A NIGHT ADVENTURE

WITH A HORSE THIEF ON MITCHELL'S HIGH PEAK.

How an idlot Wiro Lost His Hand by Clasping the Rall While Hanging From a Trestle Captured a Treacher-ous Half Breed.

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1885, I had the good fortune to make the ascent of Mitchell's High Peak, and while

roomy, log house on the banks of a roar- what his actions meant. Soon he came roomy, log house on the banks of a roaring mountain stream, the Swannanoa,
abounding in trout of the speckled or
mountain variety. We found there two
boys from Tennessee who expected, themselves, to make the ascent the next day, antil he could see it no longer, he sprang and were glad to share with us the up and stole around the lower end of the

and were glad to share with us the guide's fee.

In entering the house, we had noticed lying on the porch, with his bead against a post, a short, hump-shouldered man of about sixty or seventy years of age, with a wrinkled face and grizzled gray beard, barefooted and wearing an old slouch hat and coarse shirt, with string suspenders. He had a very narrow brow, and one of his hands had been cut off at the wrist; altogether he was a strange looking figure.

up and stole around the lower end of the granite kedge. This ledge is several hundred yards in length and runs from the dege of the summit, on the path side, in a direction perpendicular to that of the chain. The ledge slopes toward the norh, and it was under the shelter thus formed that we slept.

On the sonth side the surface sloped off rapidly, and was covered with the almost impenetrable growth of balsam to the very base of the ledge. Something prompted me to follow the old man.

ate our supper of "wheat bread" and from my pack a revolver.

I had thought that side of the ledge being harmless they allowed him to stay almost untrodden by human footsteps. with them and sleep on the floor near the but I soon found myself mistaken, for

fire.
"Ther' ain't no harm in him at all," she said, in the usual mountain jargon, "but followed as best I could, I saw that we he hain't nowhere to stay, unlest we let were in an unused trail with afforded a

trustle, but they hadn't got more'n hall tercept the half-breed at this point.

way when the train come in sight round I had cause to be thankful, in this way when the train come in sight round the cut 'n' they didn't know what ter do. Wall, the little gal managed to git off in time, but John, thar, he hung down out for I was obliged sometimes to hold on

"Sence that, John hain't had no use fer

We watched him walking around in his idiotic old fellow.

the sun had reached the valley, and ate our breakfast, in that dewy coolness that charactizes the atmosphere of a mountmin-"cove. From the guide we procured blankets,

bread, ground coffee and a piece of dried on the other side of the mountain, thus bacon, which articles we divided into making his way to where he would be packs and distributed between us—giving safe from pursuit.
a part to John, he having announced his I gripped my pis ing to the task, we set out in the best of do. Swannanoa, continually crossing and re-crossing it. John shuffled along behind cealed us, he sprang into the path directly us talking to himselfabout a "b'ar" that he had seen up in the "cove." Upon our asking the guide how old he supposed John to be, he replied that he "reconed says himself as he will be sixteen in June We had made about two miles in this

when we came upon a party of ventursome young people from New Jersey, mounted, and evidently intent on making the same journey that we had started upon.

Among the guides whom this party

had employed, we noticed a half-breed balsam tops below and could not help Indian, who had straggled off—we were told—from a roving band of Cherokees, badly as he had deceived us. of which tribe there remains still quite a Cherokee and Swain. He was a crafty looking fellow, and

wore leather mocasins and leggins, and the Indian fashion with beads. Our guide further told us that he often accompanied tended to sell-

In consequence of the circumstane which

the grade, which up to this point was mind. easy, now became very steep. is well marked but very crooked, goings went to the scene of the occurrence, and in a zig-zag fashion in order to afford a picking our way carefully down the better footing for the horses. The surface rugged slope, found the half-breed badly was covered, for the most part, up to an bruised and with a broken arm, sitting altitude of about 5,000 feet, with a heavy with his back against a tree trunk within forest growth of oak, chestnut, and ash, a few feet of where he had fallen. He dotted here and there with great spruce was very sullen, but seemed to show pines. Above this altitude the growth some gratitude when he saw that we s almost excusively balsam.

Potato Top, down a short distance, then the guide's house we left him in his cus-over the peak called "Clingman's," and tody. smaller peaks Gibbs and Hallback,

monarch of the Alleghanies. After staking the horses we settled our selves to enjoy the enchating panorama, of which it were useless to attempt a description. When the sun sank behind the billows of mountains, we were so lost in admiration of its beauty that we scarcely greatly indebted to his wakefulness and had time to make ready our camping cunning.

place before the darkness fell, or rather arose, for thus it seems to do on the fall, thoroughly tired, but proud of have

We were to sleep under slielter formed Occident. by the shelving of a ledge of rocks, at a short distance from the summit. Our limbs ached so much from our exertions that we were disposed to look upon a prospective bed of balsam boughs as a

A fire of balsam logs was kindled in front of the great rock, for the temperture at this altitude was quite low, notwith-standing the fact that it was midsummer. sides, this, the fire would be of service to frighten off any proviling wild beast, for black bears and wild cats are quite often seen on the Black Moutains.

"Rattlesnakes" were suggested, but the guide offered to "cat all you ketched above the half-way house." With this assurance we drew over us our blankets, and, with feet extended to the fire, we show the feet extended to the fire the feet extended to the feet extended

I do not know how long I had been asleep when I became conscious of som movement near me. I finally managed to arouse myself, and found that the fin had died down, and that puffs of cloud were being blown over us by the wind. I started to get up to rake together the While tramping through the mountains smouldering logs, but seeing the idiot, of North Carolina during the summer of John, sitting drawn up, with his chin on his knees, and acting rather strangely,

ascent of Mitchell's High Peak, and wante ascent of Mitchell's High Peak, and wante spending the night on its summit 1 had one adventure which I shall endeavor to one adventure which I shall endeavor to the pointed his finger up the ledge to where My brother and I started one evening in the latter part of July from "the station," to go a distance of five miles, to a guide's house near the foot of the mountain. Our intention was to spend the movement with my eyes, but seeing nothing anusual, I started again to go toward the fire, thinking night there and get an early start the next morning for a nine mile climb to the summit. As usual we carried our sketchromer, I again looked and had my curiosity aroused by seeing a figure, which I recognized as that of the half-bred, stepping about very enutiously among the kind of work, we made it a source not ping about very cautiously among the

only of pleasure but also of profit.

About nightfall we reached the guide's house. It was a dilapidated, though I could not see well enough to make out

oking figure.

The sister of the guide told us, while we though 1 took the precaution to get

the old man darted quickly forward close to the face of the rock, and as l followed as best I could, I saw that we

"You see, sir," she continued, "he hain't but one hand. Some two or three year ago he wus a-walkin' on the railroad down here at Roun' Knob, wher' ther' is a stone trustle, an' he had somehouse."

| possage, cramped and dangerous as it was.

"John kin ketch yer," he said to himself with a chickle. Then I began to see what the old fellow's idea was, and when, after some very perilous alimbian. down here at Roun' Knob, wher' ther' is a stone trustle, an' he had somebody's little child along with him.

when, after some very perilous climbing. I saw before us the well marked path by which we had ascended the mountain, I little child along with him. which we had ascended the mountain realized that he would in some way it

side the trustle 'n' put his hand over the with my fingers in cracks of the rocks rail an' the train cut it off. into the tops of the dark balsams below the train, but stays 'round here purty much all the time, 'n' sometimes he goes up on the mounting with the others. They's always glad ter have him ter carry bundles fer 'em. John's always knowing why, and felt, I confess it a little nervous in the company of this

Soon the unmistakable sound of t woman told us, with a nod and a smile. which was seated the Indian, appeared Harrison, Beirne Jones and a number of in the steen, rough path above

with the horses under cover of darkness, and, once reaching, the half-way house (a deserted rock cabin), he would take one of the obscure trails leading down

I gripped my pistol, having, however intention of going with us. Then, bend a very confused idea of what I wanted to John settled the matter for me, for spirits. Our path followed up the clear as the Indian, seated on the foremost horse, got opposite the bush which conin front of the horse, and, in fact, almost under his feet.

As might be supposed, the horse gave ohn to be, he replied that he "reconed a sudden lunge to the right, thus unseatwas. The path here ran along the sloping upger edge of a very steep declivity, and the Indian, falling on the lower side, was not able to gain a footing, and literally rolled all the way to the bottom. The frightened horses contrived to turn about in the narrow, shelf-like, path, and made their way back to the summit.

I heard the fellow crashing into the balsam tops below and could not help It being too dark to venture down

number in the southwestern counties of from the path to look after the Indian's me, keeping up a running series of excited satisfaction at the ruse he had played.

canes and fishing rods, which he pre-the horses where we could watch them men are at work. Both sides remain and listened to the "hair-lifting" tales which the guides, by turns, told us. The I am about to relate, I have always had situation was wild and romantic in the wivid recollection of the appearance of extreme, and the region abounds in weird and curious legends which an Engineer and Brakeman Horri-We soon began to climb in earnest, for episode of this kind always brings to

s almost excusively balsam.

Patient toiling brought us past the had to help him on a horse when we got nalf-way house, over the great dome of ready to descend, and when we reached

In the sack which he carried we found and it was five o'clock in the afternoon a number of valuables, including some packs while we slept.

Before separating to take our different routes, we made arrangements with the guide who had befriended the half witted

ing spent the night on this Pisgah of the HUNTER L. HARRIS.

a net profit in running the exchange building of \$14,341 with a surplus after improvement.

cans Witness Irish Evictions— A Dinner by Mr. Gladstone—

Paris, May 28.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day Laguerre gave notice that he would interpellate the government in relation to the delay of the Senate in making a report in the case of sitting in a case like that of Boulanger He was similar to an examining judge and the government had a right to inform him that proceedure was slow. If Mas no debate was permitted on his interpellation public opinion would severely judge the parliamentiarism and the Cham-ber would exhibit a fear of universal suf-

These remarks caused an upropr. When t subsided De Cassagnac declared that Meline had taken it upon himself to assume the guardianship of the majority. He asked the republicans to show some ton Sunday.

Bushop Watson dedicated St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church at Wilmington Sunday. decency, and denounced the President's decision as an ignoble mockery of justice.

A Local Government Bill.

DUBLIS. May 28.-Eight tenants on the Luggaeuran estate were evicted to- the facts had been made known to secreday, many English and American visitors tary Windom and that he (Windom) orwitnessing the work of eviction. The dered the appointments to be made Marquis of Londonderry will retire from which was a the viceroyship on August 5th,

A Gladstonian Dinner.

Loxpon, May 28.-Sir Charles Russell gave a dinner this evening to Mr. and on a scrap of dirty paper with a stub horse's hoofs striking against the rocks Mrs. Gladstone. Among the guests were penell. "Keepin' his counts," the was heard, and three horses, on one of Parnell, the Earl of Aberdeen, Frederick

RIOTING MINERS

The Hallans Mean Fight Not Caring for Their Lives.

Braidwood, Ill., May 28.-Eight con panies of the 4th Illinois National Guard pitched their tents on the Chicago, Wilungton & Vermillion coal lands at the shaft this morning and are now scouting the Italian quarters. five miners have been arrested. On their persons were found knives and revolvers. It is asserted that the Italians are rally ing at Gadley, Coal City, Clark City, Gardner and Brokeville for an attack The plan of Col. Bennett is to attack the Italians' settlement in detail before 1.1214. they leave. Great activity is noted in the Italian quarters and crowds are seen gathering to rescue their arrested brethmean fight and do not care for their The whistle in "J" shaft blew for

The Situation at Marquette. MARQUETTE, Mich., May 28 .- There is no change in the strike situation, not a pound of ore is moving on the dock. There is a 15,000 ton fleet now here. injuries, I hurried up to the summit, and Hundreds of imported workmen have then down to the camp. John followed just arrived by a special which ran right "coon-skin" cap, all ornamented after chuckles and grunts, displaying evident the strikers jeering and shouting at them atisfaction at the ruse he had played.

I awakened the others and told them They believe no trouble will follow. The parties going up on the mountain, for the purpose, ostensibly, of getting balsam attempt any more sleeping, but staked the neighborhood of the dock where the

FATAL RAILWAY COLLISION.

with a stable boy in the saddle whipped from the eighth pole to beat ouglish, but could get no nearer than a

bly Crushed-Others Injured. BRIDGEPORT, Coun., May 28.-Special freight train from the city collided regular Albany freight, bound South, on Housatanic railroad about 4:30 o'clock this morning one mile from Bull station causing a disastrons wreek. Both trains came together with a terrible crash the engines into shapeless masses, telescoping two freight cars on the up train, smashing three cars of the down train and derailing nine other cars. Engineer William B. Look, of Great Barrington, Mass., who had charge of the engine of the up train was crushed to death. His remains were found buried church this evening at 8 o'clock, in the coal of his tender. Charles Olds, brakeman on the same train, was terribly crushed and died in a few moments after Stockbridge, brakeman, jumped as the days. trains came together. His left ankle was rushed and one of his ribs was tractured. James McDermott, engineer of the down train, jumped just before the collision. His shoulder was dislocated and he was otherwise bruised. The two latter will recover. The cause of the accident was due to disobedience of orders.

A Prosperous Exchange.

LONDON, May 28.—The Parnell commission will adjourn on Friday until June 18. Permission has been ommission. Reid, of counsel for Parnell, paying all expenses of \$2,453. The nast produced before the commission to-day year is said to have been one of entraine the League books which have been in dulhiess in a'l speculative markets but the trade in spot cotton has shown an the Ladies' Land League in Dublin. He stated that the Times has subpæmed Mrs. Maloney, and could have procured the books before if it håd desired to. THE CHICAGO MYSTERY.

and O'Sullivan to Jail.

as given to the police the names of every

one he knew was implicated in the mur-der of Dr. Cronin. O'Sullivan was neatly

ected to the questioning of officers; day after day he lied, but no liar lives who

questioned by different men at different times, can weave a woof of falschood so

suspicions and gave him enough truth to show that they know more than he thought they did. Next day O'Sullivan

changed his tune and more contradictions followed. This lying continued until

Dr. Cronin. He notified Capt. Schonel of his resolution. At 11 o'clock yester-

Finally the story was ended and O'Sul-livan fell back in his chair exhausted.

Mayor Baldenwick, of Lake View, who

O'Sullivan took his friends advice. He

RALEIGH, N. C., May 28 .- [Special.]-Ruleigh is making an earnest effort to be elected as the new location of Trinity ago, gave the city park to the State as a ago, gave the city park to the State as a Chicago, May 28.—The Times in a site for the Agricultural and Mechanical late edition has the following: "Patrick College to-day gave a valuable site for O'Sullivan has lifted the veil of conspirsite for the Agricultural and Mechanical

Trinity College. Gen. Boulanger. President Meline replied, Legal opinion was given to-day on the that while he was desirous to respect the new local option law which is of special liberty of the tribune it would be impossible to allow Laguerre to make such an importance now when the elections are so near at hand. It is that the word interpellation. The Senate, he said, was "intoxicating" which designates liquor interpellation. The Senate, he said, was "intoxicating" which designates liquor entirely independent in this matter as the in the act includes all liquors, domestic issue was of a judicial character. The wines and hard cider, and that none of tere. Laguerre referred to recent interpellations made in the Chamber concerning the slowness of certain interpellations. ing the slowness of certain judicial actions of the president of the Senate, while permissable anywhere at will. The corner stone of the United States

Custom House at Wilmington will be laid next Tuesday by the Grand Lodge of Lem Hays will be arraigned to-morrow

The long drought in the counties in the southeastern section of the State was broken yesterday and the farmers feel Bishop Watson dedicated St. Paul's

They Were Appointed. Here there was a renewal of the uproar.

De Cassagnac, in conclusion, said that if the deputies retained any feeling of shame, courage or duty, they would vote for Laguerre to proceed with his in all as superintendent, Mr. Thos. L. Clayterpellation. The chamber after passing a vote censuring De Cassagnac proceeded with the order of the day by a vote of that Mr. Windom did appoint the gentleton as foreman, and Mr. L. H. McBrayer men I recommended and I supposed had The German Strikes.

Berlin, May 28.—The committee of oal pit owners in the Essen district recommend warning their men that unless immediate the matter to secretary Windom, stating to him that I had with much difficulty, and after having one bill vetoed by the President, succeeded in securing the appropriate that my lend out anyway," said the Mayor, "and for God's sake don't keep back a back thing." they resume work by Friday next they after having one bill vetoed by the President, succeeded in securing the appropriation for the public building; that my have assumed a threatening attitude. father had donated the lot (not a "small Troops have been ordered there to pre-part" of it, but all of it) on which to erect it; that I had filed my recommendation for the appointments before the expira-tion of the Democratic administration. DUBLIN, May 28.—The Irish Times, and that he (Thompson) thought, in conservative, says that a government commission of experts which will have the gentlemen whom I had recommended no connection with polities will be ap-pointed to inquire into the existing sys-tem of local and imperial government granting me this privilege, consented to

Very respectfully, THOS. D. JOHNSTON.

SPORTING NEWS

Baseball.

At Cincinnati-Cincinnati 13, Louis

At Washington-Washington 3. Cleve

At Baltimore—Baltimore 5, Athletic 1, At Columbus—Columbus 7, Brook-

BROOKLYN, May 18.-Track beavy

won, Swift second, Guarantee third.

Third race-2 year olds, six furlance

Civil Service won, Blackburn second, Sir

Fourth race-mile and half: Marander

won, Hanover second, Elkwood third

Fifth race-mile and furlong; J. O. B.

won, Panana second, Bessie Jane third.

Sixth race-mile and 16th; Raymond G.

Knott's Glory Departed.

CINCINNATI, May 28.-Winners at La-

Adele M., Landlady, Come-to-taw, Out-

ook. In the fifth race there were only

and Proctor Knott. The first named

won, Longfish second. The once great

Proctor Knott carrying only 110 pounds

REPORTORIAL RIPPLES.

Three cases in the police court vester

Tobacco sales yesterday were brisk,

and the leaf in all grades found ready

The ordinance of baptism will be ad-

ninistered at the First Asheville Baptist

A new public rond lessening the dis-

tance between Asheville and Black Moun-

Three shares of "bathing house stock"

at Ray's warehouse this evening.

will be elected at the joint session of the

board of magistrates and county com-

buyers at good prices.

William third. Time 1.19.

. Gravesend Races.

First race-six furlongs; Onway

but weather fine.

Time 1.591/4.

last place.

At Boston-Boston 10, Chicago 3

standing, and was present at Lincoln Hall the night of March 22, when Dr. Cronin officiated at the initiation of sev eral new members of the order. O'Sullivan revealed the whole plot and the names of all those connected with the great crime. Mayor Baldenwick said last night that the statement was of a pointees should be removed. Mr. Thompmost startling nature; "it implicates many, but I must not talk," son endorsed the papers, stating that all Several sensational arrests may be exsected to-day. ecordingly done

Mayor Baldenwick of Lake View was n which it was carried out. The mayor low rate to visit the city.

declared that it was not true. Detective Daniel Coughlin, Patrick At Philadelphia-Philadelphia 5, Pitts-O'Sullivan, the ice man, and Frank J Black alias Woodruff were indicted by the grand jury this evening for the murder of Dr. Cronin. This result was reached after an investigation which der segan at noon and lasted seven hours, during which a dozen witnesses were ex amined and a mass of evidence consid ered. The three prisoners were included in counts, one charging them with killing the company was one of the features of second, alleging the use of a sharp instru-ment, and third, instruments and means to prove a conspiracy and Cronin's private private papers were not placed be fore the grand jury. The witnesses called were those whose stories have been told Bill Letcher second, Druidess third. Time in the general outline, if not in de-Second race—mile and a furlong; Bella Lail in the press. Judge Longnecker the evening. won, Swift second, Guarantee third, thought it advisable to tighten the coils. The sproer

into which the three prisoners had already been drawn and fasten them with in dietments, probably to prevent any attempt to secure the release of one or

more of them on bail.

The Cronin Inquest. CHICAGO, May 28.-Coroner Hents ouvened his jury at ten o'clock this also the double-headed calf exhibited by morning, and before taking testimony it the case took it out to Lake View to examine the Carlson cottage, in which the won, Graydown second, Mintah third. murder is supposed to have been con mitted. After eleven o'clock, P. O van was brought from the Lake View station before Justice Kolsten, East Chicago avenue, and held without bail until tonia to-day were Gardner, Lake View, June 10. A mittimus was made out for his committal and he was taken to the three starters-Come-to-Taw, Longfish

Frank Woodruff, the horse thief, was brought before Judge Williamson this morning to plend to the charge of larceny was as bailee. He entered a plea "of not beat guilty," and was taken back to the jail. Woodruff is the man who says be carried ength to him, having to be content with the body in a wagon to Lincoln Park on

the night of Cronin's disappearance. The Daily News has the following: De tective Robert Bruce, who has been conducting a private agency in this city walked inio Horace Elliott's office this \$1,100 to kill Dr. Cronin. Bruce, who has just returned from a three months \$100 in advance and agreed to pay the fantry last night. remaining \$1,000 when the job was Bruce declares that McCormick told him to feign sickness in his office, and then send for Dr. Cronin and kill him. Bruce says he took \$100, spent it for liquor be voted to the handsomest young lady and never made a move toward carrying out the contract. Bruce bears a rather story. He has been in numerous scrapes in this city.

The Sloux Lands. were sold to outside parties by President CHICAGO, May 28 .- A dispatch from Breese yesterday. The price paid was Pierre, Dakota, says: John Grass, of Standing Rock, the leading chief of the Sioux nation, and White Swan, the prin-The street cars will run until 12,30 cipal chief at Cheyenne, were in Pierre o'clock to-morrow morning to accommodate those who attend the military fair The Resene Hook and Ladder firemen MEW YORK, May 28.—The annual given to imprisoned members of parliameting of the New York Cotton Experiment Condon and John O'Connor to are handsome, indeed, and the Rescue vides for the payment of cash and they Origin of fire unknown. boys will make a great show on dress want money more than land.

The officers of the new criminal court QUEBEC, May 28,-The Norwegian bark Premier, from Rio Janeiro, has been detained at quarantine for fumigation. Two of her crew died from yellow fever

THE KNOXVILLE PESTIVAL.

Great Time in Store for Those Who Delight in Music, Boat Races, Bench Shows, Etc. THE MURDERERS ARE BEING SURELY RUN DOWN.

Knoxville's great musical festival which A Startling Story of a Confession Which is Denied—The Coroner Sends Coughilu, Woodruff egins Monday, June 10, next, will be the greatest musical event known in the South and as Asheville is more or les uterested in the success of her sister city's enterprise, THE CYCLESTAKES pleasure in helping her to materially attain that icy. He has made a full confession and

ville to determine to have a grand musical festival with a dozen of the brightest stars of America and Europe as attracgrand enterprise and already we know strongly as to make it appear to be a truthful fabric. The ice man did not know that on the very night that Dr. Cronin was murdered the police took possession of the blood-stained cottage that the June Festival is to be a magnificent success. Indeed there was no doubt of it from the beginning.

For the information of those who wish it 1727 Ashland avenue. But such was to attend the festival THE CITIZEN takes the case. The police pumped O'Sullivan last Thursday. He contradicted himself frequently. Then they told him their the following from the Knoxville Tribune of Sunday:

It will not be amiss to mention here the names of the nine great artists seured for the June Festival: Miss Emma Juch, the distinguished op ratic prima donna soprano;

yesterday. Then he decided to tell the truth and by so doing save himself from Signor Jules Perotti, the most noted enor now living in America: markable pianiste in the world to-day; Madam Terese Herbert-Foerster, the listinguished dramatic prima donna so-

day morning O'Sollivan-was taken into Capt. Wings' private office. He was confronted by Capt. Schaack and Scut-ter took long hand notes of the confes-sion. It took many hours to tell the tale; Miss Helene Von Doenhoff, the brilliant rima donna contralto; Signor Giuseppe Campanari, recognized from 11:30 o'clock in the morning until as one of the greatest living baritone sosix in the evening they talked; but every awful detail of the crime was revealed.

Herr Emil Fisher, said to be the greatest basso profundo on earth;
Mr. Max. Bendix, one of the most faous violinists ever seen in America;

Mr. Victor Herbert, the young but al ready distinguished violoncellist Then there is the famous Boston Sym phony Orchestra of forty pieces which will be brought to Knoxville for the Pestival by the Director, the renowned Carl Zerahu himself.

Four of the six concerts will be given in Staub's Theatre and two at Elmwood confessed that he had known Dan Coughconfessed that he had known Dan Congh-lin for many years instead of having Theatre will be occupied during the four

made his acquaintance shortly after the murder. The ice man stated that he was A contract has been closed by the commember of the Clan na Gael in good nittee for the erection of an amphi theatre in Elmwood Park, which will sea ten thousand people. It will be built fround the pavillion and will be entirely protected from sunshine and rain. price of admission to the park has been placed at the remarkably low price of afty cents and seats can be secured for 15

The East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia railroad, recognizing the magnitude of Knoxville's undertaking to secure a great Music Festival, has made the lowest excursion rate ever known in the seen this morning by a reporter and was bistory of the city. The rate for Pestival asked for a confirmation of a published week is 1½ cents a mile or 3 cents for the statement to the effect that iceman P. round trip from any point in East Ten-O'Sullivan made a full confession of the plot to kill Dr. Cronin, and of the manner will take advantage of this remarkably

A GREAT SUCCESS

Was the Light Infantry Fair Last Evening.

Over one thousand people attended the military fair at Ray's warehouse last night. The A. L. I., under command of Capt. John H. Barnard were there with one indictment to which there were three full ranks, and the silent drill executed by the evening.

unknown. No evidence was introduced orated with evergreens, flags, bunting and bright colors, while an unusual number of lovely young ladies lent their presence and beauty to the scene-a glorious climax to the delightful pleasures of

The supper, under the splendid management of Mrs. E. Strauss, was simply immense, and full justice was done by those present to the delicious viands so excellently prepared and temptingly displayed. Mr. M. Ellick's fancy for display attracted considerable attention, as did

the same gentleman. The calisthenic exercises of the Graded school children did credit to themselves and honor to the occasion, and were greatly enjoyed by the audience before

whom they performed. What more shall we say-what more can we say, than that the fair eclipsed anything of the kind ever attempted in Asheville before; that the ladies in attendance were prettier, sweeter or more gracious; that Capt. Barnard and "his boys" never looked handsomer or acted Jones, at 163 Haywood street. the soldier more thoroughly; that the creams, cakes, ices, and supper were simply superb; that the assemblage was more refined and representative, or enjoyed themselves more; that the exhibmorning, and said that several months its, decorations and attractions more exday netted the city \$10,50 in the way of ago Alderman McCormick offered him cellent, or that the successs of any fete has been greater than that given under in Texas, says McOormick paid him the auspices of the Asheville Light In-

The fair will be repeated at the same place this evening, beginning at the same hour. A gold-headed silk umbrella will in the c ty; new and attractive features tance between Asheville and Black Mountain is to be laid out during the next few not place all the reliance in the world in main unchanged, and everybody and his friends are expected to attend.

Another Fire.

A slaughter-house belonging to ex-sheriff W. J. Worley, located on the west side of twenty feet, and through a perfect netthe French Broad river, near Smith's work of arms and braces supporting the bridge, was burned down about 11:30 scaffold. yesterday. They conversed freely about o'clock last night. The alarm was sounthe Sioux bill, saying that it would be ded and the fire department started to ratified. Only one objection was raised because the bill did not give the nation the south bank of the Cheyenne river. affair, however, was consumed before either company could get to the spot.

We are requested to remind those hav-

ing in their possession packages of slips either to forward them or return them at missioners, to be held in the city, on during the voyage and were buried at once. The progress of a good work is seriously retarded by the neglect of a few. It will be your last chance.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

LYN FOR REMORIAL DAY.

Virginia Republicans Trying to Down Mahone–Blaine Gives an Excursion–The Puritan

Washington, May 28.—The President will leave Washington to-morrow afternoon at 3.45 o'clock on the congressional limited express for the purpose of participating in memorial day exercises in Brooklyn on the 30th inst. He expects to return to Washington Thursday evening. Secretary Tracy and private secretary Halford will accompany the

The postponed excursion given by secretary Blaine in honor of Sir Julian Pauncefotte, new minister from England, took place to-day. By invitation a company of cabinet officers, diplomatic representatives, high officials and a fair sprinkling of Washington society boarded the Despatch at 12.30 this afternoon and sailed down the Potomac as far as down the Potomac as far as

Admiral Kimberly reports to the Navy Department under date of Auckland, May 27, that the Samoan natives are ng and peace prevails.

The board of naval bureau chiefs which has been considering the feasibility of changing the plans for the completion of the monitor Puritan held another meeting to-day and decided to recommend the adoption of plans proposed by the bu-reau of construction. These look to substitution of heavier guns in the barbette for turrett guns and general addition to the powers and defense of the vessel. It is estimated that the changes in plans will not cost more to carry out than the original plans.

There was a conference of 100 anti-Mahone Republicans of Virginia at the Ebbett House this evening for the pur-pose of discussing some concerted plan of action by which Gen. Mahone's influence in securing appointments may be over thrown. The conference was called by Gen. Grover, ex-governor Cameron and ex-congressman Brady. There was a good deal of talk about the way in which Gen. Mahone treated applications for offices sent to him. A further con-ference will be held to-morrow morning.

THE CITY FATHERS.

And What They Did at Their Meeting Last Night.

At the special meeting of the City Council held last evening, the report of the jury appointed sometime since to assess damages and benefits arising from the proposed widening of South Main street, was taken up, discussed at length, and finally rejected on account of the excessive amount of damages fixed by the ury, and the general irregularity in the form of the report submitted.

A similar report, relative to the widening of Short street, was recommitted to the jury for necessary amendment.

A bill amounting to \$260 for uniforms for the Rescue Hook and Ladder Fire Company was brought before the Council, agreed to and ordered paid.

sewer pipes along Willow street.

Alderman Wolfe submitted a resolution advocating the deposit in equal sum of all monies belonging to the city between the three banks of the city. The resolution was adopted by a vote of four to

A four-inch water main was ordered to be laid at once from College through Davidson to Eagle streets, and the session adjourned.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Chief of Police A. H. Baird bas gone to Statesville on revenue business.

J. C. Pritchard, Esq., of Marshall, was here vesterday. The Rev. Geo. Summey and wife sailed

from Liverpool for New York on Satur-Mr. W. J. Branch, who has been in Plorida during the past winter, has re-

turned to Asheville.

Dr. Chas. E. Hilliard returned from Philadelphia yesterday afternoon. His many friends are glad to welcome him

Bryson City, where he will deliver an address at the closing of the high school at that place on Thursday. Miss Phoebe Whitaker, daughter of J.

Rev. Dr. J. L. Carroll leaves to-day for

B. Whitaker, jr., editor of the Durham Plant, is visiting her cousin Miss Phoebe

Joseph McClatchy who was brought back from Knoxville and lodged in jail in this city about ten days ago, was released from custody vesterday afternoon, Mr. A. A. Featherston becoming his surety in the sum of one thousand dollars for his appearance at the June term of the criminal court to stand trial upon a charge of assault with intent to kill postmaster Lytle at Arden several months

Fell from a Scaffold.

E. A. Poore, a painter employed by Lee & Perkinson, of this city, fell from a scaffold upon which be was standing while painting a house in Lincoln Park yesterday afternoon, seriously bruising his back, arms and shoulders. No bones were broken, although the fall was over

Judson College.

A handsomely designed and engraved invitation received yesterday, announces that the annual commencement exercises of Judson College, located at Hendersonville, will be held on June 5 and 6. Rev. A. T. Robertson, of Louisville, Ky.,

preaches the annual sermon, and Rev. J. S. Dills, of Goldsboro, N. C., delivers the annual address.

Attend the military fair this evening.