

AN IOWA GRACE DARLING.

Kate Shelly's Heroism in the Boone Floods.

How She Saved Several Lives in the Northwestern Railway Accident.

Boone Standard. The eastern papers for years past have delighted to tell of the heroism of a young girl on the coast of New England, the daughter of a light-house-keeper, who has saved many lives from death by drowning through her coolness and fearlessness as well as by her skill as a water nymph.

UNKNOWN HERO OR HEROINE. In our own midst was equally capable of the same, given the opportunity. Once in a while such occasion is presented and then we find the quiet, prosaic man, the least noted and least suspected for pure, unselfish acts and noble efforts, the demure maiden pursuing her unnoted way in the world, intent only on her little loves or the pursuits of a modest and circumscribed line of life, burst suddenly into public view through some deed of startling endeavor or great self-sacrifice, a Horatius at the bridge, a Joan of Arc.

When the wind and rain was pouring in torrents down the canyon through which the railway track from here to Moingona runs, on Wednesday night of last week,

A YOUNG GIRL OF 14 OR 15 stood at her window at midnight, near the lower end of the ravine, watching the slow forward creeping of the pilot engine sent out to explore the condition of the embankments and bridges. Suddenly, as it passed upon a well known trestle, she saw it drop and its lights disappear, and knew there were human lives in danger. Rushing out into the storm and to the brink of the chasm, Kittie Shelly called at the top of her voice, with the hope that some poor struggler in the turbulent waters might hear her voice and be encouraged by her cry. She was heard, and back from the swaying tree top, in which precarious perch the engineer had found another lease of life, came an answer to her cheer, many times repeated. But the swollen streams forbade hearing the directions which were shouted to the young girl, and she was left to her own resources to effect a rescue, which fortunately were not wanting. Alone and guided by the flickering light of a dim lantern, she commenced her journey through the tall wood to Moingona.

A WAY AWAY. To summon help. She crept beneath the swaying branches, her face brushed by the switching undergrowth, wet to the waist by wading through the little hollows, of the hillside, each now a running brook, losing her way at times, though every foot of the route was a known pace under ordinary circumstances, and at last came out upon the long railway bridge. Here

HER LIGHT BLEW OUT, but she did not hesitate. Across the slippery bridge she went, for she knew planks, she stepped, guided only by the phantasmic flashes of the lightning, while the wind blew a gale and wrapped her skirts about her head and drenched her eyes with the cold spray of the storm. Beneath her were the waters whose embrace was death. Six feet had they risen in an hour; one false step and they would close over her forever. They dashed and howled against the piers and across the ice break, clanking for her, and licking out their foaming tongues and flecking the trembling timbers with their froth. There must have been a Providence which guided little Katie Shelly's footsteps across that perilous passage in the awful night until the safe ground of the western embankment was reached and she fled through the black darkness, with streaming hair, and outstretched bare and gleaming arms to the lights of the town, and in the ears of anxious men at the depot

SHOUTED THE STORY

of disaster and the cry for help. Two men went down in that fatal chasm, and two widows and two families of infant children call for the lost who never shall return; but two other men and two other families, to their dying days, have cause to thank the good Lord that he made one woman with the brave heart of Kate Shelly. The cold, business-like official report will never tell it as it is, only when "the accident was reported by the young girl and relief was promptly dispatched." And when the fatal trap in which poor Olmstead and Pat Donahue found their watery graves, is again filled up and traffic once more is busy over the spot, the great company will forget the incident, or only remember it as an accident which brought no suit for personal damages against the company.

THE STAR ROUTE.

Revolutionizing the Postal System. Washington Special to the Globe-Democrat. Postmaster General James, in his determined efforts to reform abuses in the postal service, has not confined his attention to the vigorous suppression of extravagances in the notorious star route. That has been the main objective point for the time, because a reform in that direction was the most crying necessity when he came into office. A great ring had fastened itself and was fattening upon the postal department of the government. Its ramifications were coextensive with the country, and its head center was located in the chair of the second assistant postmaster. Several millions of dollars were being swallowed up, and the whole system of postal contracts was threatened with the rottenness which came of the contact with unbridled corruption. The first duty of Mr. James was to grapple with the great evil, and this he did at once and fearlessly, but he evidently does not propose to stop there. The whole postoffice system, in his opinion, requires overhauling, and this is the great work which he has taken in hand. Perhaps

Mr. James' reform ideas may be better understood by the two words "business principles" than by anything else. His success with the New York office has emboldened him to undertake the enforcement of a similar process in the entire department. One of his plans involves a competitive examination, the other that which has been several times suggested to congress—the adoption of a system similar to that which prevails regulating admission to the naval academy and at West Point. As the latter would preserve the importance of the member of Congress as an appointing power, it is probable it would be more apt to receive the approval of congress. In anticipation of a revision and reconstruction of the present postal system of appointments and securing uniformity, a general inquiry will be instituted as to the present management of the most important offices in the country. No two of these offices are now managed alike. The Washington office has been put under investigation and a personal inspection of the Baltimore office. The main purpose of the department is to remove the Post Office from the pale of local politics. According to Postmaster General James, a government post office should be something more than a mere local political machine run at general expense. If he succeeds in carrying out his ideas of reform Mr. James will have revolutionized the postal service before his term expires.

ALBION NOTES.

The Crops Reported Booming and Everything Lively.

ALBION, Boone Co., July 20. To the Editor of THE BEE:

The crops and weeds together are just booming in Boone county, and it is hard to tell, in many cases, which will be the biggest crop, as this has been the greatest growing season we have ever had in this county. The farmers in this county will have to commence farming less acres per man and team, and farm them better than they had to when the land was new. There are great numbers in this county who believe, with the editor of THE BEE, that the dastardly attempt to assassinate President Garfield was just as much the result of Conkling's war on the president as was the killing of President Lincoln the result of the war of the rebellion. While Conkling's resignation is looked upon as something like the boy taking up his marbles and going home when things did not go to suit him, and by so doing trying to break up the game. Conkling may be a friend of the people, and one who is opposed to the great moneyed power of the country, nevertheless, almost without a single exception, every Grant man, every U. P. man, every dead head who travels on a pass, is a Conkling man in this county. An eminent writer has said that to the civil and political historian the past alone has an existence; that the present he rarely apprehends, and the future never, but by the historian of science things which are to come to pass during the lifetime of generations of men yet unborn can be ascertained with as much certainty as things which have passed and gone. I don't believe any such thing. I believe that just so sure as the historian of science can, after watching the glittering comet of the erratic comet in the heavens, follow it into the infinite depths of space far beyond the limits of our system, until the eternal law of gravitation commends it to return, predict the return of the glittering object to the place where it last was seen though ages may pass before that event takes place; just so sure can the political historian after reading by the light of past events the causes which brought about the fate of other republics, predict that the days of the great American, are numbered, and that in the near future, it will only be a phantom shadow of what it once was.

Gray Will says it is absurd to talk about there being any danger of the foundation of the government being undermined, that it was built upon the adamant rock of justice and equality to all. The same was said during the agitation about slavery, and that there would be no war, but there was a right smart war after all which shook the mighty fabric which had been built at so much cost of blood and treasure until it almost fell.

OLD JIM IS DEAD.

The Famous Old Hunter and Guide on the Western Plains Passes Away. Jim Bridger is a name familiar to old western settlers, and the announcement of his death will be received with feelings of sadness by all who knew him. In early days he was a noted scout, hunter and guide on these western prairies, and his name figured in more than one venturesome and daring deed so common to the plainsman in those days. Of his death the Kansas City Mail has the following: James Bridger, one of the last survivors of the early mountaineers whose heads, quarried in this part of the country, died at his residence near New Santa Fe in this county at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bridger had passed his seventy-sixth birthday anniversary, that event taking place in last March. His funeral took place to-day. The remains were interred in a little county cemetery not far from the place in which he died. Mr. Bridger was a Virginian by birth. He had been a scout, guide and plainsman for about thirty years. About sixteen years ago while riding a "bucking" mule he received injuries that permanently disabled him. Since that time he has retired from active life and has been living on his, or rather children's, farm near Santa Fe. For three years or more he has been in his dotage. He once got lost within one-half mile of his own house. Old age and confinement to one place caused the veteran plainsman's vital forces to give way with sure and rapid decline. To use a common expression he died of old age. His death was painless,

the flame of life burned down to the socket and noiselessly expired. He leaves a family of three children, all grown. One of the daughters is the wife of Mr. A. Wachsman, of Westport. Mr. Bridger had, at the time of his death, a claim before congress for money due him on account of the occupation of his fort by United States soldiers. Bridger sold his fort and grounds in good faith. For this he received no "cash down." The war came on, attention was absorbed by it, and congress did not give a thought to making provision for the payment of the poor old guide's claim. The Bridger family will throw off all interest if an appropriation of \$10,000 for the payment of the principal is made. If it had not been for "Old Jim," as he was called, General Fremont's great western exploring expedition would not have been a success. For a great portion of the way Bridger acted as a guide.

OCCIDENTAL JOTTINGS.

CALIFORNIA. At the beginning of July there were 1,021 patients in the Napa Insane Hospital. A large quantity of grain in San Joaquin county has been destroyed by fire.

A wave of Chinese immigration is setting into California and occasioning much alarm. Another water company has been organized to supply Oakland and San Francisco with water.

The project of a railroad between Santa Rosa and Besicita via Vallejo, is again being agitated. California has 47 branches of the Land League, 4,580 members, and has sent \$11,497.25 to Ireland.

There are about two hundred tourists around Lake Tahoe, camping or stopping at the different hotels.

People have been up the Napa valley, lately, trying to contract for Mission grapes for \$18 per ton, without success.

In Colusa county white labor is so difficult to obtain that people are advertising for Chinese crews to cut cordwood.

A party of Italians are examining localities in Northern Sonoma county, with a view of purchasing several thousands acres of land, intended to set out the largest vineyard in the State.

Thirteen hydraulic mining companies have applied to the board of equalization of Nevada county for a reduction in their assessments, on the ground that pending litigation and the judicial injunction laid upon them renders their property of much less value.

ARIZONA. Tucson has issued a 114 page directory. The Phoenix flouring mill start up in ten days or two weeks.

The graders for the railroad have commenced work at Benson and cars will run into Tombstone in ninety days.

A report comes from El Paso that Gov. Terrassa, who was en route to El Paso, was attacked by Indians and thirty of his men killed, on Wednesday.

The waterspout at El Paso last week damaged city property to the amount of \$50,000. Southern Pacific railroad property, \$8,000, and washed away a bridge of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad.

NEVADA. Secret societies flourish in Eureka. Hay is a drug in the Eureka market. The White Pine district is looking up. Railroad grading continues on the Eastern and Central railroad.

The grasshoppers are doing an immense amount of damage in Indian Valley. From 200 to 250 tons of refined sulphur are shipped every month from the Humboldt company's works near Winnemucca.

The horse flies are so troublesome in Independence Valley that it is necessary to cover animals entirely with netting or cloths while working them on the ranches.

OREGON. Small pox has appeared in Portland. The crop prospects of the state are below the average.

Charges of bribery are made against Portland's councilmen. The upper Columbia at present covers the entire Lewis and Lake river bottoms, the hay crop being entirely destroyed.

A foreign company with a capital of \$200,000 has been formed for the purpose of purchasing the Salem flouring mills and running them.

The Pacific opera house at Albany was totally destroyed by fire on the night of the 11th. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary.

Salmon fishing on the Columbia river is slight this year, the average being only sixteen fishes to the boat. The shortage this season will be nearly 100,000 cases.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY. The Spokane Times is now issued daily. There are thirteen two-story buildings in Cheney.

The Yakama river is rising, caused by melted snows. The new Methodist church building at Colfax is approaching completion.

The new proposed depot building at Walla Walla will be 106 feet long and 24 feet wide.

Last October the town of Cheney, consisted of half a dozen houses. There are nearly 100 buildings in the place, many of them large two-story structures.

The new wagon road lately surveyed from Big Camas to Kilklickat landing will be open for travel soon. This will enable settlers on the Big Camas to get their produce to a shipping point on the Columbia river easier and quicker than heretofore.

Pacific treasury will retain one-half the stock and give each 100 shares of the Union Pacific stock the right to subscribe \$2,000 of bonds with a bonus of twenty per cent or ten shares of Oregon extension stock.

The main span of the Platte bridge at Carbon went out last Friday. At the time the bridge gave away there were some 250 sheep upon it. Some twenty of the sheep were killed.

Mrs. Robert Hankin, of Rawlins, has been presented with a gold watch as a testimonial for her bravery and heroic action in preventing the escape of Big Nosed George last spring.

John Ash found at Carbon Sunday morning about \$400, which had evidently been dropped from a passenger train. The money had been run over by the train and was badly mutilated.

BOZEMAN. Bozeman wants a first-class hotel. The new court house at Bozeman is completed.

Heads on the Muscleshell fall 30 per cent short. The hay harvest which has just begun will be lighter this season than usual.

The crops on the Teton river at the present time look better than they have for many years. There are unusual number of experts and experienced miners examining the mines of Summit valley district at the present time.

The present year will witness the largest production of silver and matter from Butte and Summit Valley district produced for any one year since its discovery.

The news from the mining camps of Madison county—both quartz and placer—indicate an increase of at least five per cent in the production of bullion this year.

There seems to be very little doubt now that the Helena branch of the Utah & Northern railway will leave the main line at Dillon, and run down the Beaverhead and Jefferson valleys.

UTAH. Empire Canyon is filling up with new houses. The city of Frisco telegraphed condolence to Washington.

Logan is to have a large and commodious hotel. Silver Reef once more is active and 300 men are employed in the mines.

The foundation is being laid for the University of Deseret at Salt Lake. The Grand Gulch copper mines are turning out a large amount of first class metal.

Joe R. Johnson, of Lehi, is the father of 29 children, 13 grandchildren, and 42 great grandchildren. Total, 184.

The Utah and Nevada extension to Eureka is being pushed with all possible vigor, but the work is greatly retarded by the inability of the country to get civil engineers enough to run their lines.

Another gang of men is at work in Beaver county, on what account is not known. It is reported and believed that the gang represents the Texas and Pacific, which has been suspected of having an eye on the Utah field for some time past.

COLORADO. Opium joints are troubling Pueblo. Boulder is nursing her railroad boom. Mechanics of all sorts are busy at Lake City.

Lake City is pleased with the telephone. Rails are being laid in Leadville for a street railway.

Within a week the Rio Grande will be at Durango. Silver City will soon build a custom stamp mill with home capital.

Work will be pushed as fast as possible upon the Greeley, Salt Lake and Pacific railroad. Custer county is producing about 190 tons of ore. Silver Cliff continues its output of 120 tons.

The present season of development is the most active and flattering known in the San Juan for years. Work has been commenced on two new schools near Leadville. One will cost \$30,000 and the other \$10,000.

A party of Coloradans celebrated the Fourth on the summit of Uncompaggre peak—1,400 feet above sea level. Independence district is in a highly prosperous condition, and is the second in rank of the gold producing sections of the state.

Boulder, Colorado, is agitated over a railroad question. Two different companies are proposed to build, but there is only room for one.

Twenty-six bake shops now supply the people of Denver with bread. These twenty-six shops consume about one hundred tons of flour daily.

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Each bid must be accompanied by a good and sufficient bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000), conditioned that the bidder will enter into a contract, and give a good and sufficient bond, should the contract be awarded him.

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