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THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature of North Carolina, in session to-day, at Raleigh, has the Sun's best wishes for its success in so shaping legislation as to enure to the benefit of the people of the State. We indulge the hope that the present Legislature may entitle itself richly to the gratitude of the whole people.

The time in which to work is short, and the work to be done is considerable. If a good start shall be made this week and next, all necessity for impetuous haste at the close of the session will be obviated. But we presume that our legislators, having been so often lectured as to their duty, and being themselves, as a body, intelligent men, will see what they have to do and do it with all reasonable dispatch, and at the same time with all possible deliberation. Haste makes waste. A session of sixty working days is usually sufficient, if the time is all employed. Gas is not a cheap article, and legislative gas has been found to be the costliest item in the bills the people annually foot at the sheriff's office. Every measure of vital and State-wide importance should receive careful consideration, but that need not imply forty speeches of four hours length each. Gentlemen, let us have more committee work and less spouting on the floor.

The leading measures to come before this body have nearly all been noted in these columns, and we shall not recapitulate. We repeat, the Sun hopes for a judicious conscientious use of time, and thinks it has reasons for the hope. "Hope," according to Carlyle is a "delectable, immortal maid." May she indeed prove so in the case of the North Carolina Legislature.

SUN TELEGRAMS.

EARLY AND MIDNIGHT REPORTS.

AT THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

Forty-Fifth Congress—The Cabinet, &c.

WASHINGTON, January 7.—SENATE.—A large number of petitions were presented during the morning hour, among them many from women in various parts of the country asking Congress to enact such legislation as will make effective the anti-polygamy law of 1862, also from various persons protesting against the passage of the pending bill to revise, amend and consolidate the laws relating to the patents and against the trouble of the Indian Bureau to the War Department, all were referred to the Appropriation Committee. The bills were introduced as follows:

By Mr. Hamlin of Maine, for the more efficient collection of the postal revenues, referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

By Mr. Booth of California, for the interchange of subsidiary silver coin and U. S. notes, referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McDonald of Indiana, to authorize taxation on outstanding legal tender notes of the U. S., referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Edmunds of Vermont said: In this glad morning of the New Year, when there was peace and joy and hope everywhere, he thought it best to offer a resolution, tending to cement more perfectly good will and harmony now existing all over the country. He therefore submitted the resolution declaring that in the judgment of the Senate the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution of the United States have been legally ratified, and are as valid as other parts of the Constitution; that it is the right and duty of Congress to enforce such amendments by appropriate legislation and the duty of the Executive Department of the Government to execute such laws with diligence to impartially execute such laws that it is the duty of Congress to appropriate money to that end, and instructing the judiciary committee to report a bill for the protection of the rights of citizens and the punishment of infractions thereof. Laid on the table at the request of Mr. Edmunds; to be called up hereafter.

Mr. Voorhees of Indiana during the morning hour called up the resolution submitted by him on the previous day, instructing the judiciary committee to inquire into the expediency of making the trade dollar a legal tender, and providing for its recoinage into standard trade dollars. He addressed the Senate at length in favor of the resolution, and denouncing the trade dollar as fraudulent money, which having failed in its mission abroad had returned home to cheat honest people of this country. The amount of such dollars coined was \$25,000,000 larger than the people had any idea of. He reviewed the course of Secretary Sherman, and said there was a deep seated hostility to silver money of every kind. On his part silver was not receiving fair play at the hands of the present administration, and those who draw their inspirations from it. He referred to the silver bill passed at the last session, and said the execution of this popular law in the hands of its most conspicuous and pronounced enemy. He referred to the action of the New York and Boston banks in November last, in regard to specie resumption and the silver dollar, and denounced it as rebellious against the lawfully constituted authorities of the government. He predicted a final triumph for the silver dollar, and said the people insisted that specie resumption should not rest on gold alone, but it should be as strong and as unlimited a coinage of silver as well as gold could make it. At the conclusion of Mr. Voorhees' remarks, the resolution was laid over without action being taken thereon.

East FRISKILL, N. Y., Jan. 7.—A. P. Sprague, Secretary of the International Code Committee of America, announces that the Association for the reform and codification of the law of nations will hold their next annual conference the last week in August, 1879, in the Guild Hall of London, and will be entertained by the Lord Mayor and corporation of that city.

of customs due during the current fiscal year, and the disposition which has been made of it be referred to the committee on finance, and they are authorized and directed to make such investigation as it may deem necessary to ascertain, whether the laws relative to the payment of customs, dues, and payment of interest on the public debt, with coin received therefrom, have been and are being complied with, and report by bill or otherwise. Laid over upon objection of Edmunds.

At three o'clock the brief executive session held in the Senate, adjourned.

HOUSE.—Mr. Acklen, of Louisiana, made a personal explanation in regard to the scandal attaching his name for alleged seduction of a young lady in Louisiana, and presented a resolution for the appointment of a committee of three members to inquire into and report upon the charges made against him. It was defeated on the ground that it did not embrace the question of privilege.

Representative H. H. George was in a critical condition yesterday, from incipient pneumonia, but today he seems to be improving.

A resolution was adopted, directing the Judiciary Committee to investigate the charges against Henry W. Blodgett, Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

The Geneva award bill was considered and laid over till to-morrow.

Several bills were introduced, after which the deaths of Representatives Douglas and Williams were announced, and the House adjourned.

The Committee on Ways and Means met to-day and transacted no business other than to decide that parties desiring to be heard in regard to the tax on sugar be given the opportunity, commencing to-morrow.

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting of discussion of the bill that provides for the issuance of treasury certificates on deposit to any person depositing coin on United States notes, said certificates to bear interest at three per cent. per annum, and to be convertible at any time within one year from their date into four per cent. bonds. No action was taken, but the general feeling is highly favorable to the measure.

The committee is desirous to dispose of the tobacco tax bill as soon as possible, and will at an early day conclude hearing the argument on the subject.

Arrangements will probably be made to hear the Commissioner on Internal Revenue during the week.

Senator Sargent, who has been sick some weeks, occupied his seat to-day, in the Senate, for the first time this session.

The Hon. Alex. Stephens, had an attack of neuralgia of the bowels last night. His physical condition is worse now than it has been for many years. He is still confined to his room.

The Cabinet session to-day was devoted principally to the discussion of a favorable financial situation. Secretary Sherman called attention to the fact that the Treasury holds large amounts of gold and silver and Greenbacks, much more than there is any use for at present. Reference was also made to the reports from all parts of the country that resumption had given confidence to business, and that both at home and abroad business seems to be stimulated, and is being conducted with renewed activity.

Telegrams to the postoffice department from Memphis, says no mail boats are moving on the Mississippi river north of Vicksburg, nor on the Arkansas, White, St. James or upper Ouachita.

The members of the sub-committee who visited Memphis to inquire into the cause of the yellow fever epidemic have returned, with the exception of Casey Young. The board of experts who accompanied the sub-committee to the South, have been instructed to prepare a report for submission before the joint committee at its meeting in this city on the 15th instant. This report will include the result of the investigation for New Orleans.

The sub-committee of the House appropriation committee is still engaged in the preparation of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, and will not complete it for several days.

The House committee on commerce this morning referred to the subject of the river and harbor bill to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Beaman, Keena and Hubbell, with instructions to prepare a bill, as practicable, within a specified limit, as to the amount and report to a full committee.

The arrangement of the Treasury department with National bank depositors is that all subscriptions to the four per cent. loan through them, are to be paid in coin. Subscriptions through other sources can be paid for in greenbacks.

The committee earnestly recommend the passage of the bill introduced at the last session to establish a metric system in the postoffices and custom house of the United States.

Northern Legislatures.

DOVER, DEL., Jan. 7.—The State Legislature convened to-day. In the Senate Charles J. Harrington was appointed speaker. In the House Dr. Swinburn Chandler is the speaker.

HARRISBURG, PA., Jan. 7.—The Legislature met to-day. The House elected H. M. Long, (Rep.) of Allegheny county, speaker, and W. C. Shurlock, chief clerk. The Democrats voted for Daniel Sherwood, of Northumberland county, for speaker.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 7.—The State Legislature convened in the new capitol building. But owing to the non-arrival of many members who were delayed by the storm, adjourned until to-morrow, when the Governor's message will be presented.

COLEMBUS, O., Jan. 7.—Gov. Bishop, in his annual message, calls the attention to the prevalence of grave robbing, and asks the Legislature to pass a law by which an adequate means is devised to do away with the odious traffic of the body snatchers.

International Code Committee.

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OVER THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—A despatch from Bombay to the Times says the strike of the miners of South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire will be not so large as at first anticipated. It is expected that not more than 6,000 operatives will go out on the strike.

The council of the Irish Home Rule League have determined to call a general meeting of the organization, to be held on the fourth of February next, to consider the series of resolutions submitted by the active section of the Home Rule party on the policy of the Irish parliamentary party.

The British brig Evyca, Cap. James, from Bull Run, S. C., November 12, for Liverpool, was abandoned at sea. The crew were rescued and landed at Bristol.

Beaconsfield, British Premier, is suffering from a severe attack of gout, and confined to his room.

General Grant left Londonderry to-day, and arrived at Belfast. At Coleraine a large delegation presented him with an address.

WARRENTON, LANCASHIRE, Jan. 7.—The strike has begun in the wire trade here, which may assume serious proportions without some agreement between the employers and workmen can be reached. The masters contend that if a reduction of the wages is not agreed to work must be suspended, as the German wire can be obtained cheaper than the English manufacturers can make it. The men contend the reduction is excessive.

Calcutta, Jan. 7.—General Roberts telegraphed to his respected Kakuhi yesterday. The Deputy Governor of Klost came to Kakuhi to pay his respects to General Roberts. He will transfer to the British commander the forts and all the records, which it is supposed contains full information regarding the revenues of Khost and Khurum districts. The people of Khost who at first were unfriendly seem to be reassured.

Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 7.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad company was held to-day. President Huntington's report says: "While the business of the road is steadily increasing, the president and board of directors are more fully than ever impressed with the fact that connection with Western railroads, and the Eastern extension to deep water, must be secured before the success of the road can be assured. A small percentage of the securities now in the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad company, if invested in the securities of a road to connect with the western system of roads, would enhance the value of the road's holdings more than the amount called for by the new investment, which is necessary to make this important connection."

Second Vice President Wickham's report shows the total earnings for the fiscal year to be \$193,136,068, and the total operating expenses \$169,473,910, leaving the balance of earnings over operating expenses of \$24,662,158, the increase in the gross earnings over 1-76-77 is \$23,382,793.

The following directors were elected for the year: C. P. Huntington, A. A. Low, A. S. Hatch, Elias S. Higgins, David Stewart, P. H. White, William White, Jr., John Castro, James C. Clark, J. E. Echols and Williams Wickham. The same officers were re-elected, namely: C. P. Huntington, President; A. S. Hatch, First Vice President; Williams C. Wickham, Second Vice President.

Resolutions were adopted, authorizing the directors to obtain the authority to increase the capital stock of the company.

Arrest of an Embezzler.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 7.—W. N. Castle, City Clerk of San Jose, who a short time ago abandoned, was arrested at Astoria, Oregon, yesterday, and on being taken, blew out his brains.

S. W. Hall was arrested at Olympia, Wyoming Territory, yesterday, on a requisition from the Governor of Illinois, charging him with embezzlement of \$70,000 from the county of Macoupin, Ills., in 1872. His real name is said to be George H. Halliday, and has resided in Olympia since 1872.

The Boat Clubs.

BOSTON, January 7.—The Harvard Boat Club is in receipt of a letter from the Oxford University Club announcing its inability to row with the Harvard as late as August 1. As the Harvard will not row before that date, there will probably be no English race this year, and therefore no race with the Cornell Club. A meeting of the boat club will be held next week, and the matter will then be definitely settled. Since the receipt of the Oxford letter several of the old Harvard eights have determined to withdraw, and a new crew will train next summer in order to race with the Yale.

Fire in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—A fire occurred this morning at Nos. 73, 75, 77 and 79 Vesey street, occupied as tea and provision stores. The upper floor of 75 gave way, carrying other floors with it burying eight firemen, one of whom was the son of Ex-Alderman Irving was killed, Chief Rowe was seriously injured about the head and face, Capt. Reeves' injuries may prove fatal, his head was badly crushed. Altogether ten firemen injured. Loss \$150,000, it was covered by insurance.

Labor Difficulties.

POTTSVILLE, PA., Jan. 7.—The strike occurred this a. m., at the Cameron colliery, and another at the Mineral Railroad and Mining Company's collieries at Shamokin. Several days since the men were notified of the reduction of the wages which took effect this morning. This is the largest colliery in that region, and caused four hundred men and boys to be idle.

Injury by the Colt.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., January 7.—Several members of the State Board of Agriculture from the southern portion of the State report peach trees recently injured by the recent cold snap. Other fruit is not seriously injured. Winter grain is reported to be in an excellent condition.

Teller Committee Investigation.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 7.—The Teller sub-committee met this morning in Surveyor Wells' private office in the custom house. All the members were present. Senator Garland asked if there would be any special programme published. The chairman answered that no programme had been arranged, but that when a neighborhood was reached it would be gone through with, and he suggested that the neighborhood be designated, so that the witnesses might be notified. The chairman mentioned that the charges of fraud in Nachitoches, Tensas and Cadeo Parishes, would be first considered. Senator Cameron said the charges came from all over the State, and it might be impossible to define any exact part. Senator Bailey thought that near as possible, some definite place of proceedings should be adopted, so that the charges could be met by evidence on the other side. The chairman declared he would allow all necessary time for the production of such evidence.

J. Ernest Breda has testified he is a native of Nachitoches, he has been a Republican ever since 1871; did not take part in the last campaign, because he was driven from home in September on account of his political principles, he said, negroes were ground down and treated with cruelty; he details assaults made, upon himself and his brother who were endeavoring to address a Republican meeting in September; he said they were forced to flee to the woods for safety and leave home to escape the threatened assaults upon them. Dr. A. P. Breda also testified corroborating the first witness.

Messrs. Bland and J. M. and J. D. McGehee testified that in their opinion, the Independent ticket was defeated by intimidating the negroes. All three were candid dates on the Independent ticket.

Arrest of Homesteadists.

CHEVENS, Jan. 7.—Ex-Sheriff Gillan, of Chester county, Neb., was arrested at Ogallala, Neb., and J. P. Olive and four others at Plum Creek, Neb., yesterday, and taken to Kearney Junction, all charged with being concerned in burning Ketchum and Mitchell a few weeks ago. The arrests were made by four officers under cover of revolvers.

Frozen to Death.

DETROIT, Jan. 7.—A despatch says a washerwoman was found sitting in the snow frozen to death Sunday, a bottle of whiskey beside her. Her home was only fifty yards from where she was found.

A widow in Zaesville, named Sarah Clark, gave birth to a child on Sunday, and being without fire and coal, her babe was frozen to death before aid reached her.

Atlanta Takes a Skate.

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 7.—There is skating in Atlanta for the first time in twenty years. One thousand pounds of ice have been cut and packed here. It is the first time such a thing has ever known. The great suffering among the poor. The city is relieving the suffering.

Burned to Death.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—Clara Potts a domestic servant was burned to death this morning. She returned home during the night, intoxicated, and while smoking in bed she set her clothing on fire and burned to a crisp.

Shorter Telegrams.

The snow blockade has been effectually removed at Buffalo, and all trains are running regularly.

The public schools at Mitchell, Indiana, have been closed, on account of the prevalence of the scarlet fever.

In the Charter oak conspiracy suit, at Hartford, Connecticut, to-day, the jury returned a verdict of acquittal, after being out three hours.

Alexander Murdock, of the firm of Alexander Murdock & Co., the oldest dry goods store in Baltimore, died of heart disease in his counting-room to-day.

Lima advices to December 18th, state that the President of Peru formed a new Cabinet. The trial of Don Manuel Parado, the assassin, continued with considerable delay. Many arrests had been made; among them was that of Dr. Ampuero, a former prefect of Callao.

Panama advices up the 28th ult., state that the city was in a state of excitement on the night of the 27th ult., in consequence of the rumors of an attempted revolution. In whose interest and against what party the attempt was to be made, was not known. The order was restored. A meeting of the citizens was called to be held in the Government house on the 28th ult., to consider what is to be done to preserve the peace, and continue the functions of the Government. No further tidings of the action taken had been received up to the time of the sailing of the steamer.

Railway Mortality.

Statistics of railway mortality for 1878 present some frightful figures, of course for though we have been encouraged to think that times were bettering, the overloaded railroads, built at high prices, and in many cases with enormously excessive capitalization, could not catch the friendly breeze in time to save themselves. The tables prepared by the Railway Age of Chicago, place the number of roads sold under foreclosure during the year at 48, with a length of 3,902 miles, and a nominal capital of \$311,631,200, a little less than half of which was stock. As this, by the process of sale, is almost always "wiped out" entirely, while usually the bonded debt is scaled also, virtually, if not nominally, it may be considered that the amount written off the nation's books, in the profit and loss account of the year, includes at least a hundred and seventy-five millions of dollars' worth of railroad property.

There is a breed of cats in Holland having exceptionally beautiful fur, which tradition asserts is due to an exclusive fish diet. Their fur is sold in London as genet, although real genet from Africa is rare on the market. Here we have plenty of fish and an apparently large fishery, but by all means, then let us have some Wilmington genet.

LATEST MAILS.

ARMY REORGANIZATION.

A Counterblast to Burnside's Bill

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—A number of prominent army officers in this city have published in pamphlet form a mass of matter in opposition to the radical changes proposed by the Burnside committee bill in regard to the present organization of the staff corps is briefly stated, showing that it is the carefully considered work of Mr. Calhoun, Secretary of War in 1821, and Mr. Pointeclair, Secretary of War in 1838. The pamphlet next quotes, not only from Secretaries Crawford, Calhoun and McCrary in favor of the present system, but also from General Sherman's annual report for 1869 and from General Sheridan, McClellan, Hancock, Pope, Franklin, Meade, Thomas, Ferry, Kautz, Crittenden and Getty, all of whom have expressed themselves impartially in favor of the present system of a sub-division of staff duties into departments under corps of trained specialists.

The pamphlet also contains a letter from Colonel Walter H. Taylor, late Adjutant General of the Army of Northern Virginia, under Lee, dated Norfolk, December 28, 1878, who says:—

"I do not hesitate to say that in my opinion the disorganization of the several staff departments of the army would tend greatly to impair the efficiency of the service. The fact should never be overlooked that the theory upon which our military establishment is organized and conducted involves the reliance of the country in the event of war, in then, most important to have experienced and tried organized staff departments in time of peace to render the army of volunteers efficient in the event of war. An officer of the line assigned occasionally and for a short period to service in the several staff departments could not acquire that degree of efficiency in any one to enable him to act intelligently when the occasion should arise for conducting matters on a war basis. Education and actual experience are essential factors in the making of a good quartermaster or commissary as is the study of law or medicine, followed by long practice, to the making of a good lawyer or doctor.

Nor do I think there would result any real economy in the change proposed. Every inexperienced man assigned to the performance of new duties must acquire his experience at a certain cost or loss, and an interchangeable system would be attended, in my judgment, with large items of loss, without a corresponding degree of experience or efficiency."

A statement has also been prepared for circulation in the army, showing that the Burnside bill, if enacted, will not only greatly reduce the number of staff and line officers, but will practically put a stop to promotions of line officers during a number of years. It is shown that company officers of the line will lose their rank, and that much promotion by the abolition of the field offices in the staff corps (vacancies in the lower grades of which are almost invariably filled by appointments from the line) as they would by the abolition of the number of line officers; and it also predicted that the practical operation of the proposed "reserved list" will be to transfer staff officers from that list to vacancies occurring in the line.

NOTES NORTH CAROLINIAN.

The Oxford Baptist church has a new organ.

Turner Pulley cut his head by a fall in Raleigh.

The little village of Sassafras Fork, Granville county, boasts of considerable improvements.

Mr. Thomas, foreman of the Oxford Turnpike, got one of his fingers crushed in a job press.

Forty-six dollars was collected in Monroe as a Christmas present for the Orphan Asylum, besides some goods.

On account of the death of Mrs. Burwell, says the News, the exercises at Peace Institute, Raleigh, will not be resumed until the 10th.

Suddenly, on Sunday morning, in Raleigh, died Mrs. John B. Burwell, of inflammation of the stomach. Funeral from the Presbyterian church.

Sheriff Watkins, of Montgomery, settled with the Treasurer Monday, for \$3,301.17, taxes, and Sheriff Green, of Harnett, for \$3,503.99, taxes.

The Goldsboro Messenger too condemns the Board of Pardoners project. Sensibly it calls for the restoration of the whipping post. Unquestionably that is the best board of pardoners.

The Free Lance calls attention to the singular fact that the Democratic candidates in Granville county in the late election were all Masons, and that all the churches were represented.

Supreme Court met on Monday, present Chief Justice Smith and Justice Dillard. Judge Ashe is sick. No business except examinations for license, which were continued until yesterday. There were 31 in the class.

Oxford Free Lance: We understand that the Rev. Mr. Shields, of Winona, Miss., has been called to the rectorship of the church of Holy Innocents, Henderson, N. C. It is not yet learned if he has accepted the call.

As, owing to the conflict of authority between the old board of commissioners and the justices there was no law levy in Granville last year, the Legislature it would appear would have to take some action to legitimate a levy now.

The Convention of Northern settlers will meet in the Opera House, Charlotte, on the 15th. Mr. Dumont expects a hundred delegates, most of them from North Carolina, but a good representation from Georgia and Virginia.

Raleigh News, yesterday: At 3:15 a. m., alarm from 3d District. Fire caught in store of Lewis & Jones, Hillsboro street, near R. R. bridge. Was burned, also, Bush Jolley's store, and the residences of Mr. E. W. Best and Mrs. Drake, near by. No water. The old story.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

A brother of the proprietor of the Baltimore Sun is dead.

Mr. Charles B. Coole, for many years one of the editors of the Virginian, Abington, Va., is dead.

McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, is a very shy man, who does not talk much. His paper talks a great deal and says in the least shy.

William Lloyd Garrison has written a letter demanding that the bloody shirt be made the great issue in the next presidential campaign.

A daughter of Governor Hampton is expected to create quite a sensation at Washington at an early day. She is said to be very beautiful.

Congressman Hendrick B. Wright, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., stood in his porch on New Year's morning and superintended the distribution of 1,000 loaves of bread to the poor of the town.

George Sharswood, one of the most learned jurists of this county, has just been qualified as Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, vice Daniel Agnew, retired. James P. Sterritt becomes a member of the Supreme Court.

General H. B. Banning, it is announced by the Cincinnati Commercial, has decided to present himself to the people of Ohio for Governor, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention.

Of the inequality of things without an international copyright, a World letter writer from Boston observes: "Mr. Howells' charming 'Lady of Arrostook', at a dollar and a half (soon to appear), and 'Jean Teterol's' Idea,' by M. Cherubiz, at a time, have rather an unequal contest."

Cork really turned a cold shoulder on Grant. The Town Council decided that it could not receive him. The ground for this action was that he was not a friend of Ireland and was an enemy of the Catholic religion.

SUNLIGHT.

Davenport, Iowa, shipped 56,000 bushels of onions last year. Hence these tears.

Of the ten centenarians who died in Philadelphia last year, nine were women.

The French appropriation for fine arts is unusually liberal this year.

A bill for the reclamation of the Roman Campagna is now before the Italian Chamber.

Danbury News: Mr. Joaquin Miller announces through the press that the young lady to whom he is attached, entitled Merida, is standing forever under a fir tree, but fails to say how the fir tree is.

Valentine Zimmer, a young man who shot Emma Schip three times—twice in the face and once in the shoulder—as she was coming from a ball in Philadelphia in October last, plead guilty Friday, and was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to an imprisonment six years and ten months.

William Wacherle says that he is alive and his wife says that he is dead. There is a paid up insurance policy of \$7,000 on his life, which fact is supposed to influence Mrs. Wacherle's course. Wacherle used to live in Carver, Minn., where he was a foreman in a machine shop. His wife induced him to get into life insurance, and he soon got the idea that she was in a hurry for him to die, so he came to New York and wandered about the country for many years. Recently he returned to his old home, and learned that his wife had accumulated alleged evidences of his death. She refuses to admit his identity, and demands the \$7,000.

Restored to Life.

Joplin (Mo.) Daily Herald.

From a lady who arrived at the St. James Hotel, Saturday from the central portion of Arkansas we learn the particulars of an affair which possesses many features of interest and to the medical profession in particular. The lady left her home at the beginning of the present cold snap, with the intention of coming to Joplin, and there being no other conveyance was compelled to make the entire trip by stage. The only passenger in the stage with her was a man very thinly clad. While crossing the Boston Mountains he complained very much of the cold; and in fact the weather was remarkably cold, even for the top of those mountains. After a while he apparently fell asleep. Arriving at the station on the north side of the mountains the driver attempted to awaken the passenger, but to his horror found him frozen stiff and apparently dead. He was taken out of the back and placed in a room, which was rather cold, though not so low as the freezing point by several degrees. The lady remained at the station until next day, and just as she was preparing to resume her journey, was surprised to learn that signs of life had been detected in the supposed dead man, who was to have been placed in a room of the hotel. True enough, signs barely that afternoon. True enough, signs of life were plain to be observed, and by lively rubbed with flannels saturated with whiskey for about an hour he was able to speak. When the lady left, he was fast recovering from his stupor, and she had no doubt by this time he has fully recovered. Had he continued in that condition three hours longer he would doubtless have been buried, as all thought of life would have been taken out of the back and placed in a room, which was rather cold, though not so low as the freezing point by several degrees. 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