

MANY CRIMINAL CASES.

Colorado Court Will Have Long Calendar in November.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Sept. 29.—November 20 has been set by the district court of Teller county for beginning the trial of criminal cases. On that day will come for trial 38 members of the Western Federation of Miners now out on bonds and as many of the 12 for whom warrants are now out as the sheriff may be able to arrest in the meantime.

There are 132 cases of this character prepared for the hearing of the court. All of the cases grew out of crimes committed during the recent strike in Cripple Creek or the uprising of the people in indignation over their perpetration on June 6. They were all committed to one end—the intimidation of mine owners and their non-union workmen for the purpose of compelling the employment of non-union men in the operation of the mines.

The 132 cases are for murder and conspiracy to commit murder of attendants at the Victor mass meeting in Victor on June 6 and the attempt to murder Secretary C. C. Hamlin of the mine owners' association at the same time. Other cases are being prepared for the murder of Martin Gleason, superintendent of the Wild Horse mine in December, 1901, and yet others for murders at the Vindicator mine and the Independence depot.

When the law element of the community gained control of Teller county over the lawless Western Federation of Miners which had dominated courts and peace officers all through the year of the strike, one of the first actions taken after the lesser criminals of the organization had been forcibly deported under the unwritten law of exit, was to set the legal machinery at work on a systematic, legal basis, with a view to apprehending the greater criminals and bringing them to justice for the acts they had committed all through the strike period without check or hindrance from the officers of the law. The county commissioners appropriated \$10,000 for the employment of special prosecutors and promised the new sheriff of the county all financial assistance necessary to run down the criminals who had taken alarm and fled the country as soon as it became apparent to them that the laws were to be enforced.

Through the months that have elapsed much work has been done toward this end. Warrants made out early were served on the heads of the federation, Moyer and Haywood, and they were placed under \$20,000 bonds each. Less prominent but equally active agents had fled the country, going some into other states, hiding under aliases in out of the way sections, some to the republic of Mexico, some to British Columbia, out of the reach of American officers. Many wanted by the sheriff were the known active agents of the federation in blowing up the Independence depot on the morning of June 6 by which 13 men were murdered and seven maimed for life. Others had been in the plot to blow up a cage load of miners on the Vindicator mine and kill 16—a plot that partially miscarried and murdered but two instead of the number it was fixed to kill. Many are charged with murders resulting from the firing of union forces from union hall in Victor upon a mass meeting of citizens being held on a vacant lot to protest against union outrages. There are dozens of other lesser crimes for which men are wanted but on these the fight of the peace officers for convictions will be made.

STATISTICS OF THE NEGRO.

Census Bulletin Gives Enormous Comparative Death Rate.

The final census bulletin on the negro population shows that there are 9,204,531 negroes in the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico. Half of this great number are under 19 years of age and 11 to 16 per cent of them have white blood in their veins. The center of this black population is De Kalb county, Alabama, it having moved from Dinwiddie county, Virginia, northeast 476 miles, since 1790.

Thus the negro population constitutes about one-fifteenth of the city population of continental United States. This proportion, although still large, is the result of a steady decline during the 19th century. The death rate of negroes approximates 30 per cent, while that of the whites is 17 per cent.

At present fully 90 per cent of the negroes live in the southern states and 77 per cent of them reside upon farms. But the northern migration to the big cities has been noticeable during the last two decades and is in a large measure responsible for the excessive death rate among them. Bad habits, poverty and disease make terrible inroads upon negroes living in the big cities.

The largest numbers of negroes living in compact masses are found in certain urban counties, several of which lie outside the great cotton-growing

states. The four each having 75,000 negroes are District of Columbia, co-extensive with Washington; Shelby county, Tennessee, containing Memphis; Baltimore city, Md., and Orleans parish, Louisiana, co-extensive with New Orleans. The negroes form one-third of the population of the entire south and 48.6 per cent of them are reckoned among bread-winners, as against 46.9 per cent of the southern whites, but these figures apparently in favor of the southern black men are accounted for by the prevalence of female labor among the negroes. Among females at least 10 years of age 4.7 per cent of the negroes and only 11.8 per cent of the southern whites report money-getting occupations. —Kansas City Journal.

Soap Man Is Down.

An Oregon soap salesman has discovered that there are certain limitations within which it is best to confine efforts at securing an order. George Beenbrooke undertook to sell D. F. Jasoman, a Salem grocer, a bill of that highly essential but plebian commodity, and was turned down. Then he undertook to lick the merchant and was knocked down. He was hauled up before a justice of the peace and let down for \$25, failing to pay which he was sent down to the city jail, where he now has time to reflect upon the intimate relations of the drummer and the retailer.—Exchange.

New Commander Coming.

General Constant Williams, the new commander of the department of the Columbia, is expected to arrive in Portland this morning from San Francisco and will be welcomed to his new command by the adjutant general of the department and staff. It is probable that Major General Arthur MacArthur will accompany General Williams.

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