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EVENTS OF THE DAY

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form

The killing of Frank Hepburn, son of Congressman Hepburn, at Chester, Ark., is now attributed to a political conspiracy. The first report stated that a duel was fought.

Lee Ah Mee, a waiter, was shot and occurred the same evening, but no one

Three dead bodies have been taken from the Chicago river, and men are at work dragging the stream for more. The remains are those of infants and had been in the water for some time. The doctors assert that they had all been drowned, and it is thought that they have been the victims of a babyfarmer.

A fatal collision occurred on the Southern Pacific railway, half a mile ployes in the mills that a "readjustsouth of Green's station, Oregon, resulting in the death of John McGonigle, of Portland, fireman, and A. N. Toy, a brakeman. Five others were seriously injured. The collision was each side is required to give a ninety due to a conductor's carelessness in mislaying his papers and orders.

In Abbeville, S. C., Willedge Ma- will be put into effect. lone, a boy 14 years old, went with a shotgun to a colored woman, Mattie Hellman, who owed him twenty-five cents and told her he would shoot her show that high winds did great damif she did not pay him. She replied that she had no money, and he would tain. In addition to the wind, there have to shoot. Thereupon the boy was a cloudburst that soon changed the emptied both barrels of the gun into small tributaries into raging torrents, her, killing her instantly.

Cases of poisoning from eating smoked whitefish continue to be reported from Wisconsin. At Merrill, in that state, Albert Radloff and another man died of poisoning. Twentyfive cases in all are reported from that town. Twenty additional cases are reported from Brotherton, on the east shore of Lake Winnebago, some of whom cannot recover. Milwaukee has also received her share, and fifty people have been poisoned in Oshkosh. The news is causing a panic among fish eaters and dealers.

For the third time in six months the Sonora stage has been held up, near Cloudman, Cal. Two masked men suddenly appeared on either side of the road and covering with shotguns the Little Johnny, Mehala and Resurrec driver, ordered him to "hold up." He tion mines, at Leadville. At least 500 was then ordered to throw out the mail men are expected to go to work soon. sacks and told to drive on. The mail sacks were rifled of registered letters and left on the road where they were subsequently found by the postmaster of Cloudman. The amount secured by to have been large.

the W. B. Arnold, from Chicago, with a load of railroad iron, foundered off Government pier, near Milwaukee. Four sailors were drowned. The captain, mate and cook were rescued by a life-saving crew.

Jennie Love was shot in the head and instantly killed by William Swanson in St. Louis. The testimony of several witnesses goes to show that the bullet which ended the woman's life was intended for William Lee, a negro with whom Swanson had been quarreling. Jealousy about the woman is the cause alleged.

A victous St. Bernard dog attacked a party of school children in Marysville, Cal. Laura Baumann, aged 7. was bitten about the face and head and will probably die; Baby Kuchs, was almost torn to shreds, its arms and breast were terribly bitten, and it cannot recover. Albert Kuchs was bitten through the wrist, and will recover, unless rabies follows. A little girl was bitten in the leg, but will recover.

"Doc" Payne and Lon Beckwith, middle-weights, met in Cleveland, O., for a finish fight for \$250 a side and the gate receipts in Lavac's gymnasium. In the seventh round, when Payne was all but knocked out, the police burst in the doors and stopped the fight, arresting all the principals, seconds and referee. Two hundred spectators were in attendance, and only ten of them escaped, jumping from the windows. All of the patrol wagons in the city made trip after trip conveying the crowd, which contained many prominent citizens, to the sta-

It is reported that Lewis Gimm, of Cleveland, O., the holder of the American 24-hour indoor bivele record, is mentally unbalanced from the effects of his remarkable performance in that city last week. Gimm rode 486 miles and 1,115 yards in 2316 hours, breaking the American record by more than 33 miles. He would have fallen from his wheel at the finish but for the judges, who noticed the movements of the rider and carried him from the track.

There has been a run on the society known as the Cuida Economica in Rio de Janneiro. The funds of the society are guaranteed by the government, but numerous persons withdrew their deposits. Coffee producers and exporters are greatly alarmed at the falling prices in Europe. The agricultural congress in San Paulo proposed the foundation of a bank for the needs of the rural depositors. Foreign capital, it is said, can be procured to open such an institution, and immediate steps will be taken to start it.

A Touch of Womanly Grace. The members of the party composed of federal generals who are touring the country in the interests of the Republican party unite in saying that the most pleasing incident so far of their journey was a delicate bit of courtesy shown by Mrs. Bryan, wife of the Democratic candidate for president, who, while the procession in honor of the visiting generals was moving past her house in Lincoln, Neb., displayed over her door a large portrait of William McKinley, tastefully draped in the national colors. It was a touch of womanly garce, beautiful as it was unexpected, and General Alger says that he will cherish it as a sweet recollection plucked from an acrimonious campaign until the end of his days.

Match Girls on a Strike.

Rather than have their teeth examined and repaired, half of the 300 instantly killed by unknown assassins girl employes of Edwin Gould's big in San Francisco, as a result of a high- match factory at Passaic, N. J., have binder war. Another shooting affair gone on a strike, and declare they will never work for such a horrid man again. Phosphorous, which is used in making matches, if allowed to act on decayed teeth, will evntually subject them to disease and leave them crippled for life. Damage suits may result. Gould, therefore, ordered the girls to submit to an examination by a dentist, but they refused.

Will Readjust Wage Rates.

The Carneige Steel Company, of Homestead, Pa., has notified its emment" of the existing wage scale is desired by the company. This, the men say, means another cut in wages. Under the agreement with the workmen, days' notice of any change desired in the wages paid. The present scale expires January 1, when the new scale

Reports from the upper Potemac age to property this side of the mouncarrying away much farm property and washing away many bridges. On a short spur of the railroad leading to Berkley Springs, thirteen bridges were

The Powers Have Agreed.

There is, says a London dispatch, very good reason for beliveing that an important agreement has been reached between the great powers and that all danger of a European war has, for the present passed away. It may now be hoped that the danger has been conjured by diplomacy, which alone was capable of dealing safely and adequately with the problem.

Mines to Be Worked.

Preparations are being hurried for the resumption of work in the Bison,

A Head-End Collision.

Two freight trains collided at Philson, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, 124 miles east of Pittsburg, Pa., makthe robbers is unknown, but is believed | ing one of the worst wrecks in the history of the road. Twelve tramps have been taken from the wreck, six of whom were dead. The other six are in a serious condition. The two engineers and firemen were injured seriously and one perhaps fatally. The crew of the fast freight train lost control of the train on a steep grade. It was going at a high rate of speed when it struck the other train, every car being thrown to a common center in the collision and ground to atoms.

It Was a Bold Plot.

A plot to ovethrow the government of Nicaragua and kill President Zelaya, has been discovered and frustrat-Some of the most prominent people are implicated in the plan, which was well prepared. Since the close of the last rebellion, in which Zelaya was victorious, his enemies and a majority of his former allies, namely, the conservatives, have been plotting to usset the government by force of arms. The barracks and palaces were to be assaulted simultaneously, and President Zelava was to be assassinated. The barracks were to be blown up with dynamite in case the assault failed.

Another Big Deficit.

A comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures of the government for the month of September shows the total receipts to have been \$24,584,-244; expenditures, \$26,579,535, leaving a deficit for the month of \$1,995,-291. The deficit of the three months of the present fiscal year is \$25, 194, 129. as compared with a deficit of \$9,884,-658 in the corresponding months last year. Receipts for the last month show a loss as compared with September of last year of nearly \$3,300,000 from customs, and about \$580,000 from internal revenue.

Reviewing Stand Collapsed.

During the parade at the Iowa semicentennial celebration, at Burlington, la., the reviewing stand containing Vice-President Stevenson, Governor Drake, of Iowa, and staff, and many other prominent people, collapsed, throwing all to the ground and injuring thirty people. Vice-President Stevenson and Governor Drake escaped with slight bruises.

Part of Fez Burned.

A Tangier dispatch says: The Jewish quarter of Fez, the principal city of the empire of Morocco, has been burned. Several persons perished, and many were fatally injured. Five hundred of the residents of the burning quarter were compelled to flee in an unclad condition to the country unilt the flames were quenched. It is estimated that there were 10,000 Jews in Fez, out of a total population of 100,000.

JOINED THE DREIBUND

Roumania and Greece Preparing for Turkey.

Servia Will Follow as Soon as Ex-Queen Natalie's Influence Can Be Overcome.

Berlin, Oct. 6 .- The sensational news that Roumania and Greece have joined the dreibund, and that the formal agreements to this end were signed at Bucharest during the presence there of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, after the opening of the canal through the iron gates of the Danube, is being discussed in political circles The statements made are believed to be correct, and are received as being of prime importance, for the dreibund will thus have valuable allies in these two countries in the event of the disruption of Turkey or any serious complications in the East.

King Charles of Roumania has long been anxious to join the dreibund, but it was only lately that a binding bargain acceptable to all parties was drawn up. It is expected that Servia will also adhere to the dreibund, as soon as the influence of ex-Queen Natalie, who is a Russophile, is overcome.

The general uprising of the Wahehes, the powerful and warlike tribe of German East Africa, is causing some anxiety in colonial circles here and elsewhere. The Wahches, who met with couple of years ago, have this time been incited by Arab chiefs, and they must hvae excellent weapons and equipments. The rebellion seems to be spreading around the whole Tanganyika region, and the troops available are much too weak to cope with it. In the meantime Governor Wissmann is lingering here, unwilling to return to his post in East Africa, owing to his merit. In the past a large part of the shattered health, though he is being urged to do so. Moreover, the government is not inclined to ask the reichstag for a large increase of the German East Africa troops, in view of the big colonial budget, although the present big shorts. This bulge has been differforces are quite inadequate.

A CHINESE ASSASSIN.

Made a Bold Attempt to Murder a San Francisco Droggest.

San Francisco, Oct 6 .- One of the boldest attempts at murder ever made in Chinatown took place today shortly before noon, when Gin Lun Chee, one of the proprietors of the Chee Sang Tong Company, druggists, was deliberately shot in the back by an alleged hired assassin, in the presence

of at least half a dozen spectators. As a direct result of the shooting. Gin Lun Chee is now lying at the point of death in the receiving hopsital, and Ah Chang and Ah Wah are incarcerated in the city prison, one identified by the wounded Chinese as he who did the shooting, and the other as the man who directed him to do it. Officer Freel saw the shooting, and arrested the Chinese, whom the wounded man identified. Gin Lung

through the spine. He says: 'Chin Kim Leon told the two men who are arrested to kill me, because Chin Kim Leon owed me money. I asked him to pay me; for this reason he told them to kill me. When the man shot at me. I turned my head and saw and recognized him. Chin Kim Leon was standing by the two men. I heard the tall man tell the short man to shoot, and he pointed his finger at me. "

CHOCTAW SCHOOL BURNED.

Four of the Students Were Cremated and Others Injured.

Antlers, I. T., Oct. 6. - At 11 o'clock last night, Spencer's academy, located ten miles west of here, burned, together with all the furniture and four Choctaw boys. The origin of the fire is supposed to

be incendiary, as no one was occupying the room in which the fire broke out, and there had been no fire in it this season. Superintendent J. B. Eter, who was in charge of the school, heard the flames, and when he got up, the stairway was on fire. He ran on the outside and woke all the boys and barely saved his own life. The boys threw their beds out of the windows and jumped to the ground on them. One of the boys who was burned to death was a cripple, and the other three were in rooms in which there were no windows. It is said the means and greans were heartrending in the extreme.

Michigan Forest Fires. Marquette, Mich., Oct. 6 .- Destructive forest fires are burning two miles south of this city, along the line of the Marquette & Western railway. During the afternoon, a brisk south wind was blowing and there was some anxiety lest the fires might be driven upon the city, but a change of the wind to the west averted the danger. Nestoria Junction on the line of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic road, seven miles west of here, is in serious danger.

San Francisco, Oct. 6. - Frederick E. Luty, a stock operator and mining man, committed suicide today by shooting himself in the head while in a hallway over the Anglo-California bank. No motive for the deed is yet known, and temporary insanity is the reason advanced by his friends. Luty was secretary of half a dozen mining companies, but his accounts are apparently straight. Luty was 60 year sold, and left a wife and family, who are well known socially.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Downing, Hopkins & Co.'s Review of Trade.

Portland, Or., Oct. 7 .- Wheat has taken a position as the leading speculative commodity, and there is a gradusl return of confidence among the business and speculative public. The res-WILL ASSIST THE POWERS toration among the first named class has gone far toward helping the latter, but the speculators were the first to start it. Imports of gold, which have thus far been about \$40,060,000, counting that already received and engaged and in tranist, will reach \$50 .-000,000 before the end. Those best informed among the foreign bankers say that the top figures will be reached inside of the next thirty days. The movement, however, will continue after that time on a moderate scale, as our exports are heavy and the exchange market will be too low for gold shipments to be checked. It also looks as though our exports will be large until the first of the year, as about all the freight room has been engaged up to that date, and steamers that have been in the Indian trade are coming to the Atlantic ports for loads. This shows that there is nothing in the Southern hemisphere to tempt the boats in that direction. Last week our exports were 4,215,794 bushels wheat and flour from weeks have been nearly 20,000,000 bushels. All the evidence is at hand to show

that the arena of depression is gradually passing away, and that the prices on farm products have touched the lowest point. Inside of thirty days. there has been a surprising change for the better. Wheat has advanced 1316 crushing defeat from German troops a cents for December; corn and oats are up 3 cents; rye has made a better improvement than the other coarse grains, 6 /2 cents. Chicago has not been alone in the advance as prices at other markets have appreciated rapidly. This advance in the face of only a fair trade, with no short interest of any moment and a moderate run of outside buying orders, showed that it had big advances have been produced by the covering of heavy lines of shorts. The bulge of 32 cents last year was largely the result of the covering by Pardridge, Rosecranz, and a few other ent from all others, being based entirely on the cash demand and foreign of whom are probably dead. buying, as there have been no large shorts. Another strong feature of the advance in wheat is the fact that the cash markets have followed futures closer than for years. Millers and shippers have taken low grades so fast that there has not been such a strong, healthy condition in twenty years. Farmers in the winter wheat country are holding for higher prices, but within the past week there has been a loosening up in offerings from Nebraska and Northern Kansas, the result of the sharp advance. There is also talk of the Northwestern movement enlarging. Millers at Minnesota are paying a premium for eash lots, and the best posted men there say that the mills require all the wheat raised there this year. The visible supply increased 1,-410,000 bushels on Monday, and now totals 50,116,000 bushels.

The Yield Will Be About What

Estimated -40,000 Bales. Salem, Or., Oct. 7 .- The hopyards throughout the Willamette valley are now deserted, picking having been completed and the brokers and Eastern buyers are busily engaged forwarding samples and inspecting hops, preparatory to buying and filling orders already received, or at least expected, says the Statesman. Many of the growers have contracted their hops, in odrer to procure an advance to enable them to pick. This course has been followed to such an extent this year that but a small percentage of the crop is really in the hands of independent growers, and they will, of course, hold their hops until the market suits them.

The crop of Oregon will prove to be about what it was estimated earlier in the season, about 40,000 bales. The quality, in most cases, is exceptionally good, although some overdried hops are found, and some few have been sam-

pled that are badly tainted with mould. Sevearl heavy shipments have been made from Salem already, the purchases averaging 5 to 6 cents, although one heavy grower is reported as having disposed of his crop in two different lots at 7 cents per pound, one lot going to a California firm, represented in Salem by an agent, the other being purchased by an Eastern hop factory.

A Hypnotist's Responsibilities. Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 7 .- If the ruling

of Judge Foule, of Atlanta, obtains, hypnotists will have to be very careful what they order their subjects to do. The judge holds that the hypnotist is directly responsible for the acts of his subjects. During a performance at a local theater the subject of a hypnotist imagined he was a monkey. He grabbed a hat off a man in the audience and bit a piece out of it. The professeor and his business manager declined to make good the cost of the hat and the hypnotist was prosecuted before Judge Foule on a charge of malicious mischief. The judge sustained the charge and bound the hypnotist over to a high-

Attempted Train Wreck.

Baraboo, Wis., Oct. 6 .- An attempt was made lsts night to wreck passenger train No. 5, on the C. R. N. W. railway, near Devil's lake. Four bandits were discovered obstructing the track. Tom Patterson, who made the discovery, shot one of them. They returned the fire, and Patterson was shot through the leg and hat. The wreckers escaped, and a sheriff's posse is in pursuit. An attempt was made to wreck the same train a week ago.

WRECKED

Hurricane.

HUNDREDS RENDERED HOMELESS

The Town of Cedar Keys Leveled to the Ground-Sixty-Seven Persons Killed in the State.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 5 .- Communication with the interior is restored, and the news of the destruction of life and property by Tuesday's hurricane becomes appalling. Hundreds of persons are homeless and must suffer from hunger unless relief shall be quickly furnished. Reports to the Citizen from many different towns, including all of the important points in Levy, Lafayette, Suwanee, Columbus, Bradford and Baker counties, show that sixty-seven persons were killed. and sixty-two injured. These are the known causalties. To this total, probably a considerable number must be added to cover those not yet heard

The loss of life was greatest at both coasts, and for the past four Cedar Keys, on the Gulf of Mexico, where the burricane entered the state. Over half of the known deaths occurred at that place. The destruction of valuable timber, turpentine trees, farm crops, phosphate works and buildings every description in the counites mentioned forming a belt across the state from southwest to northeast, will aggregate hundreds of thousands-if

not millions-of dollars. Full and authentic advices from Cedar Keys late tonight show the almost total destruction of the town, and the loss of thirty-nine lives. This is believed to include the complete roll of the dead. At Shell Mound, a great pleasure resort near that place, a party of five men, three women and three children were camping out. Some surveyors making their way home after the storm found eleven bodies strewn on the shore, under logs and brush. They were close together, which would indicate that they were simulanteously killed by the tidal wave. Eight other bodies have been found on the beach. Twenty fisheremn are still missnig, all

During the hurricane at Cedar Keys, the water came up with the wind, and down the principal streets rushed a mad torrent, upon which ficated houses, boats and debris of every description. While the tempest was at its height. the Bettelini house, the Schemmer house and John Sherill's residence took fire and were burned. The destruction of property was very great, the loss being estimated at \$250,000.

GREAT FISH STORY.

Four Hundred and Twelve Tons Were Caught in One Haul.

Seattle, Oct. 5. - A Port Townsand dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer says: The catch of salmon in Southwestern Alaska is about 30 per cent more than that of last year, and about equal to Fort the pack of the preceding year. What is believed to have been the largest number of fish ever taken at one haul one haul 75,000 fish were caught. Each fish averaged about eleven pounds, and the entire catch weighed about 412 tons. It is almost impossible for a person unfamiliar with fishing to realize the vast pile of fish in

The Theater Hat Question.

San Francisco, Oct. 5 .- Alfred Bouvier, the manager of the Baldwin theater, thinks he has solved the feminine head-gear problem and that diplomacy in such dilemmas as his will prove better than force. The plan be has devised for persuading the ladies to remove their bats consists in the following protest, which, engraved on a card, will be presented on a silver salver to the woman who wears a high hat to the play in the future:

'The management sincerely regrets any personal annoyance this may cause you, but must respectfully request that you remove your hat, as complaints have been lodged that it interferes with the comfort and enjoyment to which those seated back of you are entitled. (Signed) The Baldwin, San

Report of the Astoria Health Officer.

Salem, Or., Oct. 5 .- J. A. Fulton, health officer of the port of Astoria, has filed with the governor his report for the quarter ending September 30. It shows that during July eight vessels entered and left, the snatitary conditions of each being good. Ten entries and departures are shown for August. one case of fever being found aboard. and one of scurvy. Disinfectants are reported used in the fever cases. During September fifteen vessels entered and cleared, and the sanitary condition of each is noted as good. An Eight-Year-Old Murderer.

Zanesville, O., Oct. 5.-The 8-yearold son of Andrew J. Andrews, of Irville, secured his father's gun today, during the absence of the family, and, pointing it at his baby brother, fired, killing him instantly. The fratricide is not thought to be accountable.

Woman Beaten to Death.

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 5. - Advices were received here tonight of a brutal murder which occurred at Arkoe, a small town about thirty-five miles north of here. Mrs. Edith Bomley was found in her home dead, with evidences of a desperate struggle with her assailant. She had been beaten to death, but the murderer made his escape and nothing is known of him, Bloodhounds will be put upon his FREDERICK COUDERT BACK.

Unearthed Valuable Information Per taining to Venezuela Boundary.

New York, Oct. 6 .- Frederick R. Desolation in the Path of the Condert, the eminent lawyer and member of the Venezuela commission, appointed by President Cleveland to investigate the Venezuela boundary question, returned to this city today from The Hague, on the French liner La Bourgogne Mr. Coudert went abroad for the purpose of examining the old Dutch records relating to the Venezuela boundary, and has spent considerable time over government archives, with the result that quite an array of new testimony bearing upon the point at issue has been unearthed. Mr. Coudert was seen tonight concerning

the result of his trip. He said much had been accomplished.
"Immediately upon my arrival at The Hague," said he, "I met Professor Barr; of Cornell university, who, as the representative of the commission, had already spent much time in gathering data. Together we went through the records very thoroughly. Then we went to London, where many of the records were transferred at the time of the purchase of Guiana, in 1815. Many of these record had already been published by the British government and very fairly. We found other useful evidence, however, and both in London and Holland met uniform courtesy in the prosecution of our search.'

"Were all the records prior to 1815 transferred to London at the time of the sale?" he was asked.

"No, indeed," said Mr. Condert, "not all of them. We found some very valuable papers in the old Dutch records.

Just how valuable the records were or what they tended to etablish, Mr. Condert would not disclose, but reiterated his statement that they were valuable.

Another useful source of informacion he said, was the propaganda at Rome, where some of the most valuable records were found.

"The pioneers in this territory," he said, "were monks, chiefly of the order of Capuchins, and their reports to . their home order contain much information, which both parties to the controversy have been allowed to avail themselves of.

Regarding the correspondence which has passed between Secretary Olney and Lord Salisbury recently, Mr. Cou-

dert said:

"I understand that this correspondonce deals with the subject of arbitracion generally and cannot be specifically applied to Venezuela controversy. The recent visit of Joseph Chamberlain did not, in my opinion, have any connection with this case. So far as I know officially, nothing further has been accomplished in the matter than when I left, and if any negotiations are being conducted by the executive of the government to settle it, they are unknown to me. I cannot say when the commission's report will be ready, nor whether it will be finished before President Cleveland's term of office ex-

CHANGED THEIR MINDS.

Hall Indians Decline to Sell Their Lands.

Pocatello, Idaho, Oct. 6 .- United States Commissioners Hoyt. Goodwin was made at Karluk this summer. In and Barge, met the Indian chiefs, fifteen in number, of the Bannock and Shoshone tribes of the Fort Hall reservation, at Ross Fork, today, for the purpose of forming a treaty with the Indians for the relinquishment of a portion of their reservation. Fully 1,000 people came from surrounding towns to witness the negotiations. The Indians had been promised a feast by the commissioners and had looked forward to the occasion for many weeks. They were there in force to participate in the festivities which promised so much enjoyment. When about to go into council, one of the Bannock chiefs, Jim Ballard, a leader of the faction opposed to the sale of the reservation lands, rode up on horseback, bedecked with paint and feathers. and forbade the chiefs of both tribes assembled to paritcipate in the festivities. Ballard evidently had the chiefs under his control, for they refused to partake of the dinner or listen to any argument. The chiefs admitted they had concluded to make a favorable treaty, but upon witnessing the arrival of special trains bearing hundreds of whites to witness the council, changed their minds.

A Brutal Prizefight.

New York, Oct. 6 .- Jack Collier, of Rockaway Beach, and Kid Harris, of Kentucky, fought seventeen of the fiercest rounds with bare knuckles ever witnesed by old-time sports at Far Rockawsy. They were on their feet when time was called for the eighteenth, but were so badly cut and bruised about the face that they were unable to see each other, and the battle was stopped. Harris' ear is half gone; his cheek, from eye to jawbone. is cut open and his face and body are one mass of cuts and bruises. Both of his eyes are closed. Collier had both eyes closed, his left cheek cut open to the bone, and was badly bruised about the body.

Recent Austrian observations in the Mediterranean sea prove that the deepest spot in that body of water is nearly three miles in distance.

Tried to Steal History Plates.

San Francisco, Oct. 6 .- The officers of the Bancroft Company are still withholding the name of the burglar who attempted to steal \$10,000 worth of history plates from their basement. They now make the statement that be was formerly employed by the firm as a clerk. It is also asserted by the members of the Bancroft Company that the burglar had no other reason for stealing the plates than to melt them and sell them for old lead.