

ENTIRE CITY NOW SUFFERING FROM "THAW-MAD."

Persons Who Attend Trial Especially Afflicted—Even Judge and Law-ymers Show Effects of the Disorder.

New York.—"Thaw-mad" is the new disease which is spreading like a cancer in New York. Its insidious effects are not confined to the habitues of the courtroom, but it is a regular passional salutation on the streets.

"Imagine a sane individual stopping a friend on the street and saying: "Psychopathic Pete, how are your nutcase scratches this evening?"

"Brain storm, Bill, my scratches are up at a paranoiac or paranoiac quality. You show signs of a fulminatory quality."

All of which goes to prove that there is a epidemic in motion that has attended the trial day after day or have read the minute details of the proceedings, a sort of mild madness—madness incapable of exact definition, but very real.

The strain upon those most interested in the trial is greater than can be expressed. Through all are so alert and alert as before, wanting to catch each circumstance as it transpires, they begin to evidence the truth of the strain: "A man can stand only so much."

On the lawyers themselves the strain has been great. Justice Fitzgerald, who was calmness and tolerance itself, has grown sharp in his speech to the lawyers. The persistent Mr. Delmas was so weary of his tax, and Jerome, so short and taciturn, no longer began his labors, grow tired, but kept doggedly at his work.

During lunch in the courtroom all sorts of weird Mother Goose rhymes are written and passed about to be laughed over by those who wish to while away the time.

Such is the child memory of the nursery as "Ba-ba, black sheep," has been paraphrased within the week to read: "Dolphin Delmas, have you wool? Ya mum, ya mum, three bags full!"

Not that there is the slightest reason in the rhyme, but just because the strain of the pathetic, the tragic, the drab has been so great that the contrast becomes ally. One writer of reputation has shown his oddity by the constant accumulation of fresh metaphors. One day he sharpened 42 and filled his pockets till they bulged. Apparently even then he was possessed of a fear that they would not last him through the morning session.

Requests to make a noise like a "systematic delusion," or to give an imitation of "paranoiac delirium," have been made, and the responses have apparently pleased and satisfied.

"Idiot" quadrille" and the "Imbeciles' prologue" were among the suggestions that have been made as a method of relaxation, but no dancing master has appeared at the scene, the matter in hand. Still the trial is not ended.

The weary, dreary hours drag on, and one thing seems now more certain, though the Thaw case has been the most sensational in the history of modern murder trials—it will hold the record before it closes as the most brain dulling cause celebre of modern days.

GETS GIFT OF HOLY LAND. Prominent Jew of Texas Receives Deed to Burial Plot in Palestine.

Terrill, Tex.—Jacob Label of this city is in receipt of a beautiful gift of land, as they measure land in Palestine by the yard.

Unsuccessful Rebel Leader.

A farmer who has just driven into Vermilion, Saskatchewan, in a dog sled brings word that he is running the most northerly wheat-raising ranch in the world, and he submits specimens of fine grain to prove the statement. As his farm is 1,500 miles above the international boundary line it certainly is pretty well north, but the farmer is enthusiastic over the conditions. All the region needs, he affirms, is the opening up of communication, as (travel by dog conveyance and without roads or trails is a little slow. He admits that the winters are a trifle severe up there, but says the summers are great for grain raising.

The toll roads once so numerous all over the country are gradually but surely becoming free public highways. The toll system was recognized as a necessity of earlier times, but few modern spirits will submit to such restrictions involved in being compelled to pay tribute to private ownership. Yet the toll road has by no means entirely disappeared, and it is found even in close proximity to big and important cities.

Antonio Paredes was the leader of the latest revolution in Venezuela. His government to overthrow the rule of Castro was organized in New York. Shortly after his return and invasion he was captured by government troops and, with seventeen of his followers, was executed.

TUTOR OF MAHARANI.

PENNSYLVANIA GIRL ACCEPTS UNIQUE POSITION IN INDIA.

Lawrenceville, Pa.—It is safe to say that every woman of artistic taste and a love for the beauties of the arts of an ancient civilization will be pleased at and perhaps envious of the distinction which has come to Miss Mary E. McLean, who has been appointed tutor and companion to the wife of the Maharajah Gajwar, of Baroda, India.

Miss McLean is the daughter of the late George McLean, of Lawrenceville, and is a charming young woman, deeply interested in the study of the occult, and the mysterious phantasmagoria of the Indian cities, as practiced thousands of years ago.

When the Maharajah and the Maharani—which means the "little princess"—were in this country a year ago they decided to engage an American college woman who would be fitted to relieve her highness of the fatigue of social duties when on occasion required, and to all her in such duties. It was somewhat of a task to select one capable of performing such a work of delicate diplomacy which meant a thorough knowledge of social customs in the East.

THE CONSTITUTION IS FREAKY.

Oklahoma Offers Some Strange New Ideas.

Kansas City—Among the freak propositions offered in the Oklahoma constitution are the following: The state is to pay one per cent on the gross receipts of railroads; to eliminate the name of Almighty God from the constitution, substituting, in the preamble, "The supreme ruler of the universe"; taxing peddlers and taxing theaters and circuses; to locate the capital of the state on a barren prairie at the exact geographic center of the state; to prohibit the system of "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" through the trading of votes on proposed bills in legislative bodies; tax qualifications for voters; providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people and compelling the legislature to ratify such election or compelling insurance companies to invest at least 75 per cent of surplus funds within the state; prohibiting the leaving of a large estate to one child; compelling corporation officials and employees to

Oil Refining Makes Gains.

Petroleum Plants Show Growth in Number and Capital.

Washington.—In 1905 there were 104 petroleum refineries in this country. Their total capital was \$136,240,641; they employed 16,778 wage earners, paid in wages \$2,929,027; used materials costing \$138,387,213, and manufactured products to the value of \$170,098,230.

Single Blessedness Club. Milwaukee—Wisconsin university girls have formed a "single blessedness society," with branches at Chicago and Northwestern universities.

TO MAGGIE.

Maggie, dear, I often wonder If you think me as good as dead. For I spoke no words to cheer you—Sympathy have left unaided. Would I could speak words of comfort That would cheer your heart today That would lift the cloud of sorrow For the loved one passed away.

There is an enormous number of small landholders in Egypt, 5,000,000 acres being cultivated by over 1,000,000 landowners, of whom 6,000 are Europeans, owning, on an average, a little over 100 acres. Nine hundred and forty peasants hold under five acres each, or 23 per cent of the whole cultivated land, while 12,000 men of means have holdings above 50 acres, their total being over 2,250,000 acres, or 44 per cent of the whole.

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HEARING CLAIMS BEFORE COURT.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, at a session of said court, held at the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 6th day of March, A. D. 1907, present, Hon. Joseph Stockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of SARAH E. STEVENS, Deceased.

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