

W. The department of agriculture has been discovered by which the ramie plant can be made into cloth at such moderate cost that it will soon become a dangerous rival to cotton.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D. Feb. 11.—The loud report of a cannon yesterday was the signal for the boomers to enter the Sioux reservation in accordance with the president's proclamation.

DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES. EUGENE, ORE., Feb. 13.—A report from Suis Law, this state, says that a number of people were driven from their homes by the recent floods and considerable property is destroyed.

ANOTHER COLLISION. BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Feb. 13.—A collision occurred this morning on the Alabama & Great Southern near Coaling Ala., between a special excursion train carrying over a thousand passengers and an accommodation train.

NO CHANGE OF SENTIMENT. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 11.—The conference committee of the world's fair met in Lieutenant Governor Jones' room at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A WORTHY FEE. New York, Feb. 11.—To-day Jack Barnett, John L. Sullivan's manager, made an effort to Peter Jackson that if the latter would stand before the champion three rounds at Cronheim's theatre, city of Hoboken, on tomorrow evening, he might have Sullivan's share of the gate receipts, which, it is estimated, will amount to about \$1,000.

SAID HEAVY VICTIM. SAN DIEGO, CAL., Feb. 12.—During a storm in the trial of William Mayan, on the charge of assault with intent to murder Martha Johnson, the prosecuting attorney, who Mayan three times, indicated that he would testify.

HORRIBLE OUTRAGES.

Russian Political Prisoners Subject to Inhuman and Otherwise Mistrated.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Evening papers publish a dispatch from Paris which states that a cipher message has just been received by a Russian refugee in that city dated December 28, which gives the details of a horrible tragedy in the political prison at Kara, eastern Siberia.

A few miles from the women's political prison at Kara is that occupied by the male political convicts. On hearing of the tragedy they revolted en masse. Troops were called out and awful scenes followed.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 13.—A Pierre, S. D., special to the Pioneer-Press says: Yesterday afternoon Colonel Lassen, commander of the military, received an official telegram announcing the president's proclamation.

LOAD AFTER LOAD OF LUMBER HAS LEFT THE IMMENSE LUMBER YARDS HERE, UNTIL they are almost depleted, and for a radius of twenty-five miles can almost everywhere be heard the sound of the saw and hammer.

AT FORT PIERRE THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS. The bulk of the crowd first struck that village and immediately commenced to claim town lots, there being as many as ten claimants to one lot.

STILL MORE COMPLICATED. ST. PAUL, Feb. 13.—A Pioneer Press Chamberland special says: The situation in the townsite west of this city became more complicated than ever last night, when a large party of persons arrived with a force of surveyors and began at once running lines regardless of the rights of prior settlers.

WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE SPANISH COURTS. MADRID, Feb. 12.—The government has decided to bring before the Spanish courts of justice the defrauders of Cuba revenue, who escaped to America.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Feb. 12.—The ice in the Missouri river is melting rapidly, but the settlers continue to cross in large numbers. It is feared that some accident will happen.

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—At Central Music hall tonight 3,000 people celebrated the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

His address was received with great applause. He said, in part, the state of Illinois had contributed to the history of the nineteenth century. Its two most illustrious names, one the greatest captain of modern times, the other that of the statesman and patriot whose birthday is now commemorated.

All great reforms originate with the people. Universal suffrage is the safety of society. Dreamers and idiots prate of an ideal community in which all shall live on an exact equality.

THE ROMAN CATHOLICS. BALTIMORE, Feb. 13.—Right Reverend William Parel, bishop of Maryland, delivered a charge yesterday to the Protestant Episcopal clergymen of the diocese.

OUR RIGHTS AS CITIZENS AND CHURCHMEN ARE MENACED BY THIS POWER. The laws of naturalization are abused and an immigrant often becomes a voter before he has caught our tongue.

LIABILITIES \$24,000. TOPEKA, KAN., Feb. 13.—Judge Sutton, receiver of the defunct Topeka Insurance company, has filed a report which shows that the liabilities of the company are \$24,000.

AGAINST THE MCKINLEY BILL. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—At a largely attended meeting of business men resolutions were adopted protesting against the McKinley bill, relative to the administration of the customs laws, and urging the Pennsylvania senators to oppose its passage.

A COLLISION. COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 14.—Passenger train No. 12, on the Pan Handle railroad, which leaves here at 4:45 p.m., and arrives at Newark at 5:50, struck a street car containing several persons at Union street crossing in Newark, last evening.

ONLY THREE INJURED. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14.—At 8:30 yesterday morning the Chicago contingent to the saengerfest arrived on the Queen & Crescent line, having been delayed by an accident at Coaling, Ala.

WANT TO TRY IT AGAIN.

London Dock Laborers Claim their employers are not keeping the agreement made in settlement of the strike.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Twenty thousand dock laborers met to-day in Tower hall and listened to a number of speeches by prominent labor leaders on the subject of the possible renewal of the great dock men's strike.

THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION AT PARTICK on Tuesday is looked forward to with great interest. The voting is expected to be very close. The odds have been in favor of the conservatives, but the aspect of affairs seems to have changed somewhat within the past two or three days.

THE NEWSPAPERS HERE TREAT THE DUC D'ORLEANS ESCAPE wholly in the light of the opera buffe, and do not admit the episode can have any possible political importance.

IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT THE EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH OF AUSTRIA will shortly strengthen the government's position by creating a number of new peers.

KILLED HIS SON AND DAUGHTER. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Feb. 10.—A special to the Tribune from Winnipeg says: A terrible double murder occurred near Miami station, 150 miles from here, yesterday.

RUBE BURROWS LOCATED. BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Feb. 10.—Rube Burrows, the noted Alabama outlaw murderer and express robber, has been positively located near Milton, Fla.

A MESSAGE INTRODUCED. OTTAWA, ONT., Feb. 12.—In parliament yesterday Laurier, leader of the opposition, introduced a message in favor of the abolition of the duty on American corn imported into Canada for the use of distillers.

BUFFALO. BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 14.—No. 1 had closed at the close of the day in the market.

Big Fire in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—A large brick and stone building at the corner of Adams and Market streets, owned by the dry goods house of J. V. Farwell & Co., caught fire and before the flames could be subdued the southern half of it was gutted.

IT IS YET A MYSTERY AS TO HOW THE FIRE STARTED. The damage comes especially heavy on the firms in the building owing to the coming spring trade, for which all had been preparing.

A CAREFUL ESTIMATE OF THE LOSS MADE AFTER THE FIRE was under control places the total damage at \$475,000, of which Work Bros. lose \$25,000, Taylor Bros. \$50,000, and Farwell & Co. on building \$100,000.

ON A STRIKE. LEXINGTON, MICH., Feb. 14.—The day shift at the Aurora mine went on a strike at noon to-day, and this evening, together with the night shift, they are holding a meeting in Pierce's hall.

BLOCKADED WITH ICE. MACKINAW CITY, MICH., Feb. 14.—The straits are blockaded with ice, practically for the first time this season, and all traffic in the upper and lower peninsula is obstructed.

AN ENTIRE FAMILY WIPE OUT. KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 10.—The four children of Jacob Slater were skating on the lake at Binnewater, about six miles from here, this afternoon, when the ice, which was but a few inches in thickness, gave way and the little ones were precipitated into the water.

GENERAL MARKETS.

CHICAGO. WHEAT—Higher; Feb. 75 3/4; May, 75 1/2. CORN—Higher; Feb. 23 1/2; May, 23 1/2. OATS—Lower; Feb. 21 1/2; May, 21 1/2.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

MONEY ON CALL EASY AT 1 TO 4 PER CENT. Sterling exchange dull but steady at 40 1/2.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

WHEAT—Closing prices: No. 2 red 84 1/2; No. 3 84 1/4; No. 4 84 1/8.

STATE NEWS.

Lowell's only hotel has been closed. Marshall wants a first class shoemaker to locate there.

THE GAZETTE SAYS NELSON IS IN NEED OF a first class hotel.

R. B. Windham of Plattsmouth is talked of for mayor.

STRATTON'S LOSS, CAUSED BY THE RECENT fire, is estimated at \$16,453.

A BOY'S BRANCH OF THE Y. M. C. A. HAS been organized at Weeping Water.

THE NEW TOWN OF BLANCHÉ, IN CHASE county, is attracting considerable attention.

THE NEW HOTEL AT NORMAN IS PARTLY enclosed and will be completed about the 1st of April.

D. P. Wilcox, editor of the McPherson News, has been appointed clerk of McPherson county.

A TRAIN OF PASSENGER CARS FRESH from the B. & M. shops at Plattsmouth were sent out Tuesday.

THE LATEST ENTERPRISE SECURED FOR Fremont is a butter tub factory and creamery supply house.

GENERAL SECRETARY CLEMONCE has been engaged for another year by the Fremont Y. M. C. A.

AN OMAHA BAKER HAS BEEN ARRESTED for selling loaves of bread three-sixteenths short in weight.

THE CITIZENS BANK OF GENEVA IS MAKING preparations for the erection of a three story brick block.

FOR ABUSING A HORSE WITH A HATCHET Herbert Stubentzko of Unadilla was arrested and fined \$75 and costs.

THE HOUSE OF MRS. VILVA PATTERSON WAS broken into the other day and money and jewelry taken to the amount of \$50.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF WAYNE HAVE ORGANIZED a dancing school. Round dances will receive particular attention.

THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN LET FOR THE building of combination iron bridge over the Republican river two miles west of Alma.

WILLIAM VASTINE OF HASTINGS HAS FILED an attachment suit against the Rossinbaum Brothers' elevator at Ayr to the sum of \$2,920.

HENDRY, THE BOY WHO WAS ACCIDENTALLY shot by his older brother while hunting Sunday near Schubert, died Monday from the effects of his wounds.

WHILE TRYING TO DRAW A LOAD OF POWDER from his muzzle loading gun Frank Morton of Pierce was badly burned by the explosion which followed.

THE OPERA HOUSE BLOCK AT HASTINGS WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY A MORTGAGE. The property is one of the most valuable in the city, being valued at \$100,000.

A LIVE GRASSHOPPER WAS PICKED UP AT Hastings the other day and sent to the Nebraska office as tangible evidence of Nebraska's mild winter climate.

SEVERAL LEADING CITIZENS OF OXFORD HAVE FORMED a society known as the Ananias club. Seances are held regularly and the society is growing rapidly.

ENGINEER PETTIS SENDS WORD FROM Boston to his friends in Kearney that he fell down a flight of twenty steps, broke his collar bone and otherwise injured himself.

SARGENT STILL HAS HOPES OF BECOMING an incorporated town, although the proposition to incorporate was not acted upon by the board, but was referred to a committee.

THE BAPTISTS OF KEARNEY HAVE DECIDED to dedicate their church the second Sunday in March. The building and lots cost \$18,000 and the structure is a magnificent one.

CALVIN L. MADISON, WHO SHOT AND KILLED James Pridmore at Scotia last November, was acquitted Thursday of the charge of murder, the deed being done in self defense.

THE ICE ABOVE THE PONTOC BRIDGE AT Nebraska City gave away and in going out it carried away part of the bridge. It will be several days before the boats can be replaced.

WILSON WAS BROUGHT INTO ALMA for stealing a team of horses from Harvey Partington, and without a moment's delay pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

THE PLATTSMOUTH TURNVERSES WILL HOLD their third annual m'ak ball on Tuesday evening, February 18, which will include an exhibition of life scenes. In the afternoon there will be a parade headed by Prince Carnival.

ANOTHER CARLOAD OF MACHINERY ARRIVED during the past week at Weeping Water and will be placed in the sewing machine factory. It consisted of machinery for working in steel and brass and machines used in the manufacture of safe locks.

ALBA SPOUSE, AGED TWENTY TWO YEARS, living with his father three miles from Callaway, shot himself in the head and died instantly. The suicide was the result of disappointed love.

THE MISSOURI RIVER FOR THREE DAYS HAS BEEN GRADUALLY RISING AT PLATTSMOUTH. Should a rise of another foot take place the campers on the sand bars would find themselves cut off from communication with town.

AT THE VISITATION ACADEMY IN HASTINGS yesterday two young ladies, Miss Conlton of St. Louis and Miss Donahoe of Philadelphia, committed themselves for life to religious zeal and piety and received the white veil.