FURS VERY POPULAR

THEY ARE WORN BOTH INDOORS AND OUT.

Money Being Plenty, Peltries Were a Quite General Holiday Present—Neck Pieces Varied and Stylish as Ever—Furs for Trimmings.

New York correspondence:

QUESTIONS that existed a month ago about fashions in furs have been answered by holiday purchasing. Gifts of furs were so numerous at Christmas and New Year's that fashions in peltry now may be studied with entire safety from outdoor wearers, rather than, as in early December, from the furriers' show rooms. Nothing radical is disclosed, though a few minor changes are noticeable. As first put forward the rule was for dark furs in the street, with white and light colored ones indoors. In general this still holds, but a deal of ermine is seen in street get-ups, often in showy revers and collars. Indoors more of ermine is seen, and a deal of miniver appears here, too. Coats are as varied as early in the winter, and long and three-quarter coats, jackets and etons now are equally stylish unless it is that the three-quarter garment is most approved for carriage wear.

Neck pieces are as varied as ever, and as stylish, but this last applies only to the better grades. There is offered a tremendous quantity of inferior neck pieces, and many others of a fair quality, but too small for present standards. Long, thick boas, preferably of black bear, or whole animals, like the blue fox the artist has pictured here, are the really stylish forms. Muffs are large, and plain or trimmed showily with lace or tails. Muff and coat match if the latter isn't trimmed with another fur; then trimming and muff are the same. Thus in the three-quarter coat of Persian lamb sketched here, muff, revers and collar were chinchilla. Russian sable is as fine, as costly and as stylish as a year ago, yet so much of it is now worn by fashionable women that they may shift to something else by another winter. Perhaps sealskin may be revived to replace it. A handsome cape of Russian sable appears in the group, and in the initial is a jacket of mink, the other fur that is keeping a seal in the background.

The liking for fur trimmings has increased, and less and less departure is made in it from bands. Handsome tailor costumes may have a band at the foot of the skirt, or the jacket may be finished with fur revers and collar. Evening gowns and dressy gowns for afternoon and reception wear show either a touch of fur trimming or gorgeous arrangements of it.

The latest fur hats are trimmed with a knot of lace or delicate colored panne velvet, and with flowers. Felt, lace or tulle hats with fur as trimming are continued. Animals heads are not used unless the whole animal is employed. Miniver and ermine are conspicuous furs for millinery purposes.

Fancy waists for theater and dressy wear appear with velvet or handsome cloth skirts and are in richly colored taffetas, black and white silks and handsome soft velvets. All qualities of velvet will be worn until well into the spring. Waists of sheer materials are many. Gauzes and chiffons in anemone, blush rose and zalea are most artistically colored. Rose in all its numerous tints is fashionable for waists of these materials. They must be made over white to bring out the hues to the best advantage. Lace is used, but not in great quantities, and ecru is the popular shade. Persian trimmings are fashionable, as well as oriental stuffs. Tucking and shirring are used a great deal in soft materials, while striped and figured silks, satins and velvets are made up rather plainly to show off the pattern of the goods to good advantage. The waist line is not as far down as last season, conforming more to nature. This is a welcome change.

Simple tailor shirt waists of plaid and checked silks are shown in the spring models. Shirt waists for ordinary wear are of soft cloths and challies. Wash taffetas, corded Japanese and wash silks are also shown for next season. Both colorings and quality of materials are noticeably rich and fine. Many of the new silks are gorgeous and very striking. Large, medium or small patterns may be obtained, as may suit the taste. All are used for dressy and plain waists and make up handsomely. The artist puts here two pretty selections from the new bodices. The left hand one was pink and gray dresden silk, and was striped with miniver. Yoke and collar of gathered chiffon, and waistcoat and cuffs of white satin embroidered in green and gold. The other bodice was rose pink gauze over white taffeta. Its yoke and collar were cream all-over lace, with ruffle of the gauze. A pretty black velvet garniture finished it. Black and white as a combination is continued in the new waists, and among them are handsome black ones.

Postilion backs are shorter than during the fall. Embroidered fronts are not shown and will probably not be worn. Fichus, bretelles and ruffles are put on the new models. In addition to simple fichus of frilled white chiffon, which always retain a certain stylishness, there are charming new designs that show pyramid additions of colored embroidery mingling with the lace. Pretty new white mousseline scarfs have the ends embroidered in a point alternating with colored mousseline flowers heading a pleating of mousseline.

Some of the most fashionable mid-winter hats are composed entirely of holly and ivy. They are usually made of tulle with the berries tacked o

SETTLED ON AS BEYOND CRITICISM.

NEW BODICE FASHIONS.

LIVES LOST IN A FIRE

ESCAPE OF FAMILY CUT OFF BY THE FLAMES.

Explosion Spreads Blaze—Incendiary Origin Claimed and Two Men Held—Chinaman Saved From the Hands of His Countrymen.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Henry Pearlstein, his wife and five children ranging in age from one and a half to twelve years, were burned to death at an early hour this morning in a fire that destroyed a two-story frame building. Joseph Supowski, who owned the building, and Karl Bracki, his brother-in-law, have been arrested pending an investigation. Supowksi carried an insurance of $9,000 on the building and its contents.

The Pearlstein's and another family lived in rooms above a shoe store and were asleep when the fire started. Supowski told the police today that he accidentally dropped a lamp. A few minutes after the fire began there was a loud explosion that blew out the front of the store and hurled some of the contents of the windows into the middle of the street. The flames enveloped the building in a short time.

The family living in the rear flat barely escaped with their lives. The Pearlsteins were awakened but before they could reach the only stairway leading from their rooms the fire had undermined the floor in the hallway, and it collapsed, carrying them down into a mass of flames. Their charred bodies were found four hours after the firemen had extinguished the flames. The body of the mother and baby were found together, the little one tightly clasped in its mother's arms. Pearlstein also held one of the children in his arms. The bodies of the other three children were found huddled together close to the father's body.

Chinaman Saved From Death.

Baker City, Ore., Jan. 13.—A human sacrificial offering was prevented by the timely arrival of some sisters of charity upon the scene in this city.

Hy Wong, a paralytic Chinaman who has been a county charge, was returned to the care of his countrymen in China town.

While he was an inmate of the county hospital his queue had been cut off. On this account the Chinese made preparations to offer him as a sacrifice to Joss.

Hy Wong managed to get a message to the sisters at the hospital and they rescued him before his life was taken.

It is asserted that all the preparations for Hy Wong's execution had been completed when the sisters arrived at the Joss house.

Attempted Suicide

Captain W. J. D. Horne of the Ninth cavalry, U. S. A., made a deliberate attempt at suicide last night in a fruit store owned by A. Dalporto. Captain Horne entered the store and picking up a knife that Dalporto had been using to dress a chicken, asked the latter if it was sharp. "It is," said Dalporto, and in an instant Horne slashed himself across the throat. Dalporto grappled with the captain and a desperate struggle followed, in which the fruit man received a slight gash on the neck. The shouting and scuffle brought a crowd and Horne was finally overpowered and taken to a hospital.

Captain Horne arrived from Manila in December. While in the service at Manila the captain was seriously ill in the hospital, suffering from dysentery and fever, and has been an invalid for some time.

Find a Confession.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 13.—Schoolboys found a written confession purporting to have been made by the unknown man who on Friday blew his head off with dynamite, in which he confesses to having murdered H. Harrison, a Whidby Indian rancher, in 1894.

Harrison's body was found in a well in a mutilated condition nearly two years after the crime was committed. Walter Irving, the murdered man's former farm hand, was convicted of the crime. He was sentenced to twenty years. The man who committed suicide assigns as a motive for the deed a guilty conscience.

Robbers Commit Murder.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 13.—Roy Iden, twenty-two years old, was shot and killed by a robber at midnight in a butcher shop in South Eleventh street where he was employed as a clerk. Iden was making change for a customer when two men entered and commanded them to throw up their hands. Iden instead grasped a revolver when one of the robbers shot him dead. The robbers escaped.

Mme. Nordica Hurt.

Rome, Ga., Jan. 13.—As a result of a collision between a passenger and a freight on the Southern railway at an early hour this morning near Reeves station, Mme. Lillian Nordica, the singer was injured, her accompanist, E. Romaine Simmons, sustained a bruised hand, an engineer was killed and three others injured.

The train to which Mme. Nordica's private car, the Brunnehilde, was attached was a mixed passenger and freight, and left Atlanta at 11:30 last night for Chattanooga.

SAYS HE SANK THE MAINE

COWBOY AT PINE RIDGE ALLEGED TO HAVE CONFESSED.

Is a Spaniard Sure Enough—Some Chadron People Enough Impressed With Story of the Man to Undertake an Investigation.

Chadron, Neb., Jan. 15.—Information from Pine Ridge agency reaching Chadron today caused a genuine sensation. Shortly after the battleship Maine was destroyed in Havana harbor a dark, well educated Spaniard put in his appearance on the large stock ranch in Sioux county owned by Bob Yago. He told Mr. Yago he had been in Cuba about the time the battleship was destroyed. Further than this he was reticent about his past life. Mr. Yago, owing to his intelligence and wide acquaintance with Cuba and her people, became interested in the Spaniard and whenever opportunity presented queried him in regard to the subject, but he would discuss the matter only when in a reminiscent mood brought on by intoxicants. While in this condition a few days ago he told Mr. Yago things that caused him to watch the Spaniard closely and his reward was the discovery of some papers, which indicated that he at one time was a Spanish officer. Mr. Yago confronted him with the fact that he had been an officer in the Spanish army at one time. This was sufficient to cause the Spaniard to believe that Mr. Yago knew all of his past life and he made a confession, it is alleged. The confession is now in the hands of Mr. Yago or Mr. McGinley and they refuse to give it up. It is learned, however, that he was a captain in the Spanish army in Cuba; that during Weyler's reign, he became angered with the brutal treatment accorded Cuban prisoners and so expressed himself. Weyler had him put under arrest together with two sergeants of his command and they were court martialed and discharged from the army. The Spaniard brooded over the injustice so much that he planned a scheme to get even with Weyler. He conceived the idea that the thing for him to do was to in some way cause war between America and Spain. He was familiar with the harbor and the marine explosives therein. He first thought he would destroy the Spanish ships, but feared that this would not bring about the desired result. While walking in disguise one evening on the shore he saw the beautiful Maine floating placidly on the water. He saw in her the means by which he might accomplish his cherished hope by destroying Weyler's government on the island and Weyler's downfall. He knew the batteries that controlled the mines were closely guarded, but he was determined, and dressed in his old uniform, that of captain, with some old clothing in a grip, he had no trouble in passing the guards. In a short time thereafter he touched the button that sent the Maine to the bottom of the harbor. Instantly he changed his clothing and in the excitement escaped on board a schooner as a sailor and made his way to Matanzas, from there to San Domingo, and thence to New Orleans. He was engaged there by a Texas ranchman to drive some cattle across the country to Montana where he shortly after was employed by Ed Lemmon, manager of the Lake Tomb and Lemmon Cattle company to drive a bunch of cattle from their Montana ranch to their range in South Dakota. From here he went to Mr. Yago's ranch.

He is known at Yago's by the name of Cyclone Pete. He got this name in a peculiar way. While on the range he was overtaken by a small whirlwind close to the ranch of Mr. Lever, who vouches for this part of his history, when horse and rider were taken several feet into the air and safely landed.

An organization has been perfected to investigate the matter. It consists of E. D. Saterlee, Andrew McGinley, Hank Simmons, Tom Coffey, and others, who will go to Sioux county to interview County Attorney O'Connell with a view to securing the aid of the county authorities in making an official investigation of the matter.

Rescued Adrift on a Boat

Santa Barbara, Cal., Jan. 15.—Adrift on a capsized boat in the Pacific ocean seventeen days without food or drink was the terrible experience of Captain Henry Olsen and Pete Wallace, two crab fishermen, and but one lived to tell the story of their suffering.

Sentence Cow Thief

Auburn, Neb., Jan. 15.—Judge Stull yesterday passed sentence on Ralph W. Kimler, the young man who pleaded guilty to the stealing of two cows. Information was filed on two separate accounts and plea of guilt taken as to each, sentence being passed only on the one for the cow stolen from George Klein December 24. District court adjourned until Monday, the 20th, when Judge Letton will be here to hear a few matters.

FAIL TO FIND SPANIARD

CHADRON MAN MAKES UNAVAILING SEARCH

Did not Court An Inquiry—Maine Suspect Supposed to Have Quit Nebraska and Has Also Taken His Confession With Him

Chadron, Neb., Jan 18.—Ed Saterlee, who was a member of the committee to investigate the alleged confession of the Spaniard known as Cyclone Pete, returned to Chadron yesterday. He stated that Cyclone Pete was not to be found on Mr. Yeago's ranch. Mr. Saterlee is of the opinion that the Spaniard learned of the investigation about to be made, and the evening on which they arrived upon Yeago's ranch he boarded the east bound Elkhorn train at Glenn, Neb. Mr. Yeago thinks that his intention is to go to the Philippines.

As soon as it was learned that he had gone east, the conductor, running between Chadron and Long Pine, was wired and asked if a man answering the Spaniard's description was on board. Careful inquiry was made, but none agreed with the description Mr. Finnegan had in the message of inquiry. William McGinley of Bodare, who is a cattleman, confirms the belief that the Spaniard took the eastbound train from Glenn. Just before the train pulled into the station a well dressed man approached him, and inquired concerning the connections that the Elkhorn train makes with the Union Pacific from Fremont. Mr. McGinley is confident, since his attention has been directed to it, that this man is the same one he had seen some time before at Mr. Yaego's ranch. Mr. Saterlee found letters and other papers at the home of Mr. Yeago, where the Spaniard worked, which, he alleges, convince him beyond doubt, that this Spaniard was connected with, or knows all about the destruction of the battleship Maine. Mr. Saterlee refuses to give up the papers at this time. When the Spaniard left Yeago's ranch he was dressed in a gray suit of clothing with a white medium rim hat, white shirt, black string tie, with a diamond stud. He is about forty-eight years of age, very black hair, slightly gray around the temples, heavy dark mustache, large black eyes. He was an inveterate cigarette smoker. He speaks English fairly, and was quite fluent in the French and Italian languages

Rural Delivery Routes

Plattsmuoth, Neb., Jan 18.—A meeting of Cass county post masters was held here yesterday for the purpose of discussing the rural mail route question, with the object in view of securing the establishment of these routes thruoghout the county. Several desirable routes were outlined by some of the post masters present, but definite action was deferred until another meeting to be held in the near future. Thus far no rural routes have been established in this county. About a year ago a petition, asking for the establishment of town routes extending south and west of this city, was circulated and the necessary number of signers were secured, but there were many who believed these routes would be detrimental to the business interests of the town and the petition was headed by a remonstrance.

Nebraska City Strike Unsettled.

Nebraska City, Neb., Jan. 18.—The strikers that went out at the Morton-Gregson packing house a week ago are still out. The men have all been paid off and discharged. The firm refuses to treat with the strikers, contending that they have nothing to settle. The men went out after demanding and being refused a raise of from $1.50 to $1.75 per day for common laborers. It is understood that this was the first demand and was to be followed by other requests for increase. The company has about fifty men at work caring for the uncured meat and after that is cleaned up will shut down the plant until the strike fever is over and new men are secured to take the place of the old ones.

Preparing to Drown

Nebraska City, Neb., Jan 18.—A stranger hailing from Hamburg, Ia., yesterday afternoon went onto the Burlington bridge across the Missouri river at this point and wrote a note stating that he was tired of living. He then started to disrobe preparatory to jumping into the ice cold water eighty feet below when caught by one of the watchmen and taken ashore. He refused to give his name or the reason that he wanted to take his own life, save that he was tired of living.

Dead Body on Track

Rogers, Neb., Jan. 18.—The body of L. H. Garrietts, an indigent carpenter of this place, was found near the railroad depot at this place at 7 o'clock p. m. last night shortly after train No 25 had left the station. The body had been literally beheaded and only fragments of the head and cap could be found. The coroner's jury found Garrietts was accidentally run over by the train, exonerating the railroad company.

NEBRASKA NOTES

Cholera is taking off many of the hogs in the vicinity of Howells.

Valentine is talking of organizing an independent company of militia.

Alliance expects to have a militia company fully organized in a short time.

Denver capitalists have submitted a proposition to complete the Mitchell irrigation ditch in Scotts Bluff county.

The town of St. Edward sent out 968 car loads of freight last year, in addition to that shipped in less than carload lots.

Sidney wants a telephone system and is prepared to offer good inducements to any capitalist who will supply the want.

James Whirlwind, a fullblood Sioux Indian, is trader at Wounded Knee and uses printed stationary, just like the whiteman.

The voting for choice of postmaster at Palmer resulted in the selection of G. M. Burlingame, who will now doubtless receive the appointment.

The Butin Mining Company is preparing to continue the work of prospecting for coal at Dorchester. A second hole is being put down, using a core drill.

Riley Tower of Atkinson, was assisting in taking a water tank from a wagon when the thing slipped and took off one thumb and crushed all the fingers on one hand.

Smallpox has broken out in Maple Creek. At present it is confined to the family of William Rodgers, but as exposures have been made it is feared that it will spread.

Judd Graves of Gilmour got his foot into a hay press and it was at first supposed he would lose the foot, but it is now thought it can be saved, though slightly disfigured.

A move is on foot to extend the city limits of Ponca to take in a considerable number of people who now have practically all the benefits of the city government, but are outside the limits and pay no city taxes.

The police judge at Nebraska City receives a salary of $50 per month, but his report for the month of December shows that he did not have a case before him during that time. This is what might be called easy money.

The contract for extending the Southern Pacific branch from Vista, Nev. to Wadsworth, has been awarded to Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins of Beatrice. They are moving their plant to Vista and will begin the work immediately.

Plans have been prepared for a new Catholic church at Madison. They call for a building costing about $20,000. The school building will cost approximately $10,000. The intention is to have it ready for occupancy next September.

E. L. Cook, who is alleged to have passed a forged check on the bartender of a Greenwood saloon, has been bound over to the district court in the sum of $500. He has been placed in jail to await the trial in March. Apparently he is entirely indifferent to the outcome.

Mrs. Kate Smith, of Beatrice, who accused and caused the arrest of Aaron McMathon on the charge of assaulting her 12-year-old daughter, has left the city and there is no trace of her whereabouts. McMahon's trial has been postponed until the complaining witness can be found.

The North Platte land office has prepared a statement which shows there are still 184,830 acres of land in Lincoln county which are subject to entry under the public land laws. There are 387,520 in McPherson, 117,100 in Keith, 32,500 in Logan, 14,280 in Perkins and 3,050 in Custer county.

The love affairs of Mary Lund of Omaha, and John Oleson of Fremont, have ended in a justice court at Fremont. A year ago last July, her story goes, they decided to pool their worldly goods and get married. Oleson was made the custodian of the funds, Miss Lund's share in the enterprise amounting to $65. Oleson has shown a disinclination to go ahead with the deal and is now being prosecuted.

Fred Williams, aged nineteen, who was arrested in Red Cloud, two days ago charged with entering the residence of L. H. Rusland and taking there from a five dollar bill, was arraigned before the county judge and pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary. He was put under bonds in the sum of $500 in default of which he was turned over to the custody of the sheriff.

The trial of Charles Russell, of Chadron, for the alleged murder of Louis Studemeier, has come to an end. The case is one in which Russell was found guilty in a previous trial, in Sioux county, but on a motion before the supreme court, based on the alleged partiality of the first trial, a change of venue was ordered to the county. One of the features of the trial was the threats made against M F Harrington who is assisting in the prosecution by the father of Russell.