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THE NEWS.

Contracts have been signed for the electrical equipment of two hundred miles of road in the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. —David Alexander, Bishop Whitaker's assistant, has been declared insane. —Jake Stapler, a negro, ravished the wife of Farmer Rufe Lewis, who lives about twelve miles from Knoxville, Tenn. —John Wall's body was found in a flume at Hootch Falls, N. J. He had been missing four days. —The nineteen-year-old son of Henry Moore, of Dover, Del., was burnt to death while suffering with an epileptic fit. —Willis T. Case, of the firm of N. C. Case & Sons, of Syracuse, N. Y., was arrested on the charge of forgery. —The American Cottonseed Oil Trust has increased its capital stock from twenty to thirty million dollars. —Mrs. Giles Collins and daughter were arrested in McKeesport, Pa., for shoplifting. —The Virginia bill for the inspection of fresh meat slaughtered over one hundred miles from the State has become a law. —Mrs. Ida Walker, a passenger on the steamer British Princess, committed suicide at sea. —William Taylor's body at Phillipsburg, N. J., was wrecked, and Mr. Taylor's wife and children seriously injured, by the explosion of dynamite cartridges in a stove. —Thomas Kavanagh, accused of being implicated in attempts to bribe Cronin jurors, has been acquitted. —Grant L. Davis, a commercial traveler, was drowned in the Osa-on Outlet, N. Y. —The labor trouble in Woburn, Mass., has been settled. —Charles Vali, of St. Charles, Mo., is charged with the murder of his wife, Fannie. —John Wylie, who was charged by murderer Hawes, with killing Mrs. Emma Hawes, was, after a hearing, discharged. —The Iowa deadlock has finally ended, both sides agreeing to the compromise. —The President was given a hearty welcome in Pittsburgh.

At a ball at Harman, Oregon, Zeb Decker, in a fit of jealous rage, because his brother took his wife to supper, shot and killed him. —Christopher Lathan Shotes, one of the early settlers of Wisconsin, and the inventor of the typewriter, died in Milwaukee. —Marcus Marx, member of a wholesale clothing firm in Chicago, was fatally injured by falling down an elevator shaft six stories. —Owing to paralysis of the throat, Samuel L. Bayless, of Fort Wayne, Ind., is slowly starving to death. —The Chicago police captured a couple of spiritualists, on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. —The National Starch Manufacturing Company, comprising starch manufacturers in all parts of the country, has been incorporated in Covington, Ky. —The Manufacturers' Association at Woburn, Mass., has decided to close every leather factory represented in the association, enforcing the idleness of 1,500 men, unless the strikers at Briggs & Cabb's factory return to work. —The biennial convention of the Sons of Benjamin is being held in Cleveland. —In the burning of Henry Fritz's confectionery store and residence at Newark, N. J., Mrs. Mary Brown, aged twenty-two years, lost her life. —Mrs. Rebecca Taylor, the mother of the late Bayard Taylor, the author, died at her home in K. street, New York. —Black Brothers' tobacco factory at Wheeling, Va., was seized by United States revenue officers, the firm being charged with issuing overweight packages. —Dr. W. G. Thomas, a prominent North Carolina physician, aged a twenty-two years, died of diphtheria in Wilmington, N. C. —A man giving the name of J. B. Kelly, but supposed to be Smith, the friend of Dan Coughlin, who drove the buggy in which Dr. Cronin was conveyed to the Carlson cottage, in Chicago, to be murdered, has been arrested in St. Louis. —A nineteen-year-old youth named Booth killed Rev. Michael Whisman at Compton, Ky.

Fire at Hummelstown, Pa., destroyed Cassel's tannery, warehouse and other buildings; loss \$15,000. —C. L. Hammit, of Pineville, Va., dropped dead in a hotel at Roanoke. —The Lincoln (Pa.) National Bank, which was plundered by Cashier Bard and F. W. Hull, has closed its doors, and it is reported that the defalcation is much larger than the first estimate, which placed the amount at between \$30,000 and \$40,000. —A freight train jumped the track at pounding Mill, Tazewell county, Va., the locomotive and five cars wrecked, and Capt. R. D. Peck, Engineer Samuel Clowers and a brakeman killed. —Seventeen citizens of Sharon, Ga., were arrested by United States officers, charged with intimidating E. L. Duckworth, the newly appointed postmaster of the town. —George H. Bradford, a prominent citizen of Boston, while riding horseback, was run down by an electric car, and both horse and rider were instantly killed. —The first shipment of iron from Sheffield, Ala., to Pittsburgh, Pa., by large, via the Tennessee and Ohio rivers, was appropriately celebrated at Sheffield. —A contest over the will of Malby G. Lane, of New York, was begun by his daughter and grandchildren, the estate being valued at one million dollars. —A broker and a lawyer punched each other's noses, and created a lively scene in the New York Customhouse. —Samuel H. Knight, paymaster of the Chicago and Alton Railroad, died in St. Louis. —John Campbell of N. town, Ct., was whipped by masked men for beating his wife. —After a year of total abstinence of the liquor traffic in Plainfield, N. J., the City Council at one meeting granted a license to a saloon. —Napoleon Laval shot and fatally wounded his wife, from whom he had been separated for some time; and also her niece, B. Feldmann, at Charleston, S. C. —The President has issued a proclamation directing the removal of all cattle from grazing upon the Cherokee Outlet, in the Northern part of Indian Territory. —Secretary Tracy has recovered sufficiently to attend to business. —Advices from China, via San Francisco, report the loss of a steamer with four hundred Chinese passengers in a typhoon on the China Sea. —Floods in Northern Queensland have caused serious loss to life and property.

ELLISON MOUNTS HANGED

Suffering the Penalty for His Part in the McCoy Murders.

The Condemned Man Says the Hatfield Gang Forced Him to Commit the Terrible Deed.

Ellison Mounts was hanged at Pikeville, Ky., for participating in the murder of Miss Alafair McCoy and her brother. The condemned man was cool to the last, and as the black cap was pulled over his face he declared that the Hatfield gang forced him to engage in the murder. The drop fell at 12:37 o'clock.

The execution was practically public. The scaffold was erected in the suburbs of the town in a valley overlooked by the graveyard. A small board fence was built around the instrument of death, more to avoid the law prohibiting public hanging than to prevent the multitude from witnessing the proceedings.

In view of the threats made by Mount's friends to rescue him the greatest care was observed in preventing such an arrangement. The jail was closely guarded and the town was surrounded by armed pickets.

Mounts did not close his eyes during his last night on earth. His attorneys were hopeful for a reprieve, but not so with the condemned man.

While the death warrant was being read in the jail the prisoner appeared utterly indifferent, quietly smoking a cigar. When the hour arrived for the trip to the scaffold the officers began to arm themselves. Two dogs were composed the guard. Each was armed with a revolver and a Winchester. It was a determined looking posse.

The prisoner took his seat on a coffin in a wagon. The guards surrounded the vehicle and the death march commenced. Only a few minutes elapsed after reaching the scaffold before the execution occurred. Death was instantaneous.

After the execution the officers discovered a plot which, if successful, would have resulted in the escape of the prisoner and the probable death of a number of the guards of the jail. Through the confusion of the jail cook the discovery was made. The Hatfield gang, with whom Mounts was connected at the time, planned the affair. The Hatfield had paid the cook \$200 to place a drug in the food of the jail guards.

The cook was told that the drug which was given her was merely to make the guards go to sleep. She became suspicious and concluded to try the effects of the preparation on the jail cat. The result was the instant death of the animal in terrible agony. She then became alarmed and re-used to put the poison into the food. She did not communicate her intentions, however, to the outlaws, and they were gathered near the jail to await the signal which would indicate that all the guards were sick with it.

Had this wholesale attempt at murder been successful, not only the prisoners in the jail would have been killed, but also the Sheriff's family and the posse. The drug was found to be strychnine. The cook was immediately arrested. All the outlaw gang have fled to the mountains of West Virginia, where it is said death for officers who to low them.

The Sheriff is having the necessary papers arranged to cure requisitions for the would-be murderers, and every effort will be made to bring them to justice. Should they be brought back here, the present intense excitement, every one of them would be instantly mobbed, as the people are crazy with indignation.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Horrible Fate of a Young Woman in a Burning Building.

A terrible tragedy occurred at a fire at Newark, N. J., the other morning.

At 5:30 o'clock fire was discovered in the basement of Henry Fritz's confectionery, and before the firemen arrived was beyond control.

All attention was turned to the saving of the inmates, and it was supposed that everyone was out of the blazing building, when suddenly, amid the crackling of the flames, a terrible cry which arose above all other noise, came from out of the burning mass.

At the same time an agonized face was seen to press against the pane of one of the upper windows.

Another cry rent the air, the window broke, and the head and upper portion of the body pressed against the sash for a moment, and then, exhausted and stifled, the fated girl toppled back into the flames.

Several firemen dashed up the burning stairs without waiting for orders. The flames had now burst from the window where the girl had been seen, and licked and lapped the side of the house. The great crowd waited in breathless anticipation of the brave fellows' fate. A few moments of suspense and they were seen descending to the street, bearing in their arms a figure about which what remained of a white night-gown had been wrapped.

A shout of rejoicing went up, which was instantly hushed as the fireman laid down their burden and it was found that the woman was dead.

The body was that of Mrs. Mary Burns, a handsome young woman, 22 years of age, who came to visit her sister, Mrs. Jack on.

The firemen found her lying upon the stairs leading from the third floor of the house, where she had dragged herself after her momentary appearance at the window and her prostration by the smoke. She must have made a brave fight for life, as the stairs was quite a little distance from the window.

Fireman Harry Durman, who had assisted in bringing the body to the street, was badly injured by falling beam, and it was found necessary to remove him to his home in an ambulance.

HIS FATHER'S SLAYER.

A Southern Sheriff's Trying Ordeal—Danger of Lynching.

It is not often that the issue between duty and a desire for revenge is drawn so sharply as it was in the mind of Sheriff Hood, of Chester county, S. C. His aged father, John Hood, was shot down and murdered on a side street of Chester. His body was discovered and a colored man named Green Brown was arrested on suspicion of the crime. There was strong circumstantial evidence against him, and the old gentleman's relatives and neighbors generally proposed to lynch him forthwith.

SOUTHERN ITEMS.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILED FROM MANY SOURCES.

—The Granville Farmers' Alliance warehouse has been incorporated at Oxford, N. C., with a capital of \$10,000.

—David Cable, of Stanley county, N. C., is the father of 32 children, of whom 23 are now living; 14 boys and 11 girls.

—Jasper S. Sheely, of Greensboro, Md., had three of his ribs broken by a well directed blow from the hind legs of his horse.

—The liquor men of Frostburg, Md., are much excited regarding the proposed local option movement, and a secret meeting was held to frustrate the design.

—The Seaboard and Roanoke, and the Atlantic and Danville Railroad Companies, will join in erecting a union depot as soon as the preliminaries can be arranged.

—A negro by the name of Enoch made a bet in Lincoln county, W. Va., that he could drink a quart of whiskey in fifteen minutes. He did it, but was buried on Thursday.

—A desperate encounter between a large bald eagle and two dogs took place near Docton, Md., in which the bird came off victorious. The fight was for a piece of fresh beef.

—A mad dog made its appearance in Elk Neck, Md., and before it was killed had succeeded in biting a calf and a large number of dogs, several of which were immediately killed.

—The longest train on record on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was hauled last week by one engine. It contained ninety-seven freight cars, and was just a mile in length.

—The famous belled buzzard has been observed by several parties in the vicinity of Greensboro, Md., and Mr. Thomas saw him sitting on the fence in his garden one day recently.

—The St. George and Parsons Telephone Company will extend its lines to Hendricks. The West Virginia Central Railway Company has given them the privilege of using its telegraph poles.

—While Charles E. Carbaugh, of Uniontown, Md., was turning a pulley for a mill shaft, the piece of wood split, and a portion struck him below the eye, cutting his cheek and splitting the nose.

—Four prisoners escaped from the Durham, N. C., jail a few days ago. The escape was made by picking a large hole through the wall underneath the rear window. No captures have so far been made.

—The chamber of commerce of Wilmington, N. C., have decided to hold a grand "bait" in May or June, to celebrate the completion of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad to that city.

—John P. Davis, a white man who was convicted at Pittsburg, N. C., of murder, last November, of John A. Horton, his employer and roommate, was sentenced to be hanged on Friday, March 28th, at Pittsburg.

—By a collision between a heavily loaded special train and a regular passenger train on the Alabama and Great Southern Railroad, near Coaling, Ala., an engineer was killed and a number of passengers injured.

—It is estimated that there will be a very large falling off in the use of commercial fertilizers in the eastern counties of North Carolina this year as there will be a considerable reduction in the average of land under cultivation.

—Mrs. Virginia Morrison, of Hagerstown, Md., possesses a finger-ring that was made in a present to her grandmother at Annapolis one hundred and four years ago. The ring is of gold, the setting being formed in the shape of a collar.

—The superstructure of the new street bridge at Wheeling, W. Va., arrived after a long delay on the road, and a gang of men are busily engaged in putting it in position. The stone work has been completed for several weeks past.

—A street quarrel took place at Taylorsville, W. Va., between B. H. How and a man named Martin, during which the latter drew a knife and gashed How's leg, making a dangerous wound. Martin managed to make his escape, and has since eluded capture.

—The citizens of Franklin county Va., will soon be called upon to vote on the proposition to subscribe \$75,000 to the capital stock of the Roanoke and Southern Railroad and it is thought that it will be carried by a good majority.

—The citizens of Lynchburg, Va., were startled by a blinding flash of lightning, accompanied by a terrific peal of thunder, shattering several hundred windows of light glass. Many persons thought it was an earthquake or an explosion, the shock was so violent.

—A number of companies who have heretofore been selling fertilizers in North Carolina have formed themselves into a pool to institute action to test the constitutionality of the law in force in that State, which now pays an annual tax of \$500 each.

—A number of prominent northern capitalists have arrived in Greensboro, N. C., on business connected with the Bessemer iron furnaces. Extensive purchases of property have been made and the plant will be rapidly pushed to full operation.

—A joint stock company is being organized under a recent act of the legislature, for the purpose of rebuilding the bridges over the two branches of the Shenandoah river, at Riverport, Warren county, Va. These bridges were burned during the war and have never been rebuilt.

—Henry Williams, colored, a notorious thief of Fairfax county Va., was taken from his house by "White Caps," a few nights ago and severely whipped. He was taken to leave the neighborhood which he did.

—The teachers in the Washington county, Md., public schools are alarmed at the proposition to close the schools on the 31st inst., on account of the debt of the commissioners, which would be liquidated if the teachers' salaries would be topped for the balance of the school year.

—The Cincinnati Southern freight trains Nos. 11 and 15 collided at Melville, Tenn., seventeen miles from Chattanooga. Engineer H. Crow, of train 15, and Brakeman William Gray, of train 11, were killed. The collision was caused by the negligence of the flagman, who failed to flag No. 11.

—A large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of Durham, N. C., was held in the interest of a cotton yarn factory. A letter was read from a prominent northern capitalist, offering to take \$5,000 worth of stock, and will put the goods on the market as soon as they are made. This will be supplemented by other subscriptions, and the scheme will, in all probability, be a success.

—An old gentleman named White, keeper of the drawbridge at Bennett's creek, Nansemond county, Va., has been missing for about three weeks. Mr. White was paid twenty three dollars and started for home, but never reached his destination, and it is supposed that he was robbed and murdered and his body concealed.

—While a young man, a son of Mr. Thos. Cullom, living near Gaston, N. C., was cutting wood, a ship or stick flew up and struck him in the eye, with such force as to knock him down. Dr. A. R. Zollinger being called in, relieved the man of the intense pain he was suffering, but found the eyesight permanently ruined.

TEMPERANCE CRUSADE.

Trouble Threatened in the Town of Lathrop, Mo.

Men with Political Grudges and Spites Behind the Women—Warrants of Arrests to be Issued.

A Lathrop, Mo., special says: "While the results of the temperance crusade that made such a furore in this little village have been spread broadcast, the truth of the matter has not yet been published. Men with political grudges and petty spites have hidden behind petticoats and the world has heard only of a woman's crusade, whereas, as a matter of fact, masculine enmity and local politics inspired the whole affair. Nearly fifty of the best women in the town are liable to be called before the Grand Jury to answer a charge of trespass and riotous conduct."

"Their social rank will not save them, as the next Grand Jury will be drawn by officials who are terribly incensed at the recent outbreak, and the law will be invoked in aid of injured parties regardless of morals or equity. But it is feared that this will not end the matter. There will be bloodshed here yet," remarked one gentleman. "Just as soon as Prosecuting Attorney Cross issues the warrants fun will commence, and any attempt to place one of those people under arrest will meet with a resistance that will terminate in a riot. There are a large number of men connected with the temperance people who will kill any man who attempts to serve a warrant on their wives or daughters, and who have already made threats to that effect."

"John A. Cross, the Prosecuting Attorney, told the following story: 'The mistaken impression has gone abroad that this was a woman's crusade, when it was really started and engineered by men, and during all the disturbance there was present a man for every woman.'"

"There were present, and actively engaged in the disturbance, J. T. Carmichael, a Baptist minister; Jacob Bohart, Sr., Dr. Munty, who had an axe and wanted to smash the billiard table; Editor McKee, of the Lathrop Monitor; B. F. Cochran, an ex-saloonkeeper; E. G. Kinney, a former Grand Jurymen, who never summoned any witnesses and never indicted a man; Chas. P. Jones, Cashier of the Lathrop Bank, and 30 others. It has been charged that the city officials were responsible for allowing all of these saloons to run, when, in fact, there is no law that can prevent it, as has been proven by a case in the Supreme Court, the Local Option law being declared null and void. Then, again, there is no Council to prevent it."

The crusaders offer the following as having formed the basis for their actions: "The immediate cause of the outbreak was a stabbing affray January 27 last, when John L. Brooks was severely cut by Abe Scruggs, a farmer, while both were intoxicated. Mr. Brooks, the wife of the man who was stabbed is perhaps more directly responsible for the outbreak than any one person. She remarked to a neighbor that if she had anyone to help her she would break into every saloon in town and pour the liquor into the street. That neighbor replied, 'I will go with you and can get twenty-five other women to go.' It was then that a public meeting was called and it was decided to circulate a paper asking the women of Lathrop to pledge themselves to exclude the liquor traffic from their town. The women gathered together at the Opera House and, headed by Rev. Mr. Carmichael, marched down the street. When the women reached Ward's saloon they stopped on finding the door locked and a crowd gathered inside. They were ashamed to back out. They went wild, and smashed the glass in the door, unlocked and went in. The crowd in the saloon had partially vanished, but Ward, the proprietor, stood guard. He was swept from the field, and the door which separated the bar room from the billiard room was burst open."

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TEMPERANCE CRUSADE.

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A Lathrop, Mo., special says: "While the results of the temperance crusade that made such a furore in this little village have been spread broadcast, the truth of the matter has not yet been published. Men with political grudges and petty spites have hidden behind petticoats and the world has heard only of a woman's crusade, whereas, as a matter of fact, masculine enmity and local politics inspired the whole affair. Nearly fifty of the best women in the town are liable to be called before the Grand Jury to answer a charge of trespass and riotous conduct."

"Their social rank will not save them, as the next Grand Jury will be drawn by officials who are terribly incensed at the recent outbreak, and the law will be invoked in aid of injured parties regardless of morals or equity. But it is feared that this will not end the matter. There will be bloodshed here yet," remarked one gentleman. "Just as soon as Prosecuting Attorney Cross issues the warrants fun will commence, and any attempt to place one of those people under arrest will meet with a resistance that will terminate in a riot. There are a large number of men connected with the temperance people who will kill any man who attempts to serve a warrant on their wives or daughters, and who have already made threats to that effect."

"John A. Cross, the Prosecuting Attorney, told the following story: 'The mistaken impression has gone abroad that this was a woman's crusade,