

GENERAL NEWS

Carefully Selected News of Current Events.

The United States government has not entered into a treaty with Brazil pledging support in the event of an attempt being made to restore monarchy there.

Mrs. Levi P. Morton has leased the house in Paris formerly occupied by Senator Jones of Nevada, and will reside there to finish the education of her daughters.

Cardinal Rampoll wants to resign his office of secretary to the pope because he fears the future policy of the Vatican will be less hostile to the Italian government.

The suicide of Honorable Charles Howard last Thursday in London, is said to have been caused by his infatuation for a Mrs. Bloss, who killed herself last Saturday.

The empress of Austria while out riding last week saw obstructions on the track of the railroad, and with the help of her groom removed them just a moment before the fast express went by.

John S. Johnson broke the world's bicycle record for a quarter of a mile flying start of 27 seconds, held by Zimmerman and Rhodes at Topeka Monday. He went the distance in 25.45 over a slow track.

The explorer, Soller, intimates that the Grand Duke Alexis, of Russia, has arranged a treaty between France, Russia and Spain by the terms of which the latter's ultimate occupation of Tangier is provided for.

Charles Thegee was shot and instantly killed by William Seweller at Riverside, N. Y., Friday night. The men were rolling mill lands and the men took up a quarrel between the children of their families. Seweller was arrested.

Six more United States steamers have been purchased by the Brazilian government for use as warships, giving to the Brazilian government ten new vessels.

Train No. 7, on the Ontario & Western railroad from Oswego, jumped a switch when entering the freight yard in Norwich, N. Y., Tuesday night. Several passengers were injured, but not fatally. The express and baggage cars were smashed.

The funeral of Captain Hedberg, the United States army officer who was shot Monday by Lieutenant Maney at Fort Sheridan, was postponed until Friday. It was to have occurred Thursday, but owing to the funeral of Carter Harrison was deferred.

In Proctor, O., Tuesday night, John Floyd was shot dead while sitting with his arm about Miss Lucy White's waist and the young woman received enough shot to disfigure her for life. Harry Smith, a rival, fired the contents of a shotgun into them.

Tuesday a schooner came up from Lower St. Lawrence to Quebec supposed to be loaded with peas. When the cargo was being discharged, one of the supposed barrels of peas broke, and in the peas were found smaller barrels filled with illicit whiskey.

Major General Sir Christopher Charles Teesdale, V. C. R. A. K. C. M. G. C. B., her majesty's master of ceremonies and at one time equester to the Prince of Wales, and who accompanied the latter to America, died on Wednesday at Bangor of paralysis.

Coinage executed at the several mints of the United States for the month of October aggregated 7,752,130 pieces of the value of \$1,003,999, as follows: Gold pieces, 1,140,140; value, \$9,504,800. Silver pieces, 1,822,000; value, \$419,000. Minor coin pieces, 4,810,000; value, \$80,000.

The statement of the comptroller of the currency shows that since October, 1893, the increase in national bank notes outstanding amounted to \$35,880,972, and for October, 1893, \$21,994, making the total national bank notes outstanding on October 31, 1893, \$239,214,166.

Edward Cool, a farm hand, went to Buck Creek Valley, Ind., Friday and entered the home of his lover, fired without warning at Lower Love's injuries are not serious. Cool then walked out to Obediah Halle's saloon and shot and fatally wounded the proprietor.

Friday morning William Scheid was working on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Indianapolis railroad bridge across the Miami river at Hamilton, O., when the inch and a quarter rope which held a 500 pound bridge "strut" broke, and Scheid was thrown into the bed of the river and fatally injured.

Sid Lee, a white boy 18 years old, who killed an old man by the name of Wright near Baby Spring, twenty miles east of Texarkana, Tex., about a month ago, because the deceased accused him of stealing his sugar cane, came in and surrendered to the sheriff last Tuesday, and on Friday had a trial on a writ of habeas corpus before the district court, which admitted him to bail in the sum of \$5,000. The accused readily gave bond, wealthy parties in Texarkana and New Boston, Tex., becoming securities.

Dynamite was placed under one of the gates at the dam at the water works, three miles south of Sedalia, Mo., Saturday, and a terrible explosion followed. Two of the large gates were blown out of position and then took fire, but the prompt arrival of the employees at the pump house prevented a spread of the flames and the destruction of all gates, which were perfectly dry and burned like matches. The attempt is laid at the door of parties whose fields have been flooded by reason of the dam when the creek was high.

One of the most peculiar as well as one of the most horrible accidents that ever occurred in the state of Arkansas, has just come to light at Ada. Several days ago the child of Mr. Harkey who operates a cotton gin at that place, mysteriously disappeared. After a long search for the missing child, Mr. Harkey remembered that the last seen of the little fellow he was playing around the gin house. He at once began ripping the ties from bales of cotton in the gin yard, and found the child crushed to death in the center of a bale which had been pressed a few days before. How the unfortunate child managed to fall into the cotton press unobserved is a mystery.

Refused One-Half Million.

CHICAGO, Nov. 6.—The makers of No-To-Bac, the guaranteed tobacco habit cure, lately refused a syndicate offer of one-half million for their business. No-To-Bac is an absolute guaranteed cure for chewing, snuffing and cigarette smoking. It is sold by nearly all the druggists in this country and Canada. Made by the Sterling Remedy company, box 15, Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind. Chicago office, 45 Randolph street. They print a book called "Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away." Every tobacco user should read it and they mail it for the asking.

The district court convened in Enid the 30th. ult.

Mrs. Robert Vance of Simcoo, Ontario, who was injured in the Battle Creek, Mich., wreck, died at the Nichols hospital Friday morning. This makes twenty-eight victims from the collision.

It is intimated that it is the plain duty of France to take the initial step, should any interference be necessary upon the part of any other power than Spain, in the affairs of Morocco.

At Keithsburg, Ill., a fire starting at 1:00 Friday evening, burned through blocks of residences and store buildings, twenty-two residences and eleven places of business. Loss, \$45,000. Very little insurance.

At Anderson, Ind., the Ironside rolling mills burned Friday morning. Loss, \$100,000; insurance \$50,000. The mills were about to start after six weeks general repairs; 50 men are made idle by the fire.

In a duel in Paris, fought between Emile Laflou, governor of New Caledonia, and Gaston Morey, owing to an article written by the latter in the Libre Parole, Morey was severely wounded in the left side.

A terrible boiler explosion occurred at Windfall, Ind., Friday morning. The boiler in the firing mill of Sumner & Conkling exploded, wrecking the building, and instantly killing Engineer J. T. Now.

Albert Altimir, aged 9, was struck and dragged to death by an Avondale car while on his way to school at Cincinnati. His mangled body was taken out by his brother Edward, who was the conductor on the next car.

The Nicaragua assembly has passed an article of the new constitution which has been framed especially to hamper foreigners. If any foreign resident there should make a claim of any kind against the government he will be exiled at once.

The new concentrating plant of the South Joplin Lead and Zinc Mining company burned to the ground at 7 p. m. Saturday. Loss \$6,000; partially insured. The property is owned by Kansas City parties, and is one of the best producers in Joplin.

At Bunker Hill, Ind., several drunken loafers poured coal oil over the clothing of James McDonald, an old man, and ignited it, burning McDonald nearly to death.

The carriage factory of Charles Waugh & Co., of Cambridgeport, Mass., was burned Monday night. Fifteen pungs of the New York Biscuit company and a number of other vehicles were destroyed. Loss, \$38,000. Insurance \$12,000.

At Kokomo, Ind., Buck Harlan and Steve Elnelot were arrested by United States Marshal Backus Thursday for counterfeiting. Harlan is said to have made some of the best counterfeiters in this country. Lew Harlan, a brother of Buck, made his escape.

The bill introduced by Congressman Black of Illinois, ex-commissioner of pensions, to repeal in toto the Indian depositions act of 1890, is attracting considerable public attention and has caused the claim agents much trepidation. It has been referred to Chairman Holman of the committee on Indian affairs.

The grand jury which has been investigating the recent bank failures in Milwaukee reported Friday morning and was discharged. The findings of the jury have been suppressed, but it is understood that only three true bills were found. None of the officers of the Wisconsin and Fire Insurance bank or Commercial bank are indicted.

As a result of a fire in an immigrant car near Stanton, Neb., Tuesday night, one girl lost her life, four horses and a cow were consumed and the car and its contents were entirely destroyed. Three immigrants in the car, a woman, a boy and a girl, were forced to jump for their lives. The girl turned a somersault in jumping and struck on her head, breaking her neck. The others were only slightly hurt.

A German at Warsaw, Ill., about 35 or 40 years old was found on top of a straw stack at 7 o'clock Saturday morning perfectly nude and stiff with the cold. The city marshal took him in charge, and after warming up and giving him drinks he was able to talk, and gave his name as Hoffman and his residence as St. Louis; said he had come to Keokuk from St. Charles, walked over the Keokuk and St. Charles bridge, and was taken sick in the woods north of Warsaw about 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, and knew no more until brought to consciousness at the city hall. He knew nothing about his clothes, and a new suit was purchased for him, but as soon as they were placed on him he ceased to act rationally, and in a short time tore them from his person, and is now a raving maniac. He is about 5 feet 8 inches, sandy complexion and dark hair. He is minus one front tooth in his lower jaw.

In the circuit court of Fayetteville, Ark., Monday, G. L. Lee, a prominent politician, reached in a joking manner for Policeman Sam Dillon's star and was shot five times and killed by him.

The president made the following nominations Monday. Edwin E. Uhl, of Michigan, to be assistant secretary of state; James R. Roosevelt, of New York to be secretary of embassy of the United States at London. To be consuls of the United States: J. Edward Nettles, of South Carolina, at Trieste, Austria; Robert J. Kirk, of St. Christians, at Copenhagen, Denmark; Charles E. Davis, of Illinois to be agent for the Indians of the Colorado river agency in Arizona.

THE TWO TERRITORIES

Condensed News of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory.

The big money for the farmers will be in the culture of fruit.

Thomas P. Smith, of the Indian Territory, has been appointed Indian inspector.

The yield of cotton in some patches around Oklahoma City is 1,900 pounds to the acre.

The board of commissioners of Cleveland county has accepted the gift of two court houses.

The social features of Ft. Scott have been enlarged by the organization of two whist clubs on the west side of town.

There are but few places in Q county, says the Scout, where good wells cannot be secured at a reasonable depth.

Guthrie claims the possession of two maststones, one owned by Captain Cannon, and the other by General Dearborn.

Coon and possum hunting in an Arapahoe recreation. We suppose they have the sweet potato accompaniments in those parts.

The contract to furnish the Beaver county court room and a judge J. S. Fox insane and ordered him sent to Jacksonville.

The Logan county board of commissioners of insanity met Tuesday in the county court room and a judge J. S. Fox insane and ordered him sent to Jacksonville.

The Eagle says El Reno is destined to be known as the Sylvan city. The authorities have concluded to plant trees, and they will be planted all over the city.

Caleb C. Brown, of Kentucky, has been appointed assistant United States district attorney, vice John Stone. This makes it almost certain that Horace Speed will serve out his time.

In a quarrel near San Antonio, Tex., Clarence Cotton, 19 years of age, son of a prominent attorney, and Mac West, a well known rancher, shot each other fatally, Cotton dying Monday.

Clayton Farmer (colored), who murdered another colored man at Kingfisher about a year and a half ago, in a quarrel over 75 cents, was sentenced Monday, to a life term in the penitentiary.

Chelsea Forum: The news goes over the world that the president and his wife have decided not to visit the world's fair. We and our wife have just about reached the same conclusion.

Frank Ewing, while hunting on the Cimarron, shot an enormous pelican, which measured eight feet from tip to tip. It is by far the largest bird of this kind ever brought to Guthrie. He killed it with a load of bird shot.

A Washington telegram says the sub-committee of the house committee on judiciary having in charge the bill to increase the number of judges in Oklahoma held a meeting Friday and decided to recommend that two more judges be added.

Guthrie News: L. N. Terrell has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$4,000. That he will have a new trial is now a pretty well settled fact, and if he does, his counsel, Judge Buckner, has an abiding faith that this time he will be acquitted.

Chief Taylor of the Guthrie fire department inspected the chimneys of that city. All brick chimneys not three feet above the roof must be built higher. All precautions are to be taken by the fire department against fires this winter.

The body of a murdered man has been discovered eleven miles southeast of Pawnee. The deceased, from all indications, was murdered about the time of the opening. His wagon and camp utensils were by his body. The sheriff will make a full investigation.

Thomas K. Tingle, of Guthrie, grand master workman of the A. O. U. W. of Oklahoma, accompanied by S. L. Johnson, grand recorder, was in Norman Wednesday to make arrangements for paying the \$2,000 insurance due to Mrs. W. C. Crawford by reason of her husband's death.

Attorney General Olney has instructed one of his clerks to bundle up the charges filed against United States Attorney Speed and send them to him. This is an unusual proceeding. It is very seldom that a cabinet officer sends matter of this sort to the man whose place is desired by the other fellows.

At the "Indian pipe dance" on Camp Creek last week there were more than eighty ponies given away to the dancers. Many attended and enjoyed the sport very much, even if the performers were in rather nude condition. We presume many of the spectators had visited the art exhibits at Chicago.

The Tecumseh Republican states that Thomas Alford, the surveyor for Major Neal, was in the city Monday. He says the allotments will begin to be made the first of next month. The Indians are now being enrolled and while there is opposition by some he will all be enrolled. The Indians will probably take their allotments west from Kickapoo Springs.

The drone never thrives in the beehive; neither can the indolent, good-for-nothing thrive here. Close attention to business or vocation courts and merits respect and patronage, but the lazy, careless and doleful receive only contempt. They pick up crumbs from the tables of their industrious neighbors. If you are a hustler this is the country for you; otherwise you will find it "mighty poor pickin'."

A team ran away with Red Guthrie one day last week at Orlando, threw him out of the vehicle and broke his arm. His friends are congratulating him that the accident was no worse.

The "Flat Iron" country, sixty miles east of Perry, is said to be the best watered and timbered country in Oklahoma. The numerous hills and valleys are covered by a fine growth of walnut, oak and pecan trees, many of the oak measuring 7 and the walnut 5 feet in diameter. They pick up coal from the ledges and the indications are that there are rich fields of asphaltum and petroleum in that vicinity.

State W. is preparing to erect a \$125,000 hotel building.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. of Burlington combine to give a "Seven Ages" fair the last of this week.

The new paper mill at Fort Scott which utilizes the waste from the sugar mill is reported to be doing a flourishing business.

The highest elevation in Kansas is Carthage, Meade county; the height above the level of the sea is 5,009 feet. The next highest is Hugoton.

The land office officials of Woodward are engaged in hearing a number of contest cases—the most important one being the Hall-Flood case.

An expert engineer has estimated that it will cost the taxpayers of Newton \$102,734 to construct a system of water works to supply that city with water.

Sheriff John Love has returned to Woodward from a six days' trip, covering over 1,000 miles, after a man named Moss, charged with an attempt to defraud his creditors.

David Forney while engaged in digging a well near Cheyenne was killed by poisonous gases, and his brother while trying to rescue him was fatally injured.

Mrs. N. E. Bronson, of Atchison Kan., learned typesetting in her father's office when a child, and has worked steadily at her trade for over forty years.

The state fish commissioner can find some good work to do in his line in Franklin county if reports are true that people there are taking black bass in shallow water with spears and forks.

A cow belonging to Governor Gassner of Salem, N. J., gave birth to a calf having a foreleg resembling that of a man. It had no forelegs, but in their place two arms, resembling those of a human being. The freak had an underjaw like that of a man, no tail, a curious back, and neck similar to a man. It is dead.

Two members of the Dalton gang entered Hall's store at Cushing on Thursday evening, and ordered the proprietor to deliver all the money in the safe, amounting to \$120. The robbers then coolly walked out and joined the remainder of the gang who were awaiting them. Twenty men were in the store at the time, but none raised a hand.

The first car load of buckwheat ever raised in Oklahoma was bought for shipment by P. L. Welch this week. It was raised by two farmers near Moore, one of them, Mr. Atkins, having in some twenty-five acres this season. As buckwheat is a crop that can be planted after wheat is harvested, mature and ready for market by the middle of September.

Leader John Fox, the foxy prisoner who escaped from the county jail with a colored prisoner named William Frazier, alias Moses Lyle, is behind the bars again, and now occupies quarters in a secure and cozy cell in the bastion from which he escaped.

Sac and Fox country by Turnkey T. D. Jackson, the man over whom the jail birds bounded when they sought their liberty.

The settlers in the Cherokee strip will at least have an abundance of meat this winter, for on the prairie are thousands of quail, prairie chickens and pheasants, and in the timbered portions many deer. The streams are stocked with an abundance of fish, those of the buffalo and cat varieties often weighing fifty pounds and over, and millions of ducks and geese are beginning to settle upon the lagoons.

The following picture of the situation in the Indian Territory is taken from "The Sixteen," a religious journal published by J. E. and Kate T. Wolf. The latter is a Cherokee Indian, and knows whereof she talks. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe are evangelists among the Indians and are devoting their lives to the cause. "The condition of affairs in the Indian Territory is almost indescribable. The whole country is in a transition state. The past five years have witnessed many changes, not the least among them being the attitude of the Indians towards the question of land allotment. The inrush of white people has been unprecedented. There are probably ten white people to one Indian at present in this country, and still they are coming. The duller minds of the full blood red men are beginning dimly to grasp the situation, and instead of talking of holding the lands in common any longer they are looking to their legislators to devise some plan by which they may each have their quota of the soil given them. If ever there was a helpless people on the face of the earth, slaves of their surroundings and circumstances, dupes of the tricky politician who abound, grieved and cheated by the white shysters of the land, these are the people."

2 Dispatches from Guthrie state that the probability of the early opening of all of the remaining Indian lands in the Indian territory lying west of the reservations of the five civilized tribes has stimulated railroad enterprises in that section. Already two companies have been organized under Oklahoma's laws, and should both succeed in interesting capital in their projects there will be a sharp struggle for the possession of the same region, as their roads lie parallel.

These roads are the Kansas, Oklahoma Center & Southwestern, and the St. Louis, Oklahoma & Albuquerque. In many of these roads is the Kan-Okla. Oklahoma & Pacific whose charter was filed in Kansas Tuesday. Its projected line runs through practically the same territory.

E. J. Daniels has been appointed treasurer of O county.

The technicalities of the law under which I. N. Terrell, the Payne county murderer, was released from the Kansas penitentiary, have been overcome, and the Guthrie News states, and the prisoner will have to be returned to prison to serve out his life sentence.

Those who think that Flynn's bill to investigate the strip outrages has been killed in congress are mistaken. Saturday it was referred to a sub-committee of five which is to report it back to the house committee on public lands.

A FLOATING CONTINENT.

VENNINGTON'S VOYAGE ON THE SARGASSO SEA.

An Unknown Ocean Out of the Usual Track of Vessels Which is a Great Mass of Seaweed, Flotsam and Jetsam—A Meeting With a Wreck.

"I sailed from New York for China by way of the Cape of Good Hope," the captain began. "I made straight for the mid-Atlantic, under a fair wind, for ten days. Then we had a spell of three or four days' exceedingly bad weather—squalls, gusts of rain and, what was quite unusual for that part of the ocean, dense fog banks. As a result, the crew (which was not unduly large) was much overworked. My two officers and myself were completely worn out. When the weather finally cleared and I was able to take an observation, I found that we were at least 200 miles out of our course, and I gave directions to have it changed at once.

"What happened that night I have to relate with great circumspection and care, because it is just as incredible to me as it will be to you. I turned in about 9 o'clock, having left orders to the officer on watch that I was not to be called as long as I slept.

"I awoke in the morning at 8, and, casting my eyes toward the compass that swung from the ceiling of my cabin, discovered immediately that the course which the vessel was taking was not the one selected by me the night before. I could not imagine why any officer of my ship had taken it upon himself to countermand orders I had given. Jumping into my clothes, I went up on deck in no very gentle frame of mind. Approaching the officer of the deck, I demanded to know why the course of the ship had been altered. He saluted respectfully and replied that the change had been made by my explicit direction. In amazement, I stood and listened to him make the following statement:

"You came on deck in the mid-watch, when I was in charge of the ship, and, approaching as close to me as you are now, you gave directions that our course be changed from N. E. by S. to due E. I was in doubt as to the accuracy of your orders, and, after you had returned to your cabin, appealed to the main deck wheel, who was clearly within hearing, to reassure myself that I had heard you aright. He confirmed your orders absolutely as I had understood them and I at once saw that the ship was put on an easterly course. I have kept her so ever since. Orders are orders, sir."

"I was utterly dumbfounded, and the man who had been at the wheel called from his bank to confirm the statement of the first mate. Contrary to the usual custom of ship captains, I did not fly into a towering passion or order the mate in irons. I was simply overcome by his statements, and their incredibility was so great that I was thrown into a brown study.

"I retired to my cabin for a few minutes, looked over the charts, saw that I was heading towards the middle of the Sargasso sea, directly on a line with the Canary Islands. Although this was literally going out of my direct course, I decided that under the strange circumstances I would permit the ship to continue on her course until we encountered the trade winds off the coast of Africa.

"Each night as I turned in the first or second mate, who happened to be in charge of the ship, would inquire if I desired to continue on the easterly course. I reiterated my determination in each instance and we sailed eastward into the unknown ocean without incident for four days and nights. We saw great quantities of floating weeds, masses of the flotsam and jetsam of the sea, consisting of spars and masts, portions of wrecked vessels, or two very large trees, the tops of which were still green. A careful and constant outlook was necessary, because the danger of running upon a spar or heavy piece of driftwood was constantly imminent, and a snag in the ocean is a much more serious obstacle than one on the waddy Mississippi.

"On the morning of the fifth day, as soon as dawn had broken, the man at the top mast-head, who had been kept there by my direction day and night, under the supposition of impression that my sleepalking order had been portentous, announced to the officer on deck that a large object, apparently a dismasted ship, lay dead ahead. We could not see her from below, because she was hulked down, but to the man aloft she was soon clearly visible. In two hours she was observable from the deck, and to our amazement we saw that signals of distress had been displayed from the tops of her broken masts. These had not been visible when the sailor first sighted the derelict. Of course that was an assurance to us that living people were on board the 'lost craft.'

"Before long, with the aid of a good glass, we could make out moving objects on the deck of the vessel. We finally came near enough to hail, and learned that she was an English brig that had been dismasted off the coast of Africa—every shred of her sails had gone by the board in a hurrycane. The vessel had fortunately been well provisioned, and the ship's company had not been very large, so that nobody had really suffered for food, although the castaways had dwelt more than a month on this dismasted, sailless and rudderless craft. She carried a dozen or more passengers in addition to

the crew. We lowered boats and took the entire ship's company on board. As we had not provided for so large a company I made haste to land my passengers as soon as possible. For this service I was presented with a gold medal by the British admiralty, with a medal by the United States congress, and the passengers whom I rescued gave me a beautiful silver dinner service, now in my possession."

Such is the story of the man who has partly explored the Sargasso sea.

A SAD MISTAKE.

It Did Not Matter, However, as no One Knew of It.

Mrs. Foster was from New England, and regarded life very seriously, never shrinking or turning back from the path of duty which lay before her, but she never realized that French was at all necessary until she visited Paris. Then she had to rely on a phrase-book, which relieved her mind of all care, but greatly exercised the mental powers of the natives with whom she came in contact. Harper's Magazine relates that her nephew who was studying art in the French capital, secured for her an invitation to a reception given by a famous French artist. Mrs. Foster went accompanied by her nephew (and the phrase-book). She thought she knew just where to open it and read her lines. She was introduced in French to the artist. He spoke in French, her nephew replied in French until the dear old lady got bewildered. But she felt that she must say something, so she opened the inevitable book and read off the first sentence that met her eye, giving it the true New Hampshire twang. The artist smiled sweetly, but as Mrs. Foster saw the translation in Italian after the sentence she nearly fainted. As her nephew lead her away, however, he congratulated her upon her introduction and her knowledge of the language.

"But, Henry," cried his horrified aunt, "did you hear what I said? I asked him how soon we could get something to eat—that's what I asked him—in French."

Her nephew smiled; he would have liked to laugh. "Oh!" he replied, "did you? Well, auntie, it doesn't matter, for he asked me what a thunder you said, and I told him I didn't know."

Valuable Cat.

A cat known as "Bill" was the means of saving a whole family at Burlington, N. J. Early in the morning a fire broke out in the residence of his master, M. A. Garrison, while everyone save "Bill" was asleep. "Bill," seeing the flames and thinking something wrong, went to the door of his master's room and began singing. This of course awoke Mr. Garrison, who, seeing that flames had enveloped the house, quickly alarmed his family and they all escaped in safety. In consideration of "Bill's" heroism the neighbors have chained up all their bootjacks and hereafter "Bill" can "meow" in perfect peace.

Wonderful Thinness of Veneer.

Few people have an idea how thin a sheet of veneer may be cut with the aid of improved machinery. There is a firm in Paris which makes a business of cutting veneers, and to such perfection have they brought it that from a single tusk thirty inches long they will cut a sheet of ivory 150 inches long and twenty inches wide. Some of the sheets of rosewood and mahogany are only about a fiftieth of an inch in thickness.

FUSILADE OF FUN.

Ethel—I could have loved Harold Vincent but for one thing. Yvonne—What was that? Ethel—I was engaged to him.

Mrs. Jay—I understand that rich American girl married one of the landed gentry of England. Mr. Jay—He was, when she landed him.

Anxious Wife—John has a terrible toothache. What would you advise me to do? Mrs. Longwood—Take the baby and go for a day's visit to your mother.

"I don't see what reason you have for calling Timmins a shlylock." "Because he is bald." "Well?" "If he is bald his locks are shy, aren't they? How stupid you are."

"Mary, do you think the work too hard for you?" "Mary—No, ma'am." "Then why are you leaving?" "Mary—It's the style of hats you buy, ma'am; I don't look well in none of 'em."

"Have Stanley moved into their new house yet?" "No. They are awaiting until rooms can be added." "Rooms? What do you mean?" "Well, his wife drew the plans and didn't have anything but closets."

"How-aw-how do they determine the depths of the watah in the sea?" asked Cholly. "By sound," replied the nautical man abruptly. And Cholly was so surprised that he hadn't the heart to ask any more questions.

Boston Journalist—Young man, this may do for New York, but we don't Tom, Dick and Harry people in this town. Spaceryt—But—Boston Journalist—There is no no but about it; you will have to change the proof to read: "Uncle Samuel and John Frost."

Minister—So you don't believe the story about the loaves and fishes, Bobby? Bobby—N-no, sir. Minister—My little boy believes it. Bobby—Yes, your little boy has been going to Sunday school longer than I. He's had more practice in those things than I have.

Mandy—Here, Josiah, is a drug store; now let us go in and get them souvenir spoons we've read so much about. Josiah—Gracious, Mandy, you won't find 'em here, will you? Mandy—Josiah, I know what I'm a-doin'. Didn't I see in a paper that they was a drug in the market?