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Nearly all the traveling in Colombia must be done on horse or muleback, as there are less than 500 miles of railway in operation.—Ex.

Charles L. Warriner, former treasurer of the Big Four railroad and now a convict in the Ohio state prison, testified in court at Cincinnati that his predecessor, Frank D. Comstock, was short \$10,500 when Warriner took the office.

The British government has sent a warship to Greece. Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy are determined to force the agreement under which the Cretans promised to take no steps against the sovereignty of Turkey.

The democrats of Nebraska will hold a banquet at Lincoln on Tuesday of February 14.

Fifty-six lives were lost in an explosion due to a lighted cigarette in a coal mine at Las Esperanzas, Mexico.

Members of the orders of railway conductors and engineers and dispatchers employed on the Mexican National railroad have voted to resign in a body.

Seventy-five lives were lost in an explosion in a coal mine at Primero, Colo., belonging to the Colorado Fuel and Iron company.

This interesting dispatch from Des Moines, Iowa, was printed in the Omaha World-Herald: "Mrs. F. B. Carroll, wife of the governor of Iowa, announced tonight in an address before the Chautauqua league, that she would go before the legislature at the next session in December, and ask the legislature to enact a law requiring the teaching of scientific motherhood in the public schools of Iowa.

Thirty miners were killed and fifteen were injured as a result of an explosion in the Browder coal mine near Drakesboro, Ky.

L. H. Mayne of Emmetsburg, Ia., editor of the Palo Alto Reporter, announced his candidacy for congress in the Tenth Iowa district to oppose Frank P. Woods, present incumbent.

Hundreds of people in Paris are without food or shelter on account of floods. A grand work of relief was carried on in which the people of the United States have a liberal share.

Arthur Goebel, brother of the late Governor Goebel of Kentucky, died at Phoenix, Arizona. Friends say that he died of a broken heart because of inability to prosecute his brother's assassin.

Republican members of the Oklahoma legislature have presented charges alleging that Governor Haskell has misused state funds. The charges in general are that he mis-

managed the public funds under his control. The governor says that he is glad charges have been made as the people of Oklahoma will at last "have a chance to hear the whole truth."

Fisk and Robinson, bond brokers of New York, failed for one million dollars.

Chicago chemists have reported that they found poison in the stomach of the late Colonel Swope of Kansas City and it is said that arrests will soon follow.

The monument to the late Governor Goebel was unveiled at Frankfort, Ky.

Captain Joseph F. Shipp, former sheriff at Chattanooga, Tenn., who was imprisoned at Washington for contempt of the United States supreme court on account of the lynching of prisoners under the jurisdiction of the court, was released from prison.

The South Dakota democrats held a conference at Huron February 10.

Cleveland dispatches say that Tom L. Johnson may be a candidate for United States senator from Ohio.

A Putnam, Conn., dispatch says: "Reuben Allen Steere, who Barnum said was the smallest man in the world, is dying of pneumonia at his home in Chepachet, R. I. Steere is 72 years old. He weighs fifty-five pounds and is forty-eight inches tall.

The Nicaraguan insurgents lost 100 men in a desperate battle with the government forces February 4. Many prisoners were taken.

The Chicago Record-Herald prints the following: "Opera by wireless telephone was heard at the Coliseum last night. A small party of electrical men, guests of Frederick Collins, the inventor, heard the first act of 'Il Trovatore' as presented at the Great Northern, and later some of the numbers on the program of the Boston Opera company at the Auditorium.

NOT THE SAME JOSHUA

"We had a county judge down my way a few years ago whose love for biblical lore was so pronounced that he couldn't resist the desire to air it on every possible occasion," said Congressman Henry D. Clayton, of Alabama, a few days since. "One day an old darky was brought in

from the mountain district under suspicion of maintaining an illicit still. There was no real evidence against him.

"What's your name, prisoner?" asked the judge as he peered at the shambling black man.

"Mah name's Joshua, jedge," was the reply.

"Joshua, eh?" said the judge, as he rubbed his hands, 'Joshua, you say? Are you that same Joshua spoken of in holy writ—the Joshua who made the sun stand still?'

"No, jedge," was the hasty answer, "twarn't me. Ah'm de Joshua dat made de moon shine."—Norman E. Mack's National Monthly.

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