

IN STRIPED CLOTHES.

There are 1837 Convicts at Jefferson City.

Two murderers, three petty thieves and the only woman horse thief ever convicted in the state were the detail escorted to penitentiary by County Marshal Hugh McGowan a few days ago. The life takers were sentenced for terms of only two years each, while one of the thieves will be compelled to put in ten years for stealing an old silver watch. The woman was Clara Graham, and she will suffer confinement for two years unless the governor exercises his pardoning power in her behalf.

Jackson county's contribution to the penitentiary swelled the number of convicts to 1,837, forty of whom were women. Of the majority are colored, and a few of them are detained for murder. The prison was established in 1836 with eighteen prisoners, and the advance of years and the increase in crime the number of inmates has swelled to its present proportions, making it the largest number of prisoners confined in any penitentiary in the United States. To properly handle this army of zebra uniformed fellows which includes every calling from ministers of the gospel down to common laborers, actors, doctors, merchants and representatives of the Salvation Army, it takes a large detail of guards, clerks and overseers.

Owing to the continual expense of erecting buildings and making improvements for the safety of the offenders; the institution is not nor has it been self sustaining for years as the state gets an average of only 25 cents a day for the labor performed by the convicts. The contract labor system prevails in this state, and the contractors are the Gesiky Shoe company of Jefferson City, A. Preisner, Jefferson; Jefferson Shoe company, Chicago; Standard, of Cole county this state; J. S. Sullivan Saddle Tree company, Jefferson, and Jacob Struss, manufacturer of saddlery, St. Louis.

In the shops and throughout the prison discipline of the strictest kind is maintained, and the men average about eight hours work per day of six working days. Shoe and boot-making the trimming out of saddle trees and the manufacture of saddlery supplies of various kinds are divided up among the men and they are kept continually on one kind of work, which prevents them from becoming adepts at the trades. This prevention is considered advisable by the authorities, as when the convicts time has expired it protects the honest workingman from being imposed upon by the interference of who may have learned the trade under peculiar circumstances, which they had worked hard for years to master.

Five immense prisons, with cells four and five floors high, are scattered about the large area of ground and while it is found necessary for want of space to put two, three and four prisoners in a cell, there yet remains a scarcity of room and other structures will have to be built. Despite this crowded condition of affairs everywhere about the place is cleanliness, and many of the cells are carpeted, and walls hung with pictures and ornaments, and hundreds of sweet canaries sing the livelong day and to a degree dispel the cheerlessness of the gloomy surroundings. All the bread consumed is made on the premises, and six barrels of flour is used daily in baking. The beef slaughtering is all done on the grounds, and some days as many as four bullocks meet death to supply the hunger of this motley horde.

St. Louis and Kansas City, with the counties in which the two cities are located, furnish the majority of the prisoners, and among them are some of the hardest characters known to criminal history. At times the convicts become mixed in personal quarrels, and on Friday last one Herman Braum, died from injuries from the hands of an infuriated fellow convict by the name of Smith, who will be tried for murder as soon as his present term has expired.

Among those from Kansas City is

the notorious Jack Keith, who is doing 22 years for highway robbery. Since he was detected and punished for attempting to escape from the prison he has become very docile and is trying very hard to reconcile himself to his fate. Jack is not the happiest mortal on earth and he continually insists that he is a much abused man. He works in the department allotted to the Jefferson Shoe company of Chicago, and does his work uncomplainingly.

In the same room with Keith is Ed. Gossard, who is there for twenty years for killing a man at Tivoli garden in 1878. He is a telegraph operator and does not enjoy the best of health. He looks pale and careworn, and the chances of his serving out his full sentence are against him.

William Graig and Charle Thomas are also well known Kansas City crooks, and were each sentenced to thirty-eight years for highway robbery. They are well behaved and perform the services exacted of them with a will. There are many more of less notoriety and of all who attract attention of visitors "Deaf" Smith is most observed. He is enabled to get "soft jobs" as he has but one hand, having dismembered the right one while serving a term in the Ohio penitentiary to escape doing work.—K. C. News.

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Fearing a Flood.

Springfield, Mass., June 13.—There is great excitement in Shelburne Falls, one of the most thriving towns in Deerfield valley, over the possibility that Sadawaga lake, in Whitingham county, Yt., some distance above may give way and flood the valley, resulting in a fearful destruction of life and property. The lake covers 450 acres and is said to contain nearly eight billion gallons of water. The dam is very narrow and about 28 feet high. The water is over a mile in area and 40 feet in depth. It has within a week past sprung a leak, but has been temporarily patched up. Sadawaga lake is on a side of a mountain over 900 feet above Shelburne Falls, and in the event of a demolition that town would experience a second Johnstown horror. The Deerfield river on which Shelburne Falls is located, is notorious for its turbulence during high water. So great has the excitement become all along the river that a thorough investigation was made and the dam will either be repaired or demolished.

A New Creed.

I move a new creed for all the evangelical churches of Christendom only three articles in this creed and no need of any more. If I had all the consecrated people of all denominations of the earth on one great plain, and I had voice loud enough to put it to a vote, that creed would be adopted with a unanimous vote and a thundering ay that would make the earth quake and the heavens ring with hosanna. This is the creed I propose for all Christendom:

Article 1. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believed on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Article 2.—"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—even the chief."

Article 3. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive blessing and riches, and honor, and glory and power, world without end. Amen."

But you go to tinkering up your old creeds, and patching and splicing, and interlining and annexing, subtracting and adding and explaining, and you will lose time and make yourself a target for earth and hell to shoot at. Let us have creeds, not fashioned out of human ingenuity, but one of scriptural phraseology, and all the guns of bombardment blazing from all the port-holes of infidelity and perdition will not in a thousand years knock off the Church of God a splinter as big as a cambric needle.—Talmage.

EMMA BOND MARRIED.

The Victim of the Famous Taborville Incident of 1882 Secretly Wedded.

Nevada, Mo., June 11.—A chapter of a rather romantic nature was developed here to-day in the life of Miss Emma Bond, whose terrible suffering at Taborville, Ill., in the summer of 1882 excited general sympathy all over the United States. This morning, for the first time, she was introduced as the wife of C. E. Justus, of Hepler, Kas. In 1887 Miss Bond visited friends at Hepler, and while there met Mr. Justus. The meeting culminated in something stronger than friendship, and last October they met by agreement in St. Louis and were married in the parsonage of the First Christian church.

For reasons best known to themselves they decided to keep the marriage a secret, and succeeded in doing so until a few days since, when a misplaced letter conveyed to the wife's relatives the first information they obtained of the situation. Mr. Justus was then conducting his business, that of a wool merchant at Hepler, and the wife was at her home in Illinois. The discovery of the letter was followed by an ax-throwing of the truth and an arrangement to live together.

Sunday Mr. Justus reached Nevada and waited here until his wife arrived to-day. They will visit friends of the husband here for a few days and then go to Hepler to live. Mrs. Justus has apparently recovered from the effects of the brutal treatment which she suffered. She has dark hair and blue eyes and is of average stature and weight. Mr. J. is 32 years of age.

Miss Bond was a teacher in a country school near Hillsboro, Ill., and on June 29, 1882, after school had been dismissed, she swept and dusted the school room, and just as she was leaving someone dropped from the loft, and tying her arms with a shawl, a rope was passed about her body and she was pulled to the loft above, where two other men were concealed. While there she was chloroformed and while unconscious was assaulted repeatedly. A number of severe wounds were inflicted upon her person and for some time her life was despaired of. John Montgomery, Lee Pettus, and Emanuel Clement were charged with the crime, but owing to a failure to positively identify them they were acquitted when brought to trial. The most intense excitement prevailed during the time of the trial, and at one time a mob had a rope about the neck of Montgomery, but Miss Bond's father cut the rope and saved his life.

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The Premier Disagrees.

Berlin, June 13.—The American commissioners to the Samoan conference have received instructions from Secretary Blaine in relation to the protocol drawn up by the conference. Mr. Blaine disagrees with several provisions of the protocol, and also is of the opinion that England and Germany have not gone far enough in respect to the rights conceded to the United States.

The conference has a sitting to-day to receive Mr. Blaine's reply. The English and German commissioners will afterwards consider Mr. Blaine's objections and decide upon what policy they will pursue, and upon the attitude which they adopt depends the continuance of the conference.

Cole Younger Still in Prison.

Stillwater, Minn., June 12.—Cole Younger, the notorious outlaw who is in the penitentiary here with his two brothers, was somewhat amused to hear of his own death in Wyoming, and was at a loss how to account for the report. He thinks he would be willing to run the risk of being drowned if he could only be released from the states prison.

NEGROES REBELLING.

They Prepare to Run a Separate State Ticket in Ohio.

Cincinnati, O., June 12.—Hon. W. Copeland, colored republican member of the Legislature who enjoys the distinction of having received the highest vote ever cast for a colored man in Ohio, says in a public card that the greatest dissatisfaction exists among the Ohio colored republicans. Gov. Foraker has done less for them than Gov. Hoadly did, and the national administration utterly ignores them.

Copeland says this is because Harrison personally dislikes the negro, as a result of this snubbing the Ohio blacks have concluded the republicans only want them for their votes. Copeland says 5,000 colored voters will remain away from the polls this fall. This alone would give Hamilton county and the Legislature to the democrats. As the incoming Legislature will probably serve three years under the new constitutional amendments, which there is little doubt will carry, it will elect successors to both Payne and Sherman.

There is a large and influential class of negroes who insist on positive action, and are circulating a call for a State convention of blacks to nominate a State ticket of their own race. Such a ticket, the first of its kind in any Northern State, would poll, it is claimed, 15,000 votes. Copeland says he will not run for the Legislature this fall, as he does not believe he can be elected.

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Ten Thousand Chinese Perish.

San Francisco, June 13.—The steamer City of Pekin arrived yesterday from Hong Kong, with Chinese news. The Shanghai Courier of May 10, contains news from a correspondent at Chung King that Luchow, a city of some importance, was nearly destroyed by fire a month previous. Seven out of eight gates of the city were destroyed, and the loss of life—burned and trampled to death—is estimated at 10,000. The Shanghai Courier says:

"In case this startling news is true, it is a remarkable fact that it has not reached Shanghai before now, as it is just a month since the fire was reported to have occurred. Still this is not conclusive proof that a great disaster has not happened, as a month is not too long a time for a letter to reach Chung King. We met a gentleman in Shanghai to-day who was in Hankow and we told him about the fire, mentioning that three-fourths of the people of Luchow had been destroyed.

Deadly Duel With Knives.

Augustine, Tex., June 12.—Rube Polk, Jr., and George Audrey, two young men of this city, fought a duel to the death with bowie knives last night for a woman. The men attended a party and left apparently the best of friends. While on the way home they quarreled over one of the girls and dismounted and drawing their knives fought it out on the roadside. Polk was killed in a few minutes. He was stabbed to the heart and his jugular vein was severed. Audrey received a fearful cut in the side and one in the leg and was carried home from the battle ground and told his friends to inform the sheriff that he was ready to give himself up.

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