utes after five e'clock yesterday aftermoon an alarm of fire from the corner of Main and High streets called the fire department out and the news spread that there had been a natural gas explosion. The sharpness of the day had brought to the streets thousands of shoppers and promenaders and the crowd thoughtless-ly rushed to the scene.

The explosion had occurred in the

one story dwelling at the southwest corner of Wall and Noble alleys in the middle of the square bounded by High, Front, Main and Mound streets. Patrol No. I was on the scene, but no rope was stretched and the people crowded by hundreds into the narrow al-ley and pushed up close to the house, as the cries of injured people within could be plainly heard.

The city had recently been supplied with natural gas and leading past the house occupied by Marriott and Howers was one of the mains. This had leaked and the gas had found its way through fissures in the ground to the cellar and becoming ignited in some unknown manner exploded, wrecking the building and filling the air with debris.

The house where the injured woman lay was soon crowded with people, attracted by the accident, and it was soon necessary to close the doors, that no more might enter. Suddenly the air was rent by a tremendous explosion, which made the earth quake and filled the air with flying timbers, bricks and debris of all kinds. Dark-ness ensued and then a deathstillness reigned for a few moments, broken by shricks and death grouns. The house in which lay Mrs. Marriott had been blown to atoms and its occupants buried beneath the wreck. and hundreds of spectators who lined the sidewalks were knocked violently down by the shock.

The people fled, shricking, in all directions while the alley was instantly covered with a mass of debris from which the moans of the buried came. A moment later trembling women tottered and ran across the alleys and streets shricking, and men with foreheads and shoulders drabbled with blood staggered from among the debris.

Then to cap the climax, a team of spirsted horses attached to one of the fire department trucks became frenzied by the explosion and dashed through the crowd in the street carrying death in their wake. They ran over and injured scores of people. A little babe was knocked out of its mother's arms and falling beneath the wheels of the vehicle was crushed to death.

As goon as the maddened horses had suppeared in the darkness many of the spectators and firemen who had been uninjured turned their attention to digging out the persons buried beneath the ruins of the house. Guided by the cries and moans of the mangled and dying. men groped in the darkness pulling out a dead body here and a mangled yet living form there and conveying them

to resting places. It required several hours to remove all the dead from the ruins and it is not yet known who or how many are the victims. Following is the list of killed so far as ascertained: Charles Becht. Mrs. John deaths, an increase of eleven over the James Seymout, colored boy; white man, name unknown; a babe, parents

The injured were: Dr. T. K. Wishinger, badly and probably fatally burned and bruised; Herman Baker, badly burned; Baniel Cherry, burned pain-fully; Charles Woodruff, cut and bruised seriously; Mrs. Fuller, burned and injured internally, probably fatally; Patrick Suiskie, cut on head; Aaron Beers, cut on head and face; Henjamin Morgan, gashes on head and internal injuries; Charles Lowry, burned and bruised; Albert Ticklider, bruised and cut; - Brady, burned and cut; Edward Viemer, cut and burned; - Wolf, cut and burned; Miss Helle Smith, badly hurt; Mrs. Corn. badly burned; Peter Marriott, terribly burned about the aboulders and neck; Tom Doyle, hands burned partially off: Emme Howers, probably fatally burned; Marshall Kilpourne, berrible injuries on meck and head; William Brady, probably fatally sufficiated; William James, hands and face reasted, will die: Mrs. William James, badly, cut and bruised.

The explosion as near as can be sacer tained resulted from an accumulation of natural gas in the cellar of the house excupied by Michael Howers and Mr. Marriott. No natural gas pipes were ever put in the house, but the cause was a natural gas main in Noble alley which leaked. The ground was frozen and the gas seeking its way out went by the easiest way, and of course entered the cellar. It has no scent, and its presence could not be detected. It saturated the buildings

Barstot, R. L. Jan. 25.-The first United States sea-going torpede boat was successfully launched at 9:45 o'clock yesterday morning from the ship yard of the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company. A hottle of champagne was broken over her bow and the boot christened the "Cushing" by Miss Kathsrine K. Herreshoff, daughter of John B. Herreshof, president of the manufacturing company. The fires were started as the vessel left the ways and smoke was issuing from the stacks as she entered the water. Steam was raised in thirty-two minutes and the nuxiliary machinery was started and the best saluted berself with her own whistle.

Won By Kanese City. Chicago, Jan. 25.—A return match for the purpose of shoeting off a tie in a contest for a purse of \$200 between a Kanass City team and local sportsmen occurred yesterday afternoon at Grand Crossing. In spite of the strong wind prevailing creditable scores were made and some excellent work done. One hundred birds each for the purpose of shooting off a tie in a contest for a purse of \$200 between a Kansas City team and local aportomen occurred yesterday afternoon at Grand Crossing. In spite of the strong wind prevailing creditable groves were made and some excellent work done. One hundred birds each were shot for an time the final result was much in doubt. The contest was much in doubt. The contest was much in doubt. The contest and J. R. Riley, of Kansas City, by a score of 91 to 50. The Chicago representatives were R. B. Wadawarih and C. W. Budd.

THE TOWNSITE BILL

periodons of the (Shinkense Township Mill as Amended and Passed By the House. Washington, Jan. 23.—The House yesterday concluded the consideration of the Oklahoma Townsite bill in Committee of the Whole, reported it to the House and at once passed it. The third section, which was the only one in dispute as agreed to in committee, was as ollows:

fee. 1. That is all cases where townsites Sec. 5. That in all cases where townsites are entered under the provisions of this act for the use of the occupants thereof, it shall be the duty of the commissioners membring such sites to hear and determine all controverses arising between claimants to any part thereof or to any lot therein, and to convey the same to the occupants or inhabitants thereof according to their respective interests. That the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe rules and regulations that interests. That the secretary of the Interior shall prescribe rules and regulations that shall govern said commissioners in executing the trust imposed by this set and shall direct how and to whom deeds shall be made except as restricted herein and any actual settier upon any one lot and upon any additional lot upon which he may have substantial improvements shall be entitled to prove up and purchase the same as a pre-emption at such minimum price as may be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior; provided that any person not legally disqualified from entering lands under this act shall have the right to purchase, at the minimum price, any lot or lots they have heretofore purchased from legal occupants and upon which substantial improvements have been made; provided that the claim for a townsite or any part thereof or to any lot therein if made by a United States claim for a townsite or any part thereof or to any lot therein if made by a United States marshal, deputy marshal or other officer or agent of the United States who was in said Territory prior to the time fixed for entering thereof by the preclamation of the Presi-dent, or if made bysa person who entered said Territory or took possession of such townsite or part thereof or lot therein, in advance of the time fixed for entering said Territory by the proclamation of the Presi-dent, and in violation thereof, shall be seemed and held invalid, nor shall the claim of any person or his assignes be valid when seemed and held invalid, nor shall the claim of any person or his assignee be valid when such person, being lawfully within the Territory prior to the day fixed by the Precident's proclamation for entering said Territory, did during such time select a townsite lot or lots therein upon which he, after the time fixed by the preciamation, fited his claim, and the assignee or veades of such officer or wrounded and a select a town dee of such officer or wrounded and and a select a town of such officer or wrounded and a select a select and the select a tion, filed his claim, and the assignee or ven-dee of such officer or wrongdoor shall se-cure no title by a purchase of assignment therefrom, but where purchases have been made from such officers or wrongdoors by innocent parties and in good faith, their rights as occupying claimants shall be re-spected by said commissioners and the val-uation of improvements made by them in good faith shall be a valid lies on the lot or lots so purchased and occupied. The several commissioners shall heep a record of their proceedings as to each townsite, which record shall on the termination of their labors be placed in the enstedy of the secretary of the Interior, and when county organizations shall be effected in the Terri-tory the said records shall be placed in our tory the said records shall be placed in our tody of the officer having charge of the real estate records of the county in which such town is situated and such record (or due ex emplification thereof) of the commissioners shall be evidence of the facts recited therein provided that any party having a mortgage or other bon a fide tion upon a lot or long deeded by the commissioners as provided herein, shall have the right to have the same recorded at length in the record kept by said commissioners, and such record shall be full notice to all of the character and amount of eald lien or mortgage, and of the equition and rights of the parties therein.

## MORTALITY IN CHICAGO.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 23 .- The Herald mys: With the thermometer near mee the health officers looked for a failing off in the daily number of deaths in the city. but yesterday's record showed 130 Marriott, an infant son of Charles Berry, great record of the previous day. The mortuary record for the past twentyfour hours exceeds any thing in the win-ter history of the health office. It has but one striking parallel in the summer. In 1877 these were over 100 deaths from sunstroke in one week. The death con-ticates show a continuance of maliguans throat and pulmonary affections. Bronchitis is increasing among children, and influenza is sweeping off people at the rate of twenty a day. Nearly one-half of the deaths yesterday were due to throat and lung diseases. Pneumonia killed 17 persons, broachitis 15, influence 16 and communition 12

Roow in the Borthwest.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23 .- "It is many year above the far Northwest has seen any thing like the present fall of mow. said R. E. Reese, of Portland, Ore. "A telegram which I have from the super intendent of one of my mines in East ern Oregon tells me there are fifteen feet of snow on the level. Such a fall of snow in the mountains is not unusual. but the soow of the last few days that has falles all over Oregon, Washington and Montana is almost unprecedented. The stockmen of Washington will be the hardest hit. They have been used to warm winters and have made no preparation for any thing like the unusual snowfall and extremely cold weather which came with it. I know one in Washington who has already lost 2,000 head of cattle. I fancy there will be some herds from which the owners will never market say thing but the biden."

THERTON, N. J., Jan. 23.-Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday in the Secretary of State's office by the American Tobacco Company, which is supposed to committate a number of companies. The capital stock is fixed at \$25,000,000. The number of shares is 8400,000. Of the stock \$15,000,000 is divided into 300,000 shares of \$50 each. which are to be the general or common stock, and \$10,000,000 is divided into 100,000 shares of \$100 each which are to be preferred stock. The preferred stock entitles the holder to receive each year a dividend of eight per cent., payable half yearly, before any dividend is set spart for the common stock, or se much of the eight per cent. so the profits

Des Motxes, lows. Jan. 23. -Judge Hoyt has passed sentence upon the youngest life convict ever mat up. His KILLED IN COURT.

Court Bosse. The Affine is a tinhuston Court Bosse. The Affine the Result of a Foul to Another County. GALVESTUN, Tex., Jan. 22.—In the

court house here yesterday Kyle Terry. sephew of the late Judge David Terry. of California, was shot and instantly killed and two men badly wounded. The killing was the outcome of the Fort Head troubles which resulted some time ago in a bloody battle between the citisens of Richmond.

Nome months ago Terry, who was a tax assessor of Fort Bend County and a member of what is knows as the Woodpecker party, had a difficulty with the three Gibson boys, all members of the Jaybird party. Pive weeks later Terry met one of the Gibson brothers in Wharton and killed him. When the case came up for trial Terry got a change of venue to Galveston County. Calveston had nothing to do with the case further than to give a fair trial. Judge Parker, indicted for murder in Fort Hend County, also secured a change

of renue to this county.

The cases were set for yesterday and witnesses for both the prosecution and defense had brought to this city a large number of adherents of both factions of Fort Bend County. A large special regire of citizens had been summoned for jury service in these cases to appear at the court house at one o'clock. A few minutes after that hour Kyle Terry, his brother, Captain David Terry, of Callfornia, Judge Parker, Judge Westen and some others entered the front door of the court house.

Terry turned to the left toward the stairway and had just reached the secand step when a shot was fired. It struck him under the right arm and came out of the left breast and literally tore his heart to pieces.

There was a moment's full and then four or five shots were fired from different directions. One passed through the arm of Judge Weston and through the leg of Henry Pittle, a Galvestonian.

Eye witnesses say three men were shooting-Vol Gibson, who killed Terry and whose brother Terry had killed in Wharton, Dan Ragedale and young Mitchell, all from Fort Bend County and all Jaybirds.

Immediately after the shooting six arrests were made—the principal one Vol Gibson, who fired the first and only fatal shot. He is a young man about twenty-five years old and treats the matter coolly. He was the oldest man in the attacking party, four of the others being under twenty-one years of

It was evident that the intention was to kill Weston and Parker as well as Terry the two latter because they were Woodpeckers.

Judge Parker is a member of the State Legislature from Fort Bend County and is charged with having been the cause of the late riot in Richmond. He tacharged with the killing of a negro woman during the Richmond riot.

## MUCH DISGRUNTLED.

A Chernhee thelegation That Visited Secretary Number Inquiring About the Mirip. WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. The Cherokees are at last beginning to realize that the days of their possession of the Cherokes Strip are numbered and that the time is som at hand, notwithstanding their opposition, when they must yield to

mand for the advancement of civilian-

A new delegation, consisting of three half blood Cherokees, visited Secretary Noble yesterday and had quite a protracted interview with him concerning the Cherokee Outlet and the action of the Commissioners appointed to negotiate for the cession of the Strip. Wh they came away they were very much disgruntled and told their friends that Secretary Noble said to them that they had already been paid once for the Strip and they were now offered a fair price to buy it over again, which they were foolishly declining to secupt, that they might as well understand and make up their minds that it would be but a very brief period before the plowshare of the white men would be turning the sed of the Strip which is now occupied by the cattlemen, who were there without warrest of lew.

FROZEN IN THE STORM. Thousands of Cartle and Ton Mon Reported

TATOMA, Wooh. Jon. 22.-At least ten human beings and thousands of cattle and sheep perished in the bilizzard which began with the year and raged over Washington for a week. Cattle are dying by hundreds from starva-tion and thirst in the Collville reservation, and the ground is covered with over two feet of enew on the level, In some places the snow is drifted mountais high. The keeper of the stage station, twelve miles from Alma, started to walk to town last Thursday and Sunday his body was found on the prairie. only a mile from his home, from a reek perished on the same day and right cattlemen are known to have lest their lives in the storm. Cattlemen cotimate that they will lose one-half of

OMARA, Neb., Jon. 21. - The suburban train on the Missouri Partie railway was wrecked within two miles of Gmaha this morning. William Boyle, station agent of Drujd Hill, who was a passenger on the train, was instantly killed. Eight other passengers were injured, two of them, Albert Mitelass, a fourteen-year-old boy, and James O. Harrey, a carpenter, prob-ably fatally. The wreck was caused by a rear end collision.

Wassington, Jan. 21 - Application was recently made to the Treasury Inpartment by citizens of Laredo, Tex., for permission to impact from Menico, without duty, carlonate crea, enter them in bond, emoit and separate them by the process known as "concentration" and then retorn the contents of the one to Mexico, or is other words to allow the manufacture or manipulation of ores in manufacture or manipulation of ores in a "tomospirence" in bond for the purpose of dispedition. Assistant Secretary Tichence has informed the putilioners that there is no legal authority for the granting of met privilege.

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