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REPUBLICAN VALLEY.

Facts Regarding its Advantages and Drawbacks.

Corn and Cattle Raising Yield Marvelous Profits to the Farmer.

Description of the Class of Men Who Malign Nebraska's Garden Spot.

Correspondence of THE BEE.

BLOOMINGTON, Franklin Co., Neb., December 23.—For almost ten years I have been closely identified with the interests of Nebraska, watching her splendid resources, noting faithfully her drawbacks, and rejoicing in her prosperity. This is my first visit in this remarkable valley, having come here in perhaps the darkest hour of its history. Permit me to throw out some facts and thoughts regarding her present and future.

It is always well to see a land in its very worst and then see if there is anything worth having. I suppose there is considerable suffering among some of the homesteaders. This always occurs in a new land and must inevitably follow a short crop, and yet here in Bloomington fine corn, of this year's growth, is selling at from 22 to 25 cents, which is about the same price it brings at our river towns. Pork is abundant; beef is plenty and at a reasonable price. We passed immense herds of cattle and hogs, many of them in fine condition.

People here have to learn that it will not do to wage war with the genius of the land. There are some things they cannot do and it only a waste to attempt it. It would be foolish to attempt to raise timothy and it is doubtful whether wheat will pay. But we venture to predict that there are crops which can be raised at immense advantage. On account of the vast range and the nutritious quality of the grass, cattle and sheep can be raised at little expense. The winters are so mild and open and there is so little snow that much of the time with a good range, they will do well with but little care. Of course preparation is needed for emergencies.

I was surprised to see the country so well watered. Springs ooze from the bottom of hard and dry looking bluffs, and as you travel over the apparently level country, you will suddenly come upon a romantic valley, with its clear stream of pure water belted by trees, making a complete shelter for stock. Here sheds and yards can be built and hay stacked and the herd be made comfortable at small expense.

The soil is of marvelous fertility. On the great prairie where this town is planted you will see some of the deepest, richest soil in Nebraska, and there will be seasons when some of the most wonderful crops which ever burdened the earth will reward the laborer. These years of plenty should be made to lap over on the years of want. Even now, at the very lowest ebb, there comes into these towns immense loads of corn, the surplus of the poorest crop known. As all over the west, so here, "Corn is king."

Only a small portion of the country is under cultivation, and yet the exports of beef and pork are considerable. When the courage of the farmer, rising above every difficulty, will induce him to stay with the country, and take it for better or for worse, success is sure to follow. Most farmers here have commenced as they generally do elsewhere—"wrong end to," running in debt for machinery, when the same amount invested in live stock would pay immensely.

This is a rich field for capitalists. I have kept sheep and cattle myself in this state, and know of what I affirm. A good herd, well selected, will double in value each year. Of the two, I prefer cattle, though I let out my sheep, and had one-half of the wool and one-half of the increase each year. I found the money I had invested in sheep yielded me a return of fifty per cent. The three per cent a month rule of this valley, reduced to a paying system, will no longer be a burden to the people and a thorn in the conscience of the lender, if he has one. Money invested in cattle and the herds let out to good men, will pay both. Only look out for the shiftless vagabond who eats tobacco by the ton, who is too lazy to do anything but grumble, who has no conscience, and wouldn't know how to use it if he had.

The Republican valley has been wonderfully misrepresented by this class of men, and this section has been greatly injured by them. Men will compel their families to live in dug-outs or sod houses year after year; everything owned by them is at the lowest ebb of vitality, and they are continually cursing the country. Too indolent to breath without help, utterly unreliable, too lazy to be honest, and thus year by year their families live in the greatest discomfort and the lowest poverty, when through the winter months and through the spare days of the summer and fall, they might dig out, from those vast quarries of magnesia lime rock, material for comfortable homes and barns. Yet nothing is done. Men who do not like to work are great talkers They make a great racket, and fill the air with murmurs of ruin and disaster. A drouth is a blessing, inasmuch as it sifts the country and leaves the best.

Men of means will soon come in here, streams of wealth will pour out These sheltered spots, cool springs and clear streams will give fine facilities for dairy products, and this, with stock raising, will ensure competence.

Here let me speak of crops which should be raised in connection with stock. The golden or mammoth millet seems to do well. It should be put in early, as a general thing, and then a large area should be given to it.

I think the sugar beet can be made to average in this valley from sixty to one hundred bushels per acre. They will often do well when corn fails. The hoppers generally do not disturb them. Hogs are very fond of them, and they can be wintered almost entirely on them. Cattle can be fatted on them alone, and an acre of beets is worth five of corn. It needs rich soil, deep plowing and good cultivation. This climate is so very dry that moist feed is a necessity. The ten per cent usually figured as the loss on cattle is not necessary at all. I have owned two hundred head of cattle, and never lost but one, and that through carelessness. Cattle are fine stock to handle in the Republican valley.

This valley has not suffered in the fearful coal famine which has so greatly troubled other portions of the state, and all the entire west. Nor is it necessary to burn corn. Wood is abundant, selling at from $4.50 to $5.00 per cord, and generally the homesteader has leisure to burn his own wood, either on shares or the dead timber of vacant lands.

The B. & M. railroad company, with a prophetic insight of the future, have pushed their lin in advance of their own profit, but it cannot be long before this vast region will pay tribute to their enterprise. Certainly to a new land a road like this is an immense blessing

C. S. HARRISON.

PADDOCK VIEWS ON THE SITUATION.

Correspondence of The Bee.

ON TRAIN FROM OMAHA TO LINCOLN, December 24.—Senator Paddock and wife are aboard the train this morning, just returning from Washington. He is very pleasantly located in the Pullman car, and expressed himself pleased to meet THE BEE correspondent. Congress reassembles January 5th. He left Washington on Friday of last week, and will remain over the holidays at least in Nebraska. He professes to know but one opponent in the senatorial contest, and that is Van Wyck. He expressed the opinion that Nance could not be guilty of bad faith, and it is all nonsense to talk about his candidacy. This assurance of confidence will be taffy for Nance, of course. But it will be remembered that Nance is "in the hands of his friends," and many sly winks will pass behind the curtain. He was also visited by Hon. William Daily, of Peru, Elmer Frank and Seth Cole, of Omaha, and S. P. Davidson, of Tecumseh, to each of whom he gave very cordial salutations.

Hon. Silas Garber and wife were also passengers, returning from Philadelphia, where the governor has been for the past three months. He is very much improved in health.

The train contains five coaches and are all well filled. "Home for Christmas" is the usual reply to all questions.

JAY.

ELECTRIC BRIEFS.

Special Dispatches to The Bee.

It was reported in New York Monday morning that August Schell would withdraw from Tammany hall, and also that more than one of the new board of aldermen will vote against Mr. Grace's measures.

Miss Hebden, daughter of Robert Y. Hebden, of the bank of Montreal, Chicago, who resides at 3902 Lake avenue, committed suicide Sunday by shooting herself.

Ex Secretary Thompson will go to New York to-day on business connected with the Panama canal scheme. It is understood that the American branch of the company will be organized at once.

The secretary of the treasury received yesterday from unknown persons, in an envelope postmarked New York, the sum of $27. The money has been credited to the conscience fund.

Jerome B. Sulson, late managing editor of The New York World, and during the past campaign The Herald's correspondent in Indiana, died Sunday night at the St. Dennis hotel, New York.

Seats for Bernhardt's opening night in Chicago are selling for $24, $30 and $86, and there is no great demand for them.

A passenger train collided with a freight on the Mobile & Ohio railroad, one hundred miles north of Mobile, Sunday night. Both engineers and firemen on both trains were killed instantly, and several others injured seriously. It was said the freight engineer was asleep.

Jacob Gogel and his wife, an aged couple residing a few miles from Bethlehem, Pa., were found dead in bed Christmas morning. Their heads were nearly severed from their bodies. Joseph Snyder, a boarder with Gogel, was believed to be the murderer, and was hanged by a mob to the nearest tree.

The engine boiler of E. P. Dodge's shoe factory, at Newburyport, Mass., exploded just a few minutes before 1 o'clock yesterday, killing five persons and wounding a dozen others. The boiler was blown three hundred yards. Had the explosion taken place a few minutes later, when the operatives would have been at work, the loss of life would have been terrible.

Sunday night a Christmas tree in the elegant residence of Hon. George H. Hammond in Detroit, caught fire, and before the flames could be extinguished $1000 damage was done.

Twenty of the richest and most influential liquor dealers of Detroit were arrested Christmas day for keeping their saloons open in defiance of the state law forbidding the sale of liquors on holidays.

Ex-President Grant and General Sherman will be present at the annual dinner of the New York press club, at the St. Nicholas hotel, New York, Thursday evening, January 6th.

The little son of T. E. Grove, of La Salle, Ill., choked to death Christmas from the shell of a peanut.

The electoral messengers of all but a few states have arrived in Washington and delivered the votes of their respective states.

The stables connected with Marmet's coal elevator, at Cincinnati, were destroyed by fire yesterday evening. The loss is estimated at $5000.

Archibald Forbes arrived yesterday evening in Toronto, and is the guest of Prof. Goldwin Smith.

A general strike is prevailing in the Hocking valley. The miners demand their pay semi-monthly. Heretofore they received it monthly. The general opinion is that the operators will not concede.

At Neils landing, Florida, Saturday night, James Ranson, a negro, killed Justice White, who donned him for a bill.

WASHINGTON.

The Outgoing Administration Will Pay Its Regards to Conkling

Senator Blaine Will Probably be Made Garfield's Prime Minister.

The Ponca's Agree to Take a Reservation in the Indian Territory.

SENATORIAL CANDIDATES.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

WASHINGTON, December 27—10 p. m.—The Florina legislature will, on the 4th of January next, proceed to the election of a successor to Senator Jones. It is thought that the senator will be returned beyond a doubt. A little fight, however, has been organized against him because he is not a native of the state and springs from no prominent family. Senator Jones is a native of Ireland, and went to Florida, in 1855. He worked his way up, for a time laboring at the carpenter's bench by the side of a slave Senator Beck finds that he is opposed for a re-election to the senate on pretty much the same grounds. He is a native of Scotland and the argument is being used against him that it is time he should make way for a Kentuckian to the manor born; that he has held his position long enough Representatives Carlisle and Judge Lindsay are said to be his most formidable competitors for the senate.

DEFAULTING MARSHAL.

United States Marshal Fitzimmons, of Georgia, about the only democrat appointed to that office in the south, has been repeatedly charged with maladministration by parties within his jurisdiction, and the case is being investigated. Fitzimmons has been found to be some five thousand dollars short in his accounts, and the president and attorney general have ordered that no more money be allowed him until the matter is finally settled,

BLAINE'S CHOICE.

If Mr. Blaine decides to enter the next cabinet, he will be secretary of state. His friends advise him to take the position, it being one where he will be able to distinguish himself and have scope to the great executive ability which he possesses. It is safe to assume that Mr. Blaine would make a live, active secretary. Should he assume the management of the state department, no stone would be left unturned by him in the way of improving American commerce. He would not only advise the development of foreign trade and show how it could best be accomplished, but, having devised a plan, he would labor unceasingly until it was adopted by congress. An experiment would at least be made in the direction of the development of the American carrying trade.

SETTLEMENT OF THE PONCA CASE.

Secretary Schurz had another long interview with the Ponca Indians yesterday. White Eagle and the other chiefs, who have hitherto insisted upon returning to Dakota, expressed themselves satisfied to remain on a reservation in the Indian territory. An agreement was signed, by which they agree to surrender their land in Dakota, covering about 96,000 acres, and in exchange are to receive 101,894 acres, purchased of the Cherokees in the Indian territory, and $90,000 in money. Having thus concluded their business with the government, the Indians will remain in Washington to be received by the president, and also to visit the senate Ponca commission, after which they will return to their new home, visiting the Indian schools at Carlisle, Pa., en route

THE NEGRO EXODUS.

The topic most likely to turn up in congress immediately after the holidays is the exodus of the colored people from the southern states. Accounts from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and several other southern states, show that there is an expectation of a large and increased migration of negroes from those states northward when spring fairly opens.

FIGHTING LORD ROSCOE.

A gentleman who is well posted concerning the doings of the administration, said yesterday that President Hayes will fill every federal office in New York state which becomes vacant before the 4th of March with the best anti-Conkling men that he can find. He states that Conkling just as earnestly hates the president as ever, and that the latter will put a spoke in the New York senator's wheel whenever and wherever the opportunity occurs. John Sherman and William M. Evarts are encouraging him in the good work. Mr. Evarts realizes that he cannot fight Conkling to advantage after the 4th of March, and he wants to get in his work with as much expedition as possible. Mr. Sherman, on the other hand, is looking for war, and to a six years' battle with the senator from New York, and he desires to weaken his antagonist at the outset as much as he can. Sherman's friends are encouraging Gen. Garfield to cut loose entirely from Conkling. They promise him, if he will do so, the cordial assistance of Sherman in confirming every appointment he may make; that with the aid of republican senators who will be friendly to the next administration in the event of a fight between the two wings of the party and the democrats, that Conkling can be utterly routed, and his supporters be compelled to beg for terms.

WHITTAKER'S CASE.

It is understood that the case of Whittaker, the colored cadet, who is now on a leave of absence, will be finally settled within a few days. Prof Greener has submitted to the president and secretary of war an argument in behalf of his protege. The argument is longer than the previous paper he filed in behalf of Whittaker, but is based upon practically the same grounds. It is stated that the final disposition of Whittaker will be to give him another chance at West Point by being turned into the class below.

Projected Trunk Line.

Special Dispatch to The Bee

WASHINGTON, December 28—1 a. m.—At a meeting held in this city yesterday, a new trunk line railroad from Baltimore to Cincinnati, known as the Baltimore, Cincinnati & Western railroad company, was organized. The necessity for additional facilities for the transhipment of the great crops of the west to the seaboard is pressing itself upon eastern capitalists. The friends of the enterprise have no doubt now of its ultimate success. It is expected that the contracts for construction will be closed during the month of January, and that work will be begun early in February. The road will be 571 miles in length. The Ohio river is crossed above Ironton, in the southwestern part of the state of Ohio, and makes a direct line to Portsmouth, on the Ohio river, and from Portsmouth it is expected to absorb, with some change of grade, to a narrow guage railroad already built from that city to Cincinnati. The new road will touch no less than 208 towns between Baltimore and Cincinnati, of which only twenty so far have a railroad connection. Only two tunnels will be required in the entire route. The grade in West Virginia does not exceed seventy-five feet to the mile.

DOMESTIC DOINGS.

Lost in a Storm.

Special Dispatch to The Bee

BALTIMORE, December 27—10 p. m.—Capt. Griggs, of the tug boat, "John A. McDougal" which arrived from Chesapeake, this morning, reports that Saturday night, about 12 o'clock, as she was near Seven Foot Knoll, having in tow, four oyster schooners, viz: "John V. Dorges," "Mary L. McGee," "Two Brothers," and "Emma O. Curtis," she encountered a hurricane and the masts of the "Emma O. Curtis," were pulled out and the vessel drifted away. It is supposed that she sank with the crew of eight men. After this the storm increased and the tug was compelled to cut loose from the three vessels, which, however, have all arrived here safely. "Emma O, Curtis" was of Crisfield, Maryland.

The Bloody Ground.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 28—1 a. m.—A special to The Commercial from Russellville, Ky., says that three men have been killed in Logan county since Christmas. A man named Porter Jewell was shot and killed about five miles from Russellville on Friday night. The town marshall of Adairville was killed by an unknown man the same night, and there are rumors of a stabbing affray in Middleton in which a man lost his life the details at present are very meagre.

Hydrophobia.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 28—1. m.—A special to The commercial from Paducah says that a man who was bitten by a rabid dog four years ago, after having several convulsions in the interim, was attacked by hydrophobia, and attempted to bite his wife, and bite all who came near him. He injured his father, but was finally secured and bound hand and foot to his bed.

Another Billiard Match.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

NEW YORK, December 28—1 a. m.—Wm. Sexten and Jacob Schaffer, champion billiard players, met yesterday morning in the office of The New York Clipper and completed arrangements for another match. By the terms of the present agreement the experts will play a game of 400 cushion caroms on a Callendar table, in Tammany hall, between the 1st and 15th of January, for a stake of $500, a side, and a forfeit of $100 each was deposited, and the balance of the stake money will be placed within a week.

Swamped Grain Dealers.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

MILWAUKEE, December 28—1 a. m.—The failure of the William P. McLaren company, grain commission dealers, caused a commercial sensation here yesterday. Speculations at the branch house in Chicago, managed by the Messrs. Rice, caused the collapse. The amount is about $100,000. It was a stock company, and the failure does not effect the large private fortune of William P. McLaren, who continues the commission business in this city.

Murdered for Joking.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., December 28—1 a. m.—Intelligence from Gallatin gives an account of a cold blooded murder in Robertson county. A Mr. Hester, in company with a young man named George Martin, repaired to Springfield, the county seat of Robertson county, for the purpose of filing a claim for a divorce from his (Hester's) wife. After their return, and while at work cutting wood somewhere on the farm of Hester, Mrs. Hester went out where they were at work, and commenced conversation with young Martin, and Martin making some joking allusion to the divorce affair, was thereupon fired on by Mrs. Hester with a pistol, which took effect in his heart, killing him instantly.

Skipped the Tralalee.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., December 27—10 p. m.—Norman B. Harwood, the bankrupt merchant, left this city suddenly and quietly Friday night, and the rumor has gained currency that he has gone for good. Mr. Harwood took nothing with him, however, saving his baggage in the hotel, and without paying his bill. Mr. Hurlbut, confidential man of Mr. Harwood, asserts that he has simply gone to New Orleans in response to a letter announcing the sickness of his children, and his own discontent with his quarters, but that he will be back January 3, the date of the bankrupt sale, or as soon thereafter as it is possible for him to come. There is a very prevalent belief that Mr. Harwood has "skipped." His most ardent friends and supporters have come to the belief that his whole course has been venal and thoroughly dishonest.

New York's Big Snow Storm,

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

NEW YORK, December 28—1 a. m.—The snow storm which began Friday and continued, was over at 7:30 yesterday morning. The fall of the last two hours amounted to six inches. Travel in the city was extremely disagreeable, and attended by delays. The horse cars made slow progress, even with teams doubled up. The weather yesterday was clear and warmer, and the streets were in horrible condition. The storm at Coney Island was very severe, and high tide touched places never before reached by the ocean within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

SATAN'S ASSISTANTS.

Terrible and Fatal Bombardment of a Train on the Iron Mountain Road.

A Mysterious Maniac Empties His Pistol Among a Carload of People.

Three Persons Dead, Two Wounded---The Murderer Escapes.

Wholesale Assassination.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

ST. LOUIS, December 27.—Friday night, when the south bound train on the Iron Mountain road had reached Meeleyville, Mo., and as Conductor Welsh entered the smoking car, he was met by a man, who covered him with a revolver and ordered him to stand aside. He pushed Welsh off the platform, and turning fired into the crowded car several times. He then jumped to the ground and disappeared in the adjoining woods. When Welsh gained his feet and re-entered the car he found the passengers terribly excited and nearly all hidden under seats. Stretched in the center of the aisle was Dr. J. H. Payne, of Carroll, Texas, mortally wounded, who gasped faintly "I am killed." P. P. Jones, of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, lay across the apartment, blood streaming from a wound in his arm, and his wife in the opposite seat was wounded in the head; both will die it is thought. Two other persons were wounded, but not fatally. The assassin is unknown and the cause of the shooting clouded in mystery.

A Hellish Crew.

Special dispatch to The Bee.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., December 27—4 p. m.—The "red men" or vigilantes are making it lively. A man who had made himself obnoxious was taken from his house a few nights ago and whipped. A man named Davis, who lived on Spring creek, had done something which gave offense to the regulators, and a few nights since the regulators made a raid on his house for the purpose of measuring out justice in their peculiar way. Davis had been apprised of their intention, and was on the lookout for them, for when the band came they were confronted by him and his wife standing in the doorway, who warned them to keep off. Not heeding this, the band approached, Davis and his wife then opened fire on the marauders and their leader, Strouse, fell to the earth a corpse. Maddened by the death of their captain, the gang, failing to bring the inmates out by any other means, set fire to the house. In the meantime, the hell-deserving crew surrounded the premises and Davis and wife ran out from the burning building. The former was easily caught. He was then severely whipped and had both his ears cut off close to his head.

A Dark Demon.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

NEWARK, N. J., December 27—4 p. m.—Edward Kistam, a burly negro, 44 years old, was arrested last night, charged with the murder of his wife. His son 10 years old was arrested as a witness. The boy said on Christmas day a party of friends came from New York and indulged in whisky. He went to visit a neighbor's house, and remained until evening. On his return home he found his mother lying dead on the floor, with blood spattered all over the floor.

"Oh, father!" said he; "mother is dead."

"She is not," was his reply; "she is only asleep. I will awake her."

Kishan took a club and struck the woman several blows. He was drunk and threatened to kill the boy if he did not keep quiet. He then dragged the body up stairs and took the boy to bed with him, sleeping with the corpse.

Mysterious Disappearance.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

NEW YORK, December 27—4 p. m.—Alfred Carlson and his wife, of Brooklyn, are nearly broken hearted at the loss of two of their children, who have mysteriously disappeared. One was a boy, aged thirteen, who has not been heard from since starting on an errand October 14. The other was a girl, aged eleven, who has not been seen since last Thursday, when she left home to visit a neighbor.

Prison Atrocities.

Special dispatch to The Bee.

NEW YORK, December 27—10 p. m.—A Syracuse, N. Y, special says: The testimony before the board of supervisors' special committee investigating the Onandago county penitentiary Saturday, was of a startling character. An ex-convict named Bowers was sworn, and told a dreadful tale of punishment inflicted. Subsequently Peter Drum, formerly a keeper, was called and testified. He laid particular stress upon the case of an insane boy, Perkins. For some slight misdemeanor, an iron cap was placed upon his head, and he was then placed in the "buck." This punishment is effected by handcuffing the prisoner and stretching his locked arms over his knees. A bar is then run through between his knees and over his arms. He was then lifted upon the stools. He was kept there for ten or fifteen minutes until he commenced to yell. Superintendent Spaulding then came in, and seeing Perkins face bloody from the cap, asked what the boy had been doing, and when informed, he said that would fix him. He took a raw-hide and whipped the boy till tired. Perkins stood it so well, he took him to the north wing and hung him to the railing by the thumbs or wrists and flogged him with a paddle. The boy's feet were not on the floor and the cap was not taken off until after he was "bucked." The paddle is a flat board which was used upon the boy's flesh. Spaulding struck him until tired. The next morning Spaulding asked how Perkins was. The answer was that he was crazy. He removed him several times, and finally put him in a dungeon and confined him there until the stench became unindurable. He was taken out and washed, and in doing so it was found that his back was striped and blistered. About three weeks after the whipping, Perkins was declared insane and removed to Albany. Superintendent Spaulding was present but did not gainsay the testimony, which found ready credence.

SLUGGED AND SUICIDED.

The Last Two Deaths by Violence in Douglas. County.

Emil Hoya in His Last Role.

The first death which has occurred in the new Harney street jail was that of a suicide at five o'clock Saturday morning, The man who thus rashly took his own life was Emil Hoya, who at the last term of the United States court in this city was sentenced to six months in the county jail and $500 fine for personating a revenue officer and collecting $50 as hush money for an alleged violation of the revenue laws. Hoya was an intelligent, good looking man, about thirty-five years of age, had been married, but lost his wife, and had one child, a boy, of whom he was very fond.

It appears that for some time past Hoya has been taking medicine for an ailment, a small dose of morphine being furnished him daily by his physician, Dr. Tilden. Out of these doses he saved a small portion daily until he accumulated sufficient to make a fatal dose. This he took just before going to bed Friday night, in the presence of a fellow prisoner named Reed, He shaved and dressed himself with care, saying he always made such preparations for Christmas, and finally having repeated with Reed the Lord's prayer, made a few affectionate remarks about his boy and said good night, he went to sleep.

The next his companion knew of him was when about 3 a. m., he was awakened by his groans and loud breathing. He was unable to make him awake or speak, and called the jailer, Mr. Joe Miller. The latter sent for Sheriff Guy, and having carried him out of the cell a physician was sent for, who tried without success to administer an antidote for the poison, which it was evident the prisoner had taken. After remaining unconscious until about 5 o'clock, the unfortunate man expired. A couple of letters, written in pencil, one to Sheriff Guy and the other to Hon. Geo. W. Doane, his counsel, showed that the suicide was a deliberate one. The former was as follows:

Mr. George Guy:

DEAR SIR—Excuse me for the rash act. Please have my corpse laid in an iron casket. Please don't have my box disturbed, and have it shipped to Milwaukee. The K. of H. (Knights of Honor) of Milwaukee, lodge 300, and Royal Arcanum, 436, will please buy the lot I have selected of Forest Home cemetery warden, and please see to it that my wife's and my body are interred therein. Good-bye to you all. My folks don't care for me; I hope they will forgive me; may God bless them. Hoping that they will see to the education of my son, I bid my father, mother, brothers and son, his protector, and also to you, good bye in this world. Hoping that we may meet in the next, I remain,

Truly yours in O. M. A.,

EMIL HOYA.

The remains were taken to Coroner Jacobs' and telegrams sent to the friends of the deceased in Milwaukee notifying them of the sad occurrence and asking for orders as to the disposition of the remains. A coroners inquest was deemed unnecessary. It is said that he attempted suicide once before, after the arrest on the charge for which he was incarcerated.

THE BOWERS INQUEST.

The inquest in the case of Germanie Bowers, who died on Thursday afternoon last from the effect of injuries received at the hands of Lorenzo Pickard, took place on Saturday at the residence of H. H. Kirby, in Millard precinct. Coroner Jacobs was attended to the inquest by Deputy Sheriff Grebe, and Messrs. Redick and Smythe, the latter representing the state in the prosecution and the former counsel for young Pickard.

A jury was chosen, consisting of Cyrus Morton, foreman, David Reed, James O'Brien, H. H. Kirby, Wm. Neligh and A. W. Decker, and a careful post mortem made by Drs. Coffman, Conkling, Gressman and Lanyon. The post mortem revealed the fact that the skull had been fractured in three places, just above the left eye.

M. E. Woeley, C. J. Pickard, Ben Michael and Samuel Bower were examined as witnesses, and the facts detailed in our last issue were repeated in substance, with a few additions.

Pickard's cousin, Burns, who notified him when Bower left for home, and who, with a drawn revolver, after the blow had been struck demanded fair play, and chased Bowers into the house, is likely to be held as an accessory to the murder, and the officers were looking for him on Saturday.

It did not appear what the instrument which was hurled at Bower with such deadly effect was. It was dark, and Pickard was seen to stoop to the ground and pick something up which he threw at Bowers, felling him to the ground. The testimony was against the prisoner, although it is not of course to be presumed that the young man had any intention of committing a murder. He was, from the evidence, intoxicated during the evening and probably in the same condition when the fatal blow was struck.

The jury found the following verdict:

"That the said Germany Bower came to his death on December 23, 1880, by injuries to his head, received on the morning of December 15th, 1880. Said injuries were caused by some blunt instrument in the hands of or thrown by Lorenzo Pickard, on the morning of December 15, 1880, near the house of H. H. Kirby, in Douglas county, state of Nebraska."

The remains were yesterday at 10 a. m. buried in Pickard's cemetery.

John Joseph Meehie, the renowned agriculturist is dead. He was born in London, May 22nd, 1802.

BRITISH AGONY.

The Government Thoroughly Scared by the League's Effective Work.

The Day and Date of a "Rising" Manufactured by the Spies.

Thirty Thousand British Troops Already on the Isle.

Russia Taking Measures to Suppress Conspiracies Among College Students.

Parnell is Re-elected to the Leadership of the Irish Home Rule Party.

Preparations for the Marriage of Prince Wilhelm and Princess Victoria, of Germany.

Special dispatch to THE BEE.

NEW YORK, December 27.—4 p. m.—The New York World's London cablegram says: "Information received the last few days by the government has been of a character to leave no doubt that an organized and general rising in Ireland had been arranged for the 26th of this month. This circumstance accounts for the hurried dispatch to that Island of so many thousand picked troops, including a large portion of the household brigades, and five batteries of royal artillery. There is now in Ireland an army of over 30,000 regular soldiers, the flower of the British army, so that any successful insurrection would be impossible. Nevertheless it is still feared that disturbances will occur there. Simultaneous blows according to the original programme were to be struck in London and other great cities of England, hence the police authorities everywhere are spending an anxious Christmas. Many Irish Americans have arrived within the last few days at Queenstown, but any attempt to land arms will be frustrated, for the coast is now very carefully guarded. The government is at least fully determined to keep Ireland nominally under the rule of the crown, although all laws continue to be trampled under foot by the great mass of its population.

Conservative papers reprove the government bitterly, but the leading journals in the provinces express their full approval of Mr. Gladstone's policy, declaring that the time for coercion in Ireland without redress of their grievances has passed by, never to return. On Tuesday next all ministers will return to London, and will immediately act about preparing a new land bill.

POLICEMEN PEGGED.

Special Dispatches to THE BEE.

DUBLIN, December 27, 4 p. m.—A party of men attacked the police patrol, at Cork, to-day, and a policeman was shot in the leg. No arrests. There were several serious affrays between civilians and soldiers in this city on Christmas evening.

MINOR EUROPEAN EVENTS.

Special dispatch to THE BEE

LONDON, December 27—4 p. m.—A Bucharest dispatch says there has been a series of earthquakes throughout Romania.

A dispatch from Constantinople says there has been serious floods and some loss of life at Cypress.

RUSSIA'S REBELLIOUS SUBJECTS.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

LONDON, December 27—10 p. m.—A St. Petersburg correspondent says: In spite of all that has been done during the past eighteen months to improve the condition of the universities and to conciliate the better class of students, unpleasant symptoms are again showing themselves in the college at Kazan. The students have been holding illegal meetings and drawing up petitions, proceedings which are contrary to the statutes of the university. The authority of the professors has been openly resisted, and disturbances appear probable. The condition of numerous individuals placed under police supervision and banished to remote parts of the empire for political offenses has been greatly ameliorated by the care of Gen. Melicoff. In the hospitible government of Archangel, however, to which numbers of those suspected of political delinquency have been transported, much severity appears to be exercised by a new governor by the name of Kapior. The unfortunate creatures who are banished from their friends and occupations, generally find themselves without means of subsistence in the deserted districts where they are placed. This fact is recognized by the government and a trifling allowance is generally made to enable them to obtain the bare necessities of life. A sum of twenty-five roubles is also allowed for the purchase of clothing in a climate where rigor demands especially warm garments. The new governor has stopped the allowance for food, and in lieu of twenty-five roubles for clothing, he has distributed wretched old second-hand garments, which are utterly unfit to resist the terrible cold of the north. Complaints have reached the central authorities here, and steps are likely to be taken to mitigate the misery of the unfortunate wretches. It is stated that many have already perished owing to to the severity of their treatment.

WHOLESALE INFAMY.

Special Dispatch to The Bee

LONDON, December 27—10 p. m.—A great deal of interest has been taken here and in Brussels in the action of an association of ladies and gentlemen to prevent a continuance of the transportation of English girls to Belgium for improper purposes. The association here, which has its branches, or kindred societies, in Brussels, discovered, through special agents employed for the purpose, that there was a regularly organized scheme to induce emigration of young girls for purposes of prostitution. The girls were led to believe that they could secure permanent employment of a respectable character, either as governesses, seamstresses and saleswomen. The traffic has been going on for some time, something like two years. The association, which has taken the matter in hand, has received assurances of support from magistrates and assistance from the police, and it is hoped that by the imposition of heavy penalties the unlawful business will be prevented in the future, and the principal offenders brought to justice. Recently, in Brussels nearly a score of persons have been convicted of criminal participation in this traffic.

CONFERENCE OF IRISH COMMONERS.

Special Dispatch to the Bee

DUBLIN, December 28—1 a. m.—A seven hours' conference of the Irish parliamentary party was held in the city hall here yesterday. Mr. Parnell was re-elected as chief of the party. It was decided to move an amendment to the queen's address at the opening of parliament on the 6th of January praying the crown not to use the police to assist in evictment of tenants. Justin McCarthy was elected vice president of the home rulers conference, the conference decided that all home rule members should sit on the opposition side in the house commons.

THE LAST HOPE GONE.

The five persons killed Saturday while crossing the railroad track near Chude Boye, were all witnesses in the great Biddulph murder trial, and were to be again called to give evidence in that case on the 26th of next month. The prisoners, six in number, who are still in jail here, were greatly excited when they heard of the accident, as the parties were the only witnesses in their behalf, and were the condemned men's sole reliance in keeping their heads out of the hangman's noose.

ROYAL NUPTIALS.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

BERLIN, December 17—10 p. m.—The programme of the festivities in connection with the marriage of Prince Wilhelm, of Prussia, with the Princess Victoria, of Schleswig-Holstein, has been arranged as follows: On the 29th of February next, the princess will arrrive at Bellvue Schloss, and will make her entree into Berlin on the following day. The imperial marriage will take place on Saturday, the 26th. On the following morning the prince and his bride will attend the church service, after which, according to the practice at the Berlin court, the wedding breakfast will follow. On Monday, the 28th, there will be a grand banquet, and on Tuesday evening, the first of March, a grand ball at the opera house, after which Prince and Princess Wilhelm will take up their residence at the city palace at Potsdam.

Weekly Market Review.

WHOLESALE.

OMAHA, December 22, 1880.

The market the past week has been brisk with large sales reported by all dealers.

GRAIN.

WHEAT—Lower, No. 2, 77c; No. 3, 65c; rejected, 50c.

BARLEY—Nominal.

RYE—No. 2, 72c; common western mixed 25c.

OATS—No. 2, 30c.

PRODUCE—Butter, common, 16@18c; good, 18c; choice, 20@21c; Eggs, unchanged and firm at 28@30c; cheese, Nebraska, 14c; New York, 14½c; potatoes, quiet and unchanged; peach blows, 75c; early rose, 65c; onions, nominal; hay, firm; baled, $9 00@11 00; in bulk, $7 25@8 00; cider, quiet and unchanged, $7 50 per cask of 50 gallons; hickory nuts, $1 25 per bu.; chesnuts, $3 00; walnuts, 65c; cranberries, $7 00@8 00 per bbl; fresh oysters, 25@30@35c per can; honey, comb, firm at 18@20c.

PORK AND LARD—Hams, smoked, $9 25; bacon, clear, $7 50.; breakfast, $9 20; dry salt sides, clear, $7 20; ribs, $6 37½; shoulders, $4 00; lard, $8 20.

LIVESTOCK—Lower and quiet; native fat steers, at $3 15@3 25; western, quiet at $2 65@2 80; cows, native, $2 50@2 75; western, nominal; sheep, western, butchers' stock, $3 10@3 25; natives, $3 75@4 00; veal is scarce and higher and sells readily at $4 25@5 50; hogs, lower; fair stock, $4 00@4 15; choice $4 25.

GROCERIES

Lower.

SUGARS—Cut loaf 11c per lb., powdered 11c, granulated 10½c, standard "A" 10½c, off "A" 9¾c, white extra "C" 9½c; standard extra "C" 9c, yellow "C" 8c.

SYRUPS—Best barrels, 65½c per gallon; best half barrels, 54c; best kegs, $2 45 per keg; standard bbls., 47c per gallon; standard half bbls., 49c; standard kegs, $2 25 per keg.

COFFEES—Costa Rica 18½c per lb., santos 18½c, Mexican 18c, fancy mo 16½c, choice do. 16c; prime do 15½c, good do. 14½c.

CANNED GOODS—3 lb. peaches $4 00 per case, 2 lb. peaches $3 00, 2 lb. blackberries $2 20, 2 lb. raspberries $3 00, 2 lb. gooseberries $3 50, 3 lb. pears $3 00, 3 lb. tomatoes $3 00, 2 lb. do $2 50, 2 lb. corn $3 75, 2 lb. peas 95 00, 2 lb. do, $3 00, 2 lb string beans $2 50, 2 lb Lima do. $2 25.

FISH—1 lb No. 1 mackerals half bbl., $7 50; mackeral, kits, $1 25; family do., half bbl., $4 75; do, do, kits, 85c; 1 lb. white fish, half bbl., $7 00; do, kits, $1 25; family do, half bbls., $4 50; do, do, kits $1 00; Labrador herring, half bbl. $4 00; do, quarter bbl. $2 25; do, kits, 90c; scaled, per box, 50c.

DRIED FRUITS—Alden apples, per lb, 10½c; sliced do 7½c, common do 6½c; peaches, per lb., 8; blackberries 10½c, prunes 8c.

POULTRY—Firm, live chickens, nominal; dressed, 6@8c; ducks, dessed, 8@10c; turkeys, 9@11c.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, Michigan, $2 50; Missouri, $2 25; lemons, $5 25@6 50; oranges, $5 25; malaga grapes, @8 50@9 00 per barrel.

LEATHER—Steady and unchanged; shoemaker's stock, sole leather, oak tanned, 40@43c per lb.; hemlock tanned, 36@36; upper, common, 24@23; upper, domestic calf, $1 00@1 30; French calf, $1 50@2 10; domestic kip, 80@$1 00; French, $1 00@1 50.

HARNESS STOCK—Quiet No. 1, oak tanned, 43@45c; No. 2, oak tanned, 41@43c; No. 1, hemlock tanned, 38@40c; No. 2, hemlock trimmed, 37@39c.

WOOD—Still scarce and firm; hickory and oak, $7 75; cotton wood, $5 25@5 50.

BRICK—Firm; common in kiln, $8 50@10 00; pressed, $18 00@20 00.

LUMBER—Steady; framing, 18 ft. and under, per M, $20; fencing No. 1,