THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE, LINCOLN, NEB., THURSDAY, MAR 17, 1892.

NOT CROWDED.

Sue, will you skate with me?" he whispe

"If you're rested now, you know." ad the little boy and maiden Glided through the straying snow.

on each side the banks tower upward, Gray and rugged tree-crowned hills, Yorn in many sinnous courses By the spring-time's storm-born rills.

On they glide with daring swiftness-Rounded cheeks and roses bloom, Colder still the wind is blowing. Daylight dies in graying gloom.

"Just once more up creck," he urges, Then he adds with sheepish air, "It's the nicest-don't you think so? "Cause there ain't so many there." -Madge Merton.

SOME MYSTERIOUS DEATHS.

FROM THE RECORDS OF A FRENCH POLICE-MAN.

I had some renown as a successful rogue-catcher; and I had some experi-"Very well;" and added, that he ence, too. My field of operations, as should be happy to sell to me when I a usual thing, lay within the confines came again. I hade him good-day,

resolved to wait a while and see if he returned. I would have followed him, for me!

"Yes," he replied. "Sit down and

We sat down, and having tasted a but he might have detected me and

glass of wine, he proceeded: "Within a few months past there have been some of the most mysterihave been some of the most mysteri-ous murders committed in this de-partment, and the Department of Var, that have ever come under my notice. They are done, mostly, on the road from Castellane to Aups. The first victim was a Marseilles merchant, who had come up to Cas-tellane to mysteries of the series and the cond from Castellane to Aups. tellane to purchase preserved fruits. was at the bottom of the crime, and His body was lound by the road side, near the line between the two departments; and at first it was supposed that he must have upon the road. I examined my pis-fallen there and died in a fit, as no tols, and then left the town, taking mark of violence could be found upon him. His pockets had been rifled, however. The next one was found near Annot, and under the same cirnear Annot, and under the same cir-camstances. He was a merchant also, and from Nice. Since then five or six wood. I now began to be very caremore died upon the road in the same ful and keep my eyes about me. I will not say that I was wholly without

usage have been found upon any of fear; for the mysterious manner in them! but they all have been robbed." which the murders had been done. "Have most of themstopped in Cas- verged so closely upon the marvelous

that a sort of superstitious dread at-tached to it. Had the victims been shot or ran through with a sword, or had their throats cut. I should have felt no sort of dread. But this was

"Yes," said the Prefect. I then supposed that some of the Iandiords must be concerned. But my companion informed no that they had been narrowly watched, and shat no shadow of svidence rested against

Monsieur Louis Cazaubon?" Iremark-Toulon. On the next morning I called for my bill, and informed my ed, by way of letting him know that I was thoroughly informed. He started, and I saw very plainly host that I was off for Lome. Then I

went to the fruit preserver's and told him the same, stating that I must that he knew just what I meant; but confer with my partner before I con-cluded my bargain. After this I went he tried to recover himself, and clumsily asserted that he did not know anything about the individual I had to the woolen factory, and saw the named.

business agent. His name was Louis Cazaubon, and he had come to Castellane about a year before. He seemed to be a straightforward, business man, and yet he was the only "You needn't lie to me," I sternly replied, "for I know all about it. Louis Cazaubon has been watched by me when he didn't dream of such a thing. He thought I was a tradesman. But you are young, and I would save you. Confess everything to me, and I promto suspect. In conversing upon the murders, he had been a little too free and off-handed, treating the subject more cooly than a man with a heart against him. On the present occasion I told him, as I had told the others, life in my hands; that I could protect him from the vengeance of any one whom he might criminate; and that he had everything to gain. and noth-

ing to lose, by a full confession. He came to itgradually and reluctantly; I told him I had plenty of money, but my wit finally triumphed, and I gained his secret.

prefet of the Third Arondisment, yet the prefet of the Department called on me when he chose. One morning—it was in the latter part of May—I received a note from the Pre-iec, ordering me to come to Digne, and see him with all possible despatch. The miniety came through the office of our Bub-prefect, so I had nothing of a search the owned hy face and the dress of the more had had corecaled myself a possi-tory, and walked away. His the direct work of death. The plus the direct work of death. The plus have have at that hat, or he would was deeper than that, or he would have have at the the was not the may whold have have at the the was not the may whold have have at the have at the more at the more of the more death. The have have at the the was not the may whold have have at the the was not the may whold have have at the the was not the may whold have have at the direct work of death. The plus have have at the work of death. The plus have have at the more deal and refused to here due to here then have have at the work of death. The plus and the base and refused to here the and refused to here the have have at the have at the work of the have the work of death. The plus have have at the have at the work of death. The plus have have at the have at the His name he said, was Henry Du-pin. He was born in Paris, but never

The boy then explained to me the secret of the pipe. Only the outer sur-face was of meerchaum. Within it called another council of war. They was a pistol of the finest steel, and of the most exquisite workmanship. The stem was the barrel, and the lock was concealed within the bowl, and covered with tobacco. A thin plate of metal protected the curiously contrived lock, and upon this the tobacco rested. A pressure of the thum or finger upon this plate discharged the weapon. In order to cock it, the plate had to be removed. And now comes the infernal feature of the contrivance. The powder used in the little barrel was Cazaubon's own manufacture, and very powerful. For him over the hard times, and declarg a wad a piece of felt was used, and on the top of this was placed the missle which did the mischief. The boy had two of them with him, stiched up in the lining of his cap. He took them out and showed them to me. This projectile was a tiny arrow, not larger than a cambric needle, with one end sharp and the other beat down to a thin feather. It was of fine steel, but coated with a greenish yellow sub-stance, which was the most virulent and speedy poison that the chemist could concoct. That needle once within the course of the blood, and death was already at the heart. Its wound no mortal eye could detect. It punctprick of a pin. He who sent it on its from the front, look out for a tank

A CHANCE OF BASE.

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A great many good people can't understand why times grow harder each year notwithstanding productions continually increase and strictest econonegro in the weodpile, etc. and try to stampede the whole organization. My is practiced, says the Southern Alliance Farmer. If they carefully examine the following statement they will easily see the cause. From the most authentic sources we find that the four leading crops of 1891 were as follows:

the already poverty-produced former wards and read of a great and rich country. In the meantime the people continued to think and read for themselves. They out the graph of the money dayil as \$1,839,224,308 It must be remembered that these prices are for products delivered to New York or New England manufacturers. It is safe to say that it costs producers 15 per cent of the value, or \$274.823.551 to sack or bale, pay the freight storage and insurance on these products from points of production to put their heads together and were of place of manufacture or new York. It the opinion (with one or two excepis customary to deduct six months' intions) that ridicule and persecution. terest on the money invested, from partisan appeals and searcerows were the price of product at the time o the wrong weapons, for the multitude purchase which in this case amounts was growing more and more inconto 161, 121, 848. These items, devenient under such treatment They ducted from the gross amount leaves decided to stop their open warlare and \$1, 493, 262, 7 0 as the amount realized to try stratege. What all of their by the producer for the four leading staple crops of this country. It must One of their new plans is to put on is remembered that at least one-half sheep's ciothing try to get very triendof the wheat, corn and oats is conly with the farmers to lament with sumed at home consequently only \$1, 121, 10; including cotton, that we must have more money. In marketed. These items deducted from fact they will talk Alliance principles the gross amount leave, \$917, 1:0, 801 (but always in the abstract) and apcash netually paid to the producer. It pear to be pretty good Alliance men is estimated that there are 10,000 000 themselves. They hope by tais means

people engaged in producing these to convince us that the organil ation is crops, consequently they receive \$91 no longer necessary, for the party and everybody is with the farmers for reper capita for an entire year's labor; out of which they must support themlief, one way or another. Such now selves pay the interest on what they is the tone of some papers that have owe and the various taxes imposed. fought the Alliance, indeed are still The estimated indebte iness of the peofighting it, for this is samply a new pie of the Un ted states is placed at method by which they hope to destroy + . . 000 0.00 0. 0. and the average init. What all of their plans are we do terest at 6, per cent. We find the not know, but in the meantime we people pay or attempt to pay \$1,300.one and interest abueally gross or UIUIIIIIg, Huin, Oulin) and I'ui ninhing uouun. ured the skin not so palpably as the when the enemy suddenty disappears str. 57 89 more than they realized from their our leading crops. In fatal errand made sure of his aim, movement or an attack from behind view of such facts, the reason for generally striking the neck, and the A crisis is at hand. This is a great

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"But," said I. "is there not some poison in this riatter? Some innkeepmay administer the potion, and ien send an accomplice after the vic-

im." "No," returned the Prefect, with a shake of the head. "Experienced physicians have examined the stom-achs of several of the dead men, but achs of several of the deal man, bud, no trace of poison has been found. It is a mysterious affair. The Sub-prefect has done all he could, but without effect; and now we mean to bud bud be a branch of the Verdon, not far give the whole thing into your hands. You must go to Castellane at once, and there you can get such further information as the Subprefect can give you."

After conferring a while longer with the Prefect, he let me have a suit of ordinary tradesman's clothing; and thus habited, I went to a hotel and put up for the night. In the morn-ing I procured a horse, and set out, reaching Castellane before noon. During the day I pretended to be doing lift this sack again. If monsieur would business. I went to the woollen fac-tory and examined a lot of stuff; and also visited several places where pre-served fruits were put up. I learned that most of the people who came there on business stopped at an inn kept by a man named Juan Fontaix; so lieft my horse there, and engaged

After dark I called upon the Subprefect. He told me that he had used all the means within his power, but had been able to gain no clue to the guilty party. Most of the mur-dered victims had been from Marseilles, and the excitement in that city was intense. Gendarmes had been sent out upon the watch. The last victim had fallen only four days before, and the deed was done lifteen minutes after the policemen had

passed the spot. I asked the Sub-prefect if he had any suspicious. He answered that all the suspicion he had held was fastened upon Juan Fontaix, the innkceper. Nearly all the murdered men had stopped at his house, and he must have known something of this business.

I bade the officer keep perfectly quiet, and not even to let one of his own men know of my presence. Then I returned to the un, and finally entered into a conversation with my host upon the subject of the mysterious deaths. He pronounced it won-derful; and assured me that it had in-jured him more than he could tell.

"By Jove!" he muttered, "they will be suspecting me next, if they have not done so already." I was soon satisfied that Juan Fon-and that

taix knew nothing of the guilty party. He was very featful, and at times blanched and trembled at the thought of being apprehended for the crime. Most people would have seen in this signs of guilt; but I thought differ-ently.

ently. I spent all of the next day in the town, estensibly engaged in business with the factories, but in reality hunt-ing after some clue to the object of my mission. Night came again; but I had found nothing new. I was per-fectly satisfied that the murderer had aid his plans so deeply, that no cir-cumstantial clue could be found. If I would find him, I must catch him with

the proof upon him. I had given an assumed name at the inn, and stated that I belonged to

compre him. murderer must approach very near to his victim ere the blow was struck,

through fear of his life.

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AFTER THE BUGS.

not slow to acknowledge

since it must be some direct and powerful agent that could eause death in so strange a manner. tory. Monsieur Cazaubon was sur-I had crossed the little cascade of prized to see me back so soon; but he

one I had seen whom I really wished

would be apt to do. But still I had thus far been able to find nothing

"If you have not the ready money

with you, we can give you credit," he

if I could have done so with safety;

that would not do. However, in less

than fifteen minutes he came back.

He walked now with a sober, innocent

that I must return to Toulon.

said

Saint Esprit, and was descending a short steep hillside, when I saw a boy by the roadside, at the foot of the was more surprised when I asked him to take a walk with me; and when I descent, engaged in whipping a mule. He was a slightly built fellow, not more than fifteen years of age, and out trouble. At first he denied everyback, and I supposed he might be the miller's boy. As I came nearer, I would saw a large sack upon the ground, would kill the boy. close by where the mule stood. In due time Monsieur Louis Cazau-

"What's the matter, my boy?" I asked, as I drew up near him. "This ugly mule has thrown both me and my bag of corn from his back," the boy answered.

"Are you hurt?" I continued. y left shoulder is hurt." said, "and I can't "My he

help me, I would be very grateful." Until this moment the idea of suspecting the boy had not entered my head; but the suspicion flashed upon me now. He was altogether too keen a looking fellow for a miller's apprentice. He gave me a glance from a pair of quick, sharp eyes, that meant more than he had spoken. And then, if I had not been very much mistaken, I had seen him holding his mule firmly

with that left hand. I leaped from my saddle, and moved towards the boy, being careful to watch his every movement.

"Now," said he, "if you will take hold of that end, we will put it on. He lifted at the other end, and pretended that it hurt his shoulder; and he begged of me to lift it on alone.

I professed to be willing to comply, and stooped down for that purpose keeping my head in such a position that I could watch him by a sidelong glance. As I bent over and took hold of the sack. I saw him carry his hand in his bosom, and draw something out. I saw his dark eye flash, and heard his quick, eager breathing. In an instant I seized his wrist, and bent it upward, and as I did so, I heard a sharp report, like the explosion of a Dr. Hill was equal to the emergency, percussion cap, and saw a tiny wreath of smoke curi up from the hand I held. He struggled to free himself from my and worms did not propose to grasp, but I held him with the grip of have the handsome trees in front of iron, and fastened my gaze upon him.

"I've found you, have I'' I said, drawing one of my pistols, and cock-ing it. "I will simply inform you, that I am an officer of the Prefecture, and that I have been hunting for you. Just offer a particle more of resist-ance, and a bullet goes through your brain. Now give me that weapon. The boy was frightened, and trembl-

ed violently. "It is only a tobacco-pipe," he said, as he handed it to me.

And certainly it looked like nothing more; but I had seen enough of it to know that evil was in it. It appeared to me to be an ordinary meer-schaum pipe, the bowl colored as though by long use-only the amber mouth-piece was missing. I did not stop to examine it then, but turned my attention to its owner. I saw that he was still trembling with fear. and I knew that now would be the time to work upon him.

"So you are selling your soul to

hend what had hurt and the wealth of a fer. Upon the result depends the destinies of this re-I returned to Castellane with the publican form of government. Let

victim would fall into insensibility ere conflict between the manhood of many

boy; and having left him in charge of every wealth producer watch, pray and the Sub-prefect, I took a gendarme work. The enemy have changed base. along with me, and went to the fac- Reware!

plans are we do not knew.

The Coming Storm.

Eternal justice has drawn her sword, producer, and quadruple our volume over the nation, and the man is a foot called in the gendarine, and bade him who cannot see (if he will investigate, put on the hand-cuffs upon him, he the gathering storm that is soon to was ready to sink to the floor. We burst upon this nation like a mighty. had him secured before he had sense evelone if its financial system is not enough to resist, and he wascouveyed changed. The groans of suffering to the office of the Sub-prefect withhumanity as it bows under the burden of debt, and the cries of houcless thing; but when he found that this women and children for food and rainot avail him, he swore ho

ment, will not always go-unheeded. The day of retribution will come when justice will be meted to all men

bon was tried and condemned to whom we have placed in positions asdeath; and the Prefect of Dinge took law-makers, who have betrayed the possession of the infernal machine. Before the villain was executed he confessed his crimes-told how many cortinet. trust confined to them. They have bartered away the rights of the people, squandered the public domain and years he had worked to perfect his

A publication now lying before us fatal instrument, and produce the frittered away the truits of henest toil poison-and also owned that the boy with perfect indifference; and when says the bonds held by the United Henry had been driven to help him any one dares to open his mouth and States as security for the circulation asks why, he is called a calamity of national banks amount to \$220,-howler. Justice, before whiting her 0 a, 60.0. Average these bonds at 4 Dupin spent two years in confinement, judgments on a nation has alwa s per cont interest the people pay on and was then set free, and commenced sent forward her calamity howiers in them annua 1y >8, 800,000 The banks an honest life. As for me, I got all every ago of the world and every that ewn these bonds are entitled to the praise I deserved, and perhaps warning against ev.1 from the beg u-more. At all events, I had done the ning of the world till the present has and we suppose have from the government : 194,000,000 of black backs or national bank notes. This money been a calamity howler, but in every instance where their howling went can only be got into circulation b, unheeded, the calamity has e are all borrowing it from the banks and it is sale to say that not a dollar of it is in

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the same When the leaders of the abolition

party were being mobbed and were How an Ex-President of Harvard so unpopular that their papers wer College Kept His Promise. not allowed to be sent through t The late Rev. Dr. Hill, the honored mails, they were called cutamity ex-president of Harvard, was once on bowlers. I wonder if anybody remembers whether the columit. anno a crowded train with a number of emior not. Though a quarter of a .on pay the government and the governgrants and spent his time making patury has passed yet this generation per dolls for the cross, tired children nor the next, will get over it. Will of a poor emigrant woman who was this nation go on adding sin to so overcome with yoverty, trouble and till it comes down with a crash and the perplexities of travel. Soon after he sinks in oblivion to rise no more Or will we rise and go to the policame to Portland canker worms belike men and rid this country of its gan to annoy the beautiful trees on thieves and vampires that are such State Street very much and it was ling the very life blood of the bofeared that they would be destroyed. tion?

The hard times the insulting stig and with all his knowledge of bugs mas nor Finley rulings that are bug and worms did not propose to used to defeat the will of the people will no more stop this reform nov not than it will stop the swelling out on his residence destroyed by insig- the Mississippi, or the surging water nificant canker worms. Accord- of the ocean. The great under one he made a preparation principles of eternal justice are b largely composed of printers' ink hind it. The two old parties of have been quarreling and sual and girdled his trees. While thus employed in • raiment suitable for the proven that they are equally the bloody shirt for 20 years work a lady sailed down the street an.! that there is no vital isst and asked him about theremedy. She tween them .- Alliance Te hunexplained that the trees about her In Their Own Interest.

residence were injured by the worms. Why does this plutocratic element and asked him if she could not engage him to treat them. He said he would if he could get time. She asked him honest dollar? I think I can see his name and he said "Hill" and after enough light through the cracks to extracting from him a promise to have some little idea of it. I expect come up and examine the trees, she if the silver dollar of 4121 grains went home and proudly told her husband what she had done. He recognized the divine by her descrip-tion and was appalled-but Dr. "Hill" dollar. Yes change the unit of value kept his promise, in spite of the mortified lady's protestation: and the trees are alive and thrifty today. -Fairfield, Me., Journal. ground. That is true, and the reason holder. They want the commercial value of the sliver dollar to equal that gone into the mortgage pot.



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