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The birthday box of a Sunday school at Wisner was rifled of \$1.75 last week. The fellow who took it should not be given an opportunity to take the pennies from his dead grandmother's eyes.

A statistician has figured out that the United States has been expanding at the rate of 30 acres per minute ever since independence from Great Britain's rule was gained 117 years ago. This gives a better idea of what the ants have to argue against than anything recently produced.

Governor Roosevelt will next Sunday afternoon address the 1,439 branches of the Young Men's Christian association in North America. He will speak in Carnegie hall, New York, and simultaneously advance copies of his address will be read before the other organizations of the association.

You may bet a copper cent on the assertion that Norfolk's increase in population was not as great during the past ten years as it will be in the coming decade. Norfolk has been "sort of resting on her oars" but she proposes to offer inducements to immigrants from now on that cannot be surpassed by any other locality in the state.

The United States is fast becoming the largest producer of textile fabrics in the world. During 1900 five hundred and thirty-one new mills for the manufacture of cotton, woolen and silken goods have been constructed, being almost double the number erected during 1899. Who wouldn't be proud of a record like this? And yet there are pessimists who will argue that the country has enjoyed no prosperity and that its greatness is on a decline.

The Omaha affair has resulted in looking up the laws on kidnapping in many states and it is likely that more stringent statutes will be made than ever before. One leading daily is of the opinion that a life sentence would be none too severe a penalty for the crime. The first consideration in the Omaha case, however, seems to be the capture of the bandits. When they are in the hands of the officers the discussion of an adequate punishment will be very pertinent.

The irrigation of the semi-arid west and prevention of floods along the Mississippi valley is to be one of the first important questions for this country to solve during the Twentieth century. That it will receive attention and be handled with profit to the country and its people is conclusive when its record of the Nineteenth century is considered. It is a question that has been successfully handled by other countries and the United States will not take a back seat for any of them when it comes to progress.

The politicians are gathering at Lincoln prepared to be in at the first heat in the race for position during the coming legislature. The contest for senators will naturally be of the first importance and the outcome is eagerly anticipated, although many seem to think that there

is no longer a doubt as to whom will be chosen. It is to be hoped that the fight will be short and decisive, although the narrow majority of republicans and the opportunity thus given for a few men to hold the deciding vote will be a temptation to exercise the power with the result that the contest may be long and constantly changing.

It is said that Frank Hamilton, who is awaiting trial in Minnesota for murdering Leonard Day, received more Christmas presents than any man in Minneapolis. Considering such silly actions as this there is little wonder that murder is committed. It may be that the accused is innocent, or the courts may determine that his action was justifiable homicide, but until one or the other of these findings are made there is no excuse for making a hero of the prisoner, in fact every sensible argument is against it. As long as there are silly women and foolish men to worship a murderer through the bars there will be incentive toward committing the crime.

WHEAT CROP OF 1900.

Statistician of the Department of Agriculture Places It at 522,229,505 Bushels-Corn, 2,105,102,516 Bushels.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The statistician of the department of agriculture estimates the United States wheat crop of 1900 at 522,229,505 bushels, the area actually harvested being 42,405,385 acres, and the average per acre 12.29 bushels. The production of winter wheat is estimated at 350,025,409 bushels and that of spring wheat at 172,204,080 bushels. The spring wheat acreage abandoned in North Dakota and South Dakota is placed at 1,793,467 acres. The extraordinarily rapid rate at which the winter wheat acreage of Nebraska is gaining upon the spring wheat acreage of that state has necessitated a special investigation of the relative extent to which the two varieties were grown during the past year. The result of the investigation is that while no change is called for in the total wheat figures of the state, 590,575 acres have been added to the winter wheat column at the expense of the spring variety. The production of corn in 1900 is estimated at 2,105,102,516 bushels; oats, 809,125,989; barley, 58,925,833; rye, 23,995,927; buckwheat, 9,568,966; potatoes, 210,926,897, and hay, 50,110,906 tons.

First Violence at Scranton. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 28.—The first blow struck in the street car strike was received last evening by William Patterson, the new superintendent of the Scranton Street Railway company, who was pulled from a car by a mob. Two strikers, Edward and Joseph Bentley, rushed the superintendent into a saloon, protecting him from the crowd with great difficulty. The other strikers helped three police officers disperse the crowd and also assisted the company officials to take the stalled cars to the barn. Eleven cars were moved yesterday, but not a single passenger was carried.

His Head All But Cut Off. St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Mystery surrounds the death of H. C. Payne, proprietor of a hardware store in this city, and for 12 years principal of the public school at Old Orchard, whose body was found near the Missouri Pacific tracks at Webster Groves, a suburb, with the head nearly severed. Double Tragedy at Los Angeles. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—John W. Tinsley shot and killed his wife, Anna P. Tinsley, on the street yesterday, and then fired a bullet into his own head, dying instantly. It is now alleged that Tinsley has another wife in Townsend, Mon.

WOMAN WRECKS A SALOON

Kansas W. C. T. U. President Smashes Bar Fixtures.

UNDER ARREST AT WICHITA

Mrs. Carrie Nation Hurls Rock Through Cleopatra's Picture and Also Wrecks Carey Hotel Bar—Appeals to Governor Stanley, But is Taken to Jail.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, president of the Barber County Woman's Christian Temperance union, entered the Carey hotel bar-room and with a stone smashed a \$300 painting of Cleopatra at her bath, and a mirror valued at \$100. She is under arrest, but no charge has yet been entered. She appealed to Governor Stanley, who is in the city, and he refused to act in any way. She broke mirrors at Kiowa, Kan., in two saloons some months ago. She declares there is no law under which she can be prosecuted and she threatened to continue her violent opposition to saloons.

Mrs. Nation is well dressed and about 60 years of age. Her husband is a lawyer at Medicine Lodge, an intimate friend of Jerry Simpson and a politician. Mrs. Nation practices osteopathy and was on her way to Missouri to visit an osteopathic school. Before she left home, however, she stated that she intended to raid every saloon in Kansas and rid the state of the joints. With a hatchet Mrs. Nation recently smashed all the bar fixtures at Kiowa and Medicine Lodge.

Mrs. Nation was removed to the county jail. "I came to the governor's home town," she said, "to destroy the finest saloon in it, hoping thus to attract public attention to the flagrant violation of a Kansas law under the very eye of the chief executive of the state."

The damage to the saloon is hard to estimate. It was finished with stucco secured from the World's fair buildings and many blocks of it are shattered. Scraps of iron, rocks and billiard balls were used by the woman.

SHOT BY UNKNOWN WOMAN.

Grand Secretary of Indiana Masons Found Fatally Wounded in His Office.

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.—William H. Smythe, grand secretary of the Masonic order of Indiana, was shot and probably fatally wounded at noon while he was in his office in the Masonic temple in this city.

The shooting is a mystery. Mr. Smythe retained consciousness for several minutes after the shooting. He said a blonde woman had entered his office and asked him permission to use the telephone. He was busy and told her he could not be bothered at the time. Without further words he says, the woman leveled a revolver at him and fired. He felt the sting of the bullet and after that he did not know what happened until after the woman had made her escape. The police reached the scene only a few minutes after the tragedy, but no trace of the woman was found.

Discuss Poisoning in Beer.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The possibility of arsenical poisoning in beer was the topic of popular interest at the opening session of the convention of the American Chemical society. The 100 chemists from all parts of the country turned from discourses on atoms and elements and joined in the argument growing out of the recent wholesale poisoning in England. Dr. Edward Gudeman charged the brewers with willfully introducing into beer an arsenical antiseptic to prevent the fermentation of the beverage from progressing too far, and his assertion proved the sensation of the session.

Municipal Ownership. Municipal ownership long ago passed out of the stage of theory, and experi-

ment, in fact, it ever belonged there. Centuries before America was discovered public ownership of public utilities was highly developed. The city of Rome 2,000 years ago possessed its splendid public baths, its superb aqueducts and other utilities owned and managed by the government.

LATEST NEWS OF TRADE

Chicago Grain and Provisions. Chicago, Dec. 27.—Wheat was quiet today but steady. May closing a shade lower. May corn closed 1/2c higher, oats 1/4c up and provisions 2 1/2c lower. Closing prices: Wheat—Dec., 80 1/2c; Jan., 79 1/2c; May, 72 1/2c; Feb., 70 1/2c; 70 1/2c. Corn—Dec., 30 1/2c; Jan., 30 1/2c; May, 26 1/2c; Feb., 25 1/2c; 25 1/2c. Oats—Dec., 21 1/2c; Jan., 21 1/2c; May, 22 1/2c; Feb., 22 1/2c. Lard—Dec., \$11.00; Jan., \$12.07 1/2; May, \$12.15. Beef—Dec., \$6.25; Jan., \$6.25; May, \$6.35. Cash quotations—No. 2 red wheat, 72 1/2c; No. 3 red wheat, 69 1/2c; No. 3 spring wheat, 69 1/2c; No. 2 hard wheat, 68 1/2c; No. 3 hard wheat, 67 1/2c; No. 2 cash corn, 37 1/2c; No. 3 yellow corn, 35 1/2c; No. 2 cash oats, 22 1/2c; No. 3 white oats, 21 1/2c; No. 3 white oats, 21 1/2c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000; generally slow for butchers' stock; natives, best on sale today, two carloads, at \$5.00; good to prime steers, \$3.25 to \$4.00; poor to medium, \$3.75 to \$5.25; selected feeders, slow, \$3.75 to \$4.30; mixed stockers, \$2.50 to \$3.70; cows, \$2.50 to \$4.25; heifers, \$2.60 to \$4.00; canners, \$1.75 to \$2.45; bulls, slow, \$2.50 to \$4.25; calves, steady, \$4.00 to \$5.50; Texas fed steers, \$4.00 to \$4.80; Texas grass steers, \$3.25 to \$4.00; Texas bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.25. Hogs—Receipts, today, 29,000; tomorrow, 28,000, estimated; left over, 5,500; mostly 10c lower, closing weak; top, \$5.00; mixed and butchers, \$4.70 to \$5.00; good to choice hogs, \$4.75 to \$5.00; rough heavy, \$4.00 to \$4.70; light, \$4.45 to \$4.95; bulk of sales, \$4.85 to \$4.95. Sheep—Receipts, 13,000; mixed 10c to 15c lower; lambs weak; good to choice wethers, \$3.80 to \$4.00; fair to choice mixed, \$3.40 to \$3.80; western sheep, \$3.80 to \$4.00; Texas sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; native lambs, \$4.25 to \$5.75; western lambs \$5.00 to \$7.00.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,000; active, strong; Texas, 100 carloads; light supply strengthened values; the general market was a shade higher; native steers, \$4.00 to \$5.15; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$4.00; butchers cows and heifers, \$3.00 to \$4.50; canners, \$2.50 to \$3.00; fed westerns, \$3.50 to \$5.00; fed Texans, \$3.30 to \$4.50; calves, \$3.50 to \$6.00. Hogs—Receipts, 10,500; trade slow and ruled 5c lower; heavy, \$4.00 to \$4.95; mixed, \$4.85 to \$5.00; light, \$4.75 to \$4.90; pigs, \$4.00 to \$4.25. Sheep—Receipts, 1,100; small supply sold quickly at high prices; lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.50; muttons, \$3.00 to \$4.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.25 to \$4.45; culls, \$2.75 to \$3.25.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; active, strong; native beef steers, \$4.00 to \$5.40; western steers, \$4.00 to \$4.60; Texas steers, \$3.25 to \$3.75; cows and heifers, \$3.00 to \$4.20; canners, \$1.75 to \$2.45; bulls, slow, etc., \$2.25 to \$4.00. Hogs—Receipts, 6,300; 5c to 7 1/2c lower; heavy, \$4.80 to \$4.85; mixed, \$4.80 to \$4.85; light, \$4.80 to \$4.85; pigs, \$4.00 to \$4.25. Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; strong; fed muttons, \$3.50 to \$4.25; westerns, \$3.70 to \$4.00; common and stock sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.80; lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.25.

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