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## A LITTLE SHOOTING AFFAIR

### An Unfortunate Incident Which Ends in Shooting.

## THE WOUND NOT FATAL.

### Some Villagers Exchange Words With an Italian Who Retaliates by Firing Into the Crowd-- Is Arrested and Discharged.

Last Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock considerable excitement was occasioned in town by a shooting affair in which the chief actor was also the chief victim. On Thursday fifty Italians were laid off by the Lehig people and received their wages Friday morning. Several of them hung around town during the day and imbibed quite freely. About 6 o'clock an Italian named Toney Petrial and his "pard" were walking along the north side of Andrews street toward Main. Across the way near Whites Hotel was James Melrose, a roof painter from Talcolville, N. Y., and several others. It seems there were some words of an uncomplimentary nature exchanged between the parties. Melrose came up the street to the steps of the hotel and Petrial crossed over. The colloquy continuing, Melrose picked up a piece of a board some four feet long and the Italian drew a revolver. Melrose suddenly came to the conclusion that it was not his day for a fight and jumped behind a post. Petrial withdrew going along the West side of Main street toward Grasse river. He stopped in front of the store of J. L. Hyde & Son calling to his companion who was in advance to wait. By this time some half a dozen persons were in pursuit, among them George Britton, Dave Richards and policeman Dodge and the Italian was hurrying across the bridge. The pursuers were rapidly gaining on the fugitive when he turned and fired four shots in the air over the crowd. After he had discharged two shots Dave Richards suddenly became imbued with an exalted idea of his responsibility as a protector of the public weal, and fired at Petrial the shot taking effect in his right arm. By this time a hundred persons were on the scene running across the bridge. The Italian after crossing the bridge ran around the house of Bert Andrews into the woodshed where he was arrested and taken to the city "cooler." His wound was dressed by Dr. Taylor. No bones were broken but the bullet made an ugly flesh wound.

The prisoner was arraigned before justice Dominy on Saturday and an adjournment was taken until Monday at 9 a. m. At that time attorneys H. B. Chase appeared for the prisoner and C. A. Boynton for the people. The following witnesses were sworn: James Melrose, Nelson Johnson, John McLean, H. J. Riley, George Lavene, Fred Lavene and the defendant. The evidence corroborated the story as told above and the justice considered the facts as insufficient to hold the prisoner and he was discharged.

The lesson to be learned from this unfortunate affair is for every person to attend to his own business. Doubtless during the next few years there will be large numbers of Italians and Hungarians at work on the canal who will be wandering through the town more or less.

These persons usually attend to their own business, are anxious to be let alone and are entirely harmless unless some thoughtless person picks a quarrel with them. Moral "don't monkey with the buzz saw."

A fire started at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon on the third floor of the wholesale grocery of I. G. Harley & Co., 127 North Water street. It spread so rapidly that three of the adjoining buildings on Water street and four in the rear on Delaware avenue were soon in a blaze, and four alarms of fire were rounded in quick succession. After two hours' work the firemen checked the advance of the fire.

Gold in Siskiyou County. Siskiyou, Cal. is the latest to come forward with a big gold strike. A large body of ore assaying \$180 a ton has been struck in the Schroeder Mine near Yreka. Since the mill was destroyed by fire two years ago the owner has been running drifts endeavoring to strike the vein, which failed at the 1,000-foot level. This is one of the richest strikes ever made in Siskiyou county.

Paderewski Has a Hair Cut. A London dispatch says Paderewski, while on his Polish estate near that of the brothers De Reszke, has cut his hair short and is practicing bicycle riding.

## APPLICATION GRANTED.

### State Railroad Commissioners Grant the Application of the New York and Ottawa Railroad.

The railroad commissioners on Saturday last granted the application of the New York & Ottawa railroad company for permission to build a steam railroad from Moira, a distance of 18 miles, to the St. Lawrence river. The road will cross the bridge now being built across the St. Lawrence eight miles from this village and connect with the line which will run from the Canadian side of the bridge to Ottawa. The New York Central strenuously opposed the granting of the application, claiming it would interfere with the business of their Adirondack lines. The attorneys for the Central claimed that the Delaware & Hudson was behind the scheme and that it would eventually make a connection with the new road from its terminus at North Creek.

As soon as the commissioners rendered their decision word was sent to Helena to commence work and now a large force of men are grading the line of the road. The work is commenced on the St. Lawrence end and will be rapidly pushed toward Moira. There are now 183 men working on the southern end of the bridge and 75 men in the quarries on the St. Regis reservation.

The contract for the telegraph wiring has been awarded to Messrs. Ahern and Soper, of Ottawa. They will stretch the wire from Ottawa to Moira, and along the bridge over the St. Lawrence.

The promoters of the road expect to have trains running between Cornwall and Ottawa by December 1 if the weather is suitable for outdoor work. They broke ground at Cornwall August 23, and by the end of September will have 45 miles ready for the rails.

The Secretary of the Treasury has given instructions that the materials used in the construction of the international bridge across the St. Lawrence river at Cornwall, Ont., now in course of erection, may be admitted free so far as they are used over the water, and up to the American shore end. Materials used on the American shore, however, must pay the regular duty.

## FORESTERS AT MALONE.

### Annual Session of the High Court of New York State.

The High Court of Foresters of the state of New York assembled in the eighth annual session at Malone last week. There were 300 delegates in attendance from all parts of the state. Buffalo sent the largest delegation. The delegates were fine looking men and the Foresters are surely taking a prominent place among other fraternal and worthy organizations of the state. Chief Ranger Dr. Oronhyatekha, of Toronto, was present and among all the delegates stood out as the most conspicuous figure. The officers chosen for the following year were selected by reason of their efficiency and the selection is an honor to the various localities whence these delegates came. Charles W. Lerch, of Rochester, was chosen H. C. R.; O. P. Stockwell, Attica, H. V. C. R.; Charles R. Fitzgerald, Buffalo, the genial and able high secretary during several years past, was re-elected and his salary increased to \$1,000 a year; Henry J. Snook, Watertown, high treasurer; J. S. Frost, Albany, high counselor; Frank Ames and Thomas Baker, high auditors. Niagara Falls was selected as the next place of meeting and the second Tuesday in September, 1898, as the time.

Under Secretary Fitzgerald's administration of affairs the past year, the order has shown a growth of 2,842 members in New York state, making the total membership of this high court at the present time 10,121. This is extraordinary prosperity. The convention at Malone was the largest ever held in the history of the order.

## St. Lawrence County Board of Trade.

Our telegram quotes fancy cheese, large 9@9c., small 9@9c., market steady. Cable 45s. Receipts 42,000 boxes, exports 15,000. Creamery butter 19@19c., market steady. Receipts 36,000 tubs, exports 10,000. Cheese all round remained the same as last week, while butter has advanced one to one and a half cents per pound.

One year ago small cheese sold here for 9c. and large for 9@9.16c., and butter for 15c. per pound.

Forty-five factories have registered 3,262 boxes of cheese, and twelve creameries 682 tubs of butter.

At the auction bidding butter and cheese were extremely dull and there were no sales made.

Later, 66 boxes of twin cheese were sold for 8c., 600 for 9c., 140 for 9c., 600 contracts for 9c., 1,200 large for 9c., and 226 for 9c., delivered at Madrid.

Up to the closing of this report 200 tubs of butter were sold for 19c.

M. R. Warr, Sec'y. Canton, Sept. 18, 1897.

## Brokers Fall For Millions.

J. R. Willard & Co., bankers and brokers, in New York, with branches in Philadelphia, Buffalo, Washington and Montreal, made an assignment yesterday, with preferences for \$20,000 to William H. Oesterhout, No statement has been made, but it is estimated that the liabilities will reach \$1,000,000.

## FIRE AT RACKET RIVER

### A. L. Freego's Store Destroyed by Fire Sunday Morning.

## IS COVERED BY INSURANCE

### Origin of the Fire a Mystery--Thought to Have Caught from a Stove in the Rear of Building--Loss \$4,500, Insurance \$3,400.

At about two o'clock Sunday morning Mrs. Charles Forbes, of Racket River, was awakened by light shining into her bedroom. She saw at once the store of A. L. Freego was on fire and an alarm was given. Soon a score or more of persons were on the scene but the flames had gained so rapidly that it was impossible to save anything from the burning building. Mr. Freego made an effort to get his books from the safe by breaking in a window but the flames burst forth so furiously as to drive him away.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. Some think it caught from a stove in the rear of the building, while others are of the opinion that it was struck by lightning as a thunder storm passed over the place about that time.

The stock consisted of general merchandise which the owner was selling out, preparatory to opening a restaurant in this village. Mr. Freego has been in business at Racket River for the past nine years and has won the esteem and general good will of the people with whom he has dealt. Loss \$4,500, insurance \$3,400, insured in the Continental with George Britton for \$1,200 and in the Palatine with B. A. Whitney for \$2,250.

## AS THERE A MURDER?

### NEIGHBORS SAY MRS. BELL WAS KILLED.

### Clamor for Somebody's Blood in Contribution for the Awful Crime-- A Hearing To-day.

Some of the questions not yet solved in the satisfaction of everybody is whether Mrs. Pardon Bell, whose body was found in Joseph's orchard, was killed or whether it was an accident. If she was killed, who did the awful deed, and where was the deed committed and who carried the body to the place where it was found. There are suspicious circumstances that have not yet been explained to the satisfaction of the neighbors.

An inquest developed several questions too late for our issue last week. One Silas Jenkins swore that on Tuesday of the week the woman appeared he was through the orchard looking for apples and took a short observation of the orchard, and thought he would have seen the body and tin pal had they been there. George Wilson and Joseph McDonald testified that they were drawn on Monday and Tuesday afternoon many times within a few rods of the spot, yet saw nothing. Chambers also testified that on Tuesday and Wednesday she was in the orchard and the body was not seen.

Joseph Compo, father of the dead woman, testified that on Friday of the week after the body was found he went to Bell's cow barn. There was a huge stone wall back of the barn. He tried to get over, but could not go farther down. Where he fell over into the meadow he found a grass trampled and he followed the parts of which looked as if a body had walked there.

The trail led to the stone wall along the highway leading to Gray's orchard. The trail struck the stone wall in rods from where the body was found. The wall had been torn down and pulled in toward the meadow. The grass was trampled down and a spot looked to the witness as if one had laid down. The trail from there followed along the wall to where the body was found.

John McDonald corroborated this evidence, which is believed to indicate that the body was carried from the barn to the point in the stone wall where the first break appears, and that it was first hidden there, the wall being pulled down to give the appearance of death having been caused by accident; but that afterwards the body was removed to the place where it was found, the murderers deciding that the second place was a better one to give the appearance of accidental death.

Dr. B. Hazen, of Helena, who assisted at the autopsy, created quite a sensation by his testimony. He said he found blood on Mrs. Bell's waist, apron and underclothes. The skull was bare on the back of the head over a spot as big as a dollar, and looked as though it had been hit by some blunt instrument. He said there were bruises on the thigh and ankle, and on the throat, and according to his best judgment death was caused by strangulation. Dr. Nevin, though not as positive testified to practically the same thing.

The deaf mute Winfred was in possession of the dead woman's watch and ring and swore he bought them of his stepmother on Monday morning before she went away, agreeing to pay for them some time in the future, but his little sister Cora is positive her mother wore the ring when she went away.

It is a complicated case and the inquest when it reconvenes to-day may develop some startling things. District Attorney Hale is already in possession of evidence tending to throw light on many dark points and before another sun the guilty party may be behind prison bars--if there is a guilty one.

## A PONDEROUS MACHINE

### The Big Dirt Conveyor Being Set Up Down on the Canal.

## CARRIES DIRT SIXTY FEET HIGH

### And Dumps it 230 Feet Over the Embankment as Fast as Four Steam Shovels Can Dig it Out--Progress of the Work.

A visitor at the canal to-day and two weeks since would hardly think it was the same place, so rapid progress has been made, yet the contractors state that only a little start has been made and things will not be in full operation before May next. At the power house site the red sand covers the surface at a depth of only about four feet. Below this the shovels strike a solid bed of clay fully fifty feet deep. This formation extends nearly the whole extent of the canal.

Directly across the highway from the power house site, contractor James Corbett has finished excavations to water level for a distance of 1,000 feet along the line of the canal and 262 feet wide. This is the section where the four graders and numberless scrapers are working and the work is now being pushed rapidly toward Andrews ridge.

Just north and east of the canal a truly wonderful machine is being set up. It is called a conveyor and is to be used in taking the earth from the steam shovels and carrying it up and over the immense bank. The part already in position has the appearance of a huge derrick. To these great beams an endless chain is to be attached which will carry cars or buckets from the dump of the shovels up the incline to a tower at an elevation of sixty feet and a distance of 230 feet. Each car will carry one-half cubic yard of dirt. Four steam shovels will be placed abreast in the canal and the conveyor will take the earth from all of these shovels and transfer it over the bank. It will be some time before this ponderous machine is in working order.

The electric light plant is now running. A large hundred-horse power boiler furnishes the power both for running the machines and for heating the numerous buildings at Camp Bogart. The incandescent dynamo has a capacity of 500 lights and 300 are now on the circuit. 75 lamps are to be placed on the arc machine. The current was first turned on last Thursday.

The roadbed for the railroad is graded along nearly the entire line and the ties are being placed in position. A wagon road has also been constructed from the power house site to Camp Bogart.

The sporting hall is nearly completed. This is a large building 100 feet by 40, located just west of the dining hall, which will be used exclusively for sports, such as bowling alleys, billiards, and the like.

Contractor Corbett received on Thursday last a consignment of forty mules from St. Louis. The animals were fat and sleek, weighing about 1200 pounds each and seemed to be none the worse for their 1,100 mile ride. They will be used on the graders and scrapers.

## NEW YORK POLITICS

### THE MAYORALTY CAMPAIGN PROMISES TO BE VIGOROUS.

### The Citizen's Union Has an Educational Bureau--Mr. Platt Wants a Party Candidate--Faddy Gleason's Boom Launched at Cooper Union.

The lecture bureau of the Citizens' Union has prepared a number of addresses on the different public departments, illustrated by lantern views, showing the methods of administration, past and present, in Greater New York. These lectures are now being delivered in various parts of the city, and others will be added during the campaign.

Patrick J. Gleason, Mayor of Long Island City, was nominated for Mayor of the Greater New York by a mass meeting, Saturday night in Cooper Union Hall. He read a speech accepting the nomination, and setting forth his views. He said there will be "no pent-up government" here if he is elected. An electric battle-axe was exhibited over the stage.

The Republican State Committee met in New York, Saturday, and nominated United States Circuit Judge William J. Wallace, for Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. It also issued an address, in which voters were warned not to cast a vote for Mayor which is bound to be counted for Tammany Hall. The address said in part: "The Republican State Committee congratulates the people of New York upon the return of prosperity. The pledge of the St. Louis platform has already been redeemed. The Republican Party has given new proof of its competency to conduct public affairs. Never in the history of the country has fulfillment followed so swiftly upon the promise as since the election of William McKinley.

## TIDINGS OF THE BALLOON.

### Report That an Airship Was Seen Over Siberia is Confirmed.

The official Messenger confirms the announcement made from St. Petersburg, saying a telegraphic message received here from Kraanoyarsk, in the interior of Siberia, said that on Sept. 14, at 11 P. M., the inhabitants of the village of Antzifrowskoje, in the District of Yeniseisk, Arctic Russia, saw for about five minutes a balloon believed to be that of Prof. Andree, the Swedish aeronaut. The Messenger adds that it is supposed in official circles that the balloon is that of the arctic explorer mentioned.

Prof. Andree left the Island of Amsterdam, one of the Spitzbergen group, shortly before 2:30 P. M. on July 11, in an attempt to cross the polar regions.

## Belief of the Paris Bazaar.

### Diamonds valued at \$7,000 and \$8,000 in coin, found in the ruins of the Paris Bazaar fire and unclaimed, will be sold

This effort has not succeeded is solely due to the conspiracy of a few self-sufficient persons, who, banding together in the name of good government, but shamefully treacherous to its cause, are exerting their utmost endeavors to deliver New York into Tammany's hands, and thereby insure the victory in the next election of the dangerous and Socialist forces whose defeat one year ago is now being so joyously celebrated throughout the country.

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## MICHAEL SMASHES RECORDS.

### Fastest Cycling Time the World Ever Saw Made at Boston.

"Jimmy" Michael won the greatest cycling event ever run on any New England track, Saturday. It was the international twenty-five-mile race on Charles River Park, Boston, and was run in the fastest cycling time the world ever saw, and in time which it may not see again for many days. Michael demonstrated his phenomenal power on a wheel by practically outriding his two competitors, Lucien Lesna of France and "Eddie" McDuffee of Cambridge.

The records made in this race are something remarkable. Up to this time Lesna had held practically all records from three miles to twenty-five, excepting the tenth and twentieth mile records, which were broken on Thursday last by Michael in his twenty-mile contest against Lesna at Springfield. Every American and world's record, from three to twenty-five miles inclusive is now credited to Michael. The time was 45:58 4-5.

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