

NEWS BOILED DOWN.

WHISPERINGS OF THE WIRE IN FEW WORDS.

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

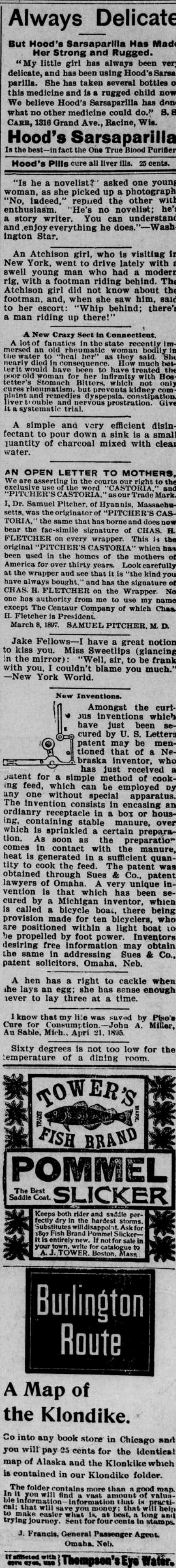
Thursday, Jan. 27.
At least five lives and possibly nine were lost in the big fire at Spokane, Wash.
Sixty-two men formed a party overland to the Klondike from Stamford, Conn., yesterday.
The battleship Viscaya, of 7,000 tons displacement, has been ordered to visit American ports.
Information has reached the treasury department of the failure of the National bank of Paola, Kas.
The steamer Darmstadt, having on board detachments of marines and artillerymen, has arrived at Kiao Chau.
The report that G. D'Albert, a violinist, and brother of the famous pianist, was burned in the Great Eastern block fire at Spokane, proves unfounded.
Captain George R. Guas, editor and proprietor of the Chester County (Pa.) Democrat, committed suicide at his home in that city by inhaling illuminating gas.
A special from Birmingham, Ala., says: An English syndicate has, it is said, practically completed arrangements for the erection there of a \$1,000,000 steel plant.
In the Italian chamber of deputies the minister of the treasury, Signor Brianca, introduced a decree reducing the duties on cereals, in view of the bread famine prevailing.
President Mellen of the Northern Pacific Railway company announces definitely that the company has obtained control of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railway.
Prof. Schenck told a special correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette he would give no interview beyond the fact that a syndicate for German rights had been formed which had paid \$10,000 and the secret will not be revealed until he has sold the American and English rights.
Friday, Jan. 28.
America has five first-class warships in Chinese waters and two others en route there.
Contracts have been closed at Victoria for enormous quantities of supplies for the Klondike.
The Northwestern-Union Pacific will give a twenty-eight hour service from Chicago to Denver.
A living body with two heads and four arms was born to Mrs. Charles Thompson of Richview, Ill.
According to the official report there have been 834 deaths from the plague in Bombay during the last week.
Mr. Cowherd of Missouri has introduced a bill to remove the charge of desertion against Peter C. G. ...
The senate in executive session confirmed the nomination of George E. Roberts of Iowa to be director of the mint.
W. S. ..oughton, a stock dealer, hurt in Sunday's wreck on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, died at Clay Center from the injuries he received.
It is announced that Emperor William has .. up and distributed to the higher naval officers a table of the forces of Japan, Russia and .. in the far east.
C. S. Chadwick of Philadelphia has leased a 15,000-acre ranch near Lansing Junction, N. M., where he will raise goats for the purpose of supplying kid glove manufacturers.
The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue issued on the 27th shows the total receipts for December to have been \$14,333,832, a gain for the month of \$1,107,520.
In a letter to the Buffalo Courier Kid .. says that unless Fitzsimmons or Corbett cover his money within six weeks from January 25 he will claim the heavyweight championship; and defend it against all comers as fast as they come.
Saturday, Jan. 29.
A fire at Sterling, Ill., destroyed \$100,000 worth of property.
A number of Kansas Cityans are about to start for the Klondike.
Eleven persons have been killed by an explosion of gunpowder a Flores, in the province of that name.
Three hundred excursionists left on the Hamburg-American liner, Austuste Victoria, for a cruise in the Mediterranean.
Michael Hoffman, a pioneer wholesale liquor merchant assigned at Kansas City. The liabilities are stated at \$100,000 and the assets at \$80,000.
It is said that the condition of Secretary Alger remains unchanged, although on the whole, he is probably better than he was a few days ago.
The house committee on Pacific railroads agreed to report with amendments the resolution concerning the sale of the Kansas Pacific railroad.
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Gross earnings of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul for the month of December were \$2,817,080, an increase of \$246,202 over the same month of last year.
The gold reserve on the 27th reached \$163,670,000, the highest point in about seven years. The accumulation is becoming something of a burden and the government is no longer encouraging its deposit.
According to a report from Consul DeBois, at St. Gall, Switzerland, in spite of the fact that the new tariff of the United States advanced the duty on cotton, lace and embroideries from 50 to 60 per cent, an average increase of 10 per cent, there has been exported to the United States during the first six months of the new law's operation over \$200,000 more of these goods than during the same time last year.
A new method of attacking the civil service law of Illinois was discovered by Corporation Counsel Thornton of Chicago. He says the state constitution provides that, except the ordinary oath of office, no other test shall be required of any appointee. Proceeding to invalidate the law on this ground will probably be instituted in a few days, in the case of a number of Chicago police captains.

FAST TRAIN SERVICE.
THE UNION PACIFIC WILL TAKE THE LEAD.
The Burlington and Rock Island Do Not Propose to Get Left—Quicker Time to the East and the Great West—The East Omaha Bridge to be Brought Into Requisition.
Getting a New and Better Move.
Omaha dispatch: The announcement that the Union Pacific is to increase its train service brings out the fact that several other roads are figuring on making some sensational movements in the same direction, probably in view of the approach of the exposition and its traffic. The Northwestern some time ago announced its intention of bettering its service, and now come the Burlington and Rock Island with similar announcements.
It was announced nearly two months ago that the Burlington had under consideration the restoration of trains Nos. 1 and 6, the fast east and west-bound trains between Chicago and Denver. General Passenger Agent Francis of the B. & M. this morning said that the matter of restoring the regular service of the road these trains that were taken off four years ago, when the passenger traffic began to fall away, was still under consideration by the management of the company, and that no decision in the matter had yet been reached. If it is decided to restore these trains to service they will be placed on Tuesday, March 1. These trains when formerly in service made the run between Chicago and Denver in about the same time as will be made by the new trains of the Union Pacific and the Northwestern railroads. They did not pass through Omaha, but were run via Plattsmouth and Pacific Junction. It is considered likely that the route would be the same were the trains restored and in all probability the time would be shortened somewhat.
The officials of the Rock Island railroad are also said to be considering the matter of restoring trains Nos. 21 and 22, fast trains between Chicago and Denver, which were taken out of service on the approach of "hard times." Train No. 21 would leave Chicago at about 10 a. m., arrive here at midnight and reach Denver at 2 or 3 o'clock the following afternoon. Train No. 22 would leave Denver at 4 a. m., and reach Chicago at 5 p. m. Such was the time card of trains Nos. 21 and 22 when they were formerly in service and it is believed that practically the same schedule would be adhered to now on the restoration of the trains, with the probability of having the running time of the trains somewhat abbreviated.
Definite arrangements are said to have been completed during the visit of the Port Arthur officials to this city for the use by that road of the East Omaha bridge and the other terminal facilities owned by the East Omaha company. Plans for the necessary improvements have been prepared and will be executed at an early date. Other lines are figuring for the use of the same terminals, and the future of the East Omaha terminal seems to be so well assured that Arthur S. Potter, who has been vice president and general manager of the East Omaha Terminal and Bridge company and has devoted his time to promotion of its projects, has severed his connection with the company and will go to other work February 1, retaining his stock in the company.
Will Test Sugar Beets.
The farmers interested in the growing of the sugar beet held a largely attended and interesting meeting at Grafton. There were about 100 present. The question as to how to grow the sugar beet and what to expect if the test is successful was made very plain by Rev. D. Fitzgerald. The required eighty farmers willing to cultivate one-eighth of an acre of beets for a test were secured. Father Fitzgerald assured those present that the people asking for this test had a large amount of money to invest, and that they are not looking for any city to give them a bonus, but simply want to ascertain where the best beets can be grown. Then they will follow up and put in a factory. An association was formed to further advance the beet culture question.
Would Not Beat a Railroad.
General Passenger Agent Francis of the Burlington is in receipt of a peculiar letter. It is from a man in Ohio containing a check for \$20, and in it the writer says in the fall of 1893 he took a trip on the road for a considerable distance on a pass belonging to some other man, thus defrauding the company out of his fare, which would have been about \$15. The writer says: "It ought not to be a hard problem in ethics for a Christian man, but it took me a long time to get my conviction and my will to go together in doing now what I can to right the wrong, so I enclose herewith \$20, as principal and interest of the debt."
Good Winter for Sheep.
Columbus dispatch: The A. J. Nollin company, which has large yards here for feeding sheep, will commence in a few days to place its sheep on the market, and by the 1st of March expect to have the entire lot—26,000—shipped out. Superintendent Jukes says that this has been a very good winter for their business and the stock is in fine condition. This company expects to do business here right along and all their improvements are permanent.
Have Fear of Annexation.
A new clause has just been added to the contract between the farmers and the Oxnard Beet Sugar company which shows that the Oxnard company fears the annexation of Hawaii will have an effect on the sugar industry. The clause is as follows: "It is further provided that in case Hawaii or any other of the Hawaiian Islands should be annexed to the United States during the life of this contract, then and in that case a reduction of 50 cents per ton will be named from all of the above named prices" (for beets.)

THE EXPOSITION WORK.
Instruction Regarding Prospective County and District Exhibits.
The Nebraska exposition commission held a meeting, says the Omaha Bee, and disposed of considerable business. Among other things, instructions, recommended by Superintendent Johnson of the agricultural department, were adopted for the guidance of prospective county and district exhibits. Various counties in the state have been inquiring for some time regarding this matter.
According to these instructions, counties which propose to send and maintain exhibits at the exposition must group them. Collective exhibits will not be received. Agricultural exhibits will be put in the agricultural building, horticultural exhibits in the horticultural building, and so on. Consequently only exhibits grouped in this manner will be received. Each of the exhibits will be labeled with the name of the county which sends them.
Counties will be allowed to join together for the purpose of making district exhibits, but these exhibits must be grouped in the same manner. Finally, any counties which can afford to make separate exhibits can send the products which they wish to display to the commission, which will arrange and maintain them and label them with the counties' names. The commission stipulates that the counties and districts shall accept such space and under such rules and regulations as the commission adopts.
The contract for three groups of statutory and two single figures for the state building was awarded to Kimball Brothers of Lincoln, their bid being \$1,200. The other bidders were: J. Schild of Omaha, \$1,240; Fred Schmoht of Chicago, \$2,700; Julius Leester of Omaha, \$2,150.
Superintendent Stulson of the apary department was authorized to place in the department wax figures at a cost of not to exceed \$75.
The commission decided that it will postpone consideration of all propositions for space in the Nebraska building until the structure is complete and turned over to the possession of the board.
The announcement was made that the railroads will transport all Nebraska agricultural and horticultural exhibits to and from the exposition grounds free of charge. Live stock will be charged full rates to the grounds, but will be returned free of charge.
Nebraska County Commissioners
The annual meeting of the Nebraska county commissioners and supervisors association will be held in Grand Island, Feb. 15th, 1898, the first session at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., in the city hall. The Palmer house will be the headquarters. Reduced hotel and railroad rates have been secured. It is absolutely necessary that you take a receipt for railroad fare paid on the going trip, without it you will have to pay full fare returning.
Every member of the county board who has the interests of his constituency at heart should attend these meetings. While the duties of the county board are laid down by the statutes, we all know that at nearly every session questions come up which the statutes do not cover and we are compelled to depend upon our judgment in the matter. At these meetings such questions are brought out and discussed by members from different counties. You can readily see what a store of information can be obtained and how much better qualified we will be to transact our county business.
Very Respectfully Yours,
D. W. Wood, Secretary.

THE LOUD POSTAL BILL.
A North Dakota Editor Thinks It Would Injure Country Publishers.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—M. H. Jewell, publisher of the Bismarck Tribune, has addressed a letter to publishers of country papers, daily and weekly. The letter is a protest against the Loud postal bill now before the senate, and is as follows:
"Dear Sir:—Hereon you will find printed what is known as the Loud bill, relating to second-class postage, which if passed will disastrously affect the publishing interests of this country by cutting off all sample copies, which would include all exchanges, all copies to advertisers and advertising agents, all copies issued and paid for by campaign committees or advertisers, all copies desired to be circulated for the purpose of securing new subscribers, and in the language of the bill would only allow you to send copies of your paper 'to persons who voluntarily order and pay for the same,' except that you do so by paying the reduced rate of postage 'one cent for each four ounces or fraction thereof.' The provisions of this law can bear no other reasonable construction than that a subscriber must be cut off at the expiration of the time to which his subscription has been paid.
"Mr. Perry S. Heath, who is the first assistant postmaster general, in a personal letter to Mr. Loud has expressed his opinion in the matter, urging an amendment to the bill which would, in his opinion, protect the interests of legitimate publishers.
"Mr. Loud is reported to have said, in conversation with a publisher, that when this bill was passed he proposed to introduce a bill prohibiting free circulation of country papers in the country where published. This is borne out by a paragraph in Mr. Loud's report, which reads as follows: 'They (the committee) do not assume that the bill they recommend to you is perfect, far from it. Neither does it wholly remedy this evil. It is, however, a step in the right direction, and goes as far as they thought prudent at this time.' A large amount of advertising contracts are being held up by advertisers because of the general belief among them that the adoption of this measure will reduce circulation among the weekly papers at least 33 1-3 per cent.
"Not the least objectionable feature of this proposed legislation is its effect upon immigration matters. For if the Loud bill becomes a law, extra copies of special editions of the country press containing that information which prospective settlers and investors all over the country most desire, will be denied the privilege of second-class rates now enjoyed. Not even a single extra copy, with some specially marked article, descriptive of the county, or of some enterprise or industry, can be sent out except at enormously increased rates of postage. Publishers generally will not fail to appreciate the far-reaching effects of this measure and the importance of securing its defeat or effecting sweeping modifications. We expect your cooperation in an effort to amend or defeat this bill. We urge you to act at once. Telegraph and write your congressman to use his influence and utmost efforts to defeat this dangerous measure. It would materially aid us in our work here if you will mail us a copy of your telegram and letter to your congressman together with such other suggestions as you see fit to make. Please let us hear from you at once."
THE WHEAT MARKET.
Took a Strong Upward Turn for January and May.
CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—The wheat market last week showed all the elements of a bull campaign. Prices rose sharply and Saturday reached the highest point yet touched for this season's crop. The feature of the market was the advance in January wheat under Letter manipulation from 94¢ cents to \$1.10. Partly from this and partly from the remarkable strength of foreign markets May and July, especially the former, ruled strong and advanced sharply. A reduction of 12.8 cents per bushel in the Italian grain duty and strong Liverpool cables caused a general advance early Monday. Late in the day news of the ordering of the United States cruiser Maine to Havana caused a scramble among shorts and prices touched the highest point since December 31. On Tuesday, January was bid up from 94¢ cents to \$1.00, by the Letter crowd in order, it is said, to advance the price of May. The same tactics were used again on Wednesday and with better success, the character of the news affecting wheat being more than favorable. The advance in January to \$1.01, coming on an oversold market, started free covering and resulted in another good advance in May and July. On Thursday the Letter party again used January to advance prices. Sharp bidding hoisted January to 1.05 and heavy buying of futures resulted. The market became a very broad one, strong cable reports that Russia was likely to become an importing country and heavy seaboard clearances adding to the general interest. Large Argentine shipments and a reaction at Liverpool caused a decline early Friday, but later strong continental cables started prices upward and helped as usual by January, prices touched the highest position. May ranged from 91½¢ to 91¢ cents to 98½¢ cents, yesterday's closing price, 97½¢ cents, being a net advance of 5¢ cents. July advanced 7¼¢ to 77¢ cents, ranging from 83¢ to 88¢ cents.
Nansen Sails for England.
NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the Arctic explorer, sailed on the Campania for Liverpool before leaving Dr. Nansen said: "I am going direct to London, where I shall deliver lectures. Then I leave for Christiana, where I intend to prepare a scientific report of my expedition. It is possible that I may return to this country." Dr. Nansen denied that he had any intention of accompanying Lieutenant Peary on his next polar expedition.

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"Is he a novelist?" asked one young woman, as she picked up a photograph. "No, indeed," replied the other with enthusiasm. "He's no novelist; he's a story writer. You can understand and enjoy everything he does."—Washington Star.
An Atchison girl, who is visiting in New York, went to drive lately with a swell young man who had a modern rig, with a footman riding behind. The Atchison girl did not know about the footman, and when she saw him, said to her escort: "Whip behind; there's a man riding up there!"
A New Crazy Sect in Connecticut.
A lot of fanatics in the state recently immersed an old rheumatic woman bodily in the water to "heal her" as they said. She nearly died in consequence. How much better it would have been to have treated the poor old woman for her infirmity with Hatcher's Stomach Bitters, which not only cures rheumatism, but prevents kidney complaint and remedies dyspepsia, constipation, liver trouble and nervous prostration. Give it a systematic trial.
A simple and very efficient disinfectant to pour down a sink is a small quantity of charcoal mixed with clear water.
AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.
We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark. I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the face-simile signature of CHAS. E. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look carefully at the wrapper and see that it is "the kind you have always bought," and has the signature of CHAS. E. FLETCHER on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which CHAS. E. FLETCHER is President.
March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M. D.
Jake Fellows—I have a great notion to kiss you. Miss Sweetlips (glancing in the mirror): "Well, sir, to be frank with you, I couldn't blame you much."
—New York World.
New Inventions.
Amongst the curious inventions which have just been secured by U. S. Letters patent may be mentioned that of a Nebraska inventor, who has just received a patent for a simple method of cooking feed, which can be employed by any one without special apparatus. The invention consists in encasing an ordinary receptacle in a box or housing, containing a certain amount of manure, over which is sprinkled a certain preparation. As soon as the manure and heat is generated in a sufficient quantity to cook the feed. The patent was obtained through Sues & Co., patent lawyers of Omaha. A very unique invention is that which has been secured by a Michigan inventor, which is called a bicycle boat, there being provision made for ten bicyclers, who are positioned within a light boat to be propelled by foot power. Inventors desiring free information may obtain the same in addressing Sues & Co., patent solicitors, Omaha, Neb.
A hen has a right to cackle when she lays an egg; she has sense enough never to lay three at a time.
I know that my life was saved by Pho's Cure for Consumption.—John A. Miller, Au Sable, Mich., April 21, 1895.
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