The CONVICT COUNTRY: or FIGHTING for a MILLION

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Lang Explores the Tunnel.

As a matter of precaution against savesdroppers, before entering into the conversation between Dr. Huntington and his daughter, Lang attended to the locking up of the house, and gatationed Wilson in the front parior as a guard, while the trio adjoined to the front room above. Dr. Halington took a seat in an easy chall with Pearl standing at his back; Louis paced the length of the room several topped before the doctor's chair.

"Dr. Huntington," said Louis, "when I married your daughter I formed the union as a means of protecting her from harm. Now we find—that is, both of us—that we really love one another. I have sought this interview to request you to consent to our marriage, in reality."

"Is this your wish, Pear!" asked the doctor, and there was a tinge of sadness in his voice.

"It is, paps," Pearly and attempting to Mide her blushes by restling her head

on his should renderly stroked his child's head for a moment, gating into her face witsfully; then for a little time buried his face in his hands, sighing deeply. "You are taking an advantage of me," he at last managed to say to Louis. "I did at first think you a disinterested, honest man, and intended to trust you with more than my life—the honor of my child. You feel, no doubt, the truth—I do not desire a union in fact. But you place me in a position where I cannot refuse."

"No doubt, then, it is because you consider me a criminal—a man with a past."

The doctor nodded yes.

They well, then," replied Lang, not seeminsty abashed, "if it were not for this fact, you think you could consider me a fit suffer for your child."

his feet, you think you could consider me a fit suitor for your child's hand?"
"I could," assented the doctor.
"Now we understand one another," replied Lang, and he took at seat facing the doctor while he continued: "One of the reasons why I have sought this interview is to make a consoant of you. Your daughter has done me the honor, to admit that she the me to the continued of you. Your daughter has done me the honor, to admit that she the me to you the state of you. You daughter has done me the honor, to admit that she in the young that he was not the form of you. You do you it sould not rective what I am about to say.
"My youth is not known to you. My father was a respectable grocer on a small scale, and my mother came from a good family. When quite a young man I was arrested on the charge of having tilled More work of the young that it was a respectable grocer on a fact that while I felt I was innocent of the tilling I really did not know whether I was so or not, but I left no stone unturned to prove it one way or the other. At least I succeeded of the true nurderer, and, to my mind, cleared thy name of the stain of blood. I may have been a foolish youth in my time, but I am pleased to be able to state, now that so much hinges upon it, that as far as I know I have nover broken a law of any country—I am no more a criminal than you are.
"The only thing you can have against." series a usion in fact. But you place me in a position where I cannot reto take, now that so much hisse for a union series and the series and the series are series and the series are willing, you are willing, to use me—but you do not think me worthy of filling the true station of husband to your child."

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the almost blunt refusal cut him to the quick.

"Can you blame me?" more blandly asked the doctor. "Your aid was the choice of two eviles—a possibility that but one evil would exist."

"No. I do not blame you," ecknowledged. Loss. on the circumstance of the contemplate the union of purity such as your child possesses with a person of my character. But looking at it candidly and from all eides, can you expect to do better? What are your chances for ever leaving this place alive? Besides, have I not truly won her by risking my life to save her from a worse fact. Under the contemplate without really being so. Do I not show you that I am honorable, deserving the sanction of the church to make the marriage lawful? Another thing, Dr. Huntin-ton, I have asked your consent coupled with the statement that your daughter loves mentials is an argument in my favor. Still, if you wish to refuse, why do you not aloo for I did not demand; by your daughter loves mentials of the contemplate of your cannet through course of not. Your daughter has trusted for your consent through courses of any circumstance that may have placed your destinies in my keeping."

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"Then I think," said the doctor with great deliberation, "that it is best you do not insist upon marriage with my daughter. You see I am candid with

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Pearl looked hopelessly at her lover.

"Now, as my right, I would ask, Dr.

tuntington, what are your reasons

or refusing me your daughter's

and?" was the business-like question

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ou understand my motives per, Lang," rejoined the doctor,
y trying to appear calm during
rying ordeal. "Why force me to
something which will distress us

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"No, I do not blame you," acknowledged Lang. "I admit the circumstance. It is not a pleasant thing for a parent of your social standing to contemplate the union of purity such as your child possesses with a person of my character. But looking at it candidly and from all sides, can your

the strongered they had built for their protection.

"I am a spy, and it is part of my plan to break up this next of murderers, thieves and desperadoes. I have explained my actions to you, and I expect you to believe it. Why? Because it should be evident to you that I am jiest what I say I am. No one but a person placed as I say I am placed would have done as I have done.

"How blind I have done." "How blind I have done." "How blind I have been. This secounts for your manhood and dar's, and us a stranger, your remarkable knowledge of things concerning this town. About the 'haunted house,' for lastance. Yes, I believe you." 'If you believe me, said Lang. spardedy and firmly, 'respect my sillence, satsagonize me If you will open honorable man, would mean my death." I will trust you will mean my death."

nor appear to notice the repetition of marriage in church. "What do you latend to do?" was all he asked... my own advantage." returned Losis. "Circumstances could not have played better into my hands than to have had Schiller approach me in the manner he did. Are you willing to trust me implicitly?" "I am," the doctor replied. "And leave your daughter's life and hand leave your daughter's life and hand leave you daughter's life and hand leave you want to be a life and leave you may be a life and leave your daughter's life and hand leave you may be shaller made me these propositions." "I am," "You do not ask why Schiller made me these propositions." I said Louis. "I know why," exclaimed the doctor. "I am the only living heir to an English estate of great value. If I die it soes to my daughter as the only living representative of a once noble house."

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"And the estate is worth?" queried
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After the doctor and Pearl had retired for the night, Lang set his wits to work to invent some way of circumventing Schiller. A plan had present event of the property of the property

Gev. Long and His "Gand."
The Hon. John D. Long of Massa-chusets tells with great glee of an experience he had when he was gov-ernor. There was a public meeting at one of the theaters, to which the covernor and his staff were invited. The staff put on their most georgeous uniforms. There were quite a num-ber of them, and they were resplead-ent in gold lace and cord.

When the party reached the theater entrance they found so many people there that somebody suggested they should go around and enter by the stage door.

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They encountered a stolid stage doorkeeper, who had been at his post for years, and was used to the wiles of people who want to get behind the scenes.

"Can't get in here," he said, gruffly, "But," said Mr. Long, "I am the governor."

"Can't get to "But," and the governor."

The doorkeeper looked the governor over carefully. Apparently he recognized him, for he said, "All right, governor, you can go in."

Then he waved his hand at the gaudy staff and announced: "The band must go around the other way."

J. Putnam Bradiera Trousers.

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Back in the sixties Goodrich & Dyer were tailors in Joy's building, where the Rogers building now stands, and the late J. Putnam Bradiee was one of their patrons, says a writer in the Boston Herald.

One day he ordered a pair of doeskin trousers, and in due time they were sent to his home.

The next day Mr. Bradiec called and said to Mr. Dyer: "These trousers are cut with the nap down on the front and up on the back part."

Mr. Dyer, with rare presence of mind, replied: "That is the way we cut them pow. You brush down the front and up the back, so it makes it more convenient for you.

Mr. Bradiec valid: "I am glad to know the course of time he came in to order another uptr.

against me, a bint that I am even an monorable man, would mean my death."

I will trust you with my daughter, said the doctor, leading Pearl to our here and placing her hands within his grasp. "As I value her life and apprines above all things, you can rest_asserged that I will let noting edoppe me that will ten to 50 you on the same will be supposed to be a same will be supposed to be a same will be supposed to be a same will be supposed to you suppose our friend Dr. Schiller had to propose to me to alght!"

Thave no idea unless it was to buy you off, now that it must be evident to him that you are his equal in strategy, "replied the doctor." It know that he has given up his revenue as yet."

To are a fight!" exclaimed the hop you will be also any daughter's happiness. I cannot think that has given up his revenue as yet.

To are legal!" exclaimed the hop you will be also any daughter's happiness. I cannot think that has given up his revenue as yet.

To are legal!" exclaimed the hop you will be also any daw, it is not always. The Bostons were playing in the refer the play was the hop you will be also any day, and the play will be and on the same way from the standard properties. A few minutes later one of the other young and the door and saked will you."

The solution of the same way from the care of the the play will be and only daughter's happiness. I cannot the play the play the same way from the control of the same will you will remember with pleasure the late "Mile" Kelley, the star attraction of the famous Boosas, then the champions of the No. and the play will be and only dawn the corridor, heard the same will you will remembe with pleasure the late "Mile" Kelley.

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And the same way front and back.

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OSBORNE AND SMITH ARE FREE | TRY TO SECURE LAND FOR STATE

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Charge of Conspiracy Not Proved
Against Jacksonville Men.
P. Smith of Jacksonville were discharged
in Justice Martin's court at Chicago
after the hearing of charges that they
were in a conspiracy to obtain money
by false pretenses. Samuel W. Miller,
treasurer of the Orineco Mining Company, accused Osborne and Smith of
swindling him out of \$500 through the
National Stock and Bond Guarantee
to substantiate his charges. Osborne
is a prominent banker at Jacksonville
and Smith formerly was a Methodist
milister there.

GIVES MEMORIAL COLLEGE.

Love for her native state, Kentucky, and the desire to erect an imperishable monument to the memory of her deceased husband, caused Mrs. Matthew T. bottl, one of Bloomington's wealthiest somen, to erect in the fastnesses of the Kentucky mountains a college for the education of the mountaineers. The college was dedicated recently by Mrs. Scott's brother-



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in-law, former Vice President A. E.
Stevenson, who made a special trip to
Kentucky to desirer the dedicatory
address. The institution is located
near West Liberty and will be a training school for boys and girls. It will
be conducted under the control of the
Presbyterian church of Kentucky. It
opened with an enrollment of 115. An
efficient corps of teachers has been secured and the college opens with the
brightest prospects for success. Prof.
J. W. Thurman is first president of the
college and he has five assistant
teachers.

BROOM CORN PRICE ADVANCES Manufacturer Paid \$110 a Ton for 127

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Bales in Coles County.
The top price for the year was paid in the central broom corn district, when Frank Bundy, a Coles county grower, sold 127 bales of extra fine brush to the Gardner Broom Company, of Amsterdam, N. Y., for \$110 per ton. The consignment also included seventeen bales of crooked brush, for which the buyers paid \$80 a ton. Brokers in the Arcola neighborhood are now freely offering \$105 for good brush, with not takers. An occasional crop has been pleked up, but buyers have mote from the chief buying centers. Arcola brokers say the clean up is complete, as to the Vandalia and Sumer territory. The belief in higher prices is firmly rooted. One expert estimates that there are not more than 4,000 tons (possibly not more than 2,000) of brush in the country, no taiready held by dealers or manufacturers, and out of nearly 2,000 factories, there are scarcely a dosen which have enough to carry them over until astendard that the country in t Many smaller manufacturers who buy stock in small quantities are already alive to the fact that they cannot remain in business without a corre-sponding increase is the price of their output, and a movement is now on foot looking to a general advance of 25 cents a dozen on all classes of brooms.

Presidential Appointments.
Postmaters—William M. Swingle,
Athens: Fritz Dorries, Breese: Edward Meyer. Events of the Appendix of the Appendi

The Grant hotel, one of the oldes in Peoria, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Theodore Schurmann formerly of the Bismarck hotel in Chi-cago, filed the petition.

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Petition for Receiver for a Mine.
Application was made in the circuit court at Paris for the appointment of a receiver for the J. D. Witt coal mine, eight miles east of that city. The petitioners are Michael Garvin and others, who hold a mortgage upon the property. Failure to meet the payment of notes, which this mortgage was executed to secure, is the cause assigned for the action. A temporary injunction was granted by Judge Craig restraining Witt from operating or disposing of the propty, pending a hearing on the petition.

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With Fine Park.

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for beautifying the territory surroundland to provide a state capitel and to provide
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asked to cooperate in the plan.

The plan is to secure possession of
six blocks of land extending from
Moaroe street to Edwards, between
Second and Fourth streets, rase the
clid and unused buildings and convert
the territory into a park. The territory is now occupied by the capitol,
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site for the new supreme court buildting the territory out the
state house, but there has been some
disposition to hold back on account
of the price which would be required,
the supreme court justices fearing
that they might be criticised for putting too much money into the site.

If they are able to interest the city
in the proposed park, a joint arrangement can be made by which the
this building, but for all public buildings which will be required in the
future.

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In this connection it is stated that a new executive mansion will be needed within a few years. The old cane has been remodeled and rebuilt several times, but it is far from a creditable residence for the executive at present, most of the private residences in the vicinity excelling it in appearance, spaciousness and confort.

Chicago Physician Speaks at Dedica

Chicago Physician Speaks at Dedication of Tent Colony.

Dr. Frank Billings of Chicago delivered the dedicatory address at the formal opening of the new buildings of the Ottawa tent colony for the cure of tuberculosis. The colony originated in 1904, when the Illinois State Medical society began an organized campaign against the spread of tuberculosis in this state. Under the auspices of the society Dr. J. W. Petiti began at Ottawa the experiment of treating tubercular patients by houslegs them in tents. The experiment of treating tubercular patients by houslegs them in tents. The experiment proving satisfactory, the colony has been placed on a permanent footing through the efforts of the physicians of the state. Two hundred physicians for the state. Two hundred physicians for the state. Two hundred physicians of the state. Two hundred physicians of the state president corp. Tex. Herold N. Moyer of Chicago. Another speaker was Dr. Zeller, superintendent of the state hospital for the incurable insane at Bartoaville.

JOLIET SWINDLERS BAG \$10,000

Forgers, Aided by Rush of Holiday

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A gang of forgers by rapid work between 8 and 10 o'clock Saturday night swinkled Joliet merchants and saloon-keepers out of about \$10,000. Taking advantage of the holiday rush they succeeded in getting cashed checks for sums ranging from \$20 to \$200. The men had obtained a block of the special checks of the James G. Heggle block of the special checks of the James G. Heggle block National Bank, and you the Joliet National Bank, and you the Joliet National Bank, and you had been deed to fel for Mr. Heggle's signature on what were apparently pay checks helped make the swindling game easy. Adderman Nimanich cashed checks for \$150 at his saloon. Patrick Barrett cashed a \$200 check. Nearly fifty basiness men reported to the police that they had cashed checks of the same kind. At least four men were in the game. It is believed that the forgers started for Chicago on a late train.

Governor Gives Piyms. Trade, Victimize Merchants.

county.

Willis H. Bennett of Chicago was
appointed a director of the First State
Pawners' society of that city. He succeeds himself.

All the members of the Illinois dele

gation in congress were appointed delegates to the national rivers an harbors congress to be held in Washington Jan. 15 and 16 next.

ing truast from school.

Horticulturists Meet.

The fitlicth annual convention of the tillinois State Horticultural society was held in Elika 'hall, Champaign, with a large attendance of members from all parts of the state. An especial effort had been made by the officers of the society to secure the attendance of members of the "old guard"; since it was the semicentennial meeting, and scores of ploneers were present. Professor J. C. Blair of the University of Illinois addressed the meeting on "The Apple Crop of 1905."

A NEW TRAIN TO LOS ANGELES

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The North-Western Line and The Union Pacific Put On a Solid Through Train Via Sait Lake Beginning Dec. 17th.

Beginning Sunday, December 17th, a solid through train from Chicago to Loc Angeles will be placed in service to the service of the servic

aervice.

The architecture and interior fin-ish of each car presents an unusual richness of effect. The interior decor-

TUBERCULOSIS CAMP STARTS

The architecture and interior faths of each car presents an unusual richness of effect. The interior decorations are in green and gold, the upholistery is in olive green plush; the woodwork in eyem and on the series of the latest design and their equipment is most complete. The best of chefs, skilled stewards, experienced walters, and a menu of the highest character, combine to cate satisfactority to the most exacting tastes. The test of the series of the most exacting tastes. The results of the series of the serie

JOLIET SWINDLERS BAG \$10,000

new train are now open to the public for reservation of space.

Society Giri's Dramatic Effert.

Mrs. Ivy Ashton Root, a nices of the secretary of war, has written a play around the life of Monart. It will have its premier in a few weeks. The play, a poetic drama in five acts, deals almost exclusively with the great composer's life and its title will be discovered by the production has been incorporated in Albany, N. Y. The author's husband is a New York lawyer.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defance Cold Water Starch for husband in the production of the produ

Governor Gives Plums.
Governor Deneen has announced the appointment of Mary M. Bartelme of Chicago to be public guardian of Cook

Mrs. Knox's Rather Odd Present.

Mrs. Knox's Rather Odd Present, Mrs. Knox, wife of the Peningyranla senator, makes an odd gift occastonaily to some of her more intimate woman friends—a dainty packet
containing five pounds of butter. Her
eldest son, freed Knox, owns a fine
farm near Valley Forge and it is
there that the butter is made. She
furnished the butter for the president's Thanksgiving dinner.

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Bernhardt says she can not u stand ibsen. She hasn't got the of the rest of us in that regard. CHRISTMAS Sc. in stamps for elegant, delightful, lastin man present for sweetheart, sister, brother mother, the in 10 days, Julia Lingley Watkins,

John Q. Brown of Quincy was ap ointed public administrator of Adams

Reprimanded Boy Killa Himself, Arthur Greim, fourteen years old shot and killed himself with a revol ver at Moline, because he had been reprimanded by his mother for play-ing truant from school.

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