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\*\*\*\* Thousands of acres of corn land in southern Indiana have been flooded by the raise of the Ohio and Wabash rivers.

A disease, supposed to be the bubonic plague, has broken out in Mazatlan, Mexico. Several deaths have aiready occurred.

The plano factory of Ernest Gabler & Bros., New York, was almost totally destroyed by fire Tuesday night, en tailing a loss of \$150,000.

The United States supreme court has rendered a decision, providing that an insurance policy is invalid when the holder thereof is hanged for mur-

An elevator man in one of the Chicago stores has been driven insane by the questions of Christmas shoppers. Even an elevator man can't stand everything.

One day last week four mail steamers bound for Great Britain and Germany left New York with 7,000 sacks filled with Christmas presents.

The isthmian canal commissioners are paid \$1,000 a month each. With such a salary as this they ought to be required to do a fair share of the digging.

The United States Steel corporation has purchased the Champion mine at Champion, Mich., and the large tract of adjoining iron ore lands for a reported consideration of \$2,000,000.

Pittsburg is to have a new home for working girls, to be built next spring, at a cost of \$250,000. The building will be a skyscraper, twelve stories high, and will accommodate 400 in-

Monday was the shortest day of the year. The sun arose at 7:21 and retired at 4:35; at least, these are the hours he was supposed to keep in the neighborhoods where he put in an appearance at all.

"Dr." Ryno, an aged farmer living near McPherson, Kas., has been found guilty of shooting Miss Maude Holmes, an 18-year-old girl. She was shot while standing before the mirror in her bedroom July 5.

After lingering three days in agony, City Marshal R. E. Coulter and Justice of the Peace A. E. Musgrave, who were shot on the street at Farmington, Ia., Friday afternoon by George Stilwell, are dead of their wounds.

The second election for representative in the legislature from Yellowstone county, in Montana, has resulted in another tie. Before each candidate received 738 votes and this time each got 535. A third election will probably be held.

Brookline, Mass., is the richest city in America, but there are more millionaires in Uniontown, Pa., than in any other town of its size, leaving out health restorts. "In fact," says a traveler from that place, "millionaires are so common there that they cut no more ice than the average citizen."

General Bourbon Y. de Castellvi a cousin of King Alfonso, was arrested in a Madrid gambling club. He was arrraigned before the captain-general and subsequently released. The general has challenged the prefect, who is responsible for the energetic at tempts made to suppress club gambling.

Five hundred million dollars in gold is the amount of American capital invested in Mexico by 1,117 American companies and individuals, according to estimates carefully prepared by the consul general at Mexico City. Practically all of th' has been invested within five yea 3. Seventy per cent of the total is invested in rail-

A voluntary advance in wages for the motormen and conductors in its employ has been announced by the Omaha Street Railway company. The advance will be effective January 1 and will be 5 per cent for the men who have been employed by the company for more than a year and 10 per cent for those who have served more than two years.

James B. Ewing, whose home is said to be in Indiana, was shot and killed near Atlanta in the smoking compartment of a northbound Southern railway train by Frederick L. Stephenson, a railway clerk of the Southern railroad. Stephenson lives in Atlanta. According to all accounts obtainable, Stephenson was intoxicated. There were no witnesses to the tragedy and the cause is unknown.

A jury in the superior court at Brockton, Mass., has awarded Frank J. Cashin of Springfield \$37,000 in his suit against the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company for injuries received as a passenger in the Avon railroad accident in 1901 Cashin brought suit for \$75,000. Testimony was offered to show that the plaintiff received injuries from which he was growing worse instead of bet-

# McCook Tribune PRINCESS FLEES

WIFE OF SAXONY'S HEIR MYSTE-RIOUSLY DISAPPEARS.

No Trace of Missing Woman, Who is Said to Have Vanished Because of a Love Affair with an American

Dentist.

undeniable.

VIENNA-The crown princess of Saxony, an Austrian archduchess, left Dresden in great distress for Salzburg, where her parents live, owing to a love affair with an American dentist, the consequences of which are

Her parents, who have three young daughters still unmarried, disowned her and drove her from the castle. One of her four brothers took her part and accompanied the crown princess. The Saxony crown prince refuses to hush up the scandal: The court festivities have been countermanded.

DRESDEN, Saxony-By order of the king and crown prince the court circular Monday announces the crown princess of Saxony fled from her home on the night of December 11.

"In a state of intense mental excitement she suddenly deserted her family at Salzburg and went abroad," says the official record. "The Saxon court functions for the winter, including the New Year's reception, have been canceled." Rumors to this effect have been current for some days, but have been generally discredited, but it is now known that she has vanished so completely that the police of every kingdom in Europe have for ten days been unable to trace her. The official announcement was made in order to obtain the aid of the general public, and because the court fiction that she preferred to remain in retirement at Salzburg rather than to return to her husband and children at Dresden cannot longer be maintained.

Accompanied by the crown prince, the princess went to the castle of Emperor Francis Joseph, near Salzburg, a month ago. A week after their arrival the prince broke his leg while hunting and was brought back to Dresden. The princess, however, remained at the castle. Why she did so the people of the court did not know, except that with gloomy tenacity the princess usually does what she

It was said the princess had surrendered herself to periods of nervous excitement and that her eccentricities caused much concern to her suite and to some of her Austrian kinsfolk. It is now believed that she was under surveillance, and her disappearance is therefore considered the more extraordinary.

On December 11 the princess, who appeared to be in an unusually tranquil mood, retired before 12. Three hours later, when a maid looked into the royal bedchamber, something in the appearance of the bed prompted her to go closer and examine it. Instead of the princess the maid perceived a dummy figure. She awakened the lady in waiting and the latter, with other members of the princess' suite, searched all the neighboring apartments, then the entire castle, and finally the grounds, but no trace of the missing woman was found.

At dawn the police of Salzburg were informed of the disappearance and inquiries were made throughout the whole countryside, but with no tangible result. The inquiry was gradually extended to all parts of the kingdom, and on authority from Dresden, by the end of the second day, to all Europe. The theory of suicide was suggested and a fruitless search for the princess' body has been made without

The disappearance of the princess doubtless will cause the circulation of many stories, and it is already reported that she eloped, but inquiries made here have brought out nothing to substantiate this statement.

VIENNA-It is officially explained here that the princess' disappearance is due to mental derangement. There is little doubt that it was caused by domestic discord, growing out of her husband's relations with an actress of the Dresden court theater. It is asserted that the princess frequently threatened flight on this account and that she was incensed at her father, the grand duke of Tuscany, for counseling her to forgive her husband.

## DESTITUTION IS APPALLING.

Four Hundred Thousand Finlanders Reported Starving.

ST. PETERSBURG-Four hundred thousand persons are reported to be destitute and starving as a result of the crop failure in Finland. The An- owners to rescue their stock, who glo-American church here has under- have explained that they are powertaken to feed and clothe the school less to do so. The cattle are snowed time before been bubbling over with county ranchman, is believed to have children of four Finnish parishes, and | in on the high range in Routt and Rio Pastor Francis has issued an appeal Grande counties, without pasture and for assistance in this work. He says without water. It is impossible to for several weeks. He gave no particling has been seen of him since. Three the conditions today are worse than get feed to them and equally impos- ular reason why he had thought of such days after his departure his horse re-

AVENGE POLICEMAN'S DEATH.

Mob Lynches a Kansas Negro Who Committed Murder.

PITTSBURG, Kan. - Montgomery Godley, a negro, was taken from the jail here Thursday and lynched by a mob because early in the morning he UNPLEASANT RUMORS AFLOAT shot and killed Milton Hinkle, a policeman, who was trying to protect himself against a crowd of unruly

The negro jerked the officer's pistol from the holster and shot him with it from behind. Two hours later a mob gathered and took Godley from the city jail, where he had been incarcerated, and hanged him to a telephone pole. As he was choking to death one of the members of the mob cut his throat and ended his suffer-

A large number of negro men and women from the various mining camps in the vicinity, among them Mont and Joe Godley, brothers, were kle requested them to be quiet. The Godley brothers answered him in an insulting and insolent manner and he tried to arrest them. They resisted and Hinkle blew his whistle for help. der to protect himself from the onslaught of the crowd. He was holding his own against three of them when "Mont" Godley grabbed the officer's revolver, and, placing the muzzle behind Hinkle's right ear, pulled the trigger. The ball passed through his head and came out over the left eye. He fell to the sidewalk. Other officers pursued the negroes, all of whom started to run when the officer fell. The Godley brothers were both captured and locked up in the city jail. Hinkle was carried to the city hall, where he died at 2 o'clock.

#### GUAM DOES NOT FLOURISH.

#### Annual Report from Governor of the Island is Interesting.

WASHINGTON .- The annual report of Commander Seaton Schroeder, governor of the island of Guam, which is dated July 10, has just reached the Navy department.

The receipts last year were \$66,000 and the expenses \$57,000, leaving a balance of \$8,000, which, however, is a decrease of more than \$13,000 in the cash balance for the preceding year. This loss is due largely to the unexpected expenses incident to the establishment of the leper colony and a decrease of over \$10,000 in import duties.

Commander Schroeder reports that it has been deemed prudent to stop all work of public improvement until further appropriations are made. The value of the exports and imports during the year were, respectively, \$65,549

The exports consisted almost entirely of Mexican dollars. Not a pound of copra was exported, and neither cacao or coffee was produced in sufficient quantities to supply the home

The census of the island, taken last autumn, shows a total population of R. G. Backus Finds Daughter After 9,676, of whom only forty-six are foreigners, fourteen being citizens of the States, were not included.

Above the age of 7, 46 per cent of the natives read and write Spanish. The natives still refuse to allow their sick to receive medical attention, but conditions were improving, an excess each of the last two years.

## Statehood Report is Out.

WASHINGTON - The testimony taken by the sub-committee of the senate committee on territories on the house omnibus statehood bill has been printed as a senate document and was made public Monday night. It makes schools and churches, business, moral child was still alive. and other characteristics of the people of the three proposed states, and miscellaneous information.

## Officer is Missing.

eenth United States infantry, has been | tone Liebershal, a cigarmaker. missing from Fort Logan for nearly two weeks. The Denver police department has been asked to help lo-

and enlisted as a private in the Sixth church, with self-destruction in his cavalry seven years ago at Philadelphia. He went with the battery to Christmas placed a rifle against his the Philippines and saw service in and about Manila.

## Cattle Said to Be Starving.

The Humane society appealed to the hemorrhage and the shock. those of 1867, when 100,000 persons sible to drive them into suitable win- an act. ter quarters.

## NEBRASKA IN GENERAL

FIRES IN NEBRASKA CITIES.

South Omaha and Beatrice Suffer

Considerable Damage. The big sheep barns at the Union stock yards in South Omaha were totally destroyed by fire Thursday. It is estimated that the loss will be a little over \$50,000, fully covered by insur-

Just how the fire started has not been ascertained. One of the employes discovered the blaze and immediately sounded the alarm. Before any of the firemen arrived the entire main structure was in flames and great clouds of black smoked rolled lazily away towards the south. The smoke attracted the attention of people all over the drinking and carousing at a ball. Hin- city and within half an hour after the flames broke out the yards and surrounding fences were almost black with people.

The main structure was 700 feet in length, 160 feet in width and thirty He then began to use his club in or- feet high. It was constructed of timbers and was sheathed on the outside with corrugated iron. The flooring was of vitrifled brick. This building was erected several years ago. Last year the stock yards company found a need of increased capacity and erected an addition 200 feet long by 200 feet in width, thirty feet high, south of the big barn. This building was similar in construction to the other and was also destroyed.

At the time of the fire 993 head of sheep were confined in pens in the big barn. When the alarm was given some of the men at hand hustled out 500 head into the alleys and these were saved, the balance were smothered to

BEATRICE.-Fire originating in the basement of Day's drug store, in the Masonic temple block, totally destroyed the entire block and contents. Conservative estimate places the loss at \$150,000.

The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin. The flames spread from the basement to the floor above, and before the arrival of the fire department was beyond control.

The Beatrice National bank, Trevitt, Mattis & Baker, private bankers, Day's drug store and a number of lawyers, insurance agents and real estate men occupied the building.

The fire was discovered by Judge Callison, who roomed over the drug store. He was awakened by the smel! of smoke and, although crippled by rheumatism, managed to crawl to a window, break the glass and call for

His cries were heard by the printers in a nearby printing office, who turned in the alarm and rescued him.

## UNITED AFTER MANY YEARS.

Long Separation.

PLATTSMOUTH.—There is connect-United States, but officers and men of ed with the life of Mrs. Agnes Lieberthe navy or other civil employes, tem- shal, formerly Miss Agnes Backus of porarily imported from the United this city, a story which reads like fic-

months after the former was born, and her father, R. G. Backus, after placing his child in the keeping of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCarthy of this city, of births over deaths being shown for drifted out into the world to seek his For two years he was secretary of recently did he hear anything directly braska. from his daughter.

Then he recived a letter from her addressed to Cincinnati, O. He immeditely answered it, expressing his great pleasure at hearing from her and stating that he had written many letters to relatives and others in Plattsa book of 394 pages, with maps, and mouth inquiring about her, but for includes quotations and answers of some unknown cause these letters were many people examined with reference unanswered and he had been kept in to the size, population, resources, ignorance as to whether or not the

Mr. Backus arrived the day before Christmas and is spending the holidays with his daughter. He is a representative of the Cincinnati Times-Star and from general appearance is a DENVER-Second Lieutenant Wil- very happy man. His daughter was liam M. Kistler, Company M, Eight | married about six months ago to An-

> Ten-Year-Old Boy Suicides. Adelbert Lemon, the ten-year-old

son of Rev. H. A. Lemon, of Bethany, Lieutenant Kistler is 23 years old state evangelist of the Christian childish mind, on the day before body and fired. The bullet passed entirely through his abdomen, severing the internal organs in many places. After telling his sorrowing parents DENVER-Thonsands of cattle are that he did the deed on purpose he reported to be starving to death on submitted to a surgical operation withthe range in northwestern Colorado. out sign of faltering and died from

> He was a bright, intelligent boy, a souri at Lincoln early in May. model son, whose life had a short Christmas joy. On his death bed he said he had been considering the deed his ranch to look up stray cattle. Noth

A row of seven frame buildings in the business center of Culbertson was destroyed by fire.

The annual meeting of the state bar association will be held in Omaha January 8 and 9.

The state bank at Surprise was entered Tuesday night, the safe blown open and \$2,200 stolen. The first train on the new Union Pa-

cific extension from Cedar Rapids to Spalding was run Tuesday. Mrs. Bernard Dolan, an elderly Lin-

coln woman, was found in the ice of Salt creek, frozen to death. William Zeplin, a prominent young

man of West Point, slipped on the ice and fell, dislocating his neck. He died a few hours later. Livestock Agent Upton of the Bur-

lington says the recent storms in the range country of Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota have caused no great losses to stock. Adams county has paid off \$25,000

of the bonds held by the state, leaving \$100,000 in bonds still in the hands of the state treasurer. Another block will soon be taken up. Mrs. Lena Lillie has been arrested,

charged with the murder of her husband, Harvey Lillie, who was mysteriously killed while asleep in his home at David City two months ago.

The papers in Mexico City all comment on the arrival of W. J. Bryan, but it is understood that his visit is merely one of pleasure and recreation, he being accompanied by his family.

It is authoritatively stated that Governor Mickey will make no appointments to the positions of adjutant general of the Nebraska National guard and state oil inspector until next spring. Several candidates are making a lively scramble for these

Charles S. Young, formerly assistant general advertising agent of the Burlington, has been appointed general advertising agent of the Milwaukee with headquarters in Chicago. Mr. Young was formerly a reporter in Omaha. His advancement in the railway world has been rapid.

Two unusual marriages occurred at Ainsworth Christmas week. The contracting parties in one were Levi Lindquist and Miss Grace Hagerman, the groom weighing a little over 100 pounds, while the bride weighs 320 pounds. In the second marriage Caeb Hiveley, aged 72 years, was united in marriage to Mrs. Anna E. Sopher, aged 67 years.

An interesting suit will soon be started in Lancaster county, wherein the county commissioners will seek to compel County Judge Waters to pay into the county treasury fees which he has collected for performing marriage ceremonies. Judge Waters insists that' he is just as much entitled to the fees for performing the marriage ceremony as are the ministers of the gospel who perform them.

J. H. Hadkinson of Omaha has been appointed head gardener for the department of horticulture in connection with the world's fair. Mr. Hadkinson Mrs. Liebershal's mother died six is a native of England and studied gardening in that country. He had charge of the gardening at the Omaha exposition and of Nebraska's horticultural exhibit at the Pan-American. fortune, and not from that day until the State Horticultural society of Ne-

NEBRASKA CATTLE ALL RIGHT.

#### State Official Makes Investigation and Reports Favorably.

LINCOLN. — State Veterinarian Thomas, who has just returned from Scotts Bluff county, reports that after critical examination into the conditions prevailing in the western end of the state he finds the cattle industry in excellent condition. This tends to relieve the alarm that has been created by the reports sent out to the press concerning the condition of the ranges in Wyoming and Colorado. The snow injures the grass for forage purposes to a certain extent, but the Nebraska ranchmen are awakening to the need for exercise of more foresight and less dependence on providence to safeguard their herds and keep them through the winter. He saw much stacked hav that had been put up in preparation for the winter. He did not see any herds that appeared to be suffering from the stress of the weather and heard no stories of distress among the ranchmen on the Nebraska side of the line.

Much interest is being stirred up in the state university at Lincoln in anticipation of the preliminary debates next month. The university will hold debates with Colorado at Denver, Kansas at Lawrence, Kan., and Mis-

John Gotte, a well-to-do Kimball perished in the recent storm. He left l turned alone.



Miss Alice Bailey, of Atlanta, Ga., tells how she was permanently cured of inflammation of the ovaries, escaped surgeon's knife, by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I had suffered for three years with Lerrible pains at the time of menstruction, and did not know what the trouble was until the doctor pronounced it inflammation of the ovaries, and proposed an operation.

"I felt so weak and sick that I felt sure that I could not survive the ordeal. The following week I read an advertisement in the paper of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in such an emergency, and so decided to try it. Great was my joy to find that I actually improved after taking two bottles, and in the end I was cured by it. I had gained eighteen pounds and was in excellent health." - MISS ALICE BAILEY, 50 North Boulevard, Atlanta, Ga. - \$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be pro

The symptoms of inflammation and disease of the ovaries are a dull throbbing pain, accompanied by a sense of tenderness and heat low down in the side, with occasional shooting pains. The region of pain sometimes shows some swelling.

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The people of a certain Yorkshire town are blamed, as a rule, for "looking at both sides of a penny before parting with it," says Spare Moments.; Quite a laughable example occurred the other day.

A man slightly deaf, went to the doctor with a bruised finger.

The doctor washed and bandaged it, and when the man asked the charge, "Oh, it is just a trifle, and won't

cost anything." "No, no, sir; you will need to make it less wan that."

The doctor, catching on, said: Very well; we will say two and six-pence," which the man promptly, paid, thinking he had knocked something off.

A good many of the very rich young men of New York are among the busiest people belonging to Manhattan island. For instance, Cornelius Vanderbilt and "Jack" Astor are continually at work inventing something or other. Harry Payne Whitney takes a deep' interest in his father's business; George is up to his waist in big affairs all of the time, Clarence Mackay is carrying on his father's extensive enterprises and J. P. Morgan, jr., finds ample occupation in representing his father in London.

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