

WORTHLESS CHECK

Two Plattsmouth Merchants Are Victimized.

SWINDLE DETECTED AT THE BANKS

Killed By an Express Train—Sheepherders Frozen to Death in Wyoming—Gas Explosion—Mrs. Kinley Falling—Other Important News.

A man entered the store of C. D. Long of Plattsmouth and bought a pair of mittens and gave him a check for \$10 on the Bank of Cass county, signed "A. W. Willis," and received \$0.25 in change. He then went to the store of C. E. Wescott and bought another pair of mittens and gave the proprietor a check of the same kind for the same amount and was given \$9.50 in change. He attempted to pass the same kind of a check at the drug store of A. W. Atwood and at the hardware store of John K. Cox and several of the other merchants, but they refused to take them. When the checks were presented at the bank the next day it was learned that the checks were not signed by A. S. Willis, a wealthy farmer, residing near Louisville, and were worthless.

TWO MILLION DEAD.

Terrible Results of Famine in Shen Si, Province of China.

The Christian Herald's commissioner, who is investigating the famine in China, writes from Sian Fu, Province of Shen Si, that the autumn crops will furnish food for a few months, but being the first successful crops in five years will not be sufficient to last until the next harvest is gathered, and he predicts a repetition of the famine in the coming spring. The commission estimates that the deaths from famine in the Shen Si province number 2,500,000, or 20 per cent of the population. He rode for four days through villages north of the Wei H. river, and during this time saw hardly two hundred persons. The whole region is desolated.

No Trace of a Daring Mariner.

A special from Atlantic City, N. J., says: Capt. William A. Andrews and bride sailed from Young's pier Sunday, September 28, in their thirteen-foot dory, the Dark Secret. They expected to touch at the Azores for fresh food supplies and water and to land at some port in Spain or Portugal in from six to eight weeks' time. On his former voyage across the Atlantic Captain Andrews frequently spoke passing vessels and he was reported by them on their arrival in port, but, as the "daring mariner" and his bride have been gone now nearly three months and as their landing has not been reported anywhere, it is the opinion here that they have been drowned.

Mosquito Indians Seek Relief.

Three delegates from the Mosquito territory of Nicaragua have arrived at Kingston, Jamaica, and are negotiating with the British government for relief from Nicaraguan rule. They have sent a signed letter to the newspapers setting forth their refusal to believe that Great Britain is abandoning the Magagua treaty and declaring that the Mosquito Indians are prepared to fight rather than accept the continuation of Nicaraguan control. The delegates will await Great Britain's reply to their representations before they take further action.

One Collision Causes Another.

Fireman F. M. Riley of Dubuque, Ia., was killed, and Engineer William Norton of Dubuque suffered a broken leg in a collision on the Great Western road at Bolton, five miles from Freeport, Ill. Three trains were in the collision—a freight train, light engine and wrecking train, all eastbound. The light engine, which was in the middle, ran into the rear of the freight. The engine reversed his engine and jumped, and the engine ran back into the wrecking train, where fireman Riley was killed.

Guilt of Assault.

The trial of the state against Bothwell in the district court at Valentine, Neb., ended in a conviction on the charge of criminal assault. The defendant was charged with criminally assaulting his own daughter last May. His defense was insanity. Dr. J. L. Greene, superintendent of the Lincoln hospital for the insane, testified as an expert witness. After taking one ballot the jury agreed on a verdict of guilty. The penalty prescribed by the law is life imprisonment.

Passenger Train Burned.

An explosion of gas occurred on an eastbound Santa Fe passenger train at Garden City, Kas., December 16. The smoker, chair car and one sleeper were entirely consumed. None of the passengers were injured. Conductor O'Day and Porter Pennington were badly cut and burned about the head and face.

Death Sentence.

Joseph Ellsworth Hinkle, of Peoria, Ill., was sentenced to be hanged by the neck until dead on February 14, for the murder of his wife, Artie Hinkle. It was a brutal crime, the condemned man stabbing her to death with an ordinary pocket knife. This will be the first hanging in that county since 1872.

Killed by the Cars.

Frank Hardy and his daughter of Loganport, Ind., who were riding in a buggy, were run down and killed by a train December 16.

THEY MAY NOT FIGHT.

Warlike Preparations in Chile and Argentine Not Taken Seriously.

The alarm manifested in Argentine is declared in Chilean official circles to be unwarranted. In the opinion of the government the boundary dispute will never justify a rupture. A news agency received a dispatch from Buenos Ayres, confirming the dispatch of the Associated Press from Buenos Ayres announcing the calling out of the Argentine army reserves and adding that at the request of the government the Chamber of Deputies had sanctioned a bill setting aside the conversion fund to be used for the national defense. Continuing, the dispatch from Buenos Ayres says: "The report that the United States will offer its good offices is confirmed. At Chile's request the American minister has sounded the intentions of the Argentine government. Brazil has also offered mediation."

It has been announced that Chile has called out 15,000 men, but the news is questioned, because, according to the officials, Chile does not possess the means to equip and move such a body of men. "Senor Anchora has offered to bear the expense of a regiment during the entire campaign and patriotic offers of various descriptions are arriving from all parts of the country. Nevertheless, in certain centers, the opinion is persistently held that war between Argentine and Chile is improbable."

Small Fights Daily.

A Manila dispatch says: General J. Franklin Bell has been exceedingly active in Batangas province where he intends by every means available, to stamp out the insurrection. There are daily small fights between the insurgents and the men of General Bell's command, in which the former are almost invariably routed. Lieutenant Hennessey of the Eighth infantry, together with one American scout and six Filipinos captured an insurgent major with forty-two men, twenty-two rifles and 890 rounds of ammunition, without the loss of a man.

A number of captured documents and papers, now in the hands of General Bell, implicate in the insurrection the president and other prominent natives of Lian, Batangas province.

General Bell has notified the natives in Batangas that on the 28th of December the purpose to concentrate them in the neighborhood of the town. He will move their live stock, rice, etc., to within the limits of concentration. After that date everything outside these limits will be confiscated. The roads from Batangas and Laguna provinces are lined with a continuous stream of native men, women and children, in carry-alls, carts and mounted on carabos, seeking safety from the horrors of war.

The column under Colonel Theodore J. Wint of the Sixth cavalry is tireless in its operations against the insurgents and has received high praise from the military authorities.

Insanity Plea Will Not Avail.

The home office at London has notified the counsel for Miss Josephine Eastwick of Philadelphia, under sentence of six months' imprisonment for forging a railroad certificate, that the petition for her pardon on the ground of insanity could not be granted. No reason is given. The action of the home office is taken in spite of great pressure brought to bear in Miss Eastwick's behalf by the officials of the American embassy there.

Three Men Run Down.

Two men were killed and another severely injured at Delray, a suburb of Detroit, early by Lake Shore passenger train No. 322.

The men, who were on their way to work, were walking on the railroad track, it was still dark and they neither saw nor heard the approaching train. De Rosier was instantly killed and Weisner died from his injuries very soon after he was picked up. Henselman will recover.

Mrs. McKinley Falling.

Relatives of Mrs. McKinley have little hope for her living long, according to a statement made by Lieutenant James McKinley, U. S. A., a nephew of the late president. Lieutenant McKinley said:

"My aunt remains in about the same condition that she was immediately after the funeral of the president. There has been no improvement and seems no hope of any."

Five Frozen to Death.

The severe snow and wind storm which set in at Cheyenne, Wyo., last Tuesday night and which has been accompanied by the coldest weather seen in the state for many years, is still raging in many sections. Five persons are known to have lost their lives. Sheep are scattered in all directions and many herders are missing.

Refuses to Be Vaccinated.

Because of their refusal to be vaccinated, 1,000 children were expelled from the Belleville, Ill., public schools. Their expulsion, however, was cancelled later in the day by the board of health rescinding the order.

Young Girl Missing.

Myrtle Leppahn, living with her parents at 18th and Van Dorn streets, Lincoln, Neb., disappeared from her home and her parents have been unable to locate her. It was thought she may have gone to Omaha where she has friends but there is no certainty of this.

Takes the Oath.

Seth Low took the oath of office as mayor of New York in the supreme court. Mr. Low will assume office at noon on January 1.

BULLET IN HER HEAD

Killed in Her Room by a Supposed Burglar.

BROTHER AWAKENED BY THE NOISE

Distressing Street Car Accident—Ferryboats Collide—Two Killed by Nitro Glycerine Explosion—Caught Between the Couplings.

Harriet P. Murphy of Pittsburg, Pa., prominent in church and society circles and treasurer of the Kingsley house fund, was murdered at her home at 6521 Howe street, East End by a burglar. The murderer made his escape, and, although the whole detective and police force of that section was called the man has not been captured.

Miss Murphy was the only sister of Select Councilman John A. Murphy of the Twentieth ward and was thirty years old. She with her brother and two servants, women, lived alone in the house.

CUBAN COMMERCE

Falling Off in Imports, but Exports are Largely Increased.

A comparative statement of the commerce of Cuba for the fiscal years 1901 and 1900, issued by the division of insular affairs, war department, shows that the total value of merchandise imported during the fiscal year 1901 was \$65,050,141, as against \$71,681,187 for 1900; and the total value of merchandise exported during 1901 was \$73,115,821, as against \$45,328,846 for 1900. This indicates a decrease of 9.3 per cent in the value of imports and an increase of 39.5 per cent in the value of exports.

The value of imports of merchandise from the several countries, respectively, during the fiscal year 1901, was as follows: United States \$28,078,702, a decrease of 6.7-10 per cent; United Kingdom \$9,280,249, decrease of 22.4 per cent; Germany \$3,403,031, increase 29.4 per cent; France \$2,922,829, decrease 18.8 per cent; Spain \$9,536,045, decrease 13.4 per cent; other countries \$11,828,685, decrease 4.6 per cent.

The value of exports of merchandise to the several countries, respectively, during the fiscal year 1901, was as follows: United States \$45,497,468, and increase of 11.4 per cent; United Kingdom \$4,871,717, increase 34.9 per cent; Germany \$6,720,480, increase 192.6 per cent; France \$1,492,055, increase 22.4 per cent; Spain \$579,302, decrease 29.2 per cent; other countries \$3,044,389, increase 32.9 per cent.

FIGHTING IN COLOMBIA

Government Troops and Liberals Have Engagement.

A schooner which has just arrived at Colon from Nombro de Dios brings the news that the Colombian government troops to the number of seventy, who left Colon a fortnight ago for Viento Prieto, had an engagement with the liberal forces at Nombro de Dios. The liberals numbered 250 men. The casualties on both sides amounted to eighteen men killed and forty wounded. The government troops succeeded in carrying the liberals entrenched and driving them out of the town back onto the hills behind it.

During the engagement, the women and children of Nombro de Dios, together with the United States vice consul at Colon, Mr. Haytt and other foreigners, sought refuge on a small island facing the scene of the engagement. The government troops are now on their way back to Colon.

Mr. Haytt reports that Nombro de Dios is now practically deserted and unsafe for foreigners. The liberals believing the latter have been aiding the government.

Robbery of Mail Pouch.

A daring robbery of a pouch of United States registered mail occurred at the doors of the old postoffice building at Third and Olive streets in St. Louis. Oscar Kelling, driver of the mail wagon, was knocked down by the butt end of revolvers by three men as he was leaving the building, and relieved of a sack of registered mail, which he was taking outside. So cleverly had the robbery been planned that the robbers succeeded in escaping with their booty before Kelling could give the alarm. At the time the lobby of the branch postoffice was crowded with people, and the sidewalk thronged with men returning home from business. The exact contents of the lost sack is not known.

Boston Murderer Electrocutted.

Storto, the murderer of Michele Calucci, in Boston, November 7, 1899, was executed by electricity at the state prison in Charlestown. Storto met his death with firmness, being the first criminal to die in the electric chair under the Massachusetts law. The electrocution was successful in every way and it was conducted in a very brief time.

Milwaukee Train Wrecked.

Passenger train No. 2, on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad collided with a freight train just outside of La Crosse, Wis. The passenger engine, baggage and mail cars, with two cars of machinery of the freight train, were wrecked. Three passengers were injured.

Benjamin Russell Hanby, author of the famous ballad, "Darling Nellie Gray," is buried at Waterville, O., twelve miles from Columbus.

PUT TO PRACTICAL USE.

Sister Ships Speak to Each Other Hundred Miles Apart.

The steamer Etruria, which has just arrived in New York, was in communication for more than five hours in mid-ocean with its sister ship Umbria. Long before either ship sighted the other their commanders were conversing by the Marconi wireless system. The position of each was known on the other hours before their main tracks showed above the horizon. Etruria left Liverpool December 7, the same day Umbria steamed out of New York. They were 1,630 miles east northeast of Sandy Hook when they passed each other, or in latitude 45.17 and longitude 51.07. Five hours before that the receiver on Etruria began to elick warningly. The operator replied, and then the word "Umbria" was slowly spelled out on Etruria's instrument. Then followed Umbria's location. Etruria replied, giving its location, which showed it to be fully 100 miles away from the other vessel. Umbria sent its number of passengers, the fact that all was well and the latest news from New York. Etruria sent word of the burning of the great Liverpool exchange quadrangle, which occurred on December 6, while Etruria was lying in the Mersey.

SURE TO GET THE ISLANDS.

Satisfactory Negotiations With Danish Minister.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch says: As a result of the negotiations between Secretary Hay and Mr. Brun, the Danish minister, the last obstacles of substance to the preparation of the treaty of cession whereby the United States will become possessor of the Danish West Indian islands, have been removed.

It is said that the points of difference have been adjusted in a manner to insure acceptance of the treaty by the United States senate, and it is even possible that the convention may be laid before that body before the holiday recess. The decision of the supreme court in the insular cases has made easier the preparation of the treaty on satisfactory lines, it is said.

Fears Lawlessness in Ireland.

A Dublin, Ireland, dispatch says: Large numbers of constabulary have been drafted to important points in Mayo and Roscommon, and a proclamation placing both counties under the crime act is expected to be issued immediately. This influx of extra police is unprecedented since the days of Captain Boycott. Nationalist members of parliament and the United Irish league have been most active in Mayo and Roscommon recently preaching forcible resistance to the authorities.

Dublin's reception of Messrs. Redmond, McLaugh and O'Donnell on their return from the United States will take the form of a torchlight procession and addresses at the Mansion house.

Instantly Killed.

Frank Renner, an employ on the night shift in the Burlington hammer shop at Plattsmouth, was instantly killed December 17. A switch crew were doing some switching in the shop yards and Renner, in attempting to cross the track between the train and another string of cars, was caught between the couplings. His body was terribly mutilated. The deceased was a single man, twenty-nine years of age, and was on his way to work when the accident occurred. He has been working in the shops since his return from the Philippines, where he served with the First Nebraska regiment.

Depot at Brainerd Burned.

The Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley depot at Brainerd, Neb., caught fire on Dec. 17 Agent Maules' furniture was removed, but was damaged. The citizens turned out in numbers and with buckets carried water to the fire, but owing to the strong north wind nothing could be done. It looked for a time as though the Brainerd high school and the Nye & Schneider elevator and lumber yard would catch fire, but the wind changed enough to save them. The fire originated in the dwell part at the north end of the building.

Literally Torg to Pieces.

Thomas L. Edwards, aged thirty-seven years, and Charles D. Parker, aged twenty-five, both of Butler, Pa., were instantly killed by a terrible explosion of nitro-glycerine, which completely wrecked the nitro-glycerine factory of B. Humes & Co., about one and one-half miles from here. Not a shred of the two unfortunates could be found and the site of the magazine was marked by a hole twenty feet deep and forty feet in diameter.

Mistakes Friend for a Burglar.

Believing him to be a safe robber, Night Operator Greer of the Lake Erie and Western office, at Bluffton, Ohio, shot and probably fatally wounded Stephen Miller, his friend. Greer, hearing a noise outside, shot through the window with a forty-four caliber revolver. The bullet lodged in Miller's left breast. The Bluffton office was attacked by robbers several weeks ago and Greer was shot.

Panic on a Ferryboat.

The Ferryboat Princeton of the Pennsylvania railroad while crowded with passengers and teams, collided with the Hudson City of the same line on the North river. A hole was driven in the latter boat's side.

There was a tremendous panic among the passengers on each boat, though the Hudson City carried few.

We are in the best school when we have learned to convert the daily happenings and work into means of education.

DECLARED REMISS

Schley Court of Inquiry Hands Down Decision.

DEWEY OFFERS MINORITY REPORT

Condemned on Eleven Counts—Female Bandit Sentenced—Kentucky Bank Looted—Chile Prepares for War—Other News of Importance.

A Washington, D. C., December 13, dispatch says: The most prolonged, interesting and important naval tribunal ever held in this country came to a close today, having in open and secret session lasted three months, short of one week, when Secretary Long was handed the findings of the court of inquiry which inquired into the conduct of Rear Admiral Schley during the Santiago campaign. For seven weeks the court heard testimony and for fully a month it deliberated upon that mass of evidence, finally reaching the conclusions announced today. The result was a complete surprise, and it is probable that no prophecy has approached the truth. Instead of one report there are two. Both are signed by George Dewey, president, and by Samuel C. Lemley, as judge advocate. This is a form said to be recognized in all courts of inquiry, the signatures of the other members not being necessary. But it is explained that Admiral Dewey signed the second report, a minority report, to express his qualification of or dissent from the views expressed by the court, comprising, beside himself, Admirals Benham and Ramsay in the first report.

The majority report condemns Admiral Schley on eleven points, while Admiral Dewey sustains him in most particulars.

MRS. BONINE ACQUITTED

End of a Mysterious Washington Murder Case.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Lola Ida Bonine, charged with the murder of James Seymour Ayers in the Kenmore hotel at Washington on the night of May 13, returned a verdict of not guilty and the defendant was set at liberty. Such a conclusion of the trial was generally expected, the popular impression being that in the evidence submitted the prosecution had failed to prove its case against Mrs. Bonine. The jury was out less than five hours, retiring a few minutes after 4 o'clock in the afternoon and reporting their verdict shortly before 9 o'clock.

Dispute Results in Tragedy.

John Pilely, fifty years old, was killed by Willis Ray, his son-in-law, in a dispute over business matters. The tragedy occurred at Pilely's home, nine miles from Decatur, Ill. Pilely got a shotgun and started to kill Ray, but the latter was too quick for him, got a revolver and killed Pilely. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide. There were no arrests made.

Gouged Out His Eye.

As the result of a disagreement over business matters three weeks ago, George B. Foreman and Joseph N. Marsh, two prominent stockraisers of Nebraska, engaged in a fight in which Marsh, it is charged gouged out the right eye of Foreman, destroying the sight. Foreman's attorneys entered a suit for \$2,000 damages, with a criminal suit besides.

Female Bandit Sentenced

Laura Bullion, the female companion of "Ben" Kilpatrick, who was convicted of having in his possession forged national bank notes, was sentenced by United States District Judge Adams to five years' imprisonment in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan. Kilpatrick received a sentence of fifteen years' imprisonment at Jefferson City, Mo.

Chile Prepares for War.

From Santiago de Chile comes the news that a contingent of the Chilean reserves has been called to arms. No movement of the military forces under arms has occurred, however. Everything is quiet there in expectation of Chile's answer to Argentine, which, according to public opinion, will be firm and serene.

Roosevelt Richer by \$150,000.

According to a decision handed down by Justice Lawrence of New York for the purpose of obtaining a construction of the will of Cornelius Van Schaick Roosevelt, who died in New York in 1887, President Theodore Roosevelt, who is a testator, will inherit a fortune of between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

Both Dead.

Fred Dorsey fatally stabbed Mrs. Cora Wilson at Fort Wayne, Ind., and then cut his own throat. Both are dying. The tragedy was the result of a quarrel.

Bank Looted.

The bank of Sturgis, Ky., was robbed of between \$3,500 and \$4,000 by robbers who blew open the safe with nitro-glycerine. The robbers were thought to have escaped on horses. Bloodhounds followed the trail for several miles but left it then on account of rain.

Nebraskan Honored.

Prof. J. C. Kelsey, a graduate of the Nebraska university, has been elected to the faculty of Purdue university at Richmond, Ind.

ST. PAUL ROAD GETS BIG ENGINES.

Largest Ones Ever Built to Be Used in Fast Passenger Runs.

Larger Trains and Quick Schedules Are Expected to Be the Ultimate Result.

Several of what are claimed to be the largest locomotives ever constructed were received by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road yesterday. In these days of large engines each fresh consignment received by a railroad during the past year or two has had the distinction of being the largest. While these monster locomotives have in a way ceased to excite surprise, those just received by the St. Paul road are remarkable in their dimensions. For example, the diameter of the driving wheels is eighty-four and one-fourth inches, or one-fourth of an inch over seven feet.

Following is a technical description of the new giants:

- Diameter of driving wheels, 84 1/4 inches.
- Diameter of compound cylinders, 28 and 15 inches.
- Stroke of cylinders, 28 inches.
- Total length of engine, 68 feet 11 inches.
- Steam capacity of boiler, 290 pounds.
- Fire box, 8 feet 8 inches by 5 feet 5 inches.
- Number of flues in boiler, 850.
- Heating surface, 3,215 square feet.
- Capacity of tender, 18,000 pounds of coal and 7,000 gallons of water.

Thinks Fast Time Possible.

General Passenger Agent Miller of the St. Paul is enthusiastic over the new engines, alleging that they will tend to revolutionize schedules and power. He says they will be capable of hauling fourteen or fifteen heavily loaded coaches or sleepers sixty miles an hour. Grades will be little or no obstruction to the leviathans.

The locomotives will be put in service on the limited trains between Chicago and Milwaukee and between Chicago and Omaha.

Novel Party in Country.

The town of Dushore, Pa., may be on the top of the Alleghanies, and rural as to some things, but it is not altogether behind in novelties. The latest in that direction was a "toe party," which took place in the town hall. This is the way it was done: A row of pretty young women was drawn up on the stage behind the curtain, and one by one stuck a bare foot under the curtain for the inspection of young gentlemen. The toes were auctioned off to the highest bidder, whose privilege it was to accompany the owner to lunch. The toes brought all the way from 35 cents to \$5. In some instances the young women had "tipped" their best fellow, agreeing to wiggle their toes in a certain way in order to avoid being taken to lunch by other fellows, who, when they "caught on," ran the bidding up as high as they could before giving it up.

TALKS ON ADVERTISING.

The best way to advertise is just to advertise. Get at it with a view to having the people know what you most desire to sell, and incidentally letting them know that the specified items do not represent your full stock. Say interesting things about interesting goods and have the goods to talk.

Men talk of the secret of successful advertising, but it is all very plain. The essentials are to offer what people want, at fair prices, and to offer it in a way that will make readers know they want it. The art in writing an advertisement is to speak as the interested and well-informed merchant would speak to a prospective customer.

The mere appearance of a business man's name and address in every issue of a leading newspaper will do work to increase his trade. Every business man, however, is able to give facts about his establishment which will encourage people to deal with him. To state such facts clearly in a newspaper is the principal secret of successful advertising.

The idea that it takes a number of impressions to make the average advertisement effective is not new. Forty years ago an English advertiser said to the publisher of the Cornhill Magazine: "We don't consider that an advertisement seen for the first time by a reader is worth much. The second time it counts for something. The third time the reader's attention is arrested; the fourth time he reads it through and thinks about it; the fifth makes a purchaser of him. It takes time to soak in."

Prince and Princess to Marry.

Prince Charles of Bourbon and the Infanta Maria de la Mercedes, princess of Spain, are to be united in marriage soon after Christmas. Prince Charles is the second son of the count of Caserta. He will be raised to the rank of an infant of Spain. The royal bride's allowance of \$100,000 will be increased, and the cortes will provide for a suitable dowry. Princess Mercedes is the eldest daughter of the queen regent. She was born September 11, 1850, and was queen of Spain until the birth of her brother Alfonso in 1886.

When Men Used Fans.

Fans originated in the western countries and were first universally made of peacock, ostrich or parrot feathers. The hundred years ago the men used fans and were not considered effeminate.

Commercial Importance of Pensacola.

The city of Pensacola, Fla., now claims to be the third in commercial importance on the Gulf of Mexico, being excelled in exports only by New Orleans and Galveston.