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A fatal accident occurred on Willow street yesterday afternoon, by which a laborer known as Bill Bennett was fearfully crushed and almost instantly killed by the falling of a portion of the bank where he was at work. Bennett, together with others, was at work shoveling and hauling dirt, being employed by Charles Walker. The bank from which they were taking the dirt was undermined about six feet, the overhanging portion being frozen, some of the men had been chopping and working with the view of tumbling the threatening portion off. They waited until the teams were out of the way, and had just gone to the top of the bank when Bennett drove up and jumped out of his wagon. They called to him to look out, but he told them to wait a minute, and stood there fixing a whip. The men waited above, but the bank did not wait to be pushed over. It came thundering down of its own accord, burying the unfortunate man out of sight. His fellows began shoveling him out at once, and soon uncovered his head. He gasped but once and then all was over. On getting his body out it was found to be terribly crushed, and it was removed to the undertaker's, where it was prepared for burial.

Bennett was a single man and has been in Mr. Walker's employ since last November. He has a mother living somewhere in Indiana, and it is stated by those who know him that, for some reason, he had assumed the name of Bennett, but they could not give his real name, except that his mother always addressed him in her letters as "Theodore."

A LANDLORD'S PRISONER.

The Wife of a Boarder in the Wrong Bed—Various Items from Corning.

CORNING, Ia., February 7.—This city still remains in a healthy condition, being free from that dread disease, the small pox, although sore arms are to be found in abundance; in fact they are the predominating feature of some. We hear of cases of small pox at Villisca and other towns around us and we are thankful we have so far escaped, and live in hopes that we will never be any nearer to it than at the present time.

One day last week a traveling man carrying samples of jewelry and jewelers' tools and materials, sent his trunks and valise to the depot, intending to take the evening train east. When he was ready to go he discovered that his valise was gone. It was found two days after where the thief had left it, after examining the contents. It contained jewelers' tools and materials, for which, it is supposed, he had no use. The drummer failed to give his name, and it has not been discovered since.

A little domestic misunderstanding occurred at one of our boarding houses not long since. The landlord was discovered locked in a room with the wife of a boarder. The husband was the discoverer. He did not like the appearance of things, so he refused to have anything further to do with her. Their names are withheld at present as they are both members of the Methodist church.

T. M. Giles, who for a long time has been the organ man of Twining Bros.' music department, left this morning for Bedford where he goes into the music business with E. A. Long, who left for that place yesterday. Mr. G. is an energetic business man and no doubt will make a success of it.

R. C. Chubb, our new auditor, has fixed up his office in good shape, having eliminated all the trash the office was filled with.

The Park house under the management of Mrs. M. E. Cummins, the new landlady, is taking its place in the front rank as the best hotel on the road.

Uncle Tom Carter, an old colored man who has lived here for some time, died yesterday. He was probably the oldest man in the state, being at the time of his death nearly 100 years of age. He could remember things that happened over ninety years ago, and was acquainted with the marshals of Kentucky and other prominent men of the long ago.

NEXT.

You Can't Begin Too Soon.

Glenwood Journal.

Glenwood has now reached a position where better streets and roadways are imperatively demanded. The scarcity of rock and gravel in this vicinity and the acknowledged worthliness of plank or block pavements renders the problem a difficult one. Still it must be met and solved. The public square and the main thoroughfares of the city are in a wretched condition and always will be until something in the way of permanent improvement is done. More money has already been spent on the public square in grading and other similar work than it would cost to macadamize the entire area. Every rain storm washes out the cheap dirt work and our streets are a constant bill of expense to the city. This would not be objected to if the money was expended to any purpose, but under the existing system it is wasted. It is estimated that it would cost $9,000 to macadamize the public square. This is a large sum of money but it need not be all expended at once. The work could be done gradually and the burden of taxation would not be felt. This done, the improvements should be extended to other streets. It would take ten years to accomplish this work and do it well, but when done it would be a credit to the city and we should be forever rid of these expensive and worthless dirt roads. We hope that the propriety of some such system of general improvement may be generally discussed.

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STICKNEY'S CRIME.

Avenging the Wrongs of His Wife by Killing Her Betrayer.

Many persons in Omaha will remember Mr. James Stickney, who occupied the position of local editor on the Herald in this city in the fall of 1876, a position which he filled with unusual ability for a few months. The severity of the winter following injured his health to such an extent that he was compelled to give up the position and seek a more genial clime in the east or south. The facts are called to mind by his arrival in Omaha last week on his way to Denver, accompanied by a party of friends, who are to testify at the trial of his brother, Charles W., for murder, which began in that city yesterday. The following account of the crime for which he is being tried is taken from The Boston Journal, published at the home of the accused:

Several gentlemen have started for Denver to make an effort to save from the gallows Charles W. Stickney, a young man, and a graduate of Harvard college, whose brilliant attainments and chivalrous friendship made him a leading spirit among his associates in this, his home. A few weeks ago the fact was briefly chronicled that Montgomery F. Campeau, a man of property in Denver, Col., had been shot by an alleged blackmailer, and that a misaimed bullet from the assailant's pistol had killed a Mrs. Devereaux, who happened to be near the scene of the tragedy. The story of wrong and of murderous revenge told by the friends of the young man who has done this foul deed will in a measure palliate his crime, even if it be not proved that he was insane. His brief career has been a peculiarly sad one. On graduating with honors from Harvard a few years ago, he entered business, and was remarkably successful. He met a destitute but brilliant German girl, was touched by her sad history, and married her, his friends say, from motives of chivalric pity. He sent her to Germany to be educated, and spent much money in fitting her for good society. But she proved unfaithful, and deserted him to live with Montgomery F. Campeau, a wealthy citizen of Denver. Her husband obtained a divorce in Massachusetts courts, and at the suggestion of friends, instituted a suit against Campeau. It was settled by an agreement to pay $10,000, of which $3,500 was to be paid in cash, and a note was given for the balance. But soon after the wife was cast out in the streets of Denver. She reached Chicago with her child, and in great distress appealed to her former husband for help. He forgave her, and took her again as his wife. Learning of this, the man who had wronged them stopped payment on the note he had given, accused the couple of practising blackmail, and it is alleged, procured the publication of frequent newspaper items to that effect. Strung at last beyond endurance, and believing his wife's story that by a plot she was forced into the company of this man, the young husband determined to avenge the wrong both had suffered. He went in search of his enemy, found him in April last, and quickly made him the target of his pistol. The first shot killed Mrs. Deveraux, who happened to be standing near, but with wonderful determination the incensed husband pursued his work of revenge, and the next shot carried instant death to his victim. Stickney was arrested, and his trial is to begin on February 7. The defense is insanity. Those who has known him all his life say that he had a number of mental peculiarities when a boy. His ideas of chivalry were sentimental and extreme. One of his teachers, one or two of his classmates, a chum in college, and certain of his relatives made up the party which went from this city. Some of his associates express great doubt as to his insanity, but all agree that he received terrible provocation. His wife is now living near this city.

Mr. Stickney's classmates in Harvard have raised a fund $4,000 to be employed in his defense, and have employed Leonard Swett, the famous Chicago lawyer, to conduct the defense. The trial attracts a great deal of attention, because of the prominence of the accused and the murdered man.

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"FARMER" PEEL.

Life Sketch of a Very Notorious Desperado.

San Francisco Stock Report.

John E. Bull, noted as the man who killed "Farmer" Peel in Montana, was recently killed at Denver. Langford Peel was in his day considered the most desperate fighting man on the Pacific coast. He was a dead shot and of iron nerve, and had faced the six-shooter in the hands of an adversary scores of times, several times bringing down his man. When drunk he was a dangerous individual and a terror to all who were near him. In the early days of the Comstock he occasionally "took the town." When on the warpath, he would charge through the streets with a six-shooter in each hand, driving the people before him like so many sheep and defying the authorities. There was an ample force of police in the town, but when Peel was on the rampage the policemen, from the chief down, had business in old tunnels on the outskirts of town. He was not a powerful man physically, but so reckless and such a dead shot that it was worth a man's life to cross his path when he was in cups. Peel and Bull were friends and partners. While on the road to Montana in 1867, a quarrel arose between two disreputable women who accompanied them. The men took up the quarrel and became enemies. They separated on the road, but met shortly after in Helena. One night Bull went into the principal public gambling saloon of the town, where he met Peel, who called him up and engaged him in conversation. After a few words Peel called Bull a hard name and slapped his face. Bull said he was unarmed, and Peel told him to go heel himself and come back fighting. Bull went to his cabin and procured his pistol and was coming down the main street when Peel emerged from the door with his woman on his arm. Bull immediately fired and Peel fell wounded on the sidewalk, his pistol having fallen from his hand before he could shoot. Bull then walked up and fired two more shots into Peel as he lay on the sidewalk, and then walked away and gave himself up to the United States marshal. He was tried for murder and acquitted. The killing of Peel created a great sensation in the mining regions of the Pacific coast, where he was known as the chamion desperado of the mountains.

Railroad Speed.

New Commercial

Sixty miles per hour continues to be an exceptional rate of speed, rarely obtained, and figures above this continue to be realized by the Fontaine and other engines—on paper. Judging from present condition of railroading, and the outlook, this statement will remain a true one for a number of years to come. Not that American workshops are unable to improve on the rate of speed. It can be done and the problem has resolved itself merely to a question of boiler. But the problem will remain unsolved until roadbeds are built for the locomotive instead of the locomotive for the roadbed. We mean that there are very few roads in the country which can endure the wear of a "sixty-mile-an-hour" train, and until such are built the drawing power will continue to be suited to light beds. There is some progress in this direction but it is slow and the rock-ballasted roads are still few and far between. Railroad contractors continue to think the great desideratum is to "rail" as many miles as possible in a given time; not how well, but how much. But in this they only reflect public opinion. Yet we note a step in the right direction, which the year 1881, with its increased volume of trade has forced upon the railroads, as seen in the demand for heavier, more powerful freight engines, which in turn demand as surely, if not so speedily as the fast engine, a more substantial roadbed. The building of heavy locomotives has, indeed, been one of the main features of the past year with the various works, and the average weight of the 1,700 locomotives is considerably larger than that of any other year. Those of thirty-ton weight have to a great extent given way on the leading roads to others of forty and fifty tons, and several have been built that weigh sixty tons and have four sets of drivers.

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