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A MERRY Christmas to Henry M. Stanley and Dorothy Tennant.

THERE were no cats in the latest Kilkenny fight, but a Kitty played a large part in it.

IF KATE FIELD continues to say nice things about Mr. Parnell she may arouse the jealousy of Kitty O'Shea.

MISS WILLARD'S defense of Banker Kean is eloquent, but it will not fill the empty pockets of the depositors.

THE democrats celebrate their latest victory with the desperate persistency of men who are not sure of another,

CHICAGO got her world's fair proclamation on Christmas eve. Large as the Chicago stocking is reported to be, this present is believed to fill it out roundly.

The secret of Parnell's defeat in Kilkenny is out. He smoked cigarettes during the campaign and mortally offended the patriotic supporters of the "dhu-

THE senators who were worked for godfathers by the Baltimore genius have decided that there can be no more protection for that particular infant industry.

THE surprise contained in the announcement that boodling aldermen of Des Moines have been indicted is relieved by the knowledge that they stole only \$4,000. Virtue is frequently triumphant in such peanut cases as this.

IMPORTANT business for the legislature is accumulating, but is sound public opinion accumulating force and the senators and representatives sound common sense? If this is the case the coming session will advance the prosperity of the state.

ONE year ago today Stanley had just entered at the first gateway of civilization. Two, three and four years ago he passed Christmas in the savage heart of darkest Africa. Christmas, 1890, which finds him the possessor of about everything worth having, will be a far happier memory.

IT is a mistake to suppose the United States rejected Great Britain's proffer to submit the seal fisheries question to arbitration. What the United States rejected was the proposition to give the British seal poachers the freedom of Behring sea pending the sitting of the arbitration commissioners.

SENATOR FARWELL is in open revolt against Harrison. He says that "what the people want more than anything else is a new and bigger president of the United States." The trouble with Farwell is that he has begun to see that the people of Illinois want "a newer and bigger man" for United States senator.

MR. PARNELL says he will canvass every district in Ireland. This means that the Kilkenny campaign must be prolonged with all its agonies, only to reach the inevitable result foreshadowed by Monday's election. It is to be hoped that somebody will have sufficient influence with the fallen leader to induce him to see when he is whipped.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE BROWN is a surprise to the country, but the opinions of the most competent judges agree that he is worthy of the handsome Christmas present President Harrison has given him. He is in the prime of life, which is a great advantage in the position he has been called to fill. When the history of the supreme court is considered. it is rather remarkable that the standard of ability and integrity has been held so high and unvarying as it has from the beginning.

MR. S. CUNNINGHAM GRAHAM, M. P., of London, and Mr. G. Mulnatton Hitchcock, N. G., of Omaha, pronounce the demise of Sitting Bull "murder." Nothing further need be said. The discussion is closed. A congressional investigation is a waste of time and money. When two such famous authorities-one 5,000 and the other 500 miles away-unite on a verdict, the next step is to run down the "murderers" and consign them for life to the company of Grasshopper Tibbles. American honor must be vindicated.

THE MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The one day in the year that is always welcome and is welcomed by all, that never loses its power to gladden and cheer, that is ever an inspiration to kindly offices and generous acts, that whether the sun shine or the sky be leaden with winter storm still diffuses a genial and joyful influence, that is the most truly symbolic of Christian daysthe Merry Christmas-is with us again. We need not be concerned about the genesis of this day, whether it had its origin in barbarous times ages before the Christian era or had a more recent beginning. Neither need we be troubled with considering the past or the various methods of its observance. We need only be concerned with the spirit of the day as we find it and with the influences it exerts, and in these there appears every reason why it should rank first among days in the affection and appreciation of the Christian world. If the observance of Christmas is getting farther away, with each succeeding generation, from the austerity which once characterized it and becoming more and more festal and joyous, it is not therefore losing its moral and religious influence. On the contrary, there is reason to believe that in its newer character, in the greater care that is taken in its observance to minister to the happiness of the young, associating with such ministration easily impressed lessons of the significance of the day, for more is accomplished for moral and religious effect than was possible under the restraints which Puritanism imposed upon the observance of Christmas. The churches have remitted none of their proper labor on this day, though the sermons may be somewhat shorter, the Sunday schools make the occasion one of such exceptional attraction as to draw into them many children who would not otherwise enter their doors, and Christian beneficence takes a broader sweep on this day than on any other of the year, doing it, too, with a warmth and heartiness, and geniality that make it doubly valuable.

So we say that no matter when or where or now Christmas originated, its spirit and influences as we find them are wholesome and elevating and good. The gladness this day brings into millions of homes, brightening the life of childhood and sweeping away the shadows that hang over the pathway of age, the testimonials of love and friendship it calls out, the family gatherings it invites, and the heartfelt merry greetings it evokes, are all humanizing and Christianizing in their tendency, creating delightful memories that never fade, but rather become with the advancing years more delightful and more cherished. May no reader of THE BEE lack today any of its legitimate pleasure is our sincere wish, and so we extend to all the greeting of a merry Christmas.

THE STATE MILITIA.

The biennial report of Adjutant General Cole shows that the Nebraska national guard is in a moderately flourishing condition, but that a good sized appropriation would be required to make it in all respects what its most enthusiastic friends would like to see it.

The adjutant general states that new uniforms and many new equipments are desired and that it would be the part of wisdom to expend money bringing the present organization up to a higher standard in these respects, rather than to use it in organizing new companies. He calls for \$40,-000 for the maintenance of the Guard and \$2,600 for other purposes, including his own salary. In 1888 the total appropriation for this department was \$20,700 -less than one-half the amount now nsked.

There is no good reason why the militia expenses of the state should, be increased next year in this direction, and it may even be thought that they can be diminished with propriety. Nebraska cannot afford to maintain a gorgeous militia for purposes of mere show, as is done in New York, Massachusetts and other wealthy eastern states. Neither is the militia likely to be needed to pro tect the citizens from any danger that may arise. Nebraska is adequately protected by the regular army, which is numerously represented and advantageously distributed. Why then should the legislature double the appropriation of 1888 for the support of the National Guard?

There is one respect in which the equipment of the militia can perhaps be improved without expense to the state. The Springfield muzzle loading rifles, now in use, are old and out of date. They were originally furnished by the national government, which might now be induced to exchange them for modern breechloaders. Aside from this, it is exceedingly doubtful if the legislature or the people would consent to any changes in the equipment of the militia

Economy is the watchword of the hour.

THE WORLD'S FAIR PROCLAIMED. President Harrison has proclaimed to the world that the Columbian exposition to celebrate the discovery of America will be held in Chicago from May to October in the year 1893, and has invited the nations to participate therein by sending representatives and exhibits. This is the final official act in connection with this great enterprise, and it is also the one of supreme importance. It is done in the name of the government and of the people of the United States, and is an assurance to the world not merely of the national character of the exposition, which was already understood, but of its success. The president issued his proclamation only when fully satisfied that all the preliminary conditions to success were provided.

There has been valuable time lost in making the preparations necessary before the world could be informed that the Columbian exposition is a certainty, but now that these are completed, it may safely be promised that the enterprise will make rapid progress. Chicago, we may be sure, will put forth every effort to demonstrate to the country that she to be seriously objectionable during is fully capable of taking care of the large task and responsibility devolved on her, and that she has both the pluck and the patriotism to meet every demand which the great enterprise shallmake upon her. That she will have the

portion of the country, there can be no doubt. There will be no local or sectional jealousies allowed to interfere with the fullest possible representation of the industries, the products and the resources of the whole country, but on the contrary, section will vie with section and state with state in the effort to make complete the exhibit of American achievement in all the works of civilization. With regard to what foreign nations will do, it is not possible to speak so confidently, yet there is good reason to believe that they will take liberal advantage of the opportunity to show the best they have to the people of the largest market of the world. We have given some offense to European countries by our fiscal policy, but it is probable that long before the date of the opening of the exposition this will have been forgotten and those countries will be eager in their desire to take part in our great fair. From all American countries there may be expected an ample representation of their products and resources, and we venture to think there will be few places in the civilized world that will not desire to be identified with the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, rightly characterized by President Harrison as an event pre-eminent in human history. The invitation of a great and prosperous and progressive nation of 63,000,000 people will nowhere be re-

CLEVELAND ON NEBRASKA.

garded with indifference.

The democrats are still gleefully celebrating the victory of November. One of their most elaborate jubilations occurred in Madison Square garden, New York, on Tuesday night. Grover Cleveland, as usual, was the hero of the hour. In recounting the results of his famous free trade message he made the following remark, in connection with many others of similar character:

If it be true that a senator from Nebraska said. "It is a big card for the republicans," this big card cannot appear remarkably useful to him now, for his state today contains a big curiosity in the shape of a democratic governor-elect.

It is perhaps in bad taste, especially at this glad Christmas season, to puncture the vanity or expose the illusion of so distinguished a man as the expresident of the United States, but fidelity to historical truth demands that this

e done. The cold, unadorned fact is that the free trade message of December, 1887, had no more to do with the election of a democratic governor in Nebraska in November, 1890, than the manifesto of the Comte de Paris had on the outcome at Kilkenney. This is a fact which THE BEE has pointed out before, but which will bear another repetition in view of the misapprehension which exists in the vicinity of "William street, near Wall," as Mr. Dana would say.

In the election of 1888 Nebraska gave Grover Cleveland 80,552 votes, which was exactly 27,873 less than it gave Benjamın Harrison. At the recent election the state gave James E. Boyd, the democratic governor-elect, to whom Mr. Cleveland refers with a throb of paternal pride, 71,331 votes. It will be observed that, if the statesmanship of the democratic president is to be regarded as the only factor in the recent contest, it may be credited with a reduction of his party strength by precisely 9,221 votes. The fact, however, is that Mr. Cleveland and his hobby played a very humble part in the recent Nebraska election. Boyd came out ahead in a triangular contest, leading the candidate of a new party by a bare plurality, for which he was principally indebted to the prohibition issue.

The attempt to give Grover Cleveland the glory for the choice of a democratic governor in Nebraska is a clear case of prophet stuffing.

CLOTURE IN THE SENATE

At last there has been introduced into the United States senate a resolution providing for bringing debate on any question to a close whenever a majority shall be of the opinion that it has been sufficiently prolonged and the question has rereived reasonable consideration. This action is the result of more than a year's agitation, and was decided upon only a short time ago by the republican caucus after extended discussion. Several republican senators have vigorously opposed such a departure from the practice of the senate since the foundation of the government, but although it is not stated that these senators have changed their views, the introduction of the resolution warrants the presumption that it will have the unanimous support of the republicans.

The proposed rule is very conserva tive in character. It provides simply that a senator may demand that debate on a question be closed only after such question shall have been considered for a reasonable time, and it is necessary to give value to this demand that it shall be seconded by a majority of the senators present. This would seem to be an adequate safeguard against putting an unfair check upon legitimate debate, while it would be effective in eliminating from the discussions of the senate the vast amount of irrelevant talk which is now indulged in whenever any question of a strictly partisan character is under consideration. Under the present practice senators who desire to delay or defeat legislation are privileged to speak on a question not only without limit and as many times as they please, but they are not required to confine their remarks to the question. They may lug into the discussion any amount of extraneous and totally irrelevant matter, consuming days with this illegitimate gabble, and by this means talk to death any measure opposed by the minority. This sort of thing is dignified as the freedom of debate, but it is not entitled to any such distinction. So far as we know no deliberative body in the world tolerates a practice of this kind, and while it is true that it did not prove three-quarters of a century, its abuse in later years fully justifies the demand for a change.

The proposed rule does not contemplate any injustice to the minority. Its aim is simply to secure to the majority earnest and hearty co-operation of every | that right of control in legislation which

is an essential condition of free government. There will be, however, no end of democratic denunciation of it as intended to gag tree discussion, and a vig-orous fight on the by the democratic sena-tors is to be expected. The principle of the rule is to be approved regardless of any special purpose which it may be assumed its adoption at this time would serve.

THE HOLIDAY TRADE.

Omaha retail merchants during the past three weeks have enjoyed the largest holiday trade in the city's history. This is excellent evidence of general prosperity, in spite of the close money market and other circumstances that have elsewhere tended to depress business and place unusual limits upon the liveliest season of the year.

This year's holiday trade has developed two notable features. One is the immense expansion of our local business interests and the broader range taken by the large merchants in their selection of goods. The other is the fact that the public is making Christmas a much more sensible holiday than in former years and investing in useful and enduring gifts. This latter tendency is especially satisfactory. There is no other season when the surplus earnings of the people are so universally poured over the merchants' counters as at Christmas. To have the vast total used to any considerable extent for useless trinkets is to see it largely wasted. On the other hand, to have it principally expended for articles that enrich the recipients, or add to the comfort or luxury of their homes. is to make Christmas a beneficent holiday, which distributes its blessings equally on the business and the purchasing public. This is what it has gradually become and the effects have been more marked this year than ever be-

It is to be expected that a season of comparative quiet in business circles will intervene between these busy holi days and the opening of the spring trade. This is customary, but Omaha looks confidently forward to 1891 as the best year her business men have ever experienced.

In pursuance of his plan to regulate the affairs of all creation, Senator Blair has introduced a bill providing that the world's fair shall not be opened on Sunday. He does this in spite of the fact that he is himself likely to attend the fair in the character of a private citizen and be in nowise responsible for the sins of the management. Like a great many of his other bills, however, there is no likelihood of this one passing.

It is said that southern senators seriously talk of trying to repeal the fifteenth amendment and thereby wiping out negro suffrage. If they want to give the republican party an opportunity for a victory that will obliterate the memory of the events of last November then proceed with the suggestion. It is a sure cure for democratic majorities.

SENATOR HOAR easily led his horse to water, but he is having a painful time to induce him to drink. The enthusiasm against the force bill is plain to everybody but purblind partisans.

TIDBITS.

Boston Transcript: Sweetness and Light -The cake our mother used to bake.

Life: Customer-I am troubled with rats in my room. Druggist-Yes, sir, bromide or ammonia cocktail!

Exchange: Mrs. Shaw, the American whistler, has achieved a decided success at St. Petersburg. Even the cold-hearted Russians could not resist the pucker of those rosebud lips.

Drake's Magazine: A matter of time and money-A promissory note.

Drake's Magazine: Fair to the eye, yet it has a heart of stone-The peach. Baltimore American: There are various

ways of becoming poor in this world. One of them is to inherit a great English estate. Indianapolis Journal: It is just as wicked to indulge in mental profasity as to swear right out loud, and much more injurious to the digestion.

St. Joseph News: De Mascus-Shall you go south for the winter? St. Agedore-No; I can get all the winter I want right here.

Washington Post: It is as little as the ice man could do to drive some of his customers out to a frozen pond and let them see what they were trying to buy all summer.

Texas Siftings: Landlord-I want to notify you that I want the room you occupy. Single Lodger-Why, what's the matter?

Landlord-In the first place, you have not paid your rent: and, secondly, you kiss my wife every time my back is turned. That's going to stop on the first of next month.

Fliegende Blatter: "Do the physicians travel in the summer because the health of the city is so good, or is the health of the city so good because the physicians are on their travels?" We don't dare to ask about the clergymen. Peck's Sun: "Who is that slouchy-looking

woman walking across the car track, with the miserably clad child! She does not seem to care whether she gets run over or not; and see, its feet are soaking wet."

"I don't know what her name is, but she writes for the magazine." "Indeed! What does she write"

"I believe she is running a column now headed 'Hints to Mothers on the Care of Children.' She used to edit a fashion column."

Thrown Over an Embankment. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The Guilford accommodation on the Shore line met with an acci dent near Lantes Island last night. The tender and three passenger cars went over a ten-foot embankment. Fortunately no one was killed. The accident was due to the spreading of the rails. The engine passed over the spot safely, but the rails spread under the tender separating it from the engine and forcing it off the track. Three pas senger cars followed, and after tearing up the ground and rails for a distance of 200 feet rolled over a ten-foot embankment. woman was severely cut about the head Conductor John O'Neil had his hip broken had his head badly cut Frains are badly delayed.

A Former Omahan Married. O'NEILL, Neb., Dec. 24.- [Special to THE BEE. |-The marriage of Mr. Charles H Gardiner, formerty of Omaha, to Miss M. Louise St. Clair, granddaughter of Mrs. T. West of O'Neill, occurred yesterday after noon at 3:30 o'clock at the residence of J. H. Riggs, editor of the Frontier. The happy couple took the evening train for Custer City, S. D., where Mr. Gardiner located about a month ago, engaging in the general merchan-dise business. They will make their future home in the Hills home in the Hills.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

Nebraska. The Riverton Times has suspended pub-

The German Lutherans of Stanton have dedicated their new church. A barn belonging to N. A. McDonaid of North Bend was burned to the ground.

Two Niobrara nunters recently shot a goldheaded eagle which measured six feet from O'Neill will be lighted by electricty as

dynamos. A number of Beatrice citizens have formed a joint stock company for the purpose of starting a large poultry farm.

The Adelphians, the Crete musical quartette, has been engaged to give a concert at the state pentientiary during the holidays. Steve Chidister and George Hummer, o David City, have gone to California with two car loads of live poultry comprising 8,000

William Hay of Hardy, who was uncon-scious for six days after a fall from his horse, has recovered his senses and the danger of a fatal termination is over

The county seat of McPherson county being surveyed and as soon as the work is completed the town will be platted and copies filled in the United States land office. Fire in the Hastings fruit and candy es blishment did damage to the amount

The flames were extinguished is twenty minutes after they were discovered The Superior people are boring a well on Richard Howard's farm, and are now down 216 feet. They say they will keep going un-til they find coal, salt, gas, an artesian well or something.

Mrs. O. C. Welch, of Hay Springs, has been awarded by a jury damages to the amount of \$800 for the loss of her husband while drank. Tom Rediong, a saloon keeper of that town, sold him the liquor and he fell off his wagon and was killed. She sued in behalf of herself and ten small children.

Three young society ladies of Geneva have following to THE BEE with a request sent the following to THE BEE with a request that their names be withheld: The young men of this city who figure promuently in society circles are experiencing no little trouble by imbibing to treely. On Friday evening last two were compelled, by the husband, to make apologies to his wife, whom they had grossly insulted, and three were found in a grain office beastly drunk. As a consequence the young ladies of the city are aboutto hold an indignation meeting and de nounce them from society.

There are 37,449 volumes in the state library.

Benjamin Dannatt, aged sixty-five years, of Clinton is dead. He came to Clinton county in 1851. Abram R. Secor, a resident of Cedar Falls

for the past twenty-four years, has died from the effects of a bee sting. The German college will be moved from Galena, Ill., to Charles City, the latter place putting up \$30,000 to secure it.

The tax value of Scott county is \$10,237,208 The assessed valuation of city lots is \$3.272. 392, and of agricultural lands is \$4,330,191. According to reports received by State Superintendent Sabin there are 660,495 persons of school age in Iowa, an increase over

Nearly one hundred and sixty names have been enrolled for a Young Men's Christian association at Clinton, and \$1,200 have been subscribed for its support. The mayor of Marshalltown has made

arrangements for a stone pile to put city prisoners at work on. There are twenty seven tramps in limbo there. The state horticultural society will meet in annual session at Des Moines January 20, 21 and 22. It is expected that the usual reduced railroad and hotel rates will be secured.

Father Burke of Dubuque has warned the young members of his flock that it will be inconsistent with their professions and against church rules to attend the public calico party at the Julien house Christmas night. 'It i safe to say that many of the young people will be there, notwithstanding the warning.

the Ledger says. Patrick Boylston, a prosperous farmer living about four miles from Waverly, re-turned home from town about 8 o'clock the other evening, and shortly afterwards was found in a waron box in his barnyard, dead

He must have fallen in such a way as to throw his head under his body and his neck was broken. Mr. Boylston was delegate for the Third district to the farmers' congress last summer, by the appointment of Gevrnor Boies, and was one of the most influen tial democrats in the county.

The Two Dakotas. Grand Forks' assessed valuation is \$2,798,

Adam Thompson, general merchant, of There are thirty-seven inmates in the sol diers' home at Hot Springs.

A. L. Edwards of Yankton is one of the heirs to the big Edwards estate of \$200,000, 000 in New York.

A Yankton gambler was once a regularly ordained preacher. He declares himself a "reformed preacher."

The Jamestown insane hospital last year reduced its fuel bill one-third by using lignite coal mined on the Missouri. The Aberdeen News suggests in the interest of economy that the legislature hold a

ession of but fifteen days' duration. Robert Buchanan of Sioux Falls suggest as a relief to the state finances that the counties pay the cost of maintenance of their in sane patients sent to the state hospital and of their convicts sent to the penitentiary.

Commencing on February 1 a 5 per cent penalty will be added to all delinquent taxes ic South Dakota. This penalty was repealed by the legislature for the taxes of the year 1889, but will be in force on those of 1890. The order of the Sioux Falls school board that unvaccinated children will not be admitted to the public schools has raised a small-sized hubbub. Two classes object to the mandate—one opposed to vaccination and the other objecting that the order is arbi-

A LITTLE CHILD DID IT.

A Nine-Year-Old Girl Secures a Pension for Her Mother. NEW YORK, Dec. 24 .- [Special Telegram to

THE BEE. |- Bertha Krebs of Newark, the widow of Charles Krebs, a veteran of the war, has just received a pension through the kindly interest of the president. The husband served in the Thirty-third New Jersey volunteers and was wounded. He died five years ago in the soldiers' home at New York and as he had a small pension, the widow at plied for its continuance as he had children and was destitute. "It seems," said Mrs. Krebs today, "that

there was nothing done but to write letters and get papers signed. The pension never She had given up hope when her little daughter Bertha, nine years old, one day, un-known to her mother, wrote a letter to Pres-ident Harrison. She told the president who

her father was, when and where he died and

of the ansuccessful effort of her mother t get the pension continued. The child also wrote that she had three brothers and sis ters; that her mamma frequently crie she did not know how her mamma could sup port the family this winter. That was on the first Tuesday in Noven ber," said the happy mother yesterday.
"The next Thursday the postman called at
the house and said: 'A letter for Bertha Kreus from the president.' The letter was

from the president's private secretary who promised Bertha that the case should be looked into, and nog I have just got word from the pension office that my claim is allowed. owed. There is \$960 back pension allowed with it, and it all came through my little daughter writing to the president,"
Mrs. Krebs has supported her family of four children by washing and hard days work ever since her husband's death.

Ferms Made with the Government. Berlin, Dec. 24 .- [Special Cablegram to

THE BEE. - The government has concluded the arrangements which have been under discussion for some time between German offi clais and Prof. Koch and his assistants as to the manner in which the future preparation and distribution of the professor's lymph is to be carried on. It is understood, however, that the details and terms of the financial arrangements between the government and the professor and his assistants are not yet definitely settled. This state of affairs does not arise from any dispute as to the terms but from the fact that the financial arrange ments proposed must be submitted to the

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

A Somewhat Sensational Divorce Case Filed in the District Court.

A STRIKE AT THE MATTRESS WORKS.

The Mayes Separation-Assaulted a Cripple-The Scroggins Elopement Case-Other Capital City Notes.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24 .- | Special to THE BEE. |-On June 11 George W. Hubble obtained a divorce from his wife, Lucinda Francis Hubble, he having declared that the tady's father, P. O. Wright, had forced him to marry Lucinda on October 5, 1887, under threat of murdering him if he did not.

Today Hubble's divorced wife filed a petition in the district court asking that the decree of divorce granted over six months ago be set aside. She tells a somewhat sensational story. She says that when she was married to Hubbie in Cromwell, Ia., three years ago, she was soon to become a mother. That when Hubble married her it was not with the intention of living with her and supporting her, but for the purpose of avoiding the legal duty of supporting the child. That after being married only two days Hubble deserted her and has carefully concealed his whereabouts from her ever since.

Mrs. Hubbie intimates that she wants George to remain her husband even though he not only betrayed her before marriage, but deserted her immediately after despite his wedding vows. She declares that all the divorce proceedings brought by George have been carried on in a clandestine manner and that she learned of them only by accident That all the charges he makes are false and she therefore asks the court that the decree of divorce granted be set aside. BOTH WANTED TO BE DIVORCED.

The divorce case of Willmer Mayes vs

Etta Mayes came up for hearing this after-noon, and plaintiff was granted a divorce and the custody of the two older children. The defendant was given the care of the two younger children. The plaintiff was also required to pay \$60 as attorney fees and costs advanced for defendant, and \$440 in lieu of all claims for dower and alimony. In his first petition Willmer had charged his wife with infidelity and with keeping company with lewd and indecent characters and using intoxicating liquors. To this Mrs. Mayes replied that her husband had been guilty of ex treme cruelty, beating her with wagon spokes, etc., and on one occasion threw her out of a buggy, causing her to break an arm; that he threw scalding tea in her face, and committed other acts of cruelty. Mayes did not stand by his original petition, however, and yesterday afternoon filed a new one. charging her with cruelty in refusing to take care of her home and children, refusing to cohabit with him, destroying household property, using violent language and being guilty of desertion. This was denied by defendant of desertion. This was denied by defenda who also asked for the two small children. Andrew Ohlson was granted a divorce this afternoon from his wife Sophia on the ground of cruelty and descrtion. ASSAULTED A CRIPPLE.

Upon the filing of a petition in error yes terday afternoon in the case of State vs Stuart Richards, the court suspended sen-tence and fixed the bail at \$1,500. Richards tence and fixed the ball at \$1,500. Richards was given three years for a criminal assault upon the person of Bertha Sheeks, a school teacher living in York. Bertha was teaching school opposite the Richards house in the country four miles from town and boarded at their house. She was in the habit of going to her home in York every Friday right and group coercision Richards accomnight, and on one occassion Richards accom made improper proposals, and on being spurned he brought out a revolver and com-pelled her to yield. The girl was nineteen years old and was born with but one hand. Richards defense was that she had not resisted his advances, and a revolver was un-

STRIKE AT THE MATTRESS WORKS. There was a small sized strike down at the works of the Western mattress company yes-terday afternoon. The men have been paid ts for cotton top mattresses. day the manager, Sam Wessel, put them at work on a new kind, cotton all around, paying 30 cents therefore. It was a little harder work than the men cared for and they kicked The ultimatum was, get back to work or quit, but their places were filled this morn-

NOT AN ELOPEMENT.

Yesterday's papers contained an account of how George Scroggins, a colored man, had asked the aid of the police in fluding his wife, Mollie, who, so he said, had eloped with a young white man named Paddock. Later developments prove that this was simply a scheme of Scroggins' to get even with the Paddock family for a fanciful injury they had Paddock family for a fanciful injury they had done him. Mr. Paddock, the gentleman who was said to have cloped, is manager of the laundry at the penitentiary, and he is still at his usual vocation He says that Scroggins wife has been employed as chambermaid be the landlady of the Potvin block, Mrs. Pad dock, and while she is a hardworking woman, Scroggins apparently does not much for his family. On several occasion she has complained to Mr. Paddock's sister of the treatment accorded her by George, who abused her badly. She was advised t leave the fellow if he did not do better, and this advice was repeated by the lady several days since when Mrs. Scroggins appeared with a black eye, which she said had been inflicted by George. The woman finally de-cided that she would leave her husband, and on Sunday started for her old home in Mis

When Scroggins heard that his wife had gone he surmised that Miss Paddock had advised her to do it, and to get even he re ported at the station that she had cloped with Mr. Paddock, hoping thereby to throw disgrace upon that family.

UNINTENTIONAL DESERTERS. A telegram was received last evening from Fort Riley, Kan., by Lieutenant Wilson, in charge of the recruiting station here, that August Showauetz, aged twenty-one, and Edward Wiedeburg, aged twenty-five, who were recruited in this city, had deserted. The lieutenant gave the description of the The leutenant gave the description of the men to the police, and several officers are looking out for a Christmas present of a \$30 reward. Wiedeburg lives in this city, but the other fellow with an unpronounceacle name, came from Columbus. It appears that they were sent from here to Fort Riley, bur failed to pass the medical examination. They would have been sent back here by the gov ernment, but supposed that the the medical examiner to pass them was equivalent to a discharge, and left without bidding the authorities good-bye. This it within the crime of desertion, however, and the government is on their track. It is expected they will return to Lincoln. STOLE THE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Frank Enright and wife of Yankee Hill precinct were in the city yesterday afternoon getting ready to play the Santa Claus act. After they had leaded up their wagon with toys, groceries, etc., they stopped in front of the postoffice soon after dark. While in the the postoffice soon after dark. While in the building a gang of young colored boys pounced upon the wagon and stole everything they could lay hands on. As soon as the theft was discovered Mr. and Mrs. Enright notified the police and officers were detailed on the case. At the house of Clara Hayes alias Smith all the stolen goods were found and given back to the owners. It was while making a tour of the bottoms that they acci dentally stepped into the Smith mansion. A

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skipped out the back door. Clara Smith and another young damsel, who gave the name of Maudie Smith, were arrested and taken to the station. Maudie showed symptoms of fainting on Captain Carder's hands, but he would not have it. This morning William McGowan, Thomas and James Estes, Cyrus Corneal and Jim Smith, colored youths of about allocteen, were arrested and will spend

Christmas in Jail. MINORITY REPRESENTATION. Attorney General Leese is preparing a bill

to be introduced in the coming session of the legislature to enforce the constitutional provision for minority representation in corpor

About four weeks ago Henry Pfein's horse ran away and collided with a team belonging to Mr. Townsend. A shaft was run about two feet into one of Townsend's horses from the effects of which the animal died. Today Townsend commenced suit against Pfeiff and the city for \$175, the alleged value of the horse. How the city is connect the accident Townsend fails to state.

ucational lands and buildings held this morning the following resolution was passed: Resolved, That the time of payment on all educational lands under sale or lease and now delinquent be and the same is hereby extended until further order of the board of educa-

AT THE STATE HOUSE, The Clarkson state bank of the town of Clarkson, has filed articles of incorporation. The capital stock is \$30,000.

As tomorrow, Christmas, is a legal holiday, all the offices of the state house except that of the clerk of the supreme court, will be of the clerk of the supreme court, closed. The clerk does not recognize legal holidays.

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LEASES EXTENDED. At the monthly meeting of the board of edtional lands and funds.

ODDS AND ENDS. L. W. Cosgrove, the notorious sneak thief

was sent up to the county jail this morning for the larceny of a lot of articles. Andrew Cox complains to the county court that H. E. Noble collected rents amounting to \$608 for Cox, and has held the same for two years, refusing to hand over the same although often requested to do so.

Boils and Pimples