

with Alexander Boyd, and by judicious investment of his money soon became a millionaire. When he died in the Continental hotel at Philadelphia last October, he was in the act of dictating a will disposing of his property. It was then believed that he had died intestate. A search of his personal effects in this city resulted in the finding of two wills leaving all of his property to his wife, but as she died several years before him the wills were not of any value. Some four or five weeks after his death a paper purporting to be his will was filed for probate in Judge Coffey's court. The will was brief and disposed of the vast estate in a few words. Mrs. J. Belle Curtis and Miss Lizzie Muir were named as the legatees. A contest was at once begun by relatives of Davis who live in the East. They claimed that the paper offered for probate was a forgery, and they asked in their petition that it be denied probate. The will was found in an urn containing the ashes of Mrs. Davis. The contestants claimed that the paper had been slipped into the urn by the forger, and that it had been drawn several weeks after the death of Davis.

The urn containing the ashes was brought in court and made an exhibit in the case. When the verdict was announced Attorney Heggerty at once moved that the will be not admitted to probate notwithstanding the finding of the jury that the paper was genuine. He claimed that there was no evidence to prove that it had been legally executed.

Judge Coffey said that he would listen to the argument today and pass on the question of admitting the will to probate. If he decides to admit and accept the disputed paper the estate will be divided between Mr. Curtis and Miss Muir, as they are the only ones named in the paper that the jury declared is genuine.

RAWLINS, Wyo., Aug. 17.—Five prisoners charged with burglary, overpowered Jailer Ben Carroll, coked him into insensibility, bound his hands and feet, took his revolver and keys and escaped from jail.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 17.—Mr. B. T. Lewis, assistant manager of the Santa Fe railroad said this morning that the train robbers who held up the Santa Fe train No. 405 last night did not get any money whatever. Mr. Lewis states that the train was boarded at Edmund, O. T., by two or three men who climbed over the engine tank and covered the engineer with revolvers as soon as the train left the station, commanding him to stop at the next road crossing.

The engineer obeyed and at the road crossing five or six more men were found in waiting. Some of the men commenced firing as soon as the train stopped for the purpose of keeping the passengers and trainmen to the cars while others entered the express car. They commanded the express man to open the safe but as it was a through safe from Kansas City to Galveston, he was unable to carry out their orders and convinced them of the fact. They then attempted to blow the safe open with a stick of dynamite but failed to even damage it. After that they withdrew to one side and held a consulta-

tion the result of which was an order to the engineer to "hit the road."

None of the robbers entered the passenger coaches. The train was delayed thirty minutes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 17.—The passenger train which was held up in Oklahoma this morning was the regular Santa Fe passenger for Fort Worth, Texas. It left Kansas City yesterday morning. Local Agent C. R. Teas of the Wells Fargo company says that the time-lock safe could not have been opened until it reached quite a distance beyond the scene of the robbery. There was another small safe aboard, but this, agent Teas declares, contained no money and nothing of much value.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 17.—About 200 bicycle riders who took a spin into the country for pleasure had to walk back to the city, a distance of seven or eight miles, owing to punctures. Someone buried a plank filled full of spikes in the bicycle path on the Cedarburg road between Maquon and Thelneville and succeeded in disabling 200 wheels before the cause of the disaster was discovered. This road is a favorite with the wheelmen of this city. Another plank was discovered buried on Ninth street near the city limits.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 16.—William C. Wilson, aged 55 years, proprietor of Wilson's circulating library at No. 1119 Walnut street, was brutally murdered today in his place of business. The crime was evidently committed by thieves, who lay in wait for their victim, and after murdering him, accomplished the robbery.

The weapon used was a heavy hammer, which crashed through Wilson's skull. After looting the place, they made their escape without leaving a clue to their identity. Mr. Wilson had for many years conducted the library at various places and always had the patronage of the wealthy literary classes.

The general impression is that he had accumulated considerable money. He rarely mingled with the outside world and lived alone on the third floor of the library, the two lower floors being filled with books.

IDAHO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 17.—As a result of the decline in silver the Lamartine mine has discharged its force of men working on silver lodes. Manager Hancock said: "The price of silver has dropped too low. We cannot mine and will stop all work on the silver bearing veins. The product of the Lamartine has been something over \$3,000,000 at current prices and it is one of the heaviest producers of the state. We will now turn our attention to the working of the gold lodes."

The owners of the silver mines in the upper end of Clear Creek county will also discontinue.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—David G. Swalm, U. S. A., retired, judge advocate general, died here today aged 63, of Bright's disease.

UKIAH, Cal., Aug. 17.—Sheriff Johnson and Coroner Baker have returned from Lost canyon, whither they went to investigate the discovery of a newly made grave. Two feet below the surface of the earth they found a roughly made box containing the remains of a man aged about 65 years, who had evidently been stras-

gled. The clothes of the deceased had been cut from his person and piled on top of the grave.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Word has reached the government authorities that British steamers are landing freight and passengers at Skaguaway, Alaska, instead of at Dyea, in direct violation of the law. Dyea is the sub-port of entry on the Linn canal and Skaguaway is six miles off. The matter will be investigated by this government. The creation of the sub-port at Dyea several weeks ago was done at the request of the Canadian government to save passengers the annoyance of disembarking at Juceau and awaiting another steamer for Dyea. The request came from Canada about a month ago, and the action of the administration in establishing the sub-port permitted the Canadian vessels to enter at Dyea and land passengers and baggage there.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 17.—This afternoon the fifth annual flower carnival was inaugurated with the horse show, which was an unqualified success. The carnival will be continued this evening with a festival of music. Tomorrow there will be a military pageant at Broad Moor, terminating with a sham battle in which 1,000 United States troops from Fort Logan and the state troops will join. Thursday it is expected that 35,000 people will witness the flower parade. The carnival will be closed with a masked ball. Governor Adams and staff and other distinguished visitors will be present during the carnival.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 17.—At Hendersonville, twenty miles from here today, Mrs. Ben F. Hood shot her husband, one shot breaking his right arm and the other taking effect in his left breast, inflicting what may prove a dangerous wound.

Mrs. Hood then shot herself, dying instantly. The cause of the tragedy is unknown.

POINTE CLAIRE, Que., Aug. 17.—Glencairn wine, crossing the line at 2:00:12. Momo finished at 2:03:02.

CHRISTIANA, Aug. 17.—Information received here confirms the report published in a dispatch from Hammerfest, Norway, saying that the searchers for Herr Andree met a sailing vessel Alken about July 22, and was informed by her captain that one of the crew had shot a carrier pigeon between North Cape and Seven Islands on the north coast of the islands, bearing a message from the explorer addressed to the Aftonbladet of Stockholm, which reads as follows:

"Eighty-two degrees passed. Good journey northward. Andree."

The date of the message was illegible. The pigeon also carried a letter addressed to the Aftonbladet, but the captain of the vessel declined to surrender either. The captain is familiar with Andree's plans and is greatly interested in them.

The news arrived here indirectly. The captain of the Alken communicated the information to the commander of the ship Injerd of Tromsøe, the latter transmitted the news to the commander of the steamer Express, upon which the Lörner Polar expedition was coming home, and the Express finally passed the news along to