GROWING RICH IN ALASKA

Missouri Boy Writes Home of Life at Dawson City.

HAS BEEN THERE FOR TWO YEARS

Complains Bitterly of the Outrageous Revenue Duties Levied by the Ottawa Government—The Yukon Order of Pioneers.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Oct. 11.—(Special.)—Henry Alexander of this place has received a long and interesting letter from his son, G. E. Alexander, who has been in Dawson City, Alaska, since 1895. The letter is dated "Dawson City, N. W. T., Aug. 18, 1897," and is as follows:

"I have been spending most of the summer at Dawson City, but will leave shortly for the mines on Bonanza creek, where I will remain until next spring. A new creek was struck this summer known as Dominion creek. It is a tributary to Indian river. I succeeded in locating a claim—a very favorable location—on it. There were two discoveries on the river and my claim is between them. I am offering one-half interest in the claim to any one who will prospect it and represent me at the claim, as I will not be able to be there myself.

"A friend of mine and I have just finished a building here in town, which we will sell for $2,000 or rent for $100 per month. I succeeded in holding my Davis creek property this summer. It is not anything big, but if men become plenty in this country next year, or any other year, that ground has a stake in it for some one. The ground averaged after I bought it one ounce ($17) to the man per day for shoveling in. Of course, to make money out of a claim a force of men is the essential object. But to get men over here this summer was an impossibility, except one or two.

"The excitement of the country is right here and as for this strike on the Klondike, I regard it as the biggest that was ever known in the world. They are getting as high as $2,500 to the pan on Eldorado creek (a tributary to Bonanza), and 3,000 ounces, or $51,000, was taken from one claim alone in about a week's shoveling, at a total expense of $5,000. At that rate there will be at least $3,000,000 or $4,000,000 in the claim. You can see more gold handled here in a day than you will see in the states in a lifetime, unless you visit the mint. The boats leaving this spring have had their safes and boxes made for the purpose full of gold.

BEATS THE WHOLE WORLD.

"This is, as I have always said and believe, a greater gold mining county than all the rest of the world combined. There are thousands of creeks that white man has never touched with a spade. Paying creeks are found from one end of the great Yukon to the other. Gold is found in tributaries almost to St. Michaels, which is 1,800 miles from here. Think of it—as far as from you live to San Francisco!

"This is the only country in the world that's fit for a poor man to live in—and whether rich or poor I don't think from choice I would ever exchange a frontier for an eastern life. Previous to this year the men in this country seemed like a band of brothers. There is an order here called the Yukon Order of Pioneers. They all have a regalia that they wear on certain occasions. One of the old pioneers died two or three weeks ago, and during sickness, death and burial they took entire charge of him. I attended the funeral and one of the brother pioneers delivered a funeral oration that, in its depth of feeling and its lofty praise of brotherhood, rivaled Ingersoll himself. Every face of those bold, rugged men was studded with liquid pearls, and indeed it was a scene never to be forgotten by me.

"There are, it is supposed, six or seven thousand people in the vicinity of Dawson City. The greatest drawback in this section of the country is the government. The people are being taxed outlandishly. The first recording fee on a claim is $5, the next $100, and seven years after is $100 for each claim. They even charge stumpage for cutting wood at 25 cents per cord, which amounts to considerable where so much is burned in warming the ground. Even the dead wood lying on the ground is charged for at 10 cents per cord. House logs are charged for at the rate of 8 cents per log, providing they are not too large—say, twelve inches at the bottom.

REVENUE DUTY IS HEAVY.

"All goods have a heavy revenue duty, which is said to be in retaliation on the United States. The outspoken manner of the people says: "G—d d—n the Canadian government." The hateful feature is that every cent of the revenues is sent to Ottawa. Not a trail or a pestoffice is built by them. It's taxation without representation in the fullest sense of the words! It's a wonder to me that the miners and people stand it. Of course, if we don't like the government we can leave. But the idea of twenty-five or thirty police and a gold commissioner coming in here and running the country is humiliating indeed. They talk about order, etc. Great God, there is no law men are as much afraid of as the miners' law. Only one man was ever known to be killed on the American side, and he was a moral and civil outlaw. It is estimated that the Canadian government will collect $2,000,000 here between last spring and next. I intend to make the best of it I can this winter, and then forever live on the American side.

"There is much complaint that the United States is slow in determining the accuracy of the boundary line. They say that Ogilvie's survey was thrown out of the senate and so Forty Mile and even this county may be in the United States for all we know. President McKinley has, however, notified the Canadian government that they must keep account of the revenues collected until the boundary is settled.

"A representative of the Rothschilds is here in Dawson to see if he can't get a corner on the entire country and own the gold of the Arctic zone as well as of the Temperate and Tropic. It is true that capital develops a country faster, but it leaves it in a bad condition after it is developed. That is the worst of it. The old saying of Horace Greeley, "Go west, young man and grow up with the country," will be impossible of carrying out when this country is settled, because this is most certainly the jumping off place.

"How sad, oh how sad, it will be when there are no more countries to explore, when the true spirit of man can no more hope to gratify to the fullness of his soul and spirit freedom from social and political rottenness and corruption!"

Failed to Register Properly.

"Well, how should I know they were married? They registered Mr. —— and lady, so I assigned one to a room in the third story and the other on the second floor," said M. E. Scott, proprietor of the Sylvan hotel of La Porte, who placed a man and wife in an awkward situation one night recently, relates the Houston (Tex.) Post. It was in the corridor of the Hutchins that Mr. Scott was relating the incident to friends.

"What did they do?"

"They remained up one-half of the night in their respective rooms, waiting for each other to come in."

"How did it end?"

"Why, the man came creeping down the stairs between 12 and 1 a. m. to see what was the matter."

"Was he mad?"

"Say, don't mention it. But I'll bet he doesn't register that way again."

Typewriter Supplies.

Chicago Post: He didn't come clear into the office. He just poked his head through the half-open door, as if fearful that he might get into trouble, and asked:

"Want any typewriter supplies?"

"Why, yes; come in," said the man in the office.

The man in the doorway promptly entered, while the man in the office leaned back in his chair and looked at the ceiling in a dreamy sort of way.

"I believe I do want something in the line of typewriter supplies," said the man in the office at last. "I'll take a 120-pound blonde of about five feet four inches if you have one in stock. The machine appears to have everything else that it requires."

The typewriter supply man waited until he got out doors before he spoke. He feared he couldn't do justice to the subject in cramped quarters."

DENIAL OF REPORTED MASSACRE.

Cavendish Sporting Expedition Is Safe in Every Respect.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—There seems no reason to doubt that the Cavendish sporting expedition, which left Berber, East Africa, last year, is safe in every respect. A report reached Rome from Benadire on October 1 to the effect that the expedition, which arrived at Lughi, Semeland, about the middle of November last, and thence proceeded toward Lake Rudolph, had been attacked by a band of Amharas, who, it is added, had murdered all the members of the expedition, consisting of two Englishmen, Cavendish, who is a nephew of the duke of Devonshire, Lieutenant Andrew, his companion, and ninety Ascaris. A letter from Kikuiyu, British East Africa, received here in October, disproved this report. This letter, which was written by Frank Hall, the British agent at Kikuiyu, announced that Cavendish and his party arrived at Kikuiyu on August 5 after a trip around Lake Randolph, which up to that time had been unexplored. Mr. Hall further stated that the Cavendish expedition had started for Zanzibar on August 15, the route to be taken being perfectly safe.

The expedition had a little trouble with the native head men, who incited the Ascaris to mutiny, and for a time the two Englishmen were forced to yield to the demands of the Ascaris. Approaching Kikuiyu, however, Cavendish and Andrew seized the two ringleaders and brought them prisoners to Kikuiyu, from which point they were subsequently sent to the coast for trial.

As already cabled, the expedition discovered a new lake and two active volcanos and crossed from the Gulf of Aden to the Zanzibar coast by about the same route as previously followed by the expedition commanded by Dr. Donaldson Smith of Philadelphia.

INSURGENTS ARE TRIUMPHANT.

Deny Reports of Government Success in Guatemala.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 11.—Mariano Lopez, one of the prominent citizens of Guatemala, now in this city, has received the following dispatch from the leaders of the insurgents in his native land:

TAPACHULA, Oct. 9.—We are triumphant. I will communicate to you in detail the particulars of the battle with the despots. MORALES.

Mr. Lopez has also received other messages, of which the most important tells of the fusion liberals. He tells of the so-called taking of Quelltesenango, which was merely an abandonment of that point for strategic reasons, as shown in his dispatches. In regard to the forces at the command of the revolutionary party, the latest information is to the effect that there are 17,000 men, all well equipped and waiting for nothing, either in supplies or ammunition.

CALL OUT FEDERATED TRADES.

Employes in Thirty Industries to Strike in Sympathy with Engineers.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The secretary of the Federated Trades, comprising thirty important industries, announces that the executive committee has definitely decided to call out all its members in sympathy with the struggle of the engineers against their employers on Friday next, when it is estimated a total of 400,000 men will be out of work on account of the great labor dispute.

EXPECT TO GO OVER WHOLE FIELD.

Japanese Understanding of Proposed Seal Conference.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—An official telegram from Yokohama says: Japan accepted the invitation to send a representative to the sealing conference soon to be held in Washington on the understanding that the whole sealing question is to be discussed and not simply the questions which are covered by the Paris award, Japan having no interest in the Pribyloff islands.

German Money for Railways.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—A dispatch to the Times from Santiago de Chili says that a German syndicate has offered to the Chilean government 100,000,000 pesos at 4½ per cent interest, to be invested exclusively in the construction of railways. The offer is favorably received.

South Pole Expedition Fitting Out.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Christiania says that the commercial and scientific expedition to be undertaken for South Polar exploration under the conduct of Dr. Borchgrevinck, the Antarctic explorer, will start from England next July.

Funding the Dominion Debt.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The Bank of Montreal has invited tenders for £2,000,000 ($10,000,000) 2½ per cent inscribed stock at not less than 91. Of this amount £1,000,000 will be applied to paying off the floating debt of the Dominion.

Kills a British Officer.

SIMLA, Oct. 11.—A dispatch from Gamrud, near the entry to Tahbur pass, says that the tribesmen have been active there today, and have fired on a patrol of dragoons, killing Captain Jones, a British officer, and one private.

Arab Uprising in Bagdad.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 11.—It is rumored here that there has been a serious Arab uprising at Bassorah in the Pashalik of Bagdad, Asiatic Turkey, and troops have been sent to suppress the insurrection.

Tewfix to Patch Up the Treaty.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 11.—The sultan has appointed the minister of foreign affairs, Tewfik Pasha, as the plenipotentiary of Turkey to negotiate the defective peace treaty with Greece.

New York Girl to Wed a Count.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The Morning Post announces that a marriage has been arranged between Count Charles Sellern and Miss Antoinette Woerishoffer, daughter of the late Charles Woerishoffer of New York.

STATUS OF YELLOW FEVER

Conditions Are Changed Very Little at New Orleans.

LITTLE HOPE FOR ANY IMPROVEMENT

People Rebel Against Strict Enforcement of Quarantine, and as a Result the Scourge Continues to Spread.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 11.—From the returns there is little hope in the yellow fever situation. The Board of Health is daily demonstrating that with a fair show it is possible for modern science to restrict and stamp out the disease. But the people who must suffer from a strict application of scientific methods rebel, the result being that the pathway of the board is beset with difficulties. If there was strict compliance with the health laws, if prompt report was made of cases, the fever germs would be quickly wiped out. But it begins to look now as if from thirty to forty cases and from four to six deaths would be daily reported until jack frost puts in an appearance. The official bulletin issued by the Board of Health tonight was as follows: Cases of yellow fever today, thirty-nine; deaths today, four; total cases to date, 616; total deaths to date, sixty-five; total cases absolutely recovered, 257; total cases under treatment, 294.

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 11.—Today's record showed five new cases and no deaths. Total cases to date, 126; deaths, twenty; recoveries, sixty-seven; under treatment, thirty-nine.

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 11.—Dr. Dunn's report from Edwards: For lack of material the list of new cases is getting small and will be but few exception the other cases are doing well. There have been reported five new cases, one white and four colored. One has black vomit. Two deaths, Mrs. R. S. Withers, Rob Roy plantation, five miles southwest of here, and Robert Farr, who resides eight miles west of here.

GALVESTON, Tex., Oct. 11.—Dr. C. W. Truehart, member of the Advisory Board of Health, this morning reported to the health office that he had found a case of well defined but very mild yellow fever.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 11.—The city council tonight passed a resolution throwing open the doors of San Antonio to yellow fever refugees from Galveston and other coast cities and invited citizens of those cities to come here during the prevalence of yellow fever at their homes. The resolution is based on the fact that during the past fifty years no yellow fever has developed here, notwithstanding the fact that refugees have come here from infected points and died from the disease.

HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 11.—Yellow fever expert Guiteras arrived today and visited the hospitals and one or two private residences, but discovered no yellow fever. The smaller towns of the state are excited beyond measure and in many counties trains are not allowed to stop.

Quarantine Against Galveston.

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 11.—Several places in the state have quarantined against Galveston because of the report that yellow fever exists there. At Beaumont the County Board of Health quarantined against both Galveston and Houston and all communication is cut off between Beaumont and those cities. Rigid quarantine has been re-established in Bryan and that county against the gulf city, and three persons who went there from Galveston several days ago are being detained. The Marshall Board of Health has quarantined against Galveston, Houston, Beaumont and San Antonio.

GALVESTON, Oct. 11.—The yellow fever situation today is practically unchanged. Dr. Edward Randall reports to the Board of Health two cases in his practice, with a request that the board send experts to make an examination. One of the cases is George D. Morgan, 810 Postoffice street, bookkeeper for Peter Gengler. This morning Dr. Truehart of the advisory board called with Dr. Randall to examine this patient. Dr. Truehart pronounced the case more than suspicious. Dr. Randall says he is positive it is yellow fever. Morgan is critically ill. Guards will be placed about the premises and the case isolated. The other new case is that of a man named Stawinski, at 3819 Broadway. Stawinski has been employed at St. Mary's infirmary. He had a relapse and is seriously ill.

A meeting of citizens was held at the Cotton exchange to devise means to open communication with the remainder of the state, but nothing was done. Dr. Guiteras, accompanied by State Health Officer Swearingen, left this afternoon for Houston to examine the condition of affairs there. Dr. Swearingen says Dr. Guiteras will enter Houston if it takes the whole state militia to help him. All business out of Galveston has ceased. The printing house of Clarke & Courts, with a payroll of $1,000 a day, shut down this morning for an indefinite period. No other establishments have closed. People here and many physicians refuse to believe the disease is yellow fever. On the other hand, Drs. Randall and West confirm Dr. Guiteras' diagnosis. There is no panic and little alarm. The chief concern is to get business moving. Dr. C. W. Truehart at 1 o'clock reports a case he has just discovered.

Suspicious Case at San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 11.—A case of suspicious fever was reported to the Board of Health this morning and this afternoon the patient, Harvey Griffith, a laborer living at 1219 South Medina street, died. A post mortem examination was held by order of the Board of Health and some symptoms of yellow fever found to exist. The board was divided in its opinion as to whether or not it was a case of yellow fever, but decided to be on the safe side, and proceed as though it was a case of yellow fever. The premises where the man died have been fumigated and occupants of the house placed under guard pending developments.

Four Cases at Houston.

GALVESTON, Tex., Oct. 11.—Dr. Guiteras declares that there are four cases of yellow fever in Houston. Dr. Swearingen, state health officer, has issued a proclamation quarantining Galveston and Houston, saying there are a few mild cases in each. Dr. Guiteras left for New Orleans tonight on board the revenue cutter Galveston.

TIT FOR TAT.

Mr. Grover to Mr. Geraldine.

OMAHA, Oct. 5.—To the Editor of the World-Herald: It is with chegrin that one reads columns of newspaper attacks on public officials and others in high positions—such as the charges against Superintendent Dion Geraldine in Saturday's papers. I have carefully read these charges in both the papers of this city, and I am willing, with your consent, to appear in print, that the blighting influence of public condemnation before trial may be stayed to the extent of my ability. Superintendent Geraldine is asked to step down and out because, among other things, he has succeeded in sheet piling the lagoon for $5,936.50 instead of letting the contract to Mr. Connelly for $7,100. Let me repeat that on the face of these charges Mr. Geraldine has accomplished the object and has $1,236.50 in the treasury.

Mr. Geraldine is further accused of gross negligence in permitting the erection of a planing mill near the grounds. I rise to ask what the Board of Public Works is doing? Under the new charter it has charge of these matters. Please understand I know Mr. Geraldine will receive his just reward from the eminent gentlemen appointed to investigate the charges, but no power can wipe out the public record made. Very respectfully, ALVA J. GROVER.

Mr. Geraldine to Mr. Grover.

Bought of Alva J. Grover by Dion Geraldine for Transmississippi Exposition:

March 16, 1 30-inch T square	$ 0.45
March 18, 2 blue prints, secs. 3-10-15-13	1.00
March 18, 3 doz. thumblacks (V. 476)	0.80
March 18, 1 scale rule	1.25
March 19, 1 36x60 board and trestle	10.00
March 20, 2 flagpoles	5.00
March 20, 1 steel tape	12.00
March 20, 1 metallic tape (V. 480)	2.35
March 20, 1 set chain pins	1.00
March 20, 2 plumb bobs	2.00
March 20, 1 field book	0.50
March 20, ½ doz. field books, No. 360	2.00
March 20, ½ doz. field books, No. 380	1.50
March 20, 1 yd. 42-inch tracing cloth (V. 504)	6.45
March 20, 1 bottle Indian ink	0.25
March 20, 2 yds. 36-inch tracing cloth less 10 per cent	....
March 31, 7 yds. drawing paper, 42-inch	1.40
April 3, 1 stick keal (V. 547)	0.15
April 3, 21 yds. tracing cloth	7.94
April 19, 108 lbs. No. 48 detail paper at 12c, less 10 per cent (V. 617)	1.66
April 28, ½ quire cross sec. paper (V. 708)	2.13
May 25, 1 24-yd. roll 42-inch tracing cloth	8.34
May 25, 3 doz. Kohinoor pencils	3.25
May 25, 1 44-yd. roll Alba tracing cloth	3.57
May 25, 1 gross ⅜-inch thumbtacks (V. 761)	0.82
May 25, 1 50½-lb. 42-inch duplex	7.06
May 25, 1 roll blue print paper	1.04
June 15, 16 yds. 42-inch blue process paper	1.53
June 15, 1 bolt tracing cloth (V. 841)	9.19
June 15, 10 yds. profile paper	2.55
June 15, 50 yds. 42-inch blue process paper	4.77
June 23, 1 bolt 42-inch tracing cloth	8.00
June 23, 1 bolt 30-inch tracing cloth (V. 915)	5.25
June 28, 6 yds. profile paper	1.53
June 28, 11 yds. tracing cloth (V. 916)	3.85
June 28, 1 100-ft. Roe tape	5.00
July 10, 1 V level vial (V. 990)	6.50
July 22, 2 rolls 42-inch tracing cloth	16.40
July 22, 2 rolls 30-inch tracing cloth (V. 1012)	10.50
July 22, 1 roll 42-inch tracing cloth	8.20
July 22, 1 roll 30 inch tracing cloth (V. 1012)	5.25
July 22, 13 yds. No. 253 profile paper	3.32
July 24, 10 yds. 36-inch tracing cloth at 35c (V. 1029)	3.50
July 24, 5 yds. 36-inch tracing paper at 10c	0.50
July 30, 1 44-yd. roll No. 202 Alba	4.00
August 2, 50-yd. roll 42-inch blue paper (V. 1084)	4.77
August 2, 35 yds. blue paper	3.34
August 12, 1 42-inch roll simplex paper	19.80
August 12, 1 42-inch roll imperial cloth (V. 1144)	9.00
August 24, 44 yds. tracing cloth, 30-inch (V. 1182)	10.68
August 27, 1 roll 36-inch tracing cloth	6.84
August 27, 20 yds. tracing profile paper (V. 1226)	5.10
September 1, 20 yds. 36-inch tracing cloth	5.70
September 3, 50 yds. 42-inch blue (V. 1257)	4.77
Total	$244.13

WILLIAM TELL OUTDONE.

Marvelous Shooting by a Kansas Rifleman.

Tom Smith, the famous Kansas rifleman, has again been giving exhibitions of his skill at Wichita. The shooting so far outdid anything attempted by the late William Tell, sr., that musical Kansas is daily expecting that the opera named in honor of the Swiss patriot will be changed to "Tom Smith." Smith stood in position with an apple on his head and a gun pointed over his shoulder.

Carefully sighting the gun, he pulled the trigger. The bullet struck the trigger of another gun placed thirty feet behind him; the second weapon, having been fired in this novel fashion, discharged its bullet at the trigger of a third gun thirty feet in front of the marksman. The shot from the third rifle struck the trigger of the fourth gun at the back, and a little higher than the second, and, finally, the shot from the fourth gun went through the apple on Mr. Smith's head.

International Leprosy Conference.

BERLIN, Oct. 11.—The international leprosy conference, which was attended by 150 physicians, was opened here today in the presence of representatives of the empire and the different German states. Prof. Virchow was elected chairman; Dr. Lasser of Berlin made the inaugural speech, and Count Posardowshy, minister of the interior, and Dr. Bosse, minister of public instruction, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the government.

COMMENCE THE ARGUMENTS

Lawyers Open Their Founts of Eloquence in the Luetgert Trial.

EVIDENCE IN THE CASE IS ALL IN

Defense Had Intended to Introduce Some More, but Witnesses Fail to Respond When Their Names Are Called.

CHICAGO, Oct. 11.—Despite a drizzling downpour of rain today the crowd which reached the criminal court building to be present at the opening of the eighth week of the famous Luetgert murder trial was as numerous as upon other mornings. When the order was finally given to open the doors there was a rush for the court room which the officers in charge were unable to check and in a few minutes the room was packed and the guards closed the corridor doors. Then followed the usual flow of original and grotesque profanity from those who were shut out. The oft-repeated cry of favoritism on the part of the deputy sheriffs and court baliffs was raised, but it had no effect and the discontented throng slowly sought consulation by going into other court rooms to listen to the trials of less noted cases.

Luetgert expressed his pleasure over the fact that today marked the opening of the last week of his trial. He was not alone in his appreciation of this fact. Everyone connected with the proceeding is tired of it.

"It has been a long drawn out and hard trial," said State's Attorney Deneen. "I am positively elated over the fact that we are close to the date when the case will be given over to the jury."

The trial came to an unexpected close today. Witnesses which the defense had called in sur-rebuttal failed to respond when their names were called and finally ex-Judge Vincent announced to the court that the case of the defense was all in. "We rest," concluded Luetgert's chief counsel. A sigh of relief was heard in the court room.

After a brief consultation by the counsel in the case it was agreed to begin arguments to the jury this afternoon. Assistant State's Attorney McEwan opened. He will be followed by Attorney Phalen. Ex-Judge Vincent will close for the defense and State's Attorney Deneen will close for the prosecution. The case will go to the jury probably next Saturday night.

A letter addressed to Chief of Police Kipley and purporting to be from Mrs. Louise Luetgert was received at police headquarters today. The letter was dated October 9, and was sent from New York City. Little if any attention will be paid to it by the police. The signature is spelled "Lutrigart," and this was enough to brand the letter as a fraud. The letter is quite long and is written in English, which it is said the missing woman was unable to speak. It states that the writer is now living with a family at 304 Palisade avenue, Jersey City, and that she was doing chamber work at the Metropole hotel. The writer implored Chief Kipley to save Luetgert, as she said he was innocent of the charge against him. The letter stated that Mrs. Luetgert would never return to her husband, and that she was going to Germany as soon as she could earn money enough to take her there. Her whereabouts since her disappearance last May were given. According to the letter, Mrs. Luetgert first went to Wisconsin, then to Flint, Mich., then to Detroit, and from there to New York City.

STATE IS CONSERVATIVE.

"The state was conservative in its assertions as to what it would prove on the witness stand, some weeks ago," said Mr. McEwen, in his opening. "We made no boasts," he continued. "We told you in the simplest language we could employ just what the evidence would disclose. Our promises have been fulfilled. Testimony given from the witness stand has been disclosed and developed more than we promised. No stronger case under similar evidence was ever presented to a jury. Search the law books the world over and you will find no circumstantial evidence case to equal the now world-famous Luetgert trial. The crime is one of the most remarkable in criminal annals, yet when the details are followed up and linked together in a circumstantial chain, the motive and the act are extremely plain and undeniable. The claim has been made here that we have failed to establish properly the corpus delicti, and I suspect you will hear much about this from the attorneys on the other side. The body of the crime has been sufficiently shown by the circumstances which establish that Mrs. Luetgert met her death through a criminal agency. There is no more necessity of proving the corpus delicti further than there would be to produce a house in court to prove that a person on trial for burglary broke into it, or to produce the horse before the jury which a thief is alleged to have stolen."

The speaker referred to the fact that nearly six months has elapsed since Mrs. Luetgert had disappeared from her home. "She still remains absent, and will remain missing as long as the world endures," shouted the assistant state's attorney, staring at Luetgert.

Then the case was taken up chronologically and all the incidents traced briefly down to the date of the opening of the trial. This started with the inquiry of Diedrich Bickness for his sister and Luetgert's indifferent reply that she had left in a temper and would return when she got over her "mad." Finally came the investigation of the police and the subsequent developments. All these were traced by the speaker, who praised the police for the excellence of their work.

"The conviction of innocent men upon circumstantial evidence has sometimes occurred," said Assistant State's Attorney McEwen. "But such men died as truly to support law and order as the sailor or soldier killed in battle."

The alleged relations of Luetgert and Mary Siemmering were touched upon and were declared to have furnished the motive for the crime. Then the law was read to impress the jury with the scope and significance of circumstantial evidence. Tomorrow especial attention will be paid to Mary Siemmering, and William Charles and Dr. Allport, the bone expert, will also be considered at some length. Attorney Phalen will follow Assistant State's Attorney McEwen.

A MAGNIFICENT STAIRWAY.

Gorgeous Entrance to New York's Twenty-Million-Dollar Capitol.

The great western staircase of the New York state capitol, one of the most beautiful and costly on the western continent, is approaching completion, says the New York Tribune. Scaffoldings yet surround it, workingmen are still engaged in carving stone upon it, but it will soon be finished. Possibly the members of the legislature which meets here on January 1 may be able to witness its unveiling if there is any ceremony of this nature.

Begun in March, 1884, from designs of the great architect, H. H. Richardson of Boston, which were carried out by Isaac H. Perry, the present state architect, the actual time expended in work upon the monumental structure has been eight years. And from Mr. Perry's disclaimer of any knowledge of what it has cost one can infer that it has been a tremendously expensive staircase. There is a suspicion founded upon certain estimates that it has cost toward $500,000, but no one would be surprised if Mr. Perry should acknowledge that it has cost $1,000,000. The difficulty of estimating rests in the fact that state laborers were paid to work upon it and that their labor in the accounts is not separated from that of laborers on other portions of the gigantic building.

The staircase is a double one, its stairways winding in and out of the central piers, and rising thus from story to story. It occupies a space seventy-six feet ten and one-half inches north and south by sixty-nine feet ten and one-half inches east and west. Its height from the tile floor in the first story to the top of the cornice is 105 feet, and thence from the summit to the glazed dome fourteen feet, making a total height of 119 feet. The east and west main corridors of the western section of the capitol extend along the great staircase in the first, second, third and fourth stories, except on the west side of the second story, where the entrance lobby is located, connecting with all four of the corridors, which are embellished with columns and pilasters with carved caps and string courses. The balustrades are profusely carved and so also are the columns of red Corsehill sandstone which sustain the stairway.

On the east side of the first story are carved corbels under the arches supporting the center row of steps, representing "Justice" on one and "Liberty" on the other. The corbels supporting the third-story arches which carry the center row of steps on the east bear the words "Excelsior" on one side and "E Pluribus Unum" on the other, and on the west side is a quotation from the Declaration of Independence.

There are carved heads to be seen between the caps of every column. Thus there are heads of Fennimore Cooper, Joseph Henry, George William Curtis, Silas Wright, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton and John Jay. On a transom over the entrance to the State library is a carving representing the head and neck of Minerva, with a wreath of oak leaves falling down on either side of the same, the whole set in well designed and carefully executed foliage. On the low section of the transom are the words "State Library," with carving representing palm leaves springing out from behind the caps of the columns on either side, which meet the lettering in well executed representation of an ivy leaf entwined around the letters. A carved head representing Homer is recessed between the carved capitals of the pilasters on the north side of the doorway and that of Shakespeare between the carved capitals on the south side. Cupids are represented in the spaces between the pilasters and columns at either side of the library doorway and at other points in the carved string courses. Heads representing old men and Cupids are introduced at intervals in the string course set in twining foliage.

HEIRESSES ON A LOCOMOTIVE.

Virginia Fair and Her Married Sister Have a Mountain Adventure.

Mrs. Herman Oelrichs, the well known New York society woman, and her sister, Miss Virginia Fair, are up to any sort of a lark, as their latest adventure amply proves. While traveling from New York to San Francisco their train was detained for some time at Promontory, a small station, fifty-three miles west of Ogden. The sisters availed themselves of the opportunity to take a little walk on the track. From the window of his cab Engineer Shell recognized them, and said to his fireman: "Why, there are Senator Fair's daughters."

His remark was audible to the two ladies, and, going closer to the cab, Mrs. Oelrichs said: "You seem to have known my father?"

"Yes, madam," replied the engineer, "I knew your father when he was running the Comstock mine." He then recalled to the sisters some incidents of their childhood which still remained fondly treasured in their memories. Question and answer soon broadened to a regular conversation between the heiresses and the engineer. The time for the train to start came round.

Then Melvin Shell, in an intensity of friendship, blurted out: "Ladies, I beg your pardon, but aren't you tired of riding in that stuffy Pullman back there? Wouldn't you like to ride awhile in the cab, where you'll get some fresh air?"

The sisters stared at the engineer for a moment, too startled to speak. Then the humor of the situation caught them, and, exchanging glances, they burst into a hearty laugh.

"Shall we?" inquired Mrs. Oelrichs of Miss Fair. A nod from Miss Fair settled the question, and in a second or two Engineer Shell was assisting Mrs. Herman Oelrichs and Miss Virginia Fair into his cramped and grimy quarters. Directly afterward the conductor's signal was given, and, pulling his valves open Engineer Shell started for the next station. At Wells, where the train stopped again, the heiresses, flushed, sooty, and with their dainty finery in sad disarray, parted company with their father's friend, the hospitable engineer.

In confidence to their acquaintances in the parlor car they afterward said that they would not have missed the ride in the cab of the locomotive—"No, not for anything."

War Gave the South a Flower.

A southern man tells the Washington Post that the daisy was never known in the south until after the war. Now every part of the south visited by the union army is covered with daisies. "Sherman brought them to us," he said, "and the march to the sea can be followed in the summer time by keeping where the daisy grows. The seed seems to have been transported in the hay that was brought along to feed the horses. This is the only explanation that has even been made of it."

What She Wanted.

New York World: "This is a gentlemen's furnishing store, I believe?" she said to the spruce clerk.

"Yes, madam. What shall I have the pleasure of showing you?"

"Samples."

"Samples, certainly. Samples of what, please?"

"Samples of the gentlemen you furnish."

Our salesmen take delight in showing you the many hundred different designs in fall and winter woolens. They will be pleased to instruct you in the difference between "shoddy" at deceptive cheapness, and first-class garments at moderate prices.

We make the very finest of garments at $30, $35 and $40. They are the Credit Tailor's Bargains at $55 and $60.

Force of habit and long experience in the tailoring business, insures accuracy of style and fitting of every garment we make—be the price $15 or $40.

Trousers $4, $5, $6, $7, $8, $9. Suits $15, $20, $25, $30.

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Drexel Shoe Co.,

1419 Farnam Street

It wasn't winter—but it was leaning that way—just enough to put you to thinking of the little winter comforts—We've the nails and hammer for putting up storm windows—and the stove pipe for the lost joint—We sell stove pipe at 9c—Pokers are pretty handy when the fire don't burn—they're 3c—Lid lifters the same—while you can get a damper for the stove pipe for 10c—coal hods 15c—shovels only a nickle—Lots of other little things you'll have to have such as flower pots, etc.—"We've got 'em"—same low prices—also the Jewell Cook Stoves and Steel Ranges—They're not so cheap but they're cheaper than any other first class stove or range—The cooks start at $16—while the ranges begin at $24—We guarantee them—so do the manufacturers.

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A. HOSPE,

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