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NEBRASKA.

A bank is to be started in North Loup.

Range cattle are enduring the severe weather finely. Feed is plentiful.

North Platte's gambling houses have been closed by order of the mayor.

The commissioners of Hayes county have employed an expert to check up the public records of that county.

One Beatrice firm has made over twenty-five pairs of sled runners from gas pipe since the recent snow fall.

The night telegraph service at Herby and Big Spring has been discontinued on account of slack business.

Donald McLean writes to several O'Neill people that he will be there in the spring to build the Pacific Shore Line to the Pacific coast.

A Shelton company has secured the contract to furnish the Union Pacific railroad with several hundred cars of ice to be shipped to North Platte.

Wayne's water works system pays the running expenses. The investment of \$20,000 was well spent, although some difficulties were experienced in the beginning.

Warren Darrance, of Fairmont, accidentally jabbed a pitchfork into the face of his brother Walter. One tine passed through the cheek and punctured the roof of the mouth.

Upon application of Receiver Snyder of the Holt County bank, Judge Westover made an order authorizing him to pay a final dividend of 5 per cent to the creditors of that institution.

Burglars entered the postoffice at Exter and made an attempt to get into the safe, but were unsuccessful. This is the third similar visit within a year which the office has received.

There were over 400 chattel mortgages released from record at Ord in one day last week, aggregating over \$20,000. This makes over \$60,000 released for the month up to the 24th.

Blanche Hildebrand, the Hartington girl who disappeared just before an important criminal case in which she was the principal witness was called for trial, has been located and brought back by the officers.

Miss Phena Hardinger, who was sent to the reform school two or three years ago for stealing goods from the residence of A. A. Jamer, was last week bound over to appear at the February term of the district court of Jefferson county for raising a check.

Henry Lammers, the insane farmer who escaped from the Alexian Brothers' hospital in St. Louis some two months ago and who walked the entire distance from that place to his home in Cimicking county, has so far recovered his mental balance that the board has discharged him from custody.

Mr. Herout, living about one mile from Verdigré, came home intoxicated and taking the butcher knife, went for his wife, cutting her arms and face badly and chasing her out of the house over to a neighbor. She went to Verdigré and swore out a warrant for his arrest, but the latter repented and would not appear against him.

The financial condition of Buffalo county is better than it has been for years. The floating indebtedness is all paid and all warrants now issued are paid in cash and a large cash balance is in the county treasury.

Lyman Cary will succeed himself for the coming treasurer and will give a personal bond, instead of the trust bond that he gave the last term.

The State's Dairyman's association, at its final meeting listened to a number of papers and elected officers. These officers for the year are: President, George E. Haskell, Beatrice; vice president, C. A. Clark, Ravenna; secretary, F. H. Vaughan, Fremont.

The following board was elected: Charles Harding, Norfolk; B. S. Stauffer, Bellevue; S. C. Bassett, S. A. Merrill, Minden, and W. A. Poynter, of Albion.

The state board of public lands and buildings ordered that a demand be made of Dr. C. P. Fall, late superintendent of the institute for feeble minded children at Beatrice, for the sum of \$150, which the board claims Fall should turn over to his successor.

The order of the board was that if the settlement was not made on demand that proceedings be commenced by the attorney general to collect the amount from Fall and his bondsmen.

The state board of health, at a recent meeting appointed Dr. O. Grothman, of St. Paul, secretary of the board to succeed Dr. F. D. Halderman, of Ord, and H. B. Cummings, of Seward, as member of the board of secretaries, to succeed Dr. F. C. Stewart, of Auburn. The last appointment is understood to have been made at the request of the State Eclectic association, so as to give the eclectics representation on the board of secretaries.

Acker K. Nelson, of Polk county, late of Company C, Second Pennsylvania artillery, has been trying to get a pension for years. A few months ago he called on Judge Saunders to assist him. The judge took the case and put in his best efforts with the assistance of Congressman Hainer and lately Congressman Stark, who did his best to bring it about. The judge had the satisfaction last week of getting a telegram from Congressman Stark saying the claim had been allowed to date from August, 1890, at \$8 per month.

Over thirty-five carloads of building material have passed through Ashland recently, with Memphis as the destination, to be used in the construction of Armour's big ice plant at that point.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Omaha Fair and Speed association in Omaha, it was agreed to release the state board of agriculture from holding a state fair in that city next year on condition that such release will not affect the contract which provides that one more additional state fair shall be held in Omaha in 1900. This action was taken at the request of the state board.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE.

Miscellaneous News Notes Gathered From This and Other Countries—Accidental, Criminal, Political, Social and Otherwise—Crisp Condensations From All Quarters.

Saturday, December 25.

China has granted Russia permission to winter her squadron at Port Arthur.

General Weyler in an interview is quoted as saying he has no hope of the success of autonomy.

The orange and lemon crops of Southern California have been injured by frost during the succession of cold nights.

The postmaster general has decided to order a postage stamp to commemorate the Trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha the coming year. They will be of the denomination of 1, 2, 5 and 10 cents and \$1.

Monday, December 27.

Nebraska will not hold any state fair in 1898.

John Cosgrove, the well known athlete, is dead.

Louis B. Bowen, a Montana newspaper man, was killed by being run over by the cars.

The statements about the shooting of political prisoners in Guatemala are without foundation.

The second chamber of the Netherlands has adopted a bill abolishing the duty on Java sugar.

Sixteen persons were killed by an explosion of fire damp in the Kaiserstuhl II pit at Dortmund, Prussia.

The army pack train left Cheyenne, Wyo., for Alaska, twelve packers and sixty-two mules forming the outfit.

Gen. Gonzales Munoz will be nominated governor general of Porto Rico, to succeed Lieutenant General Marín.

Charles Byrne, formerly of Omaha, prominent of late years in baseball circles, is at death's door in Brooklyn, New York.

The government of New South Wales is arranging to supply frozen meat to the Russian authorities at Vladivostok.

It is crowded store at Birmingham, Ala. Felix T. Brown, a commercial traveler, was shot and killed by Alderman Ashford.

The compensation of the employees of the United States mint at San Francisco has been reduced in the aggregate \$41,418.

It is understood at Washington that John V. George, a brother of Henry George, will soon be reinstated as a special inspector of customs.

It is believed that the president has decided to appoint Judge Paxson, of Pennsylvania, as a member of the interstate commerce commission.

The medal recently presented to Lieut. R. E. Peary by the Edinburgh Geographical society, and which was subsequently lost, has been found in a theater in London.

William E. Burr, jr., ex-cashier of the St. Louis National bank, serving five years at the Jefferson City penitentiary for embezzlement of \$20,000, got a Christmas gift in the shape of a pardon by President McKinley.

Isaac Durrett was shot and mortally wounded at a dance at Rockville, Ind. The ball landed in the bowels. His assailant is unknown. Durrett pitched for the Washington, Ind., Baseball club last season.

Tuesday, Dec. 28.

Fire in London destroys half a million dollars worth of property.

W. H. Grace, a leading republican of Brooklyn, is dead, aged 57 years.

Two Alton (Ill.) men fought with knives and pistols on Christmas day. Both will die.

Christmas week at the national capital is said to be deader than a week in August.

Forty persons were maimed and mutilated at a powder explosion at Ashville, N. C.

William Gottzyer and Mrs. John Rice, both of New York, dropped dead while trimming Christmas trees for the children.

Colorado has a scheme to raise funds for representation at the Omaha exposition.

Christmas day, A. D. 1897, was the most quiet and peaceful on record at the White house.

In 1897 twenty-one Paris killings yielded only \$16 each and every murderer was guillotined.

General Booth, the venerable leader of the Salvation army, will visit the United States next month.

President Pierola signed and promulgated the new measure legalizing non-Catholic marriages in Peru.

Dr. J. D. Goddard, under sentence of sixteen years for the murder of F. J. Jackson at Kansas City, was admitted to bail of \$13,500.

The non-partisan National Woman's Christian Temperance union will hold its eighth annual convention at Columbus, O., January 7 to 11, 1898. There promises to be a large attendance.

Wednesday, Dec. 29.

Louis A. Leon, a Cleveland, O., clothier, assigned. Assets, \$16,000; liabilities, \$30,000.

The Royal Shoe company, of New York, retail shoe dealers, has assigned to Leo Levi. Liabilities, \$40,000; assets, \$15,000.

The Hamburger Nachrichten denies that Prince Bismarck's gout is better, and says he cannot walk or sleep, and is unable to read or answer his friends' letters.

The Earl of Crewe, while hunting

with the Cheshire hounds, was thrown from his horse, sustaining a fracture of the collar bone and serious injuries about the head.

Grand Master Sargent, of the Firemen's Brotherhood, Illinois, who has just returned from Washington, denied that he is a candidate for interstate commerce commissioner.

The London Daily Chronicle asserts that the negotiations with Germany on behalf of the Chinese government are no longer being conducted by Li Hung Chang, but by Chang Yin Haun.

It is announced that Hon. A. P. Swineford, ex-governor of Alaska, will go to Alaska early next year to take charge of the interests in that section of the United Mines company of New York.

Senators Cullom and Mason, of Illinois, called on the president to urge the appointment of State Senator D. T. Littler, of Illinois, as successor to Morrison on the interstate commerce commission.

Mr. Clifford Sifton and Mr. J. A. McKenna, of the Canadian interior department, who are to consult with Secretary Alger on the forwarding of supplies to the Klondike, arrived in Washington.

C. De Vlieger, jr., a commercial traveler of Battle Creek, Mich., who has written several stories under the nom de plume of "Jyp," was robbed of \$2,852 while stopping at the Midland hotel in Kansas City.

The receivers of the Superior Consolidated Land and Iron company petitioned Judge Jenkins in the United States circuit court at Milwaukee for permission to borrow \$200,000, the funds to be used in carrying on the business of the company, making improvements, etc.

Thursday, Dec. 30.

Judge Gilbert B. Reed, a prominent lawyer of Colorado, is dead.

The office of the Detroit Free Press was badly damaged by fire.

Secretary Gage declares that he has not tendered his resignation.

The attendance at the convention of Nebraska teachers is larger this year than last.

The last session of the cabinet discussed the matter of relief for the miners of Alaska.

Stenographers employed by the defense in the Luetgert case have struck for their pay.

A number of parties at Pierre, S. D., are making preparation to go to the Klondike George.

The steamer George W. Elder has sailed for Dyea and Skagway with 125 passengers and 500 tons of freight.

An effort is being made to permit voluntary liquidation by the Chestnut Street (Philadelphia) National bank.

Former Vice President Morton has accepted the presidency of the new Fifth Avenue Trust company, New York.

Veins of gilsonite in sufficient size to warrant development are reported to have been discovered on Willow creek, in Middle Park, Colorado.

Mrs. Mary Anderson and her two daughters, Edith and Myrtle, aged 8 and 5 years, respectively, were asphyxiated by illuminating gas in their home in Chicago.

Mrs. Woolsey G. Sterling is dead, aged 82 years. She was a prominent abolitionist and her home at Bridgeport, Conn., was a station on the "underground railroad." She founded the first sanitary society for soldiers during the civil war.

Itzig Iapko, who sailed under the name of Max Iapko and who is wanted in Russia for the embezzlement of 3,200 roubles (\$1,600), was arrested in New York as he landed from the steamer Etruria from Liverpool.

Monday, January 2.

A fire at Port au Prince wrecked 800 houses.

Klondike miners say there is no want at Dawson.

An English syndicate has secured control of the Trinidad asphalt company.

John Burke, Q. C., member of parliament, was drowned in the Otianberry river.

It is rumored that the Marquis of Hertford will succeed the Earl of Aberdeen as governor general of Canada.

Representative Greene of the Sixth Nebraska district has been allotted time on January 5 to speak upon the question of civil service.

Rear Admiral Lord Beresford has accepted the invitation of the unionists of York to contest that seat in parliament, vacated by the death of Sir Charles Lockwood.

The forthcoming monthly statement of the government receipts and expenditures will show a material increase in the receipts from both customs and internal revenue.

There will probably be eight denominations of stamps of the special issue authorized for the Omaha exposition, and they will be ready for distribution by the big offices when the exposition begins next year.

The president has decided to appoint O. Bierendall of Sioux Falls, editor of the South Dakota Echo, the only Scandinavian organ in the state, as consul at Beirut, Syria. The place pays \$2,400 a year.

George W. Peck, ex-governor of Wisconsin and author of "Peck's Bad Boy" has closed a contract with the Southern Lumber Bureau for a limited course of lectures in the south and middle western states.

Miners Start for Alaska.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—The steamer George W. Elder has sailed for Talia and Skagway with 125 passengers and 500 tons of freight. Fifty horses and 400 tons of freight were offered, but the Elder was unable to make room. Among the passengers was Major L. H. Rucker, Fourth United States cavalry, who goes to Skagway and Talia to make an investigation of the passes for the purpose of selecting the most feasible route for the government Yukon relief party.

WORK IN THE SENATE.

MATTERS THAT WILL KEEP MEMBERS BUSY.

Annexation of Hawaii is the Leader in Labor That is to Be Performed—Friends of the Movement Insist on Forging the Issue, and Feel Assured They Will Win.

Forecasting Senate Work.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The prevailing opinion among senators is that very little legislation will be attempted during the present week.

The fact that congress will not reconvene until Wednesday will probably be taken by the absentees to mean that nothing will be attempted until the following week, and as a consequence it is doubtful whether there will be a quorum present in the senate on Wednesday, in which event there will probably be an early adjournment until the following day, and then an adjournment until Monday. In any event it is not probable that any important questions will be raised during the present week.

The general understanding is, however, that the work of the session will begin in real earnest after this week and that henceforth there will be no justification of the complaint of dullness of the proceedings. Among the questions which will engage early attention are the Hawaiian annexation question, the claim of Mr. Corbett a seat in the senate from Oregon, the immigration bill and the financial question.

In all probability the committee on privileges and elections will meet during the present week and the chances are that an early report on the Corbett case will be ordered, even though it may not be favorable.

The republican side of the chamber will not be a unit in Mr. Corbett's interest. Senator Burrows, of the committee which has charge of the case is preparing an exhaustive speech antagonistic to Mr. Corbett and the opposition is counting upon the assistance of still others from that side of the chamber.

It is not believed that there will be any serious antagonism to the immigration bill, but there may be considerable time consumed upon the subject.

It is probable that Senator Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, will make an effort during the present week to get a day fixed for taking up the annexation treaty, and there is no apprehension of any objection to naming a day in the early future. The plan of the supporters of the treaty is to take the question up in executive session on a resolution of ratification and to debate the treaty for a few days in executive session, pursuing this course long enough to demonstrate their strength, and to commit those who profess to be with them. If they find that they have the necessary two-thirds to secure the ratification they will press on to the end, but if they discover themselves to be deficient in voting strength they will change their policy and take up the question of annexation on Senator Morgan's resolution to that end. There is no doubt that a majority of affirmative votes can be secured and that a resolution of this character can be passed if a vote can be reached.

The present indications are that the treaty as such will fall of ratification by from two to six votes, but friends of the agreement have by no means lost hope that they will succeed in securing the entire sixty votes necessary to ratify. They claim that they have been making headway in securing votes during the recess and are hopeful of still adding to the number. They now assert that a solid vote may be expected from the republican side of the chamber and that several democrats who have been claimed by the opposition are on the fence and liable to come to them.

President Burt in Charge.

OMAHA, Jan. 3.—Horace G. Burt, president-elect of the Union Pacific railroad, has formally assumed charge of his new office. The event was unattended by any demonstration or by any acts that would signify that the installation of a new regime had taken place.

In a brief interview President Burt said he had arrived in Omaha to stay and should take charge of his new office at once. He said that the receivers would remain in control of the property for some little time yet, but it was impossible to tell just when the receivership would be terminated. Regarding changes in the official family of the Union Pacific, Mr. Burt said he thought there would be none at all. President Burt, Vice-President Mink and General Manager Dickinson left in the private car 010 for a trip of inspection over the Union Pacific main line. Just how extended this trip will be, or what other officials, if any, will be called to go along with the president's party are matters that are not known.

Extra Legislative Session.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 2.—Governor Taylor has issued a call for the assembling of the legislature in extra session January 17. The most important matters enumerated relate to the assessment and taxation of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines, and results from the recent decision of United States Judge Clark in granting those corporations an injunction restraining the state board of equalization from putting in force the assessments for taxation made by the railroad commission.

Russian Colony in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kas., Jan. 2.—Agent Charles Kubarick, of New York, is here to locate another colony of Russians in Western Kansas. He is contemplating the purchase of 100,000 acres of Union Pacific land, at the sale by the special master, which takes place February 16, with the sale of the Kansas Pacific railroad. The lands desired are situated in Ellis, Trego and adjacent counties.

Ballington Booth, who has been suffering with aneurism, is now slowly improving.

CORBETT MAGNANIMOUS.

Liberal Terms Upon Which He Offers to Fight Mr. Fitz.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 3.—James J. Corbett has given to the Times-Star for publication his challenge to fight Robert Fitzsimmons as follows: Your published declaration, Mr. Fitzsimmons, that you intend re-entering, pleases me more than I can at present express to you, for I know that the public esteems me to be the only candidate for the honors you thus place within reach.

I am sorry, however, to note that in wording this declaration you give me the impression that since we last met you have become unwisely forgetful. For instance, you say that before I can claim a return match with you I must prove myself to be worthy of it. You certainly intended this as a joke, for no one in the world knows my ability better than yourself. You cannot so soon have forgotten your remark to me at Carson, just after the battle "Jim," you said, in your simple, earnest way, "I'll never fight again. You've given me a bloody good licking." You, the winner, uttered these words, with face and body so battered as to leave no doubt of your sincerity, while I, the loser, listened with never a bruise or scratch from head to foot which could contradict you.

Is this consistent with your now requesting me to prove myself to be a worthy opponent? You will find the confidence of the public in my ability to entertain you still unshaken. You will find that the public will insist upon your recognizing my claim that you must meet me again. But surely you have been misrepresented. I refuse to credit you with the lame memory, broken judgment, poor taste and entire untruthfulness which the printed remarks alleged to have been made by you would imply. I prefer to think that those who have entered the ring with me were men, honest, brave and incapable of the vulgar, lying and cowardly language in which the newspaper version of your remarks was couched. However well I know that the great journals try to be, and usually are, accurate to the letter in reporting utterances made by important men upon important subjects, I prefer to believe that in this case a grave error has been made somehow, somewhere and for a purpose not worthy of one who wishes to be considered above contempt.

What the public expects from me is to maintain the manly dignity of the ring and not to be a brawler, nor a shifty evader of the honest principles which govern honest men when adjusting their respective merits.

This is all I have to say. But this is what I propose to do: The day we sign articles I will give you \$1,000 in recognition of your courtesy. The moment you enter the ring ready to offer me battle I will give you a second \$1,000 in token of my pleasure. Upon the completion of the tenth round, if you are still undefeated, I will give you a third \$1,000 as a souvenir of my surprise. Upon defeating you, no matter in what round, I will give you \$2,000 more as a reminder that I am not an ungenerous foe.

On the other hand, should you again defeat me I promise, if still able to move, to place my hat upon my head and then, removing it in your honor, to proclaim you to be my superior and unmistakable terms to be my superior and champion of the world.

Let further remarks on this subject be made by 1,000 clean, honestly earned American dollars, given me by the public. I don't believe in me. I have this day forwarded these to Will J. Davis, of Chicago, in testimony that I mean every word I have herein spoken. JAMES J. CORBETT, Champion of America.

Gold Production for the Year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The director of the mint from information now at hand says that there is substantial evidence that the world's product of gold for the calendar year 1897 will approximate, if not exceed, \$240,000,000, an increase of nearly 20 per cent over 1896. The gold product of the United States for 1896 was \$53,000,000; for 1897 it will approximate \$61,500,000, an increase of \$8,500,000.

The product for Africa in 1896 was \$44,000,000; returns received up to December 1, 1897, indicate that the gold product of that country for the year will be \$58,000,000, an increase of \$13,600,000. For Australia for 1896 the production was \$45,800,000; for 1897 the indication are that it will not be less than \$51,000,000, an increase of \$5,200,000. Mexico in 1896 produced \$8,330,000; for 1897 it is estimated that it will be \$10,000,000, an increase of \$1,670,000. The dominion of Canada for 1896, \$2,800,000; it is estimated for 1897 at \$7,500,000, or an increase of \$4,700,000. India's product for 1897 is estimated at \$7,500,000, an increase of \$1,400,000 over 1896. Russia's gold product for 1896 was \$21,550,000; for 1897 estimated to approximate \$25,000,000, an increase of \$3,450,000.

The indication for the United States is that Colorado will lead in the production of gold for 1897, as it is estimated by ex-Governor Grant that it will not be less than \$20,000,000. Nevada will follow with a product of probably \$19,000,000. With the exception of the South Appalachian range it is believed there will be an increase in every productive state of gold product over that of 1896.

Josephine Smith wants \$70,000 from the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad company for injuries received from falling down an embankment.

Reciprocity With Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Francis R. Loomis, United States minister to Venezuela, has arrived in Washington. He is on leave of absence from his post, and while in Washington during the coming week he will advise with the officials on the subject of negotiating a reciprocity treaty and also a parcels post convention between the United States and Venezuela.

The banquet of the Jackson club of Omaha this year is expected to eclipse all previous records.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

The National Zeitung denies that the tariff negotiations with the United States have been broken off, adding that they have only just commenced and will continue.

Ilesha and Berehara, important towns in West Africa, have been occupied by the Lagos Hausas. The inhabitants are enthusiastic over the presence of the British flag, as they feared an attack from the French native troops, who are attempting to force themselves on the Bariba country and are devastating it.

The German government has expressed its willingness to grant an exequatur to Edmond Zebodowski, of Illinois, recently appointed United States consul at Breslau, if he should be appointed United States consul at Fuerth, Charles W. Erdman, of Kentucky, who was appointed United States consul at Fuerth, being transferred to Breslau.

The Atlas Line steamer Alene, which arrived at New York from Central American ports, reports the arrival at Greytown, Nicaragua, December 17, of the gunboat Newport, with the Nicaraguan canal survey party aboard and well. A large force of laborers from Port Limon had already arrived at Greytown to aid in the work of the survey.

The Spanish minister at Washington has received a dispatch from Havana stating that the autonomist mayors of Belguel and Juanabacoa had been inaugurated amid great enthusiasm, the people receiving them with shouts of "Long live Spain." The dispatch adds that the patriotic spirit shown at these demonstrations gives assurance of the speedy realization of the good effects of an autonomous form of government in Cuba.

Michael Davitt has a long letter in the London Daily Chronicle in reply to one that appeared in its columns signed by Adjutant General John E. Ballaine of the state of Washington. He accepts the latter's sentiments as representing a large section of American opinion, but protests against the statements that Tammany hall is an Irish organization, and that Irishmen are responsible for corrupt municipal government.

Rudolph Evans, the only surviving brother of the late Dr. Thomas Evans, the famous American dentist, who died in Paris November 14, arrived in Paris on the 29th with his wife and son. It is learned from a reliable source that the original will of Dr. Evans, drawn by Arthur E. Valois, of New York, his attorney, was so badly copied by Dr. Evans, who also amended it and added several codicils, that it is very doubtful if it is legal.

A dispatch to the London Times from Kobe, Japan, says the dissolution of the diet has greatly angered the political parties. It is probable that the Marquis Ito, former premier, and Count Okuma, a former foreign minister, will form a coalition ministry, with a vigorous foreign policy. The military party is eager for action, extraordinary activity prevails at the military and naval depot and warships are assembling at Nagasaki.

The trades and navigation returns shortly to be issued at Ottawa, Canada, will show the total imports entered for consumption were \$11,294,021, as against imports of \$110,537,480 the preceding year. The duty collected amounted to \$19,891,997, as against \$20,219,937, a decrease of \$327,440. Exports amounted to \$122,950,338, an increase of \$17,581,086. There were exported to the United States Canadian products to the value of \$43,991,485, as against \$34,460,428 in 1895-6. Great Britain took of Canada's exports \$69,535,852. Yet Canada's imports from the old country were but \$29,412,288, a decrease of \$3,667,554 as compared with the preceding year, while from the United States Canada imported to the value of \$61,649,041, an increase of \$3,075,023 over imports of American products of the year before.

Idaho Stage Robbery.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 31.—The Lewiston-Mount Idaho stage was held up at 9 o'clock last night by two highwaymen one mile from Grangeville. Two passengers were relieved of about \$60 and the robbers secured the contents of two mail sacks, but missed the one containing registered money packages. The bandits escaped. At Grangeville there is great excitement, and a vigilance committee has been organized.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Quotations From New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere.