

Nebraska Notes

Good butter sells for 10 cents a pound at Oakdale.

Both barber shops at Orleans were recently looted by burglars.

A series of gospel temperance meetings will be held at Swanton.

A number of horses near Carleton have died from eating corn stalks.

The Mullen Enquirer has joined the great majority of silent newspapers.

Omaha is pulling hard for a sugar factory to go up with the new union depot.

The Kearney police are taking slow measures to rid the city of scarlet people.

Mrs. W. H. Webb of Berwyn was seriously hurt by falling on the frozen earth.

The school and churches at Cambridge are closed on account of diptheria.

It only costs a quarter to become a member of the southwest Nebraska editorial association.

G. E. Jones of Nuckolls county sold a brood sow the other day that tipped the beam at 665 pounds.

The saloon at Table Rock doesn't pay expenses. The people in that town prefer buttermilk to beer.

The Douglas Enterprise thinks a preacher cannot do good work unless his salary is paid promptly.

Calloway has organized a new social club, the object of which is to give semi-weekly dancing parties.

Quail are plentiful in Sarpy county. A crowd of Papillion sportsmen bagged eighty-two in one afternoon.

J. R. Stiltz of Genoa shipped through Sidney sixty-five thousand pounds of alfalfa seed for the Chicago market.

Butte is the foremost wheat market in north Nebraska. Competition is lively and high prices are being paid.

A North Platte boy was arrested for stealing coal, and the fine of \$1 imposed by the judge his father refused to pay.

The supply of celery used at Nebraska City is nearly all grown near Cook by a man who knows how to raise the best.

Oliver, son of Ed J. Hall, lately deceased, will keep books at the Kearney industrial school after the first of January.

John Ward of Papillion holds the belt for corn husking. His day's work was 167 bushels and ten pounds. Great Jebsaph!

A little daughter of Fritz Schmidt of Buffalo died last week as the result of scalding. The accident happened three weeks ago.

A Goedecker of Plattsmouth, was repairing a corn sheller when the horses suddenly started, and now he has but one thumb.

Mr. Baker, late agent for the Gilcrest Lumber company at Oconto, was convicted of embezzling \$140 of his employers' money.

Last summer Falls City had the best baseball team in that section of the state and now they seem to have the best football eleven.

Ira Hubbard of Gering had a badly broken leg. A log rolled off the wagon, striking him below the knee and fracturing both bones.

The man who leaves Nebraska in hopes of finding a better place, says the Stuart Ledger, would do well to purchase a return ticket.

A thirty man broke into the drug store at Loup City and got away with a jug of alcohol and a winter's supply of choice eating tobacco.

Some one tried to burn the hotel at Eustis by setting fire to a rack of hay near by. The bucket brigade saved everything but the hay.

Mrs. H. S. Slneck, state deputy supreme orator, organized a camp of Royal Neighbors at Petersburg with a charter membership of twenty.

The pupils of the Ansley school have organized a dramatic club, and will give entertainments for the purpose of starting a school library fund.

Peter Johnson of Williamsburg lost nearly a hundred chickens in one night. It wasn't coyotes that did the mischief.

After a delay of about five years, Misses Maggie and Maud and Mr. Earnest Peery, of Franklin, have received the sum of \$500 from an estate in the east.

The big Finnegan will case in court at Schuyler, where three children are arrayed against two, has been compromised after occupying five days of the court's time.

A case of wife-beating occurred at Oakdale recently, and the wrath of a justly mortified son caused the belligerent sire to absent himself from home for a few days.

Whitecaps went to the house of a farmer in Lincoln county and gave him three hours in which to pack up and pull out. He procured a Winchester and still holds the fort.

Colonel Wisner's Bayard Transcript has just rounded out another year of its existence, making eight in all. The Transcript has always been one of the best papers in Cheyenne County.

Plymouth boasts of having the largest horse west of the Mississippi river, if not in America. This freak is eighteen hands in height and has a frame large enough to weigh, when in good condition, at least 4,000 pounds.

Jack the ripper, Jack the Strangler and Jack the Clipper have all had their day in different localities, but Sidney can boast of the only Jack the Smasher, who takes a special delight in throwing stones and breaking window glass, and the large plate glass are his favorites.

FRUIT THE PROPER THING.

Its Advantages Over Bread and Vegetables Are Many.

As compared with the nourishment they give, fruits and nuts have the least proportion of earthy salt. Animal flesh comes next, then vegetables, and fourth in rank we have the largest amount of the earthy matters. From the analysis we see that fruits as distinct from vegetables have the least amount of earth salts. Most of them contain a large quantity of water, but that water is of the purest kind—a distilled water of nature—and has in solution vegetable albumen.

We also notice that they are to a great extent free from oxidized albumens—glutinous and fibrous substances; and many of them contain acids—citric, tartaric, malic, etc.—which, when taken into the system, act directly upon the blood by increasing its solubility, by thinning it; the process of circulation is more easily carried on and the blood flows more easily in the capillaries—which become lessened in caliber as age advances—than it would if of a thicker nature. These acids lower the temperature of the body and thus prevent the wasteful process of oxidation, or combustion in the system.

Exhilarating and stimulating effects produced by tea, coffee and chocolate are caused by theine in tea, caffeine in coffee, and bromine in cocoa or chocolate—the latter containing a smaller percentage of the stimulant than the others. All have a similar alkaloid base.

Milk has become extremely popular with all classes of physicians of late years. Formerly a fever patient was forbidden to take milk. In modern practice milk is about the only food allowed. An exclusive diet of milk is found very efficacious in diabetes. At the German spas, Carlsbad, Wiesbaden, etc., a very little bread is allowed and the diet mostly made up of milk, eggs, grapes and lean beef.

A non-starch diet is the rule, bread, starchy vegetables and cereals being almost excluded. Rice is easily digested and an excellent food, except that it abounds in earth salts. Fruits are not only digested in the first stomach, but they have a large part of their nourishment already in a condition to be absorbed and assimilated as soon as eaten.

The food elements in bread and cereals have to undergo a process of digestion in the stomach and then be passed on to the intestines for a still further chemical change before they are of use to the human system. This is the great advantage of a diet of lean meats and fruits.—North American Review.

Has Saved Sixteen Lives.

James Black, assistant reporter for the Merchants' Exchange at Melges wharf, has prevented one more bay tragedy. The Southern Pacific collier Mackinaw came in late in the afternoon and as usual kept on her course to her coal bunkers across the bay, simply slowing up to lower a boat containing a couple of men who were to go ashore and purchase supplies, besides carrying a report to the Southern Pacific offices. The bay was rough, and by the time one man, Andrew Jacobson, had lowered himself into the small boat, a heavy sea swamped the craft. The steamer was making good headway, and a life preserver thrown to Jacobson, who could not swim, landed far out of his reach. Jacobson must have perished but for Black, who was going off to the ship to get her papers. He saw the helpless man in the water, and as his split tail would not carry him fast enough he took to his oars to hasten his boat to the side of the helpless sailor. Black arrived just as Jacobson, now unconscious, was about to sink for the third time. With all his strength he jerked the man into his whitehall and put off for the steamer, which had begun to back up. Jacobson was hoisted aboard, and after he had been rolled for half an hour returned to life.

Jacobson is the sixteenth person who owes his life to the courage of Black. When yet a lad of 16 he rescued six of his playmates from watery graves. He has saved ten men from death in the bay since he has been employed. San Francisco Chronicle.

Monte Carlo Victims.

The gambling tables at Monte Carlo have claimed two more victims, and the authorities, as usual, are annoyed at the secret having leaked out. Monte Carlo has never been in good odor. Every addition to the long roll of suicides stirs up afresh the widespread desire to have its gambling tables done away with. Hence strenuous efforts are made to prevent cases of suicide being made public. The local press is lavishly bribed to keep the reports out of the papers. But people frequently go away from Monte Carlo to commit suicide, and those are the cases which come to light. In the little place itself, when a man is known to have lost heavily, he is closely watched. Not infrequently the authorities make him a small present of money, accompanied with a word or two of shrewd advice. But a few shillings plus all the advice in the world will not bring hope back to foolish, ruined humanity, and so suicide remains popular.—Sussex News.

Cyclists and Carrier Pigeons.

Experiments with cyclists and carrier pigeons for transmitting messages are being made by the Gymnastic Society of Rome, in the interest of the Italian army. The rider carries a small cage attached to his machine, in which are several well-trained pigeons. When important observations have been taken and jotted down they are placed in envelopes and affixed to the birds, which are liberated.

Whenever the boys see a wagon loaded with watermelons, they wish the horse hitched to it would run away.

ORGANIZE FOR CUBA LIBRE

The Cuban League of the United States Organized at New York.

LEADING MEN BEHIND THE LEAGUE.

Such Men as Chauncey Depew and Theodore Roosevelt Interest Themselves in the Freedom of Cuba—Monster Mass Meeting.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Cuban league of the United States was formally organized in this city last evening. The men behind this movement are so well known and carry so much weight that it is beyond a doubt that this is the beginning of a movement that will have no small part in the history of both countries. The meeting organized with Col. Ethan Allen as president and the following as vice presidents: Charles A. Dana, former Governor, Roswell P. Flower, former Postmaster-General, Thomas M. James, Chauncey M. Depew, John R. Despasos, Theodore Roosevelt, former Mayor Thomas F. Gilroy, George roadley, J. Edward Simmons and C. H. Dennison.

Francis Wayland Glen was elected secretary, Darwin R. James, treasurer, and the executive committee was made up as follows: John Jacob Astor, Paul Dana, Gen. Daniel Butterfield, Col. Fred D. Grant, Walter Logan, Edwin Wardman, John C. McGuire, R. C. Alexander, Constant A. Andrews, Frank B. Carpenter, John D. Kelley and Thomas E. Stewart.

In opening the meeting Colonel Allen read this call:

"We, the undersigned citizens of this republic, anxious for the success of all people for the civil and political liberty which this nation secured more than a century ago and still enjoys, unite in organizing the Cuban league of the United States of America.

"The object of this league is to secure for Cuba by all lawful, peaceful and honorable means the political independence which her patriots are now endeavoring by tremendous sacrifices of life and treasure to gain, to encourage them with our sympathy and moral support and to arouse the whole nation to demand an end of the campaign of murder and destruction in that island.

"Mindful of the help which our fathers received in a similar struggle, we are constrained by a sense of gratitude to return to Cuba the kindness which was effectively given to us.

"It is apparent to all thoughtful observers that Spain has not the power to crush the Cuban patriots, and therefore the continuance of the cruel struggle in Cuba can only serve to prolong a sense of abasement and humiliation in the minds of all men who are confident that this republic has the power to end it and is in honor called upon to do so for the highest good of all parties directly concerned.

"This call was signed by all of the men above named. Other prominent signatures attached to it were Gen. Powell Clayton, A. B. Hepburn, Silas B. Dasher, Gen. C. T. Christensen, Col. A. L. Swords, Col. P. Huntington, Louis Windmiller, Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Col. W. L. Brown, Gen. Martin T. McMahon, Hon. Noah Davis, Warner Miller, Gen. Howard Carroll, Dr. A. M. Fernandez de Ybarra, Alonzo B. Cornell and about fifty others.

Colonel Allen predicted that the movement thus started would become historic.

A monster mass meeting will be held in Cooper union next Monday night, when Sen. Morgan of the foreign relations committee and Congressman Hitt of the same committee in the house, Congressman Reed of Maine and Senator Callom of Illinois will speak.

Made His Escape.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The Tageblatt says that ex-Sultan Murad has escaped from the palace near Constantinople, where he has remained practically a prisoner since he became insane in 1886.

Uncle Sam Won.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The United States yesterday won its fight against the Oregon & California Railroad company and the Oregon Central Railroad company for possession of the lands within the northwest quadrant of the circle of which Forest Grove, Ore., is the center, within a radius of twenty miles, which was originally granted to the Oregon Central Railroad company and forfeited by act of congress for failure to complete the line as proposed. The Central disposed of its right to the Oregon & California company and both were made defendants. The circuit court for the Ninth circuit gave judgment for the United States, but the court of appeals reversed that. The supreme court of the United States, in an opinion announced by the chief justice, reversed the court of appeal and sustained the circuit court.

Made an Assignment.

New York, Dec. 15.—Bagot & Sons, dealers in dry goods, assigned to Ambrose O. McCall, without preference. Liabilities \$140,000; assets \$45,000. Dull trade and pressure of creditors are said to have caused the failure.

Amend Copyright Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The bill amending the copyright law, particularly as regards dramatic productions, together with the house amendment, was laid before the senate and the amendment concurred in. The bill makes piracy a misdemeanor and makes an injunction granted by one circuit judge enforceable in any circuit. The effect of the amendment is that the injunction shall not be granted without due notice to defendants. The bill now goes to the president.

OFFER AID TO CUBA

Cuban Officers in the United States Overwhelm With Offers.

New York, Dec. 16.—From all parts of the United States, from Mexico and from Paris, telegrams were received by the Cuban junta and by the prominent Cubans in New York, in which the correspondents expressed their sympathy for free Cuba and offered financial assistance to the men who are making a fight for liberty.

One of the most ardent writers was Herbert Wolcott, chairman of the Cuban American league of Cleveland and brother of the United States Senator Wolcott. In his communication to Fidel G. Pierrera, Mr. Wolcott said the American-born citizens of Cleveland were intensely enthusiastic and reproached the murder of Maceo and his staff. Money, Mr. Wolcott said, was coming in faster than at any time since the war began, and if men were wanted there would be no trouble in recruiting more than one regiment. So fervent is the sympathy for Cuba that the junta would not be asked to expend a dollar of its funds for equipment or transportation. Mr. Wolcott said. He wrote that members of the Grand Army of the Republic in Cleveland who were officers in the civil war had volunteered to go with enlisted men and assume command of them in Cuba.

In Florida, Louisiana and Georgia and the other Gulf states the feeling seems strong against Spain, as evidenced by communications received here. It is stated by prominent Cubans that if vessels can be got of the country it will be only a few days before many thousand stand of arms and many chests of ammunition will be landed within the insurgent lines.

W. R. Galbreath, librarian of the Ohio state library of Columbus, communicated with Mr. Pierrera, asking information as to the shipping of munitions, the transmission of funds and the forwarding of men to Cuba. Mr. Galbreath said the people of that city were thoroughly in earnest and that they could be counted upon for larger subscriptions than ever before.

In this city funds have been pouring in to aid the Cuban cause and many inquiries are being made of the Cuban officials as to the best way to transmit funds and supplies to the men who are fighting.

At the Fillibuster.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 16.—A special received by the Citizen from Key West states that the cruisers Newark and Raleigh received telegraphic instructions from Washington at noon yesterday and that the cruisers at once put to sea to capture the steamer Three Friends, which left Fernandina on an early hour yesterday morning with a cargo of arms and ammunition, besides about fifty Cubans, to be landed in Cuba. Instructions were also received for the revenue cutters McLain, at Miami, and the Winona and Forward at Key West, to intercept the Three Friends if possible.

Every effort will thus be made to catch the little fillibuster, which succeeded in getting away with its cargo despite the vigilance of the government officials and Spanish spies. This was done by using the Commodore as a decoy, the Cubans announcing that all of the preparations being made were to send the Commodore with a cargo of arms and ammunition to Cuba. The Commodore lay at its wharf yesterday and no attempt was made to clear from the custom house.

The actual cargo carried by the Three Friends was as follows: Four hundred thousand rounds of ammunition, 1,040 rifles, one twelve-pound Hotchkiss gun, twenty machetes, 4,000 pounds of dynamite, besides a quantity of medicine, provisions, etc. The expedition is commanded by Perez Calvo, who was an adjutant of Maceo's staff.

Held a Robber.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—Walter Jackson, a cigarmaker forty-two years old, is under arrest here under the charge of being one of the gang which tried to rob the Iron Mountain train in this city December 9. The prisoner admits he was around the railway yards the night of the crime and the police have a man who saw Jackson at Tower Grove station a short time before the hold-up and who alleges he saw some sticks of dynamite in Jackson's possession. Four other men, who are said to belong to the Bates street gang, were also brought to police headquarters yesterday on suspicion of being part of the train-robbing gang.

Santa Claus Causes a Fire.

ALTOONA Pa., Dec. 16.—Damage aggregating \$100,000 was done here Monday night by a fire, started by a boy playing Santa Claus in a show window of E. M. Morrow's dry goods store, corner Eleventh avenue and Twelfth street. The boy upset a kerosene lamp and in a very few minutes fire was sweeping through the store. The fire extended to the Odd Fellow's building, a three-story brick structure, in which the postoffice is located, and on the other side to the Simon building, a three-story structure. The three buildings were gutted. It was rumored that two girls perished in Morrow's store, but the report could not be verified.

Killed at His Own Game.

CLAREMONT, I. T., Dec. 16.—While drunk and creating a disturbance here Monday night in a saloon, Ed Reed, who killed the Crittenden brothers a year ago, was shot and killed by a deputy sheriff. He was a son of the notorious Belle Starr. He had been arrested earlier in the evening for shooting the saloon and was placed under bond, but after his release he returned to the saloon and was flourishing his gun when killed with two shots.

DARE NOT TO HELP CUBANS

Against the Law to Enlist Now in the United States for Purpose of War.

CUBA JUNTA AT ST. LOUIS MUST STOP

District Attorney Felt Informs the Leader of the Junta That it is Not Legal to Openly Solicit Aid and Enlist Men.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—Enlistment of recruits and solicitation of funds to assist the Cubans continues here unabated, and is carried on without attempt at concealment. This is done in direct violation of legal enactment, and yesterday United States District Attorney Anthony Felt called upon the junta. Senor Ramon Aquabella, the active Cuban agent here, received a note from the United States attorney calling attention to the following sections of the neutrality laws: "Every person who within the territory of jurisdiction of the United States levies or sets on foot, or provides or prepares the means for any military expedition on enterprise, to be carried on from there against the territories or dominions of any foreign prince or state or colony with which the United States are at peace, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor and shall be fined not exceeding \$3,000 and imprisoned for not more than three years."

Had the work of enlistment been carried on with a show of secrecy, as heretofore, this note of the attorney would not have been written. But for a week recruiting and the soliciting of funds have been public.

Julius von Gerste and W. C. Carter, revolutionary agents, have been quickly picking up the right kind of men and shipping them to New Orleans. They left for that point yesterday, accompanied by Cornelius Knott, a chemist, and J. L. Goodner, a mechanical engineer, who have a new fangled cannon that is said to work deadly execution. Von Gerste claimed he had sent 200 men out of St. Louis and that he would pick up 300 more on his way down to New Orleans. Preference is given to veterans of the British or German armies not citizens of this country.

Charged With Bribery.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—The announcement that a warrant is out for the arrest of City Clerk Charles F. Haney and that Haney is on his way to Mexico has created a sensation. The charge is bribery in connection with the city fuel contracts. Haney was expected to go to Mexico January 1, having been ordered by his physician. He left very suddenly last Friday night, and although the local authorities have made an effort to arrest him before he crosses the border they have not yet succeeded. The grand jury is now in session, and is investigating a number of aldermen charged with boodling in paving, sewer and other contracts. It has leaked out that at least two indictments have been found and some thirty others are promised. The evidence has been gathered by Chicago detectives under the direction of certain members of the Good Citizenship league. Among the charges made is one that the ballot boxes in the Eleventh ward were tampered with to secure the election of an alderman favorable to the combine. The contest over this feat is still progress.

Crushed to Death.

RED OUFF, Cal., Dec. 17.—A terrible accident occurred late yesterday afternoon in the Holy Cross mining district. The accident took place in a tunnel in the Holy Cross mine. A rich strike was made recently in the tunnel and the company has been pushing the development of the new vein. Six men were at work in the tunnel yesterday afternoon. A heavy blast was put in, which tore down a great quantity of earth and stone, under which they were crushed to death.

The district is situated sixteen miles from this place, and the courier who brought the news of the disaster could not give the names of the unfortunate miners.

Looted the Bank.

DENVER, Dec. 17.—The testimony given in the trial before Judge Hallett in the United States district court of Charles H. Dow, president, and Sidney E. McClurken, teller of the Commercial National bank, and O. E. Miller of the Hernia Treatment company, now of Chicago, charged with misappropriation of the funds of the bank has been of a sensational nature.

It appears from the testimony of other officers of the bank that at the time it was closed in 1893 Miller had overdrawn his account to the amount of \$25,000, the only security for which held by the bank was his personal note. Miller had secured this large amount by means of kiting checks with the approval of President Dow. It has been shown that he shipped large sums of money east by express from time to time.

Billy Smith Wants Money.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Billy Smith has sued Thomas Sharkey for \$900 which he claims is due him for services rendered in assisting to train the sailor for his recent battle with Fitzsimmons. Smith asserts that his services were worth \$1,000, but Sharkey had only paid him \$100.

Warship Ready to Sail.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The flagship New York, which has been undergoing repairs in the Brooklyn navy yard, will leave on Saturday next for Hampton Roads. A supply of ammunition from Fort Wadsworth is to be stored in the magazines of the vessel as soon as she is taken out of her docks. This fact has led some of her officers to believe that the New York will not remain at Hampton Roads long, but will in all probability join the Raleigh and Newark of Key West.

WE SHOULD PROTECT.

A stirring Manifesto issued by the President of the Cuban League.

New York, Dec. 18.—Col Ethan Allen, president of the Cuban league of the United States, which was organized the other evening by a number of prominent New Yorkers at the Fifth Avenue hotel, issued an address to the public yesterday in which he sets forth the principles and purposes of the organization. The address, after reviewing the struggle in Cuba from its inception to the present time says:

"We are charged before the world with impotency in not protecting our own citizens against Spanish violence on Cuban soil, and in hushing our indignation at unnumbered cruelties in Cuba, while millions of American capital there invested are gradually disappearing, which would be saved by the immediate intervention of this government."

"Fellow citizens, it is due to ourselves, as well as to Cuba, that this record should be reversed. This has not been our record hitherto and we are persuaded will not remain so now, when an appeal is made to the humanity, as well as to the material interests, of our people. We do not propose, nor is it necessary, to violate our laws. But if the laws stand in the way then change the laws."

"We, the people, are the source of power, and may dictate what the law shall be and therefore cannot shield ourselves behind statutory phraseology from the odium of not fulfilling our natural obligations toward a people struggling to be free. Let us so speak that this executive of this nation and our representatives in congress shall recognize Cuban independence and all will be well."

"We are not required to raise battalions of men nor ships of war, but we are called upon to declare that the heart of this nation is with the oppressed Cubans and then her independence acknowledged, her unarmed heroes may obtain from us, as required, the equipments of war, as Spain has done heretofore, and thus we blaze the way for a final victory, as surely to follow as in the end right triumphs over wrong."

The league asks for subscriptions throughout the United States in aid of the patriots, which may be sent to Hon. Darwin B. Jones, the treasurer, No. 203 Broadway, New York. The league will hold a grand mass meeting in Cooper Union Monday, December 21.

Bold Robbing in Missouri.

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 18.—While the Missouri, Kansas & Pacific flyer was approaching Sedalia at an early hour yesterday morning three men who had boarded the train further up the road commenced to rob the passengers in the chair car, relieving them of watches, jewelry and money.

A wild scene followed, some of the awakening passengers making a show of fight and the women screaming from fright.

C. H. Hopewood of Finnegan, Ill., who had lost his watch, grabbed the timepiece from one of the robbers and a scuffle ensued. Other passengers came to Hopewood's assistance, but the thieves fought their way to the platform and jumped off the train just as it was entering the city. They escaped after securing three gold watches and a small amount of money.

Not a shot was fired by robbers or passengers and the thing was over within five minutes.

Uncle Tom Gets Mad.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18.—The "Little Eva" of an African Uncle Tom's Cabin company was landed in the city receiving hospital at an early hour yesterday morning. The "Uncle Tom" of the same organization is a fugitive from justice. A company of negroes were rehearsing for "Uncle Tom's Cabin Up to Date" in a hall in Vine street. Miss Melinda Chamberlain, otherwise "Little Eva," did not roll her eyes in the pathetic parts to come up to the artistic requirements of the company's "boss bully," Roy Norman, who had the title role. When the final meeting came "Uncle Tom" whipped out a razor and fell upon "Little Eva." His execution was so good that "Little Eva" came near bleeding to death before she reached the receiving hospital. He escaped. Fourteen stitches were required to gather the wound on her thigh.

Medical College Burns.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 18.—At an early hour yesterday morning an explosion occurred at the Detroit college of medicine and immediately following the explosion flames broke forth from the third story windows and in less than two hours the entire building was a mass of ruins. The janitor of the institution and his wife narrowly escaped with their lives.

The loss on building will reach \$75,000 partly insured. Besides the building itself, valuable instruments, such as microscopes, etc., and costly furniture, have been destroyed. The cause of the fire is as yet not fully cleared up, but incendiarism is strongly suspected.

Case of Accidental Death.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Judge Adams of the federal court has awarded judgment for \$2,165 to Mrs. Sarah Smith against the Western Commercial Travelers' association on an accident policy on Mrs. Smith's late husband. The ground of complaint was that the skin was accidentally rubbed off Mr. Smith's foot while breaking in a new pair of shoes; that blood-poisoning set in causing Smith's death. The judge held that death was accidental.