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SICKLES RAMPANT.

For two years or more Commissioner of Pensions Evans has been the target of the pension attorneys, who have been plotting and working to have him removed from office for the sole reason that he has refused to let them run the office and take charge of the pension rolls and of the appropriations for pensions.

These pension attorneys have succeeded in worming themselves into the Grand Army Posts and working up such a feeling against Evans that numerous resolutions have been passed by the Posts and by State Encampments demanding his removal, but as the reason alleged was that he exercised too close scrutiny over applications and was not as liberal with the pensioners as he ought to be, it would be somewhat embarrassing to the President to remove him for that, for performing his duty conscientiously and according to the law.

Some time before the last Presidential campaign the Grand Army, jealous on account of his influence with the President, enlisted Gen. Daniel E. Sickles in the war upon Evans. That's what is making trouble now and putting Mr. McKinley in a rather embarrassing position. Perhaps Gen. Sickles is acting as attorney for the pension sharks, and is therefore trying to earn his fees, although about a year or so ago he wrote two letters to Mr. Evans warmly endorsing his administration of the office and wrote another to the President highly commending its administration and condemning the efforts then being made to have Commissioner Evans removed from office.

The two letters Evans has given to the public, while the other is doubtless on file among the papers in the White House. Notwithstanding this Sickles is now making war on Evans, and threatens that he and the Grand Army will make war upon the President if he doesn't yield to their clamor and demand by bouncing a man against whom the only charge is that he too scrupulously adheres to the law in the administration of his office and in refusing to add funds to the forces that are already raiding the Treasury.

The story telling why Sickles deserted Evans and, after giving him such hearty and unrestricted endorsement, went over to the enemy, is yet to be told but whatever the reason was he joined them before the last campaign was well on in the demand for the head of Evans, or at least for an assurance that he would not be retained in office after McKinley's second inauguration.

Being an old soldier and having influence with the soldiers, Gen. Sickles had been invited to stump for McKinley. He took advantage of this fact, and wrote a letter to Senator Scott, of West Virginia, a member of the National Committee, who looked after the assignments of special speakers, stating that there was much dissatisfaction among the old soldiers and that he must have some "assurances" to placate them, and in his letter he presented the following four demands:

- "First. That in the event of our success Commissioner Evans will not be reappointed.
"Second. That his successor shall be a person acceptable to the representatives (to wit, the Pension Committee) of the G. A. R., recently appointed at the Chicago Encampment, of which I am one.
"Third. That the administration of the pension laws shall be governed by the liberal construction always given to all of our statutes.
"Fourth. That the administration will favor the creation of a Court of Pension Appeals, as indicated in the bill now before Congress, drafted for the Pension Committee of the G. A. R., and submitted to President McKinley and approved by him."

The letter was written on September 29th, 1900, and in September, and on the same date, Senator Scott, who had his headquarters in New York, replied thus:

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

City Board of Audit and Finance Was in Session Yesterday Afternoon.

Proceedings of Meeting Were Not Extended, But Are Intensely Interesting—Several Aldermanic Expenditures Disapproved.

The City Board of Audit and Finance met yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, all members having been present except Mr. Jesse Wilder. City Clerk and Treasurer King was present at the request of the Public Building Committee of the Board of Aldermen and explained the awarding of the contracts for the various improvements at the City Hall, which work is being urged by the Aldermanic body.

The Finance Board refused concurrence in either award upon the grounds stated in its communication read at Monday's meeting of the Aldermen. The Finance Board contemplates that there will be a shortage of about \$3,300 in the matter of the new water tax, which revenue is taken away from the city and county by the new Revenue Act. Then also it is set forth by the Board that the balance to the new fiscal year is about \$30,000 short of the preceding year and expenditures should be guarded zealously.

Mr. McKinley on the 11th of March when he (Sickles) and a delegation of veterans called at the White House to congratulate him on his re-election. He has not received a reply to this letter yet, and when he does if there are any denials in it he says he will produce the evidence to substantiate what he says, and to convict somebody of gross deception. He winds up by remarking that if Evans is not removed and that promptly there will be "music," but if he be "the band will not play."

However this thing goes it puts Mr. McKinley in a very uncomfortable position, for if he does not remove Evans he will incur the denunciation of the G. A. R., and if he does on their claim, on the charges they make against him, he will justly bring upon himself the condemnation of everybody, except the pension attorneys and their clients.

A DISTINCTION WITHOUT A DIFFERENCE.

Ex-Senator Pugh, of Alabama, is a McKinley expansionist, not because that kind of expansion is right but because "we have expanded." While in Washington recently he called on the President and told him that he approved of his insular policy. In an interview afterwards he is thus quoted:

"I was opposed to the war, and I did not approve of the acquisition of Porto Rico or the Philippines, but now that we have them I don't believe we ought to relinquish our sovereignty over them. Congress will govern the islands as territories. This may be called imperialism, but it is an imperialism where the people are the sovereign. It is an opposition to admitting the insular territories to statehood."

This is the talk of a man who has no fixed principles, and goes with the crowd that is on top. We haven't expanded any more now than we had when Senator Pugh was opposed to expansion. He is simply on the same plane with the man who opposes looting a bank but the looting having been done approves it and takes his part of the loot. He opposed it as a matter of principle, and of policy, and both of these are just as strong now as they were then.

"We may call this imperialism," he says, "but it is the imperialism of the people." What people? The people representing the Republican party; simply the imperialism, or the despotism of a multitude instead of one man or a few. The despotism of the multitude when wielded over others is not a whit better or more to be defended than the despotism of one or a few.

At the close of the war between the States there were some Republican statesmen who advocated keeping the seceding States out of the Union and governing them as territories, just as Mr. Pugh now proposes to govern the insular possessions. They passed laws protecting the Southern States on probation and forced them to accept negro suffrage and other things repulsive to them. Did Mr. Pugh endorse that? Logically he should have endorsed it, for the reasons he gives for his views on the insular question were just as applicable after the failure of the Confederacy and the Federal power had "expanded" over the South.

Such talk might be expected from men like Forker or Beveridge, but from a Southern man, posing as a representative of his section, who has any respect for consistency or the principles of a lifetime, it is simply contemptible.

THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

Standing Committees Appointed by President Pearson—Managers Field Regular Monthly Meeting Yesterday.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange held yesterday, President Pearson made public announcement of the standing committees for the year as follows, the same having been approved:

Finance—H. W. Malloy, W. B. Cooper, J. J. Caldwell, Law (including interest revenue)—Wm. Calder, J. A. Taylor. Information and Statistics—W. H. Sprunt, G. J. Boney, W. R. Kennan, Marine—H. G. Smallbones, M. J. Hoyer, J. A. Arringdale. Cotton Classification—B. F. Hall, D. L. Gore, H. C. McQueen.

Manufactures—R. W. Hicks, J. H. Chadbourne, Jr., T. D. Meares, H. W. Malloy. Railroad Transportation—C. O. W. Worth, S. P. McNair, G. J. Boney, J. T. King, H. L. Vollers. Membership—Walker Taylor, J. H. Waters, W. R. Boney. Telegraphic Reports—M. J. Corbett, J. A. Frank, C. C. Brown, R. H. Pickett. Southport Shipping—A. H. Brenner, A. S. Helde, D. McEachern. Inspection—C. H. King, L. B. Rogers.

Naval Stores Quotations—C. H. Robinson, J. T. Rankin, M. J. Hoyer, H. K. Nash. Cotton Quotations—Wm. Calder, S. P. McNair, D. L. Gore, J. F. McNair. Forestry—J. H. Chadbourne, Jr., J. Arringdale, James Sprunt. The arbitration committee has already been elected by the board.

President Pearson supplemented his announcement by the statement that a committee on forestry had been added and emphasized the necessity of same. Members of all committees were urged to perform actively their duties and work for the interests of the exchange and the country cotton. The recent special committee, which added so materially to the membership of the organization. Prospective new members are asked to visit the rooms of the Exchange and investigate for themselves the great benefit to be derived from a connection with the institution.

Mr. D. L. Gore, delegate to the recent Southern Industrial Convention at Philadelphia, made an interesting report of the proceedings. On motion the thanks of the board were extended to him and the report was placed on file. The communication from the Manchester (Eng.) Cotton Association with reference to damaged country cotton was referred to the president of the exchange and it was recommended that a reply to the Manchester Association be prepared and forwarded.

DANCING BY THE SEASHORE.

Delightful German Last Night at Seashore Hotel by L'Elite Cotton Club. A delightful German was given last night by L'Elite Cotton Club in the ball room of the Seashore Hotel at Wrightsville Beach. The German was led by Mr. Platt Davis, and about thirty couples participated. Among the dancing were:

Joseph Armstrong with Miss Julia Parelly; Horace Emerson with Miss Ida Brown; Wm. Emerson with Miss Amy Harlow; T. D. Meares with Miss Nellie McMillan; Wm. McK. Bellamy with Miss Maudie Elliott; S. C. Potts, Jr., with Miss Conrad; Baltimore; Wm. Walker with Miss Louise Bellamy; Preston Cummings, Jr., with Miss Beattie Burring; Burke Bridgers with Miss Anabel Latimer; Harry West with Miss Beattie Gore; Louis Hays with Miss Rosa Johnson; Geo. Parsley with Miss Beulah Armstrong; Chris. Pierce with Miss Nellie Faison; of Washington; Wm. Peck with Miss Jennie Williams; Emmott Crow with Miss Lucy Short; Frank Harris with Miss Mary Bridgers; E. S. Nash with Miss Isabel Bountree; Pierre Holmes with Miss Barbara Station, of Norfolk; Ed. Bailey with Miss Virginia Bailey; H. B. Short, Jr., with Miss Mary Hamlet; Milton Calder with Miss Nellie Emerson; of Richmond; Beaton; Hargrove with Miss Mildred Davis; Hargrove, Thorl with Miss Mary Elizabeth; Robert Calder with Miss Elizabeth Elliott; Wm. Walters with Miss Margaret Bridgers; Eugene LeGrand with Miss Laura Clark, and Jack Bell with Miss Emma Northrop.

The dancers returned to the city at 12 o'clock midnight by special train over the Seacoast railway. Hollow-bush's Orchestra furnished the music for the occasion.

Sales in Bankruptcy. Messrs. Bellamy & Peschau, attorneys for certain Wilmington creditors, yesterday filed a petition in the U. S. Court asking that J. E. Hinant, proprietor of the Diamond Saloon on Front street, be adjudged an involuntary bankrupt. The aggregate amount of the claims is about \$300, as follows: I. B. Rhodes, \$45; Sol. Bear & Co., \$65; J. S. R. Hinant, \$240; William J. Bellamy, \$80; George Harold, \$35; E. J. Gerken, \$15; C. O. Alexander, \$65. July 6th is the date fixed for the hearing by Referee S. H. MacRae. Mr. William J. Bellamy is counsel for the defendant, who is as well and favorably known as any saloon man in the city, and his attorney says that an investigation shows that his liabilities are about \$1,800, assets \$1,200, most of the latter being mortgaged to Straus, Gunst & Co., and others.

THE CITY HOSPITAL MANAGERS.

Regular Monthly Meeting Yesterday Afternoon—Superintendent's Report.

The Board of Managers of the City Hospital met yesterday afternoon at the Court House, Chairman McEachern presiding and all members in attendance. The usual monthly report of the conduct of the institution was read and approved. It shows among other interesting statistics that during June 63 patients were located at the institution, of which number 28 remained over from the preceding month. Seven patients died during the month, twenty-eight were discharged, and 18 were left remaining July 1st.

The expenses of the hospital were \$694.55 against \$631.04 receipts, making a difference of \$63.51. Of the receipts \$168.48 was realized from pay patients and \$465.90 from prescriptions. The rest was from the city and county's appropriations.

Suit for Damages. Archie Waters, administrator, yesterday entered suit in the Superior Court of Pender county, against the Angola Lumber Company. He alleges as a cause of action that his intestate, Louis Waters, colored, was killed on May 10th, while in the employment of said company; that his death was due to the negligence of the overseer of said company in permitting a tree to be cut down upon him. The plaintiff claims damages in the sum of \$5,000. B. G. Grady, Esq., is counsel for plaintiff.

Coming from Manila. Mr. John E. Platt, a former Wilmington boy and a brother of Lieut. W. P. Platt, now of Fort Monroe, is expected home in a few days from Manila, where he has been enlisted in the service of Uncle Sam as a member of the Forty-first Regiment. His regiment was mustered out yesterday in San Francisco and his numerous friends here will greet him cordially. Lieut. Platt is also expected home about the time of his brother's arrival here.

Red Men Elected Chiefs. Cherokee Tribe No. 9, Improved Order of Red Men, has elected officers as follows for the ensuing term: Sachem—W. J. Jordan. Senior Sagamore—J. B. Coley. Junior Sagamore—J. E. Smith. Prophet—J. Warren. Keeper of Records, J. E. Walton and Keeper of Wampum, W. H. Lane were elected last Hunting Moon. These with appointive officers will be installed on July 11th.

Accidentally Shot. Mr. Henry Sugas, of Delgado, who was recently married, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded Sunday afternoon by his young wife, who was toying with a pistol which she did not know was loaded. The ball struck the young man on the right side of the head, knocked one of his eyes from its socket and lodged in the frontal bone above the nose. The young woman is almost overcome by grief at the sad accident.

Reward for Murderer. As will be seen from an advertisement in another column, the County Commissioners of Brunswick have supplemented the reward of \$200 recently offered jointly by Cape Fear Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Navassa Guano Company for the arrest of the murderer or murderers of the late Capt. Price at Meares' Bluff. The Brunswick authorities offer \$200, which makes the total reward \$400.

CAPTURED BY CHINESE.

Five Men Engaged in Looting a Town Fifty Miles from Peking. PEKING, July 1.—Five men calling themselves Americans were captured by Chinese troops in a town fifty miles from Peking, and were to-day turned over to Major E. B. Robertson, commander of the United States legion guard here. The men were armed and demanded five thousand taels from the keeper of a pawn shop and got five hundred. They filled five carts with plunder and then began shooting, not knowing that the town was occupied by one hundred Chinese troops. The United States legion was notified and the Chinese authorities began an investigation of the rank. This is not yet reported.

LORD RUSSELL ARRAIGNED.

Taken Into Custody at the House of Lords On Charge of Bigamy. LONDON, July 2.—Earl Russell accompanied by the countess (Mrs. Somerville) drove to the House of Lords this afternoon and appeared at the bar. He was formally taken into custody on the charge of bigamy, by the Black Rod, General Sir Michael Biddulph. Earl Russell made many objections in advancing to the bar. Formerly it was the custom to approach the bar in a crawling position, on hands and feet, but this has been modified. On reaching the bar Lord Russell looked on his knees and remained there till the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Halsbury, told him to rise. When asked if he had any application to make, Earl Russell requested that the trial be postponed beyond July 18th, in order to enable him to prepare his defence. His application will be heard July 4th. The Earl was released on bail. The proceedings were private.

COAST ARTILLERY.

One Million Dollars to be Expended by the Government for Quarters. WASHINGTON, July 2.—The quartermaster's department of the army has completed arrangements for the expenditure of one million dollars for quarters and barracks for men of the coast artillery. These buildings are to be erected at fortifications that have already been constructed or are now in course of construction. The buildings are to be constructed at Fort Howard, Baltimore; Fort Washington on the Potomac river near Washington; Fort Monroe, Va.; Fort Caswell, N. C.; Sullivan's Island, Charleston, S. C.; Fort Morgan, Mobile, Ala.

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REGARDS STRIKE AS WON.

Statement of President O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists—Financial Aid.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—President O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists said to-day that he regarded the machinists strike as practically won. "Even if an order should be issued at this time directing men not to return to work on the old basis," he said, "the nine hour day would be won." Continuing, he said: "The movement has been attended with every success and in many respects is the most remarkable struggle on record. There are now only eight thousand men out and agreements are being signed every day reducing this number."

"It has not been a strike. It has simply been a cessation of work. A strike in the mind of the public means riot and bloodshed. The machinists have had none of this. It is true there have been one or two cases of assault, but these are liable to occur at any time and cannot be chargeable to the machinists."

The first financial aid to be received by the machinists since their strike began was accepted by President O'Connell to-day, in the form of a check for \$5,000 from the American Federation of Labor.

A LODGING HOUSE FIRE.

Two Persons Killed and a Score of Others Injured at Butte, Mont.—Property Loss About \$4,000.

BUTTE, MONT., July 2.—Two dead, two severely if not fatally injured, and a score more or less hurt, is the result of a fire which broke out in the Pullman lodging house here early this morning. A number of men were experimenting with a gasoline lamp in a saloon on the lower floor, and the Pullman lodging house when the lamp exploded, scattering flames in all directions. The building was of wood and before the fire department arrived flames had eaten through the lower floor and were spreading to the upper stories.

The lodging house contained about a hundred guests, none of whom were able to leave anything except what they wore. Most of them escaped by jumping from the first and third story windows. A number were carried unconscious by the firemen, but so far as known all will recover. The property loss is about \$4,000 with no insurance.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Alleged Frauds in Connection With the Endowment Rank of the Order.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 2.—At the special meeting of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in Chicago next week, it is understood a report will be made exposing persons alleged to have been implicated in a deal by which a former Illinois insurance commissioner received from a manager of the K. of P. Endowment Rank \$3,500 for a "clearance card," and a letter of recommendation from the rank. U. B. Hunt, secretary of State, who is a supreme representative in the order, will attend the meeting of the Supreme Lodge and will ask for an investigation and indictment of the offenders, if there is evidence to warrant such action. The story is that the \$3,500 bought a report showing that the insurance commissioner was not an officer of the rank. This is not yet reported.

NO ONE INJURED.

Collision of Trains On the S. A. L. Near Portsmouth, Virginia. NORFOLK, Va., July 2.—The Atlantic coast line train, No. 1, just after leaving Portsmouth last night for the South, crashed into a train of the Norfolk and Portsmouth belt line which was standing on the S. A. L. crossing. One car of the belt line was smashed up and the passenger engine was badly damaged. Fortunately the car was empty and the engineer and fireman of the engine jumped. No one was injured.

HOOSAC TUNNEL CLOSED.

With Merchandise Destroyed. BOSTON, July 1.—A fire which for an hour threatened to do great damage, broke out on Pier 5 of Hoosac Tunnel docks, in Charlestown to-day. The pier which is the Boston terminus of the Western Line Steamship Company was destroyed, with a large quantity of merchandise. The steamer Sachem, from Liverpool, which was unloading at the pier, was towed out of danger before she had suffered seriously. Six freight cars on the dock were consumed. The loss is placed at \$200,000.

FIRE RAGED IN HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

Flames Started in Adelphi Hotel and Gained Great Headway Before Discovered.

Hotel Filled With Guests. No Water and Engine Out of Repair. Flames Spread Rapidly—Many Residences and Other Buildings Destroyed—Loss \$200,000.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., July 2.—A fire raged in the heart of this city from 11 o'clock this morning till 5 o'clock this evening, resulting in a loss of \$200,000. The flames started in the Adelphi Hotel from an electric wire on the fifth floor and had gained great headway before being discovered. The hotel was crowded with guests, many of whom were women. Of these a number fainted when the alarm of fire rang out through the halls and it was with great difficulty that they were removed from the building. Many attempted to leap from windows, but were prevented from doing so.

There was not a gallon of water in the city reservoir when the fire started and all of the engines in the city were out of repair. The flames spread rapidly and soon half a dozen residences were on fire. The brick annex to the Adelphi Hotel on the other side of the square, also caught fire and was destroyed. This, as well as the hotel proper, was handsomely furnished. All is a total loss, together with a lively stable and a number of private offices, fruit stores, barber shops and news counters. The fire engines that were sent to the scene from surrounding towns soon broke down and the flames spread to the city streets. Prostrations among the firemen were numerous, but none will result fatally. C. W. Yost, of Catsburg, was killed and a settlement effected on skull fractured. He is in a serious condition.

ANOTHER GREAT COMBINE.

Organization to Control the Bituminous Coal Output of the United States. CLEVELAND, OHIO, July 1.—The Leader-to-morrow will say: Before the first of September all of the big companies producing bituminous coal will have been gathered into one organization, similar to the United States Steel Corporation. The capitalization will be enormous, probably second only to that of the big steel companies.

From what can be learned work upon the big coal trust has been under way for a greater length of time than any of the other industrial combinations. J. P. Morgan, the advocate of coalition, first started in with his coal trust in Pennsylvania, making the first movements along the line of controlling the products of the Ohio and West Virginia fields. At that time he obtained complete control of the mining property in Hocking and Shawnee valleys. The proceedings in the present combination are similar to the displayed in the formation of the steel trust. The aim of it all is to effect one complete monopoly of the bituminous coal production in the territory of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and the Potomac. To the accomplishment of this Mr. Morgan is said to have given himself without stint of time and effort up as soon as he returns from Europe.

NEGRO TAKEN FROM JAIL AT LAWRENCEVILLE AND HANGED BY A MOB.

RICHMOND, VA., July 1.—Joe Walton, a negro, who was arrested several days ago for attempting a criminal assault on Miss Kate Clarke, daughter of Mr. J. E. Clarke, residing near the city, was taken from the jail Sunday night, taken quietly out of the jail at Lawrenceville by a band of about fifty to seventy-five men and hanged. The mob consisted of four miles from town. The mob rode quietly into town about midnight, just as the night train was about to arrive. The mob broke through the door and several men went to Jailor Mitchell's house and made him give up the jail keys. The crowd then went to the jail and Walton, conveyed him to the place selected for the execution and swung him off. The mob then dispersed.

VIRGINIA LYNCING.

Negro Taken From Jail at Lawrenceville and Hanged by a Mob. RICHMOND, VA., July 2.—The constitutional convention was in session just thirty-five minutes to-day. The absence of members was less than on yesterday; that of spectators smaller. Mr. Braxton, of Augusta, offered a franchise proposition, calling for a poll tax of \$3; an educational qualification and excluding negroes less than three quarters white blood from holding any office except that of colored school teachers. Voting by ballot is prescribed. Parties desiring to vote on matters affecting local taxation shall own \$100 property in the town, district or county affected by such vote.

STORM IN KENTUCKY.

Several Persons Reported Killed and Crops Badly Damaged. MIDDLESBORO, Ky., July 2.—Half a dozen small farm houses and many large barns were destroyed last night by a storm of great violence which swept through Cumberland Gap, in Powell's Valley. Several persons are said to have been killed, but only one name, that of Perry Smith, has been reported. Crops were badly damaged.

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NO DEVELOPMENTS IN STEEL WORKERS' STRIKE.

Belief General That the Real Test Will Not Begin Until the Close of Hot Weather.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 20.—The second day of the strike of the sheet steel and steel hoop workers of the Amalgamated Association opened without interesting or exciting features. It was evident that neither side anticipated early developments, as there was no unusual activity about the combine offices and the utmost quiet prevailed at the headquarters of the workers. As President Shaffer remarked, the conditions of the present strike were peculiar and no definite results were expected for ten days or two weeks. By that time the majority of the mills completed, would be anxious to resume operations. The struggle would then begin in earnest. The belief is quite general, however, that the real test will not come until the close of the hot weather and the general resumption of business in the city. It is thought that the conflicting interests will see their way clear to recede from their present positions. That President Shaffer of the Amalgamated Association, is preparing for the rainy day which may come if the strike is prolonged indefinitely, is evident from the circular sent to the association's lodges to-day. The circular directs the lodges to levy assessments upon their members, the amount to be used for the purpose of buying the association as might be out of work. The money collected by these assessments will be used to buy the association as might be out of work. The money collected by these assessments will be used to buy the association as might be out of work.

ANOTHER BANK FAILURE.

State Institution at Buffalo Insolvent and Closed Its Doors. BUFFALO, July 2.—The Niagara bank, a State institution, has closed its doors. The following notice was posted on the doors signed by State Superintendent Kilburn: "I have closed, and taken possession of this bank."

The Niagara bank was organized September 15, 1891. It has a capital of \$100,000. The bank superintendent closed the doors of the bank and asked why the bank was closed. He said: "I have closed this bank because I think it insolvent. The failure of the City National Bank. This bank is insolvent to an extent not yet ready to be announced but I do not seem it safe to permit this one to continue business any longer. As to whether this bank has been in trouble heretofore I have nothing to say."

Newton Enterprise: The wheat cradle has almost become a relic of the past. The cradle was used for many years before it was superseded by the reaper. The cradle was used for many years before it was superseded by the reaper. The cradle was used for many years before it was superseded by the reaper.

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