

Indiana in some parts of Oregon offering pots for sale at from \$2.40 to \$7 apiece. The high water prevented the usual run of salmon in the big rivers and this has meant a great loss to the Indians, many being practically ruined thereby.

The hours at Millis fed like the usual rabbit who the Spaniards turned a search light on them. This is a much less expensive method than dynamite and, as it is much more harmless, it is far preferable. When the search light comes to have an effect the Spaniards should turn the beam on them.

That bumptious justice back in Hartford who sent to jail a poor man, ignorant of court etiquette, merely because he did not remain seated when within a step or two of the outer door, ought to be made to hear every time he walks the street a chorus of gamins whistling, "Every body take their hat off to me."

American women are yearly growing more independent. The statistics show that over 3,000,000 women are earning independent incomes in this country. There are some 2,500 practicing medicine, 6,000 managing business, 474 practicing law, and in New York city alone 27,000 of them supporting their husbands.

Merrett because a New York foot ball player drove his head into the face of a lady, was sentenced to jail. It is no reason why the great game should not still command the public's attention if decently conducted. Incidents will happen in any field of sport. There is only one menace of foot ball's popularity, and that is the danger.

Just as a prisoner came into court in San Francisco to have a state set for trial a lawyer was cited to the record of a Michigan murder case, in which the defendant had been the very prisoner in question. Some people call this a coincidence. In the mind of the prisoner, however, it is ranked as a nearly bad luck. It would kill a tragic poet.

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Washington's history as a model for street cars is gradually proving its soundness. The practicability of this motive power was long in doubt, but it seems now to be only a question of time when an electric street car will be run without wheels. It is announced that in New York an experiment with six storage battery cars running on the Second avenue line has been completely successful and that other cars are to be added.

The and news comes from England that a new vehicle is being brought out, capable of one thousand variations, and suitable at a distance of two miles. The effect is produced by placing inside of the metal body a number of revolving discs. When the discs revolve, handorgans, street lamps, electric car gears, and this new invention of the devil, some of us will begin to envy the inmates of the mad and dumb asylums before very long.

The assassin Zverger has a general with his attorney, in that he strenuously objects to a plea of insanity being entered in his behalf. He does not talk about this insanity, but he is not intelligent, and with as much sagacity as an ordinary man would discuss the merits of a dinner. He speaks justification and wants that plea entered. The mayor had promised an appointment and a corporation entered, and because the promise was not kept he killed him.

At a recent meeting of the Quill club in New York Charles Emory Smith, ex-United States minister to Russia, said that a representative of a great industrial power in St. Petersburg remarked to him that he considered the three great countries to be China, Russia and the United States, which has the whole Western hemisphere in its grasp. In extent of territory and population they are already the greatest. Great Britain's conglomerate races scattered over the globe do not count in his estimate.

The Chicago Record urges as one powerful argument why there should be an uninterrupted waterway between the West and the Atlantic seaboard, that it would afford the West relief from the extortion of the hard coal combine which now controls the price everywhere in that it controls the railroads. It is estimated that if the ship canal were constructed it would give the Western metropolis bituminous coal at say \$2 a ton, which would necessarily break the price of anthracite not only in the East but in the West.

A new Eastern fad for women is said to be the setting of diamonds and other precious stones in the teeth. This is perhaps a little queer since the custom of the barbaric oriental tribes who stain their teeth black and file them to sharp points.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

The Joint Resolutions Providing for a Commission Reported Favorably. THE ARIZONA STATEHOOD BILL PASSES. The House Under Whip and Spur—The Conflict Over the Kansas Statehood—Urgency Decision Bill Reported.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce after listening to arguments by Mr. Morgan of Alabama and Mr. Frye of Maine reported favorably the joint resolution providing for the Doolittle of Washington for the appointment of a joint commission of three senators and six members to investigate the present status of the Nicaragua canal project. Senator Morgan recalled at length the past history of the enterprise and its struggle to obtain government recognition. He thought the time had come when it should be decided whether the United States would aid the project or abandon it altogether. He declared the world was determined to have the canal, and if the United States should not build it some other nation would. He pointed out the advantages of the control of the canal by the United States, and earnestly hoped the resolution would be adopted. Mr. Frye also spoke in favor of the resolution. He stated that the government which controls the Nicaragua canal would also control the Hawaiian islands and it would be useless for this country to acquire the islands unless the control of the canal was assured.

Hushed in Through. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the lower house yesterday the bill for the admission of Arizona was put through under whip and spur, and the bill for the admission of New Mexico was well under way, when a debate was precipitated that lasted until adjournment. The bulk of the eastern opposition to the admission of Arizona, as expressed by Mr. Bingham, is predicated on the theory that while the eastern states, rich in wealth and strong in population, are able to hold their own in the house, where the basis of representation is the population, the admission of Arizona, which is ranked as a nearly bad luck. It would kill a tragic poet.

Utah Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house received itself into a committee of the whole for consideration of the bill for the admission of Utah. Mr. Kilgore opened the debate in advocacy, explaining the conditions of the bill. He reviewed the resources of the state, the character of the population, the political declarations of both parties in the national platforms favoring the admission of Utah. Mr. Rawlins said he was willing to accept the amendment proposed by Mr. Powers of Vermont, providing "that polygamous marriages shall forever be prohibited." Adjourned.

Bankruptcy Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Congressman Bailey yesterday favorably reported from the judiciary committee his voluntary bankruptcy bill. A vote was taken on the bill in the committee and it was defeated by one vote, but one of the members changed his vote so that the bill could be brought before the house. There was no antagonism to the bill because of any particular characteristic of it, but there seemed to be a decided opposition to any and all kinds of bankruptcy bills.

Wanted Information. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house committee on foreign relations has agreed to favorably report the resolution of Congressman Hitt, calling on the president to furnish all the instructions, etc., given to Messrs. Willis and Blount. The resolution was amended so as to include such instructions as may have been given to Stevens, minister to Hawaii, by Blaine or other officers during the days of the last administration.

Senate on Hawaii. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Hawaiian question was again the subject of an animated and interesting discussion in the senate. Mr. Blount's report was characterized as containing "not one line of unvarnished truth" by Senator Frye, while Senator Vest of Missouri declared he opposed the annexation of the islands and the restoration of the queen by force.

Kansas Senatorship. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The senate committee on privileges and elections has begun an investigation of the election of John Martin of Kansas as a member of the United States senate. The investigation was conducted by Joseph W. Ady, who claims to have been elected in the place of Martin to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Plumb.

Day Wasted. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The house was deadlocked for two hours yesterday by the refusal of the Republicans to vote on the motion to go into committee on the bill for the admission of the Arizona statehood bill. Mr. Wheeler made a statement to the effect that as the Republicans were filibustering he would move an adjournment. Accordingly the house adjourned.

Home Programs. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The house committee on rules met yesterday morning and decided to give the committee on territories time to dispose of the bills for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico. Holiday adjournment was discussed, but no date was fixed. It is believed, however, that the adjournment will be taken next Friday.

Ady vs. Martin. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The order passed by the senate committee on privileges and elections gives Mr. Ady thirty days after the 1st of January in which to file his testimony and briefs and Mr. Martin thirty days more for filing briefs on his side and rebuttal testimony, when the committee will take the question.

Anti-Options. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Representative Hatch will introduce his anti-option bill which will practically make the same measure as passed the senate of the Fifty-second congress, except some rates of taxation may be reduced in order that it will not be a prohibitive measure, but plainly a revenue bill.

To Ours on Tariff. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Although forty members of the house have requested a caucus on the tariff bill, it is not sure the bill will receive such consideration. Chairman Holman of the caucus, to whom the request was presented, immediately held a conference with Chairman Wilson of the ways and means committee, but nothing was definitely agreed upon. Holman was taken sick before the conference ended and went home. If Holman should not recover before the bill is reported it is not likely that he will issue a call for a caucus. They believe that forty or fifty Democrats can be found who will vote with the Republicans and thereby the bill will be amended in the house.

THE CATTLE FEVER CASE

Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Mulcted For \$45,000 by a Kansas Jury. THE CHINESE CONSPIRACY TRIAL LIVELY.

EMPORIA, Kan., Dec. 16.—The jury in the Texas fever cattle case returned a verdict of \$45,000 against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road for having last May carried for Hooper Bros. 250 head of Texas cattle from Midland, Tex., to Hartford, Kan., from the importation of which Texas fever was communicated to Kansas cattle. The jury also found that the question of law at issue in the case is a vital one to transportation lines and stockmen, and is one which has never been decided by the United States supreme court. The supreme court has held that the Missouri law prohibiting the importation of Texas cattle is void and that the Iowa law making the owners of cattle communicating disease responsible is valid. In this case, however, the Kansas law imposing a sanitary quarantine on the cattle and the road had complied with all the state and national quarantine laws, so that making the road liable under the circumstances is a new departure.

A Fierce Encounter. POTOSI, I. T., Dec. 15.—Wednesday night the robber entered at Brazil, a small village twelve miles west of here, and purchased \$30 worth of goods, among the articles eight feet of small rope. When the clerk, Howard Martin, demanded the price for the goods the robber covered him with a sixshooter and commanded him to lay face downward on the floor, when he proceeded to tie his hands behind him with the rope. The clerk being helpless, the robber broke open the money drawer, securing \$2,000, then proceeded to rob the postoffice, which is in the same house. He broke three registered letters, falling to obtain any money he attempted to break open the safe, but did not succeed. The robber was then seen to take his arms full of goods to his wagon, 400 yards away, each time compelling the clerk to march in front of him at the front of his revolver. The clerk fearing that he would be murdered if he attempted to resist, he fled. The robber was seen to take his arms full of goods to his wagon, 400 yards away, each time compelling the clerk to march in front of him at the front of his revolver. The clerk fearing that he would be murdered if he attempted to resist, he fled.

President Protes Army. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In an interview yesterday Minister Mendonca of Brazil, said: "Instead of having only 6000 men, as a London cable says, President Peixoto has 16,000 men at Rio well armed, drilled and equipped. The conscription law is being enforced in unbroken militancy and progress might be applied to the heroic garrison which defended Niteroy three months. That garrison was made up of about eighty militiamen, and yet held the town. If eighty militiamen did that sort of defense President Peixoto can make with 16,000 of the same class of fighters."

The French Bomb Thrower. PARIS, France, Dec. 11.—After a day of great excitement following the explosion of the bomb in the chamber of deputies, the authorities have announced that the bomb thrower is named Marchal, alias Valliant. He has made a full confession. News of the effect that the bomb thrower is in the hands of the police was circulated in the United States, but the report was not confirmed until the official announcement was made yesterday evening. Marchal, so it appears, was among the injured persons taken to the Hotel Dieu, a large hospital, in Paris. Marchal placed his arms under suspicion of the authorities and pressed by the prefect of police, decided to make a full confession and did so, glorying in the dastardly crime. When questioned as to the reasons for his act, he said he regretted his deed and wished to atone for it. He lived to deal a thoroughly dramatic blow at institutions and cause a great sensation. I endeavored to aim the bomb at Dupuy, president of the chamber. I glory in the act and only regret my hand swerved and the bomb did not explode near the mark."

Chinese Conspiracy Trial. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—In the Chinese conspiracy trial yesterday Hitt testified that about March 1, 1893, he paid Collector Lotan and Special Agent of the Treasury Mulkey \$3800. He said about July 1 last Lotan, Thompson, himself and others were in a saloon several times and determined to try and prevent any indictments being found by the grand jury. "We even went so far," said he, "as to pick out certain members of the grand jury that each man should see and try to handle. All these parties asked me to stand pat and I agreed to do it."

Runners of Bribery. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 14.—Runners have been flying thick and fast the past few days of bribery in the city. A contract for \$125,000 for city electric lighting, the rumors were confirmed last night by the arrest of Reed M. Davall, representing the Ozark and Fort Wayne Electric Light company, or giving a bribe, and Councilman Wilbur for accepting the same. Both men were arraigned and pleaded not guilty and were released on bond.

Mother and Sons Indicted. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Elmer B. Floyd and sons, Lon and Frank, have been jointly indicted on the charge of complicity with Phil Scheig in robbing the bank of Minneapolis of \$25,000. Mrs. Floyd was arrested yesterday. It is believed that the Floyds, mother and sons, became possessed of knowledge of Scheig's perulations three years ago and used their knowledge to extort money from him.

Burned by Natural Gas. ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 16.—A crowd of men drilling for gas for the Indiana Gas and Manufacturing Gas company were seriously burned, one fatally. John Shively was burned to death. Frank Beaver and Henry McCarty of Indianapolis, James Davis, William Hilligoss, John Closer, S. Weber and G. Goodwin were painfully burned. Hilligoss and Closer will die.

Miners' Secret Convention. PITTSBURGH, Kan., Dec. 12.—Information concerning the miners' convention, held Saturday night behind closed doors, is leaking out. It has been ascertained that Walter Walters tendered his resignation as president of the United Iron Workers' association and it was accepted.

Mixed the Mail. COUNCIL BLIFFS, La., Dec. 14.—The officers of the perpetual maturity bond association, a concerning bond business in this city, have been placed under arrest by the federal authorities for the improper use of the mails, the business being conducted on the lottery plan.

Fatal Accident. PARK CITY, Utah, Dec. 12.—A wagon containing twenty-five people, on the way to a cemetery Sunday morning, capsized and fifteen of its occupants were injured, John S. Fargo, Stanton Rolley and John Sprague fatally.

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While loading a barge with shells a few miles below Orange on the bank of the Sabine river, some laborers unearthed twenty human skeletons and earthed by the size of the bones they were evidently men of giant stature. Some of the bones of the forearm were almost the length of a man's entire arm. A small pot and pieces of broken pottery were also unearthed. The laborers claim that there are many numbers of skeletons but that they found about four feet below the surface.

Nash Clay and Blake Miller, two boys under 15 years of age, both sons of respectable parents, fought a desperate duel at Waco recently in the wagon party. Their weapons were Barlow knives. Both received ghastly flesh wounds. Nash Clay has a cut entirely across the back and Blake Miller's chief wound is along the back, parallel with the spinal column. They fought under a tree and each struck over each others shoulders in cutting. The wounds are not dangerous.

The case of the state of Texas vs. R. B. Bentfro, H. L. McCabe, E. R. Headly, Charles Schuster, Jesse Bennett, Andrew Cavases and Julian Gruman, charged with murder in the Corpus Christi case, has just been tried in Corpus Christi and the defendants acquitted. The cost amounted to \$15,000, which the state pays.

Petitions along the line of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road are reported as being signed by business men asking the state to become a takeover, probably by intervention, in the case between the Katy and the International and Great Northern over the Galveston, Houston and Henderson lease.

Charles Peepers of Weber, Goliad county, was assassinated recently while on his way home from Cuern. He was found about three miles from Meyersville, in his wagon, with three bullets in his body and his head smashed. His horses had run away with the wagon and injured it some.

William Cottatt, a young business man of Carmine, Washington county, was calling on Miss Weyland, near Burton recently, when he became jealous of the attentions of a rival and, walking out on the gallery, stabbed himself three times in the left breast. His recovery is doubtful.

Railroad Commissioner McLean tendered his resignation when Judge McCormick decided the commission law unconstitutional. Judge McCormick had not yet been pronounced by the court, but Commissioner McLean has refused to receive any pay since he tendered his resignation.

The committee representing the citizens of Hillsboro in the round-house and shop matters has replied to the demand for the return of the round-house and shop matters has replied to the demand of ground by submitting a counter proposition proposing to donate the company seventy-five acres of the desired ground.

J. G. Randle stands charged with the murder of Ed S. Randall at Dallas. His widow sued him for \$50,000. The suit just has been pronounced by T. J. Wacker, the railway company's resident physician at Cleburne, and brothers-in-law to Col. J. A. Styson of the state militia, also an old settler of Johnson county. His sons, Roy and Moss, were present at the time of the shooting. The cause of the shooting is not clear, but it is believed that the passenger depot at the time of an incoming train he was blinded by the headlight on the engine. When he fell, he was wounded and had two large artery pistols, one in each hand, and both mostly discharged. Officers went to the scene of the shooting.

A Physician Killed. CLEBURNE, Tex., Dec. 14.—Train No. 2 on the main line of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad ran over and killed Dr. John Wagner at Cleburne Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. Dr. Wagner was a resident of Cleburne, and was on his way to his home in Dallas. He was a resident physician at Cleburne, and brothers-in-law to Col. J. A. Styson of the state militia, also an old settler of Johnson county. His sons, Roy and Moss, were present at the time of the shooting. The cause of the shooting is not clear, but it is believed that the passenger depot at the time of an incoming train he was blinded by the headlight on the engine. When he fell, he was wounded and had two large artery pistols, one in each hand, and both mostly discharged. Officers went to the scene of the shooting.

Followed by a Panther. VAIN ALSTINE, Tex., Dec. 14.—Messrs. J. B. Howell, Rex Moore and E. J. Gibson returned from a country dance about four miles north of town last night and report a startling experience with a panther, which has inhabited this section for some time. The young men having just hitched up their team preparatory to returning to town were alarmed by the blood-curdling cries of a wild beast coming from a thicket in a few feet of the country. The men scrambled into the buggy and drove rapidly homeward, but were followed over a mile by the animal, which made their way and night hideous by its continuous cries. A party of hunters spent the day in the woods for the animal, but could not find it.

Fatally Burned. GREENVILLE, Tex., Dec. 15.—J. C. Richardson, one of the oldest settlers in the county, living two miles west of Floyd, fell in the fire Monday afternoon and was so badly burned before he was discovered that he died after being taken out of the fire. The family had left the house for awhile, leaving the old gentleman alone. He had evidently tried to pass in front of the fireplace, when he tumbled and fell on the burning coals. His face and breast were horribly burned.

Had No License. SAN DIEGO, Tex., Dec. 12.—A tall, well dressed Mexican, who claims his name to be Pablo Ramirez, is now in jail here. He was arrested for peddling without license, and, failing to pay his fine, he was committed. The sheriff learned from Dr. Gonzales that Ramirez is not the prisoner's name; that it is Ruiz. A man of that name is wanted in Mexico for murder. Gonzales has returned to Mexico with the news of this arrest.

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