

The Great Blockade Will Soon be Over. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—It now seems probable that the great blockade on the Sierras will soon be over.

The rotary plow broke down yesterday afternoon in the final drift remaining near Cascade. The plow has been working for fifteen days continually and it was thought the big machine would hold together until the road was cleared.

Information this afternoon shows that the great blockade on the Central Pacific is still unbroken, though according to the latest reports the only portion of the track which is obstructed now is between Tunnel 13 and Truckee, where the snow slides this morning covered the track for a short distance.

CECELEA FIRE. OREGON, NEB., Jan. 30.—[State Journal Special.]—About 10 o'clock last night fire was discovered in the large livery barn owned by Durham & Stalmer, and the barn, with ten heads of horses and all its contents, was totally destroyed.

ANOTHER WRECK. BINGHAMTON, N.Y., Jan. 30.—At midnight to-night the Wells-Fargo express on the Erie railroad, east-bound, dashed into the rear of passenger train No. 12, which was standing at the station at Oswego.

A GREAT EXCITEMENT. CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—The socialist and anarchist societies of this city are greatly excited over what they believe to be a large police conspiracy against them. A short time ago Detective Charles Nordrum was arrested and fined for an alleged unwarranted assault on a man at a socialist meeting.

KILLED BY A SNOW SLIDE. DOWNSVILLE, CAL., Jan. 28.—During the storm yesterday a snow slide at Logansville, ten miles above here, buried a house and killed two of the inmates.

STUCK PETROLEUM. GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Petroleum was struck Saturday near Johns town in a well that was being sunk for gas. The well had only reached the depth of 900 feet when oil was tapped, but it rises to a height of 500 feet through a seven-inch casing.

THE BLOCKADE IS RAISED. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Superintendent Fillmore of the Southern Pacific says the blockade in the Sierras is practically raised and all west-bound trains at Truckee, Wadsworth and Reno will move immediately.

LABORERS IMPORTED. PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 29.—A special to the Times from PUNXSUTAWAN, Pa., says: "Ninety-six men and six women, Poles and Swedes, arrived from the An thracite coal region and were taken to Walston mine, where they are expected to go to work to-day.

A STEAK FORGER. KNOXVILLE, TENN., JAN. 30.—A YOUNG man giving the name of C. S. Paton operated here and in Middleborough recently, purchasing real estate on a large scale. He opened accounts in the banks of both places.

THE WORST OF THE SEASON. CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—A Herald special from Denver, Col., says: Report from Idaho last night are that the worst snow storm of the season has been raging since 2 o'clock Friday afternoon all through the territory.

A HORRIBLE BOILER EXPLOSION. PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 20.—A special to the Times from Charleston, W. Va., says: A horrible boiler explosion occurred at the saw mill of A. B. Leech, on Falling Rock creek, twenty-five miles from here, which killed three men.

ATTEMPTS MADE TO WRECK THE TRAINS. AVON, MASS., Jan. 30.—Attempts were made to wreck two trains near here. In both cases the obstructions placed upon the track were discovered in time to prevent damage.

A FAMILY POISONED. POINT PLEASANT, W. VA., Jan. 30.—News has been received of the poisoning of a family of eight persons named Hargreave, living south of here, by a negro woman.

THE SNOW BLOCKADE. SAN FRANCISCO, JAN. 28.—THE railroad officials at Sacramento succeeded in having communication for a short time Saturday night with the Truckee office, on the eastern slope of the Sierra mountains, when it was learned that the snow was sixteen feet deep on the track between that place and a station five miles west of there.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 28.—At 9 o'clock this morning a serious fire was reported at Kittery navy yard. Assistant has been sent from here. The fire broke out in the boiler room of the building occupied as a machine and iron plate shop.

ANOTHER FATAL WRECK.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 28.—The passenger train on the Monon route which left Chicago Sunday night was wrecked at 7:50 this morning a mile above Carmel village, sixteen miles north of here.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The directors of the Louisville & Nashville railroad announce that they have decided to issue the \$13,000,000 of stock authorized at the last annual meeting for the purpose of redeeming 6 per cent collateral trust bonds and other interest bearing obligations and to offer the new stock to shareholders at 85.

NATIONAL SKATING RACES. NEWBURGH, N. Y., JAN. 28.—THE speed committee of the national amateur skating association has decided to call the scheduled races tomorrow. It is considered tonight that the ice is not in condition and will not be unless it freezes hard during the night.

SHOT HIS RIVAL. SAN ANTONIO, TEX., JAN. 29.—NINES Quintero and Manuel Ortega, who are cousins and employed on the Norris ranch, were a dark-eyed senorita. Unable to decide between them she suggested that they fight a duel with pistols.

THE ROAD WILL BE COMPLETED. DULUTH, MINN., JAN. 28.—THE Duluth & Winnipeg railroad has just filed in the office of the register of deeds a mortgage for \$7,000,000 to the Guarantee Loan and Trust company of Philadelphia.

A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION. SCHUBERT, Pa., Jan. 29.—A gang of Italians, Poles and Hungarians, who were employed in widening the railroad bed of the Shamokin, Sunbury & Lewisburg railroad, today set three blasts.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Robert Gibbons, one of the witnesses for the defence in the Cronin case, was shot and badly wounded tonight by Police Captain Schuttler as the result of an altercation in a saloon.

A FAMOUS CASE TO BE TRIED AGAIN. CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Judge Hawes manifested his displeasure this morning when a jury in his court brought in a verdict of 1 cent damages in the suit of McDermid, Russ & Co., board of tradesmen, against C. S. Platt.

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NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

CHICKEN-POX HAS INVADDED BROWNVILLE. THE Beemer cannery factory is offered for sale. Twenty counties in the state have lady school superintendents.

BEATRICE REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS OF Monday amounted to \$25,106. Passenger cars on the Union Pacific are now heated by steam.

A GEORGIA FIRM IS SHIPPING WOOL BY the carload from Hastings. Beatrice gets the next annual meeting of the state press association.

A NEW IMPROVED HOOP AND LADDER TRUCK for the Chadron fire department arrived last week. Bill Nye, one of the first settlers to locate at Chadron, died one day last week of influenza.

THE BUSINESS MEN OF STOCKVILLE have organized a building and loan association. Wilber is considering propositions for building a woolen mill, a paper mill and a linseed oil mill.

THE FARMERS NEAR COZAD have formed a company and will erect a mill and elevator at that place. Diphtheria still lingers in Fremont and has been the cause of several deaths during the past few days.

TWO ADDITIONAL LAND DISTRICTS have been made in Nebraska with headquarters at Alliance and Broken Bow. There is a dearth of wheat in Sioux county for seeding purposes, owing to the small acreage raised last year.

ALMA HAS RAISED A GUARANTEE FUND and will endeavor to have the county fair located at that place instead of Orleans. Three sacks of mail fell under the wheels of the fast mail train at Fremont the other day and were ground to shreds.

A 900 POUND BELL has arrived and will be placed in position on the new workshop at the Kearney industrial school. La grippe has reached Fort Robinson, and the hospital is full of victims, and several additional cots have been put in.

THE ST. PAUL & OMAHA RAILROAD is enlarging its yard system at Covington, giving employment to 100 additional men. Thomas Mapler, an old gentleman of Kearney, died Saturday from injuries received from a fall on an ice sidewalk last week.

THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL at Omaha agency, with L. Watson as superintendent is giving good satisfaction. Nearly fifty Indians. South Sioux City will bid for the machine shops and round house of the Pacific short line. A suitable site has been donated.

H. C. McMaken of Plattsmouth has a contract to ship 200,000 tons of ice to Memphis, Tenn., with the privilege of making it 400,000. James Cunningham, who was acquitted Tuesday of highway robbery in the district court at Nebraska City, will bring suit for heavy damages.

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THE SOUTH BOUND UNION PACIFIC PASSENGER train was wrecked Monday at Warrnerville, a few miles south of Norfolk, but no one was hurt.

BURGARS ENTERED THE POST-OFFICE at Aurora last week and blew the outer door of the safe from its hinges, but failed to get to the money drawer.

A WELL KNOWN CITIZEN OF NEBRASKA City who does not read the newspapers, was recently arrested and fined for leaving his horse unhitched in the street.

CHARLES B. BALDWIN, a widower and an old resident of David City, was found dead in bed Monday morning. It is supposed that asthma caused his death.

J. C. LEE, of Fremont, has been appointed quartermaster with the rank of captain for the regiment of the division of the Platte Patriarchs Militant.

HOWARD MULLHOLLAND, while out hunting near Douglas, received two severe cuts about the face, inflicted by the recoil and breaking of his gun stock.

CITIZENS OF ARNOLD recently petitioned the post-office department for a daily mail between that point and Broken Bow, but the request was refused.

THE LATEST SENSATION at Kearney is the story of a woman twenty-five years of age who never rode on a railroad train and a five year old boy who smokes cigars.

WINTER WHEAT IS TO RECEIVE A FAIR test in northwestern Nebraska, many Cherry county farmers have put in a large acreage from which they confidently expect a heavy yield.

COVINGTON PEOPLE are agitated over the question as to whether or not they have a board of trustees or any village officers, two members of the board having lately resigned and moved away.

SINCE THE REPORT OF GREAT SILVER find in the Keya Paha county the land office officials at Valentine are kept busy answering letters in regard to the proper way to file on mineral claims.

JOHN BLACKMORE, a farmer living near Neligh, committed suicide Monday in the presence of his family by shooting himself through the heart with a revolver. No cause for the act is as yet known.

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HORACE SIBLEY, who has been acting as secretary for the Young Men's Christian association at Nebraska City, has accepted a call to go to Beatrice to act as general secretary for the Y. M. C. A. in that city.

THE FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD SON OF JAMES Combs, living near Rulo, while playing with a revolver accidentally shot himself through the head, causing instant death. Both parents were sick in bed at the time.

WHILE FEEDING A CORNSHEDDER at the farm of William Beck, near Blue Springs, Frank Rice met with a painful accident. His hand caught in the wheels and his arm was drawn in until it stopped the machinery.

DURING THE YEAR there were 170 pieces of land proved up on in Sioux county. This with the increase in personal and railroad property in the county will make quite an addition to the taxable property to be listed next spring.

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND STATISTICS Jenkins has agreed to furnish the farmers of Dodge county with sugar beet seed, and after they have harvested a crop will have the beets analyzed to ascertain what per cent of sugar they contain.

THE CONTINUED SEVERITY of the weather in western Wyoming has caused a number of prominent owners of range cattle in Uinta county to form a pool for the purpose of rounding up their cattle and sheep and shipping them to Nebraska, where feed is plenty.

A CUSTER COUNTY farmer says: I broke out eighty acres of my claim the first season, sowed it to flax and cleared \$300 on it. The next year I broke out twenty acres more and sowed the whole 100 acres and cleared \$600 on it. I then quit farming for I had money to loan.

THE ROLLER MILL at Juniata, which came into the possession of Adams county by reason of the failure of the former county treasure some years ago, have been bought by I. R. Palmer of that place who will put in new machinery, making it one of the best mills in the state.

AFTER BEING OUT SEVEN HOURS the jury in the case of Maurice Fuerman, the West Point policeman who shot and killed Carl Schwenk in the latter's saloon some time ago, decided that Fuerman killed Schwenk in the discharge of his duty, and brought in a verdict of acquittal.

THE CITIZENS OF O'NEILL, failing to get a government bridge across the Niobrara river north of that place, held a meeting Tuesday and decided to erect a bridge themselves in order to accommodate the anticipated rush of settlers in that direction upon the opening of the Sioux reservation.

A PECULIAR CASE is being tried at Norfolk. The State National bank of that place, in cashing a check for Professor Hoyt of Fremont, claims to have given him \$5 too much and has brought suit to recover that amount. This is probably the first instance on record where bank officials would acknowledge a mistake.

MISS ALICE HARPER of Broken Bow is under arrest charged with infanticide. Upon being questioned she broke down and confessed the crime. She is an English girl about eighteen years of age and has been in this country about two years. She formerly lived in Ansley, but went to Broken Bow a few months ago to find work.