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ra, Ill., says a free fight took at a Christmas tree celebratian in Creek precinct, Monday night, in Burroughs, a prominent her persons received quite seri-The fight arose from a hick had been labeled, taken to the and hung on the tree. Some of seed hapharard. When the distributher child was bought by himself for is boy and grabbed it away from the shild. Some of the young men present had been indulging and picked quarre with the farmer and a fight ensued.

MARKALLIZOWN, IA., Dec. 27.—The Times Republican Toledo special says the building of the Western college ed yesterday morning. Only a part of the library and the contents of the were saved. This was one of st colleges in the state, Loss, \$150,000; insurance, \$22,500. It is not how the fire originated. The itiseus of Toledo are holding a meeting to arrange for the immediate erection of a new building. The winter term will go on as usual.

Los Anordes, Cal., Dec. 27.-Th beavy rain of the last few days still All trains from the north, et and south are now cut off, and the demage to tracks is very great. Santa Fe officials estimate their loss at \$200,-000, and the loss on the Southern Pacific lines will reach \$150,000. The country from here to the ocean is flooded and my miles of track is under water Great damage was done to street cable and bridges in this city. Several bridges are gone entirely. Many houses in the low lands are flooded and families driven out. It is reported that the house of James Ryan on the river bank was washed away and the whole family are ing. The levee broke in several aces. Fully twenty-five inches of rain have fallen here this season.

WOBURN, MASS., Dec. 27.-A second ce between representatives of he leather manufacturers' association the Knights of Labor was held yesoir own price list for two years ot discriminate against Knights of Labor in hiring their help. A meeting of the workmen was held last night, m a vote was taken by ballot as to ther or not the manufacturers' prop-

Thought to be Eule Burrows. VANOE, TEL., Dec. 26.—At McKenzie about tifty miles from here, a man lled Saturday while resisting arwho is thought to be Rubs Burrows bandit. Burrows was be d to be in this locality and the sherof Kimball county was out with sev ties looking for him. Saturday o upon a man who answered on of the fugitive from jus ad called upon him to surrender.

Crar, Dec. 25.—An unique cas olded in the probate court of county today. At the com-nt of the war Joseph Hickham, withy and influential farmer in bought a negrees slave and his farm as a sowing maid. her petition she alleges that

New York, Dec. 27.-The Engineer ing News will say in its coming edition: Five thousand miles of railroad have Harrold and Bennett Fallis, living near teen constructed in the United States during the past year. This is the smallest construction recorded in any year ince 1885. The construction in the intervening years has been, 1886, 8,471 miles; 1887, 12,668 miles; 1888, 7,284 miles. The bulk of this year's construction has been done in the south.

Obliged to Close her Institutions.

BISMARCH. N. D., Dec. 27. - Governor Mellette says South Dakota will be obliged to close up some of her instituns. The receipts of the state will fall so far short of the expenses that there is apparently no other alternative. In North Dakota Governor Miller, in his message to the legislature, estimated the ncy for the first year at nearly \$156,000 and called attention to the "im perative need and importance of the strictest economy in all departments of the new state." Subsequent developments show the governor understands the deficiency and that the outlook is little better than bankruptcy if his advice is not followed.

ZANESVILLE, O., Dec. 28.-This fore noon one of the prisoners in the jail here disclosed a plot of ten other prisoners to murder the jailer and escape with out-side assistance. Coulter, the Dresden murderer, had sawed through a bolt of on its side. The car wasdragged a short the cell door of a prisoner named Embry, o was to release the others. After the covery Quigby, who was implicated n the plot, assaulted and badly injured prisoner named Morris, who they

laim disclosed the plot to the officers.

scovery of Natural Gas in South Dakot SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 28 .- Natural gas has been found at Gedfield, in Spink rapid speed there would undoubtedly county. The find is the strongest yet struck in the state and the quality is of the best. The discovery was made while digging for water. The pressure is so great that it carries sand and gravel sixty feet into the air. This is the fourth Dakota within sixty days.

Fatal Collision on the Columbia River

Pacific steamer Oregon ran into and door a man placed his foot so that the sunk the British ship Clan McKenzie at door could not be closed. He then drew Cofflin rock, on the Columbia river, a dagger and ordered the girl to stand Charles Austin and Matthew Reid, two aside. Stepping inside he turned and colored sailors, were instantly killed bolted the door. Then holding the They were salesp in the forecastle of the blade of the dagger close to her breast Clan McKenzie and when the bow of the he ordered her to sit down in a chair Oregon struck her, the sharp plate of where he tied and gagged her securely. iron ran into the bunks in which the The thief then started to plunder the sailors were lying, cutting the two men establishment, breaking open drawers in haives. They were struck at the and trunks and securing to in oash and waist and the upper part of each body about \$100 worth of jewelry. He was fell into the river and sank. Charles finally frightened away by a knock at Fish, a coal passer of the Oregon, was injured, but not fatally. The Oregon starcase. Mrs. Shibley, the occupant of was on her way to San Francisco with a the upper flat, gained an entrance and full cargo and full passenger list, and cut the gag off the servant's head. The the Clan McKenzie was at anchor on girl was almost suffocated and suffered one side of the channel. The captain severely from nervous prostration. seition should be accepted, resulting in of the ship claims that his lights were its rejection by 1,119 to 117. This action all properly displayed, and that the as moored parallel with the Oregon was running under slow bell and ran her bow on the port side into the starboard bow of the Clan Mc-Kenzie, a distance of thirty feet, tearing off the Oregon's bow completely and ripping up decks and railing for about forty feet from the stern. Immediately after the collision the ship began to mettle and soon sunk in four fathoms of water. All the crew were safely trans. six years. "God's will be done," ferred to the Oregon and brought back to the city. The Clan McKenzie is a fine iron vessel. She came from Rio Janeiro in ballast. It is thought the vessel may be raised. She is valued at \$30,000 and is fully insured. The loss to the Oregon will be \$10,000

> Worse Than White Cape. BUTTE, MONT., Dec. 28.-W. A. Clarke one of the wealthiest men in the city, a few days ago received a letter signed by Nineteen Desperate and Determined Men," demanding that he have ready for them on the 24th of December \$400,000 and adding that the failure to do so would result in death. Tuesday aftersoon George Stankpole, a niffeteen-year old tough, called for the package and was looked up. He says he was paid by an unknown man to carry the note, but it is believed he is implicated in the scheme if not the originator.

Augris, Tax., Dec. 28. -The gover litis there to aid the sheriff in keepin

the attorney general this morning it was agreed that the lateer shall attend the b corpus trial of the Fort Bend of the opinion that the arrests are

A Christmas Difficulty.

McFall, Mo., Dec. 28.—A difficulty occurred Christmas day between Selus here, but ended only in harsh word Yesterday morning, however, Harrold and his two sons, John and Press, met Fallis near the house of the latter when the quarrel was renewed. Harrold claims Fallis struck John, knocking him down, when Press interfered and struck Fallis on the head with the sharp edge of an axe, splitting his head open and killing him instantly. Press Harrold surrendered to the authorities.

Will go into Liquidation PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.-The Pittsburg Southern Coal company, a syndicate of the large river coal operators of this city which was formed three years ago with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, will go into the sum of \$100,000. liquidation at once and the thirteen firms comprising the company will hereafter do business on their own account. The trouble is principally due to the fact that some members of the company acted in bad faith in selling opposition to the company.

El ght ersons Injure d. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30. -Eight per sons were injured and shaken up by the derailing of a car on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Eighteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue last night. The train was going very slow out Penndistance before the train was stopped The injured are Mary A. Brighton, Read ing, Pa., Mrs. Bohmer and child, Lebs non; Laura Swan, Bridgeport; Alice Richmond, Ella Davis and Kate Davis, Philadelphia. The injured were removed to a bospital, and had their injuries dressed, after which they left for their homes. Had the train been moving at a have been a great loss of life.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30. -At 11 o'clock yes terday morning a startlingly bold burglary was committed in a private house discovery of the kind made in South in the central portion of the city. At that hour Mrs. J. W. Miller, who occupies the second flat at 33 Sixteenth street stepped out, leaving a young servant girl PORTLAND, ORE., Dec. 28.-At 1:30 in charge of the flat. The girl answered clock yesterday morning the Union a ring of the door bell. Opening the

Dom Pedro's Grief.

Lisson, Dec. 30.-Upon arriving at life had passed away Dom Pedro knelt and kissed the forehead of the dead. He remained motionless and without speaking for a long time. When he had somewhat recovered himself he said to a friend that he had experienced the bitterest trial that God could inflict. The faithful and affectionate companionship of his wife had sustained him for fortyadded. Then noticing the eyes of the dead still open he broke down and wept. exclaiming: "Is it possible that these dear, kind eyes will never again brighten on seeing me." He closed and reverently kissed their lids. He saked to be left alone and remained so a long time. When calmer he requested the attendants to keep the empress' death from the public until the coronation festivities at Lisbon were over. The news had, however, been sent everywhere. The Brazilian minister cabled the provisional government of the event. This morning the cardinal bishop said mass in the room where the body lay. Dom Pedro and the governor of the district were present. This afternoon the body, which had been embalmed, was transferred to the Chapel Ardente. The government will probably defray the ex-penses of the funeral. It is expected that the king will go to Oporto to attend he ceremonies.

Carso, ILL., Dec. 28. —James E. Kent prominent member of society and as istant cashier of the Cairo, Vincer & Chicago railroad, has embezzeled about \$1,500 of the company's money and left for parts unknown.

Joseph Blahak and John Nies young farmers living near Rising City, wert to a dance the other night and have not been seen since. As both were heavily in debt it is believed they have fied to avoid oreditors.

for he isn't particular what he tak th Platte man walked off with i

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

Plattsmouth is to have a new gas present.

Wolves recently killed three horses at Redington.

Tecumseh is to have a national bank the near future.

The court house at Valentine has been provided with new vaults and fire proof The farmers of Cass county are piling

large quantities of corn on the ground for want of cribs. Hose company No. 2 has been organ

zed at Pawnee City with twenty-one members enrolled.

ounty will be required to give bond in wound. Point are full and the grain buyers have

no more room for corp. e Perkins county, further west.

A Nebraska City woman makes a liv. cultural and mechanical association. ing by pawning clothing which is given her to distribute among the poor.

The Odd Fellows of Arcadia instituted lodge last week, commencing with membership of about twenty-tive.

The young people of O'Neill have organized a literary! society and will give ntertainments during the winter. The building of a new bridge at the

orks of the Stinkingwater has brought an increase of business at Wauneta. The annual meeting of the Nebraska

Grand Island, commencing January 7. The peaceful citizens of Nebraska C ty

can't rest at night on account of a weinerwurst man with a fog horn voice Hon. Church Howe is acting governor

in the state during the absence of Governor Thayer and the lieutenant gover-W. H. Webster, the ex-treasurer of

embezzling \$33,000, has been granted a a board of lunacy and pronounced in-

Chicago this week and demonstrate to the officials there that he was never buried in a sewer.

Lindsay, Platte county, which was aid out as a town three years ago, n has a population of 350 and many public improvements.

The Nebraska supreme court has deided that sleeping car companies are iable for goods stolen when placed in charge of the porter. Andrew Giesen has almost recovered

from his wounds received in the Schrenk shooting affray at West Point and able to be out again. George Smith, one of the prisoners ho broke jail at Dakota City last week

by digging through a brick wall, was captured Sunday at Fort Dodge. Propositions have been made by east ern manufacturers to Grand Island capi-

and paper mills at that place. Mrs. Olive Cook, living near Dunbar, as sued for a divorce on the that her husband was in the habit of

talists for the construction of woollen

caressing her with a blacksnake whip. A Berwyn young man recently came near dying from the effects of putting on new shirt. Poisonous matter in the coloring of the garment was the cause.

Banner county's commissioners have lecided that the question of bonding the county in the sum of \$10,000 shall be put to a vote of the people on January

Charles H. Richards of Falls City while eading the other evening was stricken with a congestion of the optic nerve and has become blind. The doctors hope to restore the night of one eye.

While John Zoat, a farmer living about our miles south of Bancroft, was examning a revolver, it was discharged, the ball entering his breast and producing a wound supposed to be fatal.

G. W. Soward, a farmer living near Redington, was kicked in the head by a horse one day last week and lay unconcious for three days after the accident. It is believed he will recover.

The possibility of a change in the channel of the Missouri river at Nebrasks City is being discussed. Such a change would do untold damage to the city, the railroads and private interests.

A special from Hastings says it is curently reported that the Improvement company has consed to operate its street our line in that city. The reason given is that the cars have been run at a loss.

Little Daisy Stoddard of Republican City, who won much distinction at Chiongo in her successful contest for the Demorast medal, has donated \$60 to help pay for the W. C. T. U. temple at Fre-

According to a recent survey there are number of buildings in Wood Lake bich are situated on the railroad grant out it is thought that the titles can be tablished without serious results fol-

The Exchange bank will commence resince at Westerville January 1. The actitution has an authorized capital of \$6,000, and the officers are E. T. Gar-

The Seward Blade received a watermelon the other day for a Christman

An attempt was made last week to wreck a train on the Harrington branch. For this purpose a rock weighing 100 pounds was placed near the rail at the end of a small bridge about five miles west of Waxefield. The obstruction was discovered by the engineer, but the train could not be stopped before striking the rock. No serious damage was done.

Albert Seydell, a young man living near Alliance, met with a painful accident last week. In endeavoring to take down a loaded gun which was hanging on the wall the piece was discharged, the entire load passing through his arm be-Hereafter the treasurer of Fillmore low the elbow, making a very ugly

The time for which the Pawnee coun The elevators and corneribs at West ty agricultural society was organized having expired, a meeting was recently held and a resolution adopted to the ef-Arrangements are being perfected to fect that the organization be extended ommence moving the town of Lisbon, for a period of ten years, with the title of Pawnee county agricultural, borti-

> B. E. Grissom, supposed to be insane. mysteriously disappeared from his home near Powell December 11. He is described as a man about five feet five inches in height, weighs about 140 pounds, with sandy colored beard. He left home on horseback, wearing a yarn cap, light coat and brown overalls. A reward of \$25 is offered for his apprebension.

A young man named George Winters residing south of La Porte, concluded state farmers' alliance will be held at that it was not good for a man to be alone and for the purpose of gaining a helpmate paid court to an estimable young lady in the vicinity, says the Wayne Gazette. She did not look upon his suit with the same ardor as Winters and in order to persuade her that she needed a protector and that he was the man best suited he undertook to interview her with a carving knife, threatening her life unless she married him. He errick county who was convicted of was brought to Wayne and examined by sane. Friends agreed to care for him Doc Cronin, of O'Neill, will start to and were allowed his custody.

Four Billion Cigars

"Four billion of eigars? Yes, that's the annual consumption of the lovers of the weed in this country. Just think how huge a pile of tobacco that would make. Why, it would take half a dozen expert counters three years to count 'em. And yet—well, they are not what they should be, and the smoker has himself to blame for

The speaker was T. H. Delano, the editor of Tobacco.

"Themselves to blame?" was incredulously asked.

"Precisely. Half the number of smokers who use cigars smoke to please the eye rather than the lips and the palate. They prefer a nice, smooth, silky-looking wrapper on their cigars to a rough and apparently coarser wrapper, and they make the choice irrespective of the smoking qualities of respective of the smoking qualities of the two, for it often happens that the handsome wrapper conveys to the mouth a metallic taste which is altogether wanting in the other. The preference, which amounts to a hobby a curious tobacco away in the background and given the lead to an importation which is finer in fiber, lighter in color, and more attractive to the eye, but not so grateful to the appetite. Had it not been for this whimsical taste of the American smoker the native leaf would still hold the place it occupied ten years ago as the almost universal wrapper for his weed and the fragrant filler as well. Now it is only the filler. -New York letter to the Richmond Dis-Vanderbilt's Southern Palace.

The palace to be erected by W. K. Vanderbilt near Asheville, N. C., on the splendid estate he has recently purchased there will be 300 feet long, the superstructure will be of Indiana limestone, which is of a beautiful fawn color. The foundations will be made of the stone taken out of Mr. Vanderbilt's own quarries. Also the material for the walls of the esplanade or plateau, on which the house will be built, will be obtained from the same quarries. high in some places, and the esplanade will extend some five or six hundred feet in either direction, presenting the point of the diamond-shaped plateau to the French Broad. The palace, which is to be built on this plateau, will not be begun until next Spring. Then exeavations are to be begun and the foundations laid. Two towers have already been erected on the site of the house. These are just the height of the first story of the building, and by he first story of the building, and by means of these can be seen what the liew will be from the house itself, and the grading can be done accordingly. All the forests which have been cut down will be restored. The trees which will be planted will be evergreens of various kinds, mostly white pines. The idea is to afford a pleasant winter view. It is intended ultimately to have a nurser from which to have a nursery, from which can be supplied the trees needed on the estate. The laying of the foundation for three stables for cattle has been commenced. They will be arranged according to the latest sanitary idea. At the water will be led to them by three. will be led to them by pipes. The cat-tie will be stall fed. Altogether, Mr. Vanderbilt's palace and its surround-ings promise to surpass anything ever seen in the South.

PECCARY VS. LOCOMOTIVE.

How a Pack of the Obstinate Little Brutes Came to Grief.

A Fort Davis (Tex.) correspondent of the N. Y. Times writes: The following story, which has now become a part of the unwritten history of this ection, will best serve to illustrate the beadstrong disposition and wonderful courage of the little peccary. The Southern Pacific Railroad, which passes this point for a part of its route, uts through a long stretch of chaparral country abounding with peccaries, wild mustangs, and various wild animals. One day, while driving along at moderate speed through the Pecos bottoms, an engineer saw a herd of small animals scattered along the track few hundred yards ahead. them to be domestic porkers, he blew the whistle a couple of blasts and kept the whistle a couple of blasts and kept straight ahead supposing of course, that the brutes would take the hint and get out of the way. No such thing. With snouts in the air they scornfully surveyed the approaching engine and made up their minds to stand their ground. Quickly forming a semi-circle en masse, with angry eyes and gnashing teeth they coolly awaited the crash, evidently determined to demolish the locomotive and carto demolish the locomotive and cars or get "busted" themselves, so to speak. Still the engineer thought they would more and made no attempt to ease up or stop the train, Wh most upon them he saw that a collision was inevitable, and so he opened the throttle, set the old whistle to screeching, and bore down upon the band with all the speed he could command.

Crash! he went through the band of peccaries like a rocket, filling the air with spare ribs, tenderloins, and bits of flying pork. Those belligerent little rascals who were unburt rushed madly at the wheels, the cars, and the cow-catcher, showing their spitefulness to the bitter end, but, of course, they were smashed out of existence in their

were smashed out attempt to do—nothing. Next day when The engineer says: 'Next day when I came back over the road there were the remaining peccaries on the same spot, arranged in battalion front, and all waiting for the train to come along so that they could get even for the previous day's disaster. Away I went at them again, filling the atmosphere with pork, while the live ones frantically rushed at the cars, wheels, and trucks, attempting in their mad fury to wreck the train. This they kept up trip after trip until only three pec-caries remained. True to their resolution, when the final day came they took a bold stand side by side in the middle of the track and prepared to make a last fight for the honor of peccaries and hogs generally. Two were tossed into eternity by the cowcatcher and the third was cut into sections by the iron wheels. Since then no more peccaries have attempted to buck against Uncle Sam's mail."

Thackeray's Great-Grandmother.

The little old house was as pleasant within as without; big blue china pots stood in the corners of the mittingrooms and of the carved staircase with rooms and of the carved staircase with its low steps. In the low-pitched front parlor hung the pictures (a Sir Joshua Reynolds among athem) of generations not so far removed in my childish days as they are at present, being now buried away by succeeding lives—"ou sous son pere on retrouve encore son pere comme Ponde sous Fonde dans une mer sans fond." My father's great-grandmother, Mrs.

Becher, had sat to Sir Joshua in her youth-she died in 1825 at eighty-nine years of age. Her name, which the writer has inherited, was Anne Haysham before she married, and we have resenting a stately dame in the flowin draperies of the period. She lived in the old house at Fareham, after her husband's death; she was the mother of many daughters and tempestuous sons. The sterner rule of those Spartan times did not always quell the wild spirits of their rising generations. My grandmother has often told me that Mrs. Becher never called her eldest daughter anything but "Miss Becher;" her little granddaughter was "Miss Nancy." She used to come and go leaning on a beautiful tortoise-shell-headed cane. I have played with the cane, though its owner died long before I was born; as for the great-aunt, I remember her perfectly well, a little old lady in a flaxen front with apple cheeks and a blue shawl, holding out her welcoming arms to the third gen-eration of her brother John's descend-ants. When she died, she left her brother's picture out of the parlor to my grandmother, his only surviving daughter and row in daughter, and now in turn it hangs with its red coat upon our parlor wall. We are all very fond of our great-grandfather, with his nice coat and lace ruffles. He is, in the portrait, a young man of some twenty-five years of age with an oddly familiar face, impulsive, inquisitive,—so he strikes me at least. His name was John Harman Becher, and he too went out to India and did good work there, and died young, add so many others—in those day. He was born in April, 1764, and de

Fareham itself, with its tall chu Fareham itself, with its tall churspire and peal of Sunday bells are the cowslip meadows, was a Missten-like village, peopled by renaval officers and spirited old I who played whist every night of lives and kept up the traditions a gland, not without some asperity, well remember. Among other the which my grandmother has often scribed to us was the disastrous at scribed to us was the disastrous of Nelson's death, coming to them in that same little parlor where, a years after, little William Makep Thackeray sat, laboriously writing his mother in India.—Anne Thacker Ritchie, in St. Nicholas.

A Church Built by a Girl.

Let no one sneer at the hired gir. There is a church in this city which was built and is sustained out of he savings. It belongs to one of the evangelical societies and is located on fashionable street. In a sustained out of he evangelical societies and is located on fashionable street. In a sustained entire any saint, but is simply and effect well known as the "Church of the Hired Girl."—Betreif Free Frees.