THE O'NEILL FRONTIER A PIONEER DEVOTES

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YNEILL.

Because its employes frequently were late, a large London house recently or-Massacre of Seven Children dered that the tardy ones should write their excuses in a book provided for that purpose. But the clerks proved lazy and unoriginal. At the top of a page a late one would write "Train delayed" or "Omnibus horse died," as the case might be and the rest fell into the babit of making ditto marks and let-LIVES IN CEDAR COUNTY ting it go at that. But not long ago one man had a new excuse. He wrote with pride: "Wife had twins." The Was Settler When State of Nebraska second slow person that morning was in a great hurry and did not notice the innovation, but made his customary ditto marks, and the rest of the men on that page followed suit. The excuse book was abolished.

In the far east language has always been more florid and more ambiguous than in the west. The king of Ava, in Burma, called himself the "regulator of the seasons, the absolute master of the ebb and flow of the sea, brother of the sun and lord of the four and twenty umbrellas." The king of Arracan, low-er Burma, was "possessor of the white elephant and two earrings, as well as "lord of the twelve kings who placed er Burma, was "possessor of the white elephant and two earrings, as well as "lord of the twelve kings who placed their heads under his feet." In the Mozambique-Zambesi region of Africa strange man lives, and will be handed down from father to son for genera-tions to come. A man whose boyhood was spent within a few miles of Wiseman's home can never forget the powerful effect of the tale upon his imagination when it was first unfolded to him. Henry Wiseman was one of the first white inhabitants of Cedar county, set-tling there before 1860. He hailed from the king of Monomtopa was not only "lord of the sun and moon," but "great magician and great thief."

Ants have a wonderful power of existing long periods after losing import-ant parts of their bodies, which are not reproduced. They have been known to live two weeks without the abdomen. which is so bulky in proportion to the rest of the insect. Under the most favorable circumstances an ant may live more than a month after its head has been cut off. One case is recorded in which the rest of the ant moved about forty-one days after decapitation. Ants, because of slavery. When he went to Nebraska he had a wife and six chil-dren, a number later increased to eight by the birth of twins. The oldest was a boy about 20, the next oldest was a girl of 16. also revive after being submerged in water for many days, although they meen to be dead a few minutes after they are immersed.

An incident of the early days of the present German empire: The question is to how the kaiser's title should run divided the court into three sections. One division favored "German emper-or," the second was for "emperor of Germany," while the third wished it to be "emperor of the Germans." Bisbe "emperor of the Germans." Bis-marck, who was present at one such discussion, looked up from a meal. "What's the Latin for sausage?" he asked, "Farcimentum," said one. "Far-cimen," said another. Bismarck smiled significantly as he replied: "Farcimen-tum or farcimen, it is all the same to me."

Camille Flammarion has been mak-ing experiments in Paris to see whething experiments in Paris to see wheth-er the moon exerts any influence on the growth of plants, according to the legend. He made different sets of plantings at dates which correspond to the different phases of the moon, using peas, beets. carrots, potatoes, beans and many other vegetables of the ordi-nary kinds. The results were extreme-ly variable and no fixed rule seemed to govern them. The plants appeared at periods which had no connection with the moon's phases. the moon's phases.

Sir Edward Elgar, who is professor of music at Birmingham university, delivered the first of a series of public lectures there recently, and, dealing with English composers, contended that music was not helped so much as other arts. It was utterly hopeless for a young musician to expect to keep himself by writing serious music. He wanted to see larger concert rooms in towns where works could be produced at a small fee.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Richmond, of Columbus, O. celebrated their fif-tieth wedding anniversary, attended by near relatives and the intimate famiy. A feature of this unusual event was the placing of fifty \$20 gold pleces in the huge cake, and it was carved the coins fell to various members. One was so fortunate as to receive three of the double eagles in his one slice of the antiversary cake anniversary cake

The famous tapestries of the palace at Fontainebleau have been cut and

JAIL BREAKERS CAUGHT HUSBAND AND WIFE

Three Bad Men Who Escaped from Kearney, Neb., Are Retaken After Fight with Officers.

HIS LIFE TO REVENCE

Nerves Henry Wiseman to

Slay Indians.

Was Wild, but Now Alone and

Miserable, He Occupies a

Log Cabin.

ting there before 1860. He halled from Kentucky, and possessed the strength agility and courage characteristic of

Agility and courage characteristic of Kentuckians. 'He was over 6 feet tall, and straight as the barrel of his long carbine, a fact well known to his enemies, both in Kentucky and the west. He was an abolitionist, who left his southern home because of slavery. When he went to

Indians at First Friendly. Wiseman built a log cabin on the side of a hill near the Missouri river, in a region that is still wild and ro-

mantic. Woods are dense in the val-leys; they abounded with game in the

Indians were numerous; they passed up and down the river in their canoes, and roamed by hundreds over the hills

At first Wiseman lived on friendly terms with the red men, some of whom were his guests almost daily, and life in the wilderness was enjoyed by the Wiseman family. But the friendly re-lations between the Kentuckian and the Indians ended in an awful manner, riving place to deadly betweet and

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Wiseman himself joined a regiment of soldiers to protect the settlers on the frontier against Indians, who became warlike and bloodthirsty when hostili-ties began in the south. Thus Mrs Wiseman and seven children were left at home unprotected

Wiseman and seven children were left at home unprotected. During the summer of 1862, while the family was in this precarious situation, Mrs. Wiseman was obliged to go to Yankton, Dakota Territory, on business. The distance she had to travel was not great, being less than thirty miles, but progress through the wilderness was slow, and she was gone two or three

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early days.

anguish.

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 27.—Fred Gillette, W. B. Warner and Fred Englebrecht, the three men who broke jail in this city last wek have ben captured mear Holdrege, where they were brought to bay in a hay-stack. They were pursued until night-fall by Sheriff Sammons and Chief of Pofall by Sheriff Sammons and Chief of Po lice Trindle, who secured an automobile for the chase after hearing the men had

been sighted near Elm creek. Making a stand in a haystack the trio fought off one posse with a revolver fusillade. Sheriff Gustus Phelps of this coun-ty, with several deputies, then drove down on the exhausted men with Winchester

rifles levelled and the men surrendered. PEANUT KILLS LITTLE ONE.

Kernel Lodges in Bronchial Tube and

Baby Dies. Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 26 .- Fifty miles Omaha, Neb., Dec. 25.-The lodgement of a peanut in the bronchial tube caused the death of Gertrude Briggs, 1 year and 16 months of age. Dr. Allison performed an operation on the little one's windpipe, but death followed after acute inflammation of the lungs had set in. The child was the daughter of Harry Briggs, a carpenter. The child found some shelled peanuts and swallowed one of the kernels without chewing it.

RIFLE AND FENCE ARE FATAL.

Trigger Catches on Wire and Ball En-

ters Boy's Heart. Hastings, Neb., Dec. 26.—Samuel Evans, the B-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thom-as F. Evans, who reside two miles south of Roseland, accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting rabbits. The lad had crawled through a barbed wire fence and attempted to pull a twenty-two call-ber rific after him. The trigger caught on the wire fence and discharged the load. The ball entered the boy's heart and killed him instantly.

FACTORY NEEDS MORE WORKERS

Beet Sugar Plant is Running Full Force

Night and Day. Fremont, Neb., Dec. 26.—The Standard Beet Sugar company is having the biggest run since the Leavitt factory began busirun since the heart target business. The present campaign will prob-ably last until March. The company is working at full capacity both night and day. Competent help is scarce and about all who apply are taken on. Owing to the class of floating labor which the company class of hoating labor which the company is obliged to employ the force in constant-ly changing and a good many men are kept on the pay roll simply because there is no one to take their places. Most of the beets are raised in the western part of the state and are high grade.

HEAD SHOT OFF.

When the civil war broke out, Wise-Boy Pitching Hay at Ansley Was Acman sent his grown-up son to the front to fight against the slave power, and the boy fell in battle.

cidentally Killed. Broken Bow, Neb., Dec. 23.—The 14-year-old son of John D. Knapp, a farmer living three miles south of Ansley, was accidentally shot and instantly killed. The father and son were in the field load-ing hay, the boy working on the wagon where the shotgun lay. While stooping for aonther fork of hay Knapp heard the report of the gun and looking up saw the boy with the right side of his head blown off. The father does not know how the accident happened.

HOG CHOLERA PREVALENT.

In Vicinity of Allen and Martinsburg Farmers Report Losses.

days. When she returned to her home an When she returned to her. The Allen, Neb., Dec. 23.—The hog cholera is raging through the part of the county near Martinsburg, Waterbury and also near this place. Farmers are reporting awful discovery awated her. The white doorknob was stained with blood. The alarmed woman did not dare enter. but walked around to the rear of the house to look in through a window. The worst fears took possession of her. Where were her children? Why did they not come running out to meet her and why did she not hear any sounds from them? Beding the house los a bleeding in the loss of many of their fine porkers which they had planned to market just before Christmas this year. This is a serious loss to farmers when such a big crop of corn is in the cribs for feeding pur-The epidemic has not covered any Behind the house lay a blecding In-dian at the point of death. He had just strength enough to raise himself on his elbow and meet Mrs. Wiseman with a look of unspeakable malice and great territory as yet, but every farmer is taking all precaution to prevent the discase entering his droves.

SCHOOL BONDS SOLL

Bancroft Will Now Begin Erection of Modern Building.

Bancroft, Neb., Dec. 23.-Twenty thousands dollars worth of school bonds were bought by a Nebraska institution, being the entire issue of the \$20,000, 5 per cent, semi-annual bonds voted for the purpose of oresting a new brick Former Iowa Newspaper Man Convention at Merna Chopped the purpose of erecting a new brick school house. They were sold to the Bankers' Reserve company of Omaha at a premium of \$700: The next highest bids were the Mc-Donald, McCoy & Co., at a premium of \$643, and H. C. Speer & Sons Co., at WIFE SHOT HIM TWICE

EACH WAS GIVEN A NAME \$210.

DAIRYMEN IN LINCOLN.

Butter Exhibit Will Be One of the Best in Recent Years.

In Recent Years. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—The Nebraska State Dairymen's association will hold its twenty-first annual convention in Lincoln January 17 and 18. The meet-ing promises to be one of the most in-teresting ever held. There will be ad-dresses by events on doiny products dresses by experts on dairy products and dairy herds and there will be a cow judging contest and a butter judging contest. All members of the associa-tion who are residents of the state are Tibbitts Tuesday shot her husband, urged to take part in these contests. The stock judging contest will take place in the stock judging pavilion of the university farm at 3 o'clock Thurs-day afternoon, January 18. Liberai prizes have been offered for the best scores in judging iber revolver, inflicting wounds which are not considered dangerous. Before she could turn the gun on herself, her husband weakened in his purpose and overpowered her. She was arrested and taken to the city jail, while he was removed to St. Elizabeth's hospital, scores in judging.

OVER CENTURY OLD.

Former Old Settler of Cuming County, Nebraska Is Dead.

West Point, Neb., Dec. 21.—Edward Loney, grandfather of E. H. Loney, who was one of the oldest settlers of Cuming county, living on a homestead since their marriage they have had considerable trouble, partly over their -year-old child and partly because of drink habit to which both are ad-ted. Tibbitts has been employed at licted. Tibbitis has been employed at he Milford home, but a day or two ago came to Lincoln to join his wife. They rented a room and Tuesday the both horan to drink absinthe. near Beemer for many years, is dead at Portland, Ore., at the age of 105 years

CHANGES HER PLANS.

Will Return to Pittsburg to Institute Divorce Proceedings.

er Boegh was sent to the block about o'clock to settle the difficulty. Mrs. 9 o'clock to settle the difficulty. Mrs. Tibbitts declared her husband had been choking her. She had the revolver at the time. Officer Boegh toid Tibbitts to leave the place and stay away from her and required her to put the gun away. He left orders with Mr. Car-ter, the landlord, not to allow Tibbitts to return. Tibbitts agreed to this and said he would go to Milford. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—Failing in her intentions to secure a divorce without publicity by going west, Mrs. W. Ellis Corey, wife of the president of the steel corporation, is coming back to Pittsburg for the purpose of instituting proceedings. That these are the pres-ent plans of Mrs. Corey was learned from an authoritative source today. Mrs. Corey left Los Angeles yesterday for the east, and her friends here are expecting her the latter part of the week. When she went to Nevada about a month ago, her plans were to remain Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.-Failing in her a month ago, her plans were to remain there until spring, and, having secured residence by that time, make application for divorce, but owing to the pub-licity given the case this has been

BIG GIFT FOR BOOTH.

London

London Man Provides \$500,000 for Colonization Work. London, Dec. 20.—General Booth of the Salvation army, wrote to King Edward, announcing that George Herring, chair-man of the City of London Electric Light-Ing company and a prominent member of many other corporations, had donated \$500,000 to the army to be used in a home colonization scheme, but that the army had engaged to repay this sum in twentyfive annual installments to the King's hos-

pital fund General Booth says he hopes to provide for those who for various reasons are un-able to leave England under the emigration schemes of the Salvation army. Mr. Herring is well known as a philanthropist,

NO HOPE FOR SPALDING

Sporting Goods Man Injured in Aute Accident Probably Will Die.

Avignon, France. Dec. 20.-The doctorn have little hope of saving the life of J. Walter Spalding, who was injured in an hutomobile accident yesterday. The frontal bone was fractured, one eye destroyed,

and the other injured by splinters from his glasses Details of the accident show that Mr. Spalding's automobile, in which he was accompanied by three friends, was travel-ing at a high rate of speed. It broke down close to the crossing barrier, swerved along the track, and overturned.

The Ambition of the Town of Merna te Be the County Seat Is Declared by Delegates to Be the Motive of the Factional Fight.

This Large Territory Into

Four Parts.

DIVISION OF CUSTER

COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Merna, Neb., Dec. 22 .- At a county dirision convention held at this place a large representation was in attendance and the meeting was enthusiastic.

Lines were drawn cutting Custer county into four counties, the north-west quarter of the county to be named Noble, the southwest quarter Arbor, the southeast quarter Custer and the northeast Axamas. This divides the county into four equal parts and the

petition will be circulated at once. If the division of the county is com-pleted by legal confirmation Merna probably will become the county seat of the northwest county, which is given

the name Noble. It is generally known that there has been considerable rivalry between Merna and Broken Bow and Merna's ambition to be the county seat, it appears, could be granted only by division.

The movement has long been agitated and on various political matters Bro-ken Bow is said to have won some ill feeling over the county. Custer county is situated in the heart

of the state. Next to Cherry, and closely run by Lincoln county, it is the largest county

RETAINS OLD DEPUTIES

Assumes Duties Tomorrow, Mak-

sume his duties as marshal at Omaha tomorrow morning. He says the ap-pointment was wholly unsolicited. He expects to retain the present deputies and will make no changes at all nu-less he finds them unworthy in some respect. It is presumed he will move his family to Omaha. He has been deluged with letters and telegrams congratulating him and asking for jobs. He began answering them at 4 a. m. und is still far from caught up.

AGENTS BUNCO FARMERS.

wishing to introduce their remedies, which were guaranteed to cure every disease a farmer might have. They had a new plan to introduce their remedies that would make it profitable to the to the farmer, and that was to make the farmer their agent, and in consideration of an agency the farmer would receive samples of the remedies which he agreed to show his neighbors and friends, and on all orders he would get

farmer to accept samples free of cost. pulls out a contract telling the farmer that as an evidence of good faith that he will receive the free samples and recommend the remedies, he must send a contract signed in to the house, or

ceived. Sixty days afterwards a col-lector called stating that he was from Lincoln and wanted payment of \$40 for vemedies purchased and to prove his t \$40 h or a contract which the farmer signed agreeing to pay at the expiration of fixty days for the remedies. Some of the farmers are paying to avoid a suit; others are holding off

pact to die together was made. Mrs. Tibbitts to shoot him first and then herself. herself. According to her story, told to the police matron at the station, she turned the gun on him and fired, hitting him between the eyes. Before she could turn the weapon upon herself he grabbed her, and the second shot struck him just over the apex of the heart, log-ing between two ribs. The screams brought neighbors to the room and the police were notified. Mrs. Tibbitts went

ENTER SUICIDE PACT

in Hospital at Lincoln,

Nebraska.

O. H. Tibbitts, of Hamburg Appears

in a Strange Role and It Is

Believed He Agreed to

Suicide.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 25 .- In accordance

with what is believed to be an agreement to die together, Mrs. Susie V.

Oliver H. Tibbitts, twice with a 22-cal-

where he was treated by City Physician

The shooting occurred in the block at

1330 O street, where Mr. and Mrs. Tib-bitts have been living for several days.

night both began to drink absinthe. Wednesday forenoon they quarreled, and at the request of the woman Offi-

aid he would go to Milford.

Slattery.

helped to the ambulance. He walked downstairs and got into the vehicle alone. He was taken to the hospital,

porter. When she was asked about the case she buried her face in her hands and returned to the back of the cell. and returned to the back of the cell, sobbing. A conference was held with a representative of the county attor-ney's office and it is doubted if she will be prosecuted. It is not believed that her husband could be induced to

make a complaint. Mrs. Tibbitts is only 26 years old, while her husband is 58. Her maiden name was Church and her father is

Later in the afternoon Tibbitts was removed from the hospital to the city fail for safe keeping. It is said he be-came so unmanageable at the hospital that he could not be controlled.

police were notified. Mrs. Tibbitts went readily to the station, but Mr. Tibbitts, in spite of his condition, refused to be where it was found that his injuries were not serious unless blood poisoning

should set in. Mrs. Tibbitts refused to talk to a re-

name was Church and her father is Andrew Church of Fairmont. She has a brother who works in a lunch room on N street. Tibbitts is said to be a former newspaper man. He is said to have run a paper at Hamburg, Ia., for some time.

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United States Marshal-Elect Warner

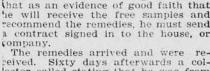
ing No Great Changes.

Dakota City, Neb., Dec. 22.-United States Marshal-elect Warner will as-

Bignatures to Contracts for Samples Followed by Demand for Payment.

York, Neb., Dec. 22.—Several farmers in south York county are complaining of being taken in by a medicine or remedy company, that claimed head-quarters in Nebraska. A smooth agent called on the farmers wiching to introduce their remedies

commission. The agent, securing consent of the





slashed until they are almost in shreds; the sculptors' and carved wood mantlepieces chipped in scores of places by a modern vandal. A well known archi-tect, who had been engaged to make a report on the condition of the palace states that an expenditure of \$100,000 will barely cover the costs of the most urgent repairs.

Eight years ago three young English university men decided to start a laun-dry that should be a model in its pro-cesses and work, and they succeeded. Recently they opened an exhibition of their ablements in Park achievements in Bond street where it is hoped it will make a proper impression upon the 'sm'art'' London London women who have been sending their lingerle and laces to Paris to be dealt

Benjamin K. Thorn, a native of New' York, nephew of United States Senator T. C. Platt, age 75, and classed as the most fearless sheriff in California. died recently. As sheriff of Calaveras county he was leader in the most fa-mous man hunts in the state's history. No chance was too desperate for him to take, and he took many desperate chances in his fifty years of service.

A few years ago an Indian on the Coeur d'Alene reservation brought to the reservation two "Belgian hares." Their descendants are now numbered by tens of thousands and they are de-vastating the crops of white settlers far and near. To make matters worse, the Indians believe that to kill a rabbit or hare brings bad luck.

A stope carving of a grizzly bear in the attitude of defending her cubs has been made by A. C. Thompson, Seattle, and will be shipped to Alaska, to be placed over the grave of R. Shadesty, one of the most prominent Indians of the north when alive. He died on De-cember 17, 1903, leaving \$600 to pay for the monument. the monument.

In accordance with the expressed de-dire of the Roman Catholics of Ne-vada, that state will be made a separ-ate discesse. Most of it has hitherto formed a part of the discess of Sacra-mento. A splendid cathedral will be built in Reno on the site of a church that was burned recently.

Honolulu has on exhibition a speci-men of the lill or "stone that breeds," from Kau Island. The natives say that if the stone is placed in a glass jar and water poured over it and the jar be corised for a couple of days the ston-will reproduce itself in the form of four will reproduce itself in the form of four or five smaller stones.

One of the oldest settlers in Kingman one of the oldest settlers in Kingman county, Kansas, is a mule. It helped to draw the first wagonload of provisions into the country. The mule has been admitted as a member of the Old Set-tlers' association and attends every pic-mic. It is one of the landmarks of the county. unty.

Filled with terror and not having the beart to look into the house, Mrs. Wiseman fied from the place and hur-ried for help to St. James, a frontier hamlet, three miles away. A few hours later she returned with a company o men. They entered the house, where they found stretched upon the floor the dead bodies of the five oldest children. The corpses were horribly disfigured, showing that the victims had been butchered in a most brutal manner.

That look was never offaced

Twins Roasted in Oven.

The two youngest chlidren, the twins, could not at first be found, and it was believed that the Indians had carried them away alive to be reared by squaws. But such was not the case In searching about the house one of the men opened the door of the oven of the kitchen stove, where lay, roasted to a crisp, the bodies of the infants.

The effect of these shocking discles ures upon Mrs. Wiseman was so crushing that she broke down both mentally and physically, and her life was de-spaired of. She rallied physically, however, but her mind was partially deranged from that day until her death forty-three years later.

It is supposed that during the absence of Mrs. Wiseman a band of Indians ap-proached the house, probably with no hostile intent. The children saw them coming and were filled with fear.

The eldest boy, a lad of about 15, seized the loaded gun, and when the In-dians were a few rods from the house, fired at them, wounding the leader. This enraged the rest and the massacre fol-lowed. The dying Indian found by Mrs Wiseman was the victim of the boy's

deadly aim. It was some time before Wiseman heard of the awful tragedy and re-turned home. His seven murdered children had been buried in a common grave on the hilltop near his house. There he fell on his knees and swore an oath of vengeance against the red men-that he would kill every Indian that would expose himself to his rifle. And well did he keep his oath. Some years ago a party of geologists passed up the Missouri to examine the formations on the Nebraska side. Dig-

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ging at the base of the hill on the top of which the Wiseman children are buried, their spades came in contact with bones-human bones. A dozen or more skulls were dug up, each containing a bullet hole.

Mrs. Wiseman died two years ago at an advanced age, but Wiseman still survives. He is over 89, in good health and still cherishes the same intense hatred for the red men

THREE PRISONERS BREAK JAIL

When They Depart Guns Belonging to Sheriff Are Also Missing.

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 23 .- Three prisoners confined in the county jail escaped and are being hunted by the police force of Kearney. They were Fred M. Gillette and Kearney. They were Fred M. Gillette and W. B. Warner, charged with forgrey, and Fred Engelbrecht, charged with horse stoaling.

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Frantic Team at Pierce Nearly Runs Over Some Children.

RUNAWAY CAUSES EXCITEMENT

Pierce, Neb., Dec. 23.-A team belonging to J. E. Sexton created a lot of excitement here by running away in the main busi-ness streets while they were filled with teams and shoppers. The team ran south and turned a corner while going at a ter-rific rate of speed. Just as they reached the corner some children who were prom-enading on the walk reached the corner also. For a moment it looked as if the team would dash right into and crush the chlidren. Happily the horses turned to

short a corner and a wheel of the vehicle came into contact with a large electric pole stepping the horses suddenly. Only this probably saved the children from death.

CALLED POPCORN KING.

L. H. Lederer, of Pierce, Sells His Product by Novel Idea.

Pierce, Neb., Dec. 23 .- L. H. Lederer who is deputy clerk at this place is also be-coming widely known as a popcorn king. This year he planted a considerable area to this crop and was rewarded by an enor-mous production. He attempted to sell if te several local merchants, but they could use but a few bushels at a time. Lederet set his brain to work and originated the idea of placing the popeorn, shelled, into small pound packages ready for popping. His idea was introduced by several wholesale firms over the state and now he is completely covered with orders for his He intends to devote much atpopcorn. ention next year to this crop.

INDIANS BUY WHISKY.

Claimed They Procured It Somewhere

in South Dakota. Plainview, Neb., Dec. 23.—County At torney Berryman was called this week to Santo to prosecute twelve Indians and one white man for drunkenness. Each man was fined in each case and over \$130 was added to the school fund. It seems from the testimony that the Indians have been going across the state line to Springfield, S. D., and getting "hitters" from some lealer there. The authorities are determ-ined to put a stop to this violation of the law and it may be that at the next hear-ing of drunks there will be added a thirty days' sentence to the fine which will have to be worked out on the county roads.

SUICIDE IN A WELL.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 23.-Because he had no money with which to purchase Christ mas presents for his wife and secure the service of Santa Claus for his little 13 month-old babe, N. C. Hansen, a shoe maker, committed suicide by jumping into an abandoned well in the rear of his home

BREWERY GUTTED BY FLAMES. Nebraska City, Neb., Dec. 23.—Fire gut-ted the large brewery of the Mattes Brew-ing company here. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss of \$25,000 is partly covered by insurance. The plant will be rebuilt at once.

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Webster County Murderer to Be Examined for Sanity.

Lincoln, Neb. Dec. 22.-The supreme ourt has handed down its formal opinion in the application of the attorneys of [Frank Barker, the Webster county mur-derer to have his sanity passed on by the district court. The order reversing the district court and commanding it to as-sume jurisdiction was issued in time to prevent the hanging last June. The court

says in the syllabus: "The jurisdiction of the judge of the district court of Lancaster county to in-quire as to the sanity of a convict confined to the state penitentiary under senence of death does not depend upon the giving of the notice by the warden. If it alleged in a proper application to the under oath, that the convict is in-sane, and that the warden unjustifiably refuses to give the statutory notice, it is he duty of the judge to make such inves-ligation as will satisfy him whether there are such appearances of insanity as will justify the summoning of a jury to try the

MOTOR CAR HURT WOMAN.

Union Pacific Novelty Has Acciden.

Union Pacific Novelty Has Accident Near Callaway. Callaway, Neb., Dec. 23.—The motor car which runs from Kearney to Callaway struck a wagon in which rode Mr. and Mrs. Charles Felker. Mrs. Felker re-ceived a bad gash on her head but her husband escaped with few injuries. As they started to cross the track the car, which was without lights, because of trouble the motorman was having, struck the wagon. It was ground to kindiing and one horse was killed.

MADISON MURDERER FREE.

Mickey to Release Frederick Sargent. Who Killed Wife at Battle Creek. Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 23 .- It is announced from Lincoln that Governor Mickey issued commutation to Frederick Sargent, Madison county man, sentenced in 1893 to twenty years in the state penitentiary for

"Sargent, who has served twelve years and is the oldest inmate of the prison in point of service, will be released on New Yard's day. Whe has been been and the service of the prison in Year's day. He has been a trusty for sev-

BONUS BRINGS RAILROAD.

Hartington, Neb., Dec. 22.-The pro-posed extension of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroad from here to Crofton seems now to be certainty. The farmers of the vicin-ity of Crofton who undertook to raise a bonus of \$35,000 for the extension of the road have the money all subscribed and several railroad men have been here the past week. The blue print for the pro-posed extension shows that twenty-three miles of foad will be built, run-ning in a northwesterly direction from 'Hartington to Crofton.

a small inland town, in this county. stopped by a fellow boarder.

Mr. Spalding's head struck a fense post and the other passengers were severely bruised. A minute later an express train passed the scene of the accident.

********************** NOVELTIES OF THE NEWS. *********

Paris, Ill .- Thomas Caton, of whom his relatives had heard nothing for forty years, gave his sister, Mrs. Mary Balten, a surprise today when he called at her home. He is an official of the Mexican Central railroad.

Chicago, Ill.-A jury in Judge Clifford's concago, n.-A dury in Judge Childred's court yesterday brought in a verdict of \$25,000 against Lyon & Healy, dealers in musical instruments at Wabash avenue and Adams street. The plaintiff, Mrs. Mary C. Swafford, had sued for \$25,000 for injuries said to have been suffered by her in the store in 1901 by tripping over a rug.

Columbus, O .- "This is the last time you will have to do this for me," said the Rev. D. J. Good, pastor of the Chicago avenue Church of Christ as several of his parishioners went down into their pockets to make up his unpaid salary. Next morning he took his place behind the men's furnishings counter in a store as clerk. He said he had to make a living somehow.

Cincinnati, O .- Joseph S. Neave, whose fortune is estimated at several millions, today accepted the post of superintendent today accepted the post of superimentent of the street cleaning department of this city, declaring that he desired the office to give the municipality the cleanest streets possible. As a mechanical engineer he is an expert, but has had no experience in taking care of thoroughfares beyond keeping the readways on his extensive grounds in order.

Altoona, Pa.-The Pennsylvania railroad has come to the conclusion that rich men's sons will not make good railroad men and sons will not make good ratio an the and that they have to go to the poorer classes for the right kind. The officials of the company therefore made a proposition to the school officials to equ'p the high school here with complete appliances, whereby boys can study railroading. The proposi-tion hose been accounted and the equipment tion has been accepted, and the equipment, which will cost \$18,000, will be installed at Special instructors will be furnonce.

ished by the railroad company.

Trenton, N. J.-Michael Malielwicz awoke with a stinging sensation about the right side of his head and found his right ear lying on a shelf beside his bed. He became trightened and called for help. Then he was told by those in the house that he had been drinking last night and that he had had a narrow escape with his life after a desperate struggle with Vincent Gundozel, a boarder in the house. Gundozel had plunged a knife into Malieling in a northwesterly direction from artington to Croffon. The road will run through Constance, wicz's scalp, tearing a hole several inches long to the skull. The next plunge sliced off the ear. The fight had then been

VICTIM OF ANGRY MOB.

Soleridge Man, Accused of Wife Beating, Badly Beaten by Citizens.

Hartington, Neb., Dec. 22.-Henry Haack, the Coleridge wifebeater, was given a dose of his own medicine. / About two weeks ago Haack was fined \$50 and costs on the charge of

beating his wife while intoxicated. He was also admonished to leave the town for good. He came to Hartington, and,

wishing to effect a reconciliation with his wife, he returned to Coleridge. As soon as it got noised around that he had returned a vigilance committee was formed of twenty men and boys and he was marched out of town and unmercifully beaten. For a distance of four miles he was

driven like a wild animal. He was kicked and hammered with clubs until he was unable to move, and a sympathetic farmer brought him to Harting-ton more dead than alive. His nose was broken, his jaw fractured and his head pounded so both eyes were swelled shut. His left ear was broken and there were black and blue spots all over his body

While there is no one who justifies his treatment of his wife the best citizens of Coleridge condemn the action of the men who participated in his punishnent.

WIFE'S THROAT CUT.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 20.—Bathed in her own life's blood, the body of Mrs. Barts Mathauser was found lying on the floor of her kitchen by Mr. Mathauser, the victim of self destruction. A razor lying by the side of the body, was mute evidence of how the woman had chosen to end her existence.

When Mr. Mathauser returned from work he attempted to enter through the kitchen door, as was his custom, but the door was blocked by the body of his wife. After forcing the door he found his wife with a ghastly gash in her throat.

She had evidently been dead several hours.

WHITTEMORE TRIAL IS ON.

O'Neill, Neb., Dec. 20 .- The case of Bridget Carrigan vs. Fred Whittemore, involving the liability of a bank examiner and his bondsmen in the event of a bank failure, was called in the district court here. The cases arises out of the failure of the Elkhorn Valley bank at. O'Neill over a year ago. Several depos-itors of the defunct bank have filed identical suits and the fate of the one now being tried determines the fate all. Negligence on the part of the bank texaminer when he last checked up the Elkhorn Valley bank is alleged

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