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O'NEILL. NEBRASKA

"The Favorite Daughters of the King of Slam" is the picture which few tourists who visit Bengkok fail to bring away from that city. It has been used to decorate all sorts of articles, useful and ornamental. The picture shows seven girls, all about 14 years old; all wearing white shirtwaists, black knickerbockers and white shoes and stockings, and all with their long black hair loose upon their backs. They are grouped about an easel in a drawing room furnished in modern European style, looking exceedingly conscious of their garments. On the postal cards which bear this picture the title is: "Siamese Royal Beauthe title is: "Siamese Royal Beau-

Costa Rica, differing absolutely from Nicaragua, has twice as many teachers in its schools and colleges as soldiers in its schools and colleges as soldiers in its army. Elementary education of both sexes is by constitutional mandates compulsory and at the government's expense. The capital, San Jose, population 35,000, has parks, electric railway, electric lighting, telephones, paved streets, orphan and insane buildings, hospitals, government buildings, a national theater, palace of justice, university, mint, markets, national palace, high schools, Episcopal palace, executive mansion and custom house. 100 years ago Costa Rica was described as the most benighted province in the Spanish empire.

Primitive methods are employed in the exploitation of the gold mines discovered within the last few years in the foothills of the Andavakoera mountains, in northern Madagascar. The miners are all natives, employed by the developing companies. The gold is found in crystalized quartz, which occasionally contains one-third of its weight in metal, but the gold bearing parts are irregularly scattered in chimneys, and the chief difficulty is to locate the chimneys. Brought to the surface, the quartz is sorted, and the pleces which are starred with gold are broken up by pounding with a stone hammer. Primitive methods are employed in

New Jersey has 290,000 acres of salt marsh and 90 per cent of the mosquito output is credited to those depressions. To stop their breeding long, straight ditches are dug by machinery, draining the ground sufficiently to receive and retain water for the little fishes with which they are stocked and which and retain water for the little fishes with which they are stocked and which eat the larvae with great relish. Places too spongy to drain are filled with sand. One small marsh near a popular summer resort bred in a single season 95,000,000 mosquitoes, according to careful estimates. It was filled up at a cost of \$35, and the resort is now more popular than ever, for the pests are no longer known to it.

Spiders have a number of ingenious ways of alluring and catching their prey. A writer in Popular Science describes an American spider which haunts evergreen trees, and snares its dinner by means of a kind of lasso. The web of the spider is triangular in form. Two corners of the triangle are attached to twigs, but the other corner, which ends in a single thread, is held by the spider, perched on a neighboring twig. When a fly strikes the web the spider loosens his hold and the electric threads instantly entangle the victim.

The sum of 1 halfpenny has just been repaid to the Hull corporation under curious circumstances. Five years ago an old lady who lives in an out-of-the-way part of Yorkshire went to Hull and tendered two halfpennies for her fare on a tram car. One of the coins feil, and the conductor refused to take another, saying he would find the one on the floor. When she returned to her country home the missing halfpenny fell out of her umbrella, and though it was five years before she again visited Hull, her first care was to call and repay the corporation. o call and repay the corporation.

Ten per cent of the men open and close their mouths without being able to utter a single word and 2 per cent make their proposals while standing on one foot. With regard to the women, on the other hand, 60 per cent sink helpless into the lover's arms, for whose proposal they have been waiting; 20 per cent blush and hide their faces, 1 per cent swoon away, 4 per cent are genuinely amazed, 14 per cent gaze silently into the suitor's eyes, and 1 per cent run away to tall a girl 1 per cent run away to tell a girl

The story is told that Judge Story and Edward Everett were once the prominent personages at a public diner in Boston. The former, as a voluntary toast gave. untary toast, gave: "Fame follows merit where Everett goes." The gentleman thus delicately complimented at once arose, and replied with this equally felicitous impromptu: "To whatever height judicial learning may attain in this country, there will always be one Story higher."

Interesting experiments have been carried on by Dr. Warburg in the schools of Cologne, Germany, on the subject of distinguishing between different calors the colors of th ferent colors. He found that the power of telling one color or shade from another was much more strongly developed in girls than in boys. He also found that the more intelligent the pupils were, the better color sense they had.

Miss Rose Pitener, of Boston, recently swam from Charlestown bridge to Boston light, a distance of nearly 12 miles, in a little less than seven hours. Seven men who attempted the feat had to give it up. Miss Pitener was accompained by five men in two rowboats and her only rests were obtained by swimming on her back. She is just a little past 15.

Germany has 28,000 co-operate asso-ciations, with more than 4,000,000 mem-bers; with their families they repre-sent nearly one-third of the total population of Germany

Members of the Hingham (Norfolk, Engiand) Rat and Sparrow club have destroyed 13,365 sparrows, 4,726 rats and 3,304 sparrows' eggs in eight

Consul Maynard, of Vladivostok, Si-beria, repeats the familiar charge that American manufacturers lose foreign markets because of their indifference.

We have in savings banks \$3,500,000.000, in national banks \$4,500,000,000,
and in state banks \$5,000,000,000—in all

In 1909 Japan exported earthenware and porcelain to the value of \$2,618,400, and of this the United States took

A machine has been invented for printing, developing and fixing post eard photographs at a high rate of speed.

A recent estimate placed the popu-sation of the world at 1,467,000,000.

The O'Neill Frontier | NEBRASKA CROPS ARE WORTH \$220,000,000

Corn, Oats and Spring Wheat Show Substantial Increase Over Last Year.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 4 .- According to Deputy Labor Commissioner W. M. Maupin, who has just finishes compiling crop statistics, the nine principal products of the farm in this state total approximately \$220,000,000 in values.

The corn crop of this year is estimated at 178,923,128 bushels. This is an increase of nearly 10,000,000 bushels

over last year.

The winter wheat yield is placed at 40,617,535 bushels, a decrease of 5,827,-200 bushels from last year. The spring wheat yield was 4,533,517 bushels, an increase of 664,652 bushels over last

year. The total yield was 71,562,877 bushels. Last year the oats crop amounted to a little less than 60,000,000

FARMER PLAYS DETECTIVE
AND LANDS HIS QUARRY
Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 4.—J. B. Johnson, a farmer living near Blair, Neb., ployed the roll of a detective in real Sherlock Holmes' fashion yesterday. He followed the man whom he suspected of having burglarized his house and finally landed him at the Chicago & Northwestern railroad station in this city.

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this city.

When Johnson found that his farm house had been entered, he immediately went to Blair, where he began to keep a lookout for a man upon whom he might fix suspicion. He finally discovered a young fellow who looked to him suspicious. When he saw the youth board a passenger train bound for Fremont, he also went.

The young man came on to Lincoln, Johnson did likewise. By the time the train arrived in Lincoln, Johnson had satisfied himself that the stranger was wearing a pair of shoes that belonged to the farmer's household. When the train stopped in this city, the farmer took the liberty, without an official star, to place his man under arrest. He led the youth to the police station, where the latter gave his name as Ernest Stillion and his age as 18.

The sheri: of Washington county was called up over the telephone and arrangements were made for the return of the captured lad. The farmer agreed to take Stillion as far as Fremont by himself.

Shoes, a razor, cuff buttons, a stickpin, and other articles, were found in the possession of Stillion when he was arrested. Mr. Johnson said he could identify the goods as his property.

"I'm 'certainly something of a Sherlock Holmes," said the farmer. "I guess I could make something of a success of this business myself if I cared to."

HOTEL ROBBER SECURES

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SAMPLES OF TOMBSTONES

Emerson, Neb., Nov. 4.—The Hotel
McDonald of this place was entered
Saturday night and robbed. The till
was broken open and some silver
change amounting to about \$2 taken.
An overcoat and hat were also taken,
but the principal loss fell upon a traveling man for a Plainview tombstone
company, who lost a grip and a sample case, the one containing his personal effects and the other samples of
marble, with many photographs of
tombstones. He is very anxious to
have these returned, and since they
are of no value to anyone else, it
would seem he might have hopes.

Miss Hazel McDonald gave a Hallowe'en party for the children of her
school of the eight grade Saturday
evening, which was a great success. SAMPLES OF TOMBSTONES

OMAHA IS LOSER IN ANOTHER RATE CASE

Washington, Nov. 4.—The Commercial club of Omaha loses its fight for the institution of through rates and joint rates on butter, eggs and poultry in carload lots from Omaha to points in Central Freight association points in Central Freight association and Atlantic seaboard territories, under a decision announced by the Interstate Commerce commission today.

with the Baltimore & Ohio and other railroads as defendants.

SHALLENBERGER ESCAPES

Pender, Neb., Nov. 4. — Governor Shallenberger had a narrow escape while coming to Pender yesterday afternoon from Lyons. When two miles out from the latter city in the large touring car driven by Ed McMoines, of Lyons, one of the hind wheels of the car left the hub and ran into a plowed field some distance away. The car was being driven at about 30 miles an hour and it bumped along over the road 60 yards or more before it stopped, fortunately right side up.

"I was not frightened," said the governor, "but the road seemed awful INJURY IN ACCIDENT

ernor, "but the road seemed awful rough. Mr. McMoines immediately ran to a farm house and telephoned to Lyons for another car and got here on time.

SHOOTS WOMAN FOR REFUSING TO ELOPE

Kansas City, Nov. 4. — James M. Shearn today shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Louise Sullivan and then shot and killed himself- because the woman refused to elope with him. The shooting occurred in Mrs. Sullivan's apartments in this city. After shooting Mrs. Sullivan twice in the head, Shearn fired two shots at the woman's sister, who escaped from the room without injury.

who escaped from the room without injury.

Mrs. Sullivan had been separated from her husband but recently, they became reconciled to each other. While, they were separated Shearn paid court to Mrs. Sullivan and he has been jealous since the Sullivans were remuted. united.

Mrs. Sullivan will recover.

BIG ATCHISON FIRE. Atchison, Kan., Nov. 4.—Fire early today destroyed the Blair Elevator company's elevator in this city causing a loss of \$125,000. The elevator contained 100,000 bushels of grain.

RUMORS OF TROUBLE IN SPAIN ARE DISCREDITED

Madrid, Nov. 4—The rumors of revolutionary outbreaks in Spain, particularly in Barcelona, are without foundation. Calm is reported throughout the country.

The above dispatch from Madrid disposes of the report given currency last night of a revolutionary outbreak in Spain. A dispatch in Paris to the Lon-don Daily Telegraph stated that a re-bellious movement had been begun in

| LAND FRAUD CASE INVOLVES LEADING MEN IN NEBRASKA

Federal Grand Jury at Omaha Returns True Bills Against Nine of the Accused Ranchmen.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 5 .- Indictments eturned by the federal grand jury the Kinkead homestead law by the de-

fendants.
Those indicted are Perry S. Yeast, Those indicted are Perry S. Yeast, of Hyannis, Neb.; his son, Frank W. Yeast, Leslie E. Ballinger, M. C. Hubell, Emil Anderson, Wilmot Z. Emerson, Harry Sutton, Boone D. Hawthorne and Dr. Harry H. Huff. Dr. Huff, who is a prominent physician, and Sutton, who is county attorney, are both members of the county insanity board.

There are four counts in the indictments and the specific overt acts men-

ments and the specific overt acts men-tioned indicate an unusual frontier condition.

According to the charges made in the indictment Yeast and his associates carried their efforts so far as to secure the incarceration in the insane asylum at Hastings, Neb., of one of their alleged victims.

Wanted Feeding Ground.

When the Kinkaid homestead law was passed many persons went to Grant, Banner, Garden, Cherry and other western Nebraska counties and took up sections. The land is in the Sandhills country, but contains many fertile valleys. The homesteaders generally lived in tents and depended on the valley land for their living. Several big ranchers, among them Yeast and his associates, have heretofore depended on this valley land for their hay for winter feeding and the settling of homesteaders was resented. The indictment charges that a band Wanted Feeding Ground.

The indictment charges that a band of about 30 persons, headed by Yeast, went to the homes of many of these homesteaders, among them Cashier J. Davasher, George Carpenter, Golba D. Graves, George Babcock, Henry S. Coulson and others and by intimidation and threats of taking their lives and those of their families forced them

coulson and others and by intimidation and threats of taking their lives and those of their families forced them to leave their claims.

The specific case of Davasher is mentioned in detail. It is charged that Yeast and the other defendants, accompanied by a band of cowboys, visited Davasher's home and after threatening himself and family with death if they did not leave the country, destroyed his home, broke up his machinery, cut his harness to pieces and in other ways mistreated him.

Later, according to the indictment. Davasher declared if the men returned he would meet them with a gun. Yeast, it is charged, because of this remark, swore out a warrant for Davasher and had him brought into court. When the judge declined to do more than put Davasher under bonds to keep the peace, the indictment states, Yeast conspired with members of the county insanity board and secured Davasher's incarceration in the asylum.

Mock Insanity Hearing.

This latter act, according to the indictment, was committed in a high-

This latter act, according to the in-dictment, was committed in a highdictment, was committed in a highhanded manner. On announcement of
the court that Davasher had committed no act which would justify a jail
sentence, Yeast and his attorney securred the presence of the insanity commissioners who, it is alleged, went
through a mock examination, declared
Davasher insane and issued a warrant
for his arrest. This was served on the
spot and within an hour he was rushed
off to the asylum without being permitted to have counsel or secure a
hearing.

Davasher's case was brought to the
attention of the superintendent of the
institution.

corpus proceedings. This was done and the asylum officials appeared in Davasher's behalf, his release following

dictments being returned. Special Agents Harry B. Durham and William Agents Harry B. Durham and William Neff have been working on the cases for several months. A special grand jury was summoned to consider the

District Attorney Howell received an unsolicited letter a few months ago from a surveyor named Willard W. Alt living in Garden county, who declared the land in question was owned by the defendants. The government sent a surveyor into the territory, and had it resurveyed, with the result that, it is stated, the homesteaders were found to be legally on the land. be legally on the land.

Many thousand acres of grazing land is contained in the tracts in question.

STAR YALE FOOTBALL PLAYER IS LAID UP

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 5.--In a scrimmage between the Yale versity and the freshmen football teams yesterday, John Reed Kilpatrick, right end of the varsity, and an all-American end, was struck on the abdomen and side and removed from the field in an automobile. The coaches last night were unable to give the extent of his injuries or how long he would be out of the game.

In the scrimmage four touchdowns were made by the varsity and two by the freshmen.

the freshmen.

In the face of persistent rumors that there was friction between the coaches, Walter Camp, graduate advisory coach, and Head Coach Coy gave out statements in which they denied there was any split in the coaching force, saying that all was harmonious.

OAKLAND ATHLETIC CLUB GOES TO BANKRUPTCY

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 5 .- With liabilities placed at \$13,000 and assets of \$2,600, the Reliance Athletic club. of Oakland, through its president, Walter B. Fawcett, presented a petition in bankruptcy yesterday. The liabilities consist chiefly of numerous small accounts with Oakland firms. The Reliance club was for many years one of the foremost athletic organizations on the Pacific coast.

COLERIDGE MAN IS SHOT AND KILLED BY **REVENGEFUL WOMAN**

Maggie Davis Puts Four Bullets Into Ira Churchill While He Is Milking.

Coleridge, Neb., Nov. 5 .- Ira Churchill, aged 28 years, was shot and killed last evening while milking in the barn Wednesday against nine ranchmen of western Nebraska were made public today. The indictments charge conspiracy to drive from their claims at the points of guns homesteaders who took sections of semi-arid land under the Kinkead homestead law by the dehim in the head and one entering his left breast. Churchill's wife, a bride of a month, heard the shots and went to his assistance, but within a few minutes he died in her arms. When Mrs, Churchill reached the place where her husband lay, Mrs. Davis was standing over him with the revolver still in her hand, and after a defiant look at the wife of her victim, left the scene and went to the home of Clint Boucher, a short distance away, where she awaited the officers and willingly went with them, submitting to being handcuffed and showing little interest in the proceedings. ceedings.

Cause of the Crime. "Churchill promised to marry me, while I was working as his house-keeper, and then he went and married another woman," was the brief statement of Mrs. Davis who is a married woman, but had applied for a divorce from her husband, who is said to live in southern Indiana. Coroner Riferd at once held an inquest where the evidence warranted a decision to the effect dence warranted a decision to the effect that Churchill came to his death at the hands of the accused woman. She was taken to Hartington, where she is held in fall without best

held in jail without bail.

The Davis woman is a sister of Mrs.
Charles Joslyn, who is of highly respected family connection and living in the neighborhood where the tragedy occurred.

A Deliberate Act.

Mrs. Davis, who is a woman about 35 years old, kept house for Ira Churchill about three years, discontinuing last spring and going to the home of Fred Moss, near Laurel, where she had served in like capacity until a short time ago. Recently she had been working for the family of Clint Boucher, where she was arrested after her crime. Mrs. Davis is a woman of quiet manner, not given to outbursts of temper, and her act was evidently premeditated, as she had made the statement deliberately to friends previous to A Deliberate Act. liberately to friends previous to Churchill's marriage that he was to marry her and that if he married an-

other she would kill him.

Ira Churchill was married October
to Miss Clara Rawles, of Shelby,
Neb., the ceremony being performed
at Sioux City. He was well to do and
highly respected in this locality.

GUANTANAMO IS SITE FOR A NAVAL STATION

Secretary Meyer Says It Is Logical Defense Point of

attention of the superintendent of the institution, who was not there when Davasher arrived. The superintendent, however, in looking over the commitment papers became suspicious, and called in an expert and conducted an examination into the case. He at once decided Davasher was not insane, and advised the latter to institute habeas corpus proceedings. This was done to the proceedings of the proceeding of the proc class naval base that might be estab-

lished without great expense.

The secretary found the first step necessary is the consolidation of the Davasher's behalf, his release following a short time ago.

According to an official of the interior department the present indictment covers one of the most remarkable attempts at land grabbing which has recently been brought to the attention of the department. A letter written by one of the victims to President Taft is said to have caused the investigation which resulted in the indictments being returned. Special site which is better protected and near which it would be practical to place in addition two floating docks now in the possession of the government with but small expenses for dredging.

Secretary Meyer said he was firmly convinced that only one naval base was precessary to secure control of the Corp.

cessary to secure control of the Car ibbean sea and the gulf of Mexico, with a minor auxiliary station at some point to be determined in the future.

EXPRESS STRIKE NOW NEAR A SETTLEMENT

Representatives of Companies and of the Men Holding Conference Today.

New York, Nov. 5.—The movement for a settlement of the strike of the express company drivers and helpers, which has practically tied up express business in and around New York city. business in and around New York city, for a week, took more definite form to-day with the announcement that representatives of the company would meet representatives of the men this

Indications were that each side would Indications were that each side wouldenter the conference with a willingness to concede something and prospects for a settlement, possibly before nightfall looked bright.

Pending the proposed meeting this afternoon, no developments were looked for in the arbitration proposition made by the men through the National Civic federation and Mayor Gaynor.

SNOW IN CHICAGO. Chicago, Nov. 5.—A little advance "Thanksgiving" weather came today, when a steady old time snow storm, beginning early, lasted for several hours in defiance of the forecaster's prediction of warmer weather. Today's fall was the first this year of sufficient volume to coat the ground.

ROUNDHOUSE MEN STRIKE.

Mason City, Ia., Nov. 5.—The movement of engines was tied up here yesterday on the Iowa Central by a strike of employes of the roundhouse for higher wages. The railway company is attempting to hire other men.

WOMAN WHO TOOK CHURCHILL'S LIFE **ENGAGES COUNSEL**

Mrs. Maggie Davis Breaks Down In Jail When She Realizes Nature of Crime.

Hartington, Neb., Nov. 8 .- Shortly after engaging R. J. Millard, of this place, to defend her on the charge of murdering Ira Churchill near Coleridge, Wednesday night, Mrs. Maggie Davis last evening broke down and wept for the first time since the crime was committed. The engagement of counsel seemed to impress upon the woman's mind the serious condition in which she is placed, mingled with regret over the death of the man whom she really expected to become her husband

Mrs. Davis has not asked to see her 10-year-old girl, who is with her sister, Mrs. Charles Joslyn, in the neighborhood where the crime was committed. This child is the fruit of a union with the man from whom Mrs. Davis has within a year sought separation. It is not understood that she had secured a divorce and consequently we see the secured in the secured in the secured and the secured in the divorce and consequently was not in position to contract marriage even if Churchill had been disposed to take up with her permanently. It is a matter of general knowledge that Mrs. Davis had been enraged at Churchill since his marriage to Miss Rawles a month ago and had made threats against him. It is thought by some that the woman was temporarily insane at the time she shot Churchill. The hearing begins Monday at 10 o'clock a.m., and will be conducted at Coleridge.

UNIQUE TRIBUTE PAID TO DEAD AUTOMOBILIST

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 8 .- A drama new to American automobile racing was enacted on the speedway just before the start of the 100-mile race yesterday.

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With the strains of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," floating from the grandstand band, nine big cars lined up at the starting wire, their engines stilled for 15 minutes, while their drivers, with bared heads, waited for the last prayer to be said in another part of the city at the funeral of Al Livingstone, who was to have started in the 100-mile race, but who was killed in practice here two days ago. After the hymn there was a long silence, respected by all the thousands in the inclosure.

Suddenly the band started a two-step, the racing engines coughed and Livingstone, "the king of the dirt track," had passed forever from speedway events. New speed kings were throwing the clutches into position and the big race was on.

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WOMAN IS CONVICTED

wife admitted the killing, but asserted Streight, as a result of domestic trou-bles, had attempted to cut her with a razor. The state claimed Streight was asleep when shot.

PREMIER BRIAND NAMES **NEW CABINET MINISTERS**

Paris, Nov. 8 .- M. Briand has organized the new French cabinet as fol-

Premier and Minister of the Interior Aristide Briand. Minister of Justice—Theodore Girard. Minister of Foreign Affairs—Stephen

Minister of War-General Brun. Minister of Marine-Boue de Lapey-Minister of Public Instruction-Mau-

rice Faure.
Minister of Finance—M. Klotz. Minister of Commerce—Jean Dupuy. Minister of Agriculture—Maurice Raynaud.

Minister of Colonies—M. Morel. Minister of Labor—Louis Laferre. Minister of Public Works—M. Purch.

Under secretaries have been appointed as follows:

Marine, M. Gishau; finance, Andre Lafevre; war, M. Noulens; fine arts, M. Dujardin-Beaumetz.

************ NICONSIN COW GETS SAFELY TO WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Nov. 8.—Pauline Wayne III., the much talked of new White House cow, has at last reached Washington and taken up her domestic duties as provider of milk and butter for President Taft's household.

Pauline is a Holstein-Fresian cow of registered stock, her number in the bovine blue book being 115580. She came from the stock farm of Senator Isaac Stephenson, of Wisconsin, and was on the road from Kenosha just two days. just two days.

At present she yields 71/2 gallons of milk a day.

SHOOTS UP FAMILY. Cedarburg, Wis., Nov. 8.—Louis Hoffman, a butcher, while laboring under an attack of insanity early today, shot and killed his 12-year-old son, Carl; wounded his brother, Ernest, and Ernest's son, Walter. Hoffman was arrested and taken to the Port Washington jail.

Scotland Yard has more than 100,000 finger prints of convicted criminals, and so perfect is the system that the finger print of any convict who is passed through the department can be identified within three minutes.

THREE NEBRASKA **BOYS LOSE LIVES** IN A HOLOCAUST

Flames Beat Back Youthful Rescuers and Little Tots Burn to Death in Doomed House.

************* LIST OF DEAD.

Ernest Peterson, aged three years. Clarence Peterson, aged five five years.
Leo Peterson, aged 14 years.
INJURED.
Alvin Peterson, aged seven,
painfully burned.

Hartington, Neb., Nov. 8 .- Burned almost beyond recognition, the bodies of three boys, Ernest Peterson, aged 3 years; Clarence, aged 5, and Leo, aged 14, were today recovered from the ashes of the home of Peter A. Peterson, who lives three miles northwest of this place on the farm of his father-inlaw, Stephen Seim. Alvin Peterson, aged 7, was also seriously burned, but

aged 7, was also seriously burned, but is expected to recover.

No more heart rending tragedy has ever occurred in northeast Nebraska than that which early this morning blotted out three young lives and for a time threatened the lives of four others who last night were their happy and joyful companions.

Father In Hospital.

Peter A. Peterson, father of two of the victims, was taken to a Sioux City hospital yesterday for treatment. Mrs. Peterson, the wife, anxious over the condition of her husband, came to Hartington last evening to take an early morning train to visit and cheer her companion. This morning as she stood on the platform of the station awaiting on the platform of the station awaiting the arrival of the train, a messenger rushed up to her and guardedly informed her that misfortune had come to her home. And the awful details of the rending of a happy family and the appalling loss of life, came from the lips of the messenger in answer to questions showing the extreme of parental anxiety, fear and grief.

Children Had Company. Last night the Peterson children, Ernest, Clarence and Alvin, had for their nest, Clarence and Alvin, had for their companions in the absence of their parents, their cousins, Leo and Freddie Peterson, children of Sivert Peterson, the latter an uncle living but a mile away, also Oliver and Alma Seim, aged 18 and 16 years, uncle and aunt of the Peter Peterson children. The evening was pleasantly spent in the simple ways of children of tender age and by 10:30 all were in bed, the girl with the three small children of Peter Peterson in the two rooms on the first floor, the Seim boy and the two children of Severt Peterson upstairs.

Awake In Flames.

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Widow of Texas Newspaper
Man Guilty of Murder In
First Degree.

Waco, Tex., Nov. 8.— Mrs. Minnie J.ee
Streight, charged with the murder of her husband, T. E. Streight, at McGregor, Tex.. June 18 last, was found guilty of murder in the first degree here today. Her punishment was fixed at life imprisonment.

The defendant, who was lying on a cot which she has occupied for several weeks, sobbed convulsively when the verdict was announced, but did not speak.

Mr. Streight, one of the best-known newspaper men in the state, was shot in the forehead with a pistol and killed about midnight, June 18. His wife admitted the killing, but asserted Streight, as a result of domestic trou-

children through the window of the sleeping room, but the fierce flames drove the heroic young rescuers back and they were forced to stand, awe struck and frightened witnesses of th awful tragedy which was being enacted before them with the lurid flames lighting up the landscape in every di-rection. Neighboring farmers asleep knew nothing of the tragic event until after the house had fallen and nothing remained but the charred bodies of the victims among the remnants of such household utensils as were non-combustible. Those of the children who escaped

Those of the children who escaped had scarcely any clothing except their night garments and were forced to gather close to the fire, which had proven their enemy, to protect themselves from the chill night air. An hour after the holocaust had completed its work of destruction, they were rescued from their pitiable surroundings and taken to the homes of neighbors, where they were cared for, and a messenger was sent to tell the and a messenger was sent to tell the mother that two of the youngest and tenderest of her babes were lifeless, charred and disfigured almost beyond

The light from the burning structure was seen from Hartington, but as it is was seen from Harrington, out as it is the season for burning strawstacks, there was little thought of it, and no intimation of the awful calamity was had until the messenger imparted it to the stricken mother, who is pros-trated over the blotting out of these young lives.

young lives.

Mystery envelopes the cause of the burning of the house, but as there were no lights left burning and there was a fire in the stove when the children retired, it is elieved that there was a defective flue in the chimney and that the fire found its way through to a partition below the second floor and was thus able to make considerable headthus able to make considerable head-way before the occupants of the upper part of the house were made aware of it imminence.

AMNESTY GRANTED.

Lisbon, Nov. 8.—The republic Portugal was proclaimed one mo Portugal was proclaimed one month ago and to commemorate the date a decree was published in the official journal today granting amnesty topolitical offenders and reducing the prison sentences of all criminals one third.

NEBRASKAN INDICTED

IN LAND FRAUD CASE Washington, Nov. 8 .- Word was received at the interior department today of the indictment of Everett Eldred, at Omaha, Neb., several days ago, dred, at Omaha, Neb., several days ago, for conspiracy to acquire title to government land by "procured or dummy" entries. The case involves 10,000 acres of land in Garden county, Nebraska.

This indictment has no connection with those handed down at Omaha about the same time in which nine ranchmen were charged with conspiracy to drive homesteaders from their claims at points of guns.