

RIPPED TO DEATH ON A CIRCULAR SAW.

Engineer Smith Meets a Terrible Fate in a Kindling Wood Factory.

Steps on a Sliding Table, Slips and Falls on the Revolving Blade Beneath.

His Attempt to Roll Out of the Way Fails and He Is Carried Like a Log to the Saw.

DIES WITHOUT uttering A SOUND.

Cut from His Shoulders to the Thigh Bone, Coroner Finds No One to Blame but Him, as He Knew the Table Slid.

James Smith, an engineer in the employ of Clark & Wilkins, is at a kindling wood factory, at Eleventh street and West street, stepped from a low rafter to the sliding table of a thirty-inch cross-cut

also, not ten feet from where the accident occurred. Tom Chaney and Ben Habner looked in the direction of the saw and were confronted with the sight of their engineer stretched lengthwise on the table with the now silent blade protruding from his body. Habner removed the body and the Coroner was notified. The body was taken to Merritt's undertaking establishment at No. 210 Eighth avenue and Mrs. Smith was informed of her husband's death.

The deceased man was industrious and came from a family of engineers, his father and grandfather having been in the trade before him. He knew that the table was on rollers, and the accident was due entirely to his own carelessness.

For the last few months he had more or less trouble from accidents, but he considered burns and bruises part of an engineer's occupation and never complained about them.

He leaves a wife and three boys, who live at No. 410 East One Hundred and Twenty-third street. A Coroner's jury found that he had come to an accidental death.

WHERE IS "FLUE" BLACK.

Did He Save Himself from the Dangers of Hell Gate or Was He Made Another Victim to Its Current.

The boatsman and jettison of humanity that frequent the river front of the upper part of the city were speculating yesterday upon the fate of "Flue" Black. The newspapers told yesterday how the cries of a young woman, Annie Luff, brought the river police to the Sunken Meadows of Hell Gate on Thursday afternoon. They found her struggling in the grasp of three ruffians, among whom was "Flue" Black.

One of the girl's assailants was arrested upon the spot; another, who ran away, was caught later in the day walking past

BALTIMORE MUST BE WON, SAYS GORMAN.

Maryland's Senator Calls Democrats in That City to Bryan's Aid.

The Counties, He Tells Them, Can Be Considered Safe for Silver's Victory.

Money Needed, Claim the Baltimore Leaders, to Pay for Workers to Bring Voters Out.

EFFORTS TO BE MADE AT ONCE.

Representatives of Every Ward Pledge Themselves to Begin a Vigorous Campaign and Avoid Further Complaint.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 25.—Baltimore must be carried for Bryan and Sewall. There must be no apathy among the forces of the regular Democratic organization. This fight in the city has got to be won. The counties are safe for us and Maryland will be found in the Bryan column as surely as we are assembled here to-day.

These ringing words of Senator A. P. Gorman were spoken at the headquarters of the Democratic City Executive Committee, where he stood this morning surrounded by tried and trusted friends of many years and by young workers of the rank and file representing every ward in Baltimore. The Senator had come to tell his followers that he did not believe the stories published by the opposition press that a deal had been made with the Republicans whereby the city was to be abandoned to the enemy.

"It is idle talk," said Senator Gorman, "for even if there were traitors in our camp who would be willing to enter into such a scheme they would fall in their efforts to deliver the goods. The people will do their own voting. We expect to be misrepresented by the opposition press every day now until November, but that must not prevent us from using our best efforts in behalf of the standard bearers of our party."

NO FUNDS ON HAND. The city people then told the Senator that the only reason for any apparent lack of interest arose from the fact that the committee had no money with which to pay the workers who usually attended the booths during registration days. They also said that they would go to work, and as far as their means would permit, there should be no cause for complaint in the future. It was decided to raise the necessary cash at once by means of private subscriptions among those who are anxious to see the free silver ticket win in Maryland, and who are willing to contribute for that purpose.

As a result of Senator Gorman's visit, leading politicians say that the campaign in Baltimore will now take a different aspect and that the work of registration will be attended to with all the old-time zeal and energy. Notices will be sent out to those voters who favor the free silver cause, but who have not yet registered, and men will be engaged to look after the work. It is also asserted that money sufficient for all reasonable purposes will be forthcoming, and that things in the silver camp will boom from now until election day.

GORMAN IS SATISFIED. In addition to listening to the speech of Senator Gorman, the committee received detailed reports from the various ward leaders as to the result of the registration up to the present time. It was decided that the lists of those already registered should be carefully examined by the various ward committees and that efforts should be made to have stricken off those whose names were not entitled to be on the books.

At the close of the meeting Senator Gorman said he was much gratified at what he had heard. He stated to those who surrounded him that in this campaign there were thousands of men discussing the great issue of free silver who never thought of discussing a political issue before. These were the men who should be welcomed into the Democratic ranks and received warmly. "We want them all," concluded

the Senator, with much emphasis, "and let the backsliders take care of themselves."

MARYLAND IS LAUGHING.

Report Sent to This City Makes Ridiculous Claims for McKinley.

Hagerstown, Md., Sept. 25.—Everybody in Maryland is laughing at the ridiculous report sent to the New York World last night from Baltimore. The story says that McKinley is certain of Maryland, and that Washington and Frederick counties will each give McKinley 10,000 majority. The fact is, the total vote vote last Fall in Washington County was only 9,753, and in Frederick County about 10,000. The other estimates given in the despatch were doubtless made with just as much regard to the truth.

Bryan has excellent chances of carrying both Washington and Frederick counties.

TENANTS FLEE FROM FIRE.

Another Strange Blaze in Harlem for Which the Police Can Give No Cause.

Fire destroyed the hairdressing establishment at No. 2104 Eighth avenue, owned by Mrs. Appel, early yesterday morning. The proprietress was in the country, and her three daughters, Henrietta, Marie and Clavina, were in charge. It was midnight when Marie awoke. The kitchen was ablaze. The fire started in a china closet, and the dishes had fallen with a crash as the partially burned shelves collapsed.

The three sisters, clad only in night clothes, ran into the hall and rang all the bells at other tenants' doors. The halls filled rapidly with smoke, but all the tenants escaped safely. Some climbed down the fire escapes, others went to the roof. Mrs. Appel's household effects were destroyed. The damage amounts to about \$1,500. The fire was confined to the store.

It seems impossible to find any cause for the disaster. There was no fire in the kitchen stove after 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Directly opposite Mrs. Appel's store is No. 2103 Eighth avenue, a fire started in a pile of kindling wood in the rear of the store. The fire started in the rear of the store, and when it reached the store it was extinguished. No cause for either of these fires can be learned. They were put out with trifling damage.

The Fire Marshal and the police have yet to find the cause of the fire in the St. Paul apartment house, One Hundred and Twentieth street and St. Nicholas avenue, on August 27. That same night the grocery store at No. 207 East One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street was burned out. An investigation resulted in the discovery that the fire was incendiary, but no arrests have been made.

KILLED BY A "SCORCHER."

Patrick O'Keefe, Who Was Run Down by Young Orville Way, Thursday, Died from His Injuries Last Night.

Patrick O'Keefe, of Bond street, Rahway, died at his home last night of a fractured skull, the result of being run into by a bicycle ridden by Orville Way, a thirteen-year-old boy. The accident occurred on Cherry street, Rahway, at 7:40 o'clock Thursday night.

O'Keefe, who was employed as a gateman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was returning from work. He started down Cherry street, and when he reached the drug store attempted to cross. He had placed one foot on the roadway, when he was struck down by Way's bicycle. His head struck the curbstone, and he was rendered unconscious. After restoratives were applied he recovered sufficiently to be taken to his home in a cab, where his condition became rapidly worse, and death ensued at 7 o'clock last night.

WOULD RATHER DIE THAN FAIL.

Jeweller Braun Prospered but Saw Other Jewellers Break and Sought Death.

Alfred S. Braun, a jeweller at No. 40 John street, killed himself in his home, No. 2113 Eighth avenue, yesterday morning by taking cyanide of potassium. Braun was a diamond setter, employed a year ago by Tiffany, but he gave up that position to start a business for himself in John street. A recent failure worried him considerably. The news of a failure in any jewelry house worried him. He overworked himself, and fretted so much that he believed he, too, was going to fail. Yet his business was prospering.

Mrs. J. K. Emmett has decided to drop her husband's name and resume her own—Emily Lytton. She will stick to vandeville all the season, having made a success at the Standard. Marie Lovenshagen, the Belgian "cigar virtuoso," who will arrive in New York early in December, was recently presented with a \$10,000 check by her master, Louis Vanderheyden, and valued at 25,000 francs. Mr. Lovenshagen perished before King Leopold II. at Spa last month.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

A high grade bicycle will be presented to the woman securing the highest price for a box or seat at the Academy of Music Thursday afternoon. The seats will be auctioned for the benefit of the Actors' Order of Friendship, to be held October 8.

The Empire Stock Company will open at Hayman & W. J. Davis's new Century Theatre, in St. Louis, Monday, October 12. The company will give a new play, entitled "A Man and His Wife," at Hooley's Theatre, Chicago.

The New York Pilot Association will attend the performance of "Marty Malone" at the Dion Theatre to-night. This will be Harrigan's last appearance in this city for some time.

Music will be introduced in "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown" this season. In some of the "music" scenes the people taking part will have solos, duets and choruses, the words telling part of the story of the play. This is an idea of "yours merely," Rogers.

DEMOCRATS WHO ARE TO FIGHT FOR BRYAN.

Chairman Danforth Names the State Executive Campaign Committee.

Composed of Silver's Friends and James C. Truman, of Broome, Is Chairman.

John Sheehan, Editor John Brisben Walker and Ex-Secretary of State Rice Are Members.

A COMMITTEE OF GREAT MEN.

Most of the Men Have Had Extensive Experience in Other Campaigns and Are Confident of Victory.

Chairman Elliot Danforth, of the Democratic State Committee, yesterday announced his selections for the Executive Committee for the campaign. The committee is one of the strongest ever appointed to carry on a campaign, and includes many well-known leaders of former campaigns, who have assisted in plotting the Democratic party of the State to victory. It includes James C. Truman, John C. Sheehan, Bernard J. York, Francis J. Molloy, James Smith, John Brisben Walker, Frank Rice, Charles A. Dolson, Frederick C. Schraub, James A. Betts and A. A. McLean.

James C. Truman, of Binghamton, Broome County, is chairman. Mr. Truman was a delegate to the Chicago Convention, and is in favor of Bryan and Sewall and silver. He is chairman of the Democratic County Committee of Broome County, and is an untiring worker who ever since the Chicago Convention has been earnest in support of the nominees of the convention.

John C. Sheehan is the leader of Tammany Hall, and well known as a politician full of sagacity, whose counsels will be of inestimable value to Chairman Truman.

Bernard J. York, of Kings County, is chairman of the Campaign Committee of Kings County, and it was under his able management that William Jennings Bryan's meetings in Brooklyn were arranged Wednesday night. Mr. York is the foremost Democrat of Kings. His Democracy has never been questioned, and he has no doubt of the result of the election in Brooklyn.

Francis J. Molloy is the Mayor of Troy, and is one of the most prominent leaders of the northern part of the State.

James Smith, of Erie, is a prominent Buffalo Democrat, who is agreeable to both the Cuneen and Mack factions in Erie County. His appointment was a recognition to Erie County and a reward for the work done by Norman E. Mack in behalf of Bryan and Sewall.

Frank Rice, of Ontario County, is an ex-Secretary of State of New York, who has carried Ontario, a Republican county, six times. Mr. Rice has been known as a Cleveland man for years, and returned to New York yesterday, having been abroad for two months. He said yesterday that he was in favor of Bryan and would stand by the party. He is one of the best-known men in the State, and one the boldest Democrats believed would side with them. Mr. Rice accepted his appointment yesterday and took off his coat for the ticket at once.

Charles A. Dolson is from Steuben County, and is a member of the State Committee. He is an active young lawyer with a large following.

Frederick C. Schraub is a former Commissioner of Agriculture, who is known throughout the State. James A. Betts, of Ulster County, and A. A. McLean, of Orange County, are well known leaders whose work in the past caused their selection for this campaign. Mr. McLean was a delegate to the Chicago Convention.

John Fishen Walker is the editor of the Cosmopolitan Magazine. It was at Mr. Walker's house that Mr. and Mrs. Bryan spent several days at the time of the candidate's last visit to New York State.

W. R. Hearst is the proprietor of the New York Journal.

Mrs. Dalma Aronson has been devoting much time to literary work during the Summer in Italy, having just completed an article on "Sognanti," the Italian painter. The story will shortly appear in a New York magazine. She is also collaborating on a comedy book, which is to be set to music by Mascagni.

"A Florida Enchantress," which follows "Sue" at Hoyt's Theatre, October 12, begins with five women and six men, and ends with three women and eight men. The leading woman becomes the leading man.

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James Smith Meets a Terrible Death.

At the kindling factory of Clark & Wilkins, at West and Eleventh streets, Smith was repairing some shafting. He stepped upon a sliding table, by which boards are shored to a circular saw, and, though he tried to roll out of the way, did not succeed. He was saved almost in two, and died instantly, without uttering a groan.

saw, yesterday afternoon, and was ripped from the right shoulder blade to the centre of the thigh bone. He died instantly. Smith had been around sawmill machinery since boyhood and had been in the employ of Clark & Wilkins for eighteen months. It was his custom about noon to oil the machinery and shafting, which is about ten feet above the ground and seven feet above the saw tables, upon which the cordwood is placed and slid to the revolving blade.

Yesterday, however, one of the belts loosened and Smith decided to tighten it in the noon hour, when the machinery was not running. Promptly at 12 the sawers quit work and the engineer shifted the gearing, intending to slide the belt off while the pulleys were in motion, as is the custom. He got up on the improvised steps nailed to the posts supporting the rafter, from which he intended to make his repairs and oil the shafting. For some unknown reason he decided to come down again before he had been there half a minute. Instead of returning the way he had come he stepped down on the sliding table, which, being mounted on small wheels, slid from under him. The blade was still humming beneath him. Evidently Smith saw it, but instead of crying out he tried to turn over and strike to one side. In this he failed, and, landing on the revolving saw, it entered his back and stopped when it encountered the thigh bone.

Not a sound escaped his lips, but the sudden suspension of that low note that comes from a "crying saw" startled the workmen who were passing out of the

the Harlem Hospital, where the girl had been, but "Flue" Black, with a cry of defiance, leaped boldly into the stream. Two policemen jumped into a rowboat and were watching the spot where he had disappeared, a shout from another boat called their attention to a man swimming hand over hand a hundred yards away. It was "Flue" Black. The strength of the current carried him on as if he were a cork floating upon the water. To swim against that tide was impossible, and Black threw all his strength in with the current. He bore the reputation of being the best swimmer along the river front, and was upholding his reputation. The policemen watched him in admiration, when there came a crash. The police boat had struck a rock and was filling. In the nick of time a second boat, containing two policemen, came and rescued the shipwrecked bluecoats.

But when they looked out upon the water "Flue" Black had disappeared. Whether he succeeded in swimming obliquely across the current and gaining the shore, or whether, striking some floating object or becoming exhausted he sank under the water, neither the police nor his comrades can say. Alive or dead, his "pals" are proud of his prowess.

Daniel Hoey and John Long, the men who were arrested, were held in the Harlem Police Court for examination yesterday. Mary Mahoney, a tough girl of Harlem, who was with the party, was also held. Annie Luff is still in the Harlem Hospital, but will recover.

NICE, COOL FUN NOW. "A few seasons ago there was a deeply rooted belief that 'comic opera' could thrive only in those torrid months when the affability of audiences oozes from the pores of their skins and life becomes a moist, unwholesome nightmare. 'Turn on the acrobats, let loose the imbecile jokes, rush in with the horseplay, for June and July are fleeting months, and audiences wallow in assiduity during the Summer only.' That was the managerial line. It raged for a long time; it raged until its fallacy was apparent. It has all been changed, and the epidemic is with us now, when we are better able to fight it."

SEE THE SUNDAY JOURNAL.



Annie Luff, "Flue" Black's Alleged Victim.