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ROCKEFELLER HAS RESIGNED.
NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The fact that John D. Rockefeller has virtually retired from the presidency of the Standard Oil Company, although apparently not generally known in New York, is a matter of common gossip in the oil trade. Mr. Rockefeller is undoubtedly a pretty sick man. It has not been formally announced that Rockefeller has relinquished the duties of president, but enough information has leaked out, through reliable channels, to warrant the assertion that such is the Daniel O'Day, who for the past decade has been so close to Rockefeller, that it is said the latter never made an important business move without consulting him, has succeeded to the responsibilities of the presidency. It has been denied that O'Day has been made president of the company, but it is a fact nevertheless.

A SWINDLER.
DEXTER, Me., Nov. 23.—It was discovered Friday that Louis Cowan of Palmyra had swindled the Dexter Savings bank out of \$1000, and fleeced a neighbor named Blaisdell to the tune of \$500. He also sold twenty-five sheep belonging to another, appropriating the proceeds. He cleared out with over \$1600. November 5th he came into the Dexter Savings bank and said that he desired to mortgage his farm in Palmyra. He represented that the place was free from encumbrances, and he also offered to assign to the bank a mortgage of a piece of land at Pittsburg, held by him against his brother Hiram. The bank took the alleged security and advanced \$1000. This mortgage on the Pittsburg land has been proved to be worthless. Two days afterward Cowan approached a neighbor, Blaisdell, and asked for a loan of \$500. The swindler alleged that if he could secure \$500 he could raise the mortgage on his place. Now it is revealed that Cowan bought the farm from an Aroostook man a few years ago, paying \$200 and giving a mortgage to the seller for \$1000. But Blaisdell believed his story, and handed over the \$500. Cowan disappeared about a week ago. Blaisdell went up to Cowan's place and found that the house was deserted. All the furniture had been moved out, and stock, farm machinery and all were gone. The neighbors said that the Cowan's moved in the night, and proceeded with such stealth that none of the neighbors knew of their departure till morning.

TO BE REMOVED.
KOOTENAI, Idaho, Nov. 23.—Major Ronan has been in the Kootenai valley for the past two weeks for the purpose of making arrangements with the Kootenai Indians for their removal to the Flathead reservation. Major Ronan has for fifteen years been the agent of that reservation, and was recently ordered by Indian Commissioner Morgan to take the present trip. The removal of the Indians is made necessary on account of the friction between them and settlers in the valley. One council has been held, and the results of which have not been learned. The tribe seems to be about evenly divided on the question.

MINERS QUIT WORK.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—One thousand coal miners employed in this city quit work Saturday, and resolved to stay out until the trouble in the Brazil district has been adjusted. The men have no grievances, but struck in order to prevent the output of the mines here from relieving the coal mine famine caused by the Brazil strike.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—There was a bustle and confusion at the Arlington Hotel this morning before the meeting of the Republican national committee. McKinley and Foraker are conspicuous among the many persons thronging the lobby and corridors and were everywhere greeted with marked consideration. At half past eleven o'clock the committee entered into a secret session.

CYCLONE AT WASHINGTON.
BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 23.—A telephone message just received from Washington reports that a cyclone and water spout struck that city. Seven persons were killed and Keizer Hall is on fire. The storm struck this city, making telegraphing almost impossible. Communication with Washington is cut off at present.

A GAMBLING CASE.
BOSTON, Nov. 23.—John Stetson banker, broker and theatrical manager on Saturday paid to Mrs. Anna B. Everett, \$30,000, and thus settled one of the most remarkable cases ever tried before a Massachusetts court. Mrs. Everett claimed that Mr. Stetson was the proprietor of a well known gambling club, known as the Carlton, on Hamilton place. On the night of November 2, 1889, Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of Portland, Or., son of the late millionaire mill owner, bucked the tiger at the Carlton and lost \$25,000 in one sitting. He was drunk at the time, and played recklessly. He gave notes to cover his losses, and then kicked about paying them. After he had sobered off, to keep the matter quiet he compromised by paying \$16,000. One of Stetson's clerks, George Everett, knew of this incident, and used it to good advantage; for, when he was arrested on the charge of embezzlement, he alleged that Stetson wanted to get rid of him, that he might not see too much of what was done at the Carlton. There were fifty-six counts in the indictment, and the jury declared him not guilty of fifty-three of them, and disagreed as to the other three. That case was placed on the docket for a new trial. Then Everett's wife went to his rescue in a novel way. There is an old law in Massachusetts which gives to any person the right to recover money lost at gaming by any other person, provided the loser does not bring suit within three months. In case of recovery, the plaintiff is to receive three times the amount lost. Mrs. Everett learned of this law, and she immediately sued Stetson to recover \$51,000, which is three times the amount which Bourne lost at gambling, including interest. Bourne was not a party to this suit. He would have given that sum to have kept the matter quiet, but Mrs. Everett had a two-fold object in view and would not abandon her case. Bourne thereupon departed for Oregon, and is there now.

The case was brought into court and Mrs. Everett was in danger of losing it on her original declaration, but she discovered new evidence which, it is alleged, proved conclusively that Stetson was the proprietor of the club and also that Bourne lost at gambling the sum named. There was a long legal wrangle over this amendment, and in a few days ago permission was granted her to amend her original declaration. The defendant evidently did not care to have that evidence go before the court, and Thursday he offered to compromise. Mrs. Everett refused to listen to any talk of compromise until the criminal case against her husband was withdrawn. Saturday at 3 p. m. the case was nolle prossed, and a few minutes later Stetson's lawyer paid to Mrs. Everett \$30,000 in cash.

FIRE WITH LOSS OF LIFE.
JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Nov. 23.—A fire broke out in the kitchen of the Old Homestead hotel, a three-story brick structure, at an early hour this morning, and the whole building was soon in a blaze. It was rumored that several persons were in the burning building. As the fire was driven back the firemen penetrated into the structure, and as they reached the second story they found at the foot of the stairs leading to the floor above, the burned body of Maggie Wilson, a water. Mrs. Buchanan, pastry cook, with her little son, and Mrs. Marsh, a dish washer, were found dead in the room above, having been suffocated. Several other inmates escaped from the hotel in their night clothes, not having time to dress. The financial loss is small.

LARGE FIRE.
MIDDLEBURY, Vt., Nov. 23.—Half of the business portion of this town burned last night. Loss will probably reach \$150,000.

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