

OHIO'S SENATORSHIP.

HANNA CLAIMS A GAIN OF TWO VOTES.

Two More Votes Needed—Great Pressure Brought to Bear on the Bolters—No Agreement by the Opposition Upon a Senatorial Candidate.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 5.—Marcus A. Hanna and his followers claimed this morning to have secured pledges of support from Joyce of Carroll and Griffith of Union, the latter of whom was forced by his wife to leave the Hanna headquarters yesterday and vote for Mason, the combine candidate for speaker.

With these two doubtful accessions, the Hanna men were still two votes short of enough to insure his election in the joint session of the legislature January 12, and the Republican county committees, clubs and other organizations at the homes of the doubtful Republican members have been enlisted. Many delegations of Republicans are arriving, one of the first being from the home of Governor Bushnell—Springfield.

Resolutions by telegraph were poured in on the bolting members and other methods were resorted to try to force the bolters back into line, but so far the only apparent result has been the concededly doubtful claim that Griffith and Joyce will vote for Hanna.

NO CAUCUS OF HANNA MEN.

Some surprise was created this afternoon by the announcement that the Hanna men had changed their plan for a joint senatorial Republican caucus to-morrow night and that the fight would go on without any caucus decrees on either side. The following was given out by the Republican steering committee: "The sentiment of the house and senate as expressed to the chairmen of the two Republican caucuses is that it is unnecessary to call a senatorial caucus. The universal expression is that as Mr. Hanna had been endorsed by the Toledo convention and by the county conventions of the state and was nominated by the people in their primary capacity at the polls, it is more respectful to their constituents to accept their action as conclusive. In accordance with the precedent of two years ago, than to supplement it by a formal nomination of their own. No caucus will, therefore, be held."

The combined opposition to Senator Hanna is still uncertain as to its candidate. Some Democrats object to Governor Bushnell or Mayor McKisson or Mr. Kurtz or any other Republican that has yet been suggested. The opposition claims to have enough votes to defeat Hanna, but has not yet claimed enough votes for any one opposition senatorial candidate mentioned to elect. The combine leaders must not only hold all their present forces in line against Hanna, but get them to agree upon their man for senator. The work to-day was devoted by "the combine" to hold their forces and to manage them for the senatorial contest as was done yesterday for the organization of both branches of the legislature.

Senator Burke of Cleveland arrived to-day from Chicago and completed the full attendance of senators. He voted with the Democrats, but took his seat upon the Republican side of the chamber.

In the house all sorts of bills were introduced against corporations. These measures were regarded as thrusts at Senator Hanna, whose affairs are of varied interests.

While the house was in session, a delegation from Springfield marched into the state house, wearing Hanna badges and carrying banners with severe inscriptions and called on Governor Bushnell. In response to their protests, he said his Republicanism had never before been questioned and that he reserved the right to his individual opinions and preferences. The Springfield delegation afterward called on Senator Hanna and then joined in the chorus of other visiting delegations that are coming in to-day to protest against the action of Republicans who have combined with the Democrats to defeat Hanna.

The house adjourned at noon till to-morrow. The "combine" does not intend to announce any of the standing committees till after the joint senatorial caucuses to-morrow night, when it is known what Republicans will remain out of the Hanna fold.

Senator Burke secured all he wanted in clerkships and other patronage through the Democrats with whom he was in conference during the noon recess.

The proceedings in both houses showed plainly that everything possible was being done by those who held the fort to beat Senator Hanna. The line of yesterday was as distinctly drawn as ever.

Way Below Zero in the Adirondacks. MALONE, N. Y., Jan. 5.—The coldest weather of the season was experienced to-day, the mercury registering 24 degrees below zero at Saranac Lake, 25 below at Mountain View and 30 below in this place.

In the Arabia Mine. PARKVILLE, Mo., Jan. 5.—Gale Henson, who is trying to discover what is in the hull of the steamer Arabia, was in the city to-day. He says he has unearthed about two carloads of pine flooring and many boxes and barrels. Mr. Henson carried with him a bottle of choice wine which he said he had procured off of the boat. He does not expect to try to take anything out until his new engine arrives, the one now in use being entirely too small to force the sand and water out of the caissons, which are thirty-six feet below the surface.

TELLER PLEADS FOR CHINA

Speaks For American Intervention—Declares it is Our Duty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—"It is our duty to prevent the dismembering of China," said Senator Teller of Colorado to-day. "We should join with Great Britain in a notice to Russia and Germany that dismemberment will not be permitted. Even without Great Britain we should give such notice. Almost our very existence as a nation is involved. Should we permit it, we would have nothing more than a mere existence. When it is said that the United States cannot interfere it should be understood what a failure to interfere will involve. The dismemberment of China means the cutting off of our commerce in the Orient and the introduction of a competitor who will deprive us of the commerce of the rest of the world and even supply our own people. We cannot permit this without sinking to the position of a third or fourth rate nation, helpless, degraded, without influence among the nations of the earth. We would have to submit to the domination of an absolutism among the nations. Our own institutions would take on a decline and the civilization represented by this government and the English government would cease to progress. We would suffer more than any other people. We have more involved and would be more directly injured. It is folly, therefore, to say that we should have nothing to say."

THIRTY PERSONS KILLED.

Crowded City Hall at London, Ont., Collapses—Many Injured.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 5.—Thirty persons are known to have been killed and many injured by the collapse of a floor in the city hall last night. The municipal campaign closed last night and the hall was crowded to hear the addresses of the successful candidates. How many were injured will never be known, as those who suffered but slightly at once made for their homes or were cared for by friends. Both of the city hospitals are full, and many of the injured are at their own homes.

Dr. Wilson, the mayor-elect, had his leg broken, and two aldermen were badly hurt.

In the Grand Opera house, which adjoins the wrecked building, the first act of "The Girl from Paris" had just been concluded when word was whispered through the theater of the calamity. A panic was imminent, but was averted by the actors and ushers, and the people quietly left the building.

At the close of the polls, a crowd had gathered in the city hall, where it had been the custom in years past for the successful candidates to address the electors. The building was an old one, having been erected in the early 50s, and of late years additional stories had been placed on the old walls.

Although the platform on which the speakers of the evening were standing was apparently the first thing to give way, the mayor-elect and many aldermen escaped the death that overtook so many others who followed them into the lower portion of the building.

BOGUS \$100 BILLS.

Treasury Department Calls in \$26,000,000—A Dangerous Counterfeit.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—All of the \$100 silver certificates now in circulation in the United States, representing \$26,000,000 in currency, have been called in by Secretary of the Treasury Gage. For the present the issuance of such certificates will be stopped. This order is the result of the discovery of one of the most dangerous counterfeits ever discovered—one which even deceived the officials of the treasury department here, and was not discovered until the attention of the officials at Washington was called to the clever imitation of a \$100 silver certificate, head of President Monroe, by John Cramer of the sub-treasury at Philadelphia. Mr. Cramer brought to the secret service officers the counterfeit certificates, five in number. These bills had been turned into the sub-treasury by two leading banks and the Philadelphia custom house, which had received them as genuine.

On examination of the day's treasury cash, another of the spurious notes was discovered.

WILL GET \$700,000.

General W. W. Averill Made Wealthy by a Decision.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—The appellate division of the supreme court has handed down a decision in the suit of General W. W. Averill against Amzi L. Barber and others, awarding the old cavalry officer nearly \$700,000 in cash as his share in the profits of the Barber Asphalt Paving company on contracts for paving in this city, Washington, Buffalo and other large cities. When the final accounting of the Barber Asphalt company is made, it is expected the general's share will run into the millions. He has been engaged in litigation continuously since 1888, when the first action was brought before the supreme court.

Newkirk Won't Be Tried Now.

SEDALIA, Mo., Jan. 5.—The January term of the Pettis county court convened yesterday morning, the only cases of importance on the docket being the four indictments against Cyrus Newkirk, president of the defunct First National bank, in each of which he is charged with grand larceny. The cases will not be tried, however, at this term of court, as a continuance will be granted on the same old plea of the ill health of the defendant. Newkirk is still a resident of California, and is not anxious to return to Missouri.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OVER THE STATE.

A Complete Review of the Past Week's Happenings in the Tree Planters' State—Succinct Summary of the Most Important News.

The enrollment at the Peru normal is 633, the highest ever attained.

A. D. Warner, a prominent stockman of St. Edwards, fell and broke his leg.

Mrs. Dr. Dorris of Lincoln fell on the icy pavement and broke her arm at the wrist.

Elizabeth Stanton Woolworth, wife of Judge J. M. Woolworth, died at her home in Omaha.

J. A. Hunter, a prominent ranchman near Hemingford, has been arrested, charged with fencing in government land.

The biggest and best state teachers' meeting ever held in Nebraska has just been had. The enrollment reached nearly 1,100.

At Columbus, Emil, the seventeen-year-old son of Dr. E. Hohen, fell on the ice and dislocated his left shoulder. He was taken home and the bone forced back into the socket. It was a very painful though not serious accident.

The bondsmen of ex-County Treasurer J. W. Lynch of Platte county, have paid his shortage in full to the county commissioners, the last payment of \$1,716.19 being handed over recently.

H. Walker of Juniata recently met with a serious injury by accidentally getting his hand into a corn-sheller. The member was seriously crushed. The forefinger had to be taken off.

Lemuel Kindig, of Hastings, driver of an express wagon, was quite seriously injured by the overturning of his wagon near the R. & M. depot, and the running away of the team. One of Kindig's legs was caught between the bed of the wagon and the rear wheels, and only that the wheel came off prevented terrible injury. As it is he will be confined to his bed for some days.

Attorney-General Smyth was informed that the attorneys of Eugene Moore are having their briefs printed. After being informed of this the attorney-general said he did not wish to appear to be captious, so he will not file a motion to dismiss Moore's appeal because the attorneys failed to file and serve briefs within the time allowed by rules of the supreme court.

General Manderson of Omaha has a letter from Major Thomas Lord, a retired naval officer of Washington, D. C., an old friend of General Manderson, telling the general that he had not forgotten the promise he made last summer at Newport, R. I., that he would make a model of the old "Omaha" war boat. The model will be finished in time for the trans-Mississippi exposition and will be shown together with the original billet-head and log of the old vessel.

Attorney-General Smyth has commenced suit for the state against the Omaha National bank to recover \$201,884, the amount paid by the bank to itself on a check issued by J. S. Bartley at the time he was state treasurer. The petition was mailed to Omaha to be filed in the district court. The amount mentioned in this suit is the same which Bartley was convicted of embezzling. In this suit the attorney-general takes the ground that Bartley fraudulently issued his check and that the bank and its president received the money, knowing that the money belonged to the state, thereby converting it to their own use property of the state.

There is a woman in Omaha named Mrs. Eliza J. Durbin who supposed herself until recently to be the widow of an old soldier, but she has discovered that she is only a sort of an Enoch Arden widow. For the last ten years she has been unaware of the whereabouts of her husband, who was an old soldier, and of late years, under the seven-years' absence provision, she has been trying to get a widow's pension. She was in a fair way to succeed until here recently, when she was notified by the pension department that her husband was living in some other part of the country and was himself an applicant for a pension.

Hargreaves Bros. of Lincoln have filed another suit against W. E. Cobb, their late employe, whom they charge with embezzlement. They join L. C. Richards as defendant and state that Cobb withheld cash received for sales amounting to \$4,300 and has converted it into chattels and real property and gold in amounts they are unable to specify. They claim that when Mr. Richards gave bond for \$2,000 for Cobb to get him out of jail pending the hearing of his case, Cobb gave Mr. Richards chattel property worth \$2,000 to indemnify him. This property the plaintiffs claim was part of the money wrongfully taken from them and hence they ask that the court require Cobb and Richards to disclose and account for such money and chattel property.

Charles Fuller, a brakeman, while making a coupling at DeWitt, was caught between the bumpers and so badly crushed that death ensued a few hours later.

The state sheriffs' convention completed its business at Grand Island, and adjourned. John Troumpen of Lancaster county, was elected president.

W. J. Perry, J. W. Griddle, W. J. Harmon and L. F. Stockwell have incorporated the W. J. Perry Live Stock Commission company of South Omaha. The capital stock is \$50,000.

Thugs held up James Butler, a Nebraska City commission man. Butler drew a revolver and fired. The thugs fled.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Nebraska press association will be held at the Lincoln hotel, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 11 and 12, 1898.

Governor Holcomb has appointed I. N. Alberts of Columbus to fill the vacancy in the district judgeship caused by the resignation of Judge J. J. Sullivan, supreme-district-judge-elect. The appointee is an old time populist.

Martin F. Kelly, a trusted driver of a laundry wagon for the Clarkson Laundry company of Lincoln, who left the city rather hurriedly a few days ago, has been apprehended in Peoria, Ill. He is wanted for embezzling \$150 of his employer's money.

Captain John L. Carson, president of the First National bank of Lincoln, and one of the oldest residents of the state, died suddenly at his rooms in the Lincoln hotel. Mr. Carson had been sick about six weeks. A complication of diseases resulted in death.

The laborers and mechanics of Fremont recently held a meeting at the court house to talk over the beet sugar factory matter. There were present about fifty men who pledged \$450 and promised to raise more. They were awake to the fact that they would be benefitted.

Carl Skoot, a German farmer residing on the reservation northeast of Bancroft was instantly killed while engaged in digging a well. He was working in the bottom of a ninety-foot well when one of the buckets used to haul up the dirt, when about forty feet from the top, slipped off the windlass hook and fell to the bottom, striking him on the head.

The state board of agriculture will hold its annual meeting in the university chapel on January 18. This is the principal meeting of the year. It is held according to the statute governing the society. It is predicted that it will be an exceedingly lively session on account of the unhappiness that has been accumulated since the fair was located near Omaha.

The laundry at the state institution for feeble minded was burned down recently. The fire started in the roof and presumably from a defective flue. With no apparatus but a bucket brigade in which the inmates did good work, all efforts were turned toward saving the engine house, which stood within four feet of the laundry and which was saved with great difficulty. The clothing in the laundry was the only effects saved, the machinery being bolted to the floor. The loss is about \$1,500. The building was an old frame and worth but little. The institution will be greatly inconvenienced for some time. There is an appropriation of \$3,000 for a new laundry.

The consolidated annual report of state banks, compiled by Secretary P. L. Hall of the state banking board, shows an increase of about \$3,000,000 in deposits and a corresponding increase in loans and discounts. This is in face of a decrease in the number of banks and in the combined capital stock. The report shows the condition of incorporated state and private banks at the close of business November 30, 1897, with a comparison of a similar report for the year ending December 31, 1896. There are now 398 banks. The number at the close of 1896 was 414. Loans and discounts have increased over \$1,000,000, cash and sight exchange about \$2,000,000 and deposits have increased over \$3,500,000. Bills payable and rediscounts are 50 per cent less than at the close of business at the end of 1896. The total cash reserve as shown by the report is 39 per cent. The minimum allowed by law for any one bank is 15 per cent. The comparative statement is as follows, the first column of figures being for 1896 and the last the report for 1897:

Table with columns: RESOURCES—Loans and discounts, Deposits, Cash and sight exchange, Bills payable and rediscounts, Current expenses and taxes paid, Premium on U. S. and other bonds, Other assets, LIABILITIES—Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Dividends paid, General deposits, Notes and bills discounted, Bills payable, Other assets.

The total resources for 1896 are \$20,995,019.82, and for 1897 \$24,115,663.22. Total liabilities for 1896, \$20,995,019.82; for 1897, \$24,115,663.22.

The building at Goodwin, occupied by Thomas Casey as a saloon, was burned with its contents. This was the joint wherein the trouble started that resulted in the shooting of Henry Carpenter by James Linville, for which Linville now languishes in jail awaiting his trial. The fire was of incendiary origin, as the feeling against this "hole" has been very strong since the shooting of Carpenter.

The total enrollment at the state teachers' meeting was 199 more than last year and the highest in the history of the association.

NEW FIELD FOR PACKERS.

Driven Out of the Butterine Business, They Are Handling Butter and Eggs.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Chicago packers who manufactured butterine as a side line are now in the butter and egg business on a big scale. This is because the law prohibiting the coloring of butterine struck a fatal blow to that business and caused stock yards men to shut down their plants. Butter merchants think the stock yards men have started out on a campaign of retaliation for the enactment of the law, which is generally credited to the country legislator and the butter merchant.

Work on New Railway.

SEDALIA, Mo., Jan. 3.—Men and teams were put to work in East Sedalia yesterday afternoon and ground was broken for the construction of the Missouri & Iowa Southern railway, a standard gauge line, fifty miles in length, to run from Sedalia, Pettis county, to Marshall and thence to Miami, Saline county. The company is required to begin the actual work of construction before the close of 1897, and the line is to be completed and in operation to Miami before January 1, 1899. If such should not be the case, then the subscriptions by the towns along the road in behalf of the road are void, as they were made with the understanding that cars are to be running before Sedalia and Miami before the first day of the year 1899.

To Remove a Man's Stomach.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 3.—Dr. P. O. Walker will probably remove a man's stomach as a last effort to save his life some day within the next week. The patient is suffering from a cancerous growth in the stomach and unless it is cut out the man will die. Should the doctor find when he performs the operation that the entire stomach is affected by the growth, he will remove that organ entirely, as was done recently with a woman in Switzerland. He has already experimented upon two dogs and one of them survived the operation successfully. He fastened the intestines to the lower part of the oesophagus with a Murphy button. In the case of the dog that died he sewed it with silk.

Hillmon Case Up Again.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 3.—Judge Foster has instructed the attorneys on both sides in the Hillmon case to be ready for another trial of the case in Topeka February 14 and ordered a venire of forty jurors to be secured from west and north of Topeka. The people of the counties of Leavenworth, Jefferson, Wyandotte, Douglas and Shawnee are supposed to be too familiar with the case and for that reason no jurors are to be summoned from those counties.

Chicago to Be Highly Moral.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Gamblers, pugilists and tough saloon keepers were given a body blow last night. Mayor Harrison issued a sweeping order that all gambling-houses and pool-rooms must be closed to-day; that slot machines must be stopped; that no more permits would be issued for prize-fights and boxing matches, and that the midnight closing ordinance for saloons would be rigidly enforced to-night.

Great Increase in Gold.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The director of the mint, from information at hand, says that there is substantial evidence that the world's product of gold for the calendar year 1897 will approximate, if not exceed, \$240,000,000, an increase of nearly 20 per cent over 1896. The gold product of the United States for 1896 was \$53,100,000; for 1897 it will approximate \$61,500,000, an increase of \$8,400,000.

A Testimonial to Miss Crane.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 3.—The State academy cadets, who gave the ball from which Charlotte Crane was ordered away, have decided to send her a handsome silver piece. The testimonial will be accompanied by a letter expressive of good will, but containing no reference to the scene at the ball. The committee which managed the function has the testimonial in charge.

Many Spectators Bruised.

FLORENCE, Kan., Jan. 3.—At Cedar Point last night the Woodmen's lodge was giving a home talent theatrical entertainment in the second story of a building, when the floor gave way. A leg of one man was broken, another's ribs were fractured and about thirty others were scratched and bruised. The Florence doctors were telegraphed for, and the injured were given immediate attention.

English Syndicate in Control.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—The dispatches received some weeks ago announcing the sale of the Alaska Commercial company's properties to a London syndicate are confirmed by the prospectus of the British-American corporation published in London.

Wellington Cousin of the James Boys Dead.

WELLINGTON, Kan., Jan. 3.—James W. Wright, a wealthy land owner, died Wednesday at the home of M. Troutman, near Belle Plaine, aged 77 years. He was formerly of Platte county, Mo., and was a cousin of Frank and Jesse James.

Became Bride of Another.

MEXICO, Mo., Jan. 3.—Several days ago Miss Ollie Richardson of this county prepared to marry Edgar Marshall. After the feast was prepared and some of the guests had arrived, the intended bride's father informed the intended bridegroom that the wedding would not take place, and handing him the wedding ring, told him to depart and not to return. No explanation was given, but some light was thrown on the matter yesterday, when Miss Ollie became the wife of S. D. Watson of Bachelor, Callaway county.

KILLED BY WHITECAPS.

Iowa Regulators Shoot One of Three Brothers They Were After.

OTTUMWA, Iowa, Dec. 31.—Abe Balm and his two brothers are well-to-do farmers living near West Point. Not far away lived their father, in abject poverty. When the old man died, a few days ago, it was claimed that he had starved to death, and the alleged cruel treatment of the sons was generally denounced. After the father was dead, the sons refused to pay the expenses of his burial, or even to see the body. This so enraged the neighboring farmers that last night a mob of about thirty citizens marched to the home of the Balm brothers and called for Abe, the oldest. Abe stepped to the door, and seeing the crowd outside, retreated into the house before the mob could lay hands on him. He called to his brothers, and all three opened fire on the visitors from the door of the house, inside of which were Abe's wife and children. The mob returned the fire, and after the smoke had cleared away it was found that Abe had been mortally wounded. He died in a short time. The brothers have sworn out warrants against seven neighbors, charging them with murder. Many of the farmers say they will not countenance the arrest of their neighbors.

MISSOURI TEACHERS.

Tueky of St. Louis Elected President—To Meet at Jefferson City.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—When the State Teachers' association met to-day the committee on nominations submitted the following list of officers for the ensuing year: For president, E. D. Tueky of St. Louis; for vice presidents, V. E. Holcomb of Liberal, H. A. Higgins of Liberty, S. P. Bradley of Springfield, R. P. Deeney of St. Louis; for corresponding secretary, H. E. Dubois of Trenton; for railroad secretary, J. U. White of Jefferson City; for treasurer, J. A. Merrill of Kansas City. The committee's list was adopted. On a general vote Jefferson City was selected as the next place of holding the session.

A resolution was introduced to appropriate \$51 to publish the report of the committee of twelve of the National Teachers' association on rural schools. After a lengthy discussion the resolution was adopted. A resolution was adopted to appropriate \$100 to establish a national teachers' headquarters at Washington, D. C.

A lunch at the penitentiary, participated in by nearly 1,000 teachers, was followed by a reception at the executive mansion.

CORBETT'S MONEY IS UP.

Manager Brady Issues a Formal Challenge to Fitz.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—W. A. Brady yesterday posted \$2,500 with Al Smith to bind a match between Corbett and Fitzsimmons, and issued a formal challenge. The challenge says:

"It is useless for you to attempt to force Corbett to meet some second or third rate boxer before he shall be entitled to your notice. He will not agree to meet Maher, Sharkey or anyone else. He claims the chance that he gave you, the right to win back the title of champion. He clearly proved himself in your class on March 17 last, and it was only by the greatest kind of a fluke that you are now entitled champion, and I do not believe that you will ever forget until your dying day the beating that he gave you then, and if ever he secures the opportunity to again face you in a twenty-four foot ring I will guarantee you that he will prove conclusively and beyond a question of a doubt whether or not he is in your class."

TO JAIL FOR CONTEMPT.

A Seneca, Kan., Lawyer Punished for Expressing His Opinion of a Judge.

SENECA, Kan., Dec. 31.—"I have reverence for the court, but it might be increased," exclaimed F. W. Jacobs in the trial of a case before Judge Emery in the district court this morning. The judge at once fined the lawyer \$5 "for contemptuous conduct and words toward the court."

Jacobs persisted in his declaration, and an additional fine of \$10 was assessed, and the lawyer was committed to the Nemaha county jail until the fine should be paid. Sheriff Murray enforced the order of the court.

MARRIED BY TELEPHONE.

A Missouri Couple Participate in a Novel Ceremony in Two Towns.

COLLINS, Mo., Dec. 31.—J. F. Hull, superintendent of the Polk county telephone line, and Miss Flora Tinker, both of Humansville, were married yesterday over the telephone. The groom was at Bolivar, while the bride was at Humansville. A minister and witnesses were used at each end of the line.

No License for Them.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 31.—William Orr and Miss Lizzie Nelson, a youthful eloping couple from Glens Ferry, have returned from Oregon, having been refused a marriage license at over twenty places in Idaho and Oregon, owing to the tender years of the girl.

Two Killed in a Runaway.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 31.—Miss Jennie Edwards, aged 19, and Arch Mc-Masters, aged 24, members of wealthy families residing near Hopkins, were killed in a runaway near there last night. Miss Edwards' skull was crushed by striking a post.

Nine Horses Hurt at Topeka.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 31.—A barn belonging to W. S. Kale was burned to the ground here last night. It contained nine horses and five vehicles. Incendiarism is suspected.