

FRIDAY FACTS.

E. L. Gilham of Niobrara was here. P. G. Hale of Atkinson was here. J. C. Hazen returned from Madison. J. C. Engelman returned from Pierce. Jack Koenigstein returned from Madison. E. P. Weatherby went to Omaha on business. Miss Zola Slaughter of Dallas, S. D., was in Norfolk. Miss Leota Shaw, who has been visiting friends at Deadwood, has returned to Norfolk. G. C. Tackett of Gregory was in the city Wednesday. J. E. Haase returned from a business trip to Madison. Former Congressman J. F. Boyd of Neligh was in the city. John Kubista of Pierce county was in the city on business. Charles Nenow of Gordon will spend Christmas with the V. Nenow family. George and Dora Pahn will spend Christmas with relatives at Hoskins. Misses Mabel Breckler and Nora Hans of Battle Creek were in the city. Carl Lenz of Idaho will spend Christmas here with his sister, Mrs. Paul Zutz. Ross Tindall has returned from the university to spend Christmas with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Biakeman will leave next Tuesday for points in Iowa to visit for a couple of weeks. Miss Bertha Pilger has gone to Tecumseh to visit with Rev. and Mrs. Robert and family during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. William Gobler, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Tews, Richard Tews, Charles Morton and Carl Spiering were at Madison. Mr. and Mrs. Cori Jenkins of Madison will spend Christmas here with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landers. Norfolk express wagons are loaded to their utmost capacities this week. The Norfolk Chess club have postponed all their meetings until after New Years. The public library will be open from 1 to 5 p. m. Friday. It will be closed Saturday. The local train from Madison of last night did not arrive here until 2 o'clock this morning. A large number of people enjoyed the dance at Marquardt hall last evening. Howe's orchestra was secured for the event. The Red Cross stamps are for use throughout the holidays, and the Red Cross society asks that the public use them up until New Years. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Keller of Fremont will spend Christmas here with the Carl Wilde family. Mr. Keller was at one time head miller of the Norfolk mills and Mrs. Keller was cashier of the best sugar factory. The making of repairs in machinery has been the cause of the frequent and at times long continued interruptions in the electric light and power service of late. The lights and power were off again last night for a time. The last week of the holiday shopping is winding up and many merchants report that they are enjoying as good trade as could be expected, in fact, a much larger one than had been anticipated at the beginning of the two weeks before Christmas. Farmers coming to the city report the roads now in fairly good condition, the snow having been packed down and afforded fine tracks for sleighing. Many of the buggies have lost their wheels and sled runners have been put in their places. It is expected that the merchants will be very busy until the last hour before they close their doors for the Christmas holiday. A look behind the scenes at the local postoffice Thursday showed every available table piled high with Christmas packages. Every clerk in the office was on the run, stamping, sorting, weighing and registering the packages which, wrapped in holly and Christmas paper, was going to the loved ones far and near. More registered mail and more Christmas packages were handled at the local postoffice this season than the last Christmas rush. Registered mail for foreign countries was heavy this season. Among the countries which received mail from Norfolk were England, South America, Italy, much went also to the Philippines and the Panama canal zone. The local postoffice will not be closed Christmas. The regular PARTNER OF GLAVIS. Law Officer Shaw Declared to Have Dictated Attacks. Washington, Dec. 27.—Any doubt that the whole force of the Taft administration is to be put back of the investigation on both sides are demanding of the Pinchot-Ballinger controversy, has now been dispelled. The president is now anxious for a thorough and merciless probing as any member of the administration. A motive much deeper than willingness to do justice to Secretary Ballinger is ascribed to President Taft by senators, representatives and others active in politics. Men who are in a position to know the sentiments of Mr. Taft declare that he has at last become convinced of the truth of what his friends have been telling him for many weeks—that there lies behind the attack on Mr. Ballinger a more or less definitely organized movement to discredit the Taft administration, especially by spreading the impression that the so-called "Roosevelt policies" are in unfriendly hands; that Mr. Ballinger was made the target only on the theory that he offered for the president the most vulnerable point in the administration. Because he was loath to believe that such a propaganda was under way, Mr. Taft opposed every suggestion from Mr. Ballinger or his friends that attacks upon the land office should be met with a determination to reach and expose those responsible for them. Though slow to come to a decision, it is known that Mr. Taft is now inclined to believe that the criticisms that have cropped out in many widely separated localities are a part of a deliberate determination to make trouble, which amounts practically to a conspiracy. The channel for a congressional inquiry being thus opened, the selection of the proper tribunal to hear the evidence for and against both Mr. Ballinger and Chief Forester Pinchot becomes a very important question. Attention is now being given to this subject. Republican leaders in the senate have practically agreed that Senator Nelson, chairman of the committee on public lands, should be at the head of the probing body. A joint committee of the senate and house is not favored because it would be cumbersome, and a special committee is opposed because it is feared that there would be precipitated a scramble to have placed thereon men who are prejudiced either for or against one of the principals in the controversy. It is considered likely, therefore, that the decision, if the senate determines the selection, will fall upon the senate committee on public lands. This committee is made up of men who understand the public lands question in all its phases, and the republican members include adherents of both of the parties to the controversy. It is pretty well understood that the investigation will reveal the strange fact that the government has been paying for private attacks against one of its own high officials. It is also to be shown that certain published tirades against the same official have been inspired largely by one of the government bureaus. Direct evidence that A. C. Shaw, assistant law officer of the bureau of forestry, dictated a greater part of the now famous Glavis charges against Secretary Ballinger, and that an expense account incurred in the stenographic work in connection therewith was turned in to the government, is reliably reported to be in the hands of President Taft. There is also on hand some convincing evidence that the same official of the forestry bureau took sundry trips across the country at government expense, expressly to aid Glavis in concocting plans to discomfit the secretary of the interior, and that more than one official of the bureau connived in supplying the contents of highly important government documents to an illustrated magazine. It is understood that a Chicago woman, in the person of a clever shorthand writer, has furnished some bits of information which will make interesting diversion in the investigation which congress will start after the holidays. She has told that "a man" was with Special Agent Glavis in Chicago while the latter was at her office, and that "said person did most of the dictating of the important-appearing document which was then devised." The stenographer has been shown a photograph of Law Officer Shaw, and has reported that he is "the man." She has also divulged the fact that the typewriting bill was about \$51, which the man supposed to be Mr. Shaw paid. The statement as to the size of the bill is taken to be correct, in view of the fact that a voucher for \$51, and specifying "stenographic work," was turned in at the proper office by Glavis, and the government paid it. Various other vouchers, which mention journeys taken by Mr. Shaw and especially a journey to Seattle and return, have also been paid, it is said, by the proper financial officers of the government. It is reported that these trips were made expressly to aid Glavis. "DIXIE" IS FIRST AS WAR SONG. "Yankee Doodle" Comes Second as Popular Patriotic Air. Washington, Dec. 27.—Eminent musical authority proclaims "Dixie" the most popular patriotic song in America. "Yankee Doodle" comes next in public favor. Such is the verdict of O. G. T. Sonneck, chief of the division of music of the library of congress, who has just issued from the government press an exhaustive report on four famous American musical compositions. "Yankee Doodle," he says, though no longer a national song, is still a national air and second only to "Dixie" in the popularity contest. The origin and evolution of "Yankee Doodle," "Star Spangled Banner," "Hall Columbia," and "America" are treated in full detail in Mr. Sonneck's volume, and facsimiles of the original manuscripts are given. Daniel Decatur Emmett died in poverty at Mount Vernon, O., three years ago. He had written many songs in his day. His greatest were "Dixie" and "Old Dan Tucker." He received \$500 for "Dixie" and \$100 for "Old Dan Tucker." Charles K. Harris made \$50,000 from "After the Ball." The contrast is a striking one. In 1859 Emmett was singing with Dan Bryant's negro minstrels on lower Broadway in New York. The show had been dragging, and Bryant thought he saw disaster ahead. One Saturday he told Emmett that he must have a new negro "walk around" by Monday night. It was a rainy Sunday and Emmett shut himself up in a room with his violin. When he came out he brought "Dixie" with him. It caught on instantly, and all New York was whistling it within a week. Its adoption nearly two years later as a war song of the south was an accident. Mrs. John Wood was appearing at the New Orleans Varieties theater in "Pochontas." On account of the approaching war a zouave drill was introduced into the show. The orchestra leader tried over several airs for the march and finally hit upon "Dixie." The war cloud burst the next week and from New Orleans "Dixie" spread over all the south. In the north Fanny J. Crosby, the hymn writer, wrote a song for "Dixie" which was strongly union in sentiment, but the other side had pre-empted the air. The history of "Yankee Doodle" is described by Mr. Sonneck as "A perfect maze of conflicting stories," and countless additions to and variations from the original. As many as fourteen variations of "The Star Spangled Banner" are noted accompanied by a gradual process of polishing and modification. The year in which "America" was first sung in public is given as 1832, but the exact place and the date were not definitely ascertained. "Hall Columbia" is strictly a product of the United States in both words and music, in contradistinction to "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner," both of which partly originated in England. Trial Flight January 10. David Smith of Deverre, Neb., inventor of a flying machine now being made in Norfolk, says he is ready now to state that his machine will be a success and that his first trial trip in Norfolk will take place January 10. "The reason why I say my machine will fly," said Mr. Smith, "is simply that it has already proved a success. Sometime ago I built a wooden model of this same identical machine and in the trial flight it left the ground and proved satisfactory. "I have decided to make the first trial of my first model of light steel tube machine in Norfolk January 10. The machine is very nearly completed now except the wing. After the trial flight I will be ready to guarantee the people of Norfolk that inside of two months I will be ready to have finished a number of machines that I can guarantee will fly. I expect, if everything turns out right, to build all my machines in Norfolk, provided I am treated right. I am well known in Madison county. The money I am spending on this machine has been earned by me here and in other Nebraska counties. I have shucked corn all over Madison county." Smith says that, although he is a North Carolinian by birth, he has lived for many years in Nebraska and will give this state credit for all his inventions. He believes he will convince those people here who hold no faith in his venture that they are wrong. On January 10, when he will make his flight, they will change their minds, he says. Mr. Smith went to Deverre Wednesday evening to spend Christmas with his parents. He took a few parts of his machine with him to show his friends. MONDAY MENTION. Harold Clark visited friends at Madison. Herbert Wichman was at Stanton Sunday. Mrs. C. Rasley spent Sunday at Stanton. James Larrabee spent Sunday at Stanton. E. P. Weatherby went to Omaha on business. Adolph Moldenhauer spent Sunday at Stanton. C. W. Hutton of Crawford was in the city on business. Dr. C. J. Verges and A. Buchholz went to Madison today. S. R. McFarland spent Christmas with his parents at Madison. Miss Margaret Tinning spent Christmas at Wisner with relatives. William Zutz of Gregory is in the city visiting with relatives. Fred Haase of Battle Creek spent Christmas here with relatives. F. B. Minor is at Corning, Ia., spending the holidays with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudley spent Christmas with relatives at Omaha. Miss Mildred Braasch has gone to Pilger to spend the holidays with friends. Cleo Lederer returned from Pierce county, where he spent Christmas with relatives. Gottlieb Benning of Battle Creek was in the city spending Christmas with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Delaney are in the city visiting with the W. A. Witzigman family. Harold S. Gow, cashier of the First National bank of Gregory, S. D., spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gow. Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Mayer and family are at Lincoln spending the holidays with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Haley and Miss Alvina Miller spent Christmas with relatives at Pierce. George Drees, who has been visiting with his parents at Gregory, S. D., has returned to Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cole and daughter of Stanton spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cole. Mr. and Mrs. Miller Mather came up from Grand Island Friday to spend Christmas with relatives. Elmer Hardy is back from Ames, Ia., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hardy. D. F. O'Brien has gone to Omaha after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Brien. Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Mather, who spent Christmas with relatives, returned to their home in Wayne. Mrs. S. Temple and daughter, Miss Belle Temple of Wayne, spent Christmas with the C. C. Gow family. Clyde Hayes, who has been here visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hayes, has returned to Omaha. Miss Ammetta Schlotz returned from Pierce. Her father has just rented his farm to James Lingensfelder and will remove to Tilden. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Spayde of St. Joe, Mo., and Miss Marie Spayde of

St. Louis City spent Christmas with the W. J. Stadelman family. Charles and Donald Bridge have returned from the military academy of Indiana to spend the holidays with their father, C. S. Bridge. Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Keller, who have been here spending Christmas with the Carl Wilde family, have returned to their home at Fremont. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powers of Chadron, who have been here spending Christmas with their relatives, have gone to Omaha for a visit with friends. G. F. Durland and family, C. Bernard and family and Richard Wood and family, all of Plainville, were in the city spending Christmas with relatives. W. M. Rainbolt, who has been here spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt, has returned to Omaha. Mrs. Rainbolt and children returned to Omaha Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hartford and little daughter, who were here to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hartford, returned to their home at Wayne, accompanied by Miss Gladys Hartford. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Buchholz and family spent Christmas at the N. A. Rainbolt home. Mr. Buchholz and his son Fritz returned to Omaha Sunday, and Mrs. Buchholz and her son Arden will remain here the remainder of the week. Mr. and Mrs. George Hodson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and family on Christmas Monday. Ben Gross of Gross, Neb., passed through here Sunday on his way to Omaha with sheep. Mr. and Mrs. John Hinze spent Christmas in Omaha with Mr. Hinze's mother. Bill Kell went to Pierce Saturday. Miss Rebecca Duggan returned to her school near Plainville Sunday, after spending Christmas with her parents. Miss Margaret Hamilton has returned to her school near Plainville, after spending Christmas at home. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Benedict and Miss Hattie Benedict have returned to their homes near Pierce, after spending Christmas at the home of Pat Crotty. Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Pippin entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Williams at Christmas dinner. Misses Margaret and Leona Case are here from Omaha to spend a few days with their parents. W. B. Alton went to Omaha on No. 8 last night to attend the funeral of the late S. A. Teal. The same old number of neckties formed Christmas gifts this year. Floyd Hull has opened a suitorium in the Stoeber building on South Fourth street. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fleming are at Wausa, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Fleming's brother, who died at Reno, Nev., last week. The annual meeting of the North Nebraska Live Stock Owners association will be held in Norfolk Thursday, according to H. E. Mason of Meadow Grove, who passed through the city. W. G. Covert, son of J. M. Covert, has gone to Burlington, Ia., to accept a position with the Crittenden & Eastman furniture company, for whom he will travel in this territory, with headquarters at Norfolk. Orders have been received by the officers of Company D, local national guard company, from Washington to start the gallery target practice. This practice will be continued here all winter and will be taken up immediately at the armory. Some of the best skating of the season was enjoyed by a large number of Norfolk people yesterday. The river, which is solidly frozen, affords fine skating. Skaters, however, should beware of air holes, which have resulted in many a drowning on the Northfork. December 27, and still the farmer reports that half his crop of corn is still on the stalk. No damage will be done to the corn from the high snow drifts unless it thaws and wet weather sets in. Now, however, according to some of the farmers who come here, chances are that the corn will not be picked until spring. Mrs. F. T. Birchard, formerly of Norfolk, died at the family home in Omaha at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the remains taken to Marshalltown, Ia., for burial. This information is conveyed to C. S. Bridge of this city in a telegram received Monday afternoon. Mrs. Marie Buckles of Cherry, Ill., formerly of Norfolk, whose son is among the 200 dead miners in the St. Paul mine, has written Norfolk friends that she will be unable to reach Norfolk until after February 1. The bodies of the entombed miners, Mrs. Buckles says, will not be removed from the mine until after that date. It is stated at Cherry, Mrs. Buckles says, that the condition of the bodies will be such that recognition will be impossible. Omaha Bee: James Winspear, 66 years of age, died at his home, 2311 North Twenty-eighth street, Wednesday at 6:30 p. m. of apoplexy. He became ill shortly before noon. Mrs. Winspear and a daughter, who resides in Norfolk, survive him. The daughter arrived in Omaha Wednesday night. Mr. Winspear had in years past been active in politics as a republican. He was once a member of the legislature and served as chairman of the committee of public works and street commissioner during W. J. Broatch's administration as mayor. He was identified with the Broatch faction in politics for many years. Mr. Winspear was born in Buffalo in 1843 and attended Lyma college. He enlisted in the union army in 1861 as a member of Battery I, First New York artillery, and became second lieutenant. He came to Omaha in 1867 and was married in 1869. Gregory County Land Mix-up. Bone-heel, S. D., Dec. 27.—Special to The News: Considerable excitement is evident in this part of the county over the many quit claim deeds that have been placed on record against some of the best farms in the county. It seems that a fellow from the east side of the river discovered a plan whereby he could acquire an equity in some of the best farms in Gregory county, and the result of his week came to light when some few weeks ago a number of quit claim deeds were recorded with the register of deeds at Fairfax. The plan of this new supposed graft is this: Several of the original entry men who made proof on their homesteads in Gregory county sold them to persons who required an abstract showing clear title in the land and now when they come to transfer the land they find a quit claim deed given by the same person that gave them the warranty deed, to this grafter that procured the quit claim deed under the guise of clearing up the title. A great number of the land owners in the county have been worried over the acts of this supposed grafter and in many cases it is believed that the quit claim deed is a cloud on the title of their farm. There are some instances where the land is sold under contract with the agreement to furnish clear title, that may be held up for some time until they are made familiar with the facts, that it is no cloud on the title to their land, but no doubt there will be both civil and criminal litigation over the supposed title as the citizens of the county are fired at the action of such a bold grafter. THREE TRAINMEN KILLED. Engineer, Fireman and Brakeman Are Killed on B. & O. Seymour, Ind., Dec. 27.—Three men were killed in a collision between two freight trains on the Baltimore, Ohio and Southwestern railroad today at Starkville, The dead: F. M. Walls, engineer. Fireman Henbone. Finlay Lee, brakeman. Sleighing Never Better. Not for many years had Norfolk enjoyed a better Christmas than this one. Roads were in shape for travel by sleigh all over the country and many visits were exchanged by friends and relatives. Many out-of-town visitors were in the city, and students from schools and colleges came home to eat Christmas dinners. One Norfolk man made the trip from Norfolk to Battle Creek and thence to Pierce with a sleigh, and says never in ten years has the sleighing been better. The roads which are frequently traveled made the best sleighing. Some drifts were reached, but not large enough to hinder traffic. The merchants enjoyed a fine trade and the close of business Saturday found the toy counters almost bereft of their former burden of various articles. Good as the trade was, it did not, in a number of instances, reach the expectation of the merchants, owing to bad roads and late husking. At the same time they are quite satisfied with the Christmas week's trade. Thursday, it is said, was the greatest day of the week for the shoppers, who filled the stores to their utmost capacity on that day. Friday also had its crowd, but not in such large proportions as that of Thursday. Saturday morning was a dull and welcome morning for the tired clerks who, after a weary week's work, were ready to cast work aside and enjoy Christmas. Resolutions of Condolence. At the regular meeting of North Nebraska court No. 9, T. B. H., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas, Death has removed from our midst Brother Adolph H. Brauchle, therefore, be it Resolved, first, That in the death of Brother Adolph H. Brauchle we are sorely bereaved, for we found in him an honored and conscientious member. Second, That in recognition of his life and work in our order we suitably drape the charter or our court for a period of thirty days. Third, That we tender to the bereaved family our heartfelt and tender sympathy in their bereavement. Fourth, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of our court and that copies of the same be sent to the family and be published in The Daily News. Matie A. Suiter, Le Roy Lackey, E. A. Amarine, Committee. THEY RESPECTED THIS STEAMER It Sailed Into Panama With Million Tons of Dynamite. Washington, Dec. 28.—When the steamer Phyllis recently arrived at the Panama canal zone, her cargo is said to have received even more respectful attention than that of the steamer that shortly before arrived in Colon loaded to the rail with American congressmen. The Phyllis had aboard 1,622,000 pounds of dynamite. A portion was placed on a lighter for shipment to Port Bello. The remainder was loaded on a train of seventeen cars to be taken to various points along the line. ANDREW CARNEGIE HURTS KNEE Steel King Slips on Icy Spot While Walking in Park. New York, Dec. 28.—Andrew Carnegie stepped on an icy spot while walking around the reservoir in Central park and suffered a painful injury to his left knee. He was unable to be present at a dinner at his home last night which he gave to Governor Hughes, President Butler of Columbia university and others, and he was also unable to attend the meeting of the American Historical association

and American Economic association at Carnegie hall. At the Carnegie home it was said that the condition was not serious, but that he had remained in his room in care of physicians. PHILADELPHIA STILL TIED UP. Food Supply Becomes Lower, Prices Go Higher Following Storm. Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—With food products becoming scarcer and their price higher, with street railway traffic uncertain and slow and with many railroad trains arriving late, Philadelphia is still busy raising the blockade caused by the great Christmas snow storm. Only 25 per cent of the daily milk supply reached the city yesterday and wholesale dealers estimated that today's supply will be 25 per cent below normal. Eggs, vegetables and other food products are scarcer than they were yesterday and prices have gone up all around. DR. COOK LIED DELIBERATELY. Copenhagen University is Thinking of Showing Him Up. Copenhagen, Dec. 28.—The special committee of Copenhagen university which investigated Dr. Frederick A. Cook's polar records is now considering whether or not it will publish a second report, giving further details of its work. If the committee should decide to do so, it will issue the report about the middle of January. A member of the committee said that some of the details of Cook's narrative of his expedition were fabricated and his papers showed that he had used calculations furnished by Captain Loos. The second report he added, would present evidence to that effect. THE HUNT FOR A CHAMPION. Through a Land of Bandits for a King Wrestler. There is a fortune in store for the wrestler who can defeat Frank Gotch. Nobody knows this better than the promoters of Europe and America. Every man ever interested in the Graeco-Roman or catch-as-catch-can game from Beluchistan to Elmsmore's Land is searching for and trying to discover this valuable asset in the wrestling game. The champions of Europe have come over in hordes, and we have a champion for almost every square mile in Europe and a few in Asia to boot, but still Gotch reigns supreme, giving one of the newcomers a match now and then and tossing them with ridiculous ease. PINCHOT DELIVERS SPEECH. Says Forestry Service Is Attacked by Predatory Wealth. New York, Dec. 27.—Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, declared in a speech here today before a number of prominent publishers at the University club that special interests have made repeated attacks upon the forest service and these attacks have increased in violence just in proportion as the service has offered effective opposition to predatory wealth. FIRE ON BIG STEAMER. Panic is Averted, However, by Keeping Aft From Passengers. Liverpool, Dec. 28.—Fire was discovered in the hold of the White Star liner Celtic last Wednesday when the vessel was four days out from New York. The liner arrived here safely yesterday. The fire was still burning, but its presence was known to none of the 200 passengers. Immediately upon arrival the work of discharging the cargo in an effort to reach promptly the origin of the blaze was begun. The work was continued today. A RING MADE HIM MILLIONS. New York's Cotton King Began with a Pawn Ticket. New York, Dec. 28.—From a pawn ticket to millions in less than two years is the story in brief of E. G. Scates,

one of the most daring and successful operators of the century in the cotton market. "Dan" Scully, meteoric and spectacular as was his career, is lured to his destruction by that will of the wisp fatal to so many, "cornering" the market, but "Big Gene" Scates, baptized Eugene, has steered clear of that position. His bank role today is close to the five million dollar mark, if not beyond it. The greater portion of it was made this year. Scates and his associates, W. P. Brown, James A. Patten, the Chicago wheat operator, who has almost doubled in cotton the millions he made in wheat last spring, and Frank Hayne of New Orleans—the "big four" of the New York cotton market—comprising the most powerful bull clique the country has ever seen, have made about fifteen million dollars this year. Cotton, in the more active months, is now selling at sixteen cents a pound, the highest price since the Scully days and double the price of a year ago. Of these four men, Scates is the most picturesque, as well as the most daring, in his operations. He is the leader of the cotton game. In the frequent conferences of the "big four" his is the last word. Time and again in the last three months, when cotton touched new high records and this was followed by heavy liquidations, his associates became somewhat alarmed. But Scates' advice to "sit fast, hold tight and don't rock the boat" prevailed, with the result that the four have almost been submerged in the golden flood that has swept swiftly upon them. Two years ago Scates hit New York penniless. His sole asset was a diamond ring. He pawned it for \$250 and drifted into Wall street. He started at once and has won from the start. MORE LETTERS IN BROKAW CASE Another Day of Worry for Mrs. Brokaw's Husband is Promised. New York, Dec. 28.—With the resumption today of the hearing in the suit for separation and alimony brought by Mary Blair Brokaw against W. Gould Brokaw, which is being tried at Wincola, L. I., there was promise of the introduction of more letters and dispatches from the defendant such as yesterday proved an evident source of embarrassment to Mr. Brokaw. In yesterday's installment of this correspondence reproaches, threats, accusations and expressions of affection were intermingled. The defendant also was noticeably worried by the production of telegraphic messages which he was obliged to acknowledge showed that he had permitted his servants to keep Mrs. Brokaw under espionage. He explained these, however, by declaring his entire procedure in this particular was inspired by his solicitude for his wife's health. How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. We have the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Strada Yanks Red Cross. Washington, Dec. 28.—A telegram from the revolutionary party of Nicaragua was received by the American Red Cross society, thanking the society for its work in relieving the distress of the government army captured near Rama and now quartered in Bluefields. Three Children Cremated. Pratt, Kan., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Henry Blanton left her home and went across the alley with a neighbor. When she next looked at the house it was a mass of flames and her three children were being burned to death. Help did not come in time to save them.

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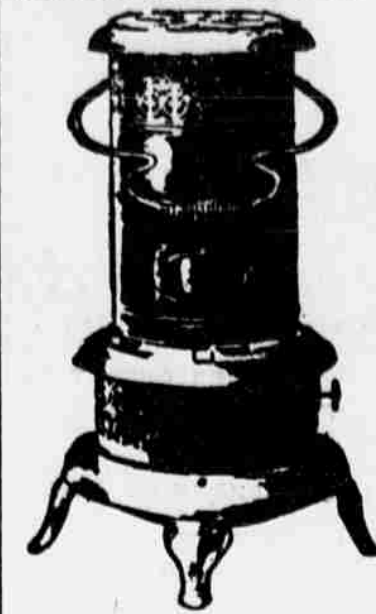
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