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RED CLOUD, - - NEBRASKA

A SLIGHT MISTAKE.

at's been fully a year since I saw you, dear And in all of that time, do you know,
I haven't once heard so much as a word
Of your whereabouts. Where did you go?
Oh, you've been round the world in your
yacht, have you, lad?
And you don't know a word of the news.
Well, just you sit there, in that big arm-

And then ask all the questions you choose. Engaged to be married? Not a bit of it, no; And you heard it in Egypt, you say:
Well, news trave 8 fast, but as for this fast,
It's old—yes, nine months, if a day.
But I'll tell you the truth, man, I am not en

And I don't mean to be very soon.

In love with Nan Earl. A nice little girl, Who was married, dear fellow, last June. What kind of a husband? Oh, a rather good

sort. He is not very rich, to be sure: He don't - wn a ya ht, or a house and lot, And I doubt if some girls c uid endure

His quiet, his poky and his sober old ways. You might vote him a stick, old man; It wasn't his art that won the girl's heart; He is much too p odding to plan.

He loved her, he told her-at least so I have heard-

And as actions speak louder than words, I have not a doubt be said it right out; They're as I ving as any two birds.

You loved her? Oh, nonsense! And she drov

why, her husband knows nothing of this. She laughed at your gold? She wouldn't be Well, a very rare creature, that miss!

Do I think that her husband would mind y-u'd call
Just to pay your respects to his wife?
Now, how should I know? You see, an old

Is so apt to engender some strife That in most cases, Chappie, I'd answer you thus: You had better not play with the flame:

But were I to preach and this less in teach, Why, old fellow, it would be a shame. So I'll do unto you as I'd have you to do, And invite you to cill any day;
And if you will come when I am at home,
Why, I'm sure Nan will ask you to stay.
Yes, it's I who's the happest man in the

world, And I'm not engaged, as you see,

For she is my wife yes, ad mine for life, Now, old feilow, congratulate me, —: hiladelph a Cell. ---

A CONQUERED ENEMY.

"You are to have the Coopers for neighbors, I hear," said Mrs. Bailey, as she stopped on her way "down town" to chat for a moment over the fence with her cousin, Mrs. Sunderland. "Look out for squalls"

Mrs. Sunderland paused in her work of snipping the withered blossoms from a renning rose to turn an inquiring glance toward the speaker.

"What is wrong about the Coopers? They are honest, soler, industrious folks, are they not?"

"Al of that, with many other virtues beside," Mrs. Bailey replied, laughing. "Nevertheless, I'd rather have them live next door to you than to me.

"Bou't be so mysterious," Mr Sun lerland said, her good humored face beginning to wear a shade of anxietv. "Lither te I me all there is to tell. or tell me nothing."

"There is nothing very dreadful to reveal, and what there is is no secret. You would have known Mrs. Cooper's reputation as well as everybody else in Greeny lle does if you were not a newcomer. She is said to be the worsttempered woman in town, and has never lived neighbor a month to any family without getting up a quarrel with them: therefore, I say, beware of

Mrs. Sunderland did not think that the dangers her coasin had warn d her to prepare for were of a very serious character, but being a woman "wise in her generation," she deemed it prudent to pour oil upon the waves before any signs of a storm became visible. A day or two after her new neighbors arrived, seeing Mrs. Cooper making some endeavor to improve the condition of a very neglected garden-patch, Mrs. Sunderland stepped to the dividing fence and begged her neighbor's acceptance of a basket full of vegetables she had just gathered from her own

thriving garden. "It is so late in the season that I'm afraid you won't be able to raise much in your garden this year,' she said, pleasantly, "and as I have more garden-truck than I can make use of, I shall be glad to have you help me dis-

pose of it. Mrs. Cooper turned, upon her a face that certainly was not very prepossessing, for it was dark, sallow and scowling, and when she spoke it was with such a misplacing of her aspirates as at once betrayed her to have been at no very distant date a subject of Queen Victoria.

"ili'm much obliged to you, ma'am, and as you've hoffered the garden sass. I'll ac ept it: but as a general thing me and my man pays our hown way, and

don't care to be beholden to no ody." The last Charlie she found it much easier to make friends with: he was a freckle-faced, black-eye I voungster of twelve or thirteen, with a head thickly covered with closely-coiled rings of auburn hair. Noticing him one morning wheel ng away a lot of weeds and rubbish from his mother's garden, Mrs. Sunderland asked him if he would like e urse for a rem neration. The offer was eagerly accepted, and after that Charley Cooper earned many a dime business, Charlie Cooper!" she said:

Frank Sunderland and he became -quite well acquaint d in the course of these labors, and, as a general thing, the two boys got along together remarkably well: but one day some ac ident happened to Charlie's wheelbarrow, and he cho-e to think Frank was the cause of the disaster. The evil t temper which had hitherto lain dorthan in anger, she sent him home, dignation, she turned upon her enemy, cried again. boy who swore or used bad language to ashamed of herse f. be the companion of her son.

Charlie devarted in tears with his Mrs. Cooper, and henceforth will me to co," she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co," she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though these terms have different mean me to co, she said to herself. She though the set the mean me to co, she said to herself. She though the set the mean me to co, she said to herself. She though the set the mean me to co, she said to herself. She though the set the mean me to co, she said to herself. The she said to herself the mean me to co, she said to herself. The she said to herself the mean me to co, she said to herself the mean me to co, she said to herself the mean me to co, she said to herself the mean me to co, she said to herself the mean me to co, she said to herself the mean me to co, she said to herself the mean me to co, she said to herself the mean me to co, she said to herself the mean me to co, she said to herself the mean me to co, she said to herself the mean me to co, she said to herself the mean

was startled to see, coming over her back fence, first a cabbage, then a peck Mrs. Cooper's voice:

"Hi'll thank you after this to keep yourself and heverything belonging to society for your boy, we don't none of us want nothink to do with you."

Of course to such a speech as this no possession of the field. The predicted marrel had come, greatly to Mrs. Sunderland's mortification; for to have it known to the whole town that she was at variance with her next-noor neighbor -as, thanks to Mrs. Cooper's unscrupulous tongue, it speedily waswas felt by the widow to be a real dis-

All that she could do to smooth matmood, but lost no opportunity of exhibiting her dislike and ill-will in the numberless little ways which a near neighbor can always make available.

The quarrel between the boys was of much shorter duration. In the course of a few days Charlie's red head was fence, and trank being responsive, the of eternity. former intimacy was soon re-established. When Scotember came and the schools re-opened the two lads became school-mates and class-mates.

ents had kept him stradily at school, voice choked with sobs said: and were very proud of his attainments: but though he was two years older than see him?" Frank, the latter was more than his equal in school-standing. There was envious, and her sneers and innuendoes | covered the waxen face.

as were fitted for the advance to higher ness, and re-covered the face. departments in the school. Frank Funderland was the only boy in his class who was succe-sful in passing the ex- Sunderland almost unconsciously laid amination, though Charie Cooper had her hand upon his shoulder as if to not been far belind him, and his heart, calm him. At her to sch the boy's selfand his mother's as well, had been set upon his obtaining the promotion.

That he fall-d to do go was, in itself, a bitter d sappointment, but that I rank should succeed where Charlie failed was a trial much harder to endure. Mrs. ing. Cooper's undisciplin d tongue wagged fre ly, and her opinion that the school was conduct d upon the rankest princi- can't -he was always so good to me." pl s of favorit sm was widely dissemi- The mother's lips quivered her feanated. She would even have been fool-tures worked convulsively; the healing ish enough to withdraw Charlie from tears came at last to her aching eyes, the school had not his father interposed and with her face bowed upon Charlie's his rarely exerted authority and put a curiy head, she, too, wept freely and

As usual, Charlie's wrath soon evap- away. orated, and as there was now no occasion for a tual rivalry between them. the two lads got along very harmonia kind turn for Charlie, which the lat-

Though very well aware of the rumor ble enough to feel rather amused than old calm and gentle self. irritated, even when Mrs. Cooper's conduct, on their chance mee ings, verged upon actual insolence. The widow cheerfulness and politeness continued forbearance had at last ceased to be a

It was a cold day in January: Frank had gone to the well to draw a bucket of water, but found the well bucket half-full of ice, so that it would not sink when lowered into the water. His mother came to his assistance, but succeeded no better than he had done. bucket here, Frank; our well is all

Without stopping to ask permission, Frank scrambled over the fence, and soon the two lads were laughing and ioking together as Charlie lowered the bucket. Just then Mrs. Cooper came out of the house and advanced towards them; she brought another bucket to most regular in attendance. till, one that was already half-full of water, which she was shaking around

"What are vou doing in my lot, sir, may I ask?" she said, as she noticed the intruder. Frank colored, and took up his still em; ty bucket.

"Never mind, Charlie." said he: "we can get the ice out of our own bucket: Ill go back, now."

Charlie was provoked at his mother, and his temper being as ill-governed as her own, he turned towards her angrily, crying "What's the use of being so hateful? you ought to be ashamed of to perform the same service for her, of yourself at which words his mother's anger rose to the exploding point.

"I'll thank you to mind your own by little services performed for the and then turning ferociously upon inoffensive Frank, "as for you, you young haristocrat, I want you to get holf my premises, and s av hoff 'em. We don't want no favor tes round here." Then, throwing the contents of her bucket, not absolutely at Frank, but with an utter disregard of what she was doing. she dashed the water in such a way that

the lad was completely drenched. Mrs. Sunderland advanced to the proganity as utterly appalled not only proof against insults or attacks directed saying that she could not allow any who did have the gra e to look a little

"You are a wicked, cruel woman,

The lad had a cold and a sore throat as the result of his drenching, and his or so of potatoes, and finally the basket anxious mother, during the period of in which she had that morning sent to his indisposition, entertained towards Mrs. Cooper the vegetables thus uncer- Mrs. Cooper a resentment hearty emoniously returned. An explanation enough to have satisfied even Dr. Johnof this surprising shower followed in son. Frank got well that time, however, and was soon at school again bright and merry as usual.

but he had several attacks of sore you to yourself. Hif my boy haint fit throat before the winter was over, and they left him so weak and puny that his mother never before welcomed spring weather so gladly as she did that year. civil reply was possible, so Mrs. Sun-derland quietly withdrew from the strong as the warm weather came, and scene of action, leaving her neighbor in there ore perhaps less prudent, for in May he again caught cold and came home sick from school.

He was severely ill from the first; in a few days diphtheric symptoms developed themselves, and twenty-four hours later the bright young soul was freed from its frail tenement, and Mrs. Sunderland was a childless widow.

I will not dwell upon her desolation; the whole community sorrowed with ters she did, with no effect, however, her; everybody had liked merry little except that Mrs. Cooper sub-ided grad- Frank Sunderland, and his mother was ually from a ferocious into a sulien almost an equal favorite. If friendly sympathy could have lightened her grie: that solace would have been hers; he had not been.' perhaps it did. even though unconsciously to herself, but, as she sat the the evening before the funeral by the side of her dead darling, she felt as though there could never be any more again seen bobbing over the division- brightness or pleasure for her this side

despairing, and heard not the timid Charlie was a bright boy, and his par- ment later entered the room, until a sentence by burst ng into a hearty fit of so accepting so much money as may be The wind carries the smoke in dense clouds

"Please, Mrs. Sunderland, mayn't 1

Then she turned and saw Charlie Cooper. The boy's swollen eyes showed no brag about Frank, however, and that he had been crying, but Mrs. Sunthere would probably have been no derland looked at him, apathetically, know you are sorry. We'll have to be jox ousy on Charlie's side had it not and when she had realized what it was friends after this, and we will never is en been excited by home influence. he wanted, turned quite calmly towards quarrel any more." Mrs. Cooper was bitterly jealous and the coffin and withdrew the cloth that

did much towards making her son as Charlie gazed for a few moments unreasonable and suspicious as her- upon his dead schoolmate, awed and silent, though the tears chased each A few months after the school opened, other down his cheeks. In a Little an examination was held for the pur- while the mother kissed the marble pose of promoting such of the scholars brow, still with that unnatural calm-

Charlie was trembling from head to foot with repressed agitation, and Mrs. control gave way; with a child's instinctive desire for comfort and support in sorrow, he flung his arms a ound her and dropping his head upon her bosom, burst into a violent fit of weep-

"O, Mrs. Sunderland!" he cried. " ean't bear to have him die; I can't-I

positive veto upon any such absurd pro- softly, and with the blessed tears the had been born to them. She had reared

Mrs. Sunderland's friends came to her and took her away from the scene of her bereavem nt. All that affection ously, and Frank was abl to do many could do was done to cheer her, and after a few months her healthy, cheerter, as a general thing, fully appreci- ful temper began to reassert itself, and so a ded the effort of beneficent nature that by September she felt abie to reof Mrs. Cooper's feelings toward her turn to Greenville and her boy s grave, and Frank, Mrs. Sunderland was sens - and to become again, in a measure, her

The schools had just reopened, and though the remembrance of one short equal partnership after all. year ago, when her own boy was there, the brightest and most hopeful of the to be quite invincible until the events young throng who commenced the of a certain morning proved to her that school-year together, brought a pang of heart, she endured this su ering as she had endur d all the rest, uncomplain-

The examination for promotion was again held, and this tim Charlie Cooper ranked first among the five of his to those who read. Why not have inside, which soon attracted others, and tain districts in the Eastern States, where class who were promoted to the higher department. Mrs. S nd rland was sin-Charlie Cooper was at the well in their cerely pleased when she head of the your love? Now you would give worlds own lot, scarcely a stone's thrown dis- lad's triumph, and a few mornings later tant, and he called out: "Come fill your when she met him, sae stopped to shake hands with him, congratulating him once caused, be evening the closed most cordially. "But how does it happen you are not in school, this morning?" she asked.

"I -l -don't go to school, just now," he stammered. "I've stopped awhile." "Why, how does that happen? Surely now is the very time you ought to be

"I know-I'd like to be, but"-again motion had made necessary.

concluded, with a rueful sigh.

cried softly for a long time.

own point o view to his mother, for a mingled her tears with his as she helped kitchen-maid, directed her to take it to and the siftings graded according to nex fall to report what progress has been 050. few moments later Mrs. Sunderland him to attire h mself in dry garments, the house of her neighbor, Mr. Cooper. size."-N. Y. herald.

The evening of the same day, as Mrs. Sunderland sat alone, reading over a few verses from her Bible before retiring for the night, she heard a bustle of approaching footsteps, the door opened,

and her little maid said-"Here's Mis' Cooper wants to see you a few minute , Mis' Sunderland." She ushered into the room a tall, gaunt figure, whose head and shoulders were shrouded in a dark shawl, and then | department a bureau of animal industry, strong wind was blowing. It was impossidiscreetly withdrew.

Mrs. Cooper, or she it was, advanced toward Mrs. Sunderland as the latter arose. "I've come to talk about them books you sent to my Charlie," she said, roughly, almost fiercely.

"Yes," replied Mrs. Sunderland, deprecatingly: "I hope you don't feel offended; Charlie told me his father did will be valuable to the agricultural and com- filled with smoke and ashes of burned not feel able to buy him the books he needed just now, and I shought it a the purpose of the bureau. The Commispity he should be obliged to get behind | sioner of Agriculture is authorized to emhis class on that account.'

"My Charlie says them books is the ones you bought last year for your Frank; is that so? "Yes," Mrs. Sunderland said, her voice faltering a little, "they were my stock, who shall report the best manner of Wilkesbarre, with the whole population of

"You're right:" and the fierce voice been a-crying hover them ever since he got them, and I don't wonder, for the significant of 'com bus made me do what I as may be necessary to extirpate the disease; Co., lumber contractors. Eleven horses also sight of 'em has made me do what I never did for living creature in hall my authority of each State and Territory, and valuable timber was destroyed. The total life afore. I've come hover to beg invite the co-operation of such executive loss is estimated at \$50,000. The fire is now She sat there tearless, speechless and your pardon for all my hugliness to authority in the execution of the act of Con-undercontrol. you and to him that's gone; you poor, knock that came upon the door, nor dear soul, you-hido, hido, " and fierce, did she notice the figure that a mo- evi-tempered Mrs. Cooper ended her er ing.

Mrs. Sunderland clasped in hers the knotted, toil-worn hands outstretched toward her.

"Don't cry," she said, tears rolling down her own cheeks as she spoke. "1

And they ne er did .- M. R. Housekeeper, in You h's Companion.

Over a Collin-Lid.

"She-was-a-good-wife-to-me!

A good wife, God bless her." The words were spoken in trembling accents over a coffin-lid. The woman asleep there had borne the heat and burden of life's long day, and no one had ever heard her murmur; her hand was quick to reach out in a helping grasp to those who fell by the wayside. and her feet were swit on errands of mercy; the heart of her husband had trusted in her he had le t her to long hours of solitude, while he amused himself in scenes in which she had no part. When boon companions deserted him. when fickle affection selfishly departed, when pleasure palled, he went home and found her waiting for him.

"Come from your long, long roving, On life's sea so bleak and rough, Come to me tender and loving, And I shall be ble-t en augh."

That had been her love song-always on her lips or in her heart. Children first bitterness of her anguish passed them almost alone - they were gone! Her hand had led them to the uttermost edge of the morning that has no noon. Then she had comforted him, and sent him out strong and wholehearted while she staved at home andcried. What can a woman do but cry

-and trust? Well, she is at rest now. But she could not die until he had promised to "bear up," not to iret, but to remember how happy they had been. They? Yes, it is even so. For she was blest in giving, and he in receiving. It was an

"She-vas-a-good -- wife -- to-

Oh, man' man! Why not have told her so, when her ears were not dull by almost unbearable pain to the mother's death? Why wast to say these words over a coffin wherein lies a wasted, weary, gray haired woman, whose eyes have so long held that pathetic s ory of stated. Just then the City Marshal braska, Colorado and Kansas in establishing loss and suffering, a patient yearning, which so many women's eyes revealmade the wilderness in her heart blossom like the rose with the prodigatity of were they yours to give-to see the tears of oy your words would have windows of her soul. It is too late. "We have careful thoughts for the stranger, And smiles for the sometimes guest-But oft for oan

The bitter tone Though we toccour own the best."

How Catmeal is Made.

-Detroit Free Press.

"The first operation in the manuhe stopped, much embarra-sed, and it facture of the meal is the removing from in the bucket, preparatory to throwing it was not without a good deal of ques- the oats all cockle, small oats and fortion ng that Mrs. Sunderland at last eign seeds of whatever kind, for if any drew from him the information that he of these rem in the quality of the meal had ceased to attend school on account is much injured. Black oats, if even of of his father's inability to procure for good quality, give a bad appearance to from Harper are ready to assist in the parhim the new set of school-books his pro- the manufactured meal, as it reappears in the form of black particles, "Father's ha i a felon on his hand all which to the tidy housewife appears to summer, and it's not well yet. He be a something much more uncleanly. basn't been able to work much, and After the oats have been properly we've had to be awful economical cleaned by sifting they are sub ected to Mother cried like everything when the operation of drying. This is acfather said he just couldn't spare the complished in dry kilns, with spe ial money to buy a lot of new books; she apparatus constructed for the purpose. was mad at first, but she soon got over This operation requires some care to that, for she knew father couldn't help prevent the oats from burning. As s on Pfleger's back was turned he struck him a it. She's saving up now, and so am I, as sufficiently dry they are removed and we'll raise the money between us from the kiln while still very hot and before Christmas, I guess, though those stoled in such a way as to have hem kind of books do cost like smoke," he retain the r heat; after thus remaining Hildebrecht and ran from the room, locking three or four days and hardening th y the door after him. Officers were summoned After he had gone Mrs. Sunderland are ready for the shelling operation, and the door unlocked. Hildebrecht was on went into her darkened parlor, and, sit- This shelling is accompl shed by pass- the floor in a pool of blood. He had tried ting in her rocking chair, rocked and ing the oats through millstones of a spec al pattern. The product that neck and arms with pieces of the broken Then she went up stairs and opened a comes from the stones is groats, or the deep drawer in a bureau, from whence whole kernels, dust, seeds, etc., and issued a strong periume of with red these must be separated. By means of rose-leaves. She removed the linen a combination of sieves and fans the towel that shrouded the contents of the greats are separated from the other mant sprang -u idenly to ife, and Char- fence to help Frank, shivering and cry- drawer, and from one corner drew forth material, and are then ready for grindlie gave utterance to such a torrent of ing. to get over it. Her gentle temper. a slate and a pile of school-books—al- ing. For extra qual ty meal the groats most new. S. e opened the books one may be shelled and also passed through Frank, but Frank's mother, who witnessed the scene from her kitchen winnessed the scene from her kitchen winFrank was a very delicate child, and name "Frank Sun erland," inscribed them must not be long delayed, as a lief Expedition, has turned out to be in dow. She cailed I rank away at once, the effects of such a shower-bath upon in a big boyish hand then she laid her few weeks' exposure renders them unfit hardly the necessary condition for a voyage and after a few words of rebuke to suc a morning might be erious. With cheek upon the books, fonding them as for mill ng. In grinding the great, the though they were living creatures, and great a m is to avoid pulveri ation, and to have the granules cut s uare and of At last she wiped her eyes and tied uniform size. Oatmeal is generally up the books in a neat strong package. denominated by the cut-as pin-head "I am doing just as he would want cut, rough cut, medium and fine cut-

PLEURO-PNEUMONIA.

The Bill Passes the Senate Establishing a Bureau of Animal Industry.

WASHINGTON, May 1.-As amended

and passed by the Senate, the bill providing tor the establishment of a bureau of animal industry and the extirpation of contagious cattle diseases, provides that the Commisand report upon the condition of the domestic animals of the United States and the mercial interests of the United States for appoint two competent agents, who shall be boy's. Charlie was fond of him-I transporting and caring for animals; the place, subdued the fire. couldn't have given him those books if means to be adopted to suppress gress. When the rules, etc., shall have been accepted by such executive authority, of live stock, special investigation will be disease along the dividing line between the United States and foreign countries, and along transportation lines from all parts of the flames. the United States to parts from which who shall co-operate ury, State State and municipal authorities, now fighting the flames near the building, corporations and persons engaged in the The loss to timber tracts will be large. transportation of cattle by land or water in is authorized to take such steps as may be Transportation companies are forbidden to transport cattle affected with any contagious tains. disease from one State or Territory to antion of cattle to market. Violations of the the cases. The sum appropriated for the purposes of the act is \$150,000, instead of \$250,000 appropriated by the House.

BOLD BANK ROBBERS.

An Attempt to Rob the Bank at Medicine Lodge, Kas .- The President and Cashier

KANSAS CITY, May 1 .- A special to the Times of this morning, from Harper, Kas., says: A courier just in states that a bold but unsuccessful attempt was made at ten o'clock this morning to rob the Medicine Valley Bank, at Medicine Lodge, Barber County, in which George Geppert, Cashier, was instantly killed, and Four men, well armed with Winchester repeating rifles and revolvers, rode up to the bank soon after it opened, two remaining with the horses while the others entered and demanded the money. Both the President and Cashier refused to comply, and were at once fired upon as above at a glance opened fire on those mounted and rode away without the swag. reply was sent to the latter: Within ten minutes thirty men were in hot Within ten minutes thirty men were in hot pursuit and doubtless ere this have cap To His Excellency, G. W. Glick, Governor tured the bandits and sent them to join! their victim. No clue to their identity was had. Mr. Geppert was a promising merchant, while Mr. Payne was editor of the Index and a wealthy and influential stockman. Medicine Lodge is situated about fifty miles west of Harper, and being off any railroad or telegraph line, news has to come by carriers. There is the greatest excitement here over the bold affair, as both Geppert and Payne are widely known citizens through this portion of the State, and have hundreds of friends among the stockmen. It is thought the robbers came up from the Indian Territory, and the killing of the bank officer was brought about by what followed after the robbers entered the bank. Officers and men suit and capture of the murderers, and if

caught they will undoubtedly be lynched. A Struggle With a Maniac. TEENTON, N. J., April 30.-Philip Hildebrecht was a bartender at A. Aberlee's saloon in this city. For some days he has given evidences of mental trouble. He slept with Lewis Pfleger, a jeweler, at Aberlee's. He was excitable and talkative, and while terrible blow with a pitcher. Then began a struggle for life, as Hildebrecht had become a siving maniac. Pfleger finally downed to kill himself by cutting deep gashes in the pitcher. He was very weak and muttered a desire to die. His wounds were dressed and he was removed to the asylum. He may recover. Pileger's wounds are not

The Alert. NEW YORK, May 1 .- Contrary to expectatations, the Alert, which the English Govto the Arctics. Repairs that will cost about \$20,000 will have to be made so as to properly equip her for the work. These will be made as quickly as possible. Two Arctic houses are being built, which will be taken North upon the deck of the Alert, gave an account of the trouble from his she hurried Frank to the house and the package, and giving it to her lattle ing the meal is passed through sieves first of the three vessels to return, leaving quantity of stock to the amount of \$25,-

made

FOREST FIRES.

The Mountains of New York, Pennsyl anis. and New Jersey a Blaze of Fire-Loss of

Life and Property. NEW YORK, May 3.-Forest fires in the country round about fill the atmosphere here with smoke. Middletown, N. Y., reports the mountains west and north of the sioner of Agriculture shall organize in his Shawargunts and Catskills on fire. A with a chief who shall be a competent vet- ble to see only a short distance. No damerinary surgeon, and who shall investigate age reported yet, but the danger to isolated farm houses and farms was great. Clouds of smoke and ashes filled the air. Fires causes of the contagious and communicable were raging on Storm King Mountain, near diseases among them. He shall also collect Cornwall, and in the highlands west of such other information on those subjects as Haverstraw. The air at Newburgh was leaves floating about. Much damage to standing timber was apprehended.

A Wilkesbarre, Pa., special says forest fires have been raging fiercely thereabout ploy a force not exceeding twenty persons lately. The first serious damage was reat any one time. The Commissioner is to ported yesterday afternoon. Whitehaven and the neighboring hills caught fire and for practical stock raisers, or men experienced a time the town was in great danger, owing in commercial transactions affecting live to a strong wind. The fire department of

At California, a lumbering town near pleuro-pneumonia and other dangerous or Whitehaven, a fierce fire started and eleven communicable diseases. The compensation houses occupied by lumbermen were congrew suddenly husky; "my Charlie's of such agents to be fixed at ten dollars a sumed. Two bridges on the Beaver Creek day. The Commissioner is to prepare as branch of the Lehigh Valley road were dename and certify such to the executive perished in the flames. A large quantity of

Washington, N. J., May 3.-An extensive conflagration is raging in the Blue the Commissioner may expend in the State Mountains, twenty-five miles from here. necessary for the purpose of the investigatover this part of Warren County. At five tions contemplated by the act, and for such o'clock yesterday afternoon it became comdisinfection and quarantine measures as pletely dark and a smoky pall, almost suffomay be necessary to prevent the spread of eating, rests over this town. The inhabi-disease from one State or Territory into tants are alarmed, and the Mayor has reanother. In order to promote exportation | quested a number of the members of the fire department to remain on duty. A large made as to the existence of contagious tract of valuable woodland is burning about three miles from Mattawany, threatening a number of residences. Farmers are fighting

Near Ashland, Pa., extensive fires are the cattle are exported, and reports raging, and the Ashland fire department has made to the Secretary of the Treas- been ordered in readiness for service. At with the State Miners' Hospital workmen are

A heavy wind storm visited Northumberestablishing regulations for the safe trans- land County, Pa., yesterday, and fanned to infer of cattle and preventing the spread of creased fury the forest fires. The works of disease, and the Secretary of the Treasury Charles Woods and 5,000 cords of charcoal were destroyed. The fires also ignited necessary, not inconsistent, to prevent the Culmbank at Mine Hill Gap. The Colliery exportation of cattle affected with contag- mine is in danger, and 300 men are thrown ious diseases, especially pleuro-pneumonia, out of employment. The towns are befogged by smoke from the burning mean-

Emporium, Pa., sends word of forest fires other. The so-called splenic or Texas fever raging all through that section. The season is excepted from the category of communi- is unusually dry and the wind is blowing a cable diseases, so far as regard transporta- perfect gale from the west, sweeping the fire through the forest with great velocity act by railroad companies or vessels is de- and destroying a large amount of property. clared a misdemeanor on the part of the At Sterling Run, nine miles from Empomanager, punishable by a fine not to exceed rium, several buildings belonging to the \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding one tannery company burned yesterday, and a year, or both. It is made the duty of the large mill was also destroyed. The village States District Attorney to prosecute was only saved by aid from Renova. Two families are reported lost, and it is feared the loss of life will be great. At Swissmont, fifteen miles west of bere, two mills with a large amount of lumber were de-

SCRANTON, PA., May 3.—The barrel mill, press house and canning mill of the Moosic Powder Company, Col. H. M. Boise, President, blew up, and the soda grinding and pulverizing mills were fired and burned yes-terday. The mills were ignited from the forest fires. Several days ago one of the employes was burned to a crisp in the wash house. Several hundred cords of powder wood are now burning and it is expected that the glazing mills will go. The iron magazine containing several tons of powder is so far safe. No one dares to travel the road to Archibald for fear that the rest of E. W. Payne, President, fatally wounded, the mills will blow up. The loss thus far is \$30,000.

Cattle Disease. JEFFERSON CITY, May 3.-Governor Crittenden has received a letter from Governor Glick, of Kansas, requesting him to unite with the Governors of Iowa, Illinois, Neappeared, and taking in the situation a quarantine against the introduction of diseased cattle into the above States from cerseeing their game was up the robbers pleuro-pneumonia exists, and the following

of Kansas: DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your letter of DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ult., inviting me to co-operate with the Governors of filinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas in issuing a proclamation quarantining those several states "against the introduction of cattle from the infected districts of other States" I fully appreciate the importance of such a movement, and would join you if I were invested with the power. No law exists in this State giving the Governor the right to issue such a proclamation. It is an omission which will be remedied in the future. The stock growers of this State are too largely interested in ers of this State are too largely interested in that industry to suffer future legislation to longer overlook the enactment of such laws as will more securely protect that important part of their property rights.

Very truly yours, Thos. T. CRITTENDEN.

Favorable to Railron is.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.-The railroad bill in the Legislature known as the "Barry" bill, and which, in the largest measure, covered the object for which the extra session was called, was, in an amended form, passed by the Senate by a unanimous vote. Under the bill as passed by the Assembly, where it originated, the railway companies would have forfeited their right to operate within the State, first, if they suffered discriminations in freight over their roads; second, if they failed to keep track and structures in efficient repair; third, if they accepted charters from any other Government, State or sovereignty; fourth, if they failed to comply with the fare and freight schedules fixed by the Railroad Commissioner. In its amended form the first and third conditions are rendered nugatory, the special contract system remains intact and the forfeiture of railroad charters is placed beyond State laws. At the present moment the relations of railway companies to the State Government are as before the call of the extra session. It is now clearly established that no radical antirailroad measure can pass the Senate. An early adjournment is quite possible.

Watching for the Building to Fall. St. PAUL, MINN., May 3.-The wall of the wholesale millinery house of J. Oppenheim & Co., on Fourth street, cracked, and carpenters were set to work to brace the building while the work of removing \$70,-000 worth of stock was in progress. A large crowd collected, and considerable money, on and against the building falling, changed hands, some betting that the whole building would fall, and others that only a hole in the wall would result. During the afternoon a pertion of the wall fell, making a gap twenty feet wide, from ground to oof, and letting a portion of the roof down