FAIRY PLEASE-MYSELF.

I know a little fairy.

A naughty little eif.

Brimful of tricks and mischief,
The 'Fairy Pieuse Myself." She hides in every nursery

You always know she s there, When little folks are fretting, And then, my dears, beware! She's very old, this fairy. How old, I cannot tell. But it is very likely. That Adam knew her well.

How did I know about her?
I'll whisper in your ears:
She often called upon me
When I was yount, my dears
—Youth's Companion

# The Great Hesper.

BY FRANK BARRETT.

CHAPTER XIII-CONTINUED. He continued.

"Thank you for Brace's letter. The tone of it would lead one to imagine not only that he knows where the diamond is, but has a strong belief in his power to recover it! One can not possibly believe that it was he who robbed and attempted to murder you. But whom are we to suspect, if not him? If he were not guilty, why should he try to conceal the leather case which might lead to its recovery? There is a fascination in this subject which overcomes my wish to drop it. It is like the fifteen puzzle that drove half the world mad some years ago.

"Van Hoeck still wanders about the woods through the night. More than once he has been seen standing outside the room in which Edith and I pass the evening, listening.

"His suspicions have perhaps fallen upon us. The poor wretch may have lost his reason. His appearance, when I caught sight of him the other day, justifies the suspicion.

I have to confess to an indiscretion which may have no serious result, but which I regret all the same. Yesterday I received a telegram from Furnival, dated Haxei's hotel. "It ran thus:

... We have important clew. Send address of Joseph Brace at once, or place where he is likely to be found.'

"The we' led me to suppose that he was an agent of the detectives employed in this case, and without further reflection I sent Brace's adaress, having your letter under my hand. I became uneasy as soon as the messenger was out of sight, and sent Wilson over to Southampton with two telegrams, one for Furnival and the other for the head of the detective department, asking for further particulars. I have received no reply whatever from Furnival. and the detectives replied by letter that they employed no one named Furnival, and that all inquiries were made through the head office.

"Who on earth can this Furnival be, and what can be the object of his plied. inquiries? The mystery was sufficiently incomprehensible without this addition."

Incomprehensible indeed, and the more closely one examined the mystery, the more inscrutable it ap-

"I inclose," he wrote, in conclusion. "a letter which came to hand this morning."

It was a second letter from Brace. This is the copy:

"TIBBAL'S GOLDEN STATE HOTEL "SACRAMENTO CITY, November 8

"GENTLEMAN THORNE, SIR: I didnt expec you to unswer my letter, but the Kid have took it to heart moren natral. I told you she was kinder frettin, and to please her I made believe I had sent the message she asc me to rite. Which gettin' no answer to said message she sorter felt youd turned your back on her for ever. I don't think she's going to make old bones. Seems to me like as if she

wild flowers. "The doctor considers that sickness she got out in Africa has settled into her, and she cant corff it off.

meant knocking off early. Ses she

"The rain hes set in early up Petersville, and they aint no good for a poor little sick kid. We come down here day fore yesterday.

"She's pinin' pardner, thats whats the matter with her whitch is why I rite her message.

"She says she wants to be good; thems her words. I never knew her say such a thing, and I cant hardly expec you to believe it, knowin' what she was, but if you could only see her as she is you'd believe it. Shes that altered: no tantrums. no opposishun, no obstinacy -no nothin.

"Seein this, you may be moved. sir, bein kinder pitiful by natur, to rite her a few words, jest to say you've got her message, and hope she'll stick to her promise. With a little bit of encouragement like that, I dont think she'd go away without telling up what shes done with the Great Hesper. Yours respectfully. JOS BRACE.

I started for Sacramento without a moment's delay.

## CHAPTER XIV.

I was told at the Sacramento depot that the Golden State hotel was on the third block up the grade. In ascending the hill I cought sight of hundred yards or so, yet so changed that it took me some minutes to identify them.

Her head was bent, she leaned for support on her father's arm. She walked slowly, and with an air of fatigue; and, remembering the buoyant elasticity of her gait the reasked myself with doubt if this could | for months." indeed be Lola.

I followed them into the hotel; from the vestibule I saw them enter a room upon the first floor. I ran up and stopped at the open door. Lola had seated herself on a couch. her face rested on the pillow, her eyes were close

It was the pretty little face I knew so well, but oh, so changed! Her cheek was no longer round; the russet bloom had gone from her complexion; there was a purple tint about her closed lids, and the ver- June." million of her tips was unnaturally bright. I was struck by the delicate if to see if I were angry with herbeauty of her face, but it was a beauty that illed one's heart with sorrow, like the fading away of a divine melody.

I entered the room noiselessly, and seated myself in a chair by her side. I heard Brace moving about in an adjoining room. She was unconscious of my presence; and as I sat with my eyes awelling upon her beautiful face, my thoughts wandered back to the old days at the cape, when I left my work from time to time to see how "the little 'un" was getting on. as she lay exhausted with sickness. The gleam of the white teeth between the parted lips, the curl of the long lashes that swept her cheek, the crisp little lock above her ear-these were all the same, yet, with the indefinable trait of womanhood, so different. The bud had opened-only to die? I had asked myself before if she would live. It was doubtful then. but the hope was fainter now.

She opened her eyes, and, seeing me, sprung up with a cry of joy, and threw her arms round my neck and kissed me, for she was, indeed, still a child at heart.

"Oh. it is true!" she cried, between her kisses; "I was asleep, and I saw you come to me, and-" she stopped abruptly, and drawing back, said in gay, wonder, as she looked in my face.

"Why, you are crying!" Hearing her voice Brace came in

from the next room. "Say now, what did I tell you?" he exclaimed. "The Kid's took it into her silly little head as she wouldn't see you no more, sir."

"She will see a good deal of me if I have my way." I said, holding out my hand to Brace.

His countenance changed; he dragged his chin tuft thoughtfully for a minute, then turning to his daughter, he said-

"Lola. my gel, we must have it out now straight off. Here's Gentleman Thorne holdin' out his hand to me, and I ain't no right to take it till you let on what's come of the big diamond.

"Not now-not now," she said beseechingly: "a little while—a week—no more."

"No, my gel; 'tain't to be put off like it was a dose of physic. See here-see here. When we parted, Gentleman Thorne refused to give me his hand-for why, he knew we wasn't playin' square;" and turning to me he said, "You knew we'd got the stone, didn't you, sir?"

"I saw you hide the case," I re-

"Consequently you knew we'd got the thing among us somewheres. Come, my gel, think how Gentleman Thorne nussed you out there in the hot sun: 'member how he stood by you and pulled you through. Don't lowed us to reach the cavern in think you ain't got nothin' but ing this letter he wrotegreaser blood in yer; don't let him think you ain't got no kinder grati-

tude or 'fection in yer." "Oh, you shall not think that," take you there-not to-day, it is too where it is, and you shall take it to her, and never see me again.

"I will take you with me if I go, Lola," I said.

"No, no, you will never see me again." she said, and then a violent fit of coughing attacked her. and she left the room, closing the door after

and in a low voice, that faltered a dont feel like gatherin any more little, said-

"It ain't nat'ral for her to give in like that; it sin't like the Kid, not a bit. Her contrariness and obstinacy used to make me wild, but it didn't make my heart ache like this."

Lola came back in a little while, weak and exhausted, but with a smile upon her poor face. She sat close to me, slipping her hand under my arm, and resting her check against my shoulder. Her love was too innocent, or she was too ignorant of social usages, to know re-

"I don't want to talk: it hurts me," she said. "I just want to sit here quiet." and she closed her eyes.

nestling still closer. "You've come to a ruined and an onhallowed country sir;" said the Judge: "durned if I skercely knowed it again-nothing but machinery and Chinese-not a decent white placer in all Nevada-them yaller varmint ain't left anythin' worth lookin' for, not in the or'nary way. It's got to be looked for in onor'nary places, and fetched out in onor nary ways, as I've said more'n once before to you; and my meanin' is that I could do the same if I had the means, and if so be the Kid keeps her promise-as I do believe she Lola nodded, without taking will. her head from my shoulder, or opening her eyes, and a little sigh fluttered up from her heart. "As I know she wili-I'll do it; not for Brace and Lola walking in advance a the sake of the gold, 'cause that won't be needed when we've got the diamond, but just to prove the prenceple of the thing. It's down an almighty hole up the Sierra, nearly up ing examined as a witness, he was to the snow-line, and I've been there prospectin' day after day, and studyin' the thing out, an' I didn't leave it till the snow forced us to come bellious independence of her spirit, I down, and now the hole's blocked up

Suddenly raising her head, and turning to her father, with eager eves. Lola exclaimed:

"Blocked!" "Ah, blocked for full three months by the snow, and for another by the swelled fall; it'll be pretty well June afore I kin get down it."

Lola burst into a fit of hysterical laughter, and, clapping her hands with joy, cried:

"It is down there-the diamond! You must wait-months-almost till Then growing suddenly grave, she looke I wistfully at me, as

### CHAPTER XV.

Naturally they were astonished when they heard I had been in the state a couple of months. When I told them I had come there to seek my fortune, and was farming in the South, where I hoped they would come and stay with me during the winter, Brace said:

"Well, I hear there's a livin' to be made ranchin', but it's a plaguy long row, they do say. Howsoever, it won't be none too long for me to hoe along of you, and so be you're agreeable to havin' our company, it ain't likely I'll hold off."

Lola's eyes dilated with eager delight. I fancy her imagination pictured a return of the Transvaal times, the happiest she had known. when rude necessity knit us together in close companionship. I did not think it necessary to undeceive them then, and the next day I took them with me to San Diego. The sun was shining when we got there, and the air was soft and warm: it was like an early day of English summer.

The effect on Lola was miraculous; she seemed inspired with new life. I had never seen her so animated and

Her countenance fell as we passed through the beautiful plantations and entered the richly furnished house. It was an unhappy disillusion for her. Brace, who never let anything in the world surprise him, stroked his chin reflectively as he looked round him, and said:

"This is your lot, is it, Gentleman Thorne?"

"I shall be better able to call it mine when I have paid up the capital invested in it. As you know, I had no money of my own. I have borrowed heavily, and until the loan is paid-"

I shrugged my shoulders.

"Until it's paid," said Brace, continuing my sentence, "you've got to go to bed late, and get up airly, and be thankful hef you kin sleep sound in betwixt. I reckon it'll take you a pretty considerable long time afore you feel you don't know what to de with yourself."

"A long while!" I said gravely. "How long" asked Lola, quickly,

under her breath. "Oh, many, many years, perhaps,

I replied. She did not attempt to conceal her

satisfaction. CHAPTER XVI.

I had written a few hurried lines from Sacramento, telling Sir Edmund that Lola had taken the Great Hesper, and intended to restore it as soon as the snow had melted and allet the best friend you ever had which it was concealed. In answer-

"After reading your good news, Edith and stroll through the park, where age price of silver of the year shows we encountered poor Van an actual advance which, having been she cried, starting to her feet. "I'll Hoeck, whose woe-begone appearance | 67 per cent, towards the close of the appealed once more to Edith's heart | year fell about two cents below that far; but to morrow I'll show you and mine also. 'Why,' she asked, should we any longer treat him as a possible scoundrel, now that the Braces admit having taken the diamond?' We turned back, overtook Van Hoeck, and told him what had happened. The poor wretch was overcome with emotion, not because of the possible recovery of the lost diamond (of which he entertains Brace looked at me significantly, strong doubt), but in being once

more treated as an honest man." Now, did Van Hoeck deserve to be treated as an honest man? That was the question. I will give here Brace's account of what occurred in the woods, and as near as I can in his own words.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

### THE DOCTOR'S WIFE. She Was Approclative and Lightened Her

Husband's Load.

A due appreciation of the skill and efficiency of the professional work accomplished by one's husband is to duction, this amount being greater be highly commended in the main. There are times, however, when this total coal production was therefore sort of here worship can be carried 193,351,027 short tons and the total desort of hero worship can be carried to such an extent as to seriously interfere with one's best interests, says ity and activity in manufacturing we Kate Field's Washington, as has been proved in the case of a Washington ooo tons before this, and it is to be physician. For some reason he deided to allow his wife to make out 1897. The production of coke showed his bills, and for that purpose turned over the book containing memoranda of visits to her tender mercies. The bills were accordingly made out with a promptness that could not fail to be most gratifying to the husband. but the ultimate result of the venture has proved far from satisfactory. From far and near the complaints of exorbitant charges have rained in. This has, in turn, led to investigation as to the cause, and revealed the fact that the wife appraised her hasband's services at just double the amount he ordinarily charges, and m. .. out the bills accordingly.

## Another Victory.

It is related of George Clark, the celebrated negro minstrel, that beseverely interrogated by the attorney, who wished to break down

is evidence. "You are in the negro minstrel business, I believe?" inquired the lawyer. "Yes, sir," answered George

promptly. "Isn't that rather a low cailing?" demanded the learned counsel. "I don't know but what it is, sir, replied the minstrel, "but it is sc

# THE MINERAL OUTPUT | W. A. HAMMOND A SUICIDE

TOTAL VALUE AMOUNTED TO \$653,311,469.

Total Production of Metals \$242,311.481 -Great Increase in Gold and Copper-Little Decrease in Siver Pig Iron and Other Productions for the Year.

New York Jan. 4 .- The Engineering and Mining Journal says the production of mineral and metais in the United States for the year 1896 amounted to \$653,311,468, showing a decrease, as compared with 1895 of \$24,689,266, or about 3 per cent. This decrease was largely in values rather than in quantities; in none of the chief articles was there any marked decrease, while in several there were considerable increases.

The total productions of metals was \$242,311,481, an increase of \$1,694,111 over the previous year, while the value of non-metallic substances was \$410,-999,987, a decrease of \$26,383,377 from 1895. A large part of this was due to the lower values of coal, stone and a few other important substances, very little resulting from the smaller quantities

The production of alluminum shows an increase of 400,000 pounds over that of 1895, the total for the year being 1,300,000 pounds. The production continues in the hands of a single com-

The increase in copper has been extraordinary, the total gain amounting to 67,763,150 pounds, which was made in spite of a large decrease in the domestic demands, but was absorbed by the extraordinary exports of the year, which are the largest on record.

The gold production in the United States in 1896 reached the total of \$57,000,000. The increase far surpasses the gain reported from any other country in the world and puts the United States in the lead. This country's output of gold was 26 per cent of the re-

ported output of the entire world. The production of pig iron was 8,769,800 long tons. The depression of business which made itself manifest in the latter part of the year had less effect than had been anticipated, the decrease from 1895 being only 677,439 tons, or about 7 per cent. The production of lead from domestic ores amounted to 175,717 short tons, showing an increase of 20,863 tons over the preceding year. In addition to this there was 79,000 tons produced from imported ores or refined from imported bullion. The quick-silver output was 23,012 flasks of seventy-six half-pounds each, showing a decrease of 966 flasks from the previous year. The production continues to come wholly from the California mines, no new deposits having been developed to the producing point during the year.

The production of silver from do-

mestic ores reached a total of 45,465,175 fine ounces, showing a decrease from that of 1895 amounting to 865,062 ounces only. The silver production has thus been maintained better than had been anticipated. Moreover, there were produced from foreign bullion by our smelters and other works no less than 40,000.000 fine ounces of silver, making the total quantity refined or put into final marketable form in this country 85,465,173 fine ounces. This large production was almost entirely went for a absorbed by the markets and the averpoint. Of the silver obtained from foreign receipts it is estimated that 38,000,000 ounces came from Mexican ores and bullion and 2,000,000 ounces from materials brought into this country from Canada, chiefly from British Columbia.

The total production of spelter for commerce for the year 1896, amountng to 77,084 short tons, showed a decrease of 4.074 tons from that of 1895. The production was fully up to the demand, however. Of the spelter 31,431 ons came from Illinois and Indiana districts, 36,331 tons from the Kansas-Missouri region and 9,322 tons from eastern and southern productions. The latter as well as the Illinois showed a decrease, a slight gain being reported

from the Kansas-Missouri region.
As was inevitable in a year of business depression, the increase in coal was not large, in fact it is surprising that bituminous coal should have shown anything at all. The output in 1896 was 141,770,099 tons, showing a gain of 4,371,752 tons over 1895. On the other hand there was a decrease of 6,782,057 short tons in anthracite prothan the gain in bituminous. The crease as compared with 1895 was 2,-410,305 tons. With ordinary prosperwould doubtless have passed 200,000. hoped that point will be reached in a gain of 44,426 tons; chiefly due to the activity of the iron and steel trades in the earlier part of the year. The price of coal continues very low, the average for bituminous coal at mines being below \$1 per ton.

A New Kansas County Wanted. LINCOLN CENTER, Kan., Jan. 4.-Pecitions are being circulated in Ellsworth, Russell, Osborne and the west end of Lincoln county for the creation of a new county by taking a portion of each of the counties named. petitions call upon the representatives of these four counties and Senator Helm to unite in the legislature to accomplish this. Already Sylvan Grove, Lucas and Wilson are aspirants for the county seat of the proposed new county.

## WRONG MEN LYNCHED.

Prosecutor Auli Believes Nelson and Winner Did Not Commit Murders. LEXINGTON, Mo., Jan. 4.-Prosecuting

Attorney Aull of this county said last night in regard to the report that he had secured evidence against members of the mob that hanged Nelson and Winner that he was thoroughly satisfied that both men were innocent of the murder of Mrs. Winner and her children, but as to any facts connecting members of the mob with the crime much better than my father's that I am rather proud of it." he would decline to speak, because it was a matter to be investigated by the courts first.

The Wrecker of Illinois National Lank Drowned in the Lai e.

Cincago, Jan. 4. -W. A. Hammond, the late second vice president of the defunct National Bank of Illinois, called on Percy Palmer, his old friend and confidential adviser, at 8 o'clock last evening and talked gloomily about his future prospects. Palmer talked encouragingly to him and about 11 o'clock he went to his home in Evanston and about 11:30 retired for the night. He and his wife had been in the habit of sleeping in adjacent rooms. two apartments was open, looked into road. the room and found that her husband was not there. His night robe hung was on the table, but his clothes were taken his shoes and stockings.

found a well-developed trail in the form of numerous scraps of paper, which led to the lake. A federal lifesaving crew at once began a search for the body, and at 12:50 o'clock the drowned body was found at the foot of Dempster street pier and taken to the Evanston police station.

CHARGES OF IRRECULARITIES. Hammond was the vice president of the National Bank of Illinois, and was fell accompanied by a high wind which active in its management, in fact, he is said to have been the responsible head, since President Schneider was too feeble to do much work and the large loans to the Calumet Electric company, particularly, and to others, which resulted in the closing of the bank, are understood to have been made by him.

The first open charges against the

business integrity of Hammond were made only about ten days ago. Then he was accused of enacting the character of a "kiter." He was accused of deceiving the directors of the bank and the depositors and deliberately violating the national bank law. His alleged irregularities were said to have begun many years ago, when, it is alleged, he began to use the money and credit of the bank in outside speculations. This was done in such a manner, it was generally reported, that not only were the directors deceived, but the bank examiners as well. Even old employes, thoroughly familiar with the inside workings, were said to have been unaware of what was going on under their eyes. When it was openly charged that he had falsified the bank accounts an investigation suggested that the irregularities must have begun at least four years ago. At that time he is said to have interested himself in the now famous Calumet Electric railway. It is now believed that the first drafts to this railway, amounting to \$175,000, were made at that time, when the comptroller of the currency immediately called for a statement from the bank and Hammond disguised the irregularities by designating the over-

drafts "foreign exchange."

This alleged irregularity only came after many years of diligent service in the institution, the wreck of which proved disastrous to many. In these years Hammond saved money, and worked early and late, and the position he came to occupy was the result of his years of frugality and merit. Some of his savings invested legitimately in mining schemes brought him a good profit, which he immediately put into the stock of the bank. After he had served as cashier and became second vice president, it is said, he began to personally interest himself in many corporations which were applicants for loans and in this way, in course of time, he drifted into unwarranted speculations. Where these turned out badly he is now accused of sending "good money after bad" and disguising his over-loans in

various illegal ways. THE PIRST SUICIDE. The suicide of Hammond recalls the suicide of Otto Wasmansdorff, the banker, a few days ago. Wasmansdorff's death was the direct result of the failure of the National Bank of Illinois, the collapse of that institution pulling down the firm of Wasmansdorff & Heinnemann.

Omaha Bank Failure. OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 4.-The total liabilities of the Omaha Savings bank, which closed to-day, are \$890,000, and the assets exceed this amount by \$200,-000. The securities are excellent and no loss will result to depositors. The bank has been in existence for fifteen years. It has no connection with any other bank and will not cause other Omaha institutions any inconvenience.

## Senator Money in Havana.

HAVANA, Jan. 4. - Senator-elect Money, of Mississippi, who is a member of the committee on foreign affairs of the United States house of representatives, paid a visit yesterday to the palace accompanied by United States Consul General Lee and Vice Consul Springer. The Marquis Ahumada, acting for the captain general, was absent, and an aide-de-camp informed the visitors General Weyler would soon return to Havana. Money expressed his regret at not seeing the Marquis of Ahumada and at being unable to await the return of General Weyler before he left the

Turkey's Finances in Good Shape.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 30.-It is announced that the budget estimates for 1897 show that the assets exceed the expenditures by 82,000 Turkish pounds. This result has been brought about by reducing the war estimates 1,000,000 pounds Turkish, by making economies in other districts and by an increase in

the tithes. Apple beer is now the rage in the country districts of Maine.

Wyoming and Nevada have less than one inhabitant to the square mile. Over 200 stand of arms have been taken from trespassers in Yosemite park this year.

The October copper production of the United States was the largest of any month on record.

Switzerland is the only civilized country in the world which grants no patents for inventions.

Drunkenness is rapidly on the increase in the French towns and villages, particularly in the latter.

## A NORTHERN CLAST

NEBRASKA'S FIRST TASTE OF WINTER.

Snow Drifts Pilling High-Trains Delayed in Many Local ties and Some Fear of Suffering to Live Stock - News From Ne braska Towns.

The worst snow storm for six years is reported from Columbus. The railroads manage to get mail trains through but other traffic is badly delayed. The Early this morning Mrs. Hammond Norfolk passenger is held at Columbus noticed that the door connecting the waiting for the snow plow to clear the

At Fremont the storm was very severe and prevailed all day Sunday over the foot of the bed and his watch with no sign of abatement. It was accompanied by a strong northwest nowhere to be found, and he had not wind which piled up the snow in large drifts. The young people got out The police were notified and soon their cutters and enjoyed the second ride of the season. Trains from the north and west were all about on time. At York the storm prevailed all day Sunday, and a strong wind piled the

snow up in drifts. The storm at Wayne was very severe on stock and will cause hardship to the

At Nelson about three inches of snow

kept the snow flying. Omaha seems to have escaped the worst of the storm, but the trains entering the city during the day were all somewhat late. The street car lines were badly crippled and necessitated the use of extra forces of employes with snow plows and sweepers to keep the lines open so that occasional cars could be run.

### OMAHA BANK SUSPENDS. Affairs of the Savings Bank New in the Examiner's Hands.

The Omaha Savings bank failed to spen its doors last Saturday morning and its affairs are now in the hands of Bank Examiner Dodder. The liabilities of the concern aggregate \$890,000 of which sum \$750,000 is in balances due depositors. The assets, including real estate acquired by the foreclosure of mortgages, amount to about \$200,000 in excess of the liabilities. Saturday morning Examiner Dodder assumed control, and the front door of the bank was ornamented with a brief notice to the effect that on account of the fact that \$600,000 in deposits had been withdrawn in the past six months the directors had decided to suspend busi-

The laboring class, it is said, are most directly concerned, and the usual statement was given out that depositors would be paid dollar for dollar.

HAD HIS FOOT SMASHED. Boy's Carelessness Results in Serious Injury at Orleans.

Tom Smith, the sixteen-years-old son of Lawrence Smith of Orleans, was se verely injured at the B. & M. depot grounds last Friday by having his foot crushed between the bumpers of a reight train. No one witnessed the accident, but it is supposed he was crossing over the train while it was standing still, and that it started before he got over. The foot was terribly larcerated and may result in its loss. No blame attaches to the train crew.

## HOW FARMING PAYS.

A Young Fellow Buys a Farm With One Year's Proceeds.

The following tale comes to the State Journal from Ord. A party living at Goshen, Ind., had a quarter section of land near there and offered it to any one rent free for the season. A young man, Andrew Johnson, accepted the offer, put 100 acres in wheat, threshed 2,300 bushels, sold it at 62 cents per bushel, bought the farm for \$1,000 and now owns the farm and has \$175 in the bank. This shows that farming in Ne-

### braska sometimes pays. After the Bootleggers.

Last Saturday night Ansel West brook at St. Edward was found lying in the mud dead drunk. He was placed in the calaboose. He is one of several who for some time have been unable to obtain liquor for themselves, but have got it through friends who bought it for them. Westbrook turned state's evidence and implicated Bill Shuey. who was arrested. It is the intention to sift the matter to the bottom and run out the bootleggers if possible.

Horses Burned to Death.

J. N. McQueen's barn at Silver Creek was burned Saturday, together with six head of horses and considerable hay and grain. The loss is about \$900. The family was away from home at the time.

Matilda Lorsh, of Omaha, aged nineteen, took rough on rats and died. The suicide was a sequel to a lover's quarrel.

The ladies of Hay Springs gave a delightful leap year ball New Year's eve. which was said to be the event of the old year.

Andrew McMart at Indianola has been bound over on the charge of intent to commit rape on Mrs. Emberling of Red Willow county.

## A Brewery Project for Wichita.

WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 5.—Kansas City men have recently bought several lots here and it is said that this is the first step toward the erection of a brewery in this city. Max Shultz of Kansas City is said to be in charge of the arrangements.

## A Tyler, Texas, Fallure.

TYLER, Texas. Jan. 1.-An assignment was made yesterday afternoon by the Tyler Foundry and Machinery company. This is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the state, and has been in business for a number