At Huntington, W. Va., ex-Congressman Eustace Gibson died. The mayor of Omaha has decided

there must be no more prize fights in the Nebraska metropolis. Mrs. George M. Pullman indignantly

denies the rumor of her engagement to Mr. Barry, the New York portrait The Norwegian consular treasury

fees for the year 1899-1900 amounte. to 256,352 kroner, of which New York furnished 38,186 kroner. Werner, a wealthy spinner at Wer-

dau, Germany, has been sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary for arson. He burned his ewn factory. The president sent to the senate the

name of George V. L. Meyer, of \_assachusetts, to be ambassador of the United States in Italy. Mrs. Mary L. McLean, mother of

John R. McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, died at Washington, D. C. of acute heart affection, aged 71. At Elwood, In., burglars entered the postoffice, blew the safe open and escaped with \$150 in stamps, a small

amount of eash and \$500 worth of negotiable notes. Michael G. Mullhall, the statistician, is dead at London. He was born in 1836. He founded in 1861 the Buenos

Avres Standard, the first English paper

printed in South America. The house committee on naval affairs filed a report favorable to the bill authorizing the apopintment of Representative Boutelle of Maine, as a cap-

tain on the retired list of the navy. The German emperor recently pre sented Baron Beck, chief of the staff of the Austrian army, with a marble bust of himself. The bust is on a large scale and weighs 1,800 pounds.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' association the secretary was authorized to increase the Kentucky futurity stake from 1903 and 1904 to

State Grain Inspector McKenzie of Kansas has filed a report of his department for the month of November. He collected \$2.537.10 in fees and spent \$2,383.70 for help, leaving a balance of \$153,40.

William E. Healy, an attorney formerly associated with Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn in government legal work in Omaha, was found dead in a dingy room at the Stafford hotel in Chicago.

Charles H. Tweed, chairman of the board of directors of the Southern Pacific Railway company, says that there was no truth in the revived report that the Huntington holdings in the property have been sold.

At Atchison, Kas., Judge W. D. Gilbert, the defeated republican candidate for district judge, was granted a divorce from his wife for abandonment, Mrs. Gilbert is now living in St. Louis. where she recently went from Kansas City.

At Columbus, O., the Sells divorce trial entered on its fifth week, and Mrs. Sells is just starting with her defense. The trial is costing the county about \$250 per day, and a low estimate of the cost of the case would be \$25,000

A well dressed woman registering as Pauline Foster of Hartford, Conn., shot and killed herself in her room at the Grand Union hotel, New York, The police took possession of three letters, which were found sealed and addressed on the table in her room. They were addressed to Mr. Ernest Feste, New Orleans, La., Paul Feste Crystal City, Mo., and Mrs. Gussie Pollock Paris, France.

William Richardson, the successor to General Wheeler in congress, was once sentenced to hang as a confederate spy. He was a soldler at the age of 17, was captured, escaped and was making his way back to the confederacy when he was found by the union troops in the company of a notorious spy, and was sentenced to be hanged with the spy. An unexpected attack on his captors by General Forest resulted in his rescue.

Representative Hitt of Illinois made formal announcement of his candidacy for the United States senate. James G. Stowe, United States consul at Cape Town, sailed for New York on board the Red Star line steamer Vanderland from Southamp-

The legislative assembly of Victoria has passed the woman's suffrage and old people's pension bills,

A fire which started at midnight in the upper part of the Standard theater, St. Louis, one of the most famous variety and vaudeville houses in the country, did damage esstimated at \$20,000.

The (Lorain) Stee, company resumed work with more than 3,000 men employed in the entire plant.

August Waldauer, a widely known professor of music, died at St. Louis of a complication of disease, aged 75. .1e was best known as the author of "Fanchon."

Ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson has cold his ranch in Barber county, Kansas, and will buy one in the far

The late Dr. Thomas Arnold of Dublin was about the last survivor of the associates of Cardinal Newman in the endeavor to found in that city an Irish Catholic university.

Vessels built in the United States and officially numbered from June 30 last to November 30 were 465 of 149,

963 gross tons. Half a million dollars has just been shipped to Europe and New York from the province of Antioquia, Colombia, where quiet is restored.

An engagement shortly to be announced is that of Miss Martha Hichborn, daughter of Rear admiral Hichborn and Mrs. Hichborn, and James G. Blain, youngest son of the late secetary of state. Miss Hichborn was presented to society several seasons ago and has been a reigning belle ever since.

# CUSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN | A GERMAN SHIP SINKS

Big Iron Training Vessel Goes Down in the Mediterranean Sea.

### THE NEWS IS FROM MADAGASCAR

Forty Persons Are Said to Have Perished in Their Efforts to Escape-Frigate Carried a Complement of 461-Eelonged to German Navy.

MADRID, Dec. 17.—The German training frigate Gneisenau has foundered off Malaga, sixty-five miles northeast of Gibraitar, Private dispatches that forty persons were drowned.

The Gneisenau foundered at the entrance to the port of Malaga, where it was about to take refuge from the terrible atorm prevailing. At the present time only the masts of the vessel

The training ship had been at Malaga since November 1, practicing with guns of large caliber. She had been previously at Megador, Morocco.

At 10 o'clock this morning a review of the cadets was in order. The wind was extremely violent and instructions were given to stoke up as rapidly as possible. But already the mountainous waves had struck the ship, snapping the anchor chains. She was driven helpless toward the port and sank. The men threw themselves into the sea and clung to the wreckage, but the majority quickly disappeared.

Captain Krestmann died at his post The Malaga lifeboat made heroic efforts and rescued fifteen, but the weight capsized the beat and twelve were drowned. The other three were saved by means of ropes thrown to them. The port authorities saved many of the sallors. The survivors have been received at the hospital, the Hotel Deville and private houses. All the theaters in Malaga abandoned

their performances this evening. A large number of the cadets can be seen rom the shore clinging to the rigging. They are shouting and signaling for help. The captain and many of the cadets have been drowned. It is believed that a party who left in one of the ship's boats and have not been

seen since are also loct. The total loss is now thought to be not less than 100. Some dispatches say 140. Forty of these saved are badly hurt.

Indians Burned to Death. CANNON BALL, N. D., Dec. 17 .-An Indian family consisting of father, mother and four children were burned to death last night by the explosion of a can of gastoline. Another family of father, mother and one child are frightfully burned and will probably die. The Benton Transportation company had five tanks of gasoline on the river bank at Bismarck awaiting a boat. The bank caved in and all the oil went into the river. One tank was saved by an Indian. Last night this Indian, named War Bennet, supposing the tank contained kerosene, lit a match to fill a measure, when the explosion took place.

Insurgents Not Dispersed.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 17.-Advices from Colon, Colombia, today regarding the recent fighting between the government troops and the insurgents at Tumaco, the rebel stronghold. which lasted three days, the insurgents then evacuating the town, say that the withdrawing insurgent force was not dispersed.

On the contrary fears are entertained at Colon that this body of rebels will effect a junction with the force operating around Buena Ventura.

## Russia Defends Its Course

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—The Official Messenger publishes an inspired statement as the views of the Russian government concerning the repudiating the charges that the Russians have acted illegally in handling the line, contending that Russia's actions was necessitated by military considerations, declining to recognize the British as owners of the line, but admitting that they have the preponderating financial interest.

Boers to Settle in German Colony.

BERLIN, Dec. 17 .- According to the Lokal Anzeiger fifty Cape Colony Boers now in Amsterdam with their families, have been granted permission to settle in German Southwest Africa, the German government having just assented to the purchase of lands by them in Damaraland and Great Namaquin land. The Boers will leave Amsterdam on January 5.

New Packing Plant.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A charter was filed in Recorder Simon's office today incorporating the John Cudahy company with a capital stock of \$500,000. The object of the corporation is to conduct a general manufacturing and mercantile business, A new packing plant will be erected immediately at Wichita, Kan. John Cudahy is the principal stockholder.

Confirmed by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Confirmations by the senate: Judson C. Clements of Georgia, to be interstate commerce commissioner (a reappointment); Nimred S. Walpole of Pueblo. to be Indian agent of the Jicarilla agency in New Mexico.

No Selection of Coadjutor Yet. WASHINGTON, Dec, 17.—Before leaving for his home in Minnesota last night, Archbishop Ireland stated that no selection of a coadjutor or assistant bishop for the archdiocese of St. Paul has yet been made. During his recent visit to Rome the archbishop suggested to the holy see the need of appointing an assistant prelate for that jurisdiction, owing to its rapid progress. It is yet a matter of conjecture whether Bishop O'Gorman of South Dakota or one of the secular clergy of St. Paul will be pr mot d to the office.

#### TARIFF FOR PHILIPPINES.

Judge Taft Declares New Measure will Be for Revenue Only.

MANILA, Dec. 17 .- Advices from Hollo, island of Panay, report that the American troops have been moving northward and westward for several days and that detachments of the Sixth, Eighteenth and Twenty-sixth regiments have been active near their

The Insurgent losses during the last ten days have been five killed, seven wounded an I forty taken prisoner. The Americans lave lost two killed and three wounded

Large numbers of the natives, however, are swearing allegiance to the United States. In several recent attacks and expeditions in southern Luzon the insurgents have lost eight killed, seven wounded and about twenty captured. The Americans have lost one killed and two wounded. General Wheaton reports that 430 natives have entered Calanao for registration.

Most of the time of the Philippines commission is now devoted to tariff bill. Judge Taft said today that, generally speaking, the new rates would be about 40 per cent of the existing rates.

"It will be essentially a tariff for revenue," he remarked, "but some of the industries that are already established will be given protection. The commission is not considering the question of the constitutionality of taxing United States products. precedents have been established in the case of Forto Rico and by the military government of the Philippines. The bill requires the washing of cotton goods so as to climinate the clay used by Furanean manufacturers, which increases the weight This will incidentally favor American goods. The rate on kerosene will be reduced from 11 cents a gallon to 4. Some American goods will be admitted free and almost all will come in at reduced figures.'

#### FURTHER CHANGE DEMANDED.

Ernest Satow Instructed to Demand Modification of Joint Note.

PEKIN, Dec. 17 .- Definite instructions, supplementing yesterday's communication from London, have been received by Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the British minister, and he now demands a modification of a point in the joint note which the foreign envoys generally regard as important. This means further delay, as all the ministers must communicate anew with their respective governments. Just what is the nature of the objection raised by Great Britain the ministers decline to say, but they admit that the new demand will involve a good

deal more diplomatic procedure. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Offic'a's here are at a loss to understand the reasons for the important modification in the joint Chinese note, which it is reported the British minister to Pekin is to demand before signing that document preparatory to its precentation to the Chinese plenipotentiaries. They have no information on the subject, as nothing has been heard from Mr. Conger on the matter for some understanding here has been that the joint note, as agreed upon by the envoys, was in the main satisfactory to the British govern-

It simply desired a slight ment. amendment to the scope of the agree ment. This did not conflict with any of the principles held cut for by our government. Such being the case it was confidently expected the signature of the British minister would be promptly affixed to the agreement and the note presented to the Chinese at an early day.

Locate Regular Magazine.

PEKIN, Dec. 17.-Yesterday while a private of the Ninth United States infantry was searching for two stray mules near Ho Si Wu he arrived at a town where he found a rapid-fire machine gun with 5,000 rounds of ammunition, of which he took charge, He went back to the mall station for the night, but on returning in the Yang Tsun-Shan Hai Kwan railroad, morning he found several magazine rifles and 1,100 rounds of ammunition. When leaving the town he was fired upon, but he did not return the fire.

Dollar-Makers Arrested.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 17.-United States marshals arrived here tonight, having in custody Samuel B. Latshaw and George E. Coast, who are charged with counterfeiting. Fifty spurious dollars, which were still warm, and a counterfest plant were captured with the prisoners at Coast's home at Lisbon, Venango county. The prisoners are supposed to belong to an organized gang, of whom secret service men have captured eleven since October last.

Our Claim Not Settled.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17 .- Contrary to the impression which according to the Constantinople dispatches prevails regarding the United States claims for indemnity against Turkey, the statement is made that no settlement respecting their payment has been reached. All this government secured up to this time is a series of promises to settle by the Ottoman government.

Vice Consul Kills Himself.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.-Paul Antoine, vice consul of France and acting consul, shet himself through the head last night and will probably die. The shooting was witnessed by a woman who is known as Belle Chappell. She has refused to make a statement.

May Decide to Arbitrate. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 17.-Representatives of the trainmen, conductors, engineers and firemen held a conference this evening with General Manager H. U. Mudge of the Santa Fe rallway for the purpose of attempting to mediate the trouble between the road and the Order of the Railway Telegraphers. While no agreement was reached the board of mediation was encouraged by Mr. Mudge to hold a conference with Third Vice President Barr. They will, it is said, seek this conference at Chicago tomorrow or Tuesday.

#### NEW BRAND LAW HIS PLAN.

Senator-Elect Van Boskirk Intends to Discourage Cattle Stealing.

LINCOLN, Dec. 17.-The extremely rapid growth of the cattle industry in Nebraska has prompted the proposal of several very important measures for the consideration of the next legislature. From the great cattle plains come appeals for more effective legislation and with a view to remedying the inefficiency of existing laws a bill has been prepared, under the direction of the officers of the Northwestern Catilemen's association, which is designed to increase and extend the protection provided for cattle owners and ranchmen. The measure contemplates an amendment to the Brand Marks Commission act reducing the membership of that commission to one man, and revision for the inspection of cattle at the markets, inspection of hides and the publication of an official brand book

Senator-elect J. R. Van Boskirk of Aliance will probably introduce the proposed bill in the legislature. He has been secretary of the Northwestern Cattlemen's association for several years, and it is said that his bill will reflect the wishes of the other officers and members of the organization. The principal object of the bill will be to give eattle owners absolute pro-

tection against thieves, "If we succeed in enacting the proposed law a man who steals a cow cannot escape detection unless he destroys the hide and eats the animals," said Mr. Van Boskirk, "Provision will be made for registering all brands and for the publication of an official brand book, and a man will have to prove ownership before he can lawfully dispose of any cattle. If be takes a quarter of a cow to market, he will have to exhibit the hide as an evidence that it is his property. The official brand book will enable the purchaser to compare the registered brand with the brand on the hide and determine whether they are the sam in design.

Fancy Price for Live Stock.

OMAHA, Dec. 17.—The prize cattle that were on exhibition at the South Omaha stock yards were sold at the highest price paid in recent years on that market. The 3-year-olds which carried off first prize were owned and fed by John Shannon of Hoskins, and the Omaha Packing company brought them at \$7.50 per 100. It will be remembered that the same company also tought the highest priced cattle last rear and paid \$7.25 for them.

Mr. A. W. Clark's load of yearlings, which were awarded first premium in hat class, were also sold at a good figure. There were helfers in the bunch and the fifteen head sold at \$6 to the Imaha Packing company, which is the highest price ever paid for a mixed bunch of yearlings on the South Omaha market.

New Railroad for Nebrasks.

OMAHA, Dec. 17.-Mr. A. O. Perry of Atkinson, well known as a railroad promoter, is in town in the interest of his new enterprise—a railroad running from Callaway, in Custer county, to Gandy, in Logan county, a distance of thirty-five miles. About three years ago Mr. Perry conceived the idea of running a railroad from his home in Atkinson to the rew town site of Perry on the northern bank of the Niobrara river, in Boyd county. He promoted the enterprise to the point where it was ready for the ties and rails and then his Chicago contractor fell down on him and brought everything to a

Gentleman Pleads Not Gullty. COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 17.-Nicholas Gentleman, who did the shooting at Platte Center a week ago, was arraigned in justice court, and upon the reading of the complaint he entered a plea of not guilty, waived the preliminary examination and was bound over to the district court without bail. The witnesses for the state were each required to enter into a recognizance inathe sum of \$200 for their appear-

Is Young in Crime.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 17.-James Mahan plead guilty in the district court to the charge of grand larceny. The prisoner, who is a mere boy, was employed on the government riprap work at Rulo and stole a sum of money from a fellow employe, He broke down when arraigned and Judge Stull was inclined to be lenient and gave him the minimum sentence, one year in the peni-

Farmer's Fall Proves Fatal.

SPENCER, Neb., Dec. 17.-At a lonely spot, four miles northeast of here. on the read to his home, the body of Anton Helechek has been found, and it is thought that he was killed by a fall from his wagon. He has occasionally taken liquor to excess while in town and two years ago a friend of his, one Turachek by name, was killed in a simflar manner as the two were driving home in an intoxicated condition,

Tries to Beat the Fast Mail.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 17.-Patrick Tulley, a farmer residing eight miles from North Bend, was seriously injured by train No. 101 while he was attempting to cross the Union Pacific track two miles west of North Bend. Tulley was driving a wagon. He saw the train coming and attempted to cross ahead of it.

Jail Delivery at Beaver City.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., Dec. 17 .-Charles Griffin and Arch Bisbee, two prisoners of the county jail, sawed their way to liberty last night. A hole (7x13 inches) was cut in the steel cell through which they squeezed themselves. Four other prisoners refused to take advantage of the opportunity and remained in their cells, although they later refused to divulge any of the details. The escape of the two was thus hidden from the officials,

#### BRAND LAW DOES NOT SUIT.

Stockmen Want It Amended so as to Be More Efficacious.

LINCOLN, Dec. 15 .- One of the innumerable bills that will be introduced in the next legislature for the benefit of cattlemen of western Nebraska wil provide for reconstructing the state marks and brands commisaton and changing in many places the law which governs and regulates the exercise of its authority. It is proposed to reduce the membership of the commission to one man, who shall maintain a permanent office at the state house, and to raise the fee charged for registering a brand from \$1.50 to \$2.50. The existing commission is composed of four members, including the secretary of state, each of whom shares equally the proceeds from the registration of brands.

S. P. Delatour of Llewellyn, president of the Northwestern Cattlemen's association and member of the Nebraska commission, is one of the men who are urging the proposed changes. He has devoted more time to the work of the commission than any other man and is interested in seeing its authority and jurisdiction extended so far as possible. During the few months of its existence the board has registered over 3,000 brands, and applications for nearly 5,000 have been passed upon, many of which were returned because of duplication. Cattlemen in all parts of Nebraska are manifesting considrable interest in the work, believing that the time is not far distant when the official registration of brands will greatly benefit their class.

One of the arguments used in support of the plea for the amendments is that the work of the commission could be much more successfully prosecuted by one man giving his entire time than by four men who meet only periodically. It is also argued that an increase in the fee would enable the commissioner to enforce the law and bring it into more general operation. However, the matter of fees is considered of secondary importance and the increase would probably not be urged should it meet with any strong opposition.

Kearney Wants Extension Completed.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 15 .- F. J. Keens, as a representative of the Commercial club of this city, visited St. Louis for the purpose of conferring with the officials of the Missouri Pacific road regarding the extension of the line from Prosser to this place. When the line was originally constitueted it was the intention to build to Kearney, but work was stopped when it was completed to Prosser, twentyfour miles distantt. General Manager Harding gave him encouragement that the line would ultimatery be built, and probably in the near future, but was not prepared at present to make a prepared at present to make a direct proposition. Mr. Harding denied there was any truth in the rumor that the Missouri Pacific had secured control of the Kearney & Black Hills line, running from Kearney to Callaway.

Must Show the Beoks.

LINCOLN, Dec. 15,-The supreme court has issued a formal order to the Standard Cil company to permit the attorney general to inspect the books of the company, giving the list of stockholders at present and from the time the company was organized, the minute books of the company and other books and papers. The order was the decision of the court a week ago, wherein it declared it was competent to try the case of the attorney general against the Standard Oil company, in which it is sought to debar it from the state on the ground that it is a trust.

Organize a New Church.

McCOOK, Dec. 15.-The Congregationalists of this vicinity held an impertant meeting at the Noble schoolhouse, near Box Elder, fifteen miles from this city. A church of thirtycight members was duly recognized by a church council and Rev. W. J. Turner of this city preached the sermon and Rev. J. S. Calhoun of Indianola. Rev. A. G. Axtell of Stockville, Rev. J. D. Stewart of Auburn and Key, H. Bross of Lincoln took part in the ser-

Rulo Murderer Sentenced for Life.

FALLS CITY, Dec. 15 .- William Miller was arraigned in the district court on a charge of murder in the first degree, having shot and killed A. J. Wake, city marshal of Rulo, on the night of November 29. At first Miller entered a plea of not guilty, but after consultation with his attorneys withdrew, the plea, interposing a plea of guilty. Judge Stull immediately sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Booth Physical Director.

LINCOLN, Dec. 15,-Walter C. Booth has been retained as coach of the university of Nebraska football eleven for the next year. The regents of the university elected Mr. Booth to the chair of assistant physical director of the university, the position of director temporarily remaining vacant.

Buys Nine Quarter Sections.

OSMOND, Dec. 15 .- W. H. Butterfield of Norfelk, closed a ceal whereby he come into possession of nine quarter sections of land lying just thre miles east of town. He paid \$40,-000 for the tract and will open another big ranch.

A Cincinnatti wife attempted suicide occause she didn't like her new hat. This should be a warning to other wives not to order new hats this fall.

How a Farmer Fooled a Town. ST. PAUL, Neb., Dec. 15.-The oil

boom at St. Paul has collapsed, Some time ago the excitement started over the report that oil was ozing out of a spring situated not far from town and people had visions of fortune, with Coal Oil Johnnies on every block. Investigation has broken the spell. It appears that a farmer, with a view to having some fun. "saltel" the spring daily with coal oil. One day a party v sited it and found no oil. farmer was away from home and the salting process had been neglected.

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