

AWFUL DEED OF A MANIAC.

A PREACHER KILLS HIS FAMILY AND HIMSELF.

SHOT HIS DAUGHTER THREE TIMES.

News of a Terrible Tragedy Is Reported From Clay Hill, Mo., in Which a Woman and a Little Girl Are Slain by a Demented Husband and Father—the Missouri White Caps.

AURORA, Mo., Feb. 4.—Rev. Bud Ellis, pastor of the Methodist church at Clay Hill, four miles south of this city, shot and killed his wife, little 7-year-old daughter and himself at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, at his residence on his farm.

His wife was sitting on the side of the bed, and they had some words about a trade he was going to make to-day, when he pulled a revolver from his pocket. He shot his wife twice, in the neck and body. The bed showed signs of a terrible struggle. After the dastardly deed he wiped the blood from his hands on the bed clothing. He then caught his little daughter and shot her three times, one ball entering her eye, another going through her forehead and the other penetrating her neck, each making ugly, gaping wounds.

His revolver was now unloaded, and standing over the dead body of his child, he removed the empty shells on the body, reloading his pistol. Washing his hands, he started on foot to the house of his brother, who lived three miles distant, meeting several neighbors on the way and speaking to them pleasantly as if nothing had happened.

Arriving at his brother's residence, and after speaking to him, he went into a bedroom. Placing the pistol to his breast he fired, the ball penetrating his heart and killing him instantly.

A letter was found in his pocket directed to his brother, saying: "Me and Ellen are dead."

He had made a will two weeks ago, leaving all his property to his two children by his first wife. The wife he killed he had been married to only one week.

WHITE-CAPPERS AT WORK.

Eleven of Them Attempt to Capture Two Boys.

MARSHALL, Mo., Feb. 4.—The White-cappers are getting in some work in Saline county. Wednesday night about 12 o'clock eleven of them rode up to the residence of William McGinnis near Crutcher, and when the door was opened had quite a tussle with Harry and Walter McGinnis, their father being away from home. The boys fought manfully, but they succeeded in dragging Walter into the yard, who, after a desperate fight for liberty, escaped into the woods and took refuge in a coal mine they had been working. The community is worked up over the affair, and arrests no doubt will follow. The McGinnis brothers are nephews of the late Senator J. C. McGinnis of St. Louis.

TRADE REVIEW.

January Saw the Lowest Prices for All Commodities Ever Known.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—R. G. Dun's weekly review of trade says: "Things look better near the close of this week, because it is believed that a new loan will be negotiated. There was need for relief, since January closed with the heaviest gold exports ever made in any month and the heaviest withdrawals of gold from the treasury, \$43,468,108, the hope of a new loan being the one thing which has lifted prices during the past few days. January leaves behind it the lowest average of prices for all commodities ever known: for cotton, iron and its products, wool and silver, the lowest monthly average ever known, and for wheat, a range above the minimum, but yet declining rapidly toward that point. Industrial operations have not materially diminished, though it has been a disappointing month because the revival expected has not come. The continuing drift of money to New York shows scanty commercial demand in the interior and no improvement appears here in commercial loans. In short, business is still waiting and finds reason for hesitation in the condition of the treasury.

THE ELBE DISASTER.

Official Advice Show That 332 Persons Were Drowned in the Disaster.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The last official cablegram received at the New York office of the North German Lloyd company in this city from the Bremen office shows a total loss of 332 people by the sinking of the Elbe. Of those aboard fifty were cabin passengers and 149 steerage. The crew in an entirely consisted of 153 people. The crew consisted of the captain, 143 petty officers and crew, two stewards and four mail clerks. Of the entire number of people aboard twenty were saved.

Receipts and Expenses for January.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—A treasury statement shows the receipts from all sources during the month of January to have been \$27,804,399 and the expenditures \$34,533,447, a deficit for the month of \$6,719,048 and for the fiscal year of \$34,282,070. The several items of the receipts during January are given as follows: Customs, \$17,361,916; internal revenue, \$9,034,964; miscellaneous, \$1,407,518.

Lucien Baker Banqueted.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 4.—The banquet of Leavenworth citizens last evening to United States Senator-elect Lucien Baker was one of the most notable events of the kind ever held in Kansas. Over 400 guests were present from all sections of the state.

Nebraska's Leading Swine Breeder



J. V. WOLFE. President of the American Poland-China Record Company.

Among the familiar faces that we this month present to our readers, perhaps none is more so, to swine breeders generally, than the one we present above. The likeness is a most excellent one of that veteran swine breeder, J. V. Wolfe, of Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Wolfe has the native modesty of most swine breeders, but says there are, at least, three things in which his experience has shown that he exercised great judgment. The first was his early foresight in selecting Indiana as his birthplace. The second in selecting Nebraska as the place to raise hogs, and lastly, but not leastly, in selecting the Poland China as the breed to raise.

He admits that he is older than his actions and feelings would indicate, but is a little diffident about giving exact dates. He thinks, however, that his first impression of mundane life was received about October 7th, 1833, in the little town of Merom, then the county seat of Sullivan county.

His father, who at that time was reaping the harvest of enjoying all the emoluments of county recorder, clerk and auditor, as well as performing the functions of village post master, seeing an embryo farmer and hog raiser in his son, resigned all his offices and their emoluments, which consisted principally in meager fees, paid in legal tender of the realm, such as hickory nuts, coon skins, potatoes, onions and slippery elm bark, and moved on a farm, where J. V., and eight other children, grew up amidst the swine, the equine and several other kind, enjoying all the necessities and some of the luxuries of farm life upon the Wabash including every variety of Wabash shakes. In the fall and winter, when there was no corn to husk, wood to draw, corn to shell and mill, or strayed stock to look up, he attended the country school. The life of the farmer then had the amount of sameness about it that the life of a United States treasurer has now. The farmer had to keep grinding out something to keep up the family "reserve."

In 1851 Mr. Wolfe passed, he thinks, for the first time, beyond the boundary of his native county, on his way, in a lumber wagon, to Bloomington to attend the State University, where in 1857, he completed his course of study as laid down in the college curriculum and sighed, "it is finished." But as he has since learned his real education was only begun. The next twenty years of his life was spent as teacher, lawyer, legislator and county treasurer. In regard to the manner in which he discharged his duties of the various positions filled it is sufficient to state that no legal obstructions were thrown in his way when in the fall of 1871 he came to Nebraska and bought his present farm, four miles southeast of Lincoln, to which he moved his family the next April. The primary object of the move was the raising and educating of children, of which he then had four, and to which three more have been added, and as a means to an end he began raising hogs. In the ear with his household effects he shipped a trio of what was then known as Maggie hogs. From these, and a few grade sows purchased of neighbors, he began and continued to raise and feed hogs for the general market at a fair profit, for eight or ten years. But county and state fairs soon sprang up and Mr. Wolfe discovered, on the fair grounds, better hogs than he could find upon his farm, and believing as he still does, that the best are none too good for him, he concluded to get and keep the best. He bought, about ten years ago, his first pedigreed sow, and laid the foundation of are gistered herd. He became active and progressive as a breeder, but he has never become a professional exhibitor, believing that a breeding animal is permanently injured by even one fitting for the show ring. He has made the development of his favorite breed a close study from a scientific standpoint. He has added many valuable articles to our swine literature, such as his paper on "Professional Swine Breeding," "Fancy Points," "New Blood and Blue Blood," "Pedigree or Individual Merit, Which?" and several others, which he is being urged to collect and print in pamphlet for the benefit of the craft. He is a stockholder in both the "American" and "Standard" record companies, and is, at this time, president of the former. His career in the swine field has been marked. His public sales, of which he has held eight, have been most successful, his opinions are much sought and his judgment greatly relied upon by young breeders. His library contains full sets of the American Standard Records, and he is a reader of nearly all the swine journals. He has secured space for this year in the Western Swine Breeder, and his herd will be heard from the coming season. He has recently associated with him his son, J. V. Wolfe, jr., who will be found "a chip of the old block." The means used in accomplishing the end sought, the education of his children, for one by one they are receiving from the state university their sheep skins, but retaining the Wool skin, and they are entering the battle of life, for which their father, assisted by the Poland-China hog, has so thoroughly prepared them.—Western Swine Breeder

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