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# ABOUT NEBRASKA.

-The store of John Voboril at Linwood, was broken into last week by forcing the rear door, and a large quantity of the best goods taken, consisting of underwear, dress goods, etc. A hand car was stolen from the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad depot, and it is supposed the thieves loaded it with their booty and escaped. Nothing is known as to who done the deed.

-A curiosity in the shape of a blind centaur, says the Sterling Sun, was the property of Mr. Hugh Gingles last week, until he tired of its terrible deformity, cut its jugular vein and let it bleed to death. It was a colt, born without any front legs and no eyes. It lambered around on its hind legs ev erywhere, and there is no telling what it would have grown into if allowed to live, but it was a fearful spectacle.

-The governor last week issued a requisition for Nat Shervington and James McKee, who stole a couple of valuable marse from Carl Fuehring, a farmer living near Seward. Sheriff Smiley, of Seward county, has the men in custody at Leon, Kas.

C. E. Worthington, an employe at the Antelope well in Lincoln, the source of the city water supply, was severely injured while at the bottom of the well. He donned a rubber coat and descended some distance down the well, for the purpose of inspecting the machinery, when he was suddenly caught by a re-volving cog-wheel, and before he could be rescued, every particle of clothing was torn from his body, even to his socks. When taken from the well be was black and blue and literally covered with wounds, although not a bone was broken. He is in but will recover. He is in a serious condition,

-It has been decided that this year's excursion of the Nebraska Press association will be to Portland, Ore., and the Yellowstone Park. Although the route will probably be over the Northern Pacific, it has not been definitely determined yet. Lou Wessel, chair-man of the excursion committee, has the matter in charge, and will issue a circular containing full particulars in the course of a couple of weeks.

-Ulysses has organized a base ball slub and will be open for shallenges till the autumn days.

-The excursion of the Nebraska press association will occur early in July. It will probably be over the Union Pacific to Portland.

-Both the Union Pacific and Burlington roads suffered by the late big blow

-A. T. McGuire, a farmer living south of Nebraska City, had J. R. Bentley, a tenant, arrested on the charge of arson, claiming that he set fire to his farm house which was burned.

-The fifteenth annual tournament of the Nebraska State Sportsmen's associa-tion, commences in Norfolk May 21.

-During a violent rain and thunder storm at Wahoo on the 6th the Nebraska Telephone exchange building was destroyed by lightning. The building stood in a frame range of seven build-ings and by the vigilance of the fire department and the efficiency of the water

# -A citizen of O'Neill offers to put up AN UNUSUAL SCENE ON THE GALLOWS. 5,000 toward a \$20,000 hotel in the

-Gov. Thayer last week appointed Dr. W. M. Stone, of Wahoo, superinrendent of the asylum for the incurable insane at Hastings; also J. W. Livering-house of Grand Island to be steward of the same institution. -The Grand Island trotting associa

tion has been regularly organized under the rules of the American trotting amonistion, d the following officers have been elected and can be consulted with n regard to entries: H. H. Glover, presdent; J. W. Freeman, superintendent; J. H. Withers, secretary; H. J. Palmer, reasurer.

-Ten saloon licenses have been granted in Covington and eight in South ioux City; the Covington license has seen placed at \$600.

-Work is rapidly progressing on the Bloomington creamery, and it is ex-sected that the building will soon be ready for business.

-There is now in process of organizaion in Beatrice a brass band that is exsected to be the equal of anything in he state. All the members are thorugh musicians.

-Thieves burglarized the Catholic church at Blair recently, getting about \$60 belonging to the priest

-A lodge of the Knights of Pythias has been organized at North Platte.

-The third annual May musical fes tival of the Lincoln Oratorio society will be held on the evenings of May 14, 15 and 16, at Lincoln. Preparations for this event have been going on for over six months and the concerts will possess much more than ordinary merit.

-William Butherford was taken from the penitentiary and removed to Grand Island last week by Sheaff Wedgewood, to answer to the charge of aon.

-Auditor Benton has prepared a statement of public accounts, showing in detail the amount of money appropriated by the last legislature and for what purposes. The total amount appropriated was \$2,350,325.88. The amount for coh-struction of new buildings, improve-ments and repairs was \$316,240. Of this amount \$50,000 is for a new building for the industrial home at Milford, which is the only new building provided for.

-The business men of Red Cloud have organized a prospecting company. The capital stock is \$5,000.

-The West Point Republican says that Leo Brown, of Wisner township, was the owner of a colt which had no front legs, and was intending to raise it for the show business. It appeared to be healthy but suddenly sickened and died.

-The many friends of Judge E. K. Valentine in Cuming county and elsewhere, says the West Point Republican, will be glad to learn that he is gradually recovering from the attack of rheumatic fever with which he was prostrated. He returned from Chicago Saturday, and on Sunday went to Hot Spring. Dakota, where he will remain until fully recovered. The judge has lost thirty pounds in weight during his ill-

-The house occupied by J. W. Wysong, one mile south of Grand Island, was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire with all its contents. None of the occupants were in the building when the stroke occurred.

-A New York gentleman, it is said, -A New York genteman, it is said, will erect packing honse buildings in Norfolk. He puts in \$75,000 to start with and citizens of Norfolk put in \$25,000 with the expectation of both parties that the capital stock will be increased if it is found to be necessary. -There is shipped daily from Waterloo station about 300 gallons of milk and cream -The Grand Island Independent says that Johnson, the check raiser, made a break for liberty the other evening, and cept running in spite of repeated shots by the deputy jailor, but he was finally saptured, and again safely jailed, and will be watched with still greater care sext time he is out for an airing. -The Morse lock factory at Seward s crowded with orders. Indications are that they will be obliged to increase their capacity in the near future in order o keep up with the demands.

The Fictions Fall Strapping Through the Tran and are Lifted Bask to the Sanghid. op and are Lift Ozark (Mo.) dispatch: The Bald Knobber captain David Walker, his son William, and their partner in crime, John Matthews, were all executed at Ozark, to-day. A new page of horrors is added to the history of excentions. SOME ONE HAD BLUNDERED.

Strong men turned deathly sick and rushed from the awful scene. Terribly affecting scenes transpired at the jail this morning. Revs. Grayston and Horn offered fervent prayers for the prisoners, broken by frequent responses from the deeply suffering men. Several ladies of Ozark were kneeling in the corridor utterly unmindful of the dirt and pools of tobacco spit on the floor. The prisoners joined heartily in singing familiar songs. John Matthews was asked to lead in prayer, but, instead, he preferred to sing his favorite hymn, a wierd campmeeting song, in which none of the others could join.

Reporters were permitted to view the scaffold inside the jail yard, with the three awful ropes already knotted and suspended threateningly above. John Matthews' wife and sister were alone permitted to see him through the grated He did not sleep at all through the night, and looked far more haggard

any need for a guard, save to keep away crowds of inquisitive visitors. The prisoners have spent much time in writng to their friends, and it was hoped that some statement of the bottom facts of the crime would be made public. Bill Walker was asked to make a statement, but he replied in a dignified and well-worded note that a statement could not possibly benefit him nor comfort his , and that after he was hanged if friends should never be said of Bill Walker that he weakened, or tried to cast any dis-credit on the evidence of the poor women whose husbands had been killed. John Matthews talked somewhat excitedly while putting on the neat black suit in which he was to make his exit from all that is mortal. He exhorted the gathered listeners at the grated win-He expressed his hope of salva tion in the world to come and protested his innocence of any premeditated crime At half-past 9 the jury and several

clergymen and reporters were admitted to the inner jailyard, from which a hole had been cut in the brick wall through the back end of the jail. At 9:34 John Matthews' voice was heard in loud exhortation. A few moments after, the three prisoners walked through the jail steadily and composedly, and ascended the steps. Rev. Horne read a passage of scripture and a hymn, and the prisoners joined in the singing, broken by pions exclamations from Matthewa. Rev. Horne then offered prayer. The death warrant was read, and the

prisoners were asked in turn what statement they desired to make. Matthews called loudly upon heaven to witness his

innocence of any premeditated crime. Dave Walker said: "I am to die for a crime I could not help." Bill Walker simply responded: "I hope I am fully prepared to meet my God."

At seven minutes before 10 the trap was sprung which should have launched the three men into eternity. Then en-sued a most fearful scene. The ropes sued a most fearful scene. The ropes yielded so much that the feet of both the Walkers touched the ground, and their necks were not broken. The bungling noose around Bill Walker's neck slipped and stretched. His head pulled through and he fell moaning and neck slipped and stretched. His head pulled through and he fell moaning and praying to the ground, where he lay rolling and lamenting for three minutes. Dave Walker in the meantime had been lifted up and the rope shortened. He was left to die of strangulation Poor Bill was picked up and carried to the trap, which could not again be sprung until the others were dead and spring until the others were dead and cut down. John Matthews' neck had been broken by the fall. In sixteen minutes Dave Walker was pronounced dead. During these awful minutes Bill had sat upon the scaffold supported by Shariff Lebustic measurements. Sheriff Johnson, moaning occasionally and saving to the sheriff: "For God sake put me out of this horrible misery. Again he was placed upon his feet, and at 10:16 the fatal trap again fell, and again the horrible scene, intensified a hundredfold in horror, was repeated. Stout-hearted men grew faint and were compelled to leave the jail yard. Great drops of sweat rolled from the agonized face of Sheriff Johnson, who was almost bewildered by the fearful blunder. Bill Walker's neck was broken by the econd fall, and in fourteen minuter hife was extinct, and his body was placed by the side of his father's. The bodies were delivered to relatives to be taken to Sparta for burial. The most deeply pathetic incident of the day occurred when the wagon with the body of John Matthews was driver by the juil yard and his faithful wife and aged mother climbed in and sat beside the coffin, the wife crying as if her heart was broken, while the blind old mother said to the crowd: "We didn't know what it would come to when John joined the Bald Knobbers. Poor souls, we didn't have any more sense.

1887. The band, to the number of thirty, met at night in a dark hollow at a place called the "Old Smelter," where they swore in two new members and talked and planned for the future until near midnight, when they broke up, sixteen of the party going to their homes, but fourteen of the older members marched in the direction of Sparts Near the road lived William Edens, a Near the road lived william Edens, a strong, active man, who had been warned by the gang to "stop talking about the Bald Knobbers," and who had boldly defied the midnight raiders. William Edens' house was broken into and found empty, and the gang rushed on at a rapid run a few rods to the home of old man Edens, where were assembled for mutual protection Edens and family and his sister with her husband, Charles Green. The house was instantly surrounded and the doors were broken down with axes be fore the dazed inmates were fairly awake. Old man James Edens appeared at the door with a pistol, but he only succeeded in firing one shot in defense of his home before he was struck inensible with an are. At the same time the knobbers rushed into the house and pulled Charles Green and William Edens from their beds and shot them to death in the house while their wives were frantically trying to protect them. One of the women was slightly wounded and one had her night dress burned with the powder. Old man Edens was supposed to be dead, but afterward recovered. His one pis-ted the her burner of the start of th

The knobber chief slept soundly from 11 last night to 4 this morning. A strong guard was posted around the outer jail yard, but there has never been any need for a guard successful and any need for a guard Douglas county in hiding. An aroused and outraged public speedily hunted down every member of the gang and after the arrests there was no difficulty in procuring evidence since every knob-ber, excepting Dave Walker and his son Bill, was eager to save his own neck by turning state's evidence against the others.

For the Green-Edens massacre William Stanley and Amos Jones are serving a sentence of twenty-one years on a plea of guilty. C. O. Simmons is serv ing a sontence of twelve years on the same ples. Wiley Matthews escaped from the Ozark jail on the night of the 28th of December, 1888. Jimmy Matth-ews, a young son of John, was granted a general continuance by the court, and enjoined to go home and support his poor mother. Charles Graves, Joseph Inman and William Newton had their cases nollied by the prosecution to serve as witnesses.

## The Commissioner of Pansions Speaks.

Columbia (Tenn.) dispatch: Scotch-Irish convention to-day listened to a number of addresses by prominent persons. The commissioner of pensions spoke at some length, and in the course of his speech said: "For long years I have had one conscientious conviction in my heart, which is stronger to-day than ever before, namely: That it is the bounden duty of this great republic to see to it that no man who wore the blue and laid it off in honor, shall ever feel the necessity of, or be permitted to crawl under the roof of an almshouse for shelter; the wolf of want must, in common decency, be driven from the door of the maimed and diseased veterans, and of the widows and orphans of those who have already laid down their lives." After giving some statis tics showing the numper of pensioners receiving from \$1.00 per month to \$375 to plead, but now I am thankful that at these finger-tips there reats some power, and as that power is mine broadly say that I propose, just as soon as possible, to call in every one of the certificates of pension, the figures of which I have named, and reissue them on the basis of the truth that no man ought to be down on the pension roll of the United States for less than the mis erable pittance of \$1 per week, though I may wring from the hearts of some "God save the surplus. the prayer, This and some other things too numer ous to go into detail about I propose to do, if my life be not cut short. I an clearly of the opinion that I voice the am dominant sentiment of this country when I unhesitatingly declare that a wise policy demands that in treating with those who have just claims before this country I should cease to hunt for merely technical reasons with which to defeat those claimants, who in the past did not hesitate to help the country in its hour of dire peril.

## THE INTER-STATE COMMITTEE

## Charles Francis Adams Enlightons W His Tes

New York dispatch: The senate con mittee, which is investigating the workings of the inter state commerce law, and the matter of Canadian roads doing business in and with this country, re sumed its labors this morning.

The first witness called was Charles Francis Adams, president of the Union Pacific road. Adams thought the interstate commerce law in many cases a erne! one. Those who obeyed it lost by its operation, and those who evaded it, profited. "I should like, however, to see it universally obeyed and given a fair trial," he said, "and since January "at 1. I really believe, the law has been better obeyed than ever before. I know, for instance, that large shippers, who heretofore have practically dictated their terms, can do so no longer. The inter-state commerce commissioners, I think, are doing a good work, and I am deliberately. This investigation, too, is going ahead as rapidly as possible. ublicity is a good remedy for many of the evils which we are seeking to miti-gate, and the greatest service the interstate commissioners could do the rail-roads in general, would be to prosecute some of the offenders. Nothing would have a better effect on the situation. Since the first of the year, however, rates have been very well maintained."

Mr. Adams thought a common rail-road law between Canada and the United States, and a legalized pool would be a good thing and would tend to bring about a solution of the present troubler in reference to the Canadian roads. 'If you think the inter-state law is a

good thing then where does all the op-position come from?" asked Senator Blair.

You must remember the country has been built on a system of distribution, which the inter state law shakes to its foundations, and the long and short haul clauses give in effect to the smaller cities many of the advantages heretofore exclusively enjoyed by the larger cities, and the consequence is in a city like San Francisco, the opposition is very strong.

"Then it is a question of whether the smaller towns shall be enslaved by the Krk larger ones, or the larger ones give up add some of their prestige to them?" asked land asked Laid Senator Blair.

"Enslave is a strong word," said Adams, "but without a question what is

taken from one goes to the other." In conclusion the witness said that while nominally president of the Union Pacific railroad, he really knew very to rate little of its practical workings and referred to members of the Union Pacific executive staff at Omaha.

At 11:30 the stand was taken by Thomas Lyman Green, a transporta-tion expert of this city. Green had no objection to a legal pool, but wanted the merchants to have some voice in fixing the rates

At 1 o'clock the committee took a re-President Hill, of the St. Paul, Min- Intain TRY.

near-olis & Manitoba railroad, was the meter first witness called after recess. He biares gave an account of the probable route biares of the future between Asia and Europe. the inst The Canadian Pacific road, he said, had cost a fast line of steamers running from its the content of the same state of t eastern terminus to Liverpool.

"Is there much foreign trade. Asiatic bot in trade, coming over the Canadian Pacific Sonnae road?" asked Chairman Cullom.

"Considerable. Some comes over our destined for Omaha. Why does it take such a roundabout

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a the fire as confined to the one building. The building was insured for its full value in the Connecticut of Hartford.

-A great many railroad grading outfits are collecting along the line of the Bioux City and Ogden Short line, ready to commence work.

-South Omahaites are on the anxious seat as to who will be the next postmas-

tar. An attempt was made last week to burn the residence of Mr. Caldwell, of Lincoln. The would-be incendiary made his escape.

-Ella Worhinger is a thirteen-year old Omaha girl that was willing to work for \$1 per week, and a saloonkeeper named Harold is the man who hired her. She worked two weeks, and he tried to beat her out of the \$2, but she sued for it and got judgment.

-A Beatrice firm with a capital stock of \$25,000 has been organized to manufacture paving brick.

-The late storm at Grand Island scattered the husking sheds of the canning factory in all directions. The sheds are a total wreck, but the main buildings are all right.

-Senator Nesbit, on a return trip from Oklahoma, was seen by an Omalia Herald correspondent. He said he was perfectly willing to return to Nebraska and had gone to the new territory out of curiosity alone. He is of the opinion nine-tenths of the men who are now in Oklahoma should come up to Nebraska, as there are hundreds of chances here where there are hundreds of chances here where there are none in the new coun-try, everything is so overdone there.

-Arrangements have been perfected whereby Lincoln is to secure this year a \$200,000 hetel.

-The traveling men held a meeting in Lincoln last week to make arrange ments for the summer onting to be held at Cushman park. It was decided to begin the festivities Monday, June 24, and continue through the week. Tues-day, the 26th, will be Omaha and Lin-coln day, and will be the banner time of coin day, and will be the canner time of the outing. Energetic committees have been sppointed and several thousand persons are expected to attend the pio-nic. Thursday will be given over to the undertakers of the state, who will at that time be in annual session in that city.

-Feeding is carried on to such an exsent about Plainview that a home mar-set is created for all the corn produced.

Fitzsimmons will answer to the dis met court on the charge of murder in the first degree. The young man had his preliminary hearing before Judge Stewart, and the story of the horrible wragedy at Waverly, in which William Beed was killed by a blow from a bil-rd cue in the hands of the accused, wividly retold by the witnesses for

-The American loan and building association has established a branch at Waterloo.

-The whisky element of Culbertson has filed a petition for license and the temperance people have filed a remonstrance, setting up gross irregularities and fraudulent representations in securing names on the petition.

-A large institution, to be known as the Nebraska conservatory of music, is to be erected in Lincoln at an early day. Prof. and Mrs. O. B. Howell purchased a lot last week for \$10,000, and a com modious structure will be built at a cost of \$25,000. The enterprise is backed by capital and is an assured success. The institution will be patterned after the New England conservatories and instruction will be given in all branches of music.

-A stranger, giving the name of G, E Stuart, called at the Salem bank, last week, with a check of \$500 on the Bank of Hiawatha, Kan., claiming to. be a farmer who had sold his cattle. Mr. Gist, the president, refused to cash the check, as the man was a stranger, but gave him a bill of deposit for collection. It subsequently turned out that the stranger was a fraud. Officers failed to catch him.

-An important case has just commenced at Tecumseh, in which Mrs. Sarah Rome, of Sterling, sues Wm. Torphy for selling her hunband intoxi-cants, causing his death in the latter part of last August.

-At Grand Island the jury in the Rutherford case returned a verdict of guilty of the crime of arson, in the burning of Stephen Jones' barn together with a lot of live stock, grain, etc., all of the value of several thousand dollars. Rutherford at the time of the dollars. Hutherford at the time of the burning of the barn was working for Jones, and he stole a span of mules and a mare, all of which were found in his possession near Albion, four days after the theft and arson.

### THE CRIME.

In the autumn of 1886 a band of night riders was formed in the rough portions of Christian county, who styled them-selves Bald Knobbers. Their svowed object was to reform the morals of the communities in which they lived leaving warning letters, accompanied by bundles of hickory switches at the homes of the supposed offenders. If the warning was unheeded a second nightly visit was made, the doors of the offender's home were suddenly burst open, and he was rudely yanked out of his warm bed, tied to a tree and whipped his warm bed, fied to a free and whipped with hickory withes by different mem-bers of the band in turn. A saloon at Chadwick was raided, and several bar-rels of whisky were poured out and the owners so terrorized that they left the

But the rough and ignorant members of the band undertook to regulate and smend all matters not in accord their ideas. Their meetings were held with great secrecy. There was a terri-ble oath inflicting a death penalty for imparting any information to outsiders or betrayal of secrets. On their raids or betrayal of secrets. On their raids they wore horrible masks, concealing their identity. To speak disapproving-ly of their methods was pretty sure to be followed by a warning, printed by a skull and cross-bones. Varions whippings occurred without bloodshed until one fatal night, the 11th of March.

Nebraska's Big Showman Arrives in Paris

Paris cablegram: There was some commotion on the platform at the St. Lazare station, in Paris, yesterday morning. The passengers looked with inquiry at two large saloon carriages. into which two stately waiters ushered the persons who had been met by Mr. Crawford, the financial director of Buffalo Bill. They were the Paris journal ists coming here to meet the Persian Monarch, which Colonel Cody had specially chartered to bring over his Wild West show. During the run down an elegant cold collation was served. On the arrival here the party was met

by Nate Salisbury, who said the ship had been signalled off the Scilly Isles. had been signalled off the Scilly Isles, and would arrive at half past 5 o'clock. At 5 the whole party started for the pur-pose of meeting her, and cruised in about a ten-mile circle until, at half-past 6, the captain sighted, smoke on the horizon. The tug made for her, and in less than an hour made on the Persian Monarch. The tug then turned and made for the hour made out the Persian Monarch. The tug then turned and made for the harbor. The steamer overtook her and steamed slowly, with the tug puffing full speed alongside to keep pace with her. Buffalo Bill was on the bridge, and crowds of all sorts of Indians were on the upper deck. A shout of welcome to Colonel Carly as provided by the row Colonel Cody was received by the boys' shrill cry, and yells of delight from the Indiana.

The band on Buffalo Bill's ship struck np "Yankee Doodle," which was ap-plauded by those on the tag, followed by the "Marseillaise," raising shouts of cothusiasm and cries of "Vive l'Ameri-que" from the French pressmen on the steamer.

dred pounds is an inducement. We have a differential rate, and the time is no object. It pays to take advantage of the lower rate."

Erastus Wiman spoke strongly in favor of commercial reciprocity. Any attempt to shut out Canadian lines from for the operating in this country would be a serious blow to western American farmers, and would be badly received by the derivation

'Is it policy for the American people, nsked Senator Blair, "to help, with their resources, to build up a great ma-tion with a hostile, or at least an alien with a mostile, or at least an alien connection on the north of us." "The tie that binds Canada to Eng-

Fach land is but a sentiment. The state of New York, to-day, in a certain sense, is far more important than all of Canada. hures Canada cannot stay as she is. She must either become an independent republic or join with the United States. There are many forces at work in Canada. tirely LITE IN TRIUM The hopes of a great party there rest en-tirely upon one old man. After the death of Sir John Macdonald will come

the deluge, Wiman spoke at considerable length Orange on various Jeanit, Catholic and Orange movements in Canada, but said farmers, fishermen and miners all favored commercial union, which itself, was a step toward annexation.

## He Looked Like Wilkes Booth.

Providence (R. L.) special: Samuel W. Pearce, a grain merchant, died in this city, to-day, in the forty-eight year of his age, from peritonitis. At the time of the assassination of President Lincoln, Pearce and his sister, Mrs. Stevenson, had a narrow escape from lynching or death by shooting, and when the order went out to arrest Wilkes Booth and Mrs. Surratt, all trains were searched and the Providence couple were arrested. Pearce bore a striking resemblance to Booth, and Mrs. Steven son is said to have looked like Mrs. Surson is said to have looked like Mrs. Sur-ratt. While they were incarcerated in Fortress, Monroe, where they were at once hurried, notwiths'anding their protestations, they were threatened with death by the soldiers and by a mob, and Pearce always said it was by a mirscle that he and his sister escaped. He ap-maled to the communication of Gover. pealed to the government and to Gover-nor James Y. Smith, of Rhode Island, whom he knew personally, for aid. Several influential persons were then sent south, and the man that looked like Wilkes Booth, was set at linerty. About a dozen years ago a story gained consid

able prominence in the press to the ef-effect that the assassin, Booth, was still alive. The man referred to was the Providence grain dealer, now deceased.

The emperor of China is much dissatisfied with the chief bride chosen for him and has openly expressed his displeasure to the ex-empress regent, who did the selecting of imperial consorts. The indifference shown to her by her husband is said to cause the deepest pain to the girl empress and she is believed to be partly deranged with grief.

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