

**IVORY SOAP**

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**BABIES BUTCHERED.**

**Bloody Crime Committed by a Farmer Near Ridgeway, Mo.**

**David Spragg Kills His Two Children and Wife.**

**TWO MORE WOUNDED.**

**The Insane Man Then Took His Own Life.**

RIDGWAY, Mo., Dec. 12.—The most horrible human butchery ever recorded was committed four and one-half miles southwest of this city about 1 p. m. yesterday. David G. Spragg, in a fit of insanity, murdered his wife and two children, mortally wounded two step children and then took his own life. The fearful weapon which he wielded with such appalling results was a large butcher knife. Numbers from town left for the scene as soon as the dreadful news was heard. On arriving at the place a most sickening sight met their gaze. Lying in the yard near the gate was the body of Mrs. Spragg with disheveled hair and mutilated by ghastly cuts and gashes almost beyond recognition. The interior of the little dwelling presented a gruesome aspect indeed. In one corner of the sitting room lay the lifeless body of little Casey Spragg, and in the other Albert, only 14 months old. His head was resting on the slate with which he had just been playing. Both had hideous wounds in their throats through which the life blood was still oozing away. On the kitchen floor still clenching a smoking shotgun in his hands and his head almost torn from his body, lay the author of the awful crime. Great pools of blood had congealed on the floors and evidences of a terrible struggle were plainly visible all over the house. The piano and furniture were spattered with blood.

The particulars of the wholesale butchery are learned from Dora Onstatt, a stepdaughter of Spragg's, a child about 11 years old, who succeeded in eluding his murderous attack, and escaped to a neighbor's house. Her statement is substantially as follows: Spragg had been complaining of a headache all morning and his nearest neighbor, Mr. Meyers, was sent to Ridgeway after a physician. Soon after Meyers's departure he tied his shirt and cut his throat, and then attacked his wife. She ran out into the yard pursued by the maniac, who finally caught her and a desperate struggle ensued. The infuriated demon literally backed her head and face to pieces, and then, securing her head almost completely from her body, dragged her by the hair into the yard, where he left her. Dora was sick in bed, but when he commenced his fiendish work she got up and made her escape. Some time is supposed to have elapsed before she killed the older children before he took the life of the baby, for the little fellow was heard crying by persons who had arrived by this time, but were deterred from entering by his presence in the doorway with a loaded shotgun. He closed the door and presently he also was heard.

**NICARAGUA BILL.**

It is Again Considered by the Senate—Dolph and Sherman Speak.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The senate yesterday afternoon again considered the Nicaragua canal bill and Mr. Dolph addressed the senate in favor of the bill.

**IRRIGATION WORKERS.**

Those Named on the Committee to Look After Legislation.

The executive committee of the Kansas Irrigation association has named the following legislative committee: First district, F. W. Whitcomb; Fairmount, Second district, J. S. Emery and B. S. Smith; Lawrence, Third district, R. E. Carlton; Pittsburg, John Gilmore, Fredonia; Fourth district, F. D. Coburn and J. E. Frost; Topeka; Fifth district, John K. Wright; Junction City; Sixth district, E. B. Wheeler; Olathe, W. A. Bessler; Logan, Seventh district, G. W. Watson; Larned, C. H. Longstreth; Lakin; at large, E. R. Moses, Great Bend, W. A. Smith, Walker.

**GOING THROUGH CHINA.**

The Second Japanese Army Continues its Unimpeded March.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 12.—The column of the second Japanese army sent to attack P'u Chow has met with no resistance so far. The column retains communication with the forces from the first army, which is simultaneously advancing on the enemy. It is reported that the Chinese are concentrating at New Chwang. A detachment of the first army is advancing on Hai Ching east of New Chwang. This detachment has met with resistance, but the advances continue. Field Marshal Yamagata left Antong yesterday.

**Supplemental Tariff Bills.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—There is a well defined movement on the Democratic side of the senate to get up the supplemental tariff bills notwithstanding the decision of the caucus to give the preference to other measures and virtually shelve the tariff bill. Senators Vest and Berry are engineering the movement.

Window Glass at Holme's Drug Store.

**WRECK IN A TUNNEL.**

Two Killed and Sixteen Injured in a Chicago Cable Car Collision.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—In a collision between cable cars in the Washington street tunnel last evening two men were fatally hurt, fifteen more were seriously injured and a score of others more or less bruised. The cars were set on fire by the stoves and for a time there was a fearful panic around the scene.

Both the West Madison street and the Milwaukee avenue cable lines run through the tunnel and at the time the accident occurred—6:30 o'clock—all the west-bound cars were jammed to suffocation with people remaining from business on the South side. Madison street cable train consisting of a grip car and two trailers was two-thirds of the way down the incline toward the bottom of the tunnel when the cable train of the Milwaukee avenue line, also consisting of three cars, entered the tunnel. Almost immediately after starting down the slope, Gripman T. H. Moran of the Milwaukee avenue line lost his hold on the cable and the car slipped forward down the steep incline at a fearful speed.

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**TRAIN ROBBERS ARRESTED.**

Three Men Who Held Up a Rock Island Train in Custody.

VICTORIA, Kan., Dec. 12.—Deputy United States marshals last night arrested at Terrill, I. T., the three bandits who held up and robbed the Rock Island train at Red River yesterday morning. The prisoners have been positively identified by passengers who were victims of their out-laws during the hold-up. They have been hanging around Terrill for some time, and suspicion was immediately directed to them when the robbery became known. Their names are not given. They are said not to be members of any of the famous outlaw bands now operating in the Indian Territory.

**Must Pay the Royalty.**

ANDOVER, Ind. Ter., Dec. 12.—A bold and gigantic steal has been in operation here for some time in the shipment of walnut logs to Hamburg, Germany, in direct violation of tribal laws. The combine includes leading members of the Chickasaws. Governor Gartner of the Choctaw nation, yesterday commissioned an inspector to forbid further shipment unless the royalty of \$5 per 1,000 feet be paid. The Choctaws are determined to protect their rights regardless of the Chickasaws. One-fourth of this royalty is the property of the Chickasaws. Thousands of feet have already been shipped and several loaded cars now remain on the tracks.

**Missouri Man Arrested in Oregon.**

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—M. M. Preston was arrested near Forest Grove last night on a telegram from St. Louis, stating that M. M. Preston and L. E. Preston were indicted at Springfield, Mo., May 19, 1892, for conspiracy in taking from the mails a letter mailed to Edward Esley, Eagle Rock, Texas, and embelizing a pension check for \$114. Preston claims that his name is M. M. Preston and that the man wanted is his cousin, M. S. Preston.

**Pension Swindlers Sentenced.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The pension bureau has received a report from Special Examiner Stocklager at Fort Smith, Ark., announcing the recent sentence of Tom Bear to six years in the penitentiary, and the sentence of T. J. Thornton to six months in jail and a \$200 fine. This disposes of the ringleaders in a big scheme to defraud the government. They were connected with fully 500 claims, said to be fraudulent.

**Impersonated for Life.**

GUTHRIE, Ok., Dec. 12.—Henry W. Shoemaker, who, with two companions, murdered Edward Townsend in his store at Todd, Blaine county, twenty miles west of Hennessy, has been found guilty in the first degree and sentenced to imprisonment for life. Shoemaker was the leader of a gang of outlaws and horse thieves who terrorized the people of this portion of Oklahoma for almost a year.

**This Bank Not Robbed.**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 12.—The National Bank of Commerce received a telegram from S. P. Richardson, cashier of the Merchants' bank of Hennessy, Ok., stating that a telegraphic report that the Merchants' bank had been robbed of \$13,000 by members of the Cook gang was absolutely false.

Rock Island Playing Cards, No. 601 Kans. Ave.

Prescott & Co have removed to No. 115 West Eighth street.

Topeka Steam Laundry, 625 Jackson street.

Water! Water!! Telephone Kacynski.

**MADE BAD MONEY.**

Deputy U. S. Marshals Raid a Gang of Counterfeiters.

Had Their Headquarters in a Cave in Oklahoma.

FIVE OF THEM CAUGHT

Had Been Operating in Indiana and Missouri.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Dec. 12.—A squad of deputy United States marshals have just unearthed a dangerous band of counterfeiters who have been operating in conjunction with counterfeiters in Indiana and Missouri. A chance word uttered by a member of the gang while intoxicated led to a raid and the subsequent lodging in the United States jail of the following leaders of the gang: Guy Harper, L. Crawford, Joseph Tillery, Jess Lockett and Sam Lockett.

After shadowing these men three months and two days, all of which time spurious coins, ranging in denomination from ten cents to \$1, were circulated, the outlaws unwittingly led their captors to an underground cave a few miles east of Perkins.

After locating the underground mint, the deputies organized and armed themselves to the teeth. At 3 o'clock yesterday morning the officers descended into the cavern, and after traversing a subterranean passage for 100 yards, quickly burst in a door and found twenty-five men at work. The counterfeiters had been trapped so noisily and were so taken by surprise that they failed to show fight and scattered like rats through hidden exits. All escaped save those above named, but it develops that the prisoners were the leaders and the spurious money makers, and that the others were only "shovers," their work being to float the spurious coin.

With the prisoners the officers gathered in three buckets-full of counterfeit dollars and two tubful of dimes, quarters and nickels, besides a splendid and costly assortment of moulds and other queer paraphernalia. The underground cavern was elaborately furnished, containing folding beds, works of art, divans, one Brussels carpet and a safe. The men had been operating in the cave nearly eight months, and much of the spurious coin was boxed and expressed to points in other states to be placed in circulation. All the counterfeiters are educated and well-dressed, and two of those captured are on the "chummy" order. Tillery was at one time an employe in the mint at Philadelphia.

The little town of Perkins is greatly excited over the raid. The Lockett brothers residing in Perkins and were considered exemplary young men. Deputy D. S. McKay planned the raid. The prisoners are reticent and so far have refused to answer questions.

**Famous Pension Case Ends.**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 12.—For the second time the United States supreme court has dismissed the appeal of Daniel Benton, alias William Newby. Benton was convicted in the United States district court here of falsely impersonating William Newby, a Federal soldier killed in the battle of Shiloh, and reappearing as Newby a few years ago at Newby's old home in Southern Illinois and presenting a claim for pension benefit. He was sentenced to three years in the Chester prison. The case was dismissed for failure to file the appeal bond. This will probably end this famous case.

**Killed by a School Girl.**

GUTHRIE, Ok., Dec. 12.—An exciting race war exists in Oak Grove school district. As the children were returning home from school yesterday some youngsters made odious remarks about a colored girl in their company. This enraged the girl and she struck the 12-year-old son of G. W. Greathouse, tearing out his eyes and biting off one ear. She followed this up by crushing the boy's skull with a rock, producing his death last night. The girl escaped and is at large. The negroes take the girl's part, and this may lead to more trouble.

**Taylor Will Pay Costs of Capture.**

LINNEUS, Mo., Dec. 12.—Judge Rucker sustaining a motion to-day filed by the Taylor brothers' attorney, asking that their bonds forfeited for the forgery and arson cases against them be discharged, providing they would pay all the costs of capturing them when they murdered the Mueks family.

**Saved Out of Jail.**

LINNEUS, Mo., Dec. 12.—Alva C. Ross and another prisoner in the Linneus jail broke jail at 8 o'clock last night by sawing the bars out of a window large enough to get through. Ross was convicted of arson last Wednesday and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

**St. Joseph Dry Goods House Assailed.**

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 12.—George L. Roberts, a retail dry goods dealer made an assignment last night for the benefit of his creditors. The stock was taken possession of by the Commercial bank to satisfy a claim to the amount of \$13,354.21.

**Suicide by the Morphine Route.**

ELDORADO SPRINGS, Mo., Dec. 12.—Elena Mayes, daughter of a farmer living four miles west of here, committed suicide yesterday by taking morphine. She had been deserted by her lover.

**Missouri Farmers' Institute.**

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Dec. 12.—On the 14th and 15th of this month sessions of the Missouri State Farmers' institute will be held at Kidder, in Caldwell county.

Call on Snyder at once if you want Xmas photographs.

**SILVER MEN TO CONTROL.**

Senator Teller Says White Metal Advocates Have the Senate in '95.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Senator Teller of Colorado, says nothing will pass the senate during this session but appropriation bills. "We need financial legislation badly," said Senator Teller, "but neither Secretary Carlisle's plan nor what is known as the Baltimore plan is feasible. In fact, Mr. Carlisle's is absurd. The outcome of it all will be that we shall save another issue of bonds one of these days. This thing will be kept up until all the gold goes out of the country, and until people can see for themselves that gold can not be kept in the country by issuing bonds and 'umping into debt."

"I do not look for an extra session, and I don't believe President Cleveland wants one. What good would it do? The house would be Republican the senate Democratic-Populist, and Mr. Cleveland would continue to hold his own views, so that you would have the same old issues of bonds and appropriation with varied views and no prospect of harmonious action."

**Voluntarily Liquidates.**

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 12.—The directors of the Commercial bank held a meeting last night and decided that the bank should go into liquidation. Arthur Kirkpatrick was named as assignee and assumed charge at once. Some time ago the bank which was capitalized at \$125,000 met with a number of serious losses and the directors decided that in view of this fact they would not restore the impaired capital but instead would go into liquidation. The assets of the institution are \$129,000, of which amount \$270,000 is owed depositors.

**Three Alabama Outlaws Lynched.**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 12.—Three of the notorious Meachamite gang in Clark county, which has for many years run illicit distilleries, made counterfeit money and committed robbery and murder, who had returned to their old haunts and begun to wreak vengeance on their enemies, were lynched yesterday for killing Murphy Pink a farmer.

**New Paper in Jefferson City.**

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 12.—The Evening Courier, an afternoon paper, appeared yesterday. It is published by the Evening Courier Publishing company, and is Republican in politics.

**A Bank Cashier Sent to Prison.**

WARSAW, Mo., Dec. 12.—Joseph P. Landers, cashier of the St. Clair County bank, was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years to-day. He took the sentence manfully.

**BRIEFS BY WIRE.**

Miss Bessie Gates of Guthrie, Ok., was cured of a mad dog bite by a madstone.

Arrangements have been made to meet the \$409,000 interest for January on the Missouri state debt.

Bank President Burlingame, of the failed national bank of Springfield, Mo., was arraigned and bound over, but could not give bond.

The banks of Monett, Mo., are all guarded and heavily stocked with Winchester, ready to receive robbers from the territory whenever they may put in an appearance.

Mrs. Lucy Edwards, colored, 120 years old, died at Springfield, Ill.

Reports to the state department show that the German agrarians are advocating many American political ideas.

Ben Coe, a noted Oklahoma Populist stump speaker, is under arrest for cutting timber on government land.

Mrs. Flora Frankenstein, once cook for Napoleon Bonaparte, died at Detroit, Mich., aged 108 years.

George Brooker, sheriff of Macon county, Illinois, was fatally shot by John H. Smith, a school teacher, whom he was trying to arrest.

General Antonio Esta, the exiled vice president of Salvador, is about to return to his country and seek to replace President Gutierrez.

Delegates to the annual convention of the National Civil Service Reform league gathered in Chicago Tuesday. Carl Schurz, president of the organization, being among the number.

Robert Webster, an aged farmer living near South Haven, Mich., set fire to his house Tuesday morning and fearfully wounded Eugene Keasy, a neighbor, and then attempted suicide.

Lumbermen of Arkansas, Missouri and several other states met at the Hotel Richelle, Little Rock, Tuesday behind closed doors for the purpose of forming an agreement to raise the price of their product.

Recent rains have broken the worst and longest drought ever experienced in the Ohio valley. Not only was the river almost dry but even the railroads had difficulty in getting water for their engines. They ran regular water trains for months.

In spite of the unfavorable weather large crowds attended the opening of the Atchison electric railway Tuesday. The program included an address by Governor-elect Morrill, flambeau parade and a banquet. The city was handsomely decorated.

Justice Field of the supreme court, has appointed ten privately Samuel Knight as United States attorney for the Northern district of California.

Mr. Springer of Illinois, has introduced in the house Secretary Carlisle's banking bill. It was ordered to be printed and referred to the committee on banking and currency.

The secretary of the navy has made the last payment but one on account of the Gilliam indemnity claims, being that of Joseph Quigley, a fireman on the Baltimore, who was released from confinement at Mary Island, California, for being absent without leave, and discharged with a check for \$1,000.

More anomalous even than the traditional "sanding coals to Newcastle" is the exportation of iron and steel products from Germany to Great Britain, and yet this is just what is going on, according to a report to the state department from United States Consul Mason at Frankfurt, Germany.



**A NARROW ESCAPE!**

How it Happened.

The following remarkable event in a lady's life will interest the reader: "For a long time I had a terrible pain at my heart, which hindered almost incessantly. I had no appetite and could not sleep. I would be compelled to sit up in bed and belch gas from my stomach until I thought every minute would be my last. There was a feeling of oppression about my heart, and I was afraid to draw a full breath. I could not sleep a wink without sitting down and resting; but, thank God, by the help of New Heart Cure all that is past and I feel like another woman. After using the New Heart Cure I had taken different so-called remedies and been treated by various physicians, but I had no relief. I bought a bottle of Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure, and in a few days I had a splendid appetite and sleep. I weighed 125 pounds when I began taking the remedy, and now I weigh 145 lbs. In my case has been truly marvelous. It far surpasses any other medicine I have ever taken or any remedy ever recommended by physicians."—Mrs. Harry Starr, Pittsfield, Pa., October 15, 1894.

For Sale by all Druggists.

**HILLMON'S CARELESSNESS.**

A Reminiscence of His Foolhardiness.

W. W. Nichols of Valley Falls says that he knew Hillmon, the man the insurance companies are so anxious to find for many years. "He and I hunted buffaloes together," he said, "and great times we did have, but that man Hillmon was the most careless man with a gun I ever saw."

"We were sitting in our tent one day—a party of us—and Hillmon was fooling with his gun when it went off and the charge went into a 24 pound can of powder. The powder exploded of course and scattered us all over the prairie. When we got together we found that no one was very badly hurt, but nobody in the crowd had eyebrows or mustache. They had been burned off."

**A Remarkable Achievement in Railroad Affairs.**

Was the running of the Exposition flyer, the famous twenty hour train between Chicago and New York, via the Lake Shore route, in service during the World's Fair. A handsome litho-water-color of this train may be secured by sending ten cents in silver to C. K. Wilber, Western Passenger Agent, Chicago.

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**\$15,000**

stock of Fine Footwear, in order to make room for the Holiday Novelties.

Ladies' Fine France Kid Dongola Button Congress \$3.50 shoes.

**\$2.75**

Ladies' Fine France Kid, in hand turned and hand sewed \$4.00 shoes.

**\$2.50**

Ladies' Fine Clout shoes, in turned and well sewed \$3.00 shoes.

**\$1.75**

Ladies' Fine Dongola Kid, \$2.50 shoes.

**\$1.50**

Ladies' Fine Dongola Kid and Goat shoes

**95 Cents.**

Misses' and Children's School shoes,

**50c, 75c and \$1.00**

Children's and infants' shoes

**15 to 25 Cents.**

Misses' Rubbers

**15 Cents.**

Men's Fine Kansas and Cordovan \$6 shoes

**\$2.50**

Men's Fine Patent Leather Razor Toe \$7.00 shoes

**\$4.00**

Men's Denzola and French Calf \$2.00 shoes

**\$4.00**

Men's Fine Calf shoes, heavy double sole for work shoes, worth \$3.00 and \$4.00, for

**\$2.00**

Men's well sewed \$2.50 Calf shoes

**\$1.50**

Men's Self-Acting Sandal, French rubbers,

**50 Cents.**

Men's Arties

**85 Cents.**

Men's Fine Opera Slippers

**50 Cents.**

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