AN APPEAL FOR UNITY.

The Necessity of Organization Among the Producing Classes.

The Vital Question of Railway Regulation and Reduction of Freight Rates.

To THE EDITOR OF THE BEE.—I am pleased to observe that you do not pass unnoticed the exhorbitant tolls which the railroads are extorting from the producers and consumers of our state. It encourages me also to know that the people of other counties are protesting against these, well, for the want of a more appropriate name, I will call them "robberies." Your correspondent from Arborville, calls for the anti-monopoly leaders in this crisis. To his appeal I feel warranted in assuring him that the true anti-monopolists will respond at any and at all times when their efforts can avail anything.

I said that we were monopoly-ridden. Why? Because the farmers of this state are paying at least 40 per cent. more, on an average, for moving a crop of this season than was paid for moving the crop of 1879; because the freigh on lumber to-day from Chicago to Council Bluffs, 500 miles, is 10c per cwt., and from Council Bluffs to David City, it is 12½c per cwt; because the rates over the U. P. R. R. for coal from from Omaha to David City is $3 per ton, when I know of my own knowledge that coal is transported 300 miles over other roads for $3 per ton. Instead of Chicago being our market our own cities on our eastern border should be entreport commercially, by becoming the granary for our bounteous crops. Omaha, sir, would be our Chicago. Instead of 12½c per cwt. on lumber from the Missouri river to points 100 miles in the interior it should be just half that amount. Instead of 13c per cwt. on corn to the Missouri river from same points it should be 6½c per cwt. And every other class of commercial merchandise and produce in proportion.

With your correspondent from Arborville, I say farmers, laborers, business men and professional men, and especially farmers and laboring men unite; hold meetings; don't meet and simply resolute, but go to work and help crystalize this sentiment of resistance to this monstrous injustice which is crushing the very life out of our people. Go to work peaceably but determinedly. I can assure you and the friends of the people that our citizens are becoming aroused as they have never been before. We are organizing in this county. The anti-monopoly sentiment is stronger here to-day than ever before. We are enlisted for the emancipation of the producers. Let the word pass along the whole line, "Organize, organize." If this power of oppression is to be broken, we must unite. And I now move that each school district in this state send two or more delegates to a convention, to be held in the city of Lincoln at 7 o'clock p. m., Monday, January 5, 1885. Pass the suggestion around. What say you, people? Are you ready to act? Methinks I hear a unanimous yes. The anti-monopolists and all men who are for justice and right stand ready to join the oppressed in this struggle.

Mr. Editor, we heartily invite your vigorous assistance. JUSTICE.

THE OLD GAME.

Worked With a Bold Variation on a Man who was Partially up to Snuff.

Lincoln Journal, September 30.

Sheriff Melick has been notified by a man at Firth, named W. R. Dafford, of a confidence game which was played upon the latter gentleman a day or two ago on the train between this place and Firth. That is to say the game was consumated there although its operation extended over the whole distance from Omaha down.

While Dafford was in Omaha he fell in with two rather respectable looking men, one of whom said he was a wholesale merchant at Lincoln and the other was a resident of Firth, to which place Dafford was going on business. They changed a bill for him at Omaha, and thus learned that he had money with him. They got on the train when he did at Omaha, assisted Mrs. Dafford upon the train and were very friendly indeed.

As the train was about to pull out of Lincoln a man came in and told one of the clever gentlemen that his goods couldn't go on unless the charges were paid. After being informed that the charges were $250 the man pulled a check for $800 out of his pocket and said that he had nothing less. The bogus baggageman turned to Dafford and suggested that he might change it. He said he had only a little, only about $50 and told the owner of the check if he would sit right in the seat until they got to Firth and go straight to the bank with him to get the check cashed, he would let him have the $50. He took it and passing it to the bogus baggageman sat down.

The train had started by this time, and just as the two ladies stepped into the door the confidence man made a spring for the door, passing between the ladies The old man, who was suspicious from the first, jumped up and covered the retreating figure with a revolver, but one of the ladies chanced to step in the way, and he threw the weapon up and removed his finger from the trigger. The swindler jumped from the train and soon got out of sight and escaped.

Army Orders.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE, OMAHA, November 29, 1884.

For completing the purpose of the following circular, it is hereby directed that requisitions for a ten (10) months' supply of subsistence property will be sent by Post Commissaries to the Chief Commissary of subsistence of the Department on the 10th of January and the 10th of July for the periods respectively, from March 1st, to December 31, and from September 1st to June 30th.

By order of Brigadier-General Howard.

J. H. TAYLOR, Asst. Adjt.-Gen.

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE MISSOURI, ASS'T ADJUTANT GEN'LS OFFICE, CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 22, 1884.

In view of the requirements of the law, published in General Orders No. 65, current series, adjutant general's office, under which all purchases of subsistence property, as well as of subsistence stores, should in all practicable cases be made by advertisement and sealed proposal; also to obviate the necessity of open market purchases, and to save the expense of frequent advertisements, chief commissaries of subsistence of departments, and the purchasing and depot commissaries of subsistence at St. Louis, Mo., and Chicago, Ill., will forward, through proper channels, to the chief commissary of subsistence of the division, in time to be received by him not later than ten days prior to the first of March and September of each year, tabular statements of the subsistence property (including stationery) that will be repaired by them and the officers on duty in the subsistence Department, under their supervision, during the periods ending December 31st and June 30th of each year respectively. On these statements or in their letters of transmital the officers will state to what depots, posts or stations, they desire the supplies to be sent by the purchasing officers, together with such other information as will enable the Commissary-General of Subsistence to determine the plan and mode of procuring the supplies.

R. WILLIAMS, Asst. Adjt.-Gen.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Sixteenth Anniversary of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Friday Evening.

Friday evening was the sixteenth anniversary of Nebraska lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, and the event was celebrated at the lodge rooms by a supper, speaking and ball. Myrtle lodge, U. D., the youngest and almost the healthiest division in the state, participated in the affair, and enjoyed themselves, as did everybody else who was fortunate enough to be in attendance. Planet lodge No. 4 and Omaha lodge No. 26, also mingled with their brother knights.

Mr. S. M. Willox, chancellor commander of No. 1 division, officiated as master of ceremonies, and Mr. A. D. Jones, past grand chancellor, delivered the anniversary address. Songs were rendered by a quartette from the glee club, and Mrs. Hayward. Mrs. Teal favored the audience with a piano solo, which was heartily appreciated, as was all the music. Messrs. Woodbridge Bros. had kindly donated the use of a grand Steck piano for the occasion.

Lieutenant Andy Borden, as usal, had a "snap" fixed up to catch the unwary and presented a cake, which sold for the benefit of the order and which proved to be bread neatly frosted over and enclosing a rubber circlet. Mr. Geo. Sabine was the lucky winner of the prize slice.

An abundant banquet was then served on long tables surrounding the hall, and toasts were given as follows, Mr. Willox being toast-master:

"Our Guests"—Response by J. S. Shropshire, R. C. C.

"Our Order"—Response by Dr. Carter, C. C.

"The Ladies"—Response by W. E. Copeland, D. C. C.

"The Value of Society Entertainments"—Repsonse by Dr. Leisenring, P. C.

After supper, which was the next thing in order, a good many of the older people retired to their houses and the younger ones began the merry dance, and kept it up until an early hour this morning.

Taken all in all, it was a most enjoyable entertainment, and Mr. Toft is entitled to a great deal of credit, for it was that gentleman who superintended all arrangements.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the last meeting of Myrtle Lodge, Knights of Pythias, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

E. A. Crowell, C. C.; J. Donnelly, jr., V. C.; W. M. Wells, prelate; F. J. Knapp, M. of E; W. F. Manning, M. of F.; Geo. Sabine, K. of R. S.; W. F. Baker, M. of A.

Proposed Hall.

To the Editor of the BEE.

Now that winter is at hand and but little or nothing to do for perhaps the next five or six months, the carpenters union are discussing the propriety of building a Union hall, first floor for business, second for office rooms, and third for hall. There are several unions in Omaha that are paying from two to three hundred dollars a year for hall rent, making an aggregate of two thousand or more dollars annually paid out for rent, that would, in a few years, build a very respectable hall, which would return a fair per cent, if properly located.

Now then, as history and observation teaches the fact that agitation, education and organization are the essential predecessors to all substantial movements of whatever character, whether local or general in their results, as they relatively effect society and state for good or evil, we propose to agitate this movement, believing that the present time is a propitious one to agitate such a movement, as it would afford work for many idle mechanics through the winter season.

If the enterprise should meet with success in the way of a contract between the respective unions as a "Joint Stock Building company," as one union is not able to undertake and carry forward such a movement or enterprise of itself, a half dozen or less unions could easily accomplish such a work in three months or less time, and largely when not otherwise engaged on the part of carpenters, bricklayers and plasterers, that would furnish nearly all the labor. Of course the purchase of a lot and building material would require money, and it would have to be borrowed or furnished by some capitalist as a second party in the building contract.

We will close further suggestions in this movement at present and hear the criticisms and suggestions of other unions and parties who may feel interested in this enterprise or one similar.

NO. ONE.

Police Court.

In police court Saturday Wm. Martin and Chas. Goldstein were found to be vagrants and were each sentenced to ten days in the county jail on bread and water.

A. Snell, for disturbing the peace by being drunk, was fined $5 and costs and paid the same.

Hattie Bowman, a colored woman of the town, was arrested on Tenth street Friday night. She was crazy drunk and raised a terrible howl. It was necessary to get a hack and load her in in order to get her to jail. After being placed behind the bars she yelled all night long. This morning she was fined $5 and costs and sent up to the county jail to board it out.

John Collins was arrested Friday at the instance of his wife for beating her and abusing his children. This morning she was sorry that she had had him arrested and begged the judge to let him off. Judge Beneke called him up and asked him why he abused his children and licked the old woman. Collins said he did not hurt them. The judge told him that he could go, but if he was arrested again that he would give him three months on bread and water.

Charles Haines was charged with larceny for stealing 50 cents out of the pocket of T. W. Taylor. Haines pleaded not guilty and was held for examination.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers were filed in the county clerk's office Tuesday and reported for THE BEE by the Ames' real estate agency November 28, 1884.

F. Koetler and wf to H. Kratchman, w d, 60x140 ft., nw sw 26, 15, 13. $1,500.

A Kountze et al to I. S. Hascall, w d, lot 12, blk 6, Kountze 4th addition. $1,400.

Jos. Bell and wf to S. A. Perrigo, w d, lot 11, blk 4, J. I. Redick's addition. $2,600.

Treasurer Douglas county to W. Cochran, tax deed, lots 4, 5 and 7, section 19, 15, 13. $3.48.

M. H. Housel to Boges & Hill, q c d, lots 2, 3 and 4, blk 9, Arbor Place. $500.

G. H. Boggs et al to M. M. Housal, wd, part lots 1 and 2, blk 5, Arbor Place. $690.

J. I. Redick and wf to J. Dwyer, wd, w 55 feet lot 7, blk 16, Isaac & Selden's addition. $1,500.

The German Theater.

Last evening the German theater was crowded with a fashionable and appreciative audience which had been attracted there by the announcement that Kalisch's famous play, entitled "Some Folks Lugh and Some Weep."

Among the most noteworthy features were the personation of Brand, the bricklayer, by Mr. Molchin, the Agnes of Miss Spahn and the Mrs. Nuenecke of Mrs Lindermann.

Mrs. Puls-Ahl in the role of Caroline also received quite an ovation, and Mr. Pula as Ferdinand was greeted with enthusiastic applause. The character of Hahnekamm, the tailor, fell to the lot of Mr. Hoherstein, who rendered the part very satisfactorily.

Taken on the whole the performance was an eminently creditable one, and was received with great favor by the unusually large audience. The customary terpsichorean exercises terminated the exercises.

The Denver Gamblers.

Omaha within the last five days has been favored with a large immigration of gamblers. These sporting men come chiefly from Denver, Colorado, where the houses have all been closed. This, it is understood, has been done by the order of the marshal of the Colorado capital, and an officer is now stationed at the door of every house to keep them from being opened. The effect of this mandate has been to drive this class of men from that city. These men who have lately come here say they are now on their way to New Orleans, where they expect to winter.

THE ROPING OF REDDY.

A LIVELY THANKSGIVING DAY AT NORTH BEND

Fremont Tribune, 29th.

North Bend had a sensation on Thanksgiving day that will not be forgotten soon by a few of their citizens, and never be forgotten by the victim of an awful fright. To get at the details it is necessary to go back a little. It will be remembered that Jack Winters, alias Reddy, was confined in the jail of Fremont for stealing a watch from a laborer at the Bend. On a writ of habeas corpus, Judge Murray was obliged to release him and he went back to the Bend and has since been there loafing about in the saloons. Since his release numerous thefts have been committed, among which was the stealing of Mrs. Marple's valuable gold watch. The matter of thievery had become so annoying that some of the citizens concluded to use desperate means, if necessary, to rid themselves of the evil. The sensation was ushed in by a bold attempt at highway robbery. A Mr. Inyard was "held up" by three men with revolvers and told to shell out his lucre. He had more sand than money and producing a revolver, scattered the gang like chaff before the wind. He came into town and related what had happened, and then the second and most exciting act of the night's doings occurred. A number of men masked, and collected near the depot decoyed by means of three men, the man Ready in their midst, and with the cry, Hang him! they proceeded to pull him up to a cotton-wood tree near by, and left him there until he confessed to the stealing of the laborer's watch before mentioned. He was then asked to tell about the stealing of Mrs. Marple's watch but professed utter ignorance about it Again he went on the limb, but could not be made to tell anything more, "Let's take him off to the river and drown him," said one of the crowd. "Drown him!" echoed the mob, and away they took him to the bridge, and putting a rope around his neck lowered him to the water. He begged piteously for his life, asserting that he knew nothing of the other watch, and was finally raised from the water and taken to jail. Yesterday morning he said that his partner at Fremont had the first watch, but of the second he knew nothing whatever. He said that there were a dozen in the gang of thieves, but he knew nothing of th highway robbery or of the robbing at Chet Morse's.

After the mob had done with their part of the play, the third act in the drama was performed at Chet Morse's house about 4 o'clock yesterday morning. Burglars effected an entrance, and after chloroforming him proceeded to ransack the house. Mr. Morse awoke, however, and springing from his bed fell over a chair, thus frightening the burglars from further depredation They dropped a suit of clothes on the door-step, but escaped with an overcoat, a watch, and a small sum of money. Mr. Morse gave them a parting shot from his navy revolver, but without any apparent effect. It is not unlikely that Reddy will squeal on the whole gang, and their sentence in that case will be anything but moderate.

THE TELL-TALE SKULL.

A SKULL PERFORATED WITH A BULLETT DUG FROM AN OLD CELLAR.

NEW YORK, November 30.—Workmen recently dug up, in a cellar at Richmond Hill, Long Island, a woman's skeleton, whose skull showed marks of a bullett hole and the skull of an infant. A few days ago the coroner received an anonymous letter, evidently written by a woman which stated that in 1859 there resided in that place a man, his wife, child and wife's sister. The family was broken up by the wife's charges of too great intimacy between her husband and sister. One night the wife and child disappeared. Soon after the husband and sister-in-law went away and were never heard of afterwards. The writer asks the coroner to find a trace of them.

HARD GLOVES.

DEMPSEY WINS A FIGHT FROM MALLON.

PHILADELPHIA, November 30.—Jack Dempsey, of New York, and Mike Mallon, of Philadelphia, fought a prize fight in the second story of a building in this city last night. Gloves were used; and they were hard packed. The fight was for $150 a side, and an extra purse was contributed by the spectators. Mallon, after receiving a terrible pounding, complained that he was not in a condition to fight and asked Dempsey if he would fight him some other time. Dempsey replied in the affirmative, and the men shook hands. Mallon was he ped out and the fight given to Dempsey.

A Bigamist's Butt.

TOLEDO, November 30.—Neville the convicted bigamist now in jail awaiting sentence, attempted to suicide to-day by dashing his head against the iron grating in his cell. He is seriously injured and may not recover.

A POLK COUNTY TRAGEDY.

A Lively Thanksgiving Day at Osceola, and a Threatened Lynching.

Crazed by Exposure of his Crimes, a Husband Shoots his Wife,

And Then Cuts His Own Throat to Prevent Hanging.

Double Tragedy at Osceola.

Special telegram to the BEE.

OSCEOLA, NEB., November 29.—Thursday night a terrible crime was enacted in this quiet little village, which will probably result in death. For some ten years past a man named Smith has lived here and has always been recognized as a tough and a loafer. Some eight years ago he was arrested for a rape upon his own daughter. The daughter and her mother swore positively that he committed the crime but the expert testimony of a physician to the effect that the act had not been done exculpated him. He again went back to live with his wife but he never forgot the disgrace they had brought upon him. A short time ago his wife caused a warrant to be sworn out against him and he was bound over in the sum of $200 to keep the peace. He could not give the required bond and was placed in jail. To avoid his being a burden to the county it was reduced to $100 in the hope that he might be able to give the required bail. This at last he was able to give and was released on Thursday last.

When Smith had been given his liberty the the first thing he did was to get drunk and began to make threats against his wife. He told his little son that he would kill his mother that night, but no attention was paid to his statements as he was looked upon as almost harmless. Just after dark, however, he went to his house with a rifle and opening the door and seeing his wife by the stove shot her in the left breast, inflicting what the surgeons now say is a fatal wound. Smith immediately ran down to the river and hid in the weeds, intending, as he said, when he heard that his wife was dead to kill himself. He was found soon after and taken toward the jail by the sheriff. The citizens cried "Hang him!" "Hang him!" He was taken from the sheriff once or twice but was finally placed safely behind the bars. The crowd gathered around the jail and began making attempts to break down the door, when Smith knowing what was meant by the noise, cut his throat with a knife which he had spirited into his cell. His wound, however, was not fatal. His wife is now lying unconscious and the doctors say she cannot recover.

The people are very incensed over the affair and should the wife die, it is extremely probable that Smith's days will be numbered shortly.

BRAND-ED.

THE ATTEMPTED STEAL OF THE CHICAGO LOCAL DEMOCRACY EXPOSED AND THEIR FORCES ROUTED—BRAND ABANDONS THE FIGHT—THE TIMES' CUTTING REFLECTION UPON THE AFFAIR.

Special Telegram to THE BEE.

CHICAGO, November 30.—The Times says that at a conference of the leading democratic politicians yesterday at which Mayor Harrison and Rudolph Brand among others were present, it was decided to draw out of the contest for the seat in the state senate from the Sixth senatorial district, in which the republicans allege a majority was given Brand by a number of fraudulent returns from the Second precinct in the Eighteenth ward, that the result was Brand sent a telegram to his attorney at Springfield to withdraw his mandamus proceedings against the state canvassing board. The Times uses this language: "The simple English of the entire matter is that Brand has withdrawn from the contest; that Governor Hamilton is at perfect liberty to issue a certificate to whomever he pleases; that he can give it to a Chinaman for all the objections the democrats will raise against it, and that, in short, the jig is up." The Times adds in regard to Brand's telegram: "It was a single dispatch, but it meant giving up of the fight in which the United States senatorship was involved and the reasons for sending it are interesting. The story which follows this statement shows that some facts in its possession are withheld. Names are not given, but persons are described so that there is scarcely a chance of mistaking them. It asserts that the work of falsifying the returns was done in the interest of the leading democratic candidate for United States senator, and that a city official, and one of the well known democrats in the city had guilty knowledge of it; that United States Marshal Jones took means to let these men know that evidence had been secured already which put them in great jeopardy; that this caused a genuine panic, and that these men who seem to have not only disgraced themselves, but the party to which they belong in the very dawn of its power, began to cast frantically about for means to escape the result of their crimes; that various propositions for a compromise were made to the United States authorities, by which their names were to be kept in the background. The United States marshal and district attorney stoutly asserts that no compromise has been effected, and that all offenders, high and low, will be rigorously punished, that in fact confessions of the entire proceedings have already been made to them. On the other hand the Times asserts that telegrams have been sent General Logan asking him to intercede for mercy with Marshal Jones, and believes the panic stricken delinquents have even gone so far as to undertake to deliver enough democratic votes on the joint ballot in the state legislature to re-elect Logan to the United States senate. It also appears that the bogus ballots which were found in the ballot box by the United States grand jury were not printed till the night of November 21st, or seventeen days after the election, which brings the crime to a point when the returns were in the hands of the county clerk. The name of the printer, and of the engraver who made a fac simile of the head of the republican ticket, has also been discovered.

CONGRESSIONAL FORECASTS.

SOME SPECULATION UPON THE APPROACHING SESSION.

WASHINGTON, November 30.—It has been suggested by a number of representatives that congress will take a recess about the middle of the month to give an opportunity for the members to attend the opening of the New Orleans exposition, and that during this proposed recess, the appropriation committee will consider the appropriation bills so as to have most of them ready to report to the house upon the reassembling of congress after the holidays. They argue that the usual amount of work prior to anjournment for the holidays will have been accomplished by the 14th inst, because of the unusually early assemblage of congress this year. The Mexican pension bill which was debated at length last session, is the first "unfinished business" to be considered, and this can be reached only by a motion to discuss measures on the speaker's table. Representative Townshend, who had charge of that measure, says he will ask to further consideration at the earliest practical moment. In the senate bill for admission of Dakota and Washington territories will undoubtedly be pressed by the senators who have them in charge.

MARITAL DESPERATION.

A HUSBAND IN THE FIRST ANGUISH OF BEREAVEMENT SHOOTS HIMSELF OVER THE BODY OF HIS DEAD WIFE.

NEW YORK, November 30.—Frank Saunders, the inventor of the parlor rowing machine, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself over the remains of his wife at the residence of his wife's parents, No. 631 Carleton avenue, Brooklyn. Mrs. Saunders has been an invalid from the birth of her last child, twelve years ago. After their marriage the couple lived a long time with Mrs. Saunders' father, George T. Thomas, but recently they have lived at Plainfield, N. J. They dined in Carleton avenue on Thanksgiving day and remained there all night, intending to return to Plainfield on Friday morning. On arising, however, Mrs. Saunders experienced great suffering from her affliction and was compelled to take a quantity of chloral, which she had been in the habit of using to alleviate her pain. She made a mistake and took too much, and was soon unconscious. The doctors were called, but too late. She died yesterday morning. Mr. Saunders was nearly distracted, and all efforts to divert his thoughts from the calamity proved unavailing. Henry Chapman, Jr., of Clinton avenue, a personal friend of Mr. Saunders, called during the morning, and, apparently soothed the widower's feelings somewhat and extracted a promise from him to call at his (Chapman's) office in New York during the day. At 10 o'clock Saunders left the house but did not call on Mr. Chapman. It is thought that he went to Plainfield. He returned to his father-in-law's house about 9 a. m., and went to his room on the third story, where his wife's body lay He was discovered by a member of the family bending over her body. Efforts were made to get him away. Finally he said: "All right. I'll be right after you in a few minutes." In a few moments a pistol shot was heard, the inmates of the house rushed up stairs, and found Saunders body lying across that of his dead wife. He had put a revolver to his mouth and pulled the trigger, the bullet lodging in his brain and killed him instantly

"HOLD THE FORT!"

GORDON'S STEADFAST HOLD UPON KHARTOUM IN THE FACE OF THE ENEMY.

DONGOLA, November 30.—Advices from Khartoum state that the Mahdi continues to summon Gordon to surrender, and the latter replies by firing into the enemy. On one occasion General Gordon told the Mahdi to dry up the Nile and come across if he be a real prophet, and that he (Gordon) would then surrender. The rebels are entrenched at Wadi Gamar. General Wolseley offered a prize of 100 pounds to the regiment which would make the quickest passage in whale boats from Sarras to Debbeh. A message from Gen. Gordon, dated August 28, says it is imperative to the prosperity and tranquility of Egypt that she retain possession of the whole course of the Nile. He attributes the present evils to the use of the word "abandonment" by Wolseley in a telegram to the khedive. It is reported that the mahdi is short of provisions and much sickness prevails among his forces. Five hundred of the mahdi's regulars are said to have joined Gordon's army.

HERR "BABEL."

THE STIR CREATED BY AN ANTI-BISMARCK LEGISLATOR.

BERLIN, November 30.—Herr Bebel's attack in the Reichstag on Friday, on the military administration of the government, is causing a great stir in diplomatic circles. Bebel demanded a reduction of the term of military service, and the suspension for a year of volunteriat. He traced the cause of the budget deficit to the growing expenses for armaments, together with the fact that the country is deprived of the productive labor by men being forced to serve in the army. He asserted that fourteen times more suicides occurred in the army than among the civil population. Socialist papers publish official statistics to show this to be true.

LIBERTY.

VITOR HUGO'S TRIBUTE TO THE PURPOSE OF THE BARTHOLDI STATUE.

PARIS, November 30.—Victor Hugo to-day inspected Bartholdi's statue in the presence of Brulatour, first secretary of the American legation, and a large number of American residents. Hugo said: "This beautiful work of art corresponds with my wishes and will constitute a pledge of lasting peace between France and America." The statue was decorated with French and American flags.

The Plenary Council.

BALTIMORE, November 30.—Another solemn session of the plenary council of the Catholic church in the United States, was held at the cathedral to-day. High mass was celebrated by Bishop Loughlin, of Brooklyn, the music of which was gregarian, being sung by the two choirs and forty seminarians. Bishop Hennessey of Dubuque, preached a sermon on the "sanctity of the church," taking for his text the 5th chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Ephesians.

California's Big Balloon.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 30.—The balloon "Eclipse" the largest ever constructed in California which is to make a trip across the Rocky Mountains made a trial ascension to-day. It suddenly descended into Raccoon Straits, ten miles from this city. The occupants and balloon were picked up by boats from Angul Island. The owner intends taking it to the World's Fair at New Orleans.

English Arrogance.

BERLIN, November 30.—Sir Edward Malet, British embassador, will maintain his opposition to any appointments to the commission on the Niger question unless the English members compose a majority.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

DOMESTIC.

Carpet mills at Yonkers, N. Y., have shut down.

Dr. Harvey L. Boyd died Saturday at Baltimore.

Indian troubles still continue on the Texas-Mexican border.

The operatives in the Norwald, Conn., hat manufactories are out on a strike.

The Narragansett Park Driving company loses its property on a foreclosure sale.

Several hundred callers shook hands with Grover Cleveland at Albany, Saturda.

Fireman Fred Phillips was killed Saturday in a collision near Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The reduction of the public debt for November will not be more than $1,000,000.

General Gresham G. Mott of Bordertown, N. J., died in New York City Saturday.

Joe Bezzard, of the famous robber gang of that name, was captured near Brownsville, Pa.

The general assembly of Virginia passed, over the governor's veto, the electoral board bill.

The Iowa World's Fair is nearly ready to start for New Orleans with the state exhibit.

The Neville polygamy case at Toledo, Ohio, ended Saturday in the conviction of the accused.

Several colored persons in jail at Helena, Ark., overpowered the jailor Saturday and escaped.

An "American Theater Building company" filed articles of incorporation in New York Saturday.

Frank Miner, (colored) a wife murderer, was sentenced to hang at Washington, D. C Saturday.

In New York city Saturday night James McVicar shot dead Frank Gordon. Woman in the case.

Gen. Logan and wife, upon their arrival at Washington Saturday, were given hearty social receptions.

In a collision on the Chesapeake and Ohio Southern, Saturday, an engineer and a brakeman were killed.

The official canvass of Colorado gives Blaine 36,277; Cleveland, 27,627; Butler, 2,957; St. John, 759.

Since the cut rates between New York and Chicago, all west bound trains from the former point are crowded.

Large orders for railroad supplies are being received at Pittsburg and the feeling is steadily growing more hopeful.

The weekly bank statement in New York was as follows: Reserve, increase, $2,021,060. The banks now hold $42,267,000 in excess of the legal requirements.

Bell telephone stock has jumped from $2.63 to 2.20 on the rumor of a favorable decision in the Drawbaugh suit.

Charles Mitchell and John Gillespie were prevented Saturday from giving their sparring exhibition in Pittsburg.

The general managers of the Missouri lines in session at Chicago adjourned Saturday without taking definite action.

The failure of B. D. Brown & Bro., at Burlington, Iowa, Does not affect the Burlington and Mississippi Elevator company.

Cleveland will attend the entertainment for the benefit of the actors' fund, at the New York Academy of Music Thursday night.

The management of the Pennsylvania railway system in all its branches has decided to make a speedy reduction of its working forces.

Near Venita, Indian T., J. T. Gunter, a Cherokee, killed Wm. Herald, white, Saturday. Gunter surrendered and is not to blame.

It is stated by Payne's followers that his death, although to be regretted, will not impede the great work of booming Oklahoma.

The grand democratic demonstration of Atlanta demcrats came off in the presence of Congressman Randall and other dignitaries.

The walking match at Lawrence, Mass., closed Saturday night with the following score: Vanghan 181 miles, Edmunds 170, Meagher 148.

Carl Schurz says that a maintenance of a double chamber legislature (house and senate) is essential, and England cannot abolish the house of lords.

Samuel Wannamaker, aged 50 years, was sentenced at Youngstown, Ohio, Saturday, to fifty years' imprisonment for forging notes to the amount of $25,000.

At Chicago, Saturday, Judge Tuley appointed Horace A. Hurlbut receiver of the Storey estate, with no power, however, to interfere with the conduct of the Times.

The Hawaiian Sugar company, of which Claus Spreckles is a leading stockholder, has decided to issue $1,000,000 first mortgage, 7 per cent, ten year bonds for the liquidation of its $1,000,000 debt.

Two men digging roots on islands in the Susquehanna river, near Danville, Pa., Saturday struck a metal box containing coins amounting nearly to $17,000, including $16,000 in silver Mexican dollars, $30,000 in gold doubloons and nearly $1,000 in small silver coins.

M. H. DeYoung, proprietor of the San Francisco Chronicle, shot by Adolph B. Spreckles ten days ago, is now able to leave his bed and sit up several hours at a time The fever has entirely abated. His pulse temperature is normal, and a relapse is the only danger feared.

FOREIGN.

France has increased the duty on imported cereals.

General Wolseley has applied from Egypt for more troops.

French reinforcements to China are being posted in all haste.

France will send 15,000 reinforcements to China to push hostilities.

The boiler of a French war ship exploded off Formosa, killing thirteen persons.

Attempts are being made to perfect the extradition treaties between France and England.

The attempt of Sinclair in London to beat the American 100-mile pedestrian record collapsed on the 91st mile.

At Vienna Saturday twenty anarchists, convicted of circulating treasonable literature, were sentenced from three to twelve years.

In the London courts a woman was given £500 damages against Dr. Winslow for attempting to confine her in a lunatic asylum.

The American ship "Red Cross" from Portland, Ore., arrived in Queenstown Saturday, and reported that the captain committed suicide on the voyage.

Hussey, the owner of the house in Dublin shattered by dynamite Thursday night, has lodged a claim for £1,500 compensation for malicious damage to his property.

A messenger from General Gordon has arrived at Dongola, bringing dispatches eight weeks old. After leaving Khartoum the messenger was captured and detained some time at Shendy.

SUNDAY NEWS.

Eleven new cases and seven deaths occurred from cholera in Spain during the past forty-eight hours.

The labor organizations at Pittsburg are making all efforts to send relief to the miners in the Hocking valley now out out on a strike.

The Congo conference with serious differences is still in session.

At Bombay, India, there was a monster mass meeting of natives to declare loyalty to the queen.

It is rumored in Paris that the Germans are making preparations to invade the Transvaal.

REPAIRING HOSE.

How a Fair Young Creature Mistook the Sign.

Chicago Herald.

The other day a young lady entered a well known store, in front of which she had seen a placard, on which was printed, "Hose repaired and all attachments."

One of the polite clerks stepped up and her what he could do for her. She looked a little flurried and hesitatingly inquired:

"Do you repair hose and attachments here? I saw a card to that effect hanging in the window."

"We do," said the clerk, without appearing in the least disconcerted; "have you some you wish repaired?"

"Yes, sir, I—I—have some I would like repaired—what are your charges, sir?"

"Well, that depends," said the clerk, "on the amount of work to be done. The best way for you to do is to send the hose here, and you can call in afterwards and we'll let you know about what it will be."

She said she would do so and departed, looking very much relieved. And the next day a very small boy with a package entered the store, and placing it on the counter, said that his sister sent the box down. John, the handsome clerk, thought of his beautiful Alice. He had heard her speak of her little brother, Tommie, and he smiled patronizingly on the little fellow, and inquired his name.

"Tommie," said the lad.

"Tommie—well, that's a nice name, my little man; and you're a nice boy—here is a dime for you to buy some candy with;" then, taking his pencil from behind his ear, he wrote something on a slip of paper and gave it to the boy, saying, "there, Tommie, give this to your sister; don't lose it, my boy."

The boy tucked the note in his bootleg, pocketed the ten cents, and departed.

So confident was John that the package contained a book Alice said she would send him that day, that he opened the box without delay, while the clerks hovered near. To his astonishment he found—not a book of poems, but first, one, two, three, four pairs of—women's hose, then some long straps with some steel what-is-it, on which were stamped "Women's Hose Supporters, Pat. Feb. 2, 1875."

John held them up—what did it mean—what could Alice be thinking of? He noticed that the hose seemed somewhat the worse for wear. He also observed that the fact was not lost on the other clerks. After returning them to the box, he called a boy, gave him an address and the box, telling him he "need not wait for an answer."

About four o'clock in the afternoon the young lady who had called the day before to inquire about "hose" entered and inquired:

"Did you examine the articles I sent in to-day?"

"We have received nothing from you to-day, madam," responed the clerk.

"What? Did you not receive the box of hose I sent in this morning by my little brother?"

Then it began to dawn on John's mind that some one had made a mistake.

"Madam," said he, sorrowfully, "was it you who sent in that lot of women's—women's—?"

"Oh! you received it, then?"

"Well, yes, we received it and—and—" but he said no more; up before his vision rose stacks of those horrible things, and then he saw no more. That night the young lady received her valuable articles, and now she repairs her own hose and all attachments.

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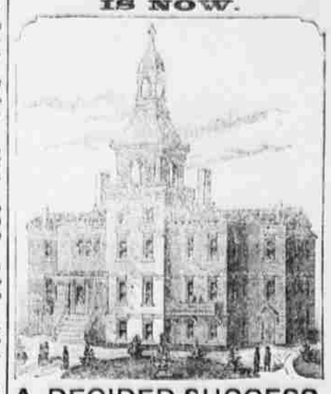

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Proposals for Building Bridges.

Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Nov. 17, 1884.

Sealed proposals, endorsed "proposals for building Bridges," will be received at this office until 1 o'clock Tuesday the 16th of December, 1884 for the construction of three bridges on the Santee Sioux Reservation in Nebraska, and Ponca Reservation in Dakota at the following locations; on the Santee Reservation over the Bazile creek, a bridge of three spans of 60 feet each with 15 feet approaches; on the Ponca Reservation, over the Niobrara river, a bridge 960 feet from end to end, and over the West Fork of said river a span of 60 feet.

The bridges in question are to be of combination of wood and iron, with cast iron shoes, resting on pile foundations, which over the Niobrara river are to be driven 15 feet, over Bazile creek, 13 feet, and over West Fork of Niobrara River, 15 feet below water level, and are to be built in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at the office of the Depot Quartermaster at Omaha, Nebraska, the "Times" of Denver, Colorado, and of the "Inter-Ocean" of Chicago, Ill.

The construction of the bridges to be under the immediate supervision of a person to be designated by this Department.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check on some United States Depository, for at least FIVE per centum of the amount of the proposal, which check will be forfeited to the United States in case any bidder or bidders fail to execute a contract with good and sufficient sureties; otherwise to be returned to the bidder. In submitting bids, bidders should state the time required by them for the construction of the bridges, as this matter will be considered in making the awards, and made a part of the contract.

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