THE BABY'S HAIR.

Deep hid away the little box: Deep in my heart the key So slight a thing can hold, it seems, So much of misery
To-day, with loving hand. I kneel
And lift the casket lid.
Weeping to see my touch reveel
The precious treasure hit

A ring of gold -a baby s hale! Silicon and soft and fine No jencls can be half so tak

As this one curi of mine
Dear little head, sweet body face,
God's an el's loved thee so—
And I, with citter tears replace
The buby s hair and go.

For hearts may break, yet day by day Will all some barder bear Will all some barder bear
And more than one has hid away
A curi of sliken hair
Keep fast the gold where heaven gleams;
Deep in my heart the key
So sil sh a thing on hold, it seems,
Such love and misery.

The Great Hesper. BY FRANK BARRETT.

CHAPTER XVI-CONTINUED.

"When we parted company in the wood," he said, "I hunted around for Israel, as was my intention, you will long breath, "because it's jest three remember. I found him crawiin" weeks since Van Hoeck learned that through the ferns. I fetched him into a convenient spot, and says I, Hesper, and he found an excuse for esy what has gone of the Great Hesper. It's not a hard job, if you give yer mind to it. Tain't nothin' near so hard as prophesying what's goin'

"I had hold on him by the arm. All of a suddent, he flings himself round, grapples on to me, and 'fore I'm aware of anythin', I'm on my back, and his two thumbs is inter my wind-pipe. I never thought he'd got agility-and I'll allow he would have come up in the nick and frightened not lose any time, and when I had shown I was as strong as him, with a little bit to spare, I got him to said, in a casual wayprophesy. He wanted a plaguey lot when he couldn't stand no more on There was no walking fast with Israel over the brambles, end I lost sight of the Kid; but it stood to reason the holler was downhill, so down I went the way the Kid had gone. near as I could reckon, and there was the pond and the rotten willer as he had prophesied, and there at the foot of the willer was the empty case. but nairy diamond. I cocked my eye around, end once more I ketched for her nat'rally, but I might jest as well have went for a tom-tit. She got clean outer sight about the same time's I got outer wind. But Israel neither of us hunt any more: then

down that the Kid had not took the hours of terribly rough and dangerdiamond for mere mischief. She ous traveling before we reached knew, in her own greaser way, that Petersville the most wretched colthe thing had a power in it to bring | lection of rotten shanties I ever saw. happiness to the owner-like a charm. She see that it clothed us decent end loiged us comfortable. and that while it separated you and her, it brought you and the squire's daughter together. And we laid it everything aired, and a supper down mutual that the Kid had too much gumtion to pitch the thing fire. Brace had seen away, but would hide it somewhere where she could fetch it bimeby. Now, hef we'd done otherways what would have happened? Van Hoeck ud have declared it all a lie, and wild horses wouldn'ter dragged the secret outer the Kid. The only hope of gettin' back the Hesper was ter let her play her game and watch her close.

A copy of this statement I sent to Sir Edmund, and I added:

"Either Van Hoeck is possessed of supernatural clairvoyance, or he must have been in complicity with the man who took the diamond from

Can that man have been the Furnival' who obtained the address of Brace and myself from you?"

By the return mail Sir Edmund wrote-

.I felt it right to read that part of your letter referring to the robbery to Van Hoeck, who for the last few weeks has been an accepted visitor here, and I may add the object of Edith's sympathetic commiseration. He declared upon his oath that there had been no struggle between himself and Brace and that no statement had been extorted from him by the violent means indicated: that when you left he felt his way to the road. and waited there. Brace came and undertook to lead him home. He remembers stopping on the way while Brace asked him if he thought you had really been robbed of the diamond. He knew nothing of the have concealed in the manner you describe without his perception. After this explanation, he said he must once more relinquish our friendship until all doubt is cleared up. But. he added emphatically, as he was about to leave us, "if only a part of this story is true-if the girl got possession of the diamond, hid it, and

.II Van Hoeck is not the very old 'un hisself," said the Judge, when I; showed him this letter, "he's hand in hand with him."

should restore it to Brace and

Thorne, they will make away with it.

and you will never see any of them

We asked Lols if she had recognized the man who dropped from the oriel window.

too thick; but he was about the size of the man I saw the night before going from one window to the other in the left hand side of the house."

One morning Brace said to me: "I've had my suspicions on it for some time: but now I'm sure on it. We're being watched."

I asked him what reason he had for this belief.

"My reason is this," he replied. The one-legged nigger as comes his button, blinked up at Brace, and here for scraps give one of the house saidhelps harf-a-dollar this morning. It looked like he'd been buying up your silver spoons, so I jest had the riscal searched; but there warn't naicy thing on him but varmin. Lay your life, sir, that nigger didn't give harfa-dollar for nothin'. We've got to keep our eyes open:"

"You think he is a spy, paying the helps for information concerning our movements?" I said.

"I do-jest that."

"Why "Why?" echoed Brace, drawing a we are goin' to get back the Great Israel,' I ses, you air goin' to proph- quittin' the locality of Monken inch pints?" Abbey."

CHAPTER XVII.

As the spring advanced, Brace turned his eyes daily to the moun- into the room. tain tops. On the first, of May he said he would have a day or two off. and "jest have a look around at things."

On the seventh he returned.

"The time's come," he said: "the it inter him-such strength and snow's goin' away sharp, and the the old pal's while to let him out," rocks is already squittering down, strangled me hef the Kid hadn't but glory be, the hole's open. All we've got to pray for now is that him by singing out for you. I did the Kid'll listen to the voice of reason. Leave her to me!"

As we were sitting at table he

"I was up to my old lot in Petersof perswadin', and he got it; but ville for a bit of a refresher during my little holiday, sir: and you're no it, he let on that it was inside of a idea how nice the old place do look. rotten willer alongside a pond in the Now, supposin'-as we ain't got holler. I didn't know no pond, but I nairy blessed thing to do for the ketched sight of the Kid sneakin' pext week, we kinder take a look takin' Israel along case he mighter think such a lot of-jest for curiosmake a fine to-do about bein' good when she was sick; do you feel like it now, my gel?"

Lola turned deadly pale, and was silent for a moment, then tifting her eyes to mine, she stretched her hand out, and as I took it, said-

"I am ready."

We made our preparations that afternoon, and took the night train from San Diego to Canyon river, sight of the Kid sneakin' off. I went | where we put up for the night. In the morning we took the stage to rapid, the stream forming a long suc-Great Canyon City-a deserted mining town at the foot of the Sierra. After lunching at the only hotel, we wouldn't give up, and we hunted tried mules, and, leaving the valley, about for the Kid till we couldn't ascended the mountain path.

Water streamed freely down the we sat down in committee, and arter mountain path upon the lower as conclusion that, for menced when we reached the line had better get rid of the leather case the rocks treacherous even to the and say nothin' about it. I laid it feet of the sure mules. We had four

A man came from the building. which still bore faint trace of the word "Hotel" on its facade, and greeting Brace with the air of an old acquaintance said he had got all ready to put down to the necessity of preparing him for our reception. A couple of rooms had

been made as decently respectable as might be expected. We left Lola there and strolled about while dinner was preparing. "I have know'd the time," said the Judge, impressively, "when both

sides of this river was lined with miners, and every one on 'em worth his thousands of dollars!" I had no sympathies with the past glories of the stream. My mind was filled with admiration of the savage

beauty of the scenery around. "Thar," said the Judge, flinging a piece of wood, part of an appliance which might have washed gold untold, into the turbid and rushing waters; "thar bar stoppages, that'll pass the Great Hesper in less time once set off, in his hunting-suit, to than it will take us to get back to

the hotel." "Is it through that cleft we have

"Ah, sir, and down into the very

innards of it." I was looking toward the dark chasm with a feeling of awe, when Brace touched my elbow. He was dragging at his chin tuft, his lower lip protruding, his heavy brows bent. He pointed slowly to a trace in the

"The man from the hotel been down here-is that what you mean?"

"It ain't him, sir, that mark. Look at it-it's a one-footed man! end." he added, striding forward and took leather case, which Brace might well ing closer-end it's a left-footed man! end it's a one wooden-legged man!" and then, with conviction, "It's the durned nigger that's been spyin' after us. Leave him to me. He ain't goin' to spy after us to-morrow, not hef I knows it."

I approached the marks, and perceived that beside the foot was the round hole made by a wooden stump.

After dinner, Brace looked to the pine torches he had brought up and spent the evening in trying them carefully, while chatting with the man of the hotel. He said not a word about our discovery, nor did the man speak of any visitor being in the house. This, with a certain cumning look in his little red eyes, alarmed me.

We were called at four o'clock the | sun will evaporate.

must start early, in order to get our job done in time to get back to a comfortable dinner, but in reality. I believe, to preclude the possibility of being followed. When we had finished our breakfast, Brace, taking the hotel-man by the button, said-

"Old pal, you hev got a stranger staying in this house. I reckon." The man scratched his ear, looked up and down, and then, at a jerk of

"Waal, I allow I hev." "A wooden-legged stranger,

The same shuffling, and then-"Waal, I'll allow he hev got a

wooden leg." "A nigger, I believe." "Waal, a nigger accordin' to ap-

pearances." "I kinder fancy he's in the little

chamber over there. Twarn't a swine I heard gruntin', were it?" "You kin inspect him, if you like."

"I will; after which hef I take a fancy to nailin' of him up for fourand-twenty hours, for the same number of dollars you will allow me the use of a hammer and some three-"I will do that," said the man; and

the two having shaken hands on the bargain, he went off to get the articles required, while Brace looked "It's the same," said Brace, and

turning up his sleeves, he proceeded by these means will signally fail. The to nail up the door in a business-like manner.

"I don't think he will trouble us. unless he kin afford to make it worth said Brace, as we started from the house, "end even then he won't get much of a chance, seein' as no mortal man can get down that hole without a light, and we've got eyes

to see hef a light is follerin' on us.' It was dark, despite the snow that lay upon the ground. Brace led the way with a pine torch, which burned siuggishly in the mist that enveloped us. Lola, holding my hand tightly, we followed close behind Brace, who kept the torch low to show the nature of the path, nevoff, end I jest sneaked after her, around arter that stone we used ter ertheless we slipped and floundered considerably in stepping from bowlmade a mistake in his jography. ity like-hey? The Kid used ter der to bowlder-the half-melted snow rendering it impossible to obtain a firm footing.

Under other circumstances, Lola would have enjoyed the difficulties. and laughed at our mishaps, but now she neither smiled nor spoke: sometimes she would press my hand a little tighter-that was all the sign she gave. We followed the course of the river, guided by the sound of the rushing waters. As we proceeded the descent grew more and more cession of falls, and, the light increasing, the rocks and bowlders about us became visible through the gray mist. At length our progress was stopped by a huge rock that rose perpendicular before us.

I heard beside the swirling and pretty warm discussion, we came to slopes; but our difficulties only com- dashing noise in our rear a muffled roar, that seemed to come from the the sake of every one concerned, we where the half-melted snow made very bowels of the earth. I amost fancied I felt the rock vibrating under my feet.

"You're right," said Brace, when I gave him my impression; "end the roar you hear is that stream shootin' down thousands of feet to the bottom of the great hole. If it warn't for the durned mist," he added, holding up the torch, which revealed but a few feet above our heads of the granite wall by our side, "you'd see that we're standin' right between the two sides of the divide we looked at last night. We air standin' right over the canyon, with per'aps four or five thousand feet of nothing under as, on a lump of rock that's tumbled down from up above, and wedged itself here, 'cause somethin' stopped its goin' furder, end it do tremble, I allow. It ain't solid! It's moved a lump since I knew it in the old days, and one o' these days a chunk from up above will come down and start it off for good an' all."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Irrepressible Curiosity. Sir Thomas Robinson was a tall, uncouth man, and his appearance was rendered still more striking by his hunting-dress, which consisted of a dark green jacket, buckskin breeches, and a postition's cap. He pay a visit to his sister in Paris. He arrived at the house while there was a large company at dinner. The servant announced M. Robinson, and in walked this remarkable figure, to the amazement of the guests. One of them, a French abbe, lifted his fork three times to his mouth, and each time laid it down without tasting the food. Unable at last to restrain his curiosity longer. he burst out eagerly: "Excuse me, monsieur; are you the famous Robinson Crusoe. so remarkable in history?" -- Argonaut.

Where They Went.

Mrs. Parker-Norah, what became of those cards Mrs. Van Alstyne and Miss De Mortimer left here yesterday? North-I tuk them. Mrs. Parker!

I didn't think they was of any use Mrs. Parker -- And what did you do

with them? Norah-I sint them to me cousin in Jersey City; she does a grate dale of callin', an' I thought she moight use 'em. - Harper's Bazar.

Hird-Baths.

Swallows and martins are as nice in their choice of bath-water as any "professional beauty;" nothing but newly-fallen rain-water thoroughly pleases them, and, if tempted to bathe, it is generally by some shallow pool in the road which an hour's

"No," she replied, "the night was next morning. Brace saying that we SAYS NO SURRENDER. VEST AGAIN NOMINATED.

THE JUNTA DENIES LATE RUMORS.

No Overtures Made Commander-In-Chief Gomez Has No Power to Treat With the Spanlards for the Cessation of Hostilities -"Waller" Makes Another Talk.

New York, Jan. 11 .- At the offices of the Cuban junta in this city it is emphatically denied that any terms of peace have been sent by Maximo Comez, commander-in-chief of the army, to Senor Sagasta, the Liberal leader in Spain. Dr. Castillo of the junta said: "This statement no doubt emanates from the officious friends of Spain-in fact, it is but a diplomatic canard. We have received no letter from General Comez on the subject, and he would be the last man to accept such sh meful terms of capitulation. Should he, through insanity, be ready to accept such terms, he would be prevested from doing so by those who have at heart the defense of the consitution, which all Cubans in arms have sworn to defend. Article 2 of our constitution reads thus: 'The creaty of peace with Spain, which must be based on the absolute independence of the island of Cuba, shall be ratified by the council of government and the representative assembly expressly convened for the purpose.'
All efforts to influence public opinion American people are with us and will not share with the friends of Spain the responsibility of the stand taken by them and will never side with the oppressors against the oppressed. Cuba

WEYLER TALKS AS USUAL.

Newspaper Attacks Disregarded - Go-

mez's Death Predicted. HAVANA, Jan. 11 .- In a speech yesterday, Captain General Weyler declared that he was thankful for the opportdnity to protest his loyalty to the government. He said that he took no notice of the attack upon him by ertain newspapers which he had not read. This attack, he said. was due to unjustified impatience with the operations in Pinar del Rio, which although they had been commenced before the time was ripe, in order to satisfy public opinion, had resulted better than he expected. The death of Maximo Gomez will follow," said he, "should he come to Havana, where he will meet the end he deserves, and which I desire. If the government should release me from my position it would be of no importance, as there are others who can do as well or better than I.

FOR THE INDIANS.

Nearly 87,500,000 Called For-Cherokee Claims Bettled.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.-The Indian appropriation bill for the next fiscal year was completed by the House committee on Indian affairs and reported by Chairman Sherman. It carries a total of \$7,465,000, which is somewhat less than the appropriation for the current year. The allowance for schools, however, is increased by \$200,000, and provision is made for starting the schools at Chamberlain and Rapid City, S. D., whose establishment was provided for by the last bill. There is an item continuing the Dawes commission with special salaries and compensation and \$40,000 is given for the expenses of the commission.

The claims of the Old Settler, or Western Cherokee Indians, which have been troublesome questions for years, are settled by a clause directing the secretary of the interior to pay the smount-\$86,203—on the requisition of the national treasurer of the Cherokee Indians or such persons as the Old Settlers may appoint in special coun-cil. In the last session the Senate en-deavored to divide this remaining balance of the money among attorneys who had secured the allowance of the

Three bills for the ratification of treaties to secure Indian lands are incorporated in the bill. One is Mr. 'lynn's, to ratify the agreement made with the Comanche, Kiowa and Apache tribes of Oklahoma by which the gov-ernment is to secure their reservations for \$2,000,000. Every Indian over 18 years of age is permitted to reserve a homestead of 160 acres, half grazing and half grain land. The first payment is to be of \$200,000, appor-tioned among the Indians per capita, made within 120 days after the ratification, the second payment of \$200,-000 within one year, \$100,000 in two years, and the balance in installments of-5 per cent a year, all to be per capita. The second is for the ratificacapita ion of the treaty of 1892 with the Turtle Mountain Chippewas of North Dakota for their lands for \$1,000,000.

A Ramsey Bond Missing.

CARLISLE, Ill., Jan. 11 .- The \$200,000 bond of Elijah P. Ramsey, as administrator of the estate of the late State Treasurer Ramsey, has vanished. It is a matter of record, but the original cannot be located. The name of Hammond, the dead Chicago banker, appears on the record as a surety.

The Astors Deny the Story.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 .- Representatives of the Astors deny the story sent out from Sedalia, Mo., to the effect that Miss Draitie Astor, a chambermaid in a hotel there was an heiress inheriting an annuity of \$5,00) a year from the John Jacob Astor estate. The state knows no such person.

BEADING, Kan., Jan. 11 .- A fight occurred yesterday afternoon between C. M. Alexander, principal of the city schools, and Charles Turner, son of one of the most prominent stockmen of the state. Taylor, who is a pupil at the school, refused to comply with some request of Alexander, whereupon Alex-ander undertook to eject him from the room. A fight ensued, and after sev-eral blows had been struck Taylor was knocked down. Upon regaining his feet, Taylor beat a hasty retreat, but Alexander followed him into the hall and kicked him down stairs. Taylor was badly hurt. There is talk of having Alexander arrested.

Missonri's Senator the Fourth Time One

Vote Against Him. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 11 .- For the fourth time the Democrats of the State of Missouri last night named protest of receivers of the Union Pacific George Graham Vest for the office of United States Senator. There was of the application of H. E. Babcock on but one vote against him in the caucus. One Populist. Washburn of Polk, tion company. The applicant sought east his vote for William J. Stone, against the wishes of the present gov-

ernor of the State of Missouri. In addition to deciding to return Senator Vest to Washington the caucus made it apparent that, in 1899, Governor Stone will be a candidate for the Loup river and emptied into the the place now occupied by Senator bed of Shell creek and to be diverted



SENATOR VEST, MISSOURL Senator Vest, after the caucus had nominated him, addressed the legislators. He said in part:

"To adequately express my thanks to you, my friends, would bankrupt my command of language. I am not vain enough to suppose this is a per- Bank of Hay Springs. The funeral sonal tribute. It is a recognition of the great principles for which we are

fighting.
"There has never been, in the history of the country, a crisis more emphatic than the one now. Not even during the civil war was there a greater tension and strain on the spirits of our institutions. All the burmust be equally distributed. There should be no class legislation, where the few are enriched at the expense of

There is to-day a most sublime opportunity to make an adaptation of this great truth. Within our shores there is a strife for self-government. We are told now, under a Democratic administration, so-called (applause), that the people of Cuba shall not be declared free, because they have fighting bands, not dignified by the name of armies. If France had acted in that way, we to-day would be a British province and I would be a subject of a queen. Are we to forget the people of Cuba, who are imitating us? For my-Cuba, who are imitating us? For myself, I propose to give all the influence
I can command for the recognition of
Cuba" (Applause).
Senator Vest then spoke at some

"I stand to-night for the last time," e said "receiving an office at the hands of my countrymen. I realize that the time will soon come when we older ones will have to stand aside for younger blood. In this hall, sur-rounded by the memory of dead friends, I can tell nothing but the truth. When I have discharged all the duties that the present legislature his father when his horse ran away has placed upon me. I shall have done and in falling, his foot caught in the my outy. I know of no assurance for stirrip. He was dragged quite a disthe future but to point to my career in tance. He lived but a few moments. past. When the shadows have gathered, my prayer is that my last lingering glance shall be upon a country great, united, eternal in its free nstitutions, and, in the great galaxy, the star that shines most brightly is our great Missouri." (Applause.)

The caucus adjourned at 10:20 p. m. WESTERN RAILROADS SOLD

The Oregon Short Line and Utah North ern and Southern at Auction.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan 11 .- The sale of the Oregon Short Line and the Utah Northern railway under the consolidated mortgage of August 1, 1889, was made to-day under direction of John B Clelan, court commissioner, appointed to direct the sale. Zera Snow was present representing the American Loan and Trust company of New York, Samuel Carr, Walter Groakman and Henry G. Nichols, representing the reorganization commit-tee, purchased the property for \$5,-447,500. The Utah Southern road was bid in by the same parties for \$703,000. They also purchased the Utah Southern extension for \$975.000. W. H. Bancroft will be general manager

A PRIEST HONORED.

Offered the Colorado State Senate Chaplaincy—The Place Declined.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 11 .- In the distribution of officers by the Senate caucus the position of chaplain fell to the Populists. They decided on the Rev. r. H. Malone, editor of the Colorado Catholic. Father Malone declined in favor of the Rev. Myron W. Reed of the Broadway temple, a Congregational church.

This is the first time in the history of the state that a Catholic priest was offered the chaplaincy of either house. Father Malone and the Rev. Reed are members of the committee who have succeeded in getting the Denver city council to promote works of improvement for the idle laborers of Denver.

Los ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 11,-W. C. Creede, the millionaire miner, after whom the town of Creede, Colo., is named, and his wife have separated and agreed to dissolve at once, as far as possible without legal process, the marital bonds. A stipulation was drawn up and signed several days ago by which Mrs. Creede accepted \$20,000 eash in band and snrrendered all further claim upon her husband, and at the same time voluntarily withdraw-ing from his home in this city. Mr. Creede gave as a reason for the separation that he and his wife were uncompanionable and a separation was courted by both.

PROTEST IS DISMISSED.

Bed of Salt Creek May Be Used by the Great Eastern Canal.

Secretary W. R. Akers of the state board of irrigation has dismissed the Railway company against the allowance behalf of the Nebraska Central Irrigato use the bed of Shell creek in Platte and Colfax counties for the purpose of carrying water appropriated from other streams. The applicants' irrigation ditch is known as the Great Eastern canal. Water was to be taken from from the creek by means of a dam at s point twenty-five miles away. The Union Pacific officials filed a remonstrance alleging that a dam would tause water to overflow the valley of shell creek and thus damage their tracks and right of way. Secretary Akers heard argument in the case. He nas dismissed the remonstrance and nakes finding that the amount of water to be turned into Shell creek by the irrigation company will not inrease the head to the thickness of the paper upon which he wrote the finding and could not in his opinion increase the danger to the Union Pacific Railway company to any degree whatever. The valley at the alleged point of tanger is about one mile wide and the folume of water to be turned into it is wenty-one cubic feet per second of ime There is a provision in the irriration law authorizing the use of treams as channels for irrigation pur-

Death of G. H. Rhodes.

George H. Rhodes of Hay Springs, who was recently operated on for strangulated hernia, died Saturday aftrnoon last. Mr Rhodes was one of the first settlers in that part of the country and was the founder of the was held Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity. The Masons ran a special train from Chadon as many of the Masons from there wished to attend. Mr. Rhodes was one of the few thirty-second degree masons in that section. A widow and three children survive him.

Little Roy Badly Injured.

Arthur East, eight years old, of Frenont, was severely injured late Saturlay afternoon. He started to cross the street as a farmer was driving lown the street. Neither saw the other and an accident was the result. The boy was knocked down by one of the horses, stepped on and run over by the buggy. Three ribs were broken, hand injured and his face bruised. The parents were nearly frantic when the boy was brought home.

Annual Farmers' Institute.

At Ponca January 11 will be held the annual farmers' institute which promises to be a meeting of much importance, and several prominent agrilength upon the money question, while the free silver enthusiasts shouted their approval. He foretold double standard victory in 1909. cultural workers from abroad will be pected that a large attendance will be

Harry Rice the thirteen-year old son of C. W. Rice, a blacksmith of North Platte, fell from a horse last Sunday and was killed. He was riding with

Historical Society Meeting.

Tuesday and Wednesday, January 12 and 13, the annual meeting of the state historical society will be held at Lincoln in the chapel of the state university. The general subject will be 'The Legislature of 1855," and a very interesting meeting is looked for.

Death of a Fremont Man. John Laubscher died Saturday evenng at his home in Fremont. The cause of death was paralysis. The deceased was an old resident and had

many friends. STATE NEWS NOTES

An explosion in the sugar factory at Norfolk last week badly damaged wo large engines. Fortunately no one was injured.

James C. Edmonson died at the hospital in Fremont last Friday from appendicitis, with which he had been afflicted for two years. The operation killed him.

William Partina, a Hollander, while stealing a ride on the North-Western passenger train, was killed at Stafford. The body was taken to O'Neill. The young man's parents live in Holland

and are said to be wealthy. The Falls City creamery building was completely destroyed by fire last Friday night. The roof was in flames before it was discovered. The fire department could do nothing on account of a lack of water. The loss is partly

covered by insurance. It is reported that a tramp recently asked one of Franklin's citizens for something to eat, whereupon he was asked if he wanted work. He replied that he would not work for anyone. On being told that the job was working the growler the tramp fainted.

A Maine Ex-Governor Stricken

BANGOR, Maine. Jan. 11. -Ex-Governer Daniel F. Davis was found dead in bed here this morning. Physicians say that he died from heart disease. He was 52 years of age. He was elected on the Republican ticket in 1840 and served for one term.

A Hoisington Bank Liquidates GREAT BEND, Kan., Jan. 11.—The Merchants' State bank of Holsington has gone out of business, paying de-contors in full and transferring its business to Boisington State bank. The only reason given is lack of busi-