



HIDDEN.
Afar on the pathless prairies
The rarest of flowers abound;

The Wolves of Chicago.

BY HANS LEIGH.

IN the year 1850 I spent the Christmas holidays with my uncle, Joel Parker, who worked a lonely little farm about twenty miles out of Chicago, not far from the Chicago River.

was the thin, pink reflection from the setting sun, and the great, red path in the ice, along which I was skating towards home.

to an extent which I would never have believed possible. To-day it seems like a miracle to me, and, strange to say, I never tired. My mind, that was weakening, came back; pains that were growing in my side and stomach had disappeared, and my legs grew like bars and springs of steel.

By this time those inside were thoroughly cowed and frightened, while the one or two still left in the open air had begun to feel very nervous. A few chunks of wood, smartly thrown, caused them to slink off into the woods, and then I felt almost free.

THE NEWS.
Fire visited the town of Tolland, Conn., causing a loss of \$20,000, upon which there was but \$5,000 insurance.

THE WILSON BILL
Passed By a Majority of One Hundred and Thirty.

AGAINST FREE COINAGE.

All the Silver Amendments De feated in Detail—Average Major ity Against the White Metal Measures 131.28.

HOUSE.
18TH DAY.—In the House the vote was taken on the Wilson bill.

VIRGINIA ITEMS.

The Latest News Gleaned From Various Parts of the State.
REV. T. W. S. PARKER, of the North Carolina conference Methodist Episcopal Church South, died at Hillsville, Carroll county, from an overdose of morphine.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

Extra Session. SENATE.

18TH DAY.—In the Senate the question of the right of the governor of a state to appoint a senator to fill a vacancy caused by the expiration of a regular term, and not happening by resignation or otherwise, was decided in the negative.

19TH DAY.—In the Senate Mr. Voorhees reported the House bill repealing part of the Sherman act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

20TH DAY.—In the Senate Mr. Sherman made a speech two hours in length on the silver question. It was an exhaustive and able review of the whole question. He favored repealing the purchasing clause of the so-called Sherman law.

21ST DAY.—The House bill to repeal the purchasing clause of the Sherman act got fairly under way in the Senate. It was taken up early in the morning hour in order to give an opportunity to Mr. Vance, of North Carolina, to speak in opposition.

HOUSE.
18TH DAY.—In the House the vote was taken on the Wilson bill. Bland's amendment, free coinage at a ratio of 16 to 1, was defeated—yeas 124, nays 226.

19TH DAY.—The feature of the House proceedings was the debate of Mr. Crisp as a speaker on the floor. He was led to leave his chair by some caustic criticisms made by Mr. Lester upon the proposed co. of rules.

20TH DAY.—In the House the rules were discussed, but little or no progress was made. The Banking and Currency and the Coinage and Light and Measurement Committees were granted leave to report at any time and these were the only noteworthy changes made in the new code.

21ST DAY.—The rules, which will govern the proceedings of the present House, were again discussed without attracting much attention, although, at times, the House was on the verge of a partisan debate.

DISASTERS AND CASUALTIES

August Jacobsson, the sixteenth victim of the wreck on the Long Island Railroad, died in Long Island City. Of the 16 injured five are still in a critical condition.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

A Promising Young Lawyer is Murdered and Avenged.
A horrible case in the county court at Stanton, Ky., cost the county attorney, W. H. Averitt, his life and caused Robert Hardwick to receive wounds from which he will die.

Measuring the Power of Light.

The method of measuring the candle power of light is simply to move an object along a graded scale, away from the light, until it ceases to be a shadow; a mark on the scale at this point indicating the candle power of the flame.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

A Report that a Protectorate May Be Established by the Former.
Despatches from Bangkok and Singapore say that a French protectorate over Siam is imminent.