



JOHN L. SULLIVAN IN A FIGHT.

A One-armed Man who Was Not Afraid of the Big Fellow.

BIDDEFORD, ME.—John L. Sullivan figured in a fight on the east-bound Pullman train. He and the members of his "Man from Boston" theatrical troupe were going through to Bangor. The ex-champion occupied a seat in the smoking car, and beside him sat John Sheehan of Boston. Max L. Lizotte, a Biddeford attorney, got aboard the train at North Berwick, and took a seat at the end of the smoking car. Mr. Lizotte and Sheehan were former residents of Lewiston, Mr. Lizotte went back to speak to Sheehan, and as he reached over to shake hands Sullivan kicked the lawyer in the stomach, at the same time shouting, "Get out of my way!"

Lawyer Lizotte has but one arm, but with that he let out with a blow that took effect under Sullivan's car and doubled him back over the seat. Sullivan stood up to meet his one-armed adversary, and at the same time one of Sullivan's party stepped up and struck the lawyer in the mouth, driving Mr. Lizotte's teeth into his upper lip and bringing a flow of blood from his nose. Other occupants of the car separated the belligerents, and John L. was hustled into the sleeping car. At the Saco station the Biddeford lawyer went into the forward end of that car, hoping to find the ex-champion there, but Sullivan's absence prevented further hostilities.

THE MARBLE STAIRCASE.

The Only Natural Underground Stairway in the World.

NATURAL BRIDGE, ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VA.—The marble staircase was opened at the Natural Bridge Saturday with appropriate ceremonies, and in the midst of public festivities. This staircase leads into a cave discovered a year ago by some boys, and the descent is the only natural underground stairway in the world. The grottoes have been thoroughly illuminated and afford abundant opportunity for studying the beautiful and wonderful interiors. The entrance is about five minutes walk from the Natural Bridge.

The ceremonies of the day were begun with religious exercises, after which a procession of 200 school children, followed by the students of Washington and Lee and the Military Institute and the public in general entered. The archway is 500 feet in length, and reaches from the Cannon river to the plains above.

Denial as to the Use of Alliance Money for Third Party Purposes.

RALEIGH, N. C.—We, the undersigned officers of the N. C. State Alliance, in answer to several statements by newspapers and individuals, again denounce as false the report that \$4,364.18 or any other sum was appropriated or allowed to be used in the interest of the People's party last year. Not one cent of Alliance funds were used for such a purpose. By order of the executive committee at the May meeting last year, all the Alliance lecturers were withdrawn from the field, this being several weeks prior to the first start to organize a new party. Not a cent was paid for lecturing after that time and no money was used for other than legitimate expenses of the Alliance. Signed, S. B. ALEXANDER, J. S. JOHNSON, J. M. NEWBORN, Executive Committee.

MARION BUTLER, President. CYRUS THOMPSON, Lecturer. W. S. BARNES, Secretary-Treasurer. W. H. WORTH, State Business Agent. W. A. GRAHAM, Trustee.

"Where's the Bed?" There is a gentleman living in _____ county, South Carolina, who, although he has been to New York and some of the other Northern cities, yet, strange as it may appear, had never seen an elevator.

Being called on business to Charleston, he went to one of the principal hotels, and registering, asked the clerk for a nice room. The clerk, calling the colored porter, said, "Take this gentleman to room 15."

"Yes, sah," said the porter, and with a pompous air he picked up the valise and led the way to the elevator. Going in he put the valise on the floor and said, "Walk in, sah."

The gentleman walked in, and looking around in amazement, asked "Is this the best room you can give me? 'Where's the bed?'"

Hoke Smith's Orders.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With a view to relieving his office as far as possible from the pressure of office-seekers, and in the hope of obtaining more time for the transaction of public business, Secretary Hoke Smith has issued a request that persons, seeking appointment in the public service within the classified grade, apply to the head of the bureau in which the appointment is sought. Persons seeking appointment below the classified grade are referred to the appointment clerk of the department. If the Secretary's request is fully observed, he expects to be able to receive all who may have legitimate business with his office between the hours of 10 and 12 on other than cabinet days.

A JAILER FAILS A MOB.

The Plans of Would-be Lynchers Frustrated.

PLUCKY Jailer Farney Refuses to Surrender the Keys to Shorter's Cell and Saves Him From a Mob's Vengeance.

WINCHESTER, VA.—A determined attempt was made to lynch William Shorter, a negro, who was committed to jail Monday, the 15th, charged with an attempted assault on Miss Mary Clevinger, and had it not been for the clear cut grit of the jailer, Adam Farney, he would have been dangling at the end of a rope.

The mob, numbering about 100 masked men, appeared before the jail about 1 a. m., and when admittance was refused by Mr. Farney they proceeded to beat against the door with sledge hammers. When the door was forced open Mr. Farney met them on the porch, with a hand-to-hand tussle was had, some of the raiders being thrown off the porch. The jailer was finally overcome, when a half score of cocked revolvers were shoved in his face. One zealous individual tried to shoot him, but, fortunately, Farney knocked the pistol up and the ball lodged in the ceiling.

The keys were demanded and refused by the jailer whilst looking down the barrels of the pistol. The iron door of the corridor leading to the cells was battered down with sledges, but the steel door of the cage containing the prisoner resisted their efforts, and after an hour of fruitless endeavor to work the combination and batter the cell door down they took their departure.

It was a current rumor on the street that they proposed to return at night. A number of negroes confined in the jail were terribly frightened, and it is said their protestations that they were not the man the raiders were looking for could be heard for some distance outside the jail.

The authorities, fearing a recurrence of the night's violence, have removed the prisoner to Staunton.



MRS. POTTER PALMER, President of the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Columbian Exposition.

DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS FREE.

An Aged Negress Sues for Services for Twenty-four Years.

BOONVILLE, Mo.—Eddie Hickam, an aged negress, is the plaintiff in perhaps the most remarkable case ever tried in the Courts of this county. She is an old ex slave, and brought suit against her master, Joseph Hickam, of this county, for five dollars a month wages as a family domestic for twenty-four years, during which time she claims to have been kept in ignorance of her emancipation.

The suit was instituted here in 1880, for \$1,400, and resulted in a judgment in her favor for \$700. The defendant appealed to the Kansas City Court of Appeals, which remanded the case to the Circuit Court of this county, which now renders a decision for the defendant.

A motion for a new trial has been filed, and public sentiment is in favor of the negress, who has relied for her master for a quarter of a century without remuneration.

COTTON CROP RUINED.

Distressing Condition of Affairs Reported in the Overflooded Districts.

A Memphis, Tenn., dispatch says: The news from the overflooded districts in Arkansas and Louisiana are of the most discouraging character. Specials from points on the west side of the river below Memphis report a distressing condition of affairs. The water, which has been flowing around the head of the levee system above Osceola, Ark., has inundated the Francis basins, the farmers being compelled to abandon all hopes of raising a cotton crop.

Killed Himself Carrying Money.

RICHMOND, VA.—Charles Milburn, a negro driver, fell dead in the street in front of the First National Bank. He had a bag of \$10,000 in coin and notes, which dropped to the pavement when Milburn fell. He was taking the money from the bank to the pay wagon of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. He had just lifted \$600,000, most of it in silver, and the exertion ruptured his heart.

THE BANK OF THE CAROLINAS.

With a Number of Branches at Different Points, Suspended.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—The doors of the Bank of the Carolinas, with the home office at Florence, this State, closed with notice of its temporary suspension until a meeting of the directors. The capital stock of this bank is nearly \$60,000. It has branches at Kingstree, Conway, Williston and Varnville, this State, and several towns in North Carolina. It is believed the bank has assets to cover all indebtedness.

The stringency of the money market and the consequent inability to realize on securities held by the bank, is the cause of the failure. The bank was started by J. P. Coffin over two years ago and has done a good business and successfully withstood considerable pressure at different times. Little, if any, doubt is entertained of the bank's paying dollar for dollar and Mr. Coffin has executed a deed of trust for all his town lots and personal property in Florence to secure any possible deficiency.

LEFT A SOUVENIR IN CHICAGO.

Sir William Leng Has a Story to Relate of a Polite Stranger.

NEW YORK.—Sir William Leng, of the Sheffield Telegraph, one of a large party of English newspaper men who attended the opening of the Chicago Fair, has returned to the Fifth Avenue Hotel with this experience:

"I was standing in the lobby of the Auditorium Hotel, you know," said he, "when a very polite gentleman, noticing some dust on my coat, volunteered to remove it with his handkerchief. I thanked him for his kindness, and he said in a careless sort of way, 'Don't mention it.' But I did mention it, you know, and the gentleman to whom I mentioned it said: 'You had a diamond scarf pin, Sir William?'"

"Yes," I said. "Where is it now?" he inquired. "Very gentlemanly man wanted it for a souvenir. There seemed to be a rage for souvenirs in Chicago."

PALMETTO CHIPS.

News and Notes From Here, There & Everywhere in South Carolina.

The fishing smack, Mary E. Jenkins, founded on the bar at Charleston Wednesday. Two colored men belonging to the crew were drowned.

The monument to Gen. Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox, was unveiled Monday, May 22.

The citizens of Marion are arranging to build a cotton factory on the Building & Loan plan.

The first crate of peaches came from Williston last week and were sold in Charleston.

While two young newspaper men from Washington, D. C., were stealing a ride on a freight train it was wrecked at Bamberg and one of them killed.

China Will Retaliate.

NEW YORK.—The Rev. Dr. J. S. Baldwin, for twenty-two years Methodist missionary in Chili, and for nearly a quarter of a century secretary of the missionary board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has large moneyed interest in China, said that he had positive information from dignitaries of the Chinese Government and from his own Chinese missionaries that if the Chinese Exclusion Act is carried into effect and Chinese are shipped from this country to China, deported simply because they are without taking out certificates, that Americans in China will be likewise deported from that country to the United States.

A NOVEL LAW IN FLORIDA.

Trainmen May Not Be Out on Runs Over 18 Hours.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—A bill has passed the Senate for railroad companies to make the "runs" of train men longer than 18 hours each and compelling at least eight hours to elapse between runs. It is alleged that several recent accidents were due to engineers and conductors being physically exhausted from continued train work. In one instance they were on duty twenty-four hours without sleep or rest. The bill has raised much indignation among the railway officials who threaten, if the bill becomes a law, to cut down the trainmen's wages and reduce the train service.

That Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Representative Wilson of West Virginia, assisted by an able corps of experts and amateurs, is said to be at work on a tariff bill which is expected to be ready for presentation when Congress meets. It is reported that this bill will have nearer to the line of the Chicago platform than any other bill now in preparation, and will come in with much organized backing.

A Virginia Fire.

RICHMOND, VA.—A special from West Point says that five Monday threatened the destruction of the town, Garrett Hotel and the residence of Maj. Hughes, Mr. Burke and others were burned.



VIEW FROM GALLERY OF MAIN HALL IN WOMAN'S BUILDING, CHICAGO FAIR.

AN ATLANTA FORGERY.

Henry Hill, of a Prominent Georgia Family, Missing.

ATLANTA, GA.—For several days there have been enquiries for Henry Hill, a well-known young man about town, and his disappearance gave rise to a great amount of gossip. It was not known until now that detectives are searching for Hill and that charges of forgery have been made against him.

Hill belongs to one of the most prominent families in Georgia, members of which have been important factors in business and politics. He is a nephew of L. J. Hill, president of the Gate City National Bank. Hill is about 35 years old.

He inherited considerable money and property, but long ago squandered it. He subsequently became a conductor on the Georgia Railroad, a real estate dealer, and finally engaged in the wholesale whiskey business, as secretary of what is known as the Wils'n Whiskey Company. The financial troubles of this company seem to have led to discoveries of papers, which, it is charged, are forgeries. They amount to about \$20,000 and bear the endorsement of Mrs. J. H. Porter, wife of President Porter, of the Merchants' Bank. Hill has been a friend of the Porter family.

The police are working on theory that he had accomplices, one being a woman. When he found these papers were discovered, Hill left and it is believed he is in Mexico.

VIRGINIA HAPPENINGS.

The Latest News Items in the Old Dominion.

It is said that nearly a million bushel sweet potatoes are annually sent from Accomac County, Va. The whole county is a veritable sweet potato bed. Some growers of the vegetable support their families on farms of only 10 to 15 acres.

The hand book to be issued by Virginia's Commissioner of Agriculture will contain much valuable information.

W. R. Selegman, of Occoquan, has just completed a raft of 8,000 twenty-five foot piles to fill a Government contract for dikes in the Rappahannock river.

Walter H. Page, of North Carolina, the editor of The Forum, is to deliver the oration at the commencement exercises of Roanoke College, Va., on June 6.

At Fort Monroe the Chamberlain Hotel property and franchises were sold Thursday for \$260,000 to John S. Tilney, of Baltimore, in the interest of the bondholders.

NORTH CAROLINA SQUIBS.

Newspaper Cleanings from Cherokee to Currituck.

Trinity College commencement will be held at Durham June 7 and 8.

Wilmington's water supply consists of nearly a million gallons, divided into 32 cisterns.

Rev. Dr. W. S. Black, the Supt. of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, says that worthy institution is greatly over-crowded. There are now in its shelter 232 children, while the accommodations are only for 200. Since the year began no less than 90 applications for admission have been rejected.

A guinea nest was found in Pitt county with sixty eggs in it.

There is in Greenville a colored woman, 42 years old, who is the mother of eighteen children, twelve of whom are living.

Tillman Commutes a Death Sentence.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Governor Tillman commuted the sentence of Level, the Charleston wife murderer, to imprisonment for life. A commission appointed to pass upon his sanity having disagreed, the Governor gave the prisoner the benefit of the doubt.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Latest Happenings Condensed and Printed Here.

The flooding of the St. Francis Valley, in Arkansas, will prevent the planters of that section from making a cotton crop this year. The 7 counties in the overflowed district cultivate annually, when not flooded, \$75,000 acres of cotton and the yield is about 40,000 bales.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis and daughter, Miss Winnie, have engaged rooms at Narragansett Pier for the summer.

The directors of the whiskey trust held a meeting at Chicago Monday and reduced the price of whiskey 1 cent.

Kerr Craigie, of Salisbury, N. C., has been appointed Third Assistant Postmaster General vice A. D. Hazen, resigned.

The Spanish Infanta Eulalie is in Washington, as personal representative of the Queen of Spain, and is the guest of the nation.

A Bristol, Tenn., special says: The yard engine of the South Atlantic and Ohio Railroad telescoped a street car at a crossing, instantly killing the street car conductor, Alf Parrott, and injuring 1 or 2 others slightly. The conductor was horribly mangled and the car was totally demolished.

The printing of envelopes by the Government for business purposes will be abolished by September next, and the \$250,000 annually paid for this work will hereafter be distributed where it belongs, among the printers throughout the country. There is no more sense in the government printing envelopes for business purposes than there would be in the government starting a clothes pin factory, or insist on lettering all the tombstones sold throughout the country. The work belongs to the printers and the law ought to have been repealed long ago.

During the recent term of Stokes court at Danbury, a horse was sold for 65 cents and afterwards swapped off for a pocket-knife.

More Treasury Removals.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary Carlisle made the following appointments: To be superintendents of construction of public buildings: M. H. Deveraux at Charleston, S. C.; C. N. Denny at Reidsville, N. C.

Superintendent Herman Stump, with the approbation of Secretary Carlisle, has ruled that an idiot immigrant cannot be admitted to this country, even when accompanied by his parents.

Reward for His Heroism.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary Carlisle has awarded a silver life-saving medal of honor to Benjamin Hewlett, of Wilmington, N. C., for rescuing two girls from drowning on the 8th of August, 1893, on Wrightsville Sound, N. C. Hewlett displayed exceptional courage, taking both girls at the same time from the channel, where the water was twelve feet deep.

FALLING THREE THOUSAND FEET.

The Terrible Death of Ten Miners in a Shaft in Michigan.

Houghton, Mich.—Ten timbermen were dashed to pieces in the Red Jacket perpendicular shaft of the Calumet and Hecla mine. The miners were coming up in a cage to dinner and the engineer hoisted the cage against the timbers of the shaft, when the coupling pin broke and the men and cage were dashed down over 3,000 feet to the bottom.

Hanged by the Same Mob.

SEYMOUR, IND.—Lou Trenck, who murdered Henry Raedler a week ago last Sunday, was hanged at Brownstone, at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning by a mob from this place. The lynching party was composed of the same men who hanged Turley at Bedford.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Mr. Cleveland's New Reform Plans Announced.

All Subordinate Federal Officers to be Separated From Politics.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—That new rulings are contemplated, preliminary to a complete reorganization of the working force of the departments, the Treasury especially, seems more than probable. This, it is believed, is one reason why so few departmental changes have been made. Those that have been made are on a line consistent with the new rules that are said to be preparing.

Mr. Cleveland, it is reported, contemplates a new extension of the civil service idea, little less than the complete wiping out of the present system and the substitution of some main features of the English system.

For this purpose legislation will be possible, and yet considerable progress is possible under the present laws.

Mr. Cleveland's experience, more especially during the last two months, has set him thinking, and he has thought like a man disgusted with the idea of public patronage in return for political services. It is reported that in his own mind he has advanced considerably toward the plan of employing in the Government service only those who are best qualified, regardless of political considerations. The qualifications are to be ascertained by a Board not less removed from partisan influences and considerations than the Supreme Court. The service is to be arranged in grades, and under the best rules known in the business world, whereby fitness, moral, intellectual, and physical, will be taken into the account; politics never.

With making appointments, save those of foreign Ministers and certain high officials nearest to the Executive, the President will have nothing to do, and the tenure will virtually be for life and good behavior. Provision will be made for constant supervision of the service with a view to keeping it up to the highest standard in all respects.

Mr. Cleveland has seen and thought enough, he believes, to qualify him to make to Congress, when it meets again, extensive recommendations looking to changes that will separate the servants of the Government from politics, and relieve the executive branch from what, in his judgment, has become a positive scandal and an injury in every light. Mr. Cleveland is convinced the time has come for reforming altogether the practice of appointing men to office on party grounds, and is giving his best study to the subject of reforming the civil.

It is understood that President has persuaded himself that what he intends to recommend, will command the requisite strength to put through Congress a law that will permanently reform out of existence a number of evils which, in his judgment, threaten the welfare of the republic; and he believes the reform will shed new glory on his Administration.

Mr. Cleveland is considering this question with the aid of members of his Cabinet, and at the same time he is consulting with Democrats and Republicans as opportunity is afforded. Gen. Schurz, as I am informed, was made acquainted with the President's purpose on his recent visit to the White House. On the degree of support this enlarged civil service reform may receive in advance of the meeting of Congress will depend not a little Mr. Cleveland's recommendation.

The opinion prevails to a considerable extent that recent experience, which has so impressed the President and brought him to think earnestly, will also bring favor to the proposed system from both political parties.

KILLED IN A FOLDING-BED.

The Head Piece Topples Over On Mrs. Clough and She Soon Dies.

CHICAGO.—Mrs. J. E. Clough, wife of a Baptist missionary, died in Evanston at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Clough was killed by a folding bed which closed upon her and crushed her body while her daughter stood by powerless to prevent. That she, too, was not crushed to death was due to accident. The victim lingered in a swoon for a few hours and died.

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Drowned in Waubling Lake.

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ANOTHER NORTHERN OUTRAGE.

A "Lynching Bee" Away Up in Indiana.

BEDFORD, IND.—At 2 o'clock Monday morning a mob of a hundred men appeared before the jail here, forced the sheriff to give up the keys and took John Terrell, who murdered Conductor L. F. Price at Seymour, from his cell and hanged him in the jail yard. Terrell begged for his life, but his appeals met with silence.

The lynching was conducted in a most orderly manner, Terrell's cries being the only sound heard. After lynching their man, the mob requested that the body should not be taken down until day light, after which it dispersed. The mob hanged Terrell to a tree in the jail yard, within twelve feet of the railroad track, so that persons on all trains could see his body. He was dressed as though he had been expecting them.

They completed their job at 2:30 o'clock. There were forty-three men at the jail, masked, and about fifty or sixty standing around at different parts over the city.

APPROPRIATES \$25,000.

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—A special from Tallahassee to the Times Union says the Senate has just passed the Marks World Fair bill, appropriating \$25,000 for maintaining exhibits in the Florida building at the exposition. The bill provides that the Governor shall appoint a commission to expend this money, provide the railroads and other corporations contribute another \$25,000 in cash.

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The Judge Marries Again.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—Judge H. D. Crutcher, of Augusta, Ga., who recently secured a divorce at Sioux City, S. D., from Lucie R. Talley, a leading society woman, of Augusta, and a relative of Senator Gordon, arrived in Chattanooga at noon and was immediately married at Stanton House, to Mrs. Cornelia E. Harrison, a charming young widow, of Charleston, S. C. Mrs. Harrison has been living at Stanton House for the past month with her five-year-old son, a waiting the granting of the divorce to Judge Twigg.

The judge is fully thirty years the senior of his new bride.

Suicide and Failure.

SAVANNAH, GA.—Dispatches from Brunswick, Ga., state that the First National Bank and the Oglethorpe National Bank, of that city, closed their doors, and that M. U. man, president of the latter, committed suicide. These banks have been looked upon as shaky for some time, and their failure caused no surprise.

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