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CURRENT TOPICS.

BUFFALO BILL'S wife has applied for a divorce. She bathes by moonlight or starlight in an outhouse.

SENATOR RUDOLPH once fought two ducks in one day.

In the Mexican church choir no woman is allowed to sing.

There are 1,400,000,000 cigarettes smoked in this country annually.

They are raising peaches, ten inches in circumference at Bentonville, Ark.

The top crop of the Mohawk Valley, N. Y., is said never to be finer in quality.

All the Vanderbilt roads will do away with the deadly car stove this winter.

The Pacific Railway Commission will sit in New York from September 30 to October 1.

American wind-mills are helping Egypt's grain growers to compete with Western farmers.

A little child near Charlotte, Mich., fell into a milk can head first and was drowned.

CONTRACTED two-dollar silver certificates are giving considerable trouble in New Jersey.

In Milan, they have no sidewalks; but the entire street is paved smoothly from house to house.

The people of this country spend \$22,000,000 a year for silks. Less than half of it is woven here.

Vacuum rumors are in the social breeze about a coming marriage of a Duke to an "American girl."

The great Tower of Babel which is to distinguish the French Exhibition of 1889 is gradually rising.

MARK TWAIN, the richest humorist in the world, is an inveterate smoker and an unerring billiard player.

EMPLOYEES of the Pennsylvania railroad are to organize independent assemblies of the Knights of Labor.

It is said that Flood and Mackay lost \$5,000,000 in the recent attempted wheat cover in San Francisco.

GENERAL BLACK, the Pension Commissioner, draws the largest pension enjoyed by any soldier—\$25 a week.

An O'Neil (Neb.) girl fell out of a second-story window on her rubber boots.

It is said of Russell Sage that he can command \$50,000,000 in cash in half an hour any time during business hours.

There is still another railroad danger that must go along with the car stove and the wooden bridge—the grade crossing.

An Esquimaux (Cal.) paper speaks of managery as so plentiful in that section that it would be the cheapest kind of fuel for domestic use.

J. E. HERMAN, of Cape Charles, Va., has raised \$100,000 worth of hake from fifty acres, or \$200 per acre. His net profit is \$15,000, or \$300 per acre.

This public debt has been reduced at the average rate of \$10,700,975 each year, \$174,130 each day, and \$10.47 for every minute of the last twenty-two years.

At Seymour, Conn., the other day, a man was found dead in the woods with a child playing beside the dead body, but too young to convey any information.

When a horse with the cognomen of Laggard wins a \$10,000 purse, the eternal unfitness of things on this mundane sphere receives another striking illustration.

A SOLDIER had young huss been having loving letters to his daughter of Jay Gould, and her brother explains to a reporter that the writer has never seen the young lady.

MILLIONAIRE MARRIOTT, of California, has received the cross of the Legion of Honor from the French Government for making Havana the terminus of his Atlantic cable.

MRS. ROGERS is the cattle queen of Texas, said to be worth \$1,000,000. Her husband is a preacher, and Mrs. Rogers looks after the business end of the establishment.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND's invitation to Pittsburgh is to be engraved on a steel plate, which is to be rolled until it is only three thousandths of an inch in thickness and can be rolled together in the form of a scroll.

WHITMAN BAKER, of Philadelphia, is at the head of the American syndicate which has just secured such extensive concessions in China for banking, building, railroads, telegraphs and telephones, development, etc.

The diploma of Prof. Baird before completing his sixty-fifth year shows that men of science do not always understand the science of life. A man of his powerful physique and great abilities should have lived at least eighty years.

Now to be outdone by Yan Hon Lee, the Chinaman, so Kichi Takomini, a Japanese nobleman, has just married Miss Carrie Ellick, a beautiful Creole belle of New Orleans. There seems to be no limit to the enterprise of American girls.

A PHOTOGRAPH, said to be one of the largest in the world, has been taken of the United States Treasury building at Washington. It measures seven feet by four and is to be presented to ex-Secretary of the Treasury, Daniel E. Manning.

The real estate craze in Southern California has even demoralized the doctors. In writing a prescription recently one of them added this direction: "Take one-third down and the remainder in one and two days, secured by mortgage."

FIFTEEN thousand people assembled at City Point, Boston, the other day, to witness a series of swimming matches between dogs. The contestants swam from a barge anchored about half a mile off shore to a point within a short distance of land.

Dr. SEYMOUR P. BAIRD, the deceased secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, is the author of more than 1,200 books, pamphlets and publications of various kinds.

HARRY EVANS, of the Shaker community at New Lebanon, Columbia County, N. Y., has just celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday. For fifty-five years he has abstained from eating fish and flesh.

The Mormons have a story that some Eastern physiologist has offered \$10,000 for John Taylor's head, and the tomb of the dead president will be jealously guarded in consequence.

A LAMBERTS (Mich.) man has a tame croquet which sings whenever called upon to do so. It is as irascible as a circus clown, and is almost tickled to death to receive any notice from its owner. It sings in staccato, swiffling tempo, and in a single key, but gets there just the same. The little insect furnishes no end of amusement by its evident intelligence and its willingness to display it.

CONQUERED.

Going Through the Trochocorous Rapids in a Boat.

Perilous Trip Made by the Inventor of a Craft Calculated to Rob Turbulent Seas of Their Terror.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 28.—C. A. Percy, a wagon-maker of Suspension Bridge, went through the Niagara rapids this afternoon in a life-saving apparatus resembling a life-boat. The trip was attended with much danger, chief of which was the likelihood of the craft being destroyed by sunken rocks. Large crowds along the banks of the gorge saw the experiment. Percy's invention is seventeen feet long and nearly five feet wide, is shaped like a surf-boat and covered with water-proof canvas. The keel is weighted with three hundred pounds of iron plate and strongly ribbed. The whole weight is nine hundred pounds. At each end is an air chamber six and a half feet long, and between them is another space four feet long, which can be utilized to carry passengers; provision is made for using oars. These chambers can be imperiously closed, and the only trouble seems to be the air supply. Percy claims that his invention is self-righting, self-bailing and perfectly safe in a heavy sea. His idea of testing it in the whirlpool and rapids was to demonstrate the quality and make money by exhibiting it subsequently in the gorge. The start was made from the old Maid of the Mist landing from which all the barrel navigators have left. Percy changed his attire, fixed up a drag consisting of a thirty-pound weight and a ten-foot line, and then rowed out toward the Canadian shore. The undercurrent had no effect on the drag. At half-past three, Percy pulled in his oars, and as the boat drifted rapidly toward the whirlpool rapids, entered the rear air chamber. At twenty-five minutes of four o'clock the boat passed under the bridge. It was tossed about in the big breakers, as the barrels had been, but behaved better. It was frequently out of sight, and was turned about by the counter currents, but never rolled over. As it neared the Whirlpool Rapids Percy put his head out, but drew it back in time to avoid the shock of the last breaker. This was the worst one of the lot, and Percy was almost driven into the mill in the torrent. Just before the craft went out of view for a moment, but turned up safely in the meadow. It did not circle around, but was carried toward the Canadian shore. Percy again emerged from the air chamber. He had been sufficiently shaken up, and seeing a chance to row ashore without encountering the Devil's Rapids, he did so, landing at Col's elevator twenty minutes after he had struck the first breaker. Only five minutes were spent in the rapids. Percy was one the worse for his trip.

Jeppa Pomeroy, the Boy Fiend.

BOSTON, Aug. 28.—Jeppa Pomeroy, the boy murderer, who has been in prison several years as a result of a series of horrible murders, has just confessed to a crime of which he was not suspected. He admits having decapitated a little boy named Horace Miller out on the South Boston marshes and cut his almost to pieces. Pomeroy had a mania for cutting people up. He was only fourteen years old at the time. A number of women have been trying to get the young fiend pardoned, but it is thought this confession will put a quietus on their efforts.

Thought He Had 'Em.

MARQUETTE, Mich., Aug. 28.—A mischievous workman named Poik, at the big mill at Oatquagen, placed a smaller snake upon the shoulder of a fellow workman named Hollis yesterday. The man was busy and the reptile made the ascent of his neck before he noticed that something was wrong. Then he reared his neck and moved his head and vibrating tongue of the snake within two inches of his nose, and with a yell of horror threw up his hands and rolled upon the floor in a dead faint, and is very low from the effect of the shock.

Death Sentence Commuted.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 28.—Governor Richardson has commuted the sentence of Ozy Cherry, the twenty-year-old colored girl, convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged in September, to imprisonment in the penitentiary for two years. The girl was convicted of killing a two-year-old white child by administering a dose of concentrated lye.

The Comet in the East.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 28.—Prof. Brooks, of the Red House Observatory, obtained a good observation this morning of the new comet recently discovered by him in the eastern heavens. The comet is now in Constellation Cancer, one degree east of the star Iota. It is moving less than one degree daily toward the sun and becoming brighter.

Squatters in Southwestern Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 28.—Settlers are rushing into Southwestern Missouri and squatting on the finest lands in the State that had been granted to the Iron Mountain railroad, which has been forfeited them by failure to observe its contracts with the Government.

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MEAT FAMINE THREATENED.

Beef to Go as High as When the Cow Jumped Over the Moon.

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—The Tribune this morning has a long article on the dressed beef market, and how it is profiting by the low price of cattle. It says it is summed in many quarters that a beef famine is not far away. Estimates as to the destruction of cattle in the Northwest last winter are that in Montana there were about 400,000 head, in Idaho about 100,000, in Wyoming about 200,000, in Colorado about 30,000, and 250,000 in all. During the summer on account of the excessive drought, it is estimated that the losses in the beef producing States, such as Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Missouri, Kansas and in New Mexico, Texas, Minnesota, Nebraska and Dakota, swell the total to 1,500,000 head of beefers. Many, however, assert that these figures are far too high. But this is not the main fact which indicates future famine. It is now known that from 50 to 75 per cent. less of calves were born this spring than is usual, owing to climatic causes, which must have its effect in time. To this must be added the fact that cattle producers have been rushing their surviving stock on the market at an unparalleled rate, and that from these and other causes many ranchmen are discouraged and going out of the business. Those who are opposed to this view argue that there are still 28,000,000 hogs and 13,000,000 mitch cows in the country. The bulk of these, however, enter into local consumption and use. A great uneasiness, such as never before characterized the cattle business, is manifest in business circles. The producer finds not a dollar of profit and more often heavy losses charged against his account. The market price has been low on account of the glut, for in Chicago alone over 300,000 head of cattle have been thrust on the market during the last thirty days.

EPIDEMIC AMONG FISH.

Banks of Streams in Illinois and Wisconsin Heaped With the Dead.

GALENA, Ill., Aug. 28.—Within the past two or three days the fish in many of the streams in this section have died by the million, and the few that are left are rapidly following suit. The banks of the Galena river and branches are lined with dead fish of all sizes and varieties from the tiny minnow to the mammoth cat and sturgeon. At Runcheon, Wis., a few miles from this place, dead fish are so numerous on the banks that the stench arising from them is almost unbearable. At Lancaster, Wis., the scene on the river bank beggars description, upward of fifty wagon loads of dead fish being in sight. There are numerous reports of the same kind in the case. One is that the recent rains have rilled the water with mud, so that the fish have been unable to breathe, and struggling to the surface for air, have died. Another is that during the dry, hot summer, the valleys and marshes above were filled with some poisonous growth, with the recent floods was carried into the streams and poisoned the water.

A Battle With Indians.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 28.—The Republican's Glenwood Springs special says: Bornstein, who lives about five miles below Keeler, is just in a battle with the Indians. Between Kendall's men and a band of Indians. Deputy Sheriff Jack Ward is killed and several are wounded. Several were so far as known, the fight was stopped by darkness and it is thought will certainly be resumed by daylight.

He Drove Into the Locomotive.

WESTPORT, Pa., Aug. 28.—A singular accident occurred on the railroad between here and Peaslee last night, resulting in the death of Wm. Walton, a well-known citizen of Westport. Walton was driving home, and it seems that on reaching the railroad his horse left the wagon road and started down the track. A train going in the opposite direction struck the horse and ground it to pieces under the locomotive. Walton's body was also fearfully mangled.

No White Pupils Need Apply.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 28.—In the Legislature today a resolution was passed taking away the \$1000 appropriated to the Atlanta University unless that institute will give the Governor satisfactory assurance that it will not accept white pupils. It is believed by a great many that this resolution will be passed by the Senate, and that the Glenn bill will not be put on its passage.

Marries an Indian Heiress.

PIERRE, Ark., Aug. 28.—Douglas F. Carlin, chief clerk at the Cheyenne Agency, was married today to Madeline Dugan, the wealthiest Indian heiress on the Sioux reservation. Carlin is closely connected with prominent army officers, and with the Carlines of Illinois. Over one thousand Indians witnessed the ceremonies, and the festivities will last three days.

Champion Swimmer.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 28.—Robert Magee, of Baltimore, won the long-distance swimming championship of America and a purse of \$800 yesterday by defeating Butler and Blackhurst in a ten-mile race in the Delaware river. Butler held the championship for two years. The time of the men was: Magee, 3:57; Butler, 3:10:10; Blackhurst, 3:25.

An Ambitious Celestial.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Moy Gong, a Chinaman and laundryman, has declared his intention before the Supreme Court of the District to become an American citizen. He declares that he is tired of washes, washes, and wants a Government office; either the position of an Indian agent or custom-house officer, would suit him.

Gladstone Seals.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Gladstone's resolution against the proclamation of the Irish National League was negatived to-night in the House of Commons by a vote of 272 to 154. Chamberlain, Collins and two other Unionists supported the minority.

The Innates Spared.

OWASSO, Mich., Aug. 28.—During a storm the house of W. G. Ketchum was struck by lightning and shattered in almost every part, without injuring any of the inmates, who were eating supper, though all felt the shock. Every picture in the house was destroyed.

Drill Driven Through Its Body.

FLEMINGTOWN, Va., Aug. 28.—While George Evers, a miner, was preparing a blast, the powder ignited by friction, and the drill with which he was pounding the charge was driven through his body.

MINERS' PERILS.

Three Hundred of Them Caught in a Shaft.

Into Which a Lake Suddenly Pours Its Waters—Luckily All Escape.

NANTUCKET, Pa., Aug. 25.—Terrible excitement was caused this morning in the fatal No. 1 shaft at this place by the breaking away of earth barriers that separated a worked out portion of the colliery from the chambers where mining is in progress, and the sudden precipitation of a large body of water into a gangway where over three hundred miners were at work. For a long time past a huge subterranean reservoir had been forming, containing millions of gallons of water. This underground lake was 570 feet below the surface. The chamber where the men were at work was 150 feet further down, and about the same distance from the mined galleries. The first intimation of the danger was the noise of water flooded was the sudden appearance of water in the chambers. As it increased in depth many hurriedly quit work and rushed to the bottom of the shaft. By this time a regular exodus from all parts of the colliery set in, the miners wading through water breast high, before the last of them got out. The work of rescuing the men was proceeded with promptly, the steam-carriage taking up twenty at a time. All sorts of rumors were set afloat, and the mouth of the mine was crowded with anxious women and children, exhibiting the usual panic and frantic demonstrations. Luckily, all were taken out safely. Ninety mines perished. Work will be suspended for an indefinite period, as the water is still running in. Had the earth fissure been wide enough to admit the whole volume of water at once not a man would have been saved.

PLUCKY DEED.

Of a Handsome Kentucky Woman in South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 25.—Information received here is to the effect that a few days ago the Assistant Superintendent and Roadmaster of the Northwestern Railroad, accompanied by the sheriff of Williamsburg County, with a material train and force of hands, proceeded up a tram road owned by T. C. Willoughby, a large planter, lumberman and manufacturer, and began at the extreme end of the road, tearing up and loading the rails which were owned to Mr. Willoughby and about which there had been a dispute. Mr. Willoughby was absent in Philadelphia. In the evening when the train was loaded and ready to run on the main track Mrs. Willoughby, a handsome Kentucky woman, took a position on the road in front of the engine and refused to allow the train to pass out. A sofa and rocking chair were there, and she "held the fort" all night, and declared she would remain there until her husband returned. The railroad attorney arrived and attempted, unsuccessfully, to make the woman vacate. Mrs. Willoughby employed a lawyer, but no settlement could be arrived at. On the evening of the second day the railroad attorney ordered the train to run out at any cost. Mrs. Willoughby had armed herself with a sixteen shooting rifle, and as the train came down upon her, instead of moving, she covered the engineer with a rifle, and ordered him to stop the train. She was not a second order. Here the train, superintendent and hands remained until a compromise satisfactory to Mrs. Willoughby was agreed to.

Battle With Bandits.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 25.—Customs policemen and troops, led by Senores Felix Tames and Joaquin Castilla and Captain Romero had a fight with Mauricio and Rosendo and thirty bandits on the 17th inst., near San Carlos, in the mountains. The robbers were beaten and Rosendo was captured. They had their possession a quantity of smuggled goods. Rosendo was wanted in the United States for smuggling, but that offense is not included in the list of extraditable offenses, and it is not likely he will be given up.

Stay of Execution for Jake Sharp.

WATERLORD, N. Y., Aug. 28.—Judge Potter has granted a stay in the Sharp case. At 12:30 p. m. a hansom drove up to the entrance to Ludlow street jail, and a clerk from the office of Cochran & Clark entered the jail bearing the news of the granting of a stay of execution. He handed the note personally to Mr. Sharp, who read it without showing any signs of emotion or making any comments upon it. Mr. Sharp then handed it to his wife, who read it and seemed to be delighted at the news.

Old Woman Eats Her Whole Family.

WINNEPEG, Aug. 28.—Letters from Francis Stewart, dated Fort Chipewyan, July state that they reached that point after many hardships. Forest fires have been numerous and destructive. Destitution at Fort Chipewyan last winter was terrible, and several cases of cannibalism are reported. One old woman at Little Red river admits having killed and eaten her whole family. Starvation and cannibalism are also reported from McKenzie river.

Baltimore's Barker Reprised.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 28.—Lloyd Laidlaw is again reprised John Thomas Ross, negro, who was to have been hanged in Baltimore to-morrow, for two weeks. The reprieve was granted on the strength of a communication sent to the Governor by Judge Duffy, who passed sentence on Ross.

Government Deposits.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—National Bank depositaries now hold \$30,354,204 of Government funds. This is the greatest amount of funds ever held by the depositaries at one time.

War Department Vacancies.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—There are fifty-three vacancies in the War Department to be filled by civil service appointment. The Commission intends to extend the "examination for promotion," under which these vacancies occurred, to other departments.

Pennsylvania Prohibitionists.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 28.—Hon. Thomas C. Chase, of Easton, was nominated by the Prohibition Convention by acclamation for Supreme Judge. Captain D. C. Irish, of Newcastle, was nominated or State Treasurer by acclamation.

RAILWAY WRECK.

Two Persons Killed and Twenty Injured on the B. and O.

WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 24.—A frightful collision, with loss of life, occurred on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Easton's siding, a point twenty-four miles east of this city, at eight o'clock this morning. A west-bound emigrant train was descending a heavy grade, when it crashed into an east-bound freight train with fearful velocity, wrecking both engines and badly smashing a large number of cars. The casualties reported are: Engineer Al Smith and Isaac Arbutnot, of the emigrant train, killed, and the seriously injured of Patrick Fitzgerald, engineer of the freight train; two boys named Burke and Stansbury, of Grafton, W. Va., who were stealing a ride, and between twelve and fifteen emigrants whose names could not be learned. The accident was the result of a misapprehension of orders on the part of the engineer of the freight train, who thought he had the right of way, and pulled out to the siding just as the emigrant train came up.

Bill Kissane's Experience Outdone.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Aug. 24.—Campbell Langley, the father of the once notorious and yet forgotten Bill Langley, living in Bell County, Tex., says that his son, who was publicly hanged twelve years ago in Giddings, Lee County, by Sheriff Jim Brown, in the presence of several people, was allowed to escape; that the friends of Bill were permitted to arrange things so that when the drop fell the weight of the body fell upon an iron hoop, supported by an appropriate body harness. The coffin, which was actually buried, contained the body of a man who was not Bill Langley, but was being pronounced Bill Langley was well on his way out of the country. He has been living since his supposed execution in Nicaragua, where he is a leading citizen, and one of the largest owners and cattle herders in Central America.

Heavenly Visitors.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 24.—The largest comet that has appeared in many years is visible here to-night in the northern sky. Its outline is somewhat dim, but is perfectly plain to the naked eye. It was first noticed about 10 o'clock.

Centennial, Ill., Aug. 24.—At 7:30 this evening the heavens north of this city were beautifully illuminated by the passage from east to west of an unusually large meteor. It left a great parachute trail behind it. Nothing similar to it has ever been witnessed in this section.

Unique Accident.

WHEELING, Aug. 24.—This afternoon a boy named Clary was holding a target ride on the reunion grounds, when it was accidentally discharged. The ball, of only 23-caliber, pierced entirely through the fleshy part of the leg of a boy of ten, named Norwood Richardson, and then continued its course, striking Joe Griener, a boy of about the same age, in the back between the shoulders, injuring the spine and piercing lung, causing fatal injuries. The accident is unique when the trifling missile is considered.

A Bell of Lightning.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 24.—During thunder-storm in Aiken County a few days ago, Mrs. Allen Pool, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Urie Noble, with their children, were returning home from a visit to a neighbor's house when a bolt of lightning struck in their midst, instantly killing Mrs. Noble and seriously, and perhaps fatally, injuring Mrs. Pool. Four of the children were slightly hurt. Mrs. Noble's infant, who she was carrying in her arms when she was killed, escaped without the slightest injury.

Strange Affliction of an Aged Lady.

FREDDAY, O., Aug. 24.—A delicate affliction came to Mrs. F. A. age eighty-five years, a well known resident of Marion Township, this county, this morning. She arose from her bed feeling as well as usual, and after a hearty breakfast, and a few moments afterward suddenly became both blind and deaf. The loss of these senses is evidently permanent, and it is supposed that the result of old age, as there was no other apparent cause for the calamity.

Profit in Bond Buying.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—A statement prepared at the Treasury Department shows a profit to the Government of \$22,302 by Oddy's purchase of \$1,135,400 four-and-a-half per cent. bonds, or in other words, the interest charges on the purchased bonds would amount to \$22,302 more than the sum paid to-day if the bonds had been allowed to run to the date of maturity.

A New Admiral.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The President has promoted Commodore Bancroft Gherard to be Rear Admiral in the navy, to take the place of Rear Admiral Franklin, retired. Rear Admiral Gherard is at present commandant at the Brooklyn navy yard. His commission was signed to-day by the President.

Defiance Voted.

DREHLS, Aug. 24.—The Ennis Board of Guardians has adopted an official resolution defying the Government proclamation against the National League, and exhorting all Boards of Guardians to advance the principles of the League.

Veteran Soldier Fatally Burned.

TROPEA, Kan., Aug. 24.—Colonel G. C. Graves, who was Lieutenant Colonel of the Second Iowa Cavalry, and Brigadier-General of the Kansas National Guard under Governor Glieck, was burned to death in the destruction of the police barn in this city.

Doctor Shoots a Burglar.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 24.—At 2:30 o'clock this morning Dr. H. Marx shot and fatally wounded a burglar who was trying to enter his residence, No. 1421 Monroe street. He gave his name as Henry Langer, of St. Louis.

Recurrence of a Mysterious Disease.

WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 24.—Many people are dying of a mysterious disease in Southern West Virginia and Southwest Virginia. It is a recurrence of an epidemic that has visited that section several times before.

Change of Venue.

OSAGE, Mo., Aug. 24.—Of the seventeen Bald Knobbers who were to be arraigned for the murder of Edens and Green, nine applied for a change of venue. The remaining eight will stand trial in Christian County.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

The grand jury for Jessamine County returned into court the following list of sensational indictments against prominent politicians and civil and revenue officials: James Barkly, United States storekeeper and gauger, concealed weapons, assault and battery upon brandishing weapons to the common nuisance of all good citizens, and against the peace and dignity of the commonwealth of Kentucky; L. D. Baldwin, United States deputy collector, same charges; Wesley Hooker, McKinley Moss, Dick Moss and W. H. Phillips, judge of Jessamine County, same charges; W. T. Jones, Representative-elect, indicted for carrying concealed weapons; Henry A. Welch, jailer of Jessamine County and judge of the election, for knowingly receiving other than a legal voter. The penalty is a fine and forfeiture of office. George Martin, Henry Rogers, James Young and George Hyman, illegal voting. The grand jury, upon mature reflection and further investigation, withdrew the indictment of nuisance against Colonel L. D. Baldwin, United States Deputy Collector, and others, believing that the charges in the indictment could not be sustained by reliable witnesses, and for this grave and vague charge they substituted an indictment for assault and battery, which they believe is as strong as the facts elicited will warrant. Among the new indictments are two for libel, one against Henry T. Duncan, of the Lexington Press, and the other against M. C. Cassidy, of the Lexington Sunday Banner. They published the report of W. T. Jones, that the poll-books had been found on the place of N. D. Miles, this without fear of God before their eyes, but being moved by the instigations of the devil, and so on. Bail in each case \$1,500.

The last saloon in Somerset has expired, and a local option is in force. There is great rejoicing among the anti-liquor men.

For the past two years B. W. Hadley, of Dayton, near Newport, has been traveling through Texas. He kept up a correspondence with his wife until about a year since, when it suddenly ceased, and his wife gave him up for dead. A few days ago she received a letter from him, and he explained the reason why she had not heard from him. While traveling through Texas he was stung by a centipede, and lost his mind from the effects of the bite. He was unconscious for several weeks, and for many days was at the point of death, and totally unable to give any account of himself. He is now slowly recovering, and writes that he will join his family when he is able to travel.

The recent death of John Clay removes the last member of the immediate family of the illustrious statesman whose name he bore.

The removal of rock from the bar at the mouth of Licking, at Corvinton, the work now being carried on by the Government, is going forward very rapidly. Big masses have already been cut away, and piled up on the bank for subsequent removal. The opinion is generally among the river men that the taking away of the bar will have the intended effect of making the Licking a safe and convenient harbor for river craft at all times except when the Licking itself is on the boom.

Maggie Burns, alias Robinson, who was arrested on the charge of bombing the residence of Colonel George E. Carter in Dayton, with bowlders, and sent to jail in default of \$500 bail, escaped from that institution a few nights ago.

The following Kentuckians were pensioned on the 30th: Dependents—Cyrina, widow of James W. Kindred, Speedwell; Nancy E. widow of Littleton Johnson; Claypool, Lizzie, widow of Charles Linn, Newport; Increase—John Laffollet, New Haven; Andrew Stellan, Louisville; Shelton Baker, Perkins; Josiah B. Ashby, Oatons. Original invalids—Jas. C. Tyler, Louisville; Jos. Arthur, Petersburg; Mexican War—Geo. Rose, Sharpsville; Saml. W. Atkins, Davidson; Wm. B. Whitesides, Riverview; J. T. Clark, Hedges.

JACOB SIFERS was thrown from his buggy near Custer, Brockenridge County, and killed.

At Havesville, Hancock County, Emile Kauffman was crushed to death in a well newly dug.

The counsel for Lindsey Smith, convicted at Nicholasville, of murder, has applied for a new trial on the ground that the man whom his client was convicted of killing has turned up alive. The motion for a new trial was sustained and set for the second day of the February term, 1888.