

Snow. Local snow to-night, Saturday colder and generally fair, except snow flurries along the lakes.

CAREER OF ROBBERY AND MURDER.

Man Confesses That He Killed Telegraph Operator.

ARRESTED BY AUTHORITIES.

Will Be Taken Back to West Virginia for Trial—Gives Graphic Description of How Murder Was Committed—Arraigned before Com. Shields.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—After being lined up for inspection before the detectives of the Central office this morning James A. Baker, of Columbus, Ohio, arrested last night on charges of wholesale robbery and the murder of telegraph operator E. Y. Hutchinson at Clarington, West Virginia, on Dec. 29, last, was turned over to the federal authorities. He was arraigned before Commissioner Shields and remanded temporarily. He will be taken back to West Virginia for trial on the murder charge without delay.

According to Post-Office Inspector Kincaid and the officers who made the arrest, Baker has confessed the killing and has also admitted the robbery of many small post and express offices since November 20th last. His method has been to pick out small and seldom frequented stations and rob them late at night when no one was about.

TOLD THE STORY.

Baker told the police the following story of the killing: "I reached the Clarington station about eight o'clock at night and hung about for two hours. The Postoffice there is in the station and the telegraph operator is the Postmaster. I thought he had left the building and so I got in through the rear window about 10 o'clock. Hutchinson was asleep on a bench and he awakened as I tried to force the money drawer. He drew a revolver and started for me.

"He also opened his key and commenced calling some one and I grappled with him. He fought back and in the struggle the revolver went off and he dropped. I ran away but stayed in the neighborhood. No one coming I went back in and found he was dead. I did not intend to kill him. "I then robbed the cash drawer securing \$15 and some stamps. I then took the revolver and escaped."

Banks Must Make Report.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Comptroller of the Currency to-day issued a call for a report of the condition of national banks at the close of business on Friday, Feb. 14.

GIVE TEACHER SNOW DIP.

Youths Must Submit to Spanking Now or Serve Term in Jail for Assault.

MILFORD, Del., Feb. 21.—The young men of Gumboro public school must either submit to an old-time spanking or face a charge of assault on their pretty school mistress.

The trouble grew out of the old custom of "putting the teacher out" on St. Valentine's Day. Miss Gertrude Truitt objected to this treatment, but her demonstrations were of no avail, for she was taken from the room and deposited on a snowbank outside the building.

County School Superintendent has now ordained that youths must submit to a humiliating whipping from the school teacher, or serve a term in jail for assault.

Lamb Stew 8 cts.—J. M. Riley Co.

YOUTH WHO HAD TACK IN HIS TONGUE ABLE TO EAT.

Rather Than Tell of Cruelties Two Boys Wanted as Witnesses Have Fled from Institution—Woman Made Confession.

CANAL DOVER, O., Feb. 21.—Rather than tell of cruelties believed to have been inflicted upon their companions at the Tuscarawas County Children's Home, two boys, wanted as witnesses in the investigation started by the State Board of Charities, have fled from the institution.

Police have been asked to locate the youths and return them. Dr. Darius Heston, physician for the Home, has pronounced Sampson Fowler out of all danger from blood poisoning or other trouble from the injury to his tongue received at the hands of Clara Sterling, assistant matron, who confessed to having driven a tack through the boy's tongue. He is now able to eat.

The charge made against Miss Sterling in the affidavit sworn out by Humane Officer Jackson, charged her with having "cruelly, unlawfully and willfully torturing one Sampson Fowler by pressing a tack to his tongue." Miss Sterling pleaded guilty and a fine of \$10 was paid by her father, George Sterling.

WILL BE GALA DAY FOR SOLDIERS

Washington's Birthday Will Be Observed To-morrow by Fleet.

TO HOLD A RECEPTION.

Big Delegation Has Gone to Lima To-day to Call on Officials—Admiral Evans Is Not Able to Participate in Ceremonies.

CALLAO, Peru, Feb. 21.—A big delegation of officers from the American battleship squadron has gone to Lima to-day to meet President Pardo of Peru. The President will not hold his formal reception in the visitors' honor, however, until to-morrow, Washington's birthday, having been chosen for the function out of compliment to the American people.

STILL IN CABIN.

Rear Admiral Thomas will represent Rear Admiral Evans at the official ceremonies, the latter being still too ill of rheumatic gout to leave his cabin. There are conflicting reports concerning Evans' condition, one is that he is considerably better than when the fleet lay off Punta Arenas; the other that his condition is more serious now than at any time since he sailed from Hampton Roads.

MUCH SUFFERING.

There is no doubt that he is suffering much, though reports that he has actually surrendered the command to Admiral Thomas are unfounded, the latter having been chosen simply to act for him until he is again able to be about. The fleet commander was last on the bridge during the squadron's passage off Valparaiso when he hobbled from his cabin to direct the review which he followed by signalling a message complimenting the officers "for the handsome way they turned the trick."

CRANDALL MAY GET OLD PLACE.

Former Oswegonian in Line for Fine Position.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The shake-up in the Government Printing office will probably lead to the removal of Mr. Post, superintendent of documents in that branch of the Federal service. Should Mr. Post, who has made himself obnoxious to Congress by his criticisms, be removed a strong effort will be made to induce the President to give the position to Mr. Frank A. Crandall of Buffalo, who was the first man to fill the place after it was created.

Mr. Crandall was appointed by President Cleveland. All those who have any knowledge of the office unite in saying that Mr. Crandall conducted his duties in such a manner as to meet universal approval. Since he was superseded there has been no such efficiency as he displayed. Mr. Crandall to-day holds a subordinate position in the office and there are scores of Congressmen ready to go to the front in his behalf when a leader appears.

Mr. Crandall is a former well known Oswegonian. For a number of years he was editor of the Oswego Press which was published in the T. E. O'Keefe building. He went from Oswego to Buffalo.

WILL BE BUSY WEEK DOWN IN ALBANY.

Wall Street Will Have Its Inning with Legislature.

ATTRACTIONS ON SUNDAY.

Hearing Will Be Given Next Week on Measure Which Would Permit Local Governing Bodies to Authorize Sunday Theatrical Performances.

ALBANY, Feb. 21.—Wall Street will have its inning with the Legislature next week when hearings will be given on bills which seek to prevent stock gambling and bring stock exchanges under the jurisdiction of the State Banking Department.

Tuesday the Assembly Committee on Banks will take up the Cuvellier bill which brings existing stock exchanges under the State Superintendent of Banks and gives him jurisdiction similar to that which he has over moneyed institutions.

SUNDAY SHOWS.

When the committee disposed of these bills the Liebman bill which would permit local governing bodies to authorize Sunday theatrical performances will be given a hearing. This bill has attracted considerable attention in view of the recent court ruling which prevents Sunday theatricals and public meetings and all sections of the State will send representatives. The advocates of more liberal Sunday laws are expected in force.

THIRTEEN SENATORS IN WOODRUFF PARTY

Not a Bit Superstitious and All Started for Adirondacks.

ALBANY, Feb. 21.—Although thirteen Senators made up the party which left Albany as guests of Chairman Woodruff of the Republican State Committee to spend the weekend at his camp in the Adirondacks to-day, none was superstitious enough to secure another member to break the hoodoo.

The thirteen were: Senators Armstrong, Baines, Cobb, Aulsebrook, Burr, Gates, Corliss, Hooker, Gilchrist, Griffin, Travis and Franck. They expect to return in time for Monday night's session. Col. L. E. Gleason, clerk of the Senate is in the party.

"ABE" HUMMEL PLEASSED.

Cheered by the News of Indictment of Charles W. Morse.

NEW YORK, February 21.—An old friend visited "Abe" Hummel on Blackwelder Island yesterday and told him all the latest developments in the Morse case. "The news seemed to cheer the convict up immensely. "I'm 't glad," he mused. "Morse's troubles are beginning just as my term is drawing to an end."

Hummel was convicted on charges growing out of the Morse divorce case. He has always claimed that he was made "the goat" in those proceedings.

General Wood's Leave of Absence.

MANILA, Feb. 21.—Major General Leonard Wood, in command of the Military division of the Philippines, is about to leave for Europe on a six months' leave of absence. Major General John F. Weston will assume command of the division during his absence.

Lawn Tennis Championship.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The English Lawn Tennis Association will challenge Australia for the American Davis cup trophy next week. If the United States decides to compete the preliminary rounds will be played in London.

New Tunnels Pierced Through.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The first of the four mammoth tunnels under the East River between Manhattan and Long Island City, being built for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was pierced through to-day.

Two Employers Liability Bills.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Two Presidential candidates are clashing in the Senate over the employers' liability bills which they have introduced. Senator Knox offered one of these measures, following closely along the lines laid down in the President's message and steering carefully around the points which have been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States. His bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee, of which he is a member and it is now in the hands of the sub-committee. Senator La Follette is the author of another bill on the same subject, which he had referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

PERRY BELMONT ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

Appears Before House Committee Advocating Publication of Names.

NON-PARTISAN PROPOSITION.

Stated That Nineteen States Now Have Publicity Laws—Three States Prevent Corporations from Making Any Contributions to Such Funds.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—With the appearance before the House Committee on the election of the President, Vice President and members of Congress of Perry Belmont, head of the Non-partisan Organization, seeking for the enactment of a law to compel the publication of campaign contributions before and after elections, the fight for this law was begun in earnest.

Several weeks ago William J. Bryan, a member of the Belmont organization was before the committee and endorsed the proposition. To-day Belmont went into the constitutionality of the bill and urged the necessity of its enactment in order to protect the purity of national elections.

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He stated that nineteen States now have publicity laws for campaign contributions in State elections. These are Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. Three States have laws preventing corporations from contributing to campaign funds—Florida, Kentucky and Tennessee.

ALNY MEMBERS.

The publicity law organization the official name of the body, is a non-partisan. Bryan, Governor Hughes, Grover Cleveland and several hundred leading men of all parties controlled. Senator Tillman will offer and champion the bill in the Senate.

NEWEST DRINK IS SURE WINNER.

"Big Stick" Said to Be More Powerful than Any Fairbanks Cocktail.

WINEYARD, Conn., Feb. 21.—"The Big Stick" is the name given to a new drink by a Winsted bartender, which is said to be much more powerful than a Fairbanks cocktail. The mixologist says he makes three quarts at a time and that such a demand has been created for "The Big Stick" that he is kept busy preparing it. Here's the recipe: Cut up four sticks of slippery elm, six figs, two oranges, three lemons. Put in one stick of licorice, two onions sliced, one-half pint of rock candy syrup, then fill with the strongest rye whiskey and let it stand for a week.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The Tribune to-day says that evidence had been secured that evidence had been secured positively proving the hundreds of "soul mate" bureaus operated in every section of the country were controlled by a Chicago and a New York man and possibly two other men.

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Best Young Tender Boil

All cuts, 5,8 and 10c pound at Morris' Saturday.

WADSWORTH IS WITH RACE MEN.

Speaker Will Oppose Governor Hughes' Bills against Gambling.

FIVE TO HAVE SALARIES.

Present Commission to Go Out of Existence Thirty Days after Bill Becomes Law—Bill Provides for an Appropriation of \$220,000.

ALBANY, Feb. 21.—It is now generally known that Speaker Wadsworth will oppose Governor Hughes' bills to suppress race-track gambling. There has been a widespread suspicion that he would take this course, but not until to-day did it become finally known. This will be a very important addition to the forces already arrayed against the Governor. To add the power of the Speaker to the sentiment against the bills already prevalent here may be decisive. Coming at the moment when the victory of the Kelsey forces over the Governor seems assured, this announcement has created a general belief that the Governor's whole program is in danger.

Predictions are now heard here that the Governor will fail to get the anti-gambling bills out of the Assembly Codes Committee. A majority of the members of this body are known to be hostile to the measures, and it is suggested that they may be killed there.

The Speaker's position creates no surprise. His father is a member of the State Racing Commission, his friends are practically all allied against the measure, and the Speaker's position merely accentuates this fact.

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT THE SPEAKER WOULD SAY NOTHING THIS MORNING.

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GET APPROPRIATION FOR STATE FAIR

Senate Bill also Reorganizes the Governing Commission.

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ALBANY, Feb. 21.—The bills providing for the appropriation of \$220,000 for the construction of the proposed manufacturers and liberal arts building at the State Fair Grounds in Syracuse and the reorganization of the State Fair Commission with seven members instead of eleven—five to receive salaries of \$3,000 annually—were reported favorably to-day by the Senate Finance Committee with amendments. This practically assures the passage of bills and the reorganization of the fair management as well as the immediate beginning of the construction of the new building.

GOVERNOR TO APPOINT.

The amendments change the terms of the commissioners from five years to three years as fixed originally in the bill introduced by Senator White. The present commission is to go out of existence thirty days after the bill becomes a law. The new commission will consist of the Lieutenant Governor and the Commissioner of Agriculture and five members with a salary to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

ARMSTRONG EXPLAINS.

The only change in the bill appropriating the money for the building provides that the plans and specifications must be approved by the State architect and he must approve all estimates. The bills were reported out just in time, according to the fair promoters, who said that the present commissioners were on the point of resigning in disgust. Senator Armstrong, chairman of the Finance Committee, to-day said he had reported the bill at the first possible moment in view of the depleted condition of the State's income.

DUCHESS WON OVER BY THE SOCIALISTS.

Duchess of Manchester Has Been Making Heavy Contributions.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The Duchess of Manchester, formerly Miss Helena Zimmerman of Cincinnati, is about to proclaim her conversion to Socialism. Just when the announcement may be expected has not been definitely made known. The Duchess herself informed her friends of her plan, however, adding that she will not delay long in boldly and publicly proclaiming her views.

Motor Car Plant Destroyed.

DAYTON, O., Feb. 21.—Fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed the big plant of the Dayton Motor Car Company to-day. Officials place the loss at \$150,000.

San Francisco Bank in Trouble.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The Market Street Bank, savings and commercial, temporarily suspended payment this morning.

Checked by Celler Butler.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 20.—William Brown, aged ten years, was strangled by swallowing a collar button while sneezing. The boy died in his mother's arms. While changing his clothing at his home the lad placed the button in his mouth. He was seized with a sneezing fit and the button lodged in his throat, and despite the frantic efforts of his mother he died before a physician reached the house.

DIRECT PARTY NOMINATIONS.

Bill Carrying Approval of Governor Hughes Has Been Introduced.

ALBANY, Feb. 21.—Bills carrying with them the approval of Governor Hughes to provide for direct primary nominations were introduced in the Legislature to-day by Senator Travis and Assemblyman Green, of Kings.

The political committee of all village city or county may adopt direct primary nominations and provision is made for the machinery to carry out the law. The details of the measure were given in these dispatches several days ago.

ENGINEERS WON'T STAND FOR CUT.

Grand Chief Warren S. Stone Gives Out Statement Relative to Report.

COST OF LIVING HIGH.

Head of Brotherhood of Engineers Is Confident There Will Be No Reduction in Wages of Sixty Thousand Engineers Now at Work.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 21.—"We will not stand for a wage reduction from the railroads," said Warren S. Stone, Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Friday. Some of the railroads have announced there will be a general wage cut.

MEMS MUST LIVE.

"There are 62,000 men in our organization," said Stone. "They work by the mile. The falling off in freight business has already practically reduced their wages almost fifty per cent. for freight engineers.

"The cost of living is just as high as it has ever been. We cannot live on less money."

"Would a strike be ordered on the roads where reductions in the wage scale are made?" Stone was asked.

"There won't be a strike. We won't start to fight until we get on the firing line. You can put it as strong as you like that there will be no cut in the wages of our sixty thousand engineers."

PRaises President.

Stone is pleased with the action President Roosevelt has taken urging the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate railroads which announced that a cut would be made. Just why Stone is so confidential that the proposed reductions will not be made he will not say.

RAILWAYS GIVE IN TO THE STATE.

Long Standing Fight to Be Settled in Alabama

MOBILE, Feb. 21.—A settlement of the long standing fight of the State of Alabama with the Louisville & Nashville, Central of Georgia and Western Railway is expected soon. It is reported to-day the railways have decided to compromise with the State by putting in effect rates agreed to by the other roads operating in the State. This announcement came to-day from a high official of one of the lines. He is quoted as saying the dispute has greatly injured the business of the roads and they are ready to surrender for this reason.

Japanese Officers' Feet Badly.

TOKIO, Feb. 21.—Japanese officers who took part in the siege and were present at the capitulation of Fort Arthur express the deepest regret at the news of its commander, Gen. Stoessel's, condemnation to death for surrendering the fortress.

Census Bills Introduced.

ALBANY, Feb. 21.—To establish a permanent census board in New York, Buffalo, and Rochester is the purpose of a bill introduced by Senator Grady to-day. The Mayor, Superintendent of Schools and Police Commissioner are to compose the board.

Dutch Minister to Resign.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 21.—Jonheer R. de Mares van Swinderen, Dutch Minister at Washington, is expected to resign shortly and return to Holland as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

A Milliard Prized.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—The Rev. Father John A. Tracy of this city, is a credit to the church militant. Four years ago he saved four lives, and last Thursday night when he found two highwaymen robbing Grandpa Thomas Ferguson (aged 84) he fell upon them with his fists, knocked both of them flat and put them to flight. Father Tracy learned his boxing in the Missouri Athletic club.

BILLS INTRODUCED FOR STATE CONTROLLER.

Relative to Care of Funds Paid into County Treasurers.

ALBANY, Feb. 21.—A series of bills introduced to-day by Senator Grady carry out the recommendations of the State Controller Glynn in reference to the care of funds paid into County Treasurers upon the order of court. One bill makes each County responsible for all funds thus paid in and provides that an action may be begun by any interested party or the State Controller, to recover court and trust funds. Another bill gives the State Comptroller power to examine the books and accounts of banks holding such funds and to order the transfer of the moneys to the custody of County Treasurers or the Chamberlain of New York City. If court funds are unclaimed for twenty years the State Comptroller becomes the custodian of the funds.

