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RAILROAD NEWS NOTES.

No consolidation of the Northwestern and Omaha roads is contemplated. The two roads will propably run in close connection, but each will maintain a separate organization, and the officers now in charge of the various departments of that road would be continued. The road will continue to pay its dividends as usual. Mr. Hughitt, president of the Omaha, did not care to outline his policy in reference to the Omaha road, but it is understood that certain important moves are in the wind. It is understood that the contract with the Rock Island road, giving the latter permission to run into St. Paul over the track of the Omaha road from Merriam Junction, will be terminated within thirty days, and that on the expiration of its contract the Illinois Central will not be allowed to make cut rates on Omaha and Sioux City business. It is also intimated that the Rock Island will be debarred from using the Omaha road in billing freight to Sioux City and points beyond Worthington.

It seems settled that the Larimore extension of the Manitoba will not be built beyond Bartlett before June or July of the ensuing year, and that the road will be operated as often as may be practicable during the winter. This may be twice a week, possibly three times weekly, dependent upon the amount of snow fall and the fact of the depths of the drifts. Bartlett is forty-five miles from Larimore, and there are several deep cuts out on the line which may embarass the movement of trains, but it is not likely that even these will lay an embargo on traffic.

The auditor of Ramsey county has assessed the Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad over $5,000 on property in St. Paul not exempted from taxation, and will serve all the roads in the same way which have property not directly employed in their business.

Mr. Keep, president of the Northwestern railroad says:

GOSSIP FROM WASHINGTON.

The president has taken a postive stand in regard to what is necessary to bring about unity and harmony in the republican party. For several days a delegation of New York politicians have been clamoring for the removal of Collector Robertson, Postmaster Pierson and District Attorney Woodford. Saturday he said to one of the spokesmen: "So far as the administration is concerned, [illegible] we neither recognise the [illegible] as such, but shape [illegible] generally instead [illegible] names or de-[illegible]

the W[illegible] editor of a stalwart org[illegible] asked to have a commission as p[illegible] made out for him immediately. The president asked, "Where are his papers?" Mr. Cameron replied, "Why, he has none: I endorse him. Is not that enough?" The president then said, mildly but firmly, "I cannot appoint Mr. Young unless he is endorsed by the Republican members of his delegation and some evidence filed here showing Mr. Young is endorsed by the business men of York."

Attorney Bliss, in speaking of the star route cases, says the prosecution will show that at least one United States senator who signed star route expediting petitions was the paid agent of the ring. He described instances where petitions for increase of trips were, after arriving here, altered or amended so as to make the petitions for increase of speed as well as trips. The alterations were apparent at once upon inspection, but upon such papers orders were made [illegible] for large sums of money.

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The day for the reassembling [illegible] is set by the resolution presented the house, on the third of January. It comes in the middle of the week, and very little may be expected of congress the first week in January. There is very little doubt about the adoption of the Hiscock resolution. This will throw both the tariff and civil service reform over the holidays.

Commissioner Raum says if the report of the tariff commission is adopted congress ought to take off $30,000,000 internal revenue taxes, leaving the tax on distilled spirits, malt liquors, tobacco and cigars, and the special tax upon dealers, and then wait and see what effect the reduction in tariff duties would have upon the revenue.

The republican senatorial committee consists of Messrs. Allison, Harrison, Logan, Sherman, Hawley, Morrill, Ingalls and a few others, and these gentlemen have appointed Messrs. Hawley, Harrison and Logan a subcommittee, who so far have dictated the business to be taken up.

Senator Logan has introduced a bill for the reorganization of the army. It provides that the army shall not exceed 30,000 men, including a corps of 517 engineers and 1,000 Indian scouts. He provides that the pay of a private soldier shall be $16 per month, instead of $13 as now.

The secretary of the treasury decides that a Chinaman residing in Vicksburg could not bring into this country, under the Chinese exclusion act, a wife that he intends to marry in China; though if already married the wife was in China she could [illegible]

[illegible] testifies public expec-[illegible] Curtis case. It [illegible] assessments [illegible] on [illegible]

Just [illegible]

Washing[illegible] scandal of big[illegible] dumbfounded over the [illegible] preme court judge who [illegible] with the big end of his salary a[illegible] any other gambler.

Congressman Guenther denies that he [illegible] any state funds for personal mat-[illegible] says he was poor when he took the [illegible] treasurership, and he regrets to [illegible] he is still in the same condition [illegible]

The defense in the star route trials predict that the trial will last for three months. It is now evident that they will have recourse to every art by which they may hope to secure delay.

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS.

The execution of James Leighton Gilmore on Friday at Deadwood was an instance of judicial hanging in the Black Hills. He met his fate heroically, mounting the scaffold with a firm step and addressing the on-[illegible] in a loud, clear and earnest tone of [illegible] disclaiming the guilt of intentional [illegible] His neck was broken by the fall, [illegible] was instaneous. Gilmore was [illegible] for a time of complicity in the [illegible] of Lieut. Cherry, but he stoutly denied the charge to your correspondent the [illegible] before his execution.

[illegible] Harris and Charles Barton boarded [illegible] freight train on the Alton road, near [illegible] and drawing knives, drove the passengers [illegible] train hands out of one coach and [illegible] the cushions to the seats and made [illegible] with the car furniture. When [illegible] reached Chicago they were arrested [illegible]

[illegible] active secretary of the Brooklyn [illegible] association is a defaulter to the [illegible] $100,000, according to expert accounts [illegible] report. The city endeavored to [illegible] the money from Alderman [illegible] Jones, a brother-in-law of the [illegible] is named Stewart.

[illegible] Harrison, a handsome [illegible] who recently seperated from her husband in Philadelphia, was seized and [illegible] by four men, who [illegible] the deed by her husband's [illegible]

[illegible] eight bills of indictment [illegible] the grand jury against [illegible]

Dr. Forbes of the Jefferson Medical college for complicity with the resurrectionists.

San Francisco society was on Saturday ridded of a bad citizen, Charles Pope. After mortally shooting his wife, with whom he had quarrelled, he sent a leaden messenger through his own head.

Capt. David Crockett, a grandson of the celebrated bringer-down of coons, has just been sent to the Chester, Ill., penitentiary, for counterfeiting.

James Kelly, Joseph Dunn and Pat Dolan were arrested at New Haven, Conn., for passing counterfeit dollars.

THE CASUALTY RECORD.

The steamboat Kate Kinney took fire in the bayou at Ferry Landing. Boat and cargo are a total loss. This was the first trip of the Kinney this season, she having a few days ago left her dock after receiving various repairs amounting to $8,000. The boat is valued at $20,000: insured for $10,000 in Cincinnati companies. She belonged to the Red River & Coast line.

G. Hall and A. C. Christie's honey canning establishment at Smithland, Woodbury county, Iowa, burned Sunday morning. Loss, 18,000. A saloon occupied by Dan Rolland was gutted. Rolland's loss is $800. Christie's canning establishment contained considerable machinery and ten tons of honey.

Sunday morning last, Michael Czeek, of Swan River, was found drowned in Hayes Creek between Two Rivers and North Prairie. He was at the North Prairie Saturday and got too much liquor abroad, and it is supposed that his horses went into the creek to drink. He leaves a wife and several children.

A case it is believed of genuine leprosy has developed in the alms house at Sale Mass. Charles Derby, the victim, arrived from San Francisco a week ago. Derby is well educated, and was for some years chief botanist at Honolulu to Queen Emma. He has been isolated and his clothing burned.

By a collision at King's station, thirty miles from Cincinnati, W. H. Wharton, postal clerk, and Engineer Peterson on the east-bound train, was injured. Postal clerks Hanoyer, Hollingshead and Goebel, on the west-bound train, were also injured but not seriously.

Eight hundred houses were totally destroyed in Canton lately and two hundred in Foo Chow.

Harris Wagner's carpenter shop in St. Paul was burned on Monday last.

GENERAL NEWS GOSSIP.

The New York Herald on Monday printed an extraordinary series of letters from prominent republican politicians to Stephen W. Dorsey. Among them are a number from the late President Garfield. The letters fill nearly two pages of the Herald, and it is stated, prove that Dorsey was an intimate and trusted friend of Gen. Garfield. The Herald says editorially: "Certainly these letters, from Garfield entirely justify [illegible] of those letters from Dorsey to Garfield, which the former made public some ago. We suppose much remains behind, and we should be glad if Mr. Dorsey would let the country see more."

About five years ago the Minnesota Deutsche (German) at St. Paul saw the light, and Tuesday it ceased to exist; assets estimated at $7,000; liabilities estimated at $12,000. The editor and proprietor was Victor V. Serenyi, who was taken into partnership last spring by the former owner, F. De Hass, and about two months ago the former purchased the paper, assuming liabilities and paying money enough to make the purchase money of the paper about $10,000. Serenyi is supposed to have lost about $10,000 in his unfortunate venture.

E. K. Norton, late president of the Detroit board of trade, failed yesterday. His deals, amounting to upward of 100,000 bushels of wheat, were all closed out. Members of the board say they will lose about $3,000 or $4,000 by the failure. Norton said a few days ago, that being president of the board last year resulted in a loss to him of at least $10,000. He started in business a few years ago with $60,000 cash. Most of his deals of late have been straddles with Chicago and [illegible] markets.

[illegible] tables being now prepared it appears that but a single item do the appropriations for 1883 exceed the estimates for [illegible] that item is the river and harbor bill, [illegible] no estimate whatever is made for [illegible] The total excess of estimates for 1884 over appropriations last year aggregates $[illegible],677,11. In some of the appropriation bills the estimates are almost double last year's appropriation.

Gov. Pitkin is a candidate for the Colorado senatorship, but his health is very much impaired, and it is said that he is liable to die at any moment. Notwithstanding this, he has backers, Secretary Teller is also a candidate; so is W. A. Hamill, a millionaire, and Gov. Tabor, the bonanza king, has aspirations. Senator Hill is believed to be aiding Teller.

The vice-regal party are escorted on their trip to Texas by the United States soldiers, for the reason that they feared an Indian raid. Col. Tourtelotte, who was detailed by Gen. Sherman to accompany the royal visitors, proposes that they shall have all conveniences and protection.

The largest meeting of iron manufacturers held this season was held in Pittsburg and the selling rate was changed from 2¼ to 2¼ cents. It is claimed that this is an equalization and not an actual reduction.

Robert Lawson & Co., manufacturers of harness, trunks, etc., Baltimore, failed with estimated liabilities at $100,000. The principal creditors are dealers in the West.

The National Propriety association of Rochester, N. Y., has voted $25,000 to prosecute all persons invading patent rights.

J. M. Pike & Co., extensive tea merchants of New York, have made an assignment. Liabilities, $150,000; assets unknown.

Most of the western members of the house favor a reduction of letter postage to 2 cents.

PERSONAL MENTION.

The estate of the late Jacob Baker of Philadelphia is in litigation. The estate was left to a brother and two sisters, and the [illegible] was leased for a long term of years. [illegible], until recently, made no demand [illegible]ent. Finding their title disputed, [illegible] have concluded to test their claims [illegible] the courts. The value of the estate in question is variously estimated at from [illegible]00,000 to $300,000,000.

[illegible] Lot M. Morrill, of Maine is growing [illegible]. There has been a great change in his condition within the last twenty-four hours. He expresses a desire to live and see his daughter, who is on her way from Europe, and is expected every hour at New York.

The wife of the late chief Justice Hardin of Kentucky is in absolute want, occupying a room of an old rookery, in Louisville, without the necessaries of life for herself and little daughter.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

A dispatch from Victoria says that a large volume of water suddenly burst into the Australian mine at Creswick, Talbot county, Victoria, while a large number of miners were at work in the bottom of the mine, flooding the lower surface to the depth of several feet and entailing a great loss of life. The news spread rapidly to the surrounding settlements and parties of volunteers for the relief of the imprisoned and submerged miners were soon actively at work. The anxiety of of the wives and other relatives of the sufferers, who were congregated about the mouth of the pit, was most painful to witness, as body after body was brought to the surface and recognized.

At a meeting of the Geographical society recently M. DeLessep promised that the Panama canal would be ready to be opened in 1888. He described the health of the employes as satisfactory, and stated that the rate of mortality at Panama did not exceed that in France. Fears that the canal would be liable to destruction by earthquake are unfounded.

Miss Chamberlain, an American beauty who has attracted great attention in Europe from the attentions of the Prince of Wales, is said to have captivated Sir Henry Maley Thompson, with an income of $20,000 per year.

"I told you so" is the popular verdict in England over the record made by the drooping Lily in America. The affair has been the principal club and tea party gossip for a week or ten days over there.

At Kingston, Ont., Robert Robinson, son of William Robinson, ex-M. P., and John Spencer, son of Rev. Mr. Spencer, clerical secretary, while skating broke through the ice and were drowned.

The New Land Regulation.

The commissioner of the general land office has issued a new set of regulations in the matter of declaratory statements, which require not only apsolute proof of the soldier's record of the applicant or of the power vested in his agent, but also the oath of the agent that he has no present or prospective interest in the claim.

Fraudulent Land Claims.

A Washington dispatch says: The extent of the fraudulent land entries throughout the west now amounts to over 1,000,000 acres, and new frauds are being brought daily, the most recent being in Colorado. By the agent's report it is shown that three entire townships have been recently entered in a most novel manner. A gambler was employed by a reputable citizen to enter these lands, and by employing "heelers" and "runners-in," he took possession of these three townships, which the citizen has now sold.

Wholesale Stealing in Louisville.

At Louisville, Ky., the grand jury, has returned indictments against David Ferguson, back tax collector: Philip Hinkle, city aud tor; and George W. Levi, assistant chief of the fire department, for frauds connected with the assessor's and tax receiver's office in 1879. The parties were at once arrested. Bail was given by Ferguson of $20,000, and the others $15,000 each. The council will propably impeach the parties, and declare the offices vacant.

St. Paul's Remarkable Growth in 1882.

The building statistics of St. Paul the capital of Minnesota for 1882, taken with a great deal of care and without exaggeration, surprise even those who were best aware of the wonderful growth of the city. The most gratifying increase over 1881, though not absolutely the greatest, is in the item of business buildings. For 139 blocks built in 1881, with a frontage of 6,251 feet, at a cost of $2,330,300. 1882 has a record of 304, with a frontage of 10,216 feet, costing $3,580,900. In the item of residences, the increase over last year is most remarkable. For 1,009 residences erected in 1881, casting $1,885,400, 1882 counts 2,178, or more than twice as many, costing $3,946,500. This is swollen by the capitol, the high school, the opera house, and other less important structures, to nearly a million dollars, raising the grand total for buildings of all classes over 2,500 houses, costing nearly $8,500,000.

Count Rudolph's Contract.

In a trial in Germany recently a document was produced, which was called forth by the marriage of the Count de Sulz, a Roman Catholic, to Agatha, Countess of Hanau, a Protestant, in the year 1605. At the wedding the bridegroom solemnly swore to respect his future wife's religious views, and signed, sealed and delivered a deed to that effect. It was vouched in the following terms: "I, Rudolph, Count of Sulz, hereby promise on my honor as a nobleman—or may the devil take me—that I will allow my future wife to remain in her religion, nor will I offer her any inducement in the slightest to abandon it. I have at home two Bibles; if that is not enough for her, I will get her two more. Let her read in them bravely and industriously. Moreover, it is her body, not her soul, I take. I shall remain in my religion, in which I have been brought up from my yonth. I know that I am on the right road; if she wont go to Heaven, let her go to hell. Signed, Rudolph, Count of Sulz."

Suicide of Col. George W. Schofield.

Lieut. Col. George W. Scofield, of the Sixth cavalry, commanding Fort Apache, Arizona committed suicide Monday morning by shooting himself in the right eye. The bullet passed through the head, death following instantly. Col. Schofield had been in poor health for some time and the act was doubtless done in a moment of temporary insanity, as he had no trouble of any kind so far as can be ascertained. He was a brother of Maj. Gen. Schofield, and Lieut. F. F. Kislingbury, Eleventh infantry, who is now in the Arctic regions, married a sister of Mrs. Schofield. The death of Col. Schofield will cause the following changes: Maj. A. P. Morrow, Ninth cavalry, will become lieutenant colonel, Sixth cavalry; Capt. Frederick W. Benteen, Seventh cavalry, will become Major Ninth cavalry; Lieut. C. C. De Rudio, Seventh cavalry, will be captain, and Second Lieut. H. G. Sickel, Jr., Seventh cavalry, will be first Lieutenant; Lieut. W. S. Edgerly, Seventh cavalry, is first in his regiment for promotion to a troop.

LATE MARKETS.

ST. PAUL.

FLOUR—Quotations: Patents, $6@6.75; clears, $5@5.50; straights, $4.75@5.50; common brands, $4@5; in bbls. 25c extra. Buckwheat flour, $8 per bbl. Rye flour, $4.25@4.50 per bbl. Graham, $5@5.50 per bbl. Trade has been quiet all the week, and prices not strong, in sympathy with wheat. Coarse flours were in fair demand.

WHEAT—Receipts have fallen off, yet there are fair stocks in this market in storage and also at country elevators. Farmers' deliveries are light, as many are holding for better figures. Buyers are getting what they can and storing it for future demand, regarding the property as good at present values. There is no shipping demand here, as prices are some 6c above a shipping basis. There is a little milling inquiry for hard wheat, but others are neglected. Prices have not varied much from those of a week ago, though the market may be considered weak. Closing quotations: No. 1, hard, 98c bid, $1 asked; No. 2 hard, 93c bid, 95c asked; No. 2, 85c bid, 89c asked; No. 3, 73c bid. Futures: No. 1 hard, 98c bid for January, $1 bid for February, and $1.08 bid for May.

CORN—There is not much new corn in the market, and the demand has been light. Prices were, therefore, governed largely by outside influences, and tended downward, closing at declines for the week. During the week there was some demand for old No. 2 to fill year contracts. The general tendency is downward, in sympathy with other markets. Tuesday's closing figures: No. 2 old, 60c bid; new Kansas, 57c asked; new Iowa, 49c asked. Futures: No. 2 old, January, 50c bid; February, 51c bid; May, 52c bid. Tuesday's sales: 1 car new, 48c.

OATS—Trade has fallen off, the demand being lessened. Stocks light on small receipts. There has been but little speculative feeling. Prices closed weak on an inactive market. No. 2 mixed, 35½c bid; December, 35c bid; January, 34c bid; February, 33c bid; May, 35c bid, 38c asked; No. 3 mixed, 33c bid: No. 2 white, 36c bid; No. 3 white, 35c bid; rejected, 30c bid.

MINNEAPOLIS.

FLOUR—With the expectation of the alteration in prices due to the advance in freight there has been but little to mark a changed state of this market for the last two weeks. The current range of prices is given as follows: Patents, $5 75@6; straights, $5.25@5.75; clears $4.75@5.25; low grades, $2@3 per bbl.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran closed easy yesterday at about $7 in bulk; shorts, $8.50@9. Several cars of bran were sold at $7.25@7.15, and later at $7. Coarse meal was entirely nominal. Mixed feed, corn and oats brought $16@22 per ton. The low priced, however, was somewhat damaged, but the market was overstocked and sales crowded.

WHEAT—There was little difference to note for the week in the wheat market. Advices from all points indicated a dull state of affairs, with less than the usual speculative movement. The fluctuations, so common in more active seasons, were almost wholly wanting. Local prices at the end of the week were where they were at the beginning, within the fraction of a cent. The amount of trading was light, though noticeably larger during the latter days. That was about all there was to indicate a change. Sales were not infrequent of No. 1 hard at $1, but beyond that buyers refused to go, and generally bought at 98@99c; No. 2 hard sold at 93@95c; No. 1 at 89@95c, and No. 2 at 83@90c. All grades below the two hard grades sold mainly by sample, ranging from 70@90c, according to quality. Among yesterday's sales on 'change were: 5,000 bu No. 1 hard at $1; and 5,000 bu No. 2 hard at 95c.

CORN—Weak and lower; the closing sales yesterday were at 48c for No. 2, with sales to arrive at 48c for No. 2 new.

MILWAUKEE MARKET—Flour, quiet. Wheat, dull and weaker; No. 2 hard, 99¾c; No. 2, 94c; December, 94¾c; January, 92⅝c; February, 93⅜c; No. 3, 77c; No. 4, nominal. Corn, higher; No. 2, 51½c. Oats, a shade firmer; No. 2 35½c; white, 37¾c. Rye, easier; No. 1, 57c; No. 2, 54c. Barley, lower; No. 2, 72½c bid, 73c asked. Provisions, stronger; mess pork, $17.20 cash and December and $17 25 for January. Lard, prime steam, $10.35 cash and December; $10.40 January. Butter, steady. Cheese, quiet and steady. Eggs scarce and firm. Receipts—Flour, 24,635 bbls; wheat, 77,637 bu; barley, 50,528 bu. Shipments—Flour, 23,436 bbls; wheat, 10,000 bu; barley, 26,820 bu.

CHICAGO MARKET.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat, unsettled but generally higher; regular, 92½c December; 92½c January; 93⅝c February; 99c May; No. 2 red winter, 92½c; No. 2 Chicago spring, 92@92½c; No. 3 Chicago spring, 76c; rejected, 60c. Corn, active, firm and higher; 51⅛@51⅜c cash and December; 50½c January and February; 53½c May. Oats, active, firm and higher; 37¼@37⅜c cash; 37⅛c December; 35⅝c January and February; 36½c May. Rye, firmer at 58c. Barley, firmer at 80c. Flax seed, strong at $1.15½@1.16. Dressed hogs, dull, weak and lower; $7@7.15. Butter, steady and unchanged. Eggs, easier at 27½@28c. Pork, steady with fair demand; $17.15@17.25 cash; $17.15@17.17½ December; $17.22½@17.25 January; $17.35@17.37½ February; $17 50@17.52½ March.

Miss Anna Dickenson denies the report that she has withdrawn from the stage. She says that she is under engagement to lecture and read plays and to act in the western states.

DIABOLISM AT DULUTH.

A Swedish Thief, After Being Pursued by the Superior Sheriff and a Citizen, Shoots Both, Inflicting Several Wounds.

A Brooklyn Negro Kills Two Persons and Seriously Injures Two Others, all Because of Jealousy.

Just Sentence of a Wisconsin Man for a Most Heinous Crime—Riot in North Carolina.

Duluth Pistol Practice.

DULUTH, Dec. 21.—Last night two Swedes, John Swenson and Altred Larson, obtained goods and money from Superior parties on false pretenses. This morning they tried the same game, but were not able to accomplish it, when they started for this city. Sheriff Thompson of Superior and S. E. Tubbs, clerk in Rattalack & Cox's store, pursued them, overtook them on the ice between Conney's point and Rice's point, this city, and commanded them to go back with them and pay for the goods. The men said they would and all started back, the prisoners walking ahead of the others; going but a short distance, when Swenson turned quickly and fired at the sheriff. The ball struck him in the face left of a nostril half an inch, and glanced off, making but an abrasion of the skin. The sheriff drew his revolver but had no time to use it and grabbed the arm of the man to prevent his shooting again. Tubbs then came to the assistance of the sheriff with a revolver, when Swensen wheeled and shot him through the left arm, the ball entering half way between the elbow and shoulder. He then turned on the sheriff again and shot him in the left shoulder, when he fled, presumably to this city. Officers were telephoned, but up to the present time have not arrested him. The wounded men were brought here, where their wounds were dressed. The wounds were probed, but the balls could not be found. Neither is seriously hurt. Swenson is about twenty-eight years old, five feet ten inches tall, fair complexion, spare face, full beard three or four weeks old, of light sandy color, and hair of same color. He talks little English. He was dressed in a blue Mackinaw jacket and pants, a short dark coat and brown cap. A reward will be offered for his arrest.

Sentence of Malefactors.

SHAKOPEE, Dec. 21.—The district court is still in session, and yesterday Judge Macdonald sentenced E. O. Showy, whom the jury found guilty of receiving stolen goods amounting to $13.75, to three months' imprisonment in the county jail, being the full limit of the statute. The other case was that of the State vs. Tim Lucy, who was found guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon with the intent of doing bodily harm, and attempting to rescue a prisoner from the hands of an officer, the judge sentenced the prisoner to fifteen months' hard labor at the penitentiary in Stillwater. No motions were interposed in arrest of judgment, and the defendants will have to take their deserts. In the case of Showy, who lived in this city, and was in the habit of purchasing goods stolen from our merchants by little boys of not over twelve years of age, the public sentiment is in favor of the heaviest punishment the law can inflict. In the other case there were some symptoms of regret for the young candidate for the striped gang.

Special to the Pioneer Press.

ST. CROIX FALLS, Dec. 21.—The trial of O. A. Osgood, for rape on his own daughter, was finished yesterday. The defense was strong and able, but the evidence was overwhelmingly against him, and he was sentenced to twenty-five years in the State prison. He was defended by W. B. Ladd of St. Paul. Michael Baldwin was sentenced to one year in State prison for larceny.

A Mad Murderer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—There was an exciting scene in the court of oyer and terminer to-day at White Plains when Angelo Cometta was brought in for resentence to death for the murder in Sing Sing prison last December of a fellow-convict. Judge Dyckman sentenced him to be hanged on the 25th of January. He kicked and groaned, uttering unintelligible Italian words and creating most intense excitement. The deputy sheriffs were upon the prisoner in a moment and undertook to lift him up, but he could not or would not stand. They then undertook to carry him out of the court room, but he kicked and fought like a tiger. Catching hold of a gas chandelier at the clerk's desk he held on with an iron grasp, and was with great difficulty released. He was then born to the door, where he spread both his legs, placing his feet against either jam of the door, fighting and groaning like an infuriated beast. With the assistance of two or three court officers the deputy sheriffs finally got him into his cell, where he raved in a shocking manner. He threatened to kill himself before the day fixed for his execution, and the sheriff therefore ordered a double watch to be put over him day and night.

A Dakota Wheat Thief.

FLANDREAU, Dak., Dec. 21.—On the 17th inst., Niles E. Chamberlain, a farmer living about two and one-half miles west of town, was arrested for stealing wheat from a neighbor's granary. He was brought before Justice Huntington, charged with burglary in the third degree, and, after an examination, was bound over in the sum of $300 to appear at the next term of the district court. Quite a number of our early settlers, while East visiting or on business, have been obliged to leave their premises unguarded during their absence, and have been losers by outlaws of this kind; in some cases have been relieved of their entire crop, so that they were without seed in the spring, and nothing to buy with. It is the wish of all honest men in this vicinity that whoever is found guilty of such an offense be punished to the full extent of the law.

Another Dakota Murder.

Deadwood Pioneer: A killing occurred in the Little Missouri valley on the 9th inst., on Hughes & Simpson's stock range. The particulars of the shooting were obtained from R. M. Norboe, who arrived in the city yesterday with Frank Welch of Spearfish. The name of the victim was C. A. Brown. He came to this section from the cattle regions of Kansas, and has been in the employ of the Continental Stock company, whose range is in the valley named, ever since. A. O. Ferguson, the shooter, was in the employ of the parties owning the ranch upon which the murder was committed. It seems that Brown came to Ferguson's cabin and turned his horse loose to forage on the latter's hay stacks, to which he objected. Words were exchanged, when Ferguson entered the house, buckled his belt and gun to him and returned to the outside. As he opened the door he drew his revolver, and before those inside had time to get out he fired, the ball striking Brown in the left side, entering his heart and killing him instantly. Ferguson claimed that the dead man drew a gun on him first, and that he "downed" him in self defense, still he took to the plains and has not been heard of or seen since.

A Murderous Nigger.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Alexander Jefferson, a negro, committed a double murder in Brooklyn to-night and seriously wounded two other persons. At 176 Buffalo avenue lived Mrs. Emma Jackson, an aged colored women, her daughter Annie, twenty-four years of age, Henry Hicks (colored), forty-one years old, and Celestial Jefferson, thirty-five years old. The brother of the murderer, Alexander, who loved Aunie, was jealous of his brother, Celestial, and Hicks. On several occasions Alexander threatened to kill the entire family. To-night he stealthily approached the house and discharged the contents of a double-barreled shotgun through a window. The first struck Hicks in the side and killed him instantly. The second struck Celestial and severely wounded him. The murderer next cut Mrs. Jackson's throat from ear to ear, causing immediate death, and after severely cutting Annie Jackson in the breast the man made his escape.

A Bastardly Deed.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.—A Wapakoneta special to the Herald reports the arrest there of Ed Kerch, aged nineteen years, on a charge of robbery and maiming John M. Shaffer, a man upwards of fifty years of age. The latter went to town on Monday with $90 and indulged in a spree with Kerch. On Tuesday morning Shaffer was found in the woods minus hat and boots, clothing badly torn, moneyless, insensible and supposed to be dying. He was removed to a house in the village and attended by a physician. He became conscious during the day, but relapsed subsequently. He was examined by doctors, who found that he not only had been robbed, but savagely castrated. Kerch was found to-day and arrested. He confessed his guilt, and was committed without bail. Shaffer's condition is critical.

A Skillful Penman.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.—A daring forgery was perpetrated, primarily on the National Bank of Commerce, this city, but which causes a loss to the Manhattan Bank of New York. A man giving the name of W. S. Watson bought a draft for $17.63 on the Manhattan bank. A few days later a draft for $5,669.48 was cashed in the Buffalo Traders' bank, which proved to be this same $17.63 draft, most skillfully altered. Watson had done some business with the Buffalo bank, which disarmed suspicion, and when the big forged draft was presented and paid he fled. The draft was forged, not raised.

Peppered by a Watchman.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—About 9 o'clock tonight Tim O'Connel, a private watchman, discovered three men attempting to effect an entrance in H. Folsom & Co.'s gun house, corner of Main street and Christie avenue. Finding that they were detected, they broke and ran in different directions. O'Connel gave chase to one and ordered a halt, which not being obeyed he put a bullet into the fellow. He now lies at a dispensary very seriously wounded. These men are believed to be part of a gang who have been raiding in the city for some time past.

A Prince in Limbo.

LYONS, Dec. 21.—Prince Krapolkine has been arrested for complicity in various anarchist movements on French territory. The prince is charged with belonging to an association of Frenchmen and foreigners, the object of which is the overthrow of social order by means of pillage and assassination; with being the chief mover of the anarchist association in France, and with visiting Lyons to organize a conspiracy. The prince and forty five other anarchists will be tried early in January.

A North Carolina Riot.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 21.—A riot at Lincoln, originating in an attack of train hands upon a paymaster caused great excitement. The town commissioners called out the local military company, which arrested thirty of the leading rioters. Repeated threats are made by negroes to burn the town. Citizens keep a patrol day and night. This afternoon the governor received a telegram stating that the trouble had begun afresh. Troops have been ordered to the scene.

Criminal Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Representative Beltzhoover of Pennsylvania to-day introduced a resolution calling upon the secretary of war for all information obtainable as to the measures taken to secure the arrest and trial of Capt. Howgate. Nothing has been heard of Howgate here since his mistress, Nellie Burrill, left Washington, several weeks ago, to rejoin him, and it is thought that she went supplied with funds enough to provide for any emergencies that might arise.

GARDEN CITY, Io., Dec. 21.—The depot at this place was broken into Tuesday night by burglars by cutting out a part of a light of glass and then putting the pin in the sash. They then broke open the ticket case and desks and scattered things around, but got no money as the agent had taken it away. They took a hand-car from the bridge men and it was found in the morning at Lake Crystal. They probably took a night freight from there.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—During a crowded condition of the salesrooms of Weatherby, Stevens & Co.'s store this morning, two men stole four sealskin sacques, valued at $750. While one engaged a clerk, the other slipped the sacques into a valise. The thieves escaped.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 21.—Cummings, manager and treasurer of the John Whitely Hidden Hand company, is said to have absconded. Whitely claims that Cummings' cash account is $1,500 short. He formerly was a postoffice clerk in Muscatine, Iowa.

CLINTON, Ill., Dec. 21.—James A. Wilson, treasurer of DeWitt county, committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself with a halter. He leaves a wife, mother and children, who were dependent upon him. He has been speculating heavily in grain, and his losses are supposed to be heavy. He was regarded as worth $30,000.

Crookston Chronicle: On Saturday last John P. Pillard, the French doctor, at whose house the late county auditor, John Christianson, died very suddenly March 8, a year ago, was arrested, and brought before Esq. Lewis for a preliminary examination, charged with killing Christianson.

KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 21.—Claude McStyler, son of the auditor-elect of Howard county, is a fugitive, charged with forging notes to the amount of $3,000. The money was used in Chicago speculation.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—The chief of police has received notice from Scotland Yard of a great diamond robbery in London and offering a reward of $2,500 for the capture of the thief.

READING, Dec. 21.—Levi Maltsberger, aged sixty-five, was fatally stabbed while in a bar room by Conrad Brettman.

DENVER, Dec. 21.—F. N. Briggs, superintendent of carriers and chief clerk of the Denver postoffice, was arrested to-day on a charge of abstracting money from registered letters, and was held in the sum of $1,000 for examination the 28th inst. He is a nephew of Postmaster Byers, and has heretofore borne an excellent reputation.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—The grand jury indicted Thomas Clark, Stephen J. Philbin, John C. Murphy, William Nelson and Peter Mulholland for election frauds. Ex-Chief Clerk J. M. Tomlinson of the custom house was indicted on a charge of embezzlement.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 21.—Ed Lee (colored) killed Joe King (white) in Bossier parish.

Mr. Orth's Funeral.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 21.—The funeral services of the Hon. Godlove S. Orth to-day were largely attended and impressive, though unostentatious. The county offices and other public offices were closed during the services, and there was a general public manifestation of sorrow. Brief exercises were held at the house at 1 o'clock, after which a procession was formed, and at 2 the public funeral services took place at Trinity Methodist church. Senators Sawyer of Wisconsin, Laplam of New York, and Harrison of Indiana were present as representatives of the senate, and representatives Calkins, Pierce, Steele and Watson of Indiana, Urner of Kentucky, Reese of Georgia, and Davis of Illinois, in behalf the house. Gov. Barber and other State officers, Assistant Secretary New of the treasury department, with other distinguished visitors, were also present. Gen. Porter, Gov. Baker and Hon. John Colburn, Moses Fowler, Alexander Wilson and Thomas L. Emerson of this city acted as pall bearers. Rev. Dr. Moses of the Hope university, of which institution Orth was one of the board of trustees, offered a prayer. Rev. P. A. Gibson of the Ashbury university preached a sermon and various resident clergymen participated in the exercises, which were of a simple and solemn character. The interment was at Greenbush cemetery. The members of the congressional committee left for Indianapolis on a special this evening, from whence they go to their homes to stay till after the holiday recess.

Sullivan and Elliott.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Jere Dunn, manager of John L. Sullivan, the pugilist, states that the reason why no arrangement for a glove fight between Sullivan and Elliott for some other city was made after its prohibition here is the fact that Elliott is really a sick man, suffering from paralysis of the brain. They will probably never meet, as their personal animosities have been settled, and they have become fast friends. Sullivan goes to New York for a few days, thence to Hot Sprigns for six weeks, and thence to San Francisco.

Railroad Litigation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A judgment has been obtained here against the Keystone Building company for $159,000 in favor of Z E. Elkins of Colorado. The company contracted to build a railroad from Lebanon, Mo., to Fort Scott, Kans., and Elkins advanced them money, taking bonds as collateral. After sixty-five miles had been graded, the road was put into the hands of a receiver. The execution was returned, and no goods found. There are mechanics' liens against the company for $50,000 more. The suit was begun here because the president of the company happened to be here when the service on him was served. The company have $50,000 worth of rails on hand.

Relief of the Nez Perces.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The speaker laid before the house, to-day, a communication from the secretary of the interior, submitting the draft of a bill providing for the relief of the Nez Perce Indians of Idaho and of the allied tribes residing upon the Grande Ronde Indian reservation in Oregon. The bill provides that in lieu of the allotments of lands in severalty, authorized to be made to the Nez Perce Indians by the third article of the treaty of 1863 with these Indians, there shall be alloted to each male person of the tribe who may have attained the age of twenty-one years, or is the head of a family, 160 acres of land, the allotments to be made in the manner prescribed in the treaty. Similar provisions are made for the Williamette Indians. It is also provided that the president may, at any time, in his discretion, after any person entitled to an allotment under the provisions of the bill has made location on the land assigned as a permanent, home, issue a patent for the land, the title to be subject to the conditions and restrictions of the treaties.

Ingersoll on Dorsey.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Ingersoll commenced his opening address to the jury on behalf of S. W. and J. W. Dorsey. He laid before the jury all the letters of the attorney general, all the desires of the president, all popular clamor, all prejudice had turned simply to dust and ages. The jury must regard them as though they had never been. He began to eulogize Stephen W., and said Garfield endorsed him, when the court reminded him that he was transgressing the rule. Counsel could not throw himself into the case as a witness. The rule limited counsel to what they expect to prove. It could not allow counsel to prove Dorsey his friend.

Officers of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—There is a movement on foot to bring about a simple interchange of places between the sergeant-at-arms of the house and senate during the next congress. While the senate will be clearly Republican after the 4th of March, the house will be overwhelmingly Democratic, and the officers of the latter body will necessarily give up their positions. The senate will be succeeded by officers of Republican faith after the 4th of March. This would throw out Sergeant-at-Arms Bright of the senate and Hooker the present sergeant-at-arms of the house.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS

Friday, December 15.

SENATE.—A resolution to print 42,000 copies of the tariff commission's report was adopted. A very important bill was passed during the morning hour, which looks to the settlement of a