

### NEWS COMMENTS.

**JOHN P. MEDILL**, editor of the Chicago Tribune, is named as a candidate for David Davis seat in the senate.

A club has been formed in San Francisco whose avowed object is to nominate Robert T. Lincoln for the presidency in 1884.

The star route trials open Monday next, the day congress convenes. It is said that important new testimony has been found.

Gov. Ordway has gone to Washington, where he will remain until the holidays, when he will probably go with his family to New Hampshire for a New Year's visit.

BOB INGERSOLL'S latest opponent is Frank James. James declares with pious fervor that "God does live, and he will sometime strike Ingersoll to the ground for his blasphemy."

An indictment against Frank James has been found at Decatur, Ala., and when the Missourians have done nothing for him he will be taken there for trial on a charge of robbery.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL: The logic of the railroad situation is that the old companies will have to recognize the new Albert Lea route sooner or later. It has grown too big to be ignored.

The City of Glasgow bank failed about four years ago with an indebtedness of \$55,000,000. In four years every cent of that vast sum has been paid. Here is a lesson for American financiers which is worth following.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL: A lady asks the Fargo Argus who is the handsomest man in that city, and Major Edwards, with his characteristic modesty, seeks, by implication at least, to lay it to another while to himself he acknowledges that he is the man.

PROBABLY no man in Massachusetts will take General Butler's election as governor of that state more to heart than Senator Hoar. In a speech just previous to the election he said: "I, for one, would prefer to have every avenue of political honor, and preferment closed to me forever than live in a state that prefers Benjamin F. Butler to Robert H. Bishop."

A TELEGRAM from Breckinridge, Griggs county, dated the 28th, says: "An armed mob of men, mostly prominent citizens of Hope, is reported to have gone to Cooperstown last night in the absence of the register, and with drawn revolvers, demanded the Griggs county records from the deputy. The greatest excitement prevails. It is said to be a very grievous offense against the law."

A NEW YORK professor of astronomy asks, in behalf of astronomical science, that prayers be offered Sunday next at all churches for clear weather on the 6th of December next, the date of the transit of Venus. The solution of the sublime problem known to science is to be attempted on that occasion, and the opportunity for which will not occur again for 122 years. Millions of dollars and months of valuable time have been expended in preparation for the great event.

FOLKS often wonder why Ben. Butler is called "the widow." The epithet was applied to him because of a speech he made at Lawrence, Mass., August 21, 1876, in opening his campaign for a seat in congress. In this speech he said: "I want to go to congress again. I have no hesitation in saying so. I am no maiden. I am more like a widow. I know what I want. I am not looking for a source whence all blessings flow, as the Giver of every good and gracious gift that we enjoy. We dare to express our hope that the time may never come—our strengthening conviction that the time never will come—when as a nation we shall be beguiled into any general effort to eliminate the deity out of our consciousness, our conscience and our life."

THE story is told of a Sioux Falls laborer who went to a bank with a check for a dollar which he had received as part of his week's wages, to get it cashed. The paying teller mistook it for a \$100 check and counted out that amount. Afterward the mistake was detected, and the man was found and asked to make restitution of the \$99 to which he had no moral right. This he refused to do, and as he had not obtained the funds by any fraud or misrepresentation, there was no means of compelling him to disgorge, and so he goes into history as the best paid day laborer in Sioux Falls who has been known since he was a child to be beguiled into any general effort to eliminate the deity out of our consciousness, our conscience and our life.

THE TRIBUNE was just going to make the following remarks, when it saw them in an exchange, and credited to the Sanborn Enterprise: Sacred and dear to every American heart should be her own peculiar festival. We need not complacently—but may very gladly—remember that we were the first (are still the only) people, who, as a nation, and with unfailing regularity, thus lay aside our secular employments that we may publicly and untidily adore the Lord Jehovah as the source whence all blessings flow, as the Giver of every good and gracious gift that we enjoy. We dare to express our hope that the time may never come—our strengthening conviction that the time never will come—when as a nation we shall be beguiled into any general effort to eliminate the deity out of our consciousness, our conscience and our life.

A STONY having an element of extreme hideousness comes from Washington. Some time ago the bones of the assassin Gaitens were placed in a barrel of chemical preparation to be hardened, preparatory to wiring them. The bones were removed some time ago, but the barrel of odoriferous medicinals and shreds of Gaitens's flesh has stood unpretentiously in one corner of the army medical museum laboratory, which is located in the cellar of that building. The floor just over the surgeon general's office, in which few mornings ago the assistant in charge of the laboratory, desiring to use the barrel for another purpose, called to his assistance several laborers, and after knocking the head out of the receptacle, proceeded to dump its offensive contents into a sewer opening. This action caused a most horrible stench to pervade the entire building. A genuine panic took place among the clerks, many of whom became sick and were forced to go into the outer air. The odor prevailed for some time, and those of the employees who remained in the building were compelled to wear handkerchiefs over their noses and adopt other preventative means. Lime and other disinfectants were freely used, but to no avail, as the unpleasant smell hung about the building like a pall.

## RELENTLESS, DEADLY WAR

### RAILWAY BOSSES BREATHING DEFIANCE AND SLAUGHTER.

The Lincoln-Swain Unpleasantness—An Interesting Case at Fergus Falls—Yankton County And Her Big Debt.

### The Cruel War.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—The following breezy note was received at the Associated Press office in answer to an inquiry addressed to the Rock Island office, if Mr. Merrill's threats to run a fast train to St. Paul are carried out, the Rock Island will make up to passengers in fare the loss sustained in time: "Time is money and money in this case will be made to represent time." E. ST. JOHN, General Passenger Agent R. I. Road.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—H. H. Porter, president of Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road, just before starting to-day for Chicago, said he was ready to unite in the restoration of rates as soon as rival railroad managers would consent to place his road upon an equal footing with others in the question at issue. Vice-President Wadsworth, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul company, leaves to-night for Chicago.

Congressman Flower, a heavy stockholder in at least two of the warring companies, said the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad company "will stand firm. There will be no backing down from the position they have taken, as they think they are right, and a surrender would be undignified for them under the circumstances."

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—There was no new development in the northwestern war here to-day. President Cable, of the Rock Island road, in an interview, gave expression to about the same sentiment as that contained in the note of St. John to the press. He said if the St. Paul road carried out its threat of putting on a fast train between Chicago and St. Paul, the Rock Island would discount inducements in time by inducements in rates. The northwestern officials, who have been in New York, will reach this city to-morrow morning, and an attempt will be made to secure a conference of the warring managers Saturday.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 29.—The management of the C. M. & St. P., road has ordered a general cutting down of running expenses, in consequence of which a number of employes will be discharged. The hours of labor in the large manufacturing shops of the road in the Menomonee valley have been fixed at nine hours per day by consent of the men, to avoid the discharge of a large number of operatives.

Bob Lincoln and Gen. Swain.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The complications between the secretary of war and Judge Advocate General Swain are as far from settlement as ever, notwithstanding statements to the contrary, the latest being relative to a transfer of an officer from one branch of the service to another. Secretary Lincoln decided that it would be illegal to authorize the change, and the friends of the interested party laid the matter before Gen. Swain. The latter, after consulting all the authorities, declared the subject was optional with the secretary, and that the law had no bearing on the case. The controversy is not yet decided, although the secretary assumed the responsibility of sending the officer in question to an obscure post.

Such action on his part angered the army rig, which had endeavored to secure a modification of the order, but finding cajolery would not suffice, threats were substituted and the influence of the ring exerted. The secretary's only answer to their interrogatories was that he proposed to run the war department after his own fashion without being influenced by fear or favor.

Jay Gould's New Yacht.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.—Cramp, who is building Jay Gould's yacht, has been here in consultation with the Naval Advisory Board. He says that his contract with Gould is not to give him any definite number of knots, but to do the best that could be done a vessel 212 feet long, with a fixed breadth of beam. He says that Gould cannot bear to be tantalized. There is a New York silk dealer named Jarret who lives above Gould on the Hudson. He has a yacht 112 feet long which habitually passes Gould's present yacht on the river. Jarret, it seems, has a vicious way of coming down and firing a gun as he passes Gould's landing. Then when he passes him on the river he beckons to him in a mocking and dreadful way from the deck of the yacht. Gould has no idea of going around the world, but he does intend to step this impertinence on the part of Jarret. The new yacht will be nearly all boilers and engines, and will probably be the fastest vessel ever built.

A Noble Gang.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Nov. 29.—A remarkable report made public to day says that a small colony of Italians has been camping and begging near Wellsburg, a few miles from the Pennsylvania line. They observed gipsy-like habits, the company being composed of about equal numbers of men, women, babes and trained black bears. They departed Thursday in their rude dog carts, passing through Elmira, and the police drove them out of town quickly. Now the statement is made by a citizen of Wellsburg who observed their habits that one of the Italian infants died in camp and was, in lieu of burial, fed to the bears. There is good evidence that the inhuman parents stood by and saw the beasts tear and devour the infant's body. The wretches and their bears were certainly very hungry, as is evidenced by the fact that the former killed

one of the latter for food and sold another for \$23. Where the nomads have gone is not known here.

### Murder Trial at Fergus Falls.

FERGUS FALLS, Minn., Nov. 29.—The trial of Wm. Christie for the murder of Harvey R. Stull, on March 29, now in progress, is attracting great attention. There is a strong array of counsel on both sides. Erwin and Ryan, of St. Paul, Clapp & Woodard, J. A. Mason and E. M. Wright, of this city, are for the defense. The county's attorney is assisted by Williams & Chapman and M. D. Parkinson. The jury was obtained yesterday afternoon after an examination of eighty-four jurors. Eleven witnesses have been examined for the prosecution. The force of the prosecution is much weakened by the facts so far developed, and a much stronger case is being made for the defense than was expected. The prosecution will probably close to-morrow, after which the defense will continue about three days.

### The Gambling Hells of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—The local papers are calling the attention of Mayor Harrison to the fact that a large number of gambling halls are openly running in this city. The name of the places and their numbers are given with great circumstantiality, but the mayor professes to know nothing of any such illegal places. Universal praise is accorded to the police superintendent for his late raid on "Hauk's den," and he is urged to eradicate the whole unlawful nest.

### Yankton Wants to Pay Up.

YANKTON, Nov. 29.—Gov. Ordway has gone east to urge Dakota matters on congress.

A committee of citizens of Yankton have prepared a memorial to congress asking for authority to issue \$350,000 and a half per cent bonds to redeem the present bonded debt and get a small grant of land to help pay their debts. It is hoped the bill will be put through this session.

### Eaten by Rats.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 29.—On Sunday the family of Thomas Hughes, living near Spottsville, Ky., eighteen miles from here, went to church to be gone all day, leaving an infant in the charge of a colored girl. The girl went to a neighbors leaving the child on a pallet on the floor, and was also gone all day. When the family returned they found the child dead, and most horribly eaten by rats.

### Sixteen Persons Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 29.—The steamer City of Sydney, which arrived from Sydney via Auckland and Honolulu, brings the following intelligence: "Sydney, N. S. W., The steam collier, Mourra, heavily loaded foundered during a heavy gale off Botany Heads, and of the seventeen souls on board, all were drowned save one."

### Folger Says It Isn't So.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Folger in an interview at one o'clock denied in the most emphatic language that he had tendered his resignation, and added that the matter had never been referred to either by the president or himself. The lease of the secretary's house has been renewed, but not for a year as heretofore stated.

### Collision of Passenger Trains.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 29.—Two passenger trains on the Pittsburgh Southern railroad collided near Castle Shannon, Pa., about noon to-day. Both engines and the baggage cars were badly wrecked. Conductor Brown was hurt about the back and several passengers were slightly injured, but none seriously.

### An Old, Old Story.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Nov. 29.—An express train on the Erie railway ran into the rear of a freight train near Greenwood to-day. Conductor David Horning, of the freight train, was killed. The engineer of the express, R. A. Rocket, and Fireman Chas. Eyer were seriously injured.

### Here Track Inspection.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The president to-day appointed Wm. H. Comstock, of New York, Waterman Smith, of New Hampshire, and John S. Pillsbury, of Minnesota, as a commission to examine the additional portion of the North Pacific railroad in the territory of Dakota.

### Alabama's Senator.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 29.—In the senate Senator John T. Morgan received twenty-nine votes, Paul T. Jones twenty votes, for United States senator. The house voted: Morgan, eighty-four; Jones, ten. The vote for Jones was cast by republicans and greenbackers.

### Railway Disaster in Scotland.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—A train on the North Scotland railway, from MacDuff, at 4 this afternoon, fell through a bridge at Fyfe, Aberdeenshire. Fourteen persons were killed and many injured. The engine had passed in safety. All the carriages were wrecked.

### Appointed to Take a Free Ride.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—W. C. Church, New York; A. C. Gibbs, Oregon, and David W. Stormont, Kentucky, have been appointed commissioners to examine 25 miles of the North Pacific railroad on the Clark's Forks division, Montana.

### Laborers Idle.

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 30.—The Lackawanna iron and coal companies steel mills shut down to-night for an indefinite period. Over 1,000 men are thrown out of employment.

## THE DAY OF THANKS.

### ITS JOYS AND SORROWS PICTURED BY THE TRIBUNE.

An Actress Killed on the Stage at Cincinnati—Marine Disaster off Nova Scotia—And Other News Telegrams.

### A Victim of Dampfoolism.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 30.—This afternoon at the Coliseum theater, in the fourth act of the play, "St. Slocum," Frank Frayne, in shooting an apple off the head of "Lucy Slocum," personated by Miss Annie Von Behren, missed the apple and shot Miss Von Behren in the head. She died in fifteen minutes. Frayne was arrested immediately. The curtain fell and the play stopped. The audience supposed the victim was only slightly hurt. Frayne used a Stevens rifle, 22-calibre, and was executing a backward shot. The catch-snap of the rifle was imperfect, and slipped just as the hammer fell, blowing the cartridge backward. When the curtain went down after the fatal shot, the excitement behind the scenes was so great as to create alarm lest a panic might ensue in the audience. Frayne's cries and lamentations were so violent that he was heard before the curtain. Manager F. Fennessy was too much excited to say anything, but sent a friend to the front to say that the accident was light, and the play would not proceed further. The audience then retired in order, though one lady fainted. Manager Fennessy took charge of Frayne, and though the latter demanded to be locked up, he got Mr. H. Hennick to go before Judge Higly, of the police court, and give bonds for his release from arrest. Bonds were filed at \$3,000. Frayne's mental condition was such that one or two of his friends kept watch over him at his hotel. The theatre was closed for tonight, and will probably not be opened this week. The coroner received the body of Miss Von Behren, and it was then removed to Undertaker Habig's, where it will lie until word is received from her friends in Brooklyn. It is said she was engaged to be married shortly to Frayne. The cause of the accident was the lowering of the barrel by a fault in the spring latch. Frayne's shirt was burned by the powder, and a part of the shell was driven backward.

### Another St. Louis Sensation.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 30.—The parties involved in the shooting affray briefly referred to last night, were Frank T. Iglehart, formerly cashier in the banking house of Bartholow, Lewis & Co., very highly connected, and Mr. Rush H. Tevis, a well known merchant. Iglehart and a lady closely veiled, came from a house on Singleton street, known as an assignation house, early last evening, when Tevis and a companion who, it seems, had been lying in wait, appeared from an alley near the house. Tevis fired at Iglehart, wounding him, but not dangerously, in the arm. The latter fell, and the woman helped him up, while the assassins ran to a livery stable a block away, and procuring their rig, which had been left there, drove rapidly off. Iglehart, supported by the lady, waded a few blocks, when a passing carriage was hailed and they were driven to the former's residence. The lady then drove away in the carriage. It is supposed the man with Tevis was a private detective, and that the lady was Tevis's wife, and that it was his intention to kill Iglehart. All the parties are very reticent, but the affair has caused much excitement, as the persons involved are all well known and highly connected. Mrs. Tevis was a Miss Reese, and is a niece of General Sherman, also niece of the late Judge Samuel Reber. Her father is a colonel in the United States army. Mr. and Mrs. Tevis had a meeting this morning, and they have separated, he taking the only child, a little girl three years of age, and will institute proceedings for divorce immediately, which will be allowed to go by default. The bones of Mr. Iglehart's left arm are shattered below the elbow. The ball ranged upward, but the wound is not serious. The scandal is the topic of general conversation to-day.

### A Prospective Lunch on Crew.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The democrats as a rule do not hesitate to express their disgust at the fact that Ben Butler has crowded his way to the front as a presidential aspirant. An eastern democratic member who saw Butler a few days ago, says that he feels that he is in a commanding position, and does not propose to be crowded from it without a struggle. "As the head of the democratic party in the old Bay state," said this gentleman, "Butler will have to be recognized as a prominent figure in democratic national politics. He is a shrewder man than Cleveland, and has had the advantage of a much larger experience. I predict that Butler will crowd Cleveland off the track and force himself upon the democratic party as its candidate in 1884. This will necessitate the consumption of an immense amount of crew, but it will go down."

### Swallowed up by the Atlantic.

HALIFAX, Nov. 30.—The steamship Cedar Grove, from London for Halifax and St. John, N. B., struck the ledge off Cape Canso at three this morning, during a gale, and sunk an hour later in ten fathoms of water. Three boats were launched shortly after the vessel struck, two of which, containing thirteen people, reached the shore safely. The remaining boat has not been heard from, and it is feared she has been lost in the breakers. Among the missing are the captain, chief officer and Miss Fairal, a passenger. There was so much confusion just be-

fore the vessel went down, that it is not known whether the persons named were in the missing boat, or went down with the steamer.

### Not Snowed Under.

LEAVENWORTH, Nov. 30.—A committee appointed by the state temperance convention, consisting of Albert Griffin, Joseph Rastall and M. M. Beck, issue an address to-day to the effect that the recent election in Kansas does not go to show that the cause of prohibition has been completely snowed under, but that it is to be attributed rather to the fact that the temperance people imagined that all their work was done when the amendment and the laws to enforce it were passed. A state temperance convention is therefore called to meet at Topeka, January 9 and 10, 1883, to discuss the present situation and to lay plans for the future, and an earnest appeal is made for temperance people to again rally under the banner of prohibition.

### The Quarrelling Managers.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Merrill, of the St. Paul, says he intends now to carry the railroad war into Africa. The other side shall have all they want. He said the demands of the Rock Island road were unreasonable. The earnings of his road during the week, which included the first three days of the war, only fell off one thousand dollars. He now proposes to make such reduction in time to St. Paul that the Rock Island road cannot meet it, namely: To leave Chicago at 8:30 a. m., and arrive at St. Paul at 9:30 p. m., reducing running time six hours, and obviate sleeping cars. It is expected other measures will follow on either side, and the war be hotter for the future than ever.

### The Rush for Dakota.

HURON, D. T., Nov. 30.—While the rush of settlers to this section is truly marvelous some of the reports which have appeared in eastern papers are erroneous, and dispatches sent from here have been garbled. The true magnitude of the increase of population may be judged from the business of the Huron land office. During the first forty days it was in operation 479,200 acres were entered. These entries represent an increase of population of about 10,000 in the few counties composing this district alone, in a little over a month, and this during the winter season. This growth of population is astonishing and demonstrates that Dakota will ere long have a million inhabitants.

### The Grand Forks Herald's Libel Suit.

GRAND FORKS, D. T., Nov. 30.—In the Herald libel suit for \$10,000, brought by J. P. Casselman, the defendants demurred, alleging that the complaint did not state facts sufficient to constitute a libel, and that the said offense alleged to have been made by the defendant was not a libel. The judge sustained the demurrer, which is really a decision in favor of the Herald. It is said that the plaintiff will appeal.

### A Preacher's Bad Taste.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—At the union Thanksgiving service to-day of the Methodist congregations in the Metropolitan memorial church, the Rev. C. Herbert Richardson, pastor of the McKendree Methodist church, preached a sermon, a large part of which was a vigorous plea for the defendants in the star route cases, and a sharp criticism of the methods of the government and prosecuting officers to secure their conviction.

### Chicago Lotteries.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—The law prohibiting the sale of lottery tickets has become a dead letter here, as the business is being openly conducted and freely advertised by ornate signs and signs. Some of the dealers frankly confess that they pay large sums for illegitimate protection.

### Telegraphic Tickets.

It is reported that Public Printer Bounds will resign.

Chicago iron men deny that a Bessemer steel ring exists in the west.

T. M. Wright & Co., grain commission brokers of St. Louis, have failed.

McVeagh's letter to President Arthur is making much talk in Washington.

### A New York Dispatch Reports over 7,000 Hollanders on their way to Dakota.

Col. Bodine has tendered his resignation as captain of the American rifle team.

Nelson's official majority over Kindred is 4,718, in the fifth Minnesota district.

The junketing tour of the tariff commission will cost the country about \$75,000.

The Indiana supreme court has declared the Vincennes lottery an illegal enterprise.

Baron Otto Theodore Von Manteuffel is dead. He was a Prussian statesman of some distinction.

Uncle Hannibal Hamlin, United States minister to Spain, is en route home to spend the holidays.

A London dispatch says a steamer has foundered off Fort Reath, and eleven of the crew were drowned.

Congressman Updegraff, of Ohio, who has for some time past been seriously sick, is now recovering.

Republicans in Washington believe the speakership contest has narrowed down to Randall and Carlisle.

Emmie Crown, a C. M. & St. P., brakeman, was run over by the cars at La Crosse, Tuesday night, and killed.

Blicking's glass factory at Pittsburg, was destroyed Tuesday morning by fire. Loss \$50,000; fully insured.

Two letter bags, containing the official correspondence from Bismarck, have been stolen while on the way to Berlin.

The "Bellevue medical college," of Boston, is found to be a snide institution which makes a living by selling bogus diplomas.

General Andrew S. Horrow, congressman elect of the Sixth district of Louisiana, died very suddenly Tuesday night of heart disease.

The great pine land sale which comes off next Monday at Duluth, is creating considerable excitement, and land seekers are numerous there.

The building burned at Brainerd was owned by the North Pacific company, and was worth about \$6,000. The hotel goods were owned by Wirt & Clayton, and were valued at \$18,000; insurance, \$11,000.

## MANDAN'S MISFORTUNE.

### THE TOWN IS VISITED BY A \$20,000 FIRE

Three Hotels, a Restaurant, a Hardware Store and a Grocery House Devoured—The Bismarck Firemen to the Rescue.

### The Particulars.

At about 9:30 Wednesday morning fire was discovered in the restaurant of Mack & Drury, Mandan, supposed to have caught from a defective stove, and in less than five minutes the building was in flames. The wind was high and the flames spread both ways. The terror-stricken people worked like heroes, but beyond saving a few goods it was of no avail. A row of stores, where eight per cent insurance is paid as good a thing as a fire wants. Mack and his wife barely escaped with their lives. Next door east was P. H. Byrne's three story hotel, the Commercial, around which the fiery demon lapped his tongue and yawned for more. The Mandan house followed the Commercial, and to the west was the Pacific house, Strong, Hackett & Co.'s hardware store, and O'Ruarc & McGillic's grocery, on the corner, the building being threatened, and but for a sudden shift of the wind another block of buildings would have been in ashes. The fire was finally checked by tearing down a building next to the land office of T. J. Mitchell. The Emerson institute was saved by good work, and is probably well insured by this time, as will be a great many other institutions, now that the horse is stolen." About 10:30 Superintendent Taylor, of the Missouri division, seeing that the fire was likely to spread rapidly, and the town having no fire engine, being almost entirely at his mercy,

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for assistance, Mayor Raymond responded quickly, and the tap of the fire bell was sufficient to draw out the firemen and a hundred or two volunteers to aid the distressed city. Agent Davidson had a couple of flat cars and a switch engine in readiness, and in less than fifteen minutes after receipt of the message asking for assistance, the train was moving toward the bridge, and in exactly thirty-five minutes halted in front of the fire in Mandan. Although the flames were by this time under control, the boys took the engine off the cars and demonstrated what they might have done had they been telegraphed for an hour sooner. The Bismarckers were courteously treated on every side, and through the kind invitation of the Inter-Ocean hotel, were served with a good dinner before returning to the metropolis.

### THE LOSSES.

The following are the losses and insurances: O'Ruarc & McGillic, grocers, building and stock, loss \$1,400; insurance, \$3,500; John Whalen, building \$700; no insurance; Strong, Hackett & Co. stock, loss \$400; insurance, \$2,000; W. O. Winston, building, loss \$1,000; E. Buckley, building and furniture, loss \$5,000; insurance, \$5,000; P. H. Byrne, building and furniture, loss \$4,000; insurance, \$1,200; John Mack, stock and building, loss \$1,500; O. S. Goff, building, loss \$400; Mandan house, Michael Keating, loss \$4,000.

### FIRE BRANDS.

P. H. Byrne will open his hotel in the opera house temporarily. He had about 300 bushels of potatoes in the cellar of his burned building, which was more than his boarders could eat baked at one time. O'Ruarc & McGillic immediately moved into one of the Vinton bricks, at the west end of town.

W. A. Willson, formerly of Bismarck, escaped luckily. He had about concluded the purchase of the hardware store of Strong, Hackett & Co., and three hours more would have seen the trade consummated. However, he did lose his coat and \$300 in money, which he had in his coat pocket.

John Whalen went over to Mandan last evening to make arrangements for rebuilding. Goff will probably also rebuild.

Bismarck responded nobly, and Mandan would have done as well had the tables been turned.

Mandan will probably now negotiate for an engine, and there being a scarcity of water a chemical one is what they want.

### The Mandan Widow.

The TRIBUNE has a letter for the Mandan widow who wants a husband. The letter enclosing it shows that the writer is in earnest, and if she will send her address she will be able to catch something worth having.

### Letta Wins a Lawsuit.

BORON, Nov. 30.—Letta, the actress, in an equity suit against Bonj. F. Randall & Co., with which firm she was in partnership in cotton speculations, was awarded \$15,000. Letta claimed \$21,000.

### A Bozeman special of the 29th inst.

says: This evening at sundown the end of the track was three miles east of Benson's Landing. It is expected that the railroad will reach Bozeman before the advent of another year. The town presents a very lively appearance and our merchants expect a big commercial boom next summer.

It has just been discovered that \$3,000 worth of tickets were stolen from the Washburn railway ticket office, in Adrian, Mich., Oct. 15th last, by E. F. Howell, who was assigned to the office last year, and became quite popular.