore voted the Republican ticket. All of those who bolted the Democratic ticket in 1896 and 1900 will be back in line, and I am not expecting Taft to get many electoral votes west of Pennsylvania. I have doubts of his carrying his own State of Ohio. I talked with scores of people from Ohio, some Democrats and some Republicans, and they told me 'Taft might lose his own State, but he would not lose the West.'"

He then openly asserting that the State would be for Bryan and Kern. "To give you an idea of how the Bryan sentiment is sweeping the West I had quite a long talk with Mr. E. F. Reinhold, president and manager of the Geauga Printing Company of Chardon, O., and he frankly said that never in the political history of his section of Ohio have so many pronounced Republicans announced their intention of bolting the party and supporting Bryan. Mr. Reinhold is publisher of The Geauga Republican, The Geauga County Record and The Middleford Times, influential papers in that county, especially among the Democrats. He frankly told me in the did not consider Ohio safe in the Taft column and said he looked for the biggest loss in Republican votes in that State ever recorded.

"I stopped off at Danville, Ky., and talked with a great many people there, including men who have been voting the Republican ticket for years. Not a man did I find who is going to support Taft this year. They are 'sose' on the administration and want a change. Bryan and Kern will carry Kentucky by the largest plurality rolled up for the Democratic ticket there in many years. They are enthusiastic for Bryan, and, there, as elsewhere, I find that those who bolted the ticket in 1896 and 1900 have come back into the Democratic fold—and they are filled with enthusiasm.

"On the train, coming through Tennessee, I struck up with a life-long Republican who told me that he is for Bryan, and that other former Republicans in Tennessee would leave the old party this year and give the Democratic ticket their support.

"It is everywhere thus. Of course, the Democratic ticket will carry the 'solid South,' but as a matter of fact our people are less enthusiastic than any people I have seen west of the Mississippi. They simply do not appreciate the condition that confronts the country; they have not been keeping up with the trend of things politically in the West. I tell you the folks out there are already 'warmed up' and they are filled with hope. Watch my prediction, the South and the West will join hands in this election and Bryan and Kern will win a great and glorious victory in November.

Capt. Thrower was pleased with the convention; with the supreme harmony which prevailed and with the hearty and sincere praise he heard on every hand about W. J. Bryan. Even those who went there prepared to vote for Gov. Johnson Gray or others for presidential nominee had nothing but words of praise for Bryan and the convention wound up in a grand love feast. Personally Capt. Thrower favored John Mitchell, the great labor leader, for vice presidential nominee but he is satisfied that Kern will help the ticket and may help the means of placing Indiana in the Democratic column. "Mitchell is a great man, a leader," said Capt. Thrower, "and would have added to the strength of the nomination, but he did not get heart and soul, and he is with us. Asked for an expression regarding Wm. R. Hearst's latest utterance, in which he criticized the Democratic ticket and platform, Capt. Thrower merely said, 'Well, Hearst is a dead one, politically, and no longer has the influence which he one time exerted.'"

## GOES FROM ASYLUM TO JAIL.

### Alleged Embezzler in Florida Arrested and Will be Tried.

G. C. Sudamore, former cashier of the Pensacola Bank and Trust Co. and charged with embezzling large sums of money from that institution, was brought to Pensacola Tuesday and placed in the county jail, being arrested by a deputy as he walked from the grounds of the Florida Insane Asylum at Chattahoochee.

He will be arraigned for trial at an early date. Sudamore, who was arrested a month ago on the charge of embezzling and set free on the plea of insanity, and after many commissions had passed on him he was declared to be insane and committed to the asylum. The asylum authorities recently decided that he was sane and his discharge followed.

## A STRANGE ANIMAL.

### People of Cottageville Stirred Up Over Nature Freak.

A dispatch from Waterboro says for some days past the people of Cottageville have been very much exercised over the appearance in that neighborhood of a strange animal. It is described by those who have seen it as being entirely different from anything they have ever seen before in the animal kingdom. It is about the size of a yearling calf, has a head shaped like a dog, screams like a peacock and leaps like a kangaroo. Some persons who have seen it say that it is afflicted with a disease which makes it vicious and shows signs of attacking them. On the whole it is a most peculiar animal.

## DISGRACE IN OLD AGE

### VENERABLE OREGON POSTMASTER EMBEZZLED FOR FAMILY.

#### Stole First to Pay Mortgage Then He Stole That He Might Live Better His Income.

Witnesses, spectators, lawyers and others drawn to Bend, Ore., by the recent land fraud cases were called upon to witness an unusual spectacle when Federal Judge Wolvortson sentenced Alfred H. Grant, the venerable postmaster of that place, to serve three years and six months in the Federal prison on McNeill's island and to pay a fine of \$2,261.76. Grant had pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement of Government funds through the conversion of money orders to his private use. For more than 25 years he had been a highly respected citizen of Cook county, and had for years been postmaster at Hay Creek. Five years ago he was promoted to the more important office at Bend and despite the increase in business which enabled him to embezzle over \$3,000, Grant was so trusted that his bond had not been raised above \$1,000. It does not appear that he used a cent of the stolen money on himself or spent it extravagantly. He stole first to pay a mortgage on his home, then to furnish his house and make his wife and only child comfortable. Living beyond his income opened the downward path to ruined character and to prison in shame and disgrace.

It was about 10 a. m. when Mr. Grant was brought before Judge Wolvortson. As his name was called a pathetic figure, crouching as much as it could in the shadow of a huge deputy marshal, arose and walked hesitatingly toward the center of the chamber. His face was bronzed, and his whitening beard emphasized the darker lines of his seamy face. The man had always borne a good reputation and showed no trace of anything that would arouse a suspicion to the contrary. Grant bowed his head when facing the bench that he might hide his eyes that were red with weeping. The district attorney explained the extenuating circumstances. It was with some difficulty that Judge Wolvortson passed sentence on the man who is a few years his junior.

"It is the judgment of this court," continued Judge Wolvortson in low and measured tones, "that you pay a fine of \$2,261.76 and be confined in the penitentiary on McNeill's island for a period of two years and six months on the first count; that you pay a fine of \$143.22 and be confined for a period of one year upon the second count."

This made the total fine \$2,261.76, the amount of the embezzlement, and the imprisonment 42 months. The imprisonment may be reduced three months, upon good behavior. And then after this time has expired about 15 months, or to two years and Grant can, after further confinement of 30 days, take the pauper's oath and be released. The sentence was a comparatively light one as the limit on each count is ten years.

## ROOSEVELT'S FRIEND ELOPE.

### Oklahoma Marshal Stole Bride He Had Determined to Marry.

John R. Abernathy, former Rough Rider, and United States marshal for Oklahoma, who was appointed from Oklahoma City, was married in Oklahoma City, after an elopement in which an angry father was evaded. The bride is Almira Pervance, 19 years of age, and her father, Abernathy is a widower of a year, 32 years of age and has six children. His first marriage was an elopement from Galveston, Tex. Mr. Pervance objected to the marriage on account of the disparity of age.

Abernathy entertained the President at his ranch, then in Comanche county in 1905, and took him on some famous wolf chases. In the following year he was appointed marshal, despite charges that he was unfit and which he was reported to the President as untrue, the investigator being Gov. Frantz, another Rough Rider.

## POWDER MAGAZINE EXPLODES.

### Nine Lives Snuffed Out Suddenly in a Washington Town.

At Cleelum, Wash., an explosion Thursday in the powder magazine of the Northwestern Improvement Co., killed nine persons and seriously injured a number of others.

The dead: George Mead, manager of Northwestern Improvement Co.'s store; Clifford McDonnell, clerk; Andy Gail, clerk; Mrs. Perry Moffatt, wife of brickmaker; infant child of Mrs. Moffatt; Joe Rossie, miner; Joseph Pogriaph, miner; two miners.

Shortly before 5 o'clock Manager Mead and the two clerks from the store went to the powder house to assist in unloading a carload of powder. How the accident happened is not known.

## DROVE NEGRO FROM COUNTY.

### Yorkville Black Given 100 Lashes and Told to Leave.

About ten days or two weeks ago a report gained currency in a neighborhood about seven miles northeast of Yorkville, near Clover, that a horrible assault had been made on the person of a little white girl. An immediate investigation proved it to be utterly false and without foundation. Citizens of the neighborhood made careful inquiry as to the author of the report, and finally fastened guilt on Bob Howard, a negro. On Monday night a number of men visited his home, took him out, and applied 100 lashes to his back and advised to leave the State, never to return. He went. It is claimed that he started similar reports in several other neighborhoods in which he had lived in the county.

## Swallowed a Ten-Inch Knife.

Charles Henry underwent an operation in the hospital at Hazelton, Pa., on Friday, in which a ten-inch knife was removed from his stomach. He was entertaining a number of friends at a knife eating, when one of the knives slipped and went down his throat.

## Religious War.

Within a week two miners have been killed from ambush at Birmingham, Utah as the result of a religious war.

## SEVEN MINERS KILLED.

### Terrific Explosion of Gas in Pennsylvania Coal Mine.

#### At Pottsville, Pa., on Thursday seven mine workers were killed and ten others injured by a terrific explosion of gas in the Williamstown colliery of the Summit Branch Mining Company, in the lower part of the anthracite coal fields. The mine was wrecked and set on fire.

The dead are: John Riley, Arthur Hawk, Charles Ricourt, John Whittle, Anthony Frelas, James Bowman, Michael Stakum. The explosion occurred in No. 1 shaft of the colliery and is believed to have been caused by one of the men lifting the gaze of his safety lamp just after an explosion of a shot which brought down a large body of coal.

The explosion shook the entire colliery. The work of rescue was immediately begun and when volunteers were called for almost every man at the workings offered his services, which meant a hazardous trip into the burning mine.

Near the foot of the shaft the injured were found, they having rushed toward the entrance only to fall over unconscious. All of the dead were found a short distance from the shaft battered and burned into an almost unrecognizable mass. Physicians from Williamstown and nearby villages treated the injured, while a number of women volunteered their services as nurses. Several of the injured were removed to their homes, after receiving temporary treatment, but others were in too serious a condition to be moved until night, and cots were provided for them. The doctors say three of the injured may die.

One of the injured was taken to the morgue, and it was not until an identification of the bodies was made that it was found that he was living.

He was badly burned and battered, but probably will recover. The gas in the mine probably will be extinguished before more damage is done.

The Williamstown colliery is operated by the companies controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

## GIVES JOY TO BRYAN.

### Defeat of Taft Man in Western Town Causes Satisfaction.

The defeat Monday of a Taft man for Mayor of Walla Walla, Wash., a Republican stronghold, was the cause of much jubilation at Fairview, Neb. With unfeigned delight, Bryan announced the receipt of this telegram from W. H. Murphy, Democratic leader of that city: "The Democrats of Walla Walla, Wash., send greetings. As the first favorable augury of victory at Monday's election, L. J. home of United States Senator Aiken, heretofore a Republican stronghold, elected Eugene Taustic, Democrat, Mayor over W. P. McKean, Republican, by a majority of nine hundred and forty-two. Mr. McKean is president of the local Taft Club."