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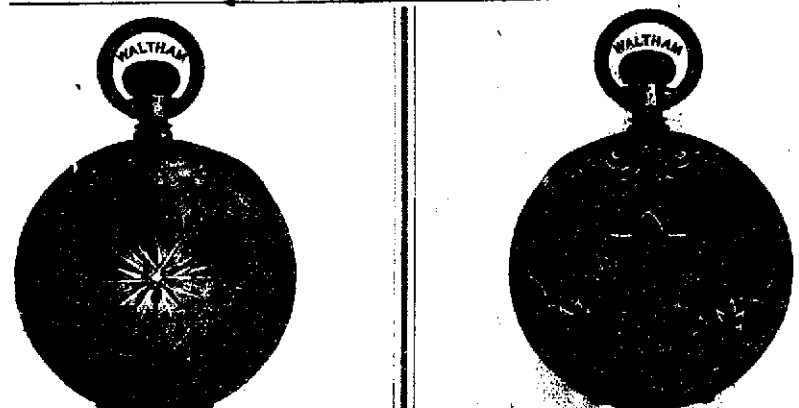
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A MOST HORRIBLE FATE

Sad Case of Premature Burial at Madison, Wis.

IMPROPER HASTE OF INTERMENTS.

The City Authorities Cause a Supposed Victim of Diphtheria To Be Buried at Once, and Subsequently, When the Grave Was Opened, It Was Found That the Person Had Been Buried Alive—Excitement Over the Awful Affair.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 13.—A sad case of premature burial has just developed here. About a month ago diphtheria appeared in the home of a prominent family. A young domestic was terribly frightened, and desired to go to her home in the country, but the attending physician would not permit this, not from fear of spreading disease, but to render assistance to the family. A young child died of the dread disease, and this, with the horror of disease, caused the girl to take to her bed and she apparently died in a few hours, and was at once buried by the authorities.

Had Been Buried Alive.
A few days ago her parents obtained permission to remove the body to the country, and upon opening the casket they were horrified to discover that the body was lying on its face, the hair wrenched from the head and the flesh literally torn from the face and hands. There have been several deaths here from diphtheria, and criticism is freely expressed at the hurried manner in which the funeral of the victims are had after the death. There is much excitement here over this horrible affair.

MISCELLANEOUS MISHAPS.

Two Women and a Child Perished.
DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 13.—A special to The News from Hancock, Mich., says: The Huron mine office burned Thursday night. It was a large building, formerly occupied as a store, and the second story was used as a boarding house. Most of the boarders were on the night shift and were not in the building at the time of the fire. One man jumped and was badly injured. Two Finland women and a 6-week-old child perished in the flames. A fireman succeeded in getting one of the women to a window, but was forced to abandon her in order to save his own life. The origin of the fire is unknown. Loss about \$2,000.

Died at His Post.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 13.—W. B. Allen, a well-known engineer on the Georgia Pacific railroad, dropped dead on his locomotive at Leeds Thursday. He was sick, but insisted on fulfilling his duty, and went out as usual. He got to Leeds, where he reached for the air brake and, instead of grasping the handle, fell in the fireman's arms with the exclamation, "Oh, my God!" and died. He was chief of division 207, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of Atlanta. He leaves a wife and children.

Narrow Escape from Death.

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—While the Lawrence express on the Boston and Maine road was passing over the new track beyond the draw bridge outside the railroad yard in Boston Friday morning the rear wheels of the last car left the track, and, breaking through the new trestlework, the car was precipitated to the track below. The car was filled with passengers but only one person, who was slightly cut by window glass, was injured.

The Johnston Horror.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 13.—The coroner's jury has returned a verdict declaring that the horror in Parker's Opera house, by which ten lives were lost, was almost entirely due to the fact that there was but one exit, and requesting the authorities to prohibit further performances in the building until it has been properly altered. The house will remain closed for the present.

Fatal Race with a Train.

STOUC, Iowa, Dec. 13.—John G. Kruck, a grocer, 53 years old, attempted to drive across the Illinois Central track ahead of a moving train, and was instantly killed. He had been racing with the train, driving a horse attached to his delivery wagon.

Killed by a Train.

TAUNTON, Mass., Dec. 13.—Henry L. Baker, aged 45, a resident of Raynham, was killed by a freight train near Whitenton, Friday morning. The engineer saw him lying on the track, but could not stop his train in time to avoid running over him.

Two Little Boys Drowned.

PORT HOPK, Ont., Dec. 13.—Two little sons of Mrs. Joseph Mallett and a son of E. M. Mitchell, broke through the ice while skating Thursday and were drowned.

Concluded to Re-Marry.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 13.—Charles Bond, of Crete, aged 49, and Mrs. Anna S. Bond, of Lincoln, aged 48, were married by the county judge Thursday evening. It develops that this couple were married years ago and raised a large family of children. Differences grew between them, they separated, and procured a divorce. Mr. Bond is proprietor of the opera house in Crete. Mrs. Bond came to Lincoln, where she made her home for some time. By and by the old love began to reassert itself and the result was the wedding above mentioned.

A Lunatic's Horrible Suicide.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 13.—John Daly, who murdered the venerable Joseph C. G. Kennedy July 13, 1887, committed suicide at the St. Elizabeth Hospital for the Insane during the afternoon. He had torn a strip from the cotton sheeting on his bed and tied it about his neck, while the other end was tied to the bedpost. His body lay on the bed with his head hanging over the side. The tongue was protruding and his features generally indicated that he had met a horrible death.

A Rich Mine Discovered.

GALENA, Ill., Dec. 13.—The Etna Mining company, operating near Etna, Wis., is reported to have discovered one of the richest mines ever opened in this section. At a depth of fifty-five feet a cave seventy feet wide and of varying height was encountered, the sides and roof of which are lined with ore. The cave has already been explored for 500 feet, and the end has not been reached. The company has refused \$10,000 for the discovery.

Will Not Go to Russia.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 13.—It is reported that the statements recently put in circulation to the effect that the Russian mission had been tendered to Mr. Harrison, of Philadelphia, were intended to test public sentiment, and that the comment on the suggestion was of such character that the appointment will not be made.

WAS NOT SICKLES' DAUGHTER.

It Was His Half-Sister Who Eloped with Harkeper Dinham.
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Miss Alta Sickles, who married Thomas A. Dinham clandestinely, was not a daughter of Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, but a half-sister. The bride's mother was the widow of Capt. Sawyer, of the British army, and was for many years house keeper to George E. Sickles, father of Gen. Sickles. The old gentleman had lived with the Widow Sawyer for years, and they had three daughters and a son. Old Mr. Sickles finally consented to have a formal marriage ceremony performed, so that these children might be his lawful heirs. The three girls eloped, Alta being the last to do so. Elopement romances seem to run in the Sickles family; for Miss Laura, the daughter of Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, ran away from Paris in October, 1874, with a poor young southerner named McCarthy.

Glad to Get Rid of Them.
After their marriage Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Dinham separated, but met again Thursday morning and took a train for Chicago. When informed of their departure, Mrs. Sickles said: "Let them go, I don't care to know anything about them. She had a good home, and I can't imagine what forced her to do it. I never want to see her again. I have supported two good-for-nothing husbands of my daughters for some time now, and I will not take a third on my hands."

Miss Alta was educated in a Montreal convent, and has many accomplishments, besides a fortune of \$200,000.

Destitution in Kansas.

OLATHE, Kan., Dec. 13.—Thomas M. Shillington, of Morton county, Kan., addressed a mass-meeting held here Thursday night in behalf of the people of Morton county. He said that about 250 families in that county were in destitute circumstances, and that unless immediate aid was given them many would die from the want of food and clothing. He held credentials signed by Governor Humphrey and by the clerk of his county commanding him to the people of eastern Kansas as a trustworthy man. A resolution to aid him in his work was adopted. Several carloads of corn and clothing will be shipped from this city and county at once to relieve the urgent needs of those in absolute want.

Base Ball in Hawaii.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Base ball is flourishing in the Sandwich islands, and the latest advice from Hawaii state that the natives of that kingdom are wildly infatuated with the game. The players come from the best families on the island and every game is attended by members of the royalty and nobility. The concluding contest of the championship season, which took place Sept. 24, was made the occasion of a gala day. The grand stand was packed to overflowing and the field was encircled by a ring of flags and spectators, while the royal band provided music during the intervals between the innings. In the evening a banquet was provided for the players and the king presided.

The Davis Land Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The Davis Land company, which was formed for the purpose of purchasing the Arkansas land owned by the late Jefferson Davis, thereby relieving the estate of financial embarrassment, is in good working order now, and Maj. D. F. Porter, the secretary of the company is actively engaged in this city in collecting subscriptions to the stock of the company. Among the subscriptions already secured in this city by Maj. Porter are: John C. Calhoun, \$500; R. T. Wilson, \$500; John H. Inman, \$500. Gen. James H. Wilson, who is among the subscribers, was in command of the detachment of cavalry which captured Mr. Davis at the close of the war.

Failure of a New York Clothier.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Harris Cohen, known as the "Original Cohen" of Baxter street, who has sold clothing there for twenty-nine years, has failed. He is said to have lost \$80,000 to \$100,000 on the races. At one time he had a string of fourteen racing horses. His stock has been seized by the sheriff. A few weeks ago his daughter, Fessie, aged 18, married her uncle Jacob Cohen, the king of Baxter street, and it is believed the marriage was agreed to in order to help Harris Cohen out of his difficulties.

The Pentecost Band in Trouble.

TUCSCOLA, Ill., Dec. 13.—The notorious Pentecost bands which have infested this section for a year past are in trouble again. The people of Bradshaw, fifteen miles south of here, becoming disgusted at the work of the faith healers and religious frauds, Thursday night after the service drove them away. Another band of alleged Mormons are still holding forth at Lexington, but the people there have warned them to leave.

Dr. E. E. Higbee Dead.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 13.—Dr. E. E. Higbee, state superintendent of public schools, who was stricken with paralysis on Wednesday last, died at his home in this city at an early hour Friday morning, aged 59 years. Dr. Higbee was appointed to the superintendency of public instruction by Governor Hoyt in 1881, being subsequently reappointed in 1885 by Governor Pattison and in 1889 by Governor Beaver.

Ex-Senator Lucas' New Position.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 13.—Governor E. W. Wilson has appointed ex-United States Senator D. B. Lucas judge of the supreme court of appeals of this state to fill the unexpired term of I. C. Green, deceased, whose term would have expired in 1892. Mr. Lucas is a poet, jurist, and statesman, and his appointment gives general satisfaction throughout the state.

Democratic Senators Caucus.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 13.—The Democratic senators held a caucus after the adjournment of the senate Thursday afternoon. The caucus committee which served in the last congress was reappointed, with instructions to fill the vacancies on the new committees created by the senate, and on the old committees which have been enlarged.

Will Lease the Stewart Mansion.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—It is now practically settled that the Stewart mansion at Fifth avenue and Thirty-fourth street will become the home of the Manhattan club, the latter having agreed to take a lease of the property for twenty-one years at the rate of \$45,000 a year, a price which is said to be satisfactory to the trustees of the estate.

A Texas Firm in Trouble.

GRANVILLE, Tex., Dec. 13.—O'Neal & Evans, one of the largest dry goods firms of this place, have filed a chattel mortgage to protect their creditors. Liabilities aggregate \$44,123. Amount of assets cannot now be ascertained.

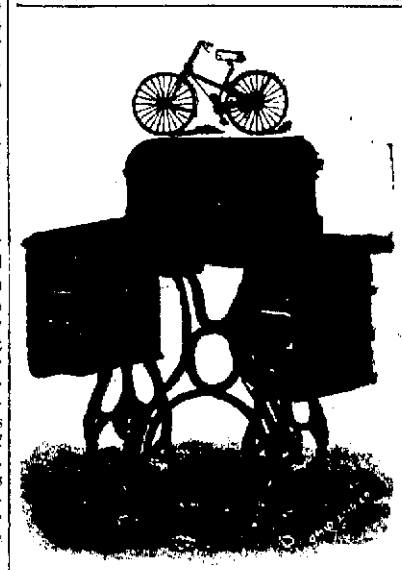
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