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THE Ilges court martial will be held in St. Paul.

KANSAS has been visited by a cyclone which caused great destruction to life and property.

THE Northern Pacific Express company is building refrigerator cars for transcontinental traffic.

A MOB of women took down and removed the shanty of a man who had jumped a widow's claim, at Huron, Dakota, one night, leaving him roofless in bed.

NEIGHBORS of a wife beater in Dakota ducked him in the river; and then, as he did not seem to mind the wetting, they submerged him in a tub of iced water, which inflicted the punishment intended.

STEVE HGLCOMB, for many years a notorious western gambler, has settled down as pastor of a mission church in Louisville. He draws from his own experience for warming illustrations to use in his sermons.

POSTMASTER GENERAL GRESHAM is stirring up the lottery swindlers in good style. He has issued an order to postmasters at New York and New Orleans instructing them not to deliver registered letters or money orders to the agents of the Louisiana lottery company.

LONDON, Ont., dispatches report very heavy floods in that part of Canada. So far as is known about fifteen persons have been drowned, and many horses and cattle have been carried away. The railroads have suffered from washouts, and in some cases bridges were carried down stream.

WE are in receipt of R. G. Dunn & Co.'s semi-annual circular showing the number of failures in the United States and Canada during the first half of the present year, also giving an extended resume of the business outlook. There were 4,637 failures in the United States during the past six months, as compared with 3,597 in the corresponding period of 1882. The liabilities for this year to July 1st, are \$66,000,000, an increase of \$16,000,000 over the same term last year. The number of failures the first quarter of the year, however, is greatly in excess of the number in the second quarter, and the business outlook at the present time is much more favorable. In Montana, during the past six months, nine failures are recorded, with liabilities amounting to \$69,000.

EX-GOVERNOR MCCOOK, of Colorado, has addressed a letter to the secretary of the Interior warmly approving the stand taken by him relative to the disposition of the Apaches, and hopes he will be sustained by the president. He says these Apaches during the last two years committed over one hundred murders, and committed outrages upon woman and children too horrible to mention even in a letter to a government official. He hopes the outlaws will be turned over to Mexico, where they will meet the death they deserve. He cannot see any good reason why they should be placed on a reservation for any longer time than will suffice for trial and execution. Indian criminals should be placed on trial like white ones, and the proper fate of men like Red Cloud, Nana, Juh and Loco would be to swing on the gallows instead of shaking hands with the president and being feasted and feted by men and women in the east who forget that the blood of their western kindred was shed for the new sensation.

THE sheep men at their recent meeting took up the question of a fair association for Northern Montana and discussed it at some length. We are pleased to state the fact that they are strongly in favor of a fair, and that all who spoke on the subject declared that if an association was formed they would bring their stock in for exhibition—not only sheep but all other classes of stock of which they might own fine specimens. To show how much interest they take in this matter, even those who live the farthest, we will mention that Mr. Ferguson, whose home is thirteen miles beyond Fort Maginnis, promises that if it is organized he will bring horses, cattle and sheep here to exhibit. THE RIVER PRESS has often and earnestly advocated the formation of a Northern Montana

fair association, believing that in no section of the territory can as good stock be found as on the ranges of this part of the country. And we are quite confident that the cattle and horse men will be found as willing to exhibit their fine stock as the wool growers. But the initiatory move must be made by the business men of Benton, who are even more interested, for they will reap a pecuniary benefit from the crowds which the yearly exhibitions would attract. We hope that the present season will not be allowed to pass without steps being taken towards this end. It surely would not be a very hard matter to organize a stock company of this character if the right sort of men would take hold of it, men who can see the benefits to be derived and can place them in the right light.

Getting Well.

DES MOINES, July 13.—Governor Hale of Wyoming, who has been seriously ill at Colfax Springs, near this city for two months, passed through here to-day on his way to Cheyenne, having recovered sufficiently to risk the journey. He is accompanied by his family and family physician, and although much emaciated and worn is fast convalescing.

Getting Ready for the President.

RAWLINS, Wyoming, July 10.—Col. Tom Moore, chief packer of the Department of the Platte, arrived this morning with one hundred and eighty animals for the Sheridan-Arthur survey party going to the National Park, who are booked for August 3d. Captain White, chief master of transportation of the Cheyenne depot, goes north on a coach in the morning to establish relay stations between here and Fort Washakie.

A Cowboy Rumpus.

DODGE CITY, Kan., July 10.—This evening, about 6 o'clock, a party of five cowboys well under the influence of liquor, mounted their horses to leave town, and when near the dance house one of them rode his horse on the porch and fired off his pistol. Two others then commenced firing, and at the same time put spurs to their horses. The city marshal and his assistants quickly arrived on the scene and sent a few shots after them, and when about three hundred yards away one fell dead from his horse. The others escaped. It was found that the fallen man was John Ballard a resident of the Indian Territory, who arrived with a herd of cattle from Texas this morning. His friends threaten to kill every officer in town before morning.

Torpedoes on the Potomac.

The Washington Star of a recent date contains the following: There is some excitement among boatmen on the Eastern Branch, and particularly those engaged on the large government dredge in dredging the channel, over the discovery of monster torpedoes in the channel, near the mouth of the branch. There have been two taken out. The first one was found about six weeks ago and the last one last Saturday evening. The Commodore in the yard, when he heard of the first one, ordered it to be taken to the ordnance machine shop, emptied of the powder, cleaned and examined. A Star reporter last evening visited the dredge, which is near Buzzard Point and examined the torpedo that was taken out Saturday evening. It is made of light boiler iron, in the shape of a huge cylinder, about 3 1/2 feet in diameter and about the same in length. It contained about two barrels of coarse gunpowder, which was fortunately wet at the time it was scooped in. The copper wire attachments, to be connected with an electrical battery to explode it, are still intact. There are two small holes in the iron caused by rust, which would not have been there had the apparatus been made of copper. After taking the first one out and discovering that it was full of wet powder, the workmen were particular about how they handled the second, until they were satisfied that the powder in this was also wet. Had either of them been made of copper they would have been thoroughly dry inside, and as the scoop made a large indentation in the sides of them, they might have exploded and blown up the vessels and all on board.

A Louisiana Picture.

It is evening, and the landscape stretches out before one in virgin loveliness. The sun god, ere he bids adieu to this scene, kisses the sinuous bayous and streaks their mirrored tops with silver, brightens up the moss that streams from the heads and limbs of trees, and throws one blood-red gleam through vistas of evergreen dying away into blue dreaminess. Then the twilight comes on, and soon the pale crescent flings its mystic beams upon the earth. The giant oaks bedecked with moss, seem to assume fantastic shapes. They create suggestions

of gibbets and of corpses, of rotten rigging and of the tattered sails of ships drifting to the unknown shore. How Dore could have painted every form of gobliny, every fancy of ghostliness, every grimness of witchcraft, every horror of death suggested by them! A wierd spell takes hold of you. You imagine a deep mourning drooping over the plains. The woods and groves, the reeds and bayous appear to lament some great bereavement, some terrible death. It seems as though this land were yet weeping for Pan. And these, or recollections of the sylvan gods and nymphs of antique world, crowd thick and fast upon you; the great dreaminess of the land mesmerizes you with unutterable sweetness. Afterward, when you have returned to New Orleans and its gay frivolities, its west end and its Spanish forts, its glittering saloons and its fascinating masquerade balls, its brilliant halls and luxuriously appointed gambling rooms, its Creole and Spanish-American beauties and its fetes and parties and a thousand and one other attractions, that mesmerism will not have passed away, nor the wondrous witchery of enchanted scenery wholly blotted from the mind.

The Tallest Tree in the World.

It seems that America, after all, is unable to make good her claim to the possession of the tallest and largest trees in the world. Every one has read of the Yosemite valley and of Yellowstone park, the huge national sporting ground of the United States. But what are the giants in California in comparison with a tree which has lately been discovered in Australasia? It has long been known that in Tasmania there are eucalypti measuring 200 feet from the ground to the first branch, and more than 350 in total height; and there is, or lately was, on Mount Wellington, near Hobart Town, a tree of this species, the trunk of which was eighty-six feet in circumference. But a still more gigantic monarch of the woods has been discovered in Victoria. It is a well-proportioned specimen of the eucalyptus amygdalina, and its top is nearer to the sky than the cross of St. Paul's cathedral, for it is no less than 430 feet above the ground.

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