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The effete and cultured Boston people cast 9,735 defective ballots. The rowdy West can beat the Bostonese voting every day in the week.

LANGDON, - - NORTH DAKOTA

With the president of the United States making an appeal to the governor of a state for the commutation of a death sentence, we are able to gather a fair idea of the great and glorious country we live in.

A woman who was reproved by her landlady for burning too much gas committed suicide by turning on the Las. A woman always gets even with

The general belief is that this is going to be an unusually hard winter, and, to make things worse, it is now said that there will be an extra dividends for the Vanderbilts this year.

The prince of Wales has made a pair of boots. No matter what happens pow, he can claim that his life has not been entirely wasted.

So far, no one has suggested that perhaps Li Hung Chang fergot to take any American bloomers back to the empress, and she resented the inference that she is not a new woman.

Anarchist Mowbray thinks that music propagates anarchy. This is a great and weighty truth. Who has not heard music that made him feel like a hungry anarchist, ready to destroy the musician?

A dashing and beautiful young lady in Logansport, Ind., has been paying an election bet by the wholesale kissing of all young men she meets. This looks like a dawn of prosperity for the young men of Logansport.

A certain actress has sought "the bubble reputation," not by having her diamonds stolen, but by offering to build a home for "aged actresses." There are, to use the words of Betsy Prig, no "sich" persons. Aged actresses develop into ballet girls.

Prof. James of Harvard is devoting a needless amount of time and energy to prove that genius is not a disease. Strangely enough, he fails to name anybody who ever said it was. The professor will probably next attempt to demonstrate that good health is not contagious.

Out of 343,267 immigrants who have reached our shores the past year, 2,023 were sent back as lacking the qualities of good citizens. The government will be wise to use even greater care in the future. Uncle Sam is not hankering after the "refuse population" of Europe. He could more easily spare some of the "refuse" already on hand.

Toronto has organized a "Citizens' league to put down scorchers." It means business, too. Just such organ izations are needed in every city. The bicycle endangers the pedestrian more than all other vehicles, when the scorcher is abroad. Bicycle clubs and the lovers of the royal sport should cordially co-operate with the people in abating the nuisance.

"The actor who drinks is in a bad way, but the actor who eats is lost." says one who ought to know. Has the matinee girl any idea of the abstinence that preserves the waist line of her special stage favorite? Does she realize the stoicism with which he turns from the pleasures of the table, and that to continue in her favor he often goes hungry? This is the martyrdom

Clara Barton's report as to the destitution in Armenia corroborates the regular press reports from Asiatic Turkey, but it doesn't throw any light upon the cause of the distress. Miss Barton is probably doing the right thing in limiting her observations to the domain of charity, but the world would like to hear something authoritative and official in regard to the atrocities of the Turks in Armenia.

The report that King Oscar of Sweden and Norway had erected a granite monument to two Americans who had died in Sweden must have caused considerable excitement in New York, where the report first read "Grant". monument. New York could hardly forgive any other community if it presumed to detract any from the glory of its own celebrated continuous Grant monument performance.

Herr Bebel, one of the social democratic leaders of the reichstag, is a bold man. In a flery speech recently, he denounced the immunity of army officers from punishent for wanton outrages committed upon civilians, declaring that the emperor's recent address to the new recruits bordered on madness. It now remains to be seen whether the warlike young William will clap Herr Bebel into jail for treason, or consult an alienist as to his own mental condition.

IN NORTH DAKOTA

Interesting News Items From all Parts of the State.

J. W. Fulkeson was found frozen to death nine miles north of Leeds. Forty head of stock are reported frozen to death near Carrington .

Wheat thieves are operating in the vicinity of Hamilton. Ed Hartwell of Wahpeton was fined

\$50 for cruelly beating his wife. Mrs. Roger Allin is improving from

the effects of the injuries sustained by her a few days ago in a runaway. The postoffice at Susanville, Bottineau county has been suspended. Mail will go to Bottineau.

J. O. Larson, a carpenter, fell off of a section house at Aneta ,dislocating his wrist and straining his back.

Seven candidates in Barnes county had less than 10 plurality on a total vote of nearly 2,000.

The lower grades of the Wahpeton public schools have been closed on ac count of a diphtheria scare.

J. J. Nierling has served notice on A M. Halstead contesting his election as treasurer of Stutsman county.

Grand Forks will do itself proud in a social way this year, blizzards or no blizzards.

Number four on the Northern Pacific was wrecked at Valley City with one killed.

A lamp exuloded in the residence of Gen. Hughes at Bismarck, and some valuable rugs were partially destroyed by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandt of Medford were re-married at Gilby recently after thirteen years separation, a son acting as witness. Devils Lake wants a few thousand

dollars only from the next legislature to beautify the military grounds at that place.

Will Stinson of St. Thomas struck match over a gas reservoir which had sprung a leak. He is wearing blue goggles now.

Henry Trimble, murderer of K. G. Hagen of Walcott, was given a hearing and held to the district court without

The photographer at Rugby is charged with petit larceny. A custome claims to have given him \$20 instead of \$5 which it is alleged he pocketed without a word.

Tony Cesare of Oakes, a chicken fan-cier, has an offer of \$500 for the use of an egg testing device, which he has invented, by a Pennsylvania incubator company.

Thomas Ryan of St. Thomas had a piece of steel extracted from his left eye that had been in there since last summer. He was at work with a chisel and a piece of the tool landed in the ball of his eye.

F. E. Perry has defaulted at Medora while acting as agent for the Northern Pacific, and has been arrested at Dickinson by Sheriff Lish. As the default is less than \$100. Perry hopes to be able to interest his friends to settle it.

Mooney, the traveling man who was arrested on the charge of adultery as a result of his testimony in the Guessner-Waner damage case at Bismarck, was given a hearing before Justice Tibbels and discharged.

William Ray of Dickinson thinks that bells on cattle keep wolves away. He has adopted the plan of putting a cow bell on every fifth critter ,and says that while his neighbors are losing more or less stock by wolves he loses

The jury in the case of O. J. Warner against George Gussner, after being out eighteen hours at Bismarck, were unable to agree. This was a damage suit for \$7,500, which plaintiff demanded from Gussner for alienation of his wife's affections. Gussner is a prominent merchant.

A Carlson, an aged farmer living fifteen miles west of Inkster ,left his home on the afternoon of Thanksgiving day to care for his stock at the barn, and has never returned. His body was found about fifty yards away, having perished from exhaustion while trying to find his way back

to the house in the blinding storm. The Northern Pacific Railway comhas commenced suit agains James Lamont, preprietor of the Headquarters hotel at Fargo. 'The company will make an effort to eject Lamoni The hotel is Northern Pacific property, but Lamont claims to have a lease for ninety-nine years. The road claims it s not responsible for the leases of the old compaty.

The winter meeting of the Wahpeton conference of the Congregational church was held at Hankinson. The sermon was preached by Rev. William Edwards. The reports from churches and Christian Endeavor work were encouraging. Addresses on total abstinence and prohibitory law were made and preparations for future work were discussed. Supt. Rev. H. C. Simmons conducted the missionary prayer meeting. Many delegates were unable to attend, the roads being blocked.

Herman Henning, a threshing hand, was relieved of \$18 at his room at the Exchange leotel at Sanborn. There are several beds in the same room, and the thief evidently had entered the room with the intention of going to bed, as his coat was found lying on the floor, when he hit upon the idea of robbing Henning. Henning awoke just in time to see the thief make his exit from the room and heard him run down the street. Suspicion rests upon a young man who has been threshing in this vicinity.

The case of Robert Coulter against the Great Northern Railway company at Grand Forks was called in the district court. The case is being tried before a petit jury, with Judge Templeton on the bench. Suit is brought for damages in the sum of \$20,000. Coulter was hauling wood two years ago, and as he crossed the track was struck by a passenger train and carried some distance. He received injuries that resulted in the loss of the right leg above the knee. The suit was tried last fall, but a directed verdict was returned for the railroad company. It went to the supreme court and a new trial was

The plague is spreading in Bombay and several Europeans have been attacked, two of them dying yesterday. | York.

MAKES NO STATEMENT.

John Lind Does Not Tell What His

Campaign Cost. St. Paul, Dec. 5.—Yesterday was the last day under the election laws on which candidates could file a statement of the money expended in the last election. A number of those who had not heretofore filed their statements sent them in yesterday. But there was one which had been looked for in vail, and when the clock struck Secretary of State Berg, closing his office, said that John Lind, candidate for governor of Minnesota, had failed to comply with the law. At any rate no statement bearing his name had been filed in the office of the secretary who is the proper official to receive it. The law provides a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$1,000, to be recovered in an action brought in the name of the state by the attorney general or by the prosecuting attorney of the county of the candidate's residence, the amount of the fine to be fixed by the court and to be paid into the school fund of the county. In default of payment of the

not exceeding six months. THE PIG AVENGED.

fine the candidate may be imprisoned

Cleveland Suspends a Law Favoring

German Vessels.
Washington, Dec. 5.—The president has issued a proclamation suspending, after January next, the operations of the act which relieves German vessels entering United States ports from the payment of tonnage dues and other shipping charges. This action was taken upon the ground that American vessels are denied corresponding privileges in German ports. The shipping charges under our laws are based on a sliding scale. The president's action doubtless will arouse widespread interest in shipping circles.

The president's proclamation will go into effect the morning of Jan. 3, after which date the vessels of Germany entering our ports must pay shipping charges ranging from 6 to 30 cents per

RED HATS GIVEN OUT.

The New Cardinal Honors-Red Hat for Satolli.
Rome, Dec. 5.—There was the usual

imposing ceremony at the public consistory here to-day, and red hats were bestowed on Cardinal Satolli and the other cardinals nominated at the two last consistories. After the service the two new cardinals proceeded to the Sistine chapel to return thanks to the pontiff, who, on his way back to the Vatican, was carried on the sedia gestoria amid cries of "Long live the pope!" "Long live the king!" Later the pope held a secret consistory and appointed several bishops, including Rev. Edward O'Dea of Portland, Or., to be bishop of Nesqually, which embraces the State of Washington. The king of servia was present at the public consistory.

ENGLAND GETS HOLD.

Mortgage on the Egyptian Country Is Secured. Cairo, Dec. 5.-Lord Cromer, the British agent here, has informed the Egyptian government that he is authorized to state that in the event of that government deciding to repay the caisse the \$2,500,000 advanced to meet the expenses of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition to Dongola, Great Britain is prepared to advance such sum of money as the Egyptian treasury is unable to provide for that purpose. The action of Great Britain in this natter is the result of the decision yesterday of the court of appeals at Alexandria that the funds of the caisse should not have been used for the war expenses and that the Egyptian government must pay back the money advanced.

TWO MEN MISSING.

Went From Iowa to Hunt, but Have Not Returned.

Cedar Rapids, Dec. 5.—Much anxiety is felt at Frenchford, a small town sixty miles north of here, because of the long-continued absence of two of its best known citizens. At the time of the Grand Army reunion at St. Paul Fred Rice and W. J. Cassidy took advantage of the low rates to make a hunting trip in Northern Minnesota. Mrs. Rice's mother accompanied them as far as St. Paul, where she was to visit until their return. When they left St. Paul they were equipped for a six weeks' expedition. Since that time nothing has been heard concerning the hunters. Inquiries have been made of returning hunters but no one seems to have seen them.

FIRE AT OTTAWA.

Several Buildings Burned, Causing a Loss of \$400,000.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 5 .- A terribly destructive fire broke out in Mrs. Turner's confectionery establishment on Sparks street to-day. It extended to McDonald Bros.' furnishing store and then to the stores of G. M. Holbrook clothier, whose building, as well as Turner's and McDonald's, was gutted and everything consumed. On the top floor of this building was Scottish Rite hall. All the paraphernalia is lost. Holbrook's building is utterly destroyed, as is the Masonic hall, which was on the upper floor. From Holbrook's the fire continued to the large dry goods establishment of C. Ross & Co. Only part of the front wall is standing. The loss is about \$400,000.

Shylocks After Mrs. Lense Wichita, Kan., Dec. 5. - The story about the sheriff's service on Mrs. Lease is an ordinary foreclosure of a mortgage on her homestead. The amount involved is \$1,400 and costs. Mrs. Lease is in New York at this time and it is not known whether she will redeem or permit the property to go. The home is a pretty one, apparently worth more than the amount involved. The notice of the sheriff's sale appeared this week among the legal no-

Would Kill a Congressman Lexington, Ky., Dec. 5. - William

Emmel of Bell county made an attempt to kill Congressman D. G. Colson. Emmel was pursuing an eloping daughter and finding her seated by Colson, accused him of aiding the elopement, and made his attack. He was prevented from doing harm.

Rev. George F. Pentecost, the Amerlean evangelist now in London, is considering a call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of New

KILLED BY CUBANS

A SPANISH GARRISON IS COMPLETE-LY WIPED OUT.

Insurgents Attack a Suburb of Havana and the Garrison at a Fort Starts for the Town, but Is Ambushed and All the Spaniards Are Killed-Gomes Again Crosses the

Havana, Dec. 5.-The insurgent attack on Guanabacoa, on the outskirts of this city, on Tuesday last, was a much more serious affair than at first stated. According to insurgent accounts Guanabacoa was attacked simultaneously at several points, while another insurgent force fired upon the Spanish outposts at Bucaranas, on the coast. The garrison of the fort left the place to resist the attack on the town, in the county jail until the fine is paid, but was ambushed between stone walls and farm fences by about 300 insurgents, and, in spite of the gallant defense made, all the Spaniards were killed. The exact number of soldiers slain is not known. It is admitted that a number of insurgents were also killed, but here, again, the number is not stated. On the other hand, the insurgents are said to have burned seventy-four houses in Guanabacoa, instead of one house, as the official reports of the affair stated.

Private advices from Santiago de Cuba say that the Province of Puerto Principe has been exceedingly quiet since the last engagen ent of Gen. Castellanos with the combined insurgent forces of Gomez and Garcia. The insurgent army is said to be divided. Garcia is reported to be returning eastward, while Gomez is moving west to reinvade the Province of Santa Clara. The latest advices indicate that Gomez crossed the trocha between Jucaro and Moron when the military train there was dynamited. The dis patch was dated Nov. 28, saying that the local Spanish guerillas of Remedios and Caibaron, mistaking each other for insurgents, have had a serious encoun

Gen. Ynclan, in Pinar del Rio, reports say, has arrived at Artemisa with 100 sick soldlers, brought in carts from Cayajabos. The battalion of Astruias alone is said to have 589 men on the sick list in Pinar del Rio hospitals. Artemisa advices announce the concentration of insurgents in the rear of the eastern part of the trocha. Unofficial advices from Pinar del Rio city report an encounter between Gen. Melquizo and the insurgents of the district of San Juan by Martinez. Nineteen insurgents were, it appears, abandoned on the field and numerous wounded were carried away.

ITALIANS MASSACRED.

Consul at Zanzibar and Naval Cap-tains Killed by Somalis.

Zanzibar, Dec. 5 .- The massacre of Senor Cacchi, the Italian consul here, the captains of the Italian warships Volturno and Staffeta, and about six other officers by the Somalis at Magadoxo, on the coast of Somaliland, East Africa, occurred Saturday last. The party was accompanied by seventy Askaris, and was on a trip into the country when they were attacked and all the whites killed and also about thirty of the Askaris.

Rome, Dec. 5.-Further advices from Zanzibar which have just been received here give additional details of the massacre of Senor Cecchi and the prise me to hear that Em herself had Italian officers who were with him. It slipped away from him." is stated fourteen Italians were killed. The caravan was attacked during the night by the Somalis. The latter were repulsed at first, but rallied and continually attacked the retreating caravan. The Italians and their escort of Askaris fought desperately, but were eventually overcome. So soon as the news of the fighting reached Magadoxo a detachment of sailors and a force of Askaris, were sent to the assistance of the caravan. But they arrived too late to save the Italians. The rescue party recovered twenty-seven bodies and arrested many tribesmen who took part in the massacre. These prisoners were punished in an exemplary manner.

CONFESSION AND ARREST.

A Ticket Agent Acknowledges Embezzlement.

Milbank, S. D., Dec. 5.-Melvin H. Cook, aged between 23 and 24 years, day operator in the office of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul at this place, is in serious trouble. Included among his duties was that of selling tickets. At the close of each day he made out a report which he turned over with the money to Station Agent F. H. Mills. This morning he confessed to Mills that he had embezzled between \$700 and \$800, and as he had no way of making it up, and knowing that when the traveling auditor came along the shortage would be discovered he might as well confess now. He was placed under arrest and taken to the county jail pending a preliminary examination. Cook admitted that fast living was the cause of the trouble. Poker, it is said, has been mainly responsible. Cook has traveled in good society here.

Taylor Trial.

St. Paul, Dec. 5.-The most interesting feature developed during the forenoon in the Rebecca J. Taylor criminal libel case in the police court was the introduction upon behalf of Judge Jas. Schoonmaker, the complainant, of the record of the police court of Minneapolis for July 7, 1889. Mr. Schoonmaker admitted that where the record referred to P. J. Jones it meant him, and that the record which charged that he was arrested for being in a house of Ill fame was true.

Larruped by Ladles

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 5.-At Arapahoe Ruth Richenberg and Jessie Fiddler, respectable young women, have created a sensation by publicly horsewhipping Silas Richardson, a prominent business man, whom they allege has insulted them. Both women have

The administration building of the New Jersey state institution for feeble minded children at Vineland took fire at midnight and was totally destroyed. Loss, \$25,000.

Jim Randall and Steve Hall sat in the village inn of the latter one evening after it was closed to outsiders, smoking their pipes of peace and friendship, as was their wont.

It was a plain country inn, where you could buy almost anything, but it also showed signs of modern improvements since the increase of population and the times demanded it.

Steve Hall had inherited it from his father, and, having come into possession a year before, married the girl he loved and settled down, which happy course of action he was constantly urging upon his old friend, Jim Ran-

"If you love Em well enough to have her, why don't you marry at once, in-stead of spending your best years in courting and waiting?" asked Steve of

his friend.
"Oh, I can't afford it!" answered Jim, stopping to knock the ashes from his "Em's a good girl, and has promised to have me: but I told her she, or rather we, must wait until I could see my way clear to support a family."
"What did she say to that?" inquired Steve, with a curious expression on his

"She said, of course, we couldn'e expect to marry at once—you see, that was five years ago—and she was willing to wait, but didn't want me to think she cared for the money. To be with me poor would be happiness

how girls always talk under those circumstances." "Yes, and I know Emma Willis always means what she says. Jim, if you had married her four years ago you would have been a rich man wow.

enough for ber, and so on. You know

"A rich man! How?" "Well, to tell the truth, I see a good many signs of neglect about your farm, which I know would never exist where Emma Willis lived."

Jim colored ot this intimation of his

indolence, and answered stiffly:
"Well, when it's all my own, I'll take more pains with the old place, and marry Em in the bargain. "Don't wait for that, old boy. Do

both right away, and, my word for it, vou'll never be sorry.' These words rang in Jim Randall's ears as he walked back in the starlight to the only home he had known

since he was a boy. Here he had lived with his grandfather and the old housekeeper ever since his first going to school, then assisting in the care of the farm until the whole charge gradually fell upon him. But he never took much interest in it--it was too much like working

for nothing.

"Wait until it is my own." he would say to himself; "then you'll see something worth looking at." For Jim was his grandfather's expected heir, and some day, not far off, perhaps, these acres would be in his possession. Then he would bring his wife here and fix up the old place and show folks what he could do. But now he might as well take the world easy and not work himself to death for his board and clothes.

Thus he had always reasoned, until to-night he began to wonder whether he hadn't done wrong.
"Wife," said Steve Hall that night,

I do believe Jim will live on and on in the old place until the old man dies. before he will better himself. He has fallen in this careless, indolent way of letting things go, until it wouldn't sur-

"It is a shame," rejoined Mrs. Hall warmly, "to let such a sweet, pretty girl as Emma Willis waste the best years of her life in waiting for such a man. I declare I'd marry somebody else just in spite."

'No, you wouldn't, my dear. But it is tooo true that Jim doesn't seem to know what he's waiting for. I cant' see that his prospects improve at all." "They may before long, for old Mr. Randall has seemed unusually feeble

Even as he spoke, Jim Randall was rying to rouse the old man from sleep in the big chair, where he was sur prised to find his grandfather at this late hour. But in vain. No earthly power could arouse the old farmer from the sleep that had come upon him alone and unexpected. So the news later spread throughout the town, and a few days later they laid him by the side of the companion of his youth, who had gone years before Then Jim Randall felt desolate enough, and his only comfort was in

his, and he could do as he pleased. The relatives assembled after the funeral to hear the will read, which seemed a mere matter of form to most of them, as Jim's expectations were shared by all.

the thought that the farm was now

After several small bequests the lawyer read the astonding passage: "In consequence of the apparent dislike of my grandson, James Randall, to the pursuit of agriculture, I hereby give and bequeath my farm, consisting of twenty-five acres, with the house and outbuildings thereon, to my brother, William Rardall, and to my grand son. James Randall, the sum of 1.000 pounds sterling, to be paid one month

Everybody in the room sat stunefied until the lawyer commenced rolling up the parchment which had brought such confusion in the camp. Then a general movement took place, and the less for tunate legatees took their leave. William Randall came up to James,

after my decease."

"This was entirely unexpected and undesired by me. I supposed, and had no other wish, than that you would be the fortunate one." This was said in a broken voice,

and taking him by the hand, said:

with tears standing in the speaker's eyes, for he was a plain, hard-working farmer, and entirely overcome by his good fortune James grasped his hand and said

hoarsely: "You are welcome to it, Uncle William. There is no one else I would rather have it go to. I'll see you to-

morrow," turning hastily away.

When he was left alone he covered his face with his hands and grouned. Where were his prospects now? What had become of all his fine plans for improvement? When would Emma ever become his wife?

These and other things, connected with the mortification of baving it known that his expectations had been disanguinted reused bing to feel miserable. The 1,000 pounds sterling, which was surely his, sank into paltry insignificance beside the loss of a farm worth 400 pounds sterling an acre-and all lost through his own lazinesa.

He could not blame his grandfather, for he knew he deserved the lesson. There he sat miserably thinking un-til twilight had closed in, and he was summoned to the evening meal;-but he could not eat, and resumed his place by the fire, wishing and not wishing he might see Emma Willis.

So, when her face appeared behind that of Mr. and Mrs. Hale, he sprang to meet her with more joy than he had felt for years. They had come to offer their sympathy and advice to Jim, who was in an excellent frame of mind to receive it.

With his hands clasping Emma's, he sat and listened to his faithful fuend Steve, who was suggesting some use-

"It ain't so much the loss of the place, Jim," said Steve, "as it is upset-ting all your plans. It would take a deal of money to get things all right again, and here you've got £1,000 in cash to do what you have a mind to 'A bird in hand is worth two in the bush,' you know, and as you have been all your life waiting for something to turn up, suppose you turn up yourself and show what kind of stuff

there is in you." "I will, Steve, I will!" Jim exclaimed, jumping up. "I see now what a sel-fish, aimless life I have led, waiting— I am ashamed to acknowledge-for another man to die that I might enjoy the fruit of his toil. From this hour I am resolved to live to some purpose, and, with Emma to help me, know I shall be a happier man."

Although agriculture was distasteful to him, he resolved to conquer his dislike and make amends for the past. So he bought a small place at d worked hard to bring it to a high state of cultivation.

He was so successful that his fame as a farmer spread abroad, and many applications for advice and consulta-tion did he receive. The old farmers said there was no use competing with him at their county exhibitions, for he regularly bore off the highest prizes. And his wife, now a rosy, cheerful matron, made the best butter and cheese

in the county.

His farm was growing too small for his extended operations, and he was negotiating for the purchase of more land, when his uncle, William, was killed by a fall from a wagon, and on reading the will he found, to his surprise and gratification, that the old farm had been willed back to him, improved 100 per cent.

He took possession with an overflowing heart, now fully appreciating and enjoying the occupation which taught him that the greatest happiness of life is in the full employment of our talents, whatever they may be, aided in his case by the great power of love--London Spare Moments.

THE PRACTICE OF LAW.

The Judge Says There is Not So Much Fun in It as There Used to

"There's no more fun in the practice of law," observed the judge as he softly brushed away the film of soft ashes from the live end of his cigar. "Thirty years ago, when we used to impeach all the witnesses on the other side and have two or three fights every noon recess, it was worth while to be in the profession.

"I read in my old home paper yesterday that Bill Traynor was dead. There was a character. Did I ever tell you the story about him?

"Bill once sat on a jury in one of my first cases. It was an assault and battery case. The trouble came up over an attempt to build a fence across a highway. There were two defendants and four prosecuting witnesses. The trial was held at the home of the justice of the peace, a clapboard little house right out in the cornfield. We couldn't find twelve men in the township, so we agreed to a jury of six. The justice's wife stood in the doorway during the trial and dictated all the rulings.

"They did not make a case against us-my partner and I appeared for the defense—but we knew the jurymen wanted their fees and they wouldn't get any if the defendants won. So we were not very hopeful.

"The six jurymen went out into the cornfield to deliberate. They were gone about two hours, and then brought in a verdict of guilty, and fined each of the defendants \$5 and costs. The jury wa sabout to be discharged when my partner jumped up and said to one of the jurymen: "Say, who are you? I don't remember seeing you before.' Then the foreman spoke up and said: "That's all right. Bill Traynor couldn't wait. He went on home, and we got Joe here to take

his place.'
"That's a fact. Bill had put in a substitute on the jury after they got out in the cornfield. The justice said it was all right, any way, so long as there was a majority of the jury present, but I got up and threatened to sue him on his bond, so he got scared and set aside the verdict and discharged our clients.

"After I came on the bench Bill Traynor was up before me for stealing a steer, and I made the instructions to the jury rather favorable to him and he was acquitted. You see, I had a friendly feeling for him because he had helped me to win one of my first cases."--Chicago Record.

Bogus Diamonds.

Some curious stories can be told about the thousands of false diamonds sold yearly in London. As a working goldsmith I have seen a good deal of the trade in imitation stones. People of the ranks buy them. A nobleman is in immediate want of cash and must find it somewhere. He will perhaps turn to the family diamonds. Possibly £10,000 could be raised upon them. He takes the jewels off to the false diamond provider, has the real stones removed and the false ones put in and deposits the actual gems with some one as security for a loan. No one is a bit the wiser. His wife appears in her jewels just the same as usual. If she didn't her husband would be made bankrupt by his creditors the next week. A large amount of business is done in this way, and you may depend upon it that the false diamond merchant has many a chuckle when he reads in his paper about Lady So-and-So's "magnificent diamond bracelet" and the Countess Bareacre's "superb tiara."-Ashton Reporter.