The News-Herald.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

A LOCOMOTIVE that explodes is a new toy.

A MICHIGAN woman kicked a bear to death.

THE widow of General Grant is sixty years old.

ST. LOUIS is agitating the question of a crematory.

JOHN DAY is the name of a river in Washing Territory.

HONEY raising is becoming an important industry in Nevada.

CHAS. PATTERSON, of Mason City, Ill., shot eighty rabbits in one day.

THE wife of Prince Komatsu, of Japan, dresses in the height of fashion.

AT Queen Victoria's table there is always one servant to every two guests.

ONE of Martha Washington's letters sold at auction not long since for $151.

MME. PATTI was offered $6,000 a night to sing in concerts in South America.

MISS SUSAN B. ANTHONY is in Washing ton lo bying for woman's suffrage.

CINCINNATI is promised a large reduction in the price of gas in the near future.

ENTERPRISING Kansas City gentlemen are preparing an elaborate toboggan slide.

A SISTER-IN-LAW of Abraham Lincoln is postmistress in a little Kentucky town.

CHARLES GARDINER, of Indianapolis, dressed ten sheep in thirty-seven minutes.

MRS. BELVA LOCKWOOD declines in advance a renomination for the Presidency in 1888.

MARY HARPER, a Cleveland servant girl, has inherited $250,000 from a relative in Philadelphia.

DUELISTS fought a lovers' quarrel opposite Trenton, N. J. Each was wounded in the shoulder.

DUDES need not fear the decline of the standing collar. It is as universal as ever in "Lonnon."

IT takes conservative families a long time to become reconciled to the square dinner plates.

FOLLOWING the example of New York, Philadelphia has elected a woman to its Board of Education.

ST. LOUIS merchants are moving for rapid mail transit between that city and the West and Northwest.

A FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD boy of Westfield, Mass., rode 13,408 miles on a fifty-two-inch bicycle the past year.

LIBEL comes cheap in Little Rock. Twenty-five dollars was all a jury could find in a case against the *Democrat*.

A GRANITE monument has been placed over the grave of John B. Gough in Hope Cemetery, Worcester, Mass.

THE Kentucky blue grass section raises a greater number of turkeys than any other part of the United States.

LINCOLN COUNTY, N. M., is 160 miles long. It contains over 34,000 square miles, or about 16,000,000 acres.

OMAHA wants to hear Patti, but not $4,000 worth, which was the guarantee fund asked. Only $100 was subscribed.

MORE and more are United States Senators buying houses in Washington. Senator Vest is the latest purchaser.

JOHN LUCE, of Schoharie, New York, died, leaving bequests amounting to $280,000, but his sole wealth only footed up $23.

IT is said that ex-Queen Isabella still clings to the hope that she will some day again be seated on the throne of Spain.

PROF. WOODROW, of the Presbyterian Seminary, Columbia, S. C., has been dismissed on account of belief in evolution.

THERE are 1,561 convicts on the chain gang of Georgia—51 females (40 colored, 11 white), 161 white males, and the rest colored.

ALL children have not become sceptics. A letter, addressed to Santa Claus, Clarion, Pa., has been dropped in the Clarion postoffice.

A GRENADA, Miss., couple is enjoying the mixed sensation of a marriage in fun which the law unfeelingly regards as a marriage in earnest.

SUNSET COX is now serving his twenty-seventh year in Congress, having represented in his time the two great States of Ohio and New York.

FOURTEEN United States Senators have their sons serving them in the capacity of committee clerks or private secretaries, at six dollars per day.

A FRENCH office has invented a repeating rifle which can be loaded with seven cartridges in ten seconds and completely discharged in four.

IT is to be determined by a suit at law whether the death of a fat man incarcerated in the Carlyle, Ill., jail was not hastened by lack of ventilation.

THE Children's Aid Society, of New York City, has since its foundation in 1853, placed 20,000 of the outcast and orphan children in well-chosen country homes.

THE Government chemist of New Zealand is reported to have proven that the dust of the recent volcano eruption is of great value as a fertilizer.

CAMILLE FLAMMARION declares that as soon as the powerful lick glass shall be turned upon Mars there will be discovered clear evidences as to animal life on that planet.

A NUMBER of whales have been beached at the whaling station at San Diego, and it is considered quite the thing to be photographed while sitting on one of the huge carcasses.

M. GOBLET is the name of the new French Premier. It is to be hoped that M. Goblet may always be filled to the brim with that spirit of public devotion which cheers but not inebriates.

A CAT, not liking the new home at Greenfield, N. S., to which she had been removed, took her six kittens and walked with them back to her former home at Milton, a distance of sixteen miles.

SUNLIGHT has been put to odd use at Brussels. Falling on a small shaft the rays cause an upward draught of air which sets a fan in motion, and that in turn starts machinery that winds a clock.

WILLIAM J. SHANKLE, of Memphis, went to his old home, Grenada, Miss., and as a supposed joke he and Miss Hood were married. The ceremony turned out to be a legal one, and the young people are in a dilemma.

THE statement is made on the authority of the State Teachers' Association of Massachusetts that there are 95,000 illiterates in that commonwealth. That is to say one in every twenty of the citizens can neither read nor write.

IT is no uncommon thing for the President to shake hands with twelve brides in one day. He never kisses any body under the rank of a first lady in the land.

WASHINGTON society is torn up over the question of social precedence, the struggle for precedence being between the wives of Senators and those of Cabinet officers.

JOSEPH JACKSON, of Burr Oak, Mich., wrote his name on a piece of paper to oblige a stranger, who said he wanted it for reference. When the paper was returned to him some time later, in the shape of a contract for $200 worth of goods which he did not want, Jackson threw it into the fire and drove off with a revolver the man who presented it.

WITHOUT SYSTEM.

The Officers of the Steamer J. M. White Severely Criticised.

They Escape to the Shore, Leaving the Passengers to their Fate.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—There is a general disposition to criticise the officers of the steamer White for some of the loss of life by the late horror. The *Times Democrat* complains that with the exception of the third clerk, Callahan, and the sailor-man, Pierson, there was none of the exhibition of heroism on the part of the officers usual in cases of that kind. The *Picayune* comments on the fact that so many lives should have been lost on a vessel tied to the shore. It says most of the officers and a large portion of the crew made good their escape: but the passengers, except a few men in the forward cabin, were mostly devoured by the raging flames or were swallowed up in the depths of the great river. The delay in giving a general alarm, the supreme confusion which reigned, the absolute absence of any adequate precautions for saving life at such a time, and the failure of any sort of general system to assist or provide for the escape of the helpless passengers make up a most deplorable picture. On passenger ships at sea there is a systematic provision to fight fire, but on the great steamboats of the Mississippi river there has been no distinguished advance upon ancient method, and catastrophes like this write in lurid characters the necessity for something better in steamboat conflagrations than to trust to the gallantry and heroism of individuals. There is a serious conflict as to when the alarm was sounded. The engineer says that the bell was rung the moment the fire was discovered. The carpenter, Boison, says that it was thought that the flames could be extinguished by the pumps, and not until it was found that this was impossible was the alarm given. The entire vessel was in flames within three or four minutes of the first alarm, so the flames must have got considerable headway before the bell was rung. To this fatal delay the loss of life was due. There is still a wide difference of opinion as to the number of lives lost. The *Picayune* estimates it at thirty; the *Times-Democrat* at forty-two and Captain Muse, the commander of the White, at only fifteen. It will never be known; there are no books or records whatever of the number of negro deck passengers. Captain Floyd was another hero of the horror. Nearly all the passengers whose lives were saved owe it to him. No notice had been given to the sleeping passengers of the fire, when Captain Floyd, meeting the third clerk, Calihan, suggested that they undertake the task. State engineer H. C. Brown, S. L. James, superintendent of the State penitentiary, and all of the passengers say they were awakened from their sound slumbers by Floyd and Calihan, who knocked at every door. Calihan escaped with difficulty, but Wash Floyd was drowned while within a short distance of the shore. He was seen struggling with the waves, and cried out to those on shore: "My God! Can't you help me?" No one ventured to do so. He sank twice, rose and appealed twice for help, but he was so near the burning boat that no assistance could be rendered him.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

A Telegraph Company Can Not Limit Its Liability for Negligence.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—Judge Barclay this morning rendered a decision in the suit of District Attorney Bliss against the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph Company. Mr. Bliss delivered a dispatch to the Baltimore & Ohio Company to be forwarded to a client in Chicago, appointing a meeting with him there. The suit was for failure to promptly forward and deliver the dispatch. The company, for a defense, rested upon the stipulations recited in the regulations and conditions printed on the back of the dispatch blanks, including the following: "The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery of any unrepeated message, whether happening by the negligence of its servants, or otherwise, beyond the amount received for sending the same." The Court says upon that point: "All that need now be stated concerning such a stipulation is that in so far as it seeks to exempt the telegraph company from the consequences of its own negligence it is against public policy and entirely void and of no effect. There will, therefore, be a finding in favor of the plaintiff."

A Boy Who Saved a Schooner.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 15.—The schooner Emily J. White has been navigated into this port by a lad named Patterson, who was the only person aboard of her. The mate was knocked overboard by the mainboom, and Captain Patterson put off to his rescue, but was too late to save him, and when he turned to row back to the schooner she had disappeared. The lad on the schooner stood at the wheel all day and all night, skillfully navigating her clear of dangerous points, and finally made the harbor.

A Convict Confesses a Murder.

MICHIGAN CITY, IND., Dec. 15.—John Alexander, a convict serving two years in the Northern prison, attempted to commit suicide to-day. He was resuscitated, and then confessed the murder of a companion in Montgomery this spring. He said the crime had been preying upon his mind until life became unendurable, and that he is glad that he has made the truth known. The murdered man was placed on the railroad track, and it has been heretofore supposed that he was accidentally killed.

Water in the Boiler Got Low.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—At Switz City, on the Indianapolis & Vincennes railroad, this afternoon, a portable engine, which was running a saw-mill blew up. A. H. Shoptaw, the owner, was instantly killed, also his son James and a nephew, Wm. Shoptaw. The bodies were horribly mutilated. The explosion is said to have been caused by the water in the boiler getting too low.

The First Kentucky Female Druggist.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 15.—The Court of Appeals decided to-day the case of Bessie White vs. State Bord of Pharmacy in favor of the plaintiff, who sued a mandamus writ to force the board to grant her a license to dispense medicine, which it had refused, although she was a graduate of an Ann Arbor school of pharmacy.

Two Cincinnati Fires.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—J. M. McCullough's Sons' seed and farming implement store at 138 Walnut street burned this morning. Loss $50,000. The Cincinnati Cooperage Company's Works, near Riverside, were damaged to the extent of $10,000 by fire also.

Charitable and Educational Bequests.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The will of the late Richard Perkins provides for bequests to educational and charitable institutions of $337,000. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology gets $100,000.

Through a Trestle.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 15.—A passenger train on the Chapel Hill branch of the North Carolina railroad, fell through a trestle to-day, injuring six or eight persons. No one was killed.

Ohio State Grange and Temperance.

MT. VERNON, O., Dec. 15.—The Ohio State Grange, in session here, resolved in favor of local option or county and township prohibition.

McQuade, the Boodler, Guilty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—After the counsel had summed up in the McQuade bribery case to-day, Recorder Smyth occupied two hours in his charge to the jury, which was a severe one. The jury had been out only twenty three minutes when they sent word that they had agreed. They were at once brought into court. The foreman announced that they found McQuade guilty. Sentence was deferred.

His Head Crushed in the Cogs.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 15.—Wm. Heck, an employe, met with a horrible death at an uptown tannery to-day. His head caught in the machinery, and his arm and head were crushed by heavy cogs before he was extricated.

WITH SWORDS.

Genuine Duel in a Chicago Park—Both the Participants Wounded—Every Thing a Mystery.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—A duel with swords was fought this morning in Humboldt Park. A little before seven o'clock two closed carriages entered the park through the south entrance. Each carriage contained a principal with his second and a surgeon. They were driven to the western end of the park, where they alighted and concealed themselves behind a clump of trees. The arrangement being completed, the principals each drew a shining saber, and the contest began. Soon both were wounded. One received a sword thrust through the breast, and his opponent was cut across the face, and will probably bear the scar for some time. With this drawing of blood the duelists seemed to be satisfied, for they quickly put into their carriages, which were rapidly driven to the nearest drug store. There the wounds were dressed, and the duelists, again in the carriages, were rapidly driven out of sight. Circumstances point to the editor of a pharmaceutical journal and a young medical student as the principals. It is said the cause of the affair was a dispute as to the hand of a young lady. A policeman was a distant spectator of the fight, but was too dumfounded to attempt an interference. The druggist declined absolutely to refer to the subject.

REMARKABLE CASE.

A Young Man Living With a Bullet in His Brain—The Other Man Acquitted.

CARROLLTON, KY., Dec. 16.—Albert Murray, who was shot in the brain by Paschal Baxter at Worthville, this county, November 28, is still alive and doing well. The ball was fired from a 38-caliber pistol. It entered the forehead above and to the right of the left eye and went straight back—no one knows how far. The wound was probed about four inches. He rests and sleeps well, has a good appetite, is able to dress himself, and is apparently recovering. He has never been unconscious, except for a few moments just after he was shot. Baxter, who did the shooting, has just had a preliminary hearing before Justice Asbury Ames and was acquitted on the ground of self-defense. However, he was fined $50 for carrying a concealed pistol.

A DREAMER'S ADVENTURE.

He Jumps Off a Train and Scares the Watchers by a Pittsburgh Corpse.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16.—John J. Fox, of St. Paul, Minn., was a passenger on the Chicago limited, due in this city at 4 a. m. Just as the train was passing through Allegheny he imagined some one was attempting to rob him. He jumped off the train, which was going at full speed, and was dragged about fifteen feet to Irwin avenue. He was covered with blood from cuts on the head, and picking himself up, ran into the residence of James Lockhart, who died at one o'clock this morning, almost snatching the life out of the watchers by this sudden and unexpected appearance. He was taken to the Allegheny Hospital, where his injuries were dressed, after which he left for New York.

Four Prisoners Escape.

MUNCIE, IND., Dec. 16.—As the wife of Sheriff Millen was feeding the prisoners in the jail last evening one of them knocked the dishes from her hand, leaped through the small door and knocked the woman down. Three others followed him, and together they rushed upon the sheriff and beat, pounded and kicked him until he was senseless. Then they fled. One has since been captured, but the others are at large. The sheriff has three ribs broken and is otherwise seriously hurt. There were twelve prisoners in the jail, all of whom were armed with clubs, and it is supposed a general jail delivery was planned.

Family Poisoned With Rat Poison.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—At South Evanston this morning all the members of a family named Yates were poisoned at breakfast. The family consists of the mother, two children and a servant. Each was taken violently ill immediately after eating. To-night the lives of Mrs. Yates and the oldest child, a girl of four years, are despaired of. Oatmeal mush partaken of by the family is found to have been mixed with rat poison. The poisoning is not believed to have been accidental, but no person is definitely suspected.

The Dow Law Constitutional.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 16.—The Supreme Court this morning, all the judges present, rendered a decision declaring the Dow law constitutional. The cases will be reported, but the opinions will not be ready until the court meets in January. The syllabus in the cases will not be ready until the court reconvenes next month. Justices Owen and Follett dissent from the majority of the court. The guessers have been saying that Judge Owen would concur in the decision holding the law constitutional in all its parts.

Row About Prohibition.

CENTRALIA, ILL., Dec. 16.—At Odin a row occurred between saloon-keepers and temperance people. Mayor Forthing struck M. E. Drum, editor of the *Journal* and Prohibition *Battle Axe*. Drum used Forthing up badly. The friends of each side gathered, when a pitched fight was narrowly avoided. A warrant will be issued against the Mayor.

Discharged for Being Knights.

CLEARFIELD, PA., Dec. 16.—Forty laborers employed at the large tannery of Fayerweather & Ladow were discharged today for joining the Knights of Labor. Several hundred men were employed by the firm, and a large number threaten to quit work if the discharged men are not reinstated.

Russia Rejects Ferdinand.

VIENNA, Dec. 16.—Count Lobanoff, Russian Ambassador here has informed the Bulgarian Deputation that Russia is unable at present to recognize Prince Ferdinand, of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, as a candidate for the Bulgarian throne.

Shot the Jailer's Wife and Escaped.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Dec. 15.—Four prisoners in the Coosa County (Ala.) jail at Gadsden escaped last night by overpowering the jailer. Mrs. Wilson, wife of the jailer, tried to prevent their escape and was shot twice in the arm and leg.

No Liquor To Be Sold Near Fair Grounds.

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The Price of Wagons Goes Up.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The National Wagon Manufacturers' Association this morning unanimously advanced the price of wagons ten per cent. owing to an advance in materials.

Building Wrecked by Powder.

MORRISTOWN, TENN. Dec. 16.—A keg of powder exploded in the grocery store of McVey & Loope, tearing the building to pieces and causing $1,000 damage.

Happy Newsboys.

DETROIT, Dec. 16.—Governor Alger, of Michigan, is to give the four hundred and eighty-seven newsboys of this city a new suit of clothes each on Christmas.

Crushed Under an Elevator.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 16.—Edward Huff, a carpenter of this city, while talking with a fellow carpenter at work on a hotel being built here, was caught under a descending elevator, and before the machinery could be stopped, he was badly crushed across the back, besides sustaining internal injuries, which are fatal.

Killed Herself and Child.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The wife of Joseph Koss committed suicide to-day after murdering her child. Both were found hanging from the transom of a door. The mother was insane over the illness of the little one.

WHAT WILL PRINTERS DO?

A Type-Setting Machine That Is a Success.

One Man Can Do as Much Work With It as Ten the Old Way.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The first book printed by type set by the new type machine, owned by parties in this city, has just made its appearance in the market. The company was organized a year or more ago, but has been a year getting ready to manufacture the machines in considerable quantities. They had first to make the tools with which to make the machines. Now that this is done they can begin to turn them out by the hundred. One lot of over a hundred machines is now being made. They will cost somewhere from $300 to $500 apiece, but will enable one man to do the work of ten in type setting. They work like a type writer, only that they can be worked at a higher rate of speed. The operators on the machines now being used can produce type at the rate of sixty words a minute, and with increased experience they expect to get considerable higher rate. This means, the friends of the machine say, that from three to six men will be able to set up the type for the ordinary daily paper. The machine casts the type a line at a time, and when the paper is printed the type are melted down and the metal used again the next day. There have been in the past twenty years a wonderful increase in the facilities for producing newspapers with great rapidity in every department except type setting. In this department the old systems have continued to prevail until now, but if this machine does what is claimed for it it will prove a wonderful time saver in this particular and enable the publisher to lay the news smoking hot before his readers within a few minutes after the actual occurrence which it describes.

NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION.

About Thirty People at Kokomo More or Less Burned—How the Insidious Material Caught Fire.

KOKOMO, IND., Dec. 17.—An explosion of natural gas occurred at Well No. 2 of the Kokomo Natural Gas and Oil Company about 3:30 p. m., from which thirty-five men had a narrow escape from death. The well had drilled into the sand last night and shut down. Work commenced this morning to drill deeper, the volume of gas increasing all the time. Notwithstanding the warning to keep out of the inclosure it was filled with spectators. The drill had been withdrawn, followed by a terrible gush of gas which ignited, exploding with terrific force, setting fire to the derrick. How any one escaped alive is miraculous. About thirty were more or less burned, the following being the most serious: Adolphus Pickett, Hon. J. N. Loop, Ira Lane, Geo. Stewart, John Daly, Milo Maulin, Walter Hockett, Marion Price, Blake Ream, Fred George, Dave Frazee, Josh Brown, Mr. Utzler, Mr. Hawkins and Lon Leeds, most of whom are badly burned about the face and hands. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by fire in a forge within the inclosure, which was thought to be out. The machinery and derricks are burning. The gas is now burning from the well with a force to show it to be a great producer.

Twelve Thousand Saloons in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec 17.—A statement in the Auditor of State's report gives some interesting figures on the Dow law tax, the number of saloons a session, etc. The total number of saloons in the State is 11,930; of these 9,941 are assessed $200 each, and 2,989 are assessed $100 each. The total amount of taxes and penalties assessed is $2,144,129.71. The statement shows Hamilton County to have 2,327 saloons taxed at $200, and 445 at $100. Butler County has 168 at $200, and 53 at $100. Clermont has 85 at $200, and 4 at $100. Warren has 89 at $200, and 6 at $100. Montgomery, including city of Dayton, has 337 at $200, and 141 at $100. Cuyahoga has 1,267 at $200, and 393 at $100. Lucas has 379 at $200, and 2[illegible] at $100. Franklin has 376 at $200, and 105 at $100. Erie has 102 at $200, and 132 at $100. Stark has 206 at $200, and 140 at $100.

Captured by the German Army.

GALENA, ILL., Dec. 17.—Charles Stubendyck, a German, came to this country a few years go and settled in Platteville, Wis., where he embarked in business. He returned to Germany recently to visit relatives, and word has since been received by acquaintances in this city and Platteville, from Stubendyck's friends abroad, to the effect that he was arrested by German authorities on his arrival in that country and is now being compelled to do service in King William's army.

Engine Falls Over a Cow Into a River.

DENVER, Dec. 17.—As an express train on the Denver and Rio Grande road was rounding a curve on approaching the bridge across the Gunnison river this morning the engine struck a cow lying on the track and derailed, umbling over and over into the river below. Engineer Welch and Fireman McConnell were instantly killed. The coaches all remained on track. No one else injured.

Woman Convicted of Murder.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The jury in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, who have been on trial at East Cambridge for several days on a charge of having murdered old Mrs. Susannah Prescott at Groton, filed their verdict with the court this morning. Baker is adjudged not guilty, while Mrs. Baker is found guilty of murder in the second degree.

Settled His Son's Debts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—It was made known in Wall street to-day that Simeon Wormser, the banker, had settled all the losses sustained by his son in recent speculations, amounting to between $300,000 and $400,000. Young Wormser was a leader in the attempt to bull Reading in the face of the late general fall of stocks.

Hunger Brought Them to Terms.

LANCASTER, PA., Dec. 17.—The tramp insurrection at the Lancaster Work-house is at an end, the men resuming work to-day at stone-breaking after having been deprived of food for thirty-six hours.

Collapsed on the Gallows.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 7.—Bob Jeter, colored, was hanged at Spartanburg today. He broke down completely on the scaffold, and the scene was painful.

Two Fatalities at a Crossing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Philadelphia express, which passes New Brunswick (N. J.) Station at 6:20 a. m., this morning struck a buggy containing Moses Ryno, an ex-policeman, and a boy named Terrence Hickey, who were both instantly killed. The horse and buggy were smashed to pieces. Ryno leave a large family.

Uncle Sam's Income.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Government receipts so far this month are a little over $16,000,000, an average of nearly $1,000,000 a day. The expenditures during the same period aggregate $9,000,000, or $7,000,000 less than the receipts.

Extraordinary Damages for Injury.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Juliet Cunningham, who was seriously injured some time ago by jumping from a street car of the People's Line, which was in imminent danger of colliding with a railroad train at Fourth and Poplar street crossing, was today awarded the unusually large sum of $25,000 damages by a jury in the circuit court.

Suffocated by Coal Gas.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Francis Hagerman was suffocated, and Milnora Johnson (both colored) is supposed to be dying from the effects of escaping coal gas from a flue at No. 51 Carlisle avenue, this city.

POLYGAMY DOOMED.

One Mormon Bishop Deserts Utah with His Legal Wife, Leaving Three Families Behind.

OGDEN, UTAH, Dec. 19.—The Utah problem appears to be slowly approaching a solution, and the indications point toward the gradual collapse of the institution of polygamy. Last spring Lester Herrick, a wealthy bishop in the church, owning a large amount of real estate, and residing in this city, suddenly went West on a trip to the coast. Spring and summer passed, but Bishop Herrick still tarried, and as he had four wives it began to be suspected that, not having "the fear of the Lord" before him, and greatly dreading the U. S. Marshal, he had taken to the "underground." Recently the Bishop returned to Ogden and at once made preparations for the removal of his legal wife and his household goods to California. A very short sojourn in Ogden sufficed to complete his arrangements, and he has now departed for his new home, leaving behind him three separate families, for whom, however, he has liberally provided. Those of the church profess to believe that Herrick will return to his old home when things are more settled, but the facts have become known that he has left his property in the hands of an agent to be disposed of; that a sale of one city lot has recently been effected, and that the gentleman has become the owner of an estate in Southern California. There is no doubt that Bishop Herrick has permanently left Utah and the Church, and that if any deception has been practiced the Church is the subject of it. Bishop Herrick was well liked by his Gentile fellow-citizens and possessed their confidence; he is a man of more than average ability, shrewd and honorable in his dealings. It was a daughter of Bishop Herrick whom members of his own church endeavored to compromise with Judge Powers, in order that the Judge's character might be blackened; but the plan reacted upon the head of one of their witnesses, who was convicted of perjury and is now serving out a five-years' sentence. The lady has since been happily married to a Gentile. Another Bishop in Salt Lake City, John Sharp, who is also superintendent of the Utah Central railway, declined about a year ago to "live" his religion, on the occasion of his having to plead to an indictment charging unlawful cohabitation. "Guilty," said Mr. Sharp, "and I promise to obey the law in future and to urge others to do likewise," whereupon sentence was suspended, and so was Bishop Sharp from his bishopric in the Mormon Church. A few more such examples as these and the crumbling edifice will totter to its fall. The hiding away of John Taylor to escape trial under indictment, and the bail-jumping of George Q. Cannon, first and second Presidents of the Church, respectively, are causing much unfavorable comment among the more intelligent Mormons.

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A Colored Woman Said to Have Been Born in 1750, Dies in Indian Territory.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—A letter from Sasakawa, Seminole Nation, Indian Territory, gives an account of the death there on the 5th inst. of Mrs. Susanna Warren, perhaps the oldest person in the United States, if not in the world. She was born in the old town of St. Augustine, Fla., in 1750, fifteen years before the Americans conceived the idea of national independence. She was born a slave and was the property of Spanish masters until 1815, when she with other Spanish slaves fled from the town of Pensacola when it was taken by General Jackson. She lived in the Seminole country from then until the second treaty of peace with the Seminoles, when she was regarded as their common property and was removed with them to the Indian Territory.

Heroic Attempt to Rescue.

DETROIT, Dec. 19.—A special to the *Free Press* from Armada says: The fruit evaporator of John H. Stump caught fire soon after midnight last night. Miss Elizabeth Stump, aged twenty-two, a sister of the proprietor, was asleep in the building at the time. When Stump arrived on the scene he raised a ladder and heroically tried to rescue her, but was beaten back by the flames, which burst through the window, throwing him to the ground. He was picked up insensible with a fractured hip and a terrible cut in his head. Notwithstanding the efforts of the workmen the building was completely consumed. This morning the body of Miss Stump was taken from the ruins burned beyond recognition.

Robbed by Masked Men.

DETROIT, Dec. 19.—A special from Champion says: Late yesterday afternoon, during the absence from home of a miner named Gribbell, three masked men forced an entrance into the house, bound Mrs. Gribbell hand and foot, and made off with $300. Attempting to call for help Mrs. Gribbell was cut with a knife by one of the men, and her condition is serious.

Faster Mortabelli's Feat.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Salvator Mortabelli, a Maltese, has begun a seventy-two days' fast at Philippville, Algeria. Mortabelli was formerly in the British Navy, and during his period of service was wrecked on the coast of a desert island, where he remained seventy-two days without tasting food.

Window Glass Advances.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 19.—The card rate on window glass has been advanced 10 per cent, to take effect at once. This is an increase of 30 per cent. over last year's price. The advance is as agreeable to the workmen as it is to the manufacturers, as their wages are on a sliding scale.

Disastrous Collision.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—Two freight trains collided at Woodyard, Ind., on the New Albany and Chicago railroad, demolishing one engine and ten loaded cars. Engineer Daniel Heapley was instantly killed.

Put to Rout by the British.

RANGOON, Dec. 19.—The British troops at Mandalay have captured Boshway's camp. The fight to obtain possession of it was short and bloody. The rebels, after their defeat, returned to the jungle.

Oleomargarine Tax Collections.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The revenue collected by the Government for the first month of the operation of the law taxing oleomargarine was $400,000.

Paying the Dow Law Tax.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19.—Under the Dow liquor law $58,030 was paid in taxes at the county treasurer's office on Saturday.

—Customer—"How much will you charge to give me a reading of my head?" Phrenologist—"Well, sir, you can have a verbal examination for fifty cents; a written one for one dollar." C.—"Go ahead; just a verbal one." P.—"Well, in the first place, you have the organ of combativeness very largely developed." C.—"How! What's that you say?" P.—"You have the bump of combativeness very large." C.—"Darned lie! If you say it again I will knock you down." —*Prairie Farmer.*

—"Where are you taking that window frame to, Hanserl?" "To the town, your reverence!" "What are you going to do with it when you get there?" "Why, you see, I read in the paper that people pay as much as fifty marks for a window when there's a procession, and so I'm going to sell it!"

—A Minnesota man says that Indians don't get drunk because they like liquor, but because they think it an honor.

—Rhode Island gained about two and a half feet of territory from Connecticut in the recent settlement of the boundary-line dispute.

FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

Second Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—SENATE.—The credentials were presented of Senator Edmunds for the full term commencing March 4, 1889. Among numerous bills introduced were the following: To amend the Revised Statutes in relation to the immediate transportation of bonded goods; providing a new basis for the circulation of national bank notes; to authorize the reduction of U. S. bonds and circulation of national bank notes. The electoral count bill was reported from the House and laid on the table. The Morrill tariff resolution was discussed by Messrs. Dawes and McPherson. Mr. Morrill moved to refer his resolut on to the Finance Committee, but withdrew his motion and the resolution went over. Notice of the death of Mr. Dowdney being received, a committee was appointed to attend the funeral, and as a mark of respect the Senate adjourned at 3:35 p. m.

HOUSE.—Bills introduced: To prohibit the appointment of Congressional committees to attend funerals; and to prohibit the draping of public buildings in mourning, except by order of the President; granting pensions to postal railway clerks who have become aged or disabled in the service; granting the franking privilege to inmates of soldiers' homes; authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to anticipate the payment of interest on the bonded debt of the United States, and to provide for special deposits of the public money; for the free coinage of silver; to enable the people to name their own postmasters; fixing the salary of Civil Service Commissioners at $5,000; for the admission into the Union of Dakota, Montana, Washington and New Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—SENATE.—Memorials were presented and bills introduced and referred. Bills for the retirement and recoinage of the trade dollar and to prevent frauds on American manufacturers were reported from the Committee on Finance. The amendments to the electoral count bill were nonconcurred in, and a conference committee appointed. The bill to repeal the tenure of office law was taken up, and discussed by Messrs. Edmunds, Hoar and George. At 3 p. m. the Senate went into executive session, and shortly after adjourned.

HOUSE.—The estimates were referred to the Committee on Rules to report a resolution for their distribution among the committees. A bill was passed appropriating $10,000 for grading and paving the approaches to the National Cemetery at Danville, Va. A resolution was reported back calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for the interpretation of the department as to the duty on fresh fish. The bill granting right of way through the Yellow Stone Park to the Cinnabar and Clark's Fork Railroad Company was beaten in committee of the whole, but before action could be taken by the House the morning hour expired. Mr. Morrison gave notice he would call up his revenue bill on Saturday next. The sundry civil appropriation bill was taken up and debated. Appropriations for several public buildings were increased before adjournment at 5 p. m.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—SENATE.—Memorials were presented and bills introduced. Bills were reported to amend the postal money order system and to extend the free delivery system. A resolution calling upon the Secretary of War for information in regard to expenditures for the Missouri river was discussed. Pending action the conference report on the inter-State commerce bill was presented, and notice given by Mr. Cullom that he would call it up for consideration on Tuesday next. The bill repealing the tenure of office act came up, but was allowed to stand over until to-morrow. Platt's resolution for open executive sessions was laid on the table by a vote of 33 to 21. Beck's bill, prohibiting Congressmen from acting as attorneys for railroads, was called up. Pending action the Senate at 4 p. m. went into executive session and at 4:05 p. m. adjourned.

HOUSE.—Conferees were appointed on the electoral count bill. The bill for allotment of land in severalty to the Indian was taken up, but went over with the morning hour. A bill was passed requiring national banks in certain cities to keep on hand a sum equal to twenty-five per cent. of their circulation and deposits. The sundry civil bill was then taken up and discussed until 4:15 p. m., when the House adjourned

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—SENATE.—A bill was introduced to increase the salaries of the Commissioners of Education and Labor to $5,000. Mr. Van Wyck introduced a resolution to amend the constitution so as to require the election of U. S. Senators by the people of the States, instead of by the Legislatures. Petitions of tobacco manufacturers were presented protesting against the passage of the House bill in reference to packing cut tobacco. A resolution was adopted instructing the Finance Committee to inquire into the propriety of reporting a bill providing a rebate on all imported materials incorporated with domestic materials and exported for sale. The calendar was taken up and a bill passed permitting the owners of American vessels and their cargoes to sue the Government for losses caused by collision with U. S. vessels. Mr. Riddleberger's open session resolution went over on objection. The bill to repeal the tenure of office act was taken up and discussed without action until 4 p. m., when, after a brief executive session, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—A bill was passed making Hartford, Ct. a port of entry; also a bill to pension persons who served in the navy as yeomen engineers, apothecaries and masters-at-arms. Remonstrances were presented against the Dunn free ship bill; the Senate bill for the allotment of lands in severalty to the Indians. The urgency deficiency bill for public printing was passed. The sundry civil bill was discussed and passed in committee of the whole and reported to the House, which then adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Petitions were presented for a reduction in the tax on oleomargarine. Several bills were introduced. A resolution for a committee to visit Mexico and inquire into our relations with Mexico was offered by Mr. Butler (S. C.), and ordered printed. The bill for the retirement and recoinage of the trade dollar was passed; also, the House bill to extend the free delivery system; also, the bill authorizing the issue of money orders at a fee of three cents; also, the House bill authorizing the employment of mail messengers. A bill to fund the four and four-and-a-half per cent. bonds at 2½ per cent. was introduced by Mr. Aldrich and referred. The bill to repeal the tenure-of-office act was passed—39 to 32. At 2:40 p. m. the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE—Resolutions were introduced and referred. A bill was passed indemnifying the Postmaster at Boonton, N. J., for money stolen in 1883. The sundry civil bill was passed and the private calendar taken up. The bill for the adjustment of the McMinnville and Manchester railroad accounts being unfinished business, it was passed, a claim of $246,830 is involved. A Senate bill was passed increasing the pension of General Benj. F. Kelley of West Virginia, to $100 a month. At 4:15 p. m. the House took a recess until 7:30, the evening session being for the consideration of pension bills.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—SENATE—Not in session.

HOUSE.—The House ordered a conference on the bill authorizing the employment of mail messengers. The bill was passed providing an additional Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico. Mr. Morrison moved to go into committee of the whole to take up his tariff bill. Lost—149 to 154, Speaker Carlisle voting in the affirmative.

THE city council of Vincennes, Ind., is in a dilemma. The city treasurer is charged with being a defaulter to the amount of $10,000 and refuses to resign, and council is powerless to remove him. His bondsmen have been released from liability by the Circuit Court Judge.

CHAS. MASON was stabbed by Warren Townsend, a twelve-year-old playmate, at Evansville, Ind.

PAUL GROTTKAU, recently tried for inciting the Milwaukee Garden riots, addressed 15,000 people in Milwaukee on the 12th, bitterly attacking the authorities and press.

BURGLARS effected an entrance into the Bee on One Price Clothing-house, at Minneapolis, burst open the safe, secured $2,600 in cash, and took a large quantity of fine fur goods.

CITIZENS of Washington have subscribed a fund of $50,000 to insure payment of prizes and expenditures for the National Drill and Encampment. The drill will be held the last week in May, 1887.

THE price of gas at Findlay has been reduced to twenty-five cents per month per stove, and churches free.

A FIRE at Attica, O., on the 10th, destroyed the principal business block of the town. The losses