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THE LEDGER.
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1888.

SATURDAY SALAD.

Political and Social Matters—A Female Mystery at the Post-office.

"The average every-day reader who skims over the murders, fires, suicides, casualties, politics, &c. in the great metropolitan papers day after day little knows how that news is collected. A great deal of it is made up from reports of the Associated Press, but now every newspaper that amounts to anything has its own special correspondents in all towns of any note. If anything of any importance happens it is sure to be gobbled up by these alert correspondents to appear in print a few hours later in the papers they represent. Mexico is and always has been a good news center and the leading newspapers are well represented here. B. I. Runkle is the correspondent of the *Globe-Democrat*, Cincinnati *Enquirer*, New York *World* and *Police Gazette*; Frank N. Frost represents the *Post-Dispatch* and Kansas City *Times*; Homer Bassford is the Kansas City *Journal* and St. Louis *Chronicle* correspondent; Benj. F. Dobyns has been doing good work on the St. Louis *Republican* for years, and Jno. M. Pollard is the efficient Chicago *Times* correspondent. All matter is sent by telegraph and several thousand words leave Mexico by wire every night for the great dailies. "All matter that is worth printing is worth telegraphing," said, Mr. McCullagh, managing editor of the *Globe-Democrat*, and so it goes."

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"We have a full fledged, real, live mystery in this end of town," said a man who does business near the post-office. "It is a female mystery, at that. For the past six months a heavily veiled woman has entered my store every other day about ten o'clock, purchasing some trifling thing and going out. She comes regularly, asks for what she wants and pays for it. She has a very pleasant voice but I cannot say what sort of a countenance she possesses, as her face is always veiled. I sent one of the boys after her the other day as she left the store and she was traced to a neat cottage in the West End. I inquired of the neighbors as to her identity but, strangely, they, too, had never seen her face. My curiosity was fully aroused when I heard this and I inquired at the post-office. The authorities know the woman's name but had never seen her face. I have seen her every other day for six months and she always wears a heavy veil. Comes around some morning at ten o'clock and I'll point her out to you."

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"The month of March promises to witness an unusually large number of weddings, if reports are true," remarked Recorder Torreyson yesterday. "I have already granted a number of licenses and understand a dozen knots are to be tied in leading families during the coming thirty days." County Clerk Williams was within hearing and becoming interested in the conversation, said: "Speaking of marriage licenses, I expect I have as many applications for those all-important documents as my friend Torreyson. Only to-day a young man called for a license. As he came in I spoke to him very nicely and asked if I could do anything for him. He hesitated, then said: 'No-o, I-I guess not.' I gave him a seat while I stepped into the vault to wash my hands. The young man was after me in a moment. He seemed to have changed his mind, for with innumerable 'haws and haws,' managed to say that he wanted to get married. Of course I could do nothing for him and he thanked me very kindly when I took him to the office of Recorder Torreyson."

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"The coming city primary will be a warm one, or I'm no prophet," said a local politician this morning. "The candidates are all looking after their fences and, although the primary is two weeks off, politics is beginning to warm up. I have heard that there will be lively races in nearly every ward for Councilmen."

E. M. Young and son of Audrain county, are in the city to-day, looking at the town with a view to locating here. They are old and good citizens of Audrain, and we will be glad to have them settle here.—*Liberty Tribune.*

ARRESTED FOR MURDER.

After Three Months Billy Montgomery is Taken in This City—His Crime.

When Chief of Police Lane laid his hand on the shoulder of Billy Montgomery in the baggage room of the Union Depot late Friday afternoon and told him to consider himself under arrest, that person coolly looked around, saw the officer's badge of authority and said, "All right." Since the third day of last December Montgomery has successfully eluded arrest for the murder of his brother-in-law, J. W. Davidson, near Carrollton, Illinois, on that day. The three months that have elapsed since the murder have been spent by Montgomery, for the most part, near Martinsburg and Bush Hill, where the murderer worked in the coal mines. He first came to Martinsburg, where he worked for Weaver, going from there to Bush Hill, where he engaged in the same business, digging coal, working this time for George Short.

THE CRIME

for which he is now under arrest was committed on the public road three or four miles northeast of Carrollton early in last December. A brother-in-law of Montgomery, Davidson by name, was supposed to have beaten his wife on different occasions and the man now under arrest heard of it and, to use his own words, "concluded to settle with him for it." If reports were true, Davidson's wife being his sister. On the day of the murder he met Davidson, who, with a party of friends, was riding along the public road. Montgomery walked up to his brother-in-law and asked him if the stories in circulation were true, adding:

"You are afraid to strike a man."

From Montgomery's account of the difficulty, as related to a Kansas reporter at the City Hall just after the arrest, it would appear that this remark threw Davidson into a rage. He drew a knife and was about to cut Montgomery when one of the party, a man named W. M. Crow, interfered, grabbing Davidson's arm. This interference further increased the passion of the angry man and he turned upon Crow, who, in a moment, lay lifeless at his feet, with a great knife-wound in his body. David son was not satisfied with this bloody deed and made a lunge at his brother-in-law, Montgomery. The latter was too quick for him and the next minute he lay on the ground by the side of his victim, Crow, in the agonies of death from a pistol shot at the hand of Montgomery, who was uninjured save a slight knife wound on the left side. The two murders were committed before the rest of the party could appreciate the situation, and Montgomery left at once, no attempt having been made to hold him. No more was heard of the murderer for some time. Stimulated by the heavy rewards offered for his capture, detectives set out on the trail, but it proved dim. About a month ago a man named Bill Ashlock, of Whitehall, Illinois, happened to be in Martinsburg, where he saw Montgomery, who at that time was working there. Ashlock returned at once to Carrollton and informed the authorities of the fugitive's whereabouts. When the officers arrived in Martinsburg the bird had flown, but the story of the murder had became familiar to the people of the village. When they found murder man gone, the officers gave up further search and returned to Illinois.

HOW MONTGOMERY WAS CAPTURED.

Theodore Bussen owns a saloon in Martinsburg and was among those to learn that Montgomery was wanted in Illinois for murder. Bussen had thought little of the matter since the murderer's sudden departure from his town a month ago, but the minute he laid his eyes on the man in a saloon in this city yesterday afternoon he knew him. He lost no time in informing the police and in company with Officer Lane and Joe Weimer, formerly of Carrollton, who knew the murderer well, returned to the saloon where he had seen him. The man was slippery, though, and it began to look as if he was gone again. The party visited all the saloons, then went to the Union Depot with the intention of watching the trains. A tour of the offices was made and as soon as Lane reached the baggage room saw his man and knew him at once. He called Weimer and the two approached Montgomery. Weimer extended his hand and said:

"Hello, Billy."

Montgomery looked up, hesitated, then said, laconically:

"How are you, Weimer."

He was arrested and taken to the City Hall, where he made a close breast of the story to a reporter for the Lantern. After having left Martinsburg a month ago, he returned to Illinois, where he saw his sister. He stayed but a few hours in the vicinity in which the crime was committed, returning to this county, having worked since in the Bush Hill coal mines. He came to this city on a freight yesterday morning.

TAKEN ON SUSPICION.

Immediately upon the arrest of Montgomery, Lane sent a telegram to John G. F. Powell, Sheriff of Greene county, Illinois, notifying him of the capture. An answer was received at 7 o'clock last evening to the effect that the Sheriff would come to Mexico at once and that the reward for Montgomery was $700 upon conviction. Sheriff Powell arrived on the Alton early Saturday and returned with his prisoner at 12:45 that afternoon. Montgomery having signified his willingness to go without a requisition.

Agress Once.

From the Lamoure Herald.

We agree with the Mexico Ledger, for once, in its stand against certain newspapers publishing too many letters from other States, praising everything that might be said favorable to the locality and omitting the smallest mention of anything that might reach the unfavorable impression. The *Herald* delights in pleasing and honoring its friends, but it has been called upon to do too much of this free advertising, and many times we have had to curtail, but from henceforth we shall do more outtalling than ever.

Senator Cockrell's Illness.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—Senator Cockrell is quite a sick man. He was complaining of a cold for several days before he finally gave up work and went to bed yesterday. He was feeling very badly last night and this morning he was worse. He is confined to his bed, and he has the doctor several times every day. His condition is not dangerous, or even serious, but he is quite sick.

Stallion Show.

From the Saint Louis World.

We hope preparations are being made to make a great stallion show at Mexico in August next, when the finest horses of Missouri are expected to compete with each other. It will be the best aggregation ever brought together and is quite sure to astonish even Missouri themselves. By all means then let the stallion show a good one.

Deaths.

Fulton's Big Blaze.

FULTON, Mo., Feb. 29.—Several of the firemen at the Deaf and Dumb Asylum conflagration were injured. The Board of Managers met last night and had a conference with the Governor and State Auditor. The buildings left will be placed in shape for accommodating the pupils for the remainder of the term. The citizens are raising funds for that present.

Charley Gallup will remain in the post-office. He is an efficient clerk and Postmaster Woodward does well to retain him.

Day and Night
Sleeping or waking cough or bronchitis, a tickling sensation in the throat and an exhausting, dry, hacking cough, affects the sufferer. Sleep is banished, and great prostration follows. This disease is also attended with Bronchitis, and sometimes with Asthma. In all these cases Ayer's Cherry Pectoral acts like a charm, lessening the cough, and insuring quiet nights. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral affords speedy relief and cure in cases of Bronchitis. It controls the disposition to cough, and induces refreshing sleep.
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Why every citizen in Mexico does not take a local daily.
If there will not be enough material in the field for city offices.
If several of our business houses are not to be improved in appearance this spring.
If the best wishes of the community do not follow our ex-postmaster and assistants.
If the Local Option question should not be left with the people without any argument.
Why moving to Kansas City should make a person too big to speak to Mexico people.
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Joe, Charley and Shag Brown have started a big creamery on the old Ham Brown farm, 12 miles southwest of Mexico, on the line of the new railroad.

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HOTEL HORROR.

The Roof of The Midland House Falls in.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 29.—The roof the Midland hotel, a new eight-story building, valued at half a million and nearly completed, fell in about noon.

Everything is confusion, but it is believed that many persons are badly injured or killed.

The walls sprung and nearly all of the building will have to be rebuilt. The roof fell six stories. It is known that six workmen are missing. A greater part of the building is sprung and all of it will have to be rebuilt. Loss, $100,000.

Thirty Days Yet.

From the New London Gazette.

Mr. Fudge, of the C., H. & S., was in the city yesterday and says the report that the C.,H. & S. had bought the Columbia Branch railroad was without foundation, and that it would be about thirty days before they could tell whether the road would go by Mexico or Centralia.

John R. Brandon and Wallace Williams, of Palmyra, were in the city Thursday *en route* to St. Louis to purchase material to start a daily paper in that town. Mr. Brandon will be proprietor and Mr. Williams will have charge of the business of the office. They are both clever men and we hope they will succeed.

"Democratic and Deserving."

From the Waverlyite News.

R. M. White, of the LEDGER, is very favorably spoken of as a candidate for Railroad Commissioner. He is a true Democrat and has been laboring for the party through the columns of his influential paper for a number of years, and he highly deserves the position referred to if he wants it.

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