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FOREIGN NEWS.

BERBER TO BE CAPTURED—THE RECAPTURE OF KHARTOUM ABANDONED FOR THE PRESENT.

Special telegram to THE BEE.

CAIRO, February 8.—Orders have been received from the war office in London for Lord Wolseley to capture, at all hazards, Barber, and make of it a permanent English stronghold in the Soudan. All attempts at the recapture of Khartoum for the present will be abandoned.

GENERAL STEVENSON'S ADVICE.

CAIRO, February 8.—It is reported that General Stevenson advised the retreat of the troops from Metemneh on Korti and the concentration of the entire force toward Berber, and after the capture of Barber, to await the expedition coming Suakim before making an advance on Khartoum. Military authorities estimate that this plan involves delay in the advance upon Khartoum until autumn. The hot weather which begins next month make it impissible for the English force to stand the marches.

THE ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT ARRIVES AT GAKDUL.

GAKDUL, February 8.—Col. Sir Redors Boller, with the royal Irish regiment arrived having tramped the whole way from Korti. This is the first regiment that attempted to make this journey on foot. Col. Boller with the regular Irish and Sussex regiments and camel corps start on Friday for Gubat, an assault on Metemneh is expected soon after his arrival at Gubat. It is not thought that the enemy will make a prolongad resistance.

Two thousand of the Mahdi's best troops and many principal shieks were killed, wounded or disheartened in two recent battles. Many emirs at Metemnah were wounded. The Mahdi has twenty-two guns before Khartoum commanded by the protege, Ismael Pasha, who has been taught artillery practice at Cairo. Nearly all the sharp shooters were deserters from Hicks Pasha's army.

CHINESE GUNPOWDER WORKS EXPLODE KILLING 250 EMPLOYES.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 8.—The steamer Rio Janeiro arrived bringing Hong Kong news under date of January 9th, Yokohoma 19th. The gun powder works at Fatshan, fourteen miles from Canton, exploded on December 22d and killed 250 employes.

THE SAD RESULT OF A PRACTICAL JOKE.

LONDON, February 8.—Soldiers on guard last night saw a man advancing, and commanded him to halt and give the countersign. The stranger neither halted nor gave the countersign or reply, but attempted to walk past the guard line. The sentinel thereupon plunged his bayonet into the man's body, killing him almost instantly. The occurrence in London is exaggerated into a sensitional report that the dynamiters made an attack on the arsenal. Investigation shows that the man attempting to run the guard was also a soldier and comrade of the sentinel, whom he had tried to annoy by the silly practical joke.

THE RIVER SWARMING WITH ARABS.

LONDON, February 8.—The Telegraph has received a dispatch from Abu Klea, near Metemneh, dated February 1, which says: Col. Wilson's party states that Khartoum fell on January 27th. The river above the sixth cataract is crowded with Arabs. The Mahdi, in a letter calling our officers to surrender, implies that Gordon is still alive. Stewart expects to be closely invested here.

Labor Crisis in France.

Special telegram to THE BEE.

LONDON, February 8.—The labor crisis in in France is the cause of the utmost alarm. All efforts for relief by the government seem to be futile. There are 300,000 workmen idle in Paris and at least a million in the provinces. The discontent consequent upon this state of affairs is daily spreading, and apprehensions are expressed that, unless some relief can be devised, labor riots will break out in all sections. Tuesday last the walls of Paris were placarded with an anarchist manifesto, which called upon all persons unemployed to assemble on Monday afternoon next, in the Place De L'Opera. The document was full of statements of the most pronounced communistic type, and stated it would be well at this time for the workingmen and women of Paris to come together en masse in the fashionable Place De L'Opera, and boldly flaunt their misery and rags in the very faces of the wealthy residents of that vicinity.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES FROM SOUDAN

are arriving rapidly at London now that Mr. Wolseley has removed the embargo on news. They differ in many respects from the official reports which have hitherto been allowed to come.

Matters in the vicinity of Metemneh are evidently in a very serious shape. Several correspondents express a nervousness over the attitude of the Kabbabish tribe and other natives who have hitherto been relied upon as friendly to the British. Their allegiance has been shaken by Gen. Gordon's failure at Khartoum, and many of them are wavering between the wish to keep their pledges to the British and wish to make terms with the Mahdi. If they become actively hostile it will be difficult and perhaps impossible to maintain communications between Gubt and Korti. It is evident that the Mahdi has decided to attack Gakdul and other posts established by Gen. Stewart during his march across the desert. His plan is said to be to attack the positions in detail, and slaughter the troops which have been left as guards and hold the officers as hostages for ransom.

Anarchist Threats in Switzerland.

Special telegram to THE BEE.

LONDON, February 8.—The people of Berne are still excited over the threats of the anarchists to blow up the federal palace in retaliation for the repressive measures recently adopted by the federal council. It has transpired that the warning to the Swiss government came in a letter, which was sent at the same time to the chancellor of Germany, the foreign minister of Russia, and the premier of Austria. The translation of the document is as follows:

Beware! Your anti-revolution treaty is useless. You have suborned free Switzerland into an abominable compact, and propose to feel England's pulse similarly. Beware! England is already well dynamited. Switzerland cannot escape. Other European capitals are arranged for. The Fenian and French, German and Swiss anarchists are brethren—one for all and all for one. Our fatherland is the world. The palace wherein your treaty was concocted and signed shall never be used for such purposes again. The anarchists will sow its site with salt and plow up the ground.

Cleveland Visits the Sage of Greystone.

NEW YORK, February 8.—Cleveland, accompanied by Daniel Manning, boarded the train at the great central depot at 9 this morning and took a seat among the passengers. Cleveland was recognized as he passed through the depot, and the railroad employes and many passengers made towards the car, anxious to catch a glimpse and, if possible, shake hands with the president elect.

When the train arrived at Yonkers Cleveland and Manning were received at the depot by Tilden's private secretary. As Cleveland stepped from the car the people about the station raised their hats and pressed forward to shake hands, but he hurried to Tilden's coach and the party were rapidly carried to Graystone, the residence of Tilden. The guests were welcomed by Tilden and his niece, and after a short general conversation an adjournment was taken to the study where the host and guests could converse free from interruption. At two dinner was announced. Tilden occupied the head of the table with the president-elect on his right and Manning on the left. Nearly two hours was spent in the dining room. After a short walk in the grounds the gentlemen repaired to the study where they spent the remainder of the afternoon.

The Mexican Marauders.

GALVESTON, February 7.—The Galveston News special says: The situation at Carrizo Springs is growing serious. The citizens are determined to resist the band of a hundred Mexicans when they arrive. A bloody battle is expected. The citizens of Zevalla and Mavorick are joining with Dimmet county in combatting the marauders. Runners have been sent to Cotulla and other points for arms and amunition. Is is ascertained that the Mexicans crossed the Rio Grande on the night of the sixth and numbered full a hundred, and have divided their forces into four bands who are approaching Carrizo, through unfrequented portions of the country, driving away herds as they advance into the interior. Spirited running fights occurred today between the scouts of the citizens organization and the detail of the Mexicans. Two marauders were killed and one American wounded. Sheriff Oglesby, of Maverick county sent a mounted posse to the scene of the action. The frontier troops at Uvalde left to-night for Carrizo.

Another report from the frontier chronicles another affray in which twelve Mexicans were killed and a number wounded. The American loss, if any, is not reported. These conflicts took place between the ranchmen and relays of Mexicans who were overtaken while driving the stock toward the Rio Grande. The Mexicans are being reinforced. Their objective points being Corrizo Springs, at which place it is believed they agreed to concentrate their forces, attack the town and release their compatriots confined for cattle stealing. Telegrams from many places along the Rio Grande call on the inhabitants for troops.

The News' San Antonia special says sensational and conflicting reports continue to come from Corrizo Springs. All accounts agree that another sharp reconnitering skirmish took place between the Mexicans and the sheriff's posse, in which three more raiders were killed and a division of the raiding bandits were driven back across the Rio Grande.

The Inauguration Ball.

WASHINGTON, February 8.—The eleven acres of canvas which is to form the temporary roof of the inaugural ball-room was delivered yesterday. A contract for the decoration of the hall has been awarded, at $5,500. The material to be used will be insured for $50,000, and the contractors themselves say that they don't expect to make any money and will be satisfied to make their expenses. They think that the advertisement will repay them. The gallery running around the hall will be draped with a heavy maroon velvet, woven with golden spangles. The large columns in the center will be covered with white muslin, to represent marble. Natural flowers and plants will be used largely, and also evergreen wreathes and garlands. People who are coming may form some idea of how they will be expected to accommodate themselves from the statement that the committee expect to lodge 13,034 persons in 1,492 rooms. Fifty-two halls will furnish lodgings for 8,328. The committee have already secured accommodations such as these for 11,612 individuals who have written.

Pittsburg's Anarchists.

PITTSBURG, February 8.—The story that the anarchists are armed and drilling here, and that dynamite is stored at various points in the city, seems to have some foundation. In an interview with a reporter of the Dispatch to-night, a prominent police official states that he had reliable information that dynamite was stored at least at one point within the city limits and that a large supply of guns were lately received by the Pittsburg anarchists, which he thought had been shipped from Chicago. He said the parties having these arms were foreigners, not workingmen out of employment, but anarchists.

Herr Joseph Frick, a prominent socialist, admitted to a reporter of the same paper that the anarchists were armed in this city and that they had regular nights for drilling. He said there were about 4,000 members in Allegheny county.

A Youthful Murderer Kills His Grandmother.

Special Telegram to the BEE.

CAIRO, Ills., February 8.—Frank Abner, aged 15, who seems to be a precocious criminal is in jail at Metropolis for the murder of his grandmother, Mrs. Ross, in Hardin county. He tells the horrible story with perfect composure, eats and sleeps well and does not seem to appreciate the enormity of his crime. He says on Monday evening he was chopping wood for his grandmother, when Turnbull Watson, an older boy induced him to go away and play, telling him if his grandmother objected to knock her in the head. She reprimanded him when he came home. He went sullenly to bed and about midnight arose, took the axe and went to his grandmothers bedside and buried the weapon in her brain, killing her instantly.

Military Matters.

WASHINGTON, February 8.—Lieutenant Frederick Schwatka, whose resignation from the army took effect on the 31st of January, will not receive his full pay until satisfactory explanation is furnished for deficiencies in his ordnance and quartermaster's accounts prior to his Arctic expedition of 1878, amounting to nearly $4 0. The senate bill introduced for his relief in this matter has been recommended for indefinite postponement by the committee on Military affairs, on the strength of information furnished by the war department, to the effect that Lieutenant Schwatka's attention has repeatedly been called to the deficiencies in his accounts, but that no explanation has ever been made, and that there was no reason why he should be relieved in the absence as evidence showing the loss of his retained papers.

Lieutenant William English, 17th infantry, is undergoing trial at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., on charges of seduction.

Old Hickory's Medal Raffled Off.

Special Telegram to the BEE.

NEW YORK, February 8.—The gold medal awarded by congress to Andrew Jackson in commemoration of his victory at the battle of New Orleans in 1815, was raffled among the members of the stock exchange two or three days ago. The medal was in the hands of the descendants of President Jackson until recently. The last owner was obliged to dispose of it from necessity. Its value is about $125. The stock brokers sold 100 shares at $5 each, and the lucky number was held by R. L. Anderton, jr., of the firm of Brown & Anderton. It is intimated that the historic trophy will be placed in the keeping of some public institution.

St Louis Socialists.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., February 8.—At a meeting of the socialists this afternoon a black bordered circular was freely distributed, containing a bitter tirade against Germany for the execution of anarchists, and calling upon the workingmen to organize and revolt against priestcraft, monarchy and monopoly. The Bohemian group of internationalists also held a meeting, at which the present wage system and all kinds of monopoly were condemned and revolutionary socialism advocated.

Fire at Hartford, Connecticut.

HARTFORD, Conn., February 8.—The Rockwell block, Baker's block and a few small buildings burned to-day. Loss, $60,000; uninsured.

JOHN McCULLOUGH.

Anecdotes of the Tragedian as Related By a Fellow Actor.

A Memento of Jesse James—McCullough's Abilities as a Singer—A Victim to Dissipation.

The subject of "John McCullough," of whom so much has been said in the past few months, true and false, is becoming rather threadbare, despite the fact that that eminent tragedian has many friends who are deeply interested in his welfare. A conversation held by a representative of the BEE yesterday with Edmund Collier, the rising young actor, developed some points, however, which are given as being of possible interest to Omaha admirers of the tragedian, of whilom greatness. Mr. Collier, at present with the "Storm Beaten" company, was for four years the leading male support in the McCullough company, and is well acquainted with the traits of the great stage genius. Without attempting a detailed description of McCullough's general or particular traits of character, Mr. Collier related a story or so which show well the great and ruling characteristics of the man.

"There is one point about McCullough's character which always impressed me," said Mr. Collier, "and that was his grim humor. His wit was clumsy, elephantine, but impressive, and his talk and actions were invested with the same trait. There is one anecdote over which I often lahgh. At the time that McCullough was playing in Kansas City, Jesse James was killed at St. Joseph. Miss Forsythe, at that time in the troupe, was a great admirer of the James boys, and lamented greatly the cruel fate which had decreed the death of the bold, bad bandit.

The remains of the dead highwaymen were brought from St. Joseph to Kansas City, and the manager of the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad, a special friend of McCulloughs', invited him down to the depot to look at the remains. Miss Forsythe of course, wanted to "go too," but in this she was prevented by McCullough, who thought that she would be better without the sight Miss Forsythe plead in vain. McCullough would not relent. The matter was finally adjusted by a soothing promise on the part of McCullough to take the lady when the company passed through St. Joseph, to the spot where James had died, to point out his old quarters, and to buy her some memento of the dead bandit. Reaching that city, our next stand, Miss Forsyshe was taken in charge by Mr. McCullough, who amply fulfilled the first part of his promise in showing her the historic spot. As regards the second, Miss F. was surprised to receive a day or so afteward, a heavy cooking stove, carefully boxed, marked "A memento of Jasse James, Yours, John McCullough."

"The great actor," continued Mr Collier, "was most indefatigable in his drill. He had us practicing all the time. At first his ideas of rehearsal were not so pronounced and defined, but latterly he insisted upon his company's spending hours every day in the most thorough and exhaustive drill upon such parts as he deemed necessary. I remember one little incident in this connection, which is always to me sadly amusing. You know McCullough could never whistle or sing—that is, correctly. Of course, he could make certain noises, but there was not the slightest element of music therein. We were rehearsing one of McCullough's famous plays, in which Iago has to sing the verse,

King Stephen was a worthy peer, etc.

After singing the verse once, Iago says, you know, to the assemblage. "Will you hear me again?" Of course everybody in deference hastens to say "yes, yes, good sir!" When McCullough was playing the part in rehearsal, he managed to get through the stanza, and turning around said, "Will you hear me again?" The effect of his vocal effort was so wretchedly ludicrous that everybody burst into laughter, and said, "no, no, no, my lord!" "Then —— ——," said McCullough, and he walked off the stage in a petulant humor which was sustained during the rest of the day.

"McCullough used to relate an interesting reminscence of the great actor Forres relative to the period of his playing in that actor's support," laughed Mr. Collier, continuing. "Forrest at the time I speak of was suffering severely from rheumatism of the hands, painful in the extreme. In one of the parts which Forrest was rehearsing with McCullough, the former said withdrawing his hand from the Roman toga, "Dareat thou take this hand sire?" McCullough slapped his hand upon the injured and swollen member of his fellow tregedian, and with a roguish twinkle, said "I dare, sir!" "D—— you," said Forrest, hastily withdrawing his paw, "never do that again, sir!" I suppose, however that when the dread rheumatism departed, McCullough was allowed to handle the play according to its proprieties.

"What do I know about his health? Very little of an authentic nature. I have not heard from him for some time. I saw a squib in some paper the other day about him, which if true would indicate that he is recovering. It said that he was fast regaining his health, and was studying, with a view to producing it on the stage, a play written by a young Greek in New York. This same play which was written for the tragedian two years ago, I well remember. Before McCullough's breakdown he cherished the idea of producing it with his old company. The play is entitled the "Wife of Miletus," and was written by the young Greek in an exceedingly happy vein. It is very much like the "Ingomar," except that the parts of the hero and heroine are exactly reversed. I am afraid that McCullough will never be able to handle it, though I sincerely hope so."

"Acquainted as you are with the great actor's life and traits, do you attribute his mental and physical breaking down to overwork, or to dissipation, or both?"

"Largely to dissipation. McCullough had friends every where, and no matter in what city or town he was playing, there were friends who would take him out to wine or oyster suppers. A man cannot do his work under such tremendous pressure as McCullough did his, and dissipate so freely, without his course eventually telling, with terrible and lasting effect upon his system. From what I have seen and known of the great tragedian, I think I can say that the impairment of his mental faculties, as well as the wreck of his physical system, can be traced to his dissipated habits, as the principal producing cause."

Grave Robbers Acquitted.

A few weeks ago the story of the robbery of grave of Mrs. George M. McConaughy, at Rochelle, Ill., was published in these columns with a mention that the men accused of stealing the body were about to be tried. The accused were two young men named Shinkle and Waterman, and were students of the Rush Medical College in Chicago. The jury in the case returned a verdict of "not guilty," although the testimony against the accused was conclusive. Shinkle was the stroke oarsman who threw the race with the Oxford team a few years ago.

THE CRESTON WRECK.

Train No. 3 On the C. B. & Q., is Precipitated Over a Bridge—"Ten Hours Late."

The bulletins at the depot last night announced the simple fact that train No. 3, west bound on the C. B. & Q., was ten hours late. No cause was at first assigned for the delay but the general public was not slow in "catching on" to the fact that there had been a wreck on the line. Reports at first were very meagre and all sorts of wild rumors were rife. No one around the depot seemed at all posted on the subject and some officers rather overdid themselves in disclaiming any knowledge of the accident. Later reports, however, detail the accident as given in the telegraph columns. A wrecking train was early dispatched to the scene of the disaster, which occurred late in the afternoon.

The following is the late associated press dispatch:

CRESTON, Iowa, February 8.—A serious accident occurred about ten miles west of this place this afternoon. As train No. 3, west bound, approached a bridge across a small stream they struck a broken rail and tilted along on the ties until they ran onto the bridge, which went down, carrying with it two coaches and a sleeper containing from twenty to twenty-five passengers. The following is the list of the killed: Robert Brown, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mrs. Powell, New Albany, Ind.; Mrs. W. C. Carroll, San Gache, Cal.

Horrible Crime in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, February 8.—The Wahpeton special to the Globe says: Thirty neighbors of the Dill family unearthed an unnatural crime to-day. August Dill, a prominent German farmer near the town was mysteriously missing since January 26, and no trace could be found until to-day, when his remains were found under the manure pile near his stables. His wife confessed when confronted by the corpse. She said: "We quarrelled, and I shot him twice with a pistol borrowed of the hired man, Julius Ebel, who helped to bury him." The woman admits of her intimacy with Ebel. Both are in jail, and came near being lynched.

Cleveland Anarchists.

CLEVELAND, O., February 8.—F. L. Geger, of 62 Linden street, formerly agent of the International Workingmens' association, anarchists, says there are four groups of the order in this city with 200 members and many sympathizers. Two are German and two are Bohemian. A fifth American will be organized to-morrow.

He says the workingmen here are ripe for a riot, and that unless times improve the greatest revolutions the world has ever known will be inaugurated. The socialists are increasing in numbers here very rapidly. Geger is a railroad clerk. The present agent of his group is Franta Sakrid, of 186 Croton street.

Chicago Socialists and Anarchists.

CHICAGO, February 8.—The moderate socialists held a large attended meeting on the west side this afternoon. Speeches were delivered in English and German counciling agitation to secure the adoption of their principles.

Another large meeting was held on the north side at which the moderate socialists and anarchists divided the time in discussion, the socialists counseled moderation and agitation. The anarchists, as usual, the use of dynamite, which, as one of the speakers remarked, would make one man equal to a thousand. He favored the defiance of all laws.

The Heaviest Snow Storm of the Season.

CHICAGO, February 8.—Decidedly the worst snow storm thus far this season set in here about 8 o'clock to-night. The flakes are falling very fast. Driven in the blinding gusts from the north and being very wet, they cling to everything they touch. If it continues, trains will be greatly delayed or blocaded before morning. Inquiry at 10 o'clock showed that the telegraph wires had not experienced any trouble to speak of, though it was anticipated from the sticky character of the snow. Advices from other points indicate that the storm area is large. It is sleeting at Springfield, Ill.

The Marshal of Wyoming Removed.

WASHINGTON, February 8.—For some time past an examination has been going on as to the conduct of the affairs of the United States marshal of Wyoming. It is said that derelictions have been found in the management of this office similar to those charged upon the Montana office. Gustavus Schultzer, has been removed. The authorities at the attorney general's office here refuse to give out any information on the subject.

Killed While Returning From Prayer Meeting.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., February 8.—Annie and Ella Miller aged 17 and 13 respectively, were struck by the mail express at Mapleton last night. Ella was instantly killed and Annie was seriously injured but will probably recover. The girls were on their way home from prayer meeting.

Keokuk's License Law.

KEOKUK, Iowa, February 7.—The city council to-night adopted an ordinance licensing saloons to sell beverages not prohibited by the state law. The license was fixed at $400 per year. The resolution recently passed to enforce the state law was rescinded. The saloons will take out licenses and continue to do business unless interfered with by private individuals.

Captain Pym's New Project.

GALVESTON, February 8.—Capt. Bedford Pym, of the English navy arrived in this city to-night to inspect the harbor and determine the possibility of his plan of building a pier about four miles in length to permanent deep water. He would protect the pier with a floating break water.

Don't Fool With an Editor.

WABASH, Ind., February 7.—Lee Linn, editor of the Courier, was accosted this morning by William Hickey, of Lagrow, who had made threats against Linn's life. The latter pulled a revolver and shot him twice through the breast. He will die. Linn has not been arrested.

Death of a Noted Horseman.

CHICAGO, February 8.—The Daily News, Decatur, Ill., says: Samuel Powers, widely known as a breeder and raiser of thorough bred horses, died here last night of pneumonia, aged 69. He was worth a quarter of a million dollars.

The Steamer Alaska Arrived.

NEW YORK, February 8.—The steamer Alaska, several days over due, arrived off Fire Island in tow of the steamer Lake Winnipeg, from Liverpool.

Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, February 8.—The first race of five fu long Ellen won, Nat Trimble second and Malvolio third; time, 1:06½.

STATE JOTTING.

Fremont wants the electric light.

Dixon county has a debt of $20,000.

A creamery is being built at Ponca.

There are 267 children enrolled in the Norfolk schools.

The Methodist college at Central City will cost $15,000.

Scribner is sinking a number of wells for fire purposes.

Dixon county has a million and a half of assessable property.

The Peru Normal school has two hundred students this term.

The Commercial bank has been organized at Weeping Water.

Loup county's expenses for this year are estimated at $8,100.

Creighton claims the lead in the triangular race for the land office.

The alleged coal mines at Ponca will soon be opened for inspection.

Albion proudly points to her new high school, just completed.

The Platte bridge at Fremont is being put in order to resist the spring freshet.

There were $282,185 10 in the Lancaster county treasury on the 1st of January.

The Central City Loan and Trust company, with a capital of $50,000, has been organized.

The Plattsmouth Herald has been reorganized, remodeled and a patent inside inserted.

The thirteenth annual fair of Dodge county is set for the 8th, 9th and 10th days of September.

A farm of 760 acres, near Fremont, sold for $87,000 John W Collins, of Wyoming, being the purchaser.

The promising town of Athens has been hauled away and will hereafter constitute a ward in the town of Pender.

Central City and Fullerton are still quarrelling and calling each other bad names. Abuse and jealousies never build towns.

Thomas Ashford, living near Dakota City, lost five head of cattle by their breaking through the ice of the Missouri river.

Valentine reports the spring rush of settlers as already setting in. At the United States land office the entries average thirty daily.

J. F. Fuller is pronounced by the Nance County Journal to be the largest dead beat in the west. The editor is out $800 in printing.

The Fremont creamery during January purchased 74,572 pounds of butter and turned out 13,044 pounds of butter and 100 pounds of cheese.

The Plattsmouth Herald buffs Buffington's Stout prison bill and asserts that "Nebraska has criminals enough to care for without importing them."

The late fire in Plattsmouth brings into prominence the necessity of water supply for fire protection. It is always in order to lock the stable door after the horse is stolen.

A Butler county school teacher numbers among her pupils a thirteen-year old married woman, the youngest in the state. Also an eleven-year old, the heaviest of his age in the state.

The B. & M. shops at Plattsmouth are unusually busy, and the force in all departments is steadily increasing. A large number of Omaha mechanics have found employment there.

The family of Owen Quinn living near Columbus has been terridly afflicted with the dreadful diphtheria. Last week three of the children, aged 8, 14 and 16, died, and others of the family are down with it.

The official visit of Manager Potter and Supt. Stone to Plattsmouth means much good to the town. The shops there will be enlarged, improved machinery put in and the force largely increased. The plans will not be mature before spring.

The Hon Chas. Sang, who was led into a snag by Rachel Beer, of Fremont, is whistling a lively tune since a jury of twelve pronounced him no guilty of the charge of being an unauthorized father.

Frank Ellis, after permitting the publication of his name as witness in a case of "final proof" before the United States land office at North Platte, demanded $10 of the widowed claimant before he would testify. The case went over for another sixty days.

Charles Johnson went to Lincoln with $170, put up at a cheap hotel, and as it was still cheaper to room with a stranger than alone, he shared his room with a guileless youth. The cash and the youth both arose and departed next morning before Mr. Johnson was awake.

Chas. Gates, a Thayer county youth, eagerly watched his pard burnishing an old, rusty pistol, a kicker from away back and loaded to the muzzle. His face was peppered with small shot, which required a doctor several hours to extract. Charley narrowly escaped knocking at the pearly gates.

Engineers are surveying the Dakota county slough with a view to its permanent drainage. It is proposed to construct a twelve foot canal, five feet deep, with a fall of thirty inches to the mile. The length would be four and a half miles. It would drain 4,800 acres of land and cost about $4,300.

There was a stampede in the Fremont Tribune office the other day. A package of suspicious looking stuff was unloaded in the sanctum just as the news of the shooting of Rossa arrived. The package was cautiously analyzed by the Majendie of the staff and pronounced wedding cake.

Lincoln, not content with skinning the living through legislative acts to the benefit of that city, wants to skin the dead. A representative from that city has introduced a bill that all paupers dying in public institutions shall be boxed and shipped to the state university.—[Plattsmouth Herald.

There are seventy-three counties in Nebraska. Newspapers are published in sixty-nine counties. Cities, towns and villages in which papers are published number 165, of which sixty are county seats. Of the 276 papers which insert advertisements published in the state, 17 are daily, 248 weekly, 6 semi-weekly, and 5 monthly.

The Loechen family, of Dodge county, is a branch of an ancient German house, the head of which, Mrs. Martha Jansen, celebrated her hundredth anniversary at Loza, Germany, February 3. The old lady has over 200 of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren now living, of whom thirty reside in Dodge county. Her oldest child, 80 years of age, is living with the old lady, and enjoys excellent health.

The number of cattle killed on the U. P. road this winter between North Platte and Denver has been unusually large, but a special coming down one day last week clapped the climax by killing eighty three head, forty-three of which were slaughtered in one cut. The engine was badly broken up in front, the pilot torn off, head-light smashed and several of the iron bars broken, but she stuck to the track and brought the coach through safely. It was an expensive trip though for the company.—North Platte Tribune.

The residents of Geneva enjoyed a remarkable atmospheric phenomena one day last week. The Review says: The peculiarity was in the fact that Fairmont, a town eight miles to the north of us, and so situated by the lay of the ground, that it is entirely out of sight, but that morning it was in full view, and apparently on the bank of the creek only a mile from us. The picture was beautiful, perfect, and startling, when it burst upon us as we turned the corner of the street. The illusion was so perfect it seemed that we could easily carry on a conversation with that town. In a few minutes the condition of the atmosphere had changed and the picture had vanished.

Boiler Explosion at Peoria.

PEORIA, February 8.—Three boilers in the starch works of the Fermnich manufacturing company exploded this evening. The building, which was badly demolished caught fire and will probably be a total loss. Some of the boilers were thrown a distance of several blocks. Two men, a fireman, and a watch man are missing, but it has been impossible as yet to make a search for them.

Death of Manager Merrill.

MILWAUKEE, February 8.—S. S. Merrill, manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, died at 12:30 this morning from the effects of an apoplectic stroke on last Tuesday evening. He was aged 67.

Iron and Steel Mill Burned.

NASHUA, N. H., February 8.—The plate and bar mill of the Nashua Iron and Steel company burned this morning. The entailed property loss was about $100,000.

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