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CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—A Tribune special from Beaver Falls, Pa., says: The members of the Economy society who occupy a settlement near here are seriously considering the feasibility of returning to the institution of marriage. There are now about thirty members of the organization left in a quaint little town of Economy and they are all well along in years. For a long time the rate forbidding the marriage of members has been strictly enforced and time has so reduced their numbers that the question of disposing of the millions of dollars of treasure which the organization has accumulated, and of perpetuating the society itself, is becoming daily more important. At the opening of the coming year a dozen new members will be admitted to the society. Several of these are married. About the same time a proposition to raise the bars so long placed on the marriage rift will be considered. It is learned that a majority of the present members favor the idea, and unless something appears to change their minds the change is expected to be made. The society lives in the town of Economy, on the banks of the Ohio, and has become celebrated for the frailty of its members, its enormous wealth, the farms, grain houses and good estates. Jacob Henrich, its leading spirit, is a white haired patriarchal man just 80 years of age.

**Afflicted Johnstown.**  
JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 10.—During the performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the opera house here tonight a cry of fire was raised, resulting in a terrific rush for life down the narrow stairs. Ten persons were instantly crushed to death, and probably twenty seriously injured. Among the killed were Mrs. Nester and George Flehern, the water being necessary to turn a stream of water on the crowd from the fire engines before the dead and wounded could be taken out. The people rushed from the outside up the narrow stairs and were crushed by the crowd forcing its way to the front.

## NEBRASKA NEWS.

### Worried Farmers.

Pender special: There has appeared for the past three issues of a local paper notice of a sale of several hundred acres of Omaha lands, the sale to take place on the 28th of this month. These lands are tracts which have once been sold to settlers and are supposed to have reverted to the government in consequence of a failure on the part of the purchasers to make full and proper payment, and in some instances this supposition is correct, but in many it is not. Almost one-third of the land described in the notice of sale is today held by men who claim to have complied strictly with the law in every respect, and it support of that claim are ready and able to produce receipts duly signed by the receiver at Neligh, and while the majority of those whose lands are advertised for sale under these circumstances feel that it is a trivial mistake on the part of the officials in describing the lands, there are many who are half scared out of their wits over the matter. Soon after the first notice appeared a regular "rum" was made on the newspaper office in quest of copies of the paper containing the notice, and it has continued so since, many of them hoping to see the original copy, being to detect an error on the part of the compositor in placing the description in type. The most excited man of the numerous strangers was one Charles G. Maimburg, an honest looking Swede residing near this place, just in the edge of Cumming county, who came in last night. He was next to insane over the matter, and to comfort him was impossible. He had four receipts, two signed by F. H. Gaillbraith and two by Mrs. B. Lambert, with the United States seal, etc. He had bought another man's interest, paying \$450, and the four receipts from the land office aggregated \$170, the whole amount being \$626. Mr. Maimburg's case is only one of a great many, and while a majority of them feel quite certain that it will turn out all right in the end, they anticipate that it will be a long and tiresome process known as the "red-tape act" before getting matters straightened out. The indignation of settlers at this state of affairs in this and Cumming counties is intense, and growing each day as some new man discovers his home advertised for sale.

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### Mrs. Fenke Schomerns died at Nebraska City Tuesday. Deceased was born in 1792, making her ninety-eight years of age at the time of her death, and had long resided in this country.

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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—A private dispatch received in this city today announcing the collapse of the barb wire trust. It has been known for some time that there were serious dissensions in the ranks of the manufacturers who were to compose the trust, but the chief promoters asserted and resented that it was entirely a success. There were several points on which the manufacturers disagreed, among which may be stated that about half of the men in the combine wanted to be president of the trust; another was in fact that the owners of a mine of the mine included in the combine wanted such instead of stock for their plants, and this the promoters were not willing to give. It is believed that the rock on which the combine split.

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### A Monstrous Crime Charged.

St. Louis, Dec. 8.—A special to the Republic from St. Paul says: Charles S. Ostrom, until last Friday night cashier and clerk of the Minnesota department of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, is suspected of having started the fire which consumed the Minnesota Tribune building on the night of November 30, and in which seven men lost their lives. He was charged on Friday night with having stolen \$2,300 of the Pioneer Press funds and placed under arrest. He admitted his guilt and desired to do all he could to help his employees straighten out the books. A terrible rumor was soon abroad that Ostrom fired the Tribune building to hide the evidence of his guilt. He was seen in jail and strenuously denied the story. He evinced much emotion and said he was sure he could establish an alibi. Ostrom's downfall is due to gambling and is a great surprise to all his friends. He has been married about three months.

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

### Still a Deadlock.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—A Tribune special from Helena, Mont., says the republican senators have definitely declined to refuse the proposition of the democratic senators to investigate the Tunnel reelect election case, giving as a reason that it would be discourteous to the house of representatives for the senate to interfere in a question which related to the seats of members of the latter body. It is stated that the same sort of proposition for investigation was made by the democratic house to the republican house. The latter proposition was kept secret until yesterday. The deadlock stands on the first day of the session.

### Fifteen Thousand Detectives.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—At the opening of the Chicago trial this morning Forrest resumed his address to the jury in behalf of the defense. He proceeded at length to argue upon the unreliability of circumstantial evidence and danger of using it to convict the prisoners. He declared that the defense had worked under disadvantages throughout the trial. The prosecution had been accused of the same as an employe who were members of the Clan-na-Gael through out the country.

### Coming West.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 8.—Some of the manufacturers whose shops were burned at the Lynn fire are looking for locations in the west. Omaha and Kansas City have already made overtures to them, and it is probable that some of the manufacturers will make an effort to locate there. Some correspondence on the subject has already been done.

### 1,000,000 Acres of Arid Land.

New York, Dec. 6.—Major Powell, chief of the federal commission to report upon the best method of irrigating the arid lands of the country, read a paper upon the subject before the chamber of commerce this afternoon.

### Prices of Farm Products.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The December returns of prices of farm products to the department of agriculture are lower than ever before. The lowest average estimate value of corn in former years was 31.8 cents in 1878, since that date, 32.8 in 1885. The average of wheat estimates is 70.6 cents. This is not the lowest, as the average in December, 1884, was 61.5. The average price of oats is lower than ever before reported. In 1878 it was 24.6 cents per bushel; at the present time 23 cents. Prices of barley, rye and buckwheat are also lower. The returns on the condition of wheat seeded this autumn are generally favorable. There is no serious impairment in the wheat crop generally small, but in the southern Atlantic states, with some increase in North Carolina and Georgia. A marked tendency to increase is reported in Texas, still increase appears in Indiana and Illinois, and a still stronger tendency to enlargement of area in Missouri and Kansas.

### Massachusetts Elections.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—Municipal elections were held today in Boston, Lowell, Salem, Worcester, Newburyport and Lynn. In Boston, although the total vote for mayor was nearly 8,000 less than a year ago, Hart (republican) was elected by a majority of 1,000. Mayor Hart has served for thirteen years, with the exception of that given to O'Brien (4 months) in 1886. The republicans will also have a majority in both branches of the city government. Isaac S. Burrell is elected street commissioner without opposition. In Worcester Francis J. Harrington was elected mayor today by a vote of 5,385 to 5,019 for George Bullock, citizen-democrat, and 17,000 for Charles C. Smith, republican. The city votes after election, 5,192 to 5,115. The two democratic candidates for aldermen on the city government were elected. One republican being on both tickets, and the republican on the straight ticket was elected over the republican on the mixed ticket.

### The Situation Serious.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The attitude of the coal handlers in connection with the threatened strike of the gas workers adds an extremely alarming feature to the already serious situation. Ostensibly in sympathy with the gas stokers and others employed by the gas companies, but really in furtherance of their own cases, the coal handlers have issued an ultimatum to the masters, giving them the alternative of advancing wages or suffering the inconvenience and pecuniary loss of a determined strike. The action of the coal handlers, as well as the movement of the gas workers, is well timed as a means of spreading discomfort and even distress, since they directly supply every house and factory in the metropolis with coal, and the opportunity to enforce their demands at the beginning of the busy season. The threatened stoppage of the supply of gas has created a boom in the petroleum trade and the demand for lamps is the greatest that has ever before been known and almost beyond the capacity of the dealers to fill. The number of competent hands standing ready to fill the vacant places has greatly encouraged the belief of the company in the ability to meet the demand. The coal handlers' stubbornness in refusing to agree to any terms short of compliance with the present order of things.

### Heavy Rains in Arizona.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Dec.—The heaviest rain storm ever known in this section has just ended, the rainfall for five days being four and seventy-six hundredths inches. The bridge across the Verde river on the Prescott & Arizona Central railroad went down yesterday as a passenger train was crossing it. The engine and one car went into the river. No one was hurt. The dam and ditch of the Etta Mining company was washed away and the foundation of the mill badly damaged. The loss is \$80,000. A number of head of stock is also reported drowned in the Verde valley.

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### A Monstrous Crime Charged.