BIG FIRE IN WINONA.

Destruction of the Entire Plant of the Mill Company A Severe Blow.

Twenty-Five Miners Entombed by a Cave-In in a Mine Near Wilkesbarre, Pa.

WINONA, Special Telegram.—The disastrous fire which totally destroyed the plant of the Winona Mill company early this morning, was the general topic upon the streets. It was not only a severe blow to the stockholders but is felt to be a calamity which Winona can ill afford to stand. This city has been unusually unfortunate by fire losses, the conflagrations of less than a year footing up in round numbers nearly $1,000,000. Winona has been fortunate, however, in possessing men of indomitable pluck, and it is to be hoped the stockholders of the mill company may be able to accept their losses the same as did the Laird-Norton company and the L. C. Porter Milling company, as severe calamities from which to rise again with renewed energy. While there have beeu some features discouraging to the thoughts of rebuilding at the present time, is is known that some of the heaviest stockholders favor rebuilding immediately after a settlement with the insurance companies. The mill, which was the third largest in the world, was in reality too large to be successfully operated, and it is probable a mill of smaller capacity, possibly 1,600 barrels a day, will be put up, if any. The dicectors of the company held a meeting this afternoon, the proceedings of which are not made public, but it is known that the matter of rebuilding was generally discussed and an adjournment taken until Saturday. The correspondent of the Northwestern Miller was authorized to say that the mill would be rebuilt in all probability. The loss of the mill company, as near as can be estimated, is now placed at $365,000 on mill, elevator, grain and flour. The insurance foots up $203.000, all but $13,000 of which is in mutual companies.

ENTOMBED IN A MINE.

Fatal and Destructive Cave-in in a Mine Near Wilkesbarre, Pa.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Special. A cave-in occurred to-day near Ashley in No. 6 mine, operated by the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal company, by which twenty-five men were entombed in the mine. The cave-in extends over a half-mile square, and includes a portion of the thickly settled village called Lafett's Patch. A large number of houses went down with the surface, but only a few of them were badly damaged. The following is a list of men who are known to be imprisoned:

Ellis D. Williams, Harry Parry, Owen Parry, Michael Henry, Thomas C. Davis, John Scally, Michael Scally, David Sullivan, John Hanson, John Allen, taken out seriously burned; Robert W. Roberts, taken out fatally burned; Harry Jones, Robert Prichard, Charles James, Anthony Froyne, rescued fatally burned; John Williams, Jonathan Williams, Richard Jones, William Edwards, Thomas J. Williams, Thomas Clauss, Owen Williams, John Hempsey, Frank Gallagher, John Renning and two Hungarians named Butts.

Rescuing parties went to work and succeeded in breaking through one of the chambers beneath the cave, and the charred and blackened form of Anthony Froyne, the first victim, was hoisted to the surface. He was still alive, but his injuries are considered fatal. When the news spread that Froyne was burned a feeling of gloom came over the old miners present, for they realized that there was little hope of his companions having escaped death. The rescuing party penetrated to within sight of two dead bodies, but gas was so thick that they were driven back to the surface. The place is full of black damp and further approach in the direction of the victims is impossible, even with a safety lamp. As it looks now very little hope is entertained that any of the men will be rescued alive. The men entombed are nearly all married and have large families all dependent on them for support, and the scene aaound the mouth of the pit is a heartrending one.

ON ITS MERITS.

Congressmen Asked Not to Mix Politics With the Subtreasuries Bill.

WASHINGTON, Special.—The hearing of the Farmers' alliance representatives was continued before the ways and means committee to-day, Mr. Livingston, the national lecturer of the organization, taking up the argument. He quoted President Lincoln's prophecy that corporations would be enthroned; that the property of the country would be concentrated, and that the republic itself would be overthrown. Thank God the last prediction had not been fulfilled. But the others had been. One-twentieth of the people of this country owned three-fifths of the property. He also quoted Garfield, Jefferson and Calhoun, and said that what they had recommended was just what the alliance asked. If congress refused to approve the subtreasury plan, then let it remove the restrictions hedging in the national banking system. It would be a godsend to this country to pass the subtreasury bill, for the reason, if for no other, that there would not be a bucket shop left in the United States. The day of speculation in crops would be done away with, and the producer and consumer would be brought together. Sixteen millions would build all the warehouses the alliance wanted. What good were river and harbor improvements to the debt-ridden, oppressed farmer? In conclusion, he said that if the committee thought that the landed basis was the best; if they could not accept the crop basis, let them put it in the bill. Do something to relieve the farmers. Report the bill to the house in some shape, so that it could be acted upon. Don't make it a question of tariff or of politics, but let the bill stand on its merits.

LOCAL TAXATION.

The Bill Passes its Second Reading in the House of Commons.

LONDON, Special. Sir Wilfred Lawson, resuming the debate on the local taxation bill in the house of commons this evening, denounced the compensation scheme, which, he said, would lead to an immensity of evils, involving further public degradation, corruption and bribery. Home Secretary Matthews defended the compensation clause on the ground of expediency and legality. Mr. Gladstone said he gave Mr. Goschen credit for sincerity in his attempt to lessen the evils of the liquor trade, but the means proposed were utterly futile and dangerous as well. The scheme might be described as a bill for the endowment of public houses. It was argued that the money for the purchase of public houses would be derived from drink itself. Ever since he had known anything about the country's finances it had been a recognized principle that a duty which would most limit the consumption should be imposed upon spirits. Therefore the highest duty that could be levied was pre-engaged by the public funds already. At the most, the bill would produce but a trifling restriction upon the number of public houses without a corresponding reduction of the actual traffic. The measure was so framed that it would paralyze every valuable principle embodied in the existing law and throw back the temperance cause indefinitely. Mr. Caine's motion to reject the bill was lost, and the bill passed its second reading.

RANDOLPH FOUND.

Chicago's Board of Trade Man Turns up in Portland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore., Special Telegram—Charles Randolph, ex-president, and ex-secretary of the Chicago board of trade, who mysteriously disappeared from home April 23, has shown up in Portland. A letter with a Portland postmark was received from him by a friend in Chicago, and this was the first known regarding his whereabouts. an article in the Oregonian this morning stating tdat he was suspected of being in the city, sailing under an alias, had the effect of smoking him out. He strolled into the office this afternoon and give an account of himself. He said he had been in Portland several weeks, and did not know any one was worried about him.

"How did I happen to leave Chicago so sud denly?" he said, and a vague, far away expression came over his face. "Well, I don't know. There is no need of asking, for you know as well as I. The circumstances of leaving is a blank to me. Know I was sick and must have left on the impulse of the moment. I will never know how. I know I was sick, tired and worn out. I have been under the harrow forty years and the old machinery shows signs of wear. I came here, engaged a room and propose to remain several weeks for my health. I shall not send for my family.

As Randolph was secretary of the Chicago board of trade fifteen years, once its president, also secretary of the National board of trade and president of the American Fire-Proof Steel Car company, his mysterious disappearance gave rise to fears of foul play. Dispatches were sent all along the coast. He is sixty-two years of age.

LABOR TROUBLES.

A Strike in the Building Trades Expected in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Special.—A big strike in the building trades is expected here. The stonemasons' union has become dissatisfied with the way the proprietors of quarries have been replacing strikers with cheap laborers, and it is reported that all masons will be called out. A strike of the stonemasons will force the carpenters and the allied trades to quit work.

CHICAGO, Spcieal—The striking iron molders at the Malleable iron works claim that the statements made by the management as to the resumption of work by several hundred men are false. The chairman of the strike committee declares that only twelve men went to work Tuesday, and most of them quit again yesterday. The strike of the tinners has been successful in every shop except one.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Special.—Fifty conductors and brakemen employed in the yards of the Valley Railway company in this city have struck for increased wages, and all freight business is at a standstill.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Special—All the newsgurated here to-day among the stone and brick masons for eight hours and ten hours' pay. One contractor granted the demand, but others are trying to get non-union men.

JOLIET, Ill., Special. A strike was inaupapers of this city to-day granted the demands of the typographical union for an increase in the price of composition.

POPE AND KING.

Restoration of the Temporal Power of the Plaintiff a Theme of Discussion.

LONDON, Special. The threatened promulgation by the pope of the dogma that the temporal power of the pontiff, of which the church was deprived by the advent of Victor Emanuel into Rome in 1871, is essential to the complete majesty of the viceregent of Christ on earth is the theme of discussion in Catholic circles on the continent. The fact that the Italian bishops opposed the promulgation of the dogma is not to be taken as evidence of their belief that the occupant of the chair of St. Peter should not be a temporal as well as a spiritual sovereign. The clergy of Italy are placed in a position of such peculiar delicacy with regard to expression of opinion on matters touching the relations of the church and the state that no positive declaration of approval could be expected from them, while the laity have long since fallen into a state of apathy as regards both pope and king, owing to the unchanging condition of the antagonism between the Vatican and the Quirinal, which the lapse of twenty years has not sufficed to mollify, or even change in character. Nothing short of overt hostilities between the Vatican and the government can arouse the people of Italy to active interest in the question whether the pope shall also be a king or whether he shall remain as he is, a virtual prisoner in the largest palace in the world.

CAUGHT IN A SCHEME.

A Tramp Nearly Wrecks a Train In Order to Secure a Reward.

PORTLAND, Or., Special Telegram,—An attempt was made to wreck the Tacoma-bound Northern Pacific train at Linton, seven miles north of this city. The train was suddenly flagged by a tramp named F. S. Taylor, who told a strange story of an encounter with train wreckers. He said that while walking on the road to Portland he saw three men piling old ties and fallen trees high on the track. When they saw him they put a pistol to his head and made him take a seat on a log and keep quiet while they proceeded with their work. Their work so engrossed them that he managed to slip away unnoticed just in time to prevent a terrible wreck. Taylor was taken aboard the train and treated like a prince. He was sent back from Centralia to-day and Sheriff Kelly took charge of him to get a description of the wreckers. Taylor claimed that he knew nothing about the country, but he was so minute in his details in describing the obstructions piled on the track that the sheriff suspected something. Finally, he turned to Taylor, saying: "D—n you, you did this" Taylor wilted, and confessed and told all. He said he piled the stuff on the track and prevented a wreck for the purpose of being richly rewarded by the company. He was arrested and is now in jail here. There were 200 passengers on the train.

RIOTOUS LIVING.

A Duluth Man Said to be Squandering His Money.

CHICAGO, Special Telegram, On the petition of C. A. Morrill & Co., wholesale tea and cigar dealers of this city, Judge Shepard granted a writ of ne exeat restricting Edward Burlingame from leaving the state. Prior to Oct. 1, 1889, the petition states, Burlingame was running a saloon at Duluth, and owed the petitioner $540. Since then he has paid $125, but is still indebted for the balance. Jan. 30, 1890, it is said, Burlingame deserted his wife and family in Duluth. He is now in the city, and, it is said, is engaged in spending several thousand dollars, which he has in his possession, in riotous living. The petitioners fear they will lose the amount due them if Burlingame is allowed to leave the state.

THE NORTHWEST.

A Summary of the Important Events of the Week in the Northwestern States.

MINNESOTA.

Goodhue county farmers will experiment in the culture of sugar beets this year.

The coming encampment of the Second and Third regiments, M. N. G., will be held at Lake City.

Domestic trouble caused Mrs. Matthew Rhinehardt, of Jefferson, to commit suicide by taking strychnine.

Cannon Falls has four saloons, but pool and billiards are not allowed to be played in them by order of the city council.

Merkle, the murderer, who was to have been tried at Worthington, has been adjudged insane and will be sent to the asylum.

A tramp, name unknown, who was stealing a ride, fell from the steps of the fast mail at Read's Landing, and was nearly killed.

By the fall of a scaffold at St. Paul four carpenters were thrown to the ground, a distance of thirty feet, and E. K. Van Hoben had several ribs broken and may die.

The report that the patients in the insane asylumn at Rochester had been poisoned by eating cannel meats is denied by Superintendent Phelps.

Walter Lively, a boy who was lost near Bluffton, was found in a creek dead. His horse had fallen on top of him and both died together.

Martin W. Johnson of Mudelia, formerly of St. Paul, was killed by being thrown out of a wagon, and one wheel passing over his chest.

A new pulp and paper mill, giving employment to 300 laborers, will be erected at Little Falls immediately by the Hennepin Paper company.

Mrs. Swenson, a Danish lady seventy-three years old, was found dead in Fountain lake near Albert Lea. It is thought that she accidently fell in the lake and drowned.

A new barn belonging to Martin Kiefer of Marion, burned together with farm machinery, 300 bushels of grain, etc. Loss, $1,300; insurance, $600.

George Buchan, who mortally wounded a man named Anderson at Minneapolis while walking on the street with the latter's wife, has been admitted to bail in the sum of $10,000.

Knut Kjorlei, living near Kenyon, died of la grippe. The disease was contracted early last winter, and from it he became blind and deaf and has been helpless since he was first taken sick.

The farmers of Cottonwood county have petitioned the governor to have an investigation made by the experimental station to discover the causes leading to the injury of the flax crop in that county year after year.

Samuel Squire, fifteen years old, the son of Thomas Squire, was killed by a light engine in the Detroit yards. He was cut in two and one hand torn off. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

The state board of health is attending to a large number of cases of glanders among horses in Kittson county. Doubtful cases are being guarantined, and in confirmed cases the animals are being slaughtered and burned.

Walter Lively, aged 14, has been missing from his home near Fergus Falls since May 5. He started out to look for cattle with a horse and dog, and, as the animals returned without him, it is feared he has met with an accident.

An investigation of the Schaefer tragedy at Mazeppa revealed the fact that Schaefer had killed his wife and child with a hammer, their heads being pounded out of recognition. He then took his own life by cutting his throat with a razor.

Ole Larsen, a wealthy Norwegian farmer living between Good Thunder and Mankato was instantly killed by being thrown from his wagon, the wheel striking his neck and breaking it. He was about seventy-five years old.

At the meeting of the Mankato presbytery recently the following resolution was introduced and will be considered at the fall meeting: "Whereas, Believing that the license system is the rock upon which the saloon rests, we therefore resolve that we will not support any organization that legalizes the saloon."

The Southern Minnesota Fair association has commenced active preparations for the coming fair in September next at Rochester. Premiums and purses to the sum of $15,000 have been offered, and already the outlook for the fastest string of horses is very promising. New buildings are to be erected and the grounds materially improved.

While the steamer Silver Crescent was lying at Lake City for repairs two of her crew got into a quarrel. One of the men was cut three times across the body just below the ribs, and if it had not been for the thick underclothing he had on the knife would have entered the stomach and death would have resulted. A physician was summoned and dressed the worst wound. The assailant fled.

A row in the courts is likely to occur over the meteor which fell near Forest City, Io. Prof. Winchel, of Albert Lea, went to the place where the aerolite was found and purchased it, but later it was replevied by other parties, and he returned to Albert Lea and secured bonds and an attorney and will make an effort to secure the prize by legal means. It is thought another meteor fell near Albert Lea, and students of the college are in search of it.

NORTH DAKOTA.

A big broom factory has been established at Grand Forks.

Oliver Dalrymple, the North Dakota "bonanza" farmer, is seeding a wheat field that covers an area of 13,000 acres.

The new Masonic temple at Fargo will be opened with a grand ball and banquet on the evening of June 16.

So far this season the auditor of La Moure county has paid bounties on 28,000 gopher tails, which at 3 cents per tail represents the neat sum of $840.

Asa Francis and wife, of Fargo, celebrated the 62nd anniversary of their wedding the other day. He is 90 years of age, while the partner of his joys and sorrows has reached the age of 87. Both enjoy good health and are the happiest old couple in North Dakota.

Col. Gearey, of the state Republican committee to meet in Fargo May 23 to discuss the time of holding the state convention. Chairman Leistikow of Grafton has called the Democratic state committee to meet in Fargo May 27 to decide on the date and place of that convention.

Col. Thompson, of Bismarck, lost a valuable stallion some time ago, and after a week's search found the animal imprisoned in an old well twelve feet deep. When rescued the animal was found to be uninjured, but was suffering terribly from hunger and thirst.

The private bankers of North Dakota to the number of thirty-three met at Fargo for conference with closed doors. They decided not to make a separate organization, but to work with the State Bank association. The new state bank law was discussed, also the usury question, exemptions and the taxation of banks under the new revenue law.

John Waugh, who was recently appointed Indian agent at Devils Lake, is in Washington looking after his confirmation. Since his appointment some of his enemies have led charges against him that he is not a good Christian gentleman and would be a bad shepherd for the Fort Totton flock of Sioux. He is ready to refute the charges.

Under United States Laws the States of North and South Dakota, Montana, Washington and Oregon are entitled to receive standard weights and measures; but at present the stock is exhausted. The superintendent of the geological survey has recommended an appropriation for an additional supply for these states.

The Fargo Agricultural college board have secured a forty-acre tract a half mile south of the city, appointed a local experimental board consisting of Jacob Lowell, Dr. Satterthwaite and James Holes, and authorized them to secure buildings for use in the city, employ a superintendent and go on with the work of the experimental station at once. The college proper will probably be organized this fall.

The railroad board announce they will instruct the attorney general to immediately commence action against the Great Northern to compel it to build a "Y" at Grand Forks connecting with the Northern Pacific, also to have it put in a side track at Burlington, for Colton's coal mine, furnish him cars, and charge the rate fixed by the legislature for hauling coal. They will also ask the written opinion of the attorney general on the subject of local freight rates out of Fargo.

A largely attended meeting of citizens at Mandon protested against the proposed abandonment of Fort Lincoln. A number of farmers said they settled there because of government protection, and if this was withdrawn they would be compelled to abandon their farms. Strong resolutions were passed expressing alarm at the disposition of the military department to abandon the fort with thousands of hostile Indians within a day's journey. Reports are at hand of similar meetings in the country, and great alarm is manifested.

According to the Napoleeon Homestead gopher hunting could be made a very profitable business in North Dakota. In some counties bounties are paid on tails, in others on ears, and in some of the "way-back" counties nothing less than legs will be taken as evidence of the sure death of the little pets. Thus in Logan county tails bring 3 cents, while in McIntosh ears quoted at 2 cents, Dickey county gives up 3 cents for four legs, making an aggregate of 8 cents in bounties for one gopher. There is no necessity for a boy going without circus money in North Dakota.

The supreme court handed down its decision in the assessor case at Bismarck. The revenue law, section 30, in dispute, abolishing the use of county assessor, was sustained, Judge Lauder being thereby reversed. The court holds that the office is a legislative office and section 10 of the schedule in connection, which provides that "all county and precinct officers shall hold their offices for the term for which they were elected," does not prohibit the legislature from abolishing the office. The new revenue law creates district assessors and this case was an appeal from Ransom county, wherein the county assessor refused to vacate.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Canton City council has decided to open negotiations with parties desiring a franchise to put in a system of water-works.

It is expected that 4,000 Russians will settle in McPherson and adjoining counties this season.

The welcome rains of the past few days have been general throughout South Dakota and the ground is reported to be in excellent crop condition.

It is expected that every county in South Dakota east of the Missouri will be represented at the state irrigation convention to be held in Woonsocket, June 4.

A bad boy in the Plankington reform school is 16 years old, weighs 200 pounds and shoots up into the air 6 feet and 3 inches.

A man named Patterson was sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment in the Brown county jail for voting too often at Aberdeen at the recent election.

Christopher Columbus Commentz, living near Wessington Springs, set a prairie fire that destroyed $1,000 worth of his neighbor's property and skipped the country for fear of being lynched by the indignant people.

The Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley will commence work shortly on the tunnel route between Whitewood and Deadwood. A change has been made in the tunnel location whereby the length of the same is reduced from 1,350 to 450 feet.

A party of Brookings capitalists are organizing a stock company with a capital stock of $1,000,000 to develop the oil deposits in claims owned by them in the recently discovered oil fields of Wyoming. Some twenty-four business men are interested and control a tract of 3,840 acres near the recent excitement.

Reports have reached Rapid City that the Cheyennes have again left their reservation in an endeavor to make the Big Horn country. Oelrichs and Buffalo Gap have been warned to be especially watchful, as it is thought the Indians will attempt to leave the country by the southern trail, which passes through those places.

James Pringle, a farmer living near Bridgewater, had a narrow escape from death the other day. He was plowing in a field with three horses abreast when a shower came up and he crawled under the horses to keep from getting wet. When the rain stopped he left his shelter and started across the field, but had not gone more than a few steps when a bolt of lightning struck the animals and instantly killed all of them.

WISCONSIN.

Charles Henglund killed a bear weighing 355 pounds near Florence. The carcas was sold for $25.

Sam H. Fesrandez, of Madison, a traveling man, was found dead in bed at a hotel in Madison, with a morphine bottle by his side.

By the accidental discharge of a gun, Mrs. Claudius Scherer, living in Shawano County, received a wound in the arm that made it necessary to amputate the mem ber.

A mortgage for $1,500,000, covering Wisconsin lands, was filed at Chippewa Falls by the Wisconsin Iron company, in favor of the Massachusetts Loan and Trust Company.

Louis Schoefeld, the Wausau forger, was brought before Judge Webb in Merrill. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to Waupun for two years.

It is alleged that Edmond Horn of Oshkosh robbed the cash drawer of A. J. Runge, of Merrill, a boot and shoe dealer, of $60. He is now in jail.

A terrible fire occurred in the villiage of Upson which destroyed an entire block. The fire originated in the Upson house. Seven of the principal business houses were burned. Loss, $20,000; very little insurance.

It is feared that cranberries and blueberries have suffered severely from the recent heavy frosts which, if true, is a very serious loss financially, as these are considered two of the largest harvest of the country.

Andrew Linnelson, a miner, was killed and David Morgan, his boss is probably fatally injured by falling rock in the Minnesota mine at Ashland. Pit No. 8 was filled with debris to a depth of 60 feet, causing a loss of about $75,000.

Vandals entered the office of the Kingston Spy and carried away the forms that the the editor had made up for publication the next day. They were carried about a mile away, the type being distributed along the route. At last accounts the chases had not been fonnd.

R. C. Judson has been engaged as secretary and general manager of the La Crosse Inter-State Fair. There is no man in the West who has longer experience or a better record than Mr. Judson in this line. He has been thirteen years engaged in the work, part of the time as secretary of the Minnesota State Fair.

IOWA.

There are 1,700 Farmers' alliances in the state, besides eighty granges and a number of farmers' clubs. The total membership of farmers' organizations is setimated at 50,000.

Two little school girls were set upon by a supposed mad dog at Des Moines the other day and terribly bitten before the animal could be driven away. The dog took refuge in a barn and died while suffering all the symptoms of hydrophobia.

A suspicious character named White was arrested at Ottumwa while trying to dispose of 2-cent postage stamps at a cent apiece. A search of his pockets brought to light 600 2-cent stamps and ten special delivery stamps.

A chunk of the meteor that fell in a shower in Kossuth and Winnebago counties a short time ago was picked up near Ramsey and is the finest specimen yet found. It weighs an even hundred pounds and has the appearance of melted pig iron.

Henry Spiker, of English, Lucas county, amused himself the other day in plaguing a horse by shoving a live chicken in its face. The horse didn't seem to enjoy the joke, and wheeling suddenly around gave Henry a good, swift kick in the stomach which will confine him to his bed for some time.

The city council of Marshalltown has decided to levy a license of $50 a month on dealers in original liquor packages in this city. The authorities propose to test the question whether such a license can be collected under the recent decision of the supreme court.

Two precocious children, the son and daughter of Mrs. Martha Buckley, a widow living on a farm near Fort Dodge stole $15 from a trunk at home and started out for a trip to Chicago. The boy and girl, who were about eight and ten years old respectively, bought tickets at the Illinois Central depot, but were luckily captured by friends before the train pulled out. The children say they were ill-treated at home.

The following amusing and yet pathetic note was received the other day by an O'Brien county court official from a witness in a case about to be tried, and is given verbatim in the Sheldon Mail: "Dear Sir: it will be out of my Power to attend cort in obrien county on the—th of this month. Please arrange to excuse me and oblige your old friend. P. S. my wife got run over at a railroad crossing and is dead. I have to attend to her business a little."

Self Devouring.

A strange and really dramatic situation is one described by the author of "Obeah," a little book which treats of West Indian life. Insects and reptiles are abundant in the West Indies, and one soon gets well acquainted with certain small, bright green lizards, which are perfectly harmless and very lively. These little creatures are quite tame, and when caught by the tail they slip away, leaving that appendage behind them.

I was sitting in the veranda, watching a little green lizard darting about after the flies. It became bold, and in one of its quick movements jumped on my foot. I made a sudden snatch, and caught the little fellow by the tail. Giving a wriggle, he darted off leaving that portion of his property in my hands, and, having no use for it, I dropped it on the floor and resumed my book.

Presently I looked down and saw that a lot of ants had found the piece of tail, and were hurrying off with their treasure as fast as they could. When they had dragged it almost to their hole I noticed my little green friend, a few inches away, intently eying his missing property. The ants were just giving a final pull toward their nest, when the lizard suddenly made a dart upon them, seized his bit of tail, and swallowed it with evident gusto.

Not a Dude Hotel.

Speaking of hotels, a gentleman of my acquaintance stayed over night at a good sized hotel on the main street of a suburban city not long ago, and when he wanted to wash his hands he found that there were no towels in the room. Neither was there any bell pull; so he went to the door and shouted for a chambermaid. That, too, was a luxury not possessed by the house.

In her stead a housekeeper, with the tread of a grenadier, appeared upon the scene and wanted to know what he was "bawling" about. He looked at her determined eye and Colossus of Rhodes attitude and mildly asked for towels. "Towels!" she shrieked. "Is that what you brought me upstairs for? You don't get no such trimmin's here. You can dry yerself on the sheets, as the rest do," said she; "this ain't no dudes' hotel" —New York Commercial.