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NEWS CONDENSED.

Convention to frame a constitution for the State of Colorado, assembled at Denver, Dec. 20th.
A man 36 years of age, was found dead on the Merrimack river at the same day a wood chopper named Mullen, was found frozen to death. N. H. He had been shot at Columbus, Ohio, December 18th, between two locomotives of which were badly injured.
Francis A. Harris, a man who was riding on one of the cars was seriously injured.

THE XLV CONGRESS.

Senate—Thursday, Dec. 16.—Various memorials presented and referred. The following bills were introduced: To provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate the military reservation at Ft. Smith to the city of Ft. Smith, for school purposes. These bills referred. A resolution was introduced instructing committee on Privileges and Elections to investigate as to the election of George Spencer, a Senator from Indiana, and to ascertain if any corrupt means were used to secure his election. The resolution after some debate was agreed to. The resolution was called up providing for a special committee of five Senators to inquire into the circumstances attending the recent election in Mississippi. Debated and referred. The concurrent resolution from the House, providing that when the two Houses adjourn on Monday next, it be to meet again Tuesday, January 4, 1876, was taken up and amended. The resolution was agreed to, and as amended, was adopted.

THE FIRE FIEND.

Keokuk had a \$3,000 blaze on the morning of the 16th. Defective flue was the cause.
Thomas Bentley, the oldest man in Allamakee county, was burned out of house and home a few days ago. In his 93d year the fire turns him out in the world penniless.
The Gasco Block in Little Rock, Arkansas, was burned, December 20th. It was a three story brick, 50 feet front by 100 feet deep. The fire originated from a lighted match thrown on the floor in an adjoining building occupied as a liquor store. The fire ignited a barrel of spirits which had run out of a barrel on the floor. Loss \$53,000; insurance, \$24,000.

FOREIGN NEWS.

There was an earthquake at Porto Rico on the night of Dec. 8th, which created great alarm. The town of Arisibo was almost entirely destroyed. Two churches and only six houses remain, and they are so badly damaged that they may fall at any moment.
The agent of the Steamship Mosel now says that they have no confidence in the statement of Thomasson that there was an explosive machine on board the Sailor. The Sailor had no cargo when the explosion occurred on the Mosel, but afterward took the cargo of the cutter. So far as the agents have been able to learn no suspicious insurances have been effected upon the cargo of the Mosel.
Thomasson, no Thomas, is the name of the passenger who owned the can of dynamite which exploded at Bremen. He has confessed to the authorities that he constructed the chest which exploded, and arranged a clockwork attachment to cause an explosion at a certain time. He was occupied for a fortnight in filling the chest, and worked in a coach house in one of the most frequented parts of Bremen. The police have examined the house alluded to and found some of the packing material, but no explosives of any kind.
Sir W. Jervis, Governor of the Straits settlements, telegraphs from Penang, India, 14th, that on the 17th, 80 men of the 10th regiment and 125 auxiliaries, consisting of irregular troops and police, attacked from 400 to 800 Malays, who were fortified behind a stockade within five miles of the Perak residence. After a sharp fight the attacking party charged the Malays and routed them. From 60 to 80 of the enemy were killed and wounded, while only two of the British and six of the auxiliaries were killed, and 25 wounded.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK.
Beef Cattle—Choice \$5.00 @ 5.25
Hogs—Live 4.00 @ 4.25
Wheat—No. 2 1.10 @ 1.15
Corn—No. 2 50 @ 55
ST. LOUIS.
Beef Cattle—Fair to choice \$4.00 @ 5.00
Hogs—Live 4.00 @ 4.75
Wheat—No. 2 1.10 @ 1.15
Corn—No. 2 50 @ 55
CHICAGO.
Beef Cattle—Choice \$4.00 @ 5.75
Hogs—Live 4.00 @ 4.75
Wheat—No. 2 1.10 @ 1.15
Corn—No. 2 50 @ 55
MILWAUKEE.
Wheat—No. 2 1.10 @ 1.15
Corn—No. 2 50 @ 55
DES MOINES.
Wheat—No. 2 1.10 @ 1.15
Corn—No. 2 50 @ 55

As the Days Go On.

What are you sowing, pilgrim.
As the days go on?
Are they seeds of thorns or roses,
That shall spring to crowns or crosses
As the days go on?
What are you reaping, pilgrim.
As the days go on?
Are they precious sheaves you gather,
Or the worthless stubble, rather.
As the days go on?
What is your burden, pilgrim.
As the days go on?
Is it envy's blackened chalice,
Filled with selfishness and malice.
As the days go on?
Leave your path shining, pilgrim.
As the days go on?
Giving smiles for others' gladness,
Giving tears for others' sadness.
As the days go on?
Is the cross heavy, pilgrim.
As the days go on?
Faith and hope will make it lighter;
Love will make your crown the brighter.
When the days are gone!
Lift your eyes, weary pilgrim.
As the days go on?
Earth is but a little clearing.
And the heaven land is nearing—
Nearing is the dawn! —Fox Popul.

How Much Should a Steer Gain?

To obtain an answer, I take the following data from my note book: Eleven good steers weighed 12,674 pounds, turned out on good pasture September 8th; gained 1,040 pounds by October 22d; time, forty-three days; gain per head per day, 2.2 pounds. December 9th they had gained 500 pounds more; time, sixty-five days; gain per head per day, 8.2 pounds. By January 6th they had made a further gain of 600 pounds; time, twenty-six days; gain per head per day, 2.06 pounds. Weighed again March 5, they showed an increase of 732 pounds; time, fifty-nine days; gain per head per day, 1.13 pounds. Seven of them were then sold, the average gain per head per day having been 1.69 pounds. At this time the other four weighed 3,452 pounds. When weighed again May 8, showed a gain of 498 pounds; time, sixty-three days; gain per head per day, 1.95 pounds. By June 4 they had made a further gain of 370 pounds; time, twenty-seven days; gain per head per day, 2.5 pounds. Weighed again September 23, they showed a gain of 510 pounds; time 112 days—gain per head per day, 1.11 pounds. On the last four the average gain per head, for the time after the first were sold, was 1.58 pounds. One of these steers made the greatest gain of any I have ever fed. October 22, 1874, he weighed 1,030 pounds, and when sold September 23, 1875, he weighed 1,640 pounds, or a gain of 610 pounds in 335 days; or 1.82 pounds per day for the whole time he was fed. In several cases, particular animals, or even the whole lot, have made greater gain for a short time, but none so much for the whole time fed. Running back over my experience in feeding and weighing steers, I find their average gain to have been 1.29 pounds per day, on grain and pasture—part of the season on each. From these figures, I deduce the items relating to the manner of feeding.—Country Gentleman.

USEFUL RECIPES.

BAKED INDIAN PUDDING.—Scald a quart of milk, and while boiling thicken it with a pint of corn meal, remove from the fire, thin with cold milk to the consistency of batter, add two well beaten eggs, a cup of raisins, sugar to taste, a little salt, cinnamon or nutmeg, and bake two or three hours in a moderate oven.
TO KEEP THE HAIR FROM FALLING OUT.—Wash the head every week in salt water, and rub the skin of the head with a dry coarse towel. Then apply a dressing composed of bay rum and sweet oil, with which a few drops of tincture of cantharides have been mingled. This will stimulate the skin, and keep the hair from falling out and turning gray. The dressing for the hair may be scented with cinnamon oil or some such warming substance.
TO COOK POULTRY.—All kinds of poultry can be cooked quicker by adding to the water in which they are boiled a little vinegar or a piece of lemon. By the use of a little acid there will be a considerable saving of fuel, as well as shortening of time. Its action is beneficial on old, tough meats, rendering them quite tender and easy of digestion. Tainted meats and fowls will lose their bad taste and odor if cooked in this way, and if not used too freely no taste of it will be acquired.