that it was bitumate of mercury, a highly explosive compound.

A DOUBTFUL CHARACTER.

DES MOINES, July 25.—Gov. Boies today renewed the suspension of the sessions against "Stormy" Jordan of Ottumwa. Jordan is a notorious character, against whom at one time and another $25,000 in fines had been assessed for liquor law violations.

Two years ago Governor Larrabee suspended all the fines and jail sentences against him on condition that he would not go into the business again. When Governor Larrabee went out and Governor Boies came into power Jordan returned to Iowa, and has since been running a saloon at Ottumwa.

It is reported that a number of similar suspensions will be revoked. At any rate it is a decided departure which is upsetting the political calculations.

PLANNING A GIGANTIC ROBBERY.

DES MOINES, IA., July 25.—A well-laid plan to fill the cashier of the American Savings Bank and ten the vault of $100,000 was discovered here this morning at 5, the hour at which the vault is regularly opened by Cashier Elliott. The scheme was for one man to engage the cashier in conversation another to enter by the side door, slip up behind and sandbag or club him. If necessary, while a third was to take the pile of money from the vault.

Two of the men, James Dunnitt, a colored tough, and Sam Cooper, a real estate swindler, were from Des Moines, and the third one a professional tough from Kansas city.

Cooper and Dunnitt are under arrest. A local newspaper man got wind of the scheme by pretending to be a tough from Missouri.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

BROOKLYN, July 25.—Henry Nelson of Canoga, Long Island, committed suicide today. Investigation by authorities brought to light a horrible murder, the body of his wife in badly decomposed condition being found in the house, the skull having been split open.

There was also a letter, in which Nelson stated that he killed his wife in self-defence.

LYNCHED.

FRANKLIN, KY., July 25.—This morning John Grainger, a negro, was found hanging to a tree. A few days before he had a difficulty with Bill Witt, a white man, and made threats against other white residents. Last night he was lynched by a small mob.

SHOT HIS WIFE.

ST. LOUIS, July 25.—Charles Cave, a painter, whose wife was unable to live with him on account of frequent quarrels, shot her because she refused to return, and tried to end his own life. Both are in a critical condition.

MURDER.

HELENA, ARK., July 25.—Thomas White, one of the most influential colored planters in this section, was shot and killed this morning by Louis Wakefield, one of his tenants.

A FATAL QUARREL.

ATOKA, I. T., July 25.—Yesterday afternoon Fred Thornton and James Grundy quarreled. Grundy cut Thornton with a razor. Thornton secured a Winchester and shot Grundy, killing him instantly.

A BRUTAL PRIZE FIGHT.

NEW YORK, July 25.—A prize fight remarkable for admirable brutality took place this morning between Tug Tousley and Bill Haggart, lightweights.

When time was called they went at each other like game cocks, butting and tugs from beginning to end. For twenty rounds of the twenty-eight fought it was up and back. Each punished the other severely, but neither seemed to have a decisive advantage. The combatants were literally dripping with gore. There were only twelve persons present, including the principals, and though they were old hard veterans of many years' sporting experience, they winced at the savagery they saw. It almost amounted to butchery.

Both the young fellows had terrible hitting powers, and they were absolutely merciless in using them. Finally, when they both had been banged into a jelly, in the twenty-eighth round, Tousley, by a lucky blow, caught Haggart on the jugular and the latter reeled, dazed and helpless, for several seconds after he had been counted out. Neither one was satisfied with the result, and it is thought they will meet again.

JEALOUSY THE CAUSE.

RAPID CITY, S. D., July 25.—This afternoon J. W. Smalley shot and seriously wounded his wife, and then killed himself. They had not been living together for a year on account of Smalley's jealousy.

LYNCHED.

JACKSON, TENN., July 26.—John Brown, the negro who shot and mortally wounded ex-Sheriff Gardner, was taken from the jail last night by a masked 300 men and hung to a tree in the courthouse yard.

INCENDIARISM.

LORAIN, July 26.—The employes thrown out of employment because of dull times caused by the McKinley law, set fire to the cork factory at Every today. Great damage was done.

TO BE EXECUTED.

PARIS, July 26.—The execution of young Gerhard and his companion, Dale, for the Chambrois murder, has been set for 5 o'clock Monday.

INFERNAL MACHINES.

PARIS, July 26.—The identity of the person or persons who sent the infernal machine received yesterday by Mons. Constans, has not yet been discovered. A book similarly prepared received M. Etienne, Under Secretary of the Colonial Office, and another was received by M. Trelle, Director of the Colonial Health Department. M. Trelle was put on his guard by a few grains of bitumate dropping out of the book. There is a vague suspicion that the missives were sent by a retired naval surgeon who has a grievance.

The navy surgeon, who has committed suicide at Toulon, was probably the culprit.

WHILE THE SHERIFF WAS A DRIVER.

TROY LAKE, Mich., July 26.—Dan Dunn, who shot Steve Harmon, a boney, some time ago, was discharged from custody at Mattelujo, yesterday. He then swore out a warrant against Harmon's three brothers for threatening to kill him. Sheriff Hedlon arrested them in Berry, and started for Mattelujo.

While waiting at this point for the train the sheriff and prisoners went into a saloon. Dunn was standing there and James Harmont immediately pulled a revolver and shot him dead. Sheriff Hedlon continued his journey to Mattelujo with the murdered and his brother.

A DESPERADO TRAPPED.

LOUISVILLE, KY., July 26.—This morning, near Delta, a lawless attacked the family of Nathan S. Conway, killing him and his wife, badly wounding one son and dangerously wounding another. Neighbors coming up fired at him, one shot resulting fatally.

Conway and his wife, each about 60 years old, and their sons, Charles and William, aged 20 and 28, were sitting on the veranda in company with Wm. Dunn's wife and three children and two nieces, Misses Florence and Lucy Leager. As they were all sitting on the veranda this morning a negro named Craig came up and asked for a drink of water. It was given him. He thereupon filled a rusty scythe blade and asked if it was not a good knife. Charly Conway nodded assent, and the negro, throwing down the cup of water, struck him with the scythe, cutting the skull. The son of the family ran into the house. Craig followed it and left the young man until he thought him dead. He then attacked the father, who had retreated, and killed him. Then the mother came in, but her head split open and he quickly shot.

After the negro had insolently backed his way to a room where he attacked William Conway, cutting him in the head and body so he ran. He had fired about Conway as he ran. He had fired at W. Bailey, a neighbor, attracted by the screams came up and shot Craig twice with buckshot. The wounds were not perfect, but other neighbors came up and a young man shot Craig with a pistol. Craig ran, and falling beside the hay stack, died in a few minutes from the effect of the buckshot wounds. The pistol ball had glanced around his head.

The Conways came to Boston about eighteen months ago, from Cynthiana. They were orderly and highly respected citizens and held in high esteem. Craig said he had killed seven persons, and intended to kill the whole family. He was known to have killed his mother in law. He had always been known as a desperado before, and was a brother of Charlie Craig, now under sentence of death in Cincinnati.

The Highest Inhabited Places in the World.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—It has long been supposed that Galera, a village in Peru, 15,665 feet above the sea, was the highest place in the world. Arthur Pearce, an engineer, who has been prospecting and making meteorological observations in the Andes, has discovered two mining camps that are even higher. These are Vinturiqua, 15,959 feet, and Micaqaha, 16,519 feet, and seem, like the one on level, each with a population of miners averaging 200 the year round. High as some of the points are on the Panama Orozo railroad (two of which the Galera tunnel is the summit), that road will be surpassed by the narrow gauge railroad under construction to connect with it. This, when completed, will have a length of 75 kilometres and a main altitude of 15,850 feet. In one of the mines a tunnel is being driven at a higher elevation than the Galera, which when completed will be fully as long, if not longer, than that tunnel. This work is being done by means of compressed air drills, and the entire mine is lighted throughout with electricity. The work comprises several moving cranes, each in itself a centre.

A Boulanglist Demonstration.

PARIS, July 26.—At a mass meeting held today under the auspices of the Committee for the Defense of National Food Supplies, a resolution was adopted protesting against the tariff and appealing a memorial to the Senate to avert "the misery and sufferings threatened by the duties lately levied solely for the profit of privileged interests."

The Boulanglist demonstration held today was attended by 15,000 persons. A resolution was put demanding that the government recall Ambassador Reibelin from Berlin, and treat the Germans in France as the Germans treat the Frenchmen in Alsace and Lorraine.

The resolutions were drowned in an uproar, a free fight ensued, a crowd of anarchists entering the meeting hall and pulling the Boulanglists to rout.

French papers, French and Italian, contain what purported to be a telegram from Chicago, stating that Germany would be more favorably treated than France by the Chicago fair authorities. The statement was obviously designed to embarrass the Fair Commission. Reporters from all the leading papers laid the Chicago Commissioners hung with interviews on the subject. The visit of the Commissioners has greatly increased French interest in the Fair.

A Farmer Missing.

CLEVELAND, July 25.—It is believed that a cold-blooded murder was committed at Medina last night. William Wood, an unmarried farmer, being the victim. Shooting and screams were heard in the direction of his house, but when the neighbors arrived ascertain the cause he was not to be found. He had just been milking and there was great alarm among the cattle. A thorough search has been made all day, no trace has been discovered, and it is believed that he was murdered and his body hid in a deep ravine near the barn.

He had been paying attention to the daughter of a neighboring farmer, and a jealous rival named Hartmann, is under arrest accused of his murder. Hermann protests innocence.

No Famine in India.

CALCUTTA, July 25.—Rain has fallen to the southwest of India, averting the famine that was feared.

The Business and the French.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 25.—Two hundred sailors from the visiting fleet of French naval vessels tonight attended a concert by the Kronsky choir, to which they were invited. The whole audience demanded the "Marseillaise," which was sung in Russian words of welcome to the visitors from the French navy, all present joining in the singing.

After the conclusion of the concert a vast crowd of citizens accompanied the French sailors to the quay, and raised a storm of cheers as they embarked for Cronstadt.

AT DAYTON.

The People in Mourning on Account of the Awful Railroad Disaster.

DAYTON, Ohio, July 26.—This has been a day of gloom in this city consequent upon the awful disaster to the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton excursion train at Middletown last night. Three persons were killed outright: William Mattlewes, aged 12; Lidia Frost, aged 22, and Frank Simmons, aged 17. The following are in a critical condition: Joseph H. Chavez, Frank Patterson, Joseph H. Sweenly. The following were seriously hurt, it is thought, not fatally hurt: Warren Tomlinson, Fred Wordner, Mark Emerick, Edith Tatlor, Kate Schiele, Elmer H. Roesch and wife, Frank Heiger, Wm. Omen, Harry Green, Charles Vogart, Samuel Lohl, Charles Myers, Maggie Frost, Annie Brennan, Pearl Shortlill, Mary Beers and R. S. Tuttle.

Fifty or more received painful bruises and cuts.

Wm. G. Douglass, one of the commissioners in charge of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton excursion to Woodsdale, tells the story of Saturday night's wreck: A drawbar broke the middle of the excursion train, just as it was pulling into Middletown. The flag lights were set promptly placed on the rear car, and just as the train was pulling out a heavy freight came in at a high rate of speed. Engineer Schwind saw the flagmen waving the danger signal and immediately called for brakes, shut off steam and with the fireman jumped. It was too late to stop the freight and in an instant later the crash came.

The two rear cars of the excursion train were badly demolished. The second car was struck fairly in the rear and the locomotive pushing under, elevated it to an angle of forty-five degrees, and there it stood filled with screaming. The car caught fire, but Engineer Schwind and the firemen were able to extinguish the blaze by throwing a pail from the locomotive. Two cars lay crushed to the ditch with a crash of splintered and mangled people reaching to agony, pleading for help, groaning and cursing. The scene was appalling. Logs, arms and heads could have been seen through the broken windows, or pinned under the wreck. Groans of helpless sufferers mingled with frantic cries of mothers, husbands and children, many of them being cut by glass and timbers in the race to escape, and bloody faces and hands tore ghastly testimony to the great number injured.

Frightened and citizens of Middletown were soon at the scene to join in rescuing the unfortunate. The terror-stricken excursionists were made comfortable in houses. Three horses were privately owned for, and the injured received all necessary attention.

Tahiti Sold.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—Tahiti is now a French colony, owned by France, and, except for individual rights, entirely under the French government. It was never given, as the newspaper "City of Papeete" and was republished in an announcement of King Pomare, the last of his dynasty.

Queen Pomare died June 28, aged 82 years. The islands were annexed to France in 1880, and for this it is stated King Pomare received $12,000 a year. The annexation was legally considered to exist with King Pomare's death, and no king could succeed him. The heir apparent, Prince Pomy, was pensioned by a gift of 12,000 francs.

Leaves Without a Crew.

LISBON, July 25.—The Chilean cruiser, "President Errazuriz," leaves here today without the crew which she expected to ship at this port, the government and foreign consuls preventing this programme being carried out.

HOW TO ACQUIRE TITLE.

Valuable Points of Interest to Settlers on the Government Domain.

The timber cutting act is repealed. A timber culture entryman who has complied with the law during four years of his entry may acquire title by the payment of $1.25 per acre. An applicant for an entry under the Desert Land Act must file a map of the land showing the mode of contemplated irrigation, and is required thereafter to expend not less than $1 per acre each year for three years in necessary improvements looking to such irrigation.

Proof of these expenditures must be made at the end of each year, and at the end of the third year, a map showing the plan of the improvements must also be filed; nor years are allowed within which to complete the work and make final entry; proof made at an earlier date must show an aggregate expenditure of at least $3.00 per acre; the final proof must also show cultivation of at least one-eighth of the land; an entryman who has not made his actual residence of the State or Territory where the land lies, and an entry must not exceed 320 acres.

The preemption law is repealed, but all claims initiated by settlement prior to March 1, 1891, may be filed and perfected in the same manner and under the same conditions as if the law had not been repealed.

The homestead law is amended by restricting entries to persons who are not the owners of more than 160 acres of land, and requiring fourteen months of actual residence with cultivation before claimant can "commute" by paying for the land at the government price.

All claims under the homestead, preemption, desert land, or timber culture laws, to which no adverse claims had attached at date of final entry, and which have been subsequently relinquished prior to March 1, 1891, shall be confirmed and patented, provided no fraud on the part of the purchaser has been found, also after a lapse of two years from the date of the final receipt in such entries, patent shall be issued to the entryman, provided no contest or protest against the validity of the entry are pending.

Suits to vacate patents issued prior to March 3, 1891, can only be brought within five years from that date, and in case of patents thereafter issued, only within six years from the date of patent.

The foregoing provisions are from the acts of Congress approved March 3, 1891, and constitute the most important changes made by that act in the laws governing the disposal of public lands.

The same act also provides for the cutting of timber on government lands sold for the benefit of individuals or corporations of rights of way for canals, ditches, etc., for irrigating purposes.

Stone that can only be used for building purposes does not render the land containing it subject to entry under the mining laws or except it from homestead entry, the Secretary's decision of January 3, 1891.

The land department has no power of disposal over land reserved for school purposes as neither the lands after survey cannot be authorized to remain thereon until such lands are subject to disposal by the State—Secretary's decision of February 11, 1891.

Compiled by O. F. Davis, Land attorney.

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