ORGANIZED A LITERARY.

Courtenay people have fovmed a literary society and will hold weekly meetings in the school house during the winter. The society promotes liberality of views and extension of knowledge and the Gazette bespeaks a good attendance of all interested in the society.

Growth of Wealth and Banks.

Commercial West.—Five years ago the First National Bank of Valley City, N. D., was the only bank in Barnes county. There are eleven banks today in that county. The deposits of the First National five years ago were $310,901 and there was no other banks. On Nov. 17, this year, the deposits were $662,010 and there are ten banks competing with it.

NINETEEN ARE KILLED

WRECK ON PERE MARQUETTE ROAD RESULTS IN CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF LIFE.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 29.—Nineteen persons were killed and thirty-eight injured in the collision of two Pere Marquette passsenger trains near East Paris, Mich.

The extinguishment of the red signal light at McCords Station by the high wind was the cause of the wreck.

Two minutes before the westbound train dashed by McCords Station, where she was due to stop for orders, the operator says that the light was burning.

When the train dashed by the operator did the only thing in his power, telegraphed for medical aid and wrecking trains, as he knew that a collision was inevitable. The blinding blizzard prevented the engineers from seeing each other and the trains came together at full speed.

The engines were crushed by the terrible impact and the cars of both trains were telescoped and turned over and over.

On both trains together there were about 200 passengers and all who were not killed suffered some injury.

Relief trains soon arrived and the bodies taken from the wreckage. The injured were rushed to the hospitals at Grand Rapids, where several will probably die.

Investigation by the coroner and railroad officials has brought out conflicting testimony. The engineer on the westbound train says that a light was burning at the station, but that it was not the danger signal and he thought that all was well.

WIDELY KNOWN AS A WRITER.

Mrs. Alexander Sullivan Dies of Paralysis at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Alexander Sullivan, well known on both sides of the Atlantic as an author and editorial writer, died during the day after one week's illness, following a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Sullivan, formerly Miss Margaret F. Buchanan, was fifty-six years old. She was born in Ireland, but her family removed to Detroit, Mich., when she was an infant. Mrs. Sullivan was educated in the Sacred Heart convent and was also a graduate of the Detroit high school. She was a proficient Greek, Latin and French scholar. During Charles A. Dana's lifetime she was a frequent contributor to the New York Sun and was an editorial writer on the Chicago Times in the days of Wilbur F. Storey. Up to the time of her last illness Mrs. Sullivan was an editorial writer on the Chicago Chronicle. In 1896 she had a stroke of paralysis from which she recovered completely, but she was stricken again Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20.

MAIL AGENT ROUSE KILLED.

Passenger Trains Collide Between Pine City and Hinckley, Minn.

Duluth, Dec. 29.—Northern Pacific northbound and southbound limited trains, running between St. Paul and Duluth, collided head-on at Beroun, a small station between Pine City and Hinckley, demolishing both engines, badly smashing one of the baggage cars and causing the death of Mail Agent D. P. Rouse of St. Paul. All of the passengers escaped injury, although it is possible that one other man may have met death in the wreck.

NO CAUSE FOR ANXIETY.

King Christian of Denmark Suffering From a Chill.

Gmunden, Austria, Dec. 29.—The condition of King Christian of Denmark is officially said to give no cause for anxiety. The king has been obliged to postpone for several days his departure for home in consequence of a chill.

King Christian, who is eighty-five years old, has been attending the silver wedding festivities of the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland at Gmunden.

LYNCHING IS THREATENED.

Kentuckian the Principal in a Triple Tragedy.

Sergent, Ky., Dec. 29.—On Big Cowan creek, in Letcher county, William Shepard entered the home of Obediah Fields, his father-in-law, and shot and killed Riley Webb, aged twenty-eight, and then shot and fatally wounded his own wife and his ten-months old baby Shepard was taken to Whitesburg jail. Lynching is threatened.

REED SMOOT WILL FIGHT.

Starts for Washington Accompanied by Two Attorneys.

Salt Lake, Dec. 29.—Apostle Reed Smoot, United States senator from Utah, has left for Washington with his counsel prepared to make a hard fight in the contest which is now pending before the senate. W. E. Barch of Boise, Ida., and Waldemar Vancott, two of the leading attorneys of the intermountain country, accompanied Smoot. They will have charge of his case.

Bought Opera House At Valley City.

Wm. Campbell has bought the Valley City opera house, consideration $15,000. It was built in 1898 by Martin E. Remmen. The property consists of two store rooms, 8 office rooms and a large hall on the third floor used for dances. It is said to be a fine paying property. Mr. Campbell was formerly president of the Alliance Hail company and has made money in handling North Dakota real estate in recent years.

AMID GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Cotton Prices at New York Touch New High Record.

New York, Dec. 29.—New high record prices were made amid the greatest excitement at the very opening of the Cotton Exchange. First prices were at an advance of 23 to 51 points. Before the call was fairly completed March had sold at 14.01, May at 14.20 and July at 14.14. The advance followed the surprising strength at Liverpool, where prices were 17 to 20 points higher at the time of the local opening instead of a shade lower as expected, with private cables ascribing gains to heavy buying for Continental, Egyptian and American accounts. The early market was active and excited. There was tremendous buying for both accounts, with New Orleans supporting just enough to add to the apprehension of shorts, who were apparently in a panic stricken condition. But realizing, too, was very heavy and after the call prices showed a declining tendency, sagging off several points from the best during the first fifteen or twenty minutes, although the market continued very feverish and unsettled, with most of the selling by parties having profits to take.

After fluctuating very irregularly for a time, about 10 to 15 points under the best prices of the morning, the market turned very strong again in the early afternoon, reaching still higher prices on all the active months. The excitement was intense. There was liquidation on every fresh upward movement and toward the close the market sagged off a few points, but was finally firm at an advance of 48 to 59 points.

HAY MAY GO SOUTH.

Secretary's Bronchial Trouble Does Not Yield to Treatment.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The condition of Secretary Hay remains unchanged. Contrary to the expectation of his physician the secretary's bronchial trouble has not yielded readily to treatment and Mr. Hay will probably leave Washington early in January for Thomasville, Ga., for a visit to Colonel Oliver Payne. The mild climate there has helped the secretary before and it is hoped may again prove an effective cure.

Unless a decided and unexpected change for the better in Mr. Hay's condition occurs within the next few days Mr. Loomis will officiate at the breakfast on New Year's day to the diplomatic corps at the residence of Secretary and Mrs. Hay. Mr. Loomis also will be present at the president's reception in the same capacity.

GOES INTO EFFECT JAN. 1.

Reduction of Wages in Union Sheet Steel Plants.

Pittsburg, Dec. 29.—Notices have been sent out from the headquarters of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers that the vote of the sheet lodges on the proposition to reduce the base of the wage scale from 3 to 3½ cents, thereby cutting wages 10 per cent, has been accepted. The new rate will go into effect on Jan. 1 and it is believed this decision will result in the starting next Monday of a large number of union sheet steel plants that have been idle for a long time owing to the inability of the independent manufacturers to meet the competition of the nonunion sheet mills of the American Sheet Steel company.

HAS NO "KICK COMING."

Andrew Fosberg worked on the Jim River bank building as a laborer in 1882. He afterwards went to the vicinity of Pingree and took a claim. He was in town yesterday to pay off the last mortgage on his 880 acres of land and begins to realize that he is well off. He has been offered $12,000 for his farm on which there are good buildings, but refused. The last few years he has done very well in farming and stock raising but has seen hard times and has got along with very little money in some years. He and his faithful wife have stuck to the farm and the reward for their work is evident to themselves as well as neighbors and others. Mr. Fosberg lives east of Jim lake. He sold a car of fat stock this fall and has 65 head left and 16 head of horses, with all the necessary farm machinery. He says he has no kick coming on North Dakota.

BERLIOZ, THE UNGALLANT.

What the Composer Wrote In Adelina Patti's Album.

Mme. Adelina Patti at the height of her celebrity kept an album in which all the notable people of her acquaintance were expected to write or paint or sketch or compose some little telling fragment.

Berlioz had already refused a dozen times to have anything to do with the volume. One evening, however, seeing that he was in an unusually genial frame of mind, she went up to him, book in hand, and sugared her request with a bribe.

"Master, if you will write one little thing in my album, a line even, I will give you your choice of two rewards. You shall either have a kiss or you shall have a wonderful pate de foie gras which has just been sent to me from Toulouse."

Berlioz smiled and was silent for a moment. Presently he said, "Give me your album." Instantly he was provided with writing necessities. Then he wrote, "Oportet pate." "What does it mean?" asked Mme. Patti, puzzled. "It means, my child, 'Bring the pate,'" answered Belioz sweetly.

Mme. Patti pouted and then fetched the promised pate.—Annales.

Clever Caterpillars.

Caterpillars accommodate themselves wonderfully to circumstances and display at critical periods of their development very high powers of instinct, which may seem akin to reasoning.

Huber describes a succession of processes by which one of them constructs a most complicated hammock for its approaching change into chrysalis form. He found that a caterpillar taken from its hammock and put in another nest at an earlier stage of construction did not seem puzzled, but took up the work methodically as he found it and carried it to completion from that point.

If, however, a caterpillar was put into a hammock that had been carried to a later stage than its own had reached, instead of feeling any benefit from work thus done for it, it became embarrassed and would go over the already advanced work from the stage with which it was itself familiar before it could complete the task.

From these facts we may gather that each condition leads on in definite order to the next and that results are due to a proper sequence apart from any actual calculation.

Winning a Fur Coat.

The artist Hans Canon once painted a Russian prince in a magnificent fur mantle which took his fancy so greatly that he endeavored to hit on a plan by which he might retain possession of it. On sending home the portrait he omitted to return the garment, and to the letter requesting him to do so he made no reply. One day, when looking out of a window, he saw the prince coming toward his house. Hastily slipping into the garb, Canon sat down in an armchair near the fire. The prince, who had come for his coat, started on seeing Canon groaning and trembling at the fireside. "What is the matter with you?" he asked. "Oh," groaned Canon, "I don't know what it is, but I feel so weak and wretched, and I cannot get warm! Two days ago my brother died of smallpox, and I am a bit nervous about myself." The artist kept the coat.

NO RETURN PASSES.

Railroad agents are being notified that after January 1, no return transportation to livestock shippers will be furnished. Stockmen will get free transportation to destination with their stock, but not the usual return pass for themselves and employes. The railroad companies claim that others than stockmen necessary to care for stock have been taken along on trips and the roads have given free transportation where they could have collected fares to the twin cities and Chicago and return. The agreement covers roads running into the northwest.

SETTLED THE CASE.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 27.—Some months ago Nels Larson was run over in the Great Northern yards here by a box car and lost his left leg at the knee and his right at the ankle. A Great Northern claim agent has settled the case with Larson for $4,150.