# CHARGES GROWING NUMEROUS

The Bookwalter-Lansing Case Budding Into a Promising Sensation.

ROW AT THE WINDSOR HOTEL.

Albion's Escaped Murderer Heading for Lincoln-Tracing Royce's Package-Sabbath Events Briefly Epitomized-State Arrivals.

TEROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.]

The Bookwalter-Lansing case promises to be one of the biggest sensations of the year. The statement was published here vesterday that the action begun in the district court to compel Lansing to convey back the title to block 9 had been withdrawn, but it is not true. Mr. Norris, who has engaged Harwood, Ames & Kelly to look after Mr. Bookwalter's interests, says there has been no compromise. Mr. Lansing is understood to have requested Norris to wire Bookwalter to come on at once at his (Lansing's) expense, and he would explain matters, and this is the only move so far that even looks like an effort at settlement. Mr. Beok-walter will probably reach Lincoln today, when a conference will be held and future action determined upon. It is alleged that Mr. Bookwalter has more than the Defenbaugh transaction to de-mand an explanation of, in one instance, it is claimed, he sent Lansing \$4,000 to buy the Kieper property with, leaving the price and details entirely with him. Lausing reported that he had bought the property for \$3,900, and Bookwalter authorized him to forward a deed at \$1,000, the extra \$100 being his commission. Now, so the story goes, Norris has found that Lansing paid only \$2,750, instead of \$3,900 for the land. And thus the more one looks into the case the more complicated and numerous the charges become The BEE man will "nothing extenuate nor naught set down in malice," but print the cold facts from day to day as brought out by the probe of investiga-

LOOKING FOR ECKERT. A telegram was received by Marshal Beach, from the sheriff of Albion, Neb., yesterday, stating that J. T. Eckert broke jail there Saturday and could be expected in Lincoln to-day. The "wanted" man has a brother here, a stone mason and contractor, for whose home the Albion authorities think he will point.

TRACING ROYCE'S PACKAGE.
While in Omaha last week Officer Fow ler found at the office of the Pacific Express company the package shipped from Hastings by Royce, the burglar. It was addressed to H. G. Blair, and was awaiting a claimant, Royce having failed to call for it, owing to a pressing invitation from the Lincoln authorities to stay here, and explain what he was doing in the store of Baird Bros. on the night of the 20th. Contrary to Fowler's expectations the package contained nothing but wear; ing apparel, and the effort to connect Royce with the burglary of King & Huff man's jewelry store at Friend fell through Royce, by the way, made an unsuccessful effort Saturday to escape from the county jail, where he is held awaiting trial.

A ROW AT THE WINDSOR. Saturday's mail brought to Clerk Hig bee at the Windsor a copy of the bill of fare used on Christmas day at the Can-field house in Omaha. It was a beautiful production, and Higbee incidentally called the attention of his fellow elerk. Mr. Goodwin, to it, remarking, "Bob, that beats our bill." Goodwin afterwards reported the conversation to Nat. Brown, one of the landlords of the Windsor, and Brown, after filling up on whisky, pro-ceeded to show his displeasure by attacking Higbee in a brutal manner, pounding him until warned by Mr. Reeson and other guests to desist. Later in the day Higbee, by the advice of friends, had Brown arrested and taken to the police court where he pleaded guilty and was fined \$10. It is only a short time ago that Brown assaulted his partner, Jeff Glass, so severely that the latter is still suffering from the attack, and has a suit for \$25,000 damages pending. As Brown is a strong, able-bodied man of nearly 210 pounds, and both his victims are small men, publie opinion is naturally very strong against him. The trouble between Brown and Glass puts matters at the Windsor in an embarrassing condition, and as no arrangement to "buy or sell" can be made, the house will probably be forced into the hands of a receiver. Meanwhile Brown holds the fort and Goodwin offates as clerk, while Higbee is "on leave" with his salary continued by order of Glass. The property is a valuable one, and in the hands of competent men could be made to earn big money. Uncle Dick Kitchen, of the Paxton, was down Saturday night to look it over with a view to make an offer for it, but seeing the condition of affairs, went back to Omaha without even hinting at what he was willing to do.

BRIEF MENTION. S. L. Glasgour, a prominent attorney from Burlington, In., is stopping at the Windsor with his wife.

Captain Hotehkiss and the men of Co. D. N. N. G. celebrated Christmas by a target shoot near the fair grounds. The loss on Mr. Noble's house was adjusted at \$1,085 and on the furniture at

Dan H. Wheeler, jr., and his wife, are up from Omaha on a visit to friends, Charles Keith and Effie Davis returned home Friday in time to receive the congratulations of their many friends on their romantic marriage.

Early yesterday morning a sneak thief lifted six time overcoats and a valise from the store of Ewing, the clothier on O street. The valise was the property of Will Taver, and contained some valuable personal effects. No clue, other than that one of the coats was sold at P. S. George's store, has been found W. H. Perrine, book keeper at A. Ingram's, will start Tuesday on a visit to

friends in Chicago.

The funeral of James Heywood, the minstrel man, took place yesterday after-

STATE ARRIVALS Frank Tipton, Seward: A. Mandelburg Omaba: G. E. Hisson, Valparaiso: L. H Omana; G. E. Hixson, Valparaiso; L. H. Jewett, Broken Bow; C. S. Kathan, M. Rogers, Waverly, M. F. Stevens, Crete; O. P. Shallenberger, Hastings; H. P. Storns, Sterling; f. G. Hamer, Kearney; R. W. Johnson, Nebranska City; R. A. Blair, Fremont; F. Lancaster, Seward; John J. Cagney, Plattsmouth; J. O. Chase, Fairmount; P. Hobbs, Wymore; G. H. Hastings, Crete. G. H. Hastings, Crete.

#### THE GARDEN OF THE WEST. Phenomenal Growth of North Western

Kansas-Honest Land Officers. OBERLIN, Kan., Dec. 26.-[Special Correspondence.]-Northwestern Kansas is booming as no part of the west ever boomed before, and the rush for lands in Norton, Decatur, Rawlins. Cheyenne, Sherman, Thomas and the north half of Sheridan counties is indeed surprising, even to Nebraskans. This district, formerly controlled by the cattle kings of western Kansas and Nebraska, is certainly as tine soil and climate as lies west of the Missouri river and is being taken under the homestead and timber culture laws as fast as the register and receiver

can make out the papers
The completion of the Builington & Missoari River railroad from B publican City, Nebraska, to Oberlin, and the progress that road will make further west

next season, has infused new life into an once deserted country, and all feel jubilant over the advent of the railroad in their midst, for they know that where the Burlington & Missoari River railroad goes the country becomes thickly settled by industrious farmers, mechanics and business men generally, and prosperity is witnessed on every hand. No one, not even from lovely Nebraska, comes here and returns dissatisfied. On the other hand, they usually purelise or locate a claim upon lands just as pretty and productive as that portion of Nebraska along the railroad from Crete west.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE.
The United States land office for the northwestern district of Kansas is located here, and the officers are busy all the time. We Detailed Mr. Patchan, register, and Mr. Tally Scott, receiver, are both on the alert to see that no fraudulent entries are permitted, and the rolings of the honorable commissioner of the general land office are rigidly enforced. For their dermination to enforce the laws to the letter these men have incurred the dis-pleasure of rings and land grabbers, who e the end not far distant.

I understand efforts are being made to

defeat Mr. Scott's confirmation by some disappointed democrats, who were ex-pecting the position themselves, and others of both political shades, who have banded together for the purpose of gob-bling up all the best lands for grazing purposes, and especially all the lands adincent to the water courses. Mesers. Patchan and Scott are not slow in tumbling to the racket of these cattle monopolies, and the result is their schemes are being exposed and defeated at every corner they make. Hence, if they can suc-ceed in defeating Scott's confirmation, secure Patchan's removal, who is a re-publican, and induce Mr. Cleve-land to lay General Sparks, the commissioner, on the shelf by sending him abroad, and the appointment of men who will wink at their fraudulent entries they expect to succeed in running the country again as they did when the cowboy held mailimited control of this vast region of land and shot down all those who attempted to move on and occupy the best lands there are in the state of Kansas. It will be a bad day for the poor homesteader on the western prairies when the United States senate REPUSES TO CONFIRM GENERAL SPARKS as commissioner of the general land office. He may have made some rulings that are not consistent with some of the rulings of his predecessors, but so far as I can learn none but the land grabbers and cattle kings are kicking, while the actual settler who came from other states to build up a home for himself and chil-dren is well pleased with all he has done and is doing to enforce the law and sec that the land is occupied by actual set-

Having had some little experience in the land department of the government, the writer knows what he is talking about when he asserts that Commissioner rulings, or at least most of them, will be fully indorsed by the masses as time progresses; and with such officers to manage the local office at Oberlin as Tully Scott and H. S. Patchan, the honest settler need have no fears when he moves upon and occupies the land in good faith. J. W. Pearman.

### ANARCHY'S MINIONS. Socialistic Jaw Workers and Wind

Wasters Hold Meetings. Cincago, Dec. 27.—Seventy-five or one hundred representatives of the socialistic element of Chicago held their usual Sunday meeting to-day, and occupied an hour or so in discussing "Needs of Socialism." Contrary to the expectations of a good many people in the city, yesterday's dynamite sensation was not touched upon. Vere few in-flammatory expressions were indulged in. There was a large attendance at a mass meeting of the Central Labor union held today at which a number of anarchists were present. George Schilling delivered quite a lengthy address on the advantages of the eight hour system, and Paul Grottken, speak-ing on the same subject, took occasion to refor to anarchists as an injury to the eight hour law through their extreme views on the labor question. The anarchists present greeted this remark with hisses, but were al lowed to remain, after a discussion as to the advisability of turning them out of the meeting. Among others the following resolution Resolved. That this meeting condemns the

hypocritical and unfriendly position taken by anarchists with regard to the eight hour demand of the proletarians and in cons quence hindering the accomplishment of the roletarians. No f rther light was thrown on the myste-

rious attempt to blow up Judge Trees' dwell-

An Octognarian Murdered. FOXBORO, Mass., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Elizabeth Arrington, a widow, aged 80, was murdered here at a late hour on Friday night or early

Saturday morning. Mrs. Arrington had for a long time occupied a cottage at the corner of Baker and Chestnut streets, where she of Baker and Chestian streets, where she lived alone and was in humble circumstances. Her lifeless body was found yesterday morning laying upon the kitchen floor. The head was covered with blood, which had flowed from deep womans on the head and neck. Mrs. Arrington was a pleasant old lady, and was generally beloved by the townspeople. No motive for the crime is known, and no ciue to the murderer.

Mother and Babe Fatally Burned. PITTSBURG, Dec. 27,-Mrs. Barbara Meyers and her 2-year-old child died to-day from in-

juries received last night by the explosion of a lamp, which the little one, who was playing about the room accidently upset. Almost instantly there was an explosion which scattered the burning fluid over the room, the flames enveloping the mother and child. In her fright Mrs. Meyers jumped from a second story window, and besides being terribly burned received in juries which resulted in her death this mening. The resulted in her death this morning. The baby, who was burned almost to a crisp, during the night, and both were buried this alternoon.

Going to Protect the Indians. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27,-Pursuant to instructions from the secretary of war at Washington, yesterday, orders were issued to-day ington, yesterday, orders were issued to day to troops A and K, Second cayalry, to proceed to Arizona. They are being dispatched to protect the Indians on San Carlos reservation from a threatened attack by the whites, Major Gordon will command the cayalry. The date of their departure will not be fixed until dispatches have been received from General Crook indicating a point in Arizona for the troops to take an position. Arizona for the troops to take up position.

Assumed the Solemn Vows. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27 .- At the convent of the Sacred Heart to day, the solemn ceremonies attendant upon the admission of thirteen young ladies to that institution were performed. Of this number three took the last so eam yows from which they can never be released. Four took the first yows and six were admitted as novices. The ceremonies were performed by Yhear General Brady of St. Louis. Among the young ladies was Miss Foly of Omaha.

Doped With Posoned Whisky. DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 27, -John N. Barker, of the Soldiers' Home, Lite of the Third Iown artillery, was found dead in a valoon in the western part of the city to-day. When he came to the city he had about \$1,300 in his possession. But afty cents was found on his person. The neighborhood is full of low dives and it is supposed he was sest ranked and then doped with poisoned whisky.

After Twenty-Five Years.

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 27,-James L. Sigmond, brother of one of the most prominent citizens of this county, was brought to this city last night by a detective, and furned over to the sheriff of Rockcastle county. Ky., to which place he will be taken to answer for a murder committed twenty-live years ago. The prisoner was arrested at his home in on, Grandy county, where he has resided for ten years.

A special inducement will be given at Elgutter's mammouth clothing house un-til December 25th, 1885.

A Defense of the Supreme Court in Its Decision in the Case.

An Important Precedent of Law Established to Govern in Future Criminal Procedure in This State -The Trial Reviewed.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 26. [To the Editor.]—The Nebraska City Press has been asking for an expression of the press. of the state on the hanging of Bohannon. In a recent number of that paper the edifor says: "In his first trial Bohaunon was acquitted of that degree of murder of which death is the penalty. His second trial was, or should have been, to determine the degree of his guilt comprehended in, lesser, and certainly not above murder in the second degree. If he is hanged on the 15th of next month the act will be one contrary to the constitution of the United States and of the state of Nebraska, and will be nothing more nor ess than murder under the doubtful sanction of the supreme court, that availed itself of the merest technicality in sustaining the last verdiet."

If you will grant me the space in your paper, I shall try to answer what I think n unjust and unwarrantable criticism upon the action of the supreme court in the somewhat celebrated case above referred to. The supreme court, by its de-cision in that case, has established an imortant rule of law that shall govern ereafter in the criminal practice of this tate. While that rule makes it legal and necessary for Bohannon to yield up his life on the gallows unless, upon an investigation of the matter, the supreme court of the United States shall decide it has urisdiction to determine the matter (I do not believe it will so hold), and reverses the supreme court of the state, yet I beeve it to be a good rule and supported by reason and good legal precedents.

In answer to the first proposition of the Press, viz: "His second trial was or should have been to determine the degree of his guilt comprehended in Jesser, and

certainly not above murder in the second I quote largely from the legree. opinion of our supreme court in this case.
Judge Reese, speaking for the court,
says: "In the case of the State vs
Beheimer supra (found 20 Ohio state, 572), Judge White in writing the opinion of the court thus states the question for decision: The question for decision therefore is whether the legal effect of granting a new trial was to set aside the whole verdict and leave the case for retrial upon the same issues on which it was first tried, or whether the retrial was properly limited by the court to the de-gree of homicide of which the defendant ad been found guilty, and to the inferior degree of manslaughter. The question is discussed at considerable length and with a good degree of logic and reason, and it was finally held that the defendant in the prosecution could be put upon a second trial upon the whole of the indictment, the same as though there had been no previous trial and verdict. In the course of the opinion, the learned judge makes use of the following language: But the effect of setting aside the verdict finding the defendant guilty was to leave at issue and undetermined the fact of the homicide; also the fact whether the defendant committed it, if one was committed. The legal presumption on his plea of not guilty was innocence; and the burden was on the state to prove every essential fact. The only effect, therefore, that could be given to so much of the verdict as acquitted the defendant of murder in the first degree, after the rest of it had been set aside, would be to regard it as qualities of an act while the fact of the existence of the act was undetermined. This would be a verdict to the effect that if the defendant committed the homicide, he did it without deliberate and oremeditated malice. There can be no egal determination of the character of matice of a defendant in respect to a

plea, he is in law presumed to be inno-"Upon the question of the entirety of the verdict it is said: 'But upon mature consideration we are of opinion that the verdiet is severable only when there is a conviction or acquittal on different counts for separate and distinct offenses, or where there are several defendants. but that where there is but one defendant and in fact but one offense, the verdict is entire. The cause was taken to the supreme court upon the exceptions of the state's attorney, and the decision could in no way affect the rights of defendant in the prospection; but the rule of law was stated by the court as follows. Where on trial for murder, the defend ant is found guilty of a lower degree of homicide than the highest degree charged in the indictment and on his motion a new trial is granted, the effect of granting a new trial is to set aside the whole verdiet and leave the case for retrial up-

homicide which he is not found to have

on the same issues as upon the first trial. The decision and ruling of the supreme court of Ohio, referred to in the above, are approved by our supreme court. Of this opinion Roese, J., speaking for the court, says: "That it is just it seems to us cannot be questioned. That it is necesary for the protection of the law abiding citizen is equally clear, and the fact that many of the states have incorporated a provision to that effect in their crimina aws gives weight and force to the statement? To what our supreme court has said, I might add that the supreme court of the state of Missouri had adopted the rule contended for by counsel for Bohan non and by the editor of the Nebraska City Press, and by numerous decisions sustained it in cases raising the question raised in Bohannon's case. The rule was in force for many years and the legislature of that state failing to abolish it by any legislative enactment, the people of that state adopted a new constitution in 1875, and abrogated the rule est blished by the supreme court of that state and which our supreme court has been asked to establish in this state. In commenting upon the matter of the change in the fundamental law of Missouri the United States supreme court has said, in the cel-ebrated King case: "There is no ques-tion of the right of the state of Missouri, either by her fundamental law or by an either by her fundamental law or by an ordinary act of legislation, to abolish this rule, and that it is a valid law as to all offenses committed after its enactment." The foregoing language of the supreme court of the United States fully answers. I think, the statement that "if Bolumnon is langued the net will be contrary to the constitution of United States and the state of Nebraska." The highest legal tribunal in the land has said that the people of the state of Missouri had that the people of the state of Missouri had the right to abolish the rule contended by Bohannon's counsel and the Nobraska Press, by an ordinary act of the legisla-ture. Yet the legislature could not have passed any laws, or established any rules of practice in criminal cases, in conflict with the "bill of rights." It seems to me, therefore, that it must be conceded that the decision of one supreme court is not

The Press further says that if Bohannon is hanged, it will be nothing more nor less than murder under the doubtful sanction of the supreme court, that availed itself of the merest technicalities In sustaining the last verdict. This is an unjust attack upon the action of the superior court. Only three errors were complained of and relied on for a rever-sal of the case by Bohannon, through his attorneys, in his petition in error, and blessed days of relief they are to me.

son shall be twice put in jeopardy for the

ond degree was an acquittal of murder in the first degree and a bar to a conviction of murder in the first degree at any subsequent trial. Second, that the court erred in overraling defendant's challenge to one of the jurors called into the jury box, but he did sit in the trial of the case. Third, misconduct of the assistant pros-center in his speech to the jury in refer ring to the Cincinnati riets.
The dirst of these alleged errors I have already noticed at too great length. No

complaint is made as to the ruling of the complaint is made as to the ruling of the supreme court upon the other two. It was not contended that the evidence, at the last trial, did not warrant a convic-tion of murder in the first degree, and the prisoner's counsel virtually admit that it was sufficient to support the verdict rendered, as they did not press that question in their argument on their motion for a new trial nor before the supreme court. The holding of our supreme court upon the question of firmer jeopardy is well supported by the decisions of the supreme Kansas, Indiana and Kentucky. In view of this fact and everything else connected with the case, I can not tell what "the merest technicality" is, referred to by the Nebraska City Press. I assisted in presenting this case to the supreme court, and believe the decision to be a just one But if it is unwarranted it should not be upheld. Until better reasons are offered than I have yet heard or read, I shall endorse the decision of our supreme court.

J. B. STRODE.

### HOW HE "GOT THERE."

Chas. H. Hoyt, the Funny Dramatist,

and How He Won Fame. Mr. Chas. H. Hoyt arrived last night with the company representing his latest creation," A Tin Soldier," billed for tonight and to-morrow evening at the opera house. Mr. Hoyt is traveling as manager of this one of his several successes. and thus has opportunity to study popular sentiment in the greeting of his work over a wide range of territory and among various peoples, as it were. The methods of successful workmen is always an interesting theme. It is a sort of aggravating pleasure to read how of aggravating pleasure to read how hides for \$3.00 a piece to the traders, easily great achievements have been. The Indians do not live in one great body compassed and the prize of success plucked from before our very noses. where our purblind senses had failed to recognize it. It would, however, be cheating Mr. Hoyt of a large measure of the credit due him to call his success the fruit of a lucky thought, although he modestly says on that point, "I have been very fortunate." So he has, but he coined his fortune largely in the mint of his own genus, and his attainments are

wholly of his individual earning. Those who have studied the construction of one of Mr. Hoyt's comedy farces have appreciated the fact that the stage work and by play have taxed the sources of the author as much as the lit-erary portion. It must seem a mystery to the uninitiated how the dramatist went about bringing in the buffoonery; how at the reading of certain lines, for instance, a character is made to rush in and ex-plode a torpedo on the bald cranium of another, or how simultaneously with one antic the whole cast cut a grand collective caper which brings down the house. Mr. Hoyt's plays are full of this funny business, and although it would seem a greater part of it would be discovered and suggested in the rehearsals, he says such is not the case. He works in all of it in the seclusion of his studio, interit in the seclusion of his studio, inter-jecting it between the flashes of wit and satire which constitute his lines. He studies the situation and by some intuitive gift, per-haps, foresees its happy effect at each point. Indeed so seldom does he miscaleu-late that he holds the nature as in the conlate that he holds the actors strictly to his allowing very little "originality." Once in a while a really good thing is suggested Daniels, the Sport" in A Rag Baby, originated the catch lines, "You and me had better have an understanding. I guess you'll have to get another boy." I flowever actors in to get another boy.' working in their own inspirations frequently blunt the humor they seek to sharpen, and Mr. Hoyt believes in hold-

ing closely in check.
The titles of his plays are no unique than the creations themselves, and much speculation is excited by their oddity and lack of application. "A Bunch of Keys" was arbitrarily selected o cover the great hotel farce, which was Mr. Hoyt's first fancy. He caught the idea of this play from a little which came under his on in a Vermont t servation in a Vermont town. Mr. Hoyt strangely enough claims that he is incompetent to conceive a plot. This statement is largely to be doubted, plot. is a mind of such unquestionable genius is rarely short of conceptive qualities, and Mr. Hoyt will find himself some day better endowed than he thinks. It has so far occurred, however, that he has adopted the plots from previously existing plays. The "Rag Baoy" is "Young Mrs. Winthrop," and the "Tin Soldier" is the "Silver King."

Mr. Hoyt is yet a young man and is

to-day cefebrated at twenty-six. He was formerly a journalist, being connected or some years with the Boston Post. that paper he ground out the daily grist of fun in the All Sorts column until he discovered his real calling and knocked off paragraphing for play writing.

Destructive Fires. NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Dec. 26.—Early this orning fire broke out in Boardman's grocery in Adams block and extended to the Maonic block. Equitable buildings, Tenney's hoe factory and the private residence of G. . Finney, all of which were destroyed, causng a loss of \$80,000, partially insured. teen business places were burned out and 150 hands thrown out of work. Engines were ent from Newburyport and Haverhill. Joeph Hisley and George A. Chase were both ustantly killed by failing walls, and six oth-COLLINSVILLE, Ala., Dec. 26.-A fire destroyed eight stores, a large quantity of cotton and the depot of the Alabama & Great Southern railroad to day. Loss heavy, but

not estimated. Detroit's Church Rowa

DETROIT, Dec. 28.—The serious outbreak among the Polish parishoners of St. Alberta's Catholic church, w leh occurred yesterday morning in front of the house of Basil Lemkie, in which it is estimated 6000 were engaged, in which one man was shot and killen y the police, it was teared would be renewed his morning. A large crowd assembled bool St. Alberta's church, but dispersed without doing anyldamage.

1111 Why He Enjoyed Ocean Travel. Chiengo Herald: "Have I ever been to furrupa" exclaimed the middle aged and

bald headed passenger; "should say I had. Haif a dozen times. Like it?" Rather, "Tain't so much Yurrup I care for as the ocean voyages. How I'do love occum trips, though? "Don't you get sen-sick?"
"Sen-sick? I should say I did. Why.

in conflict with that part of the constitu-tion of this state which says: "No per-I just lie in my berth five days out of the ght and hope the internal ship will sink i ten miles of water. There seems to be whole slaughter house inside of me. I feel like a sick egg. But I enjoy it all the

same, you bet, "Enjoy it all the same, you bet, "Enjoy a voyage under such circumstances? How do you make that out."

"Well, you see, my wife she's always along with me. She gets sick, toosicker'n I do. In fact, she gets so sick that she can't talk till after we've anchored on the other side, and if I were to try for a week I confide thell you what

# HANGING OF QUIN BOHANNON. they were as follows: First, that the SIOUX AND THEIR CUSTOMS.

An Interesting Interview with a Trader from Pine Ridge Reservation.

Red Cloud and the Agent-Indian Photographs-Spotted Tail's Murder-Sioux Name "te.

Mr. George E. Bartlett, a trader on the Pine Ridge reservation, was in the city yesterday on his way east for business purposes. He called on his old friend Mr. Emery, of the Omaha detective association, and there a BEE reporter had the pleasure of an hour's chat with him. Mr. Bartlett is yet a young man, but his life from early youth has been spent among the Sioux, and he is as well acquainted with their customs, language and history as a member of the tribe. Mr. Bartlett is not prejudiced by any interests, to distort facts, and as he is an intelligent and observing man, he affords more facts of interest and importance relative to the national wards of the Pine Ridge and Rosebud agencies than any one recently inter-

viewed from those frontier districts.

"The Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri
Valley railway extension," said he in
reply to a question upon that point, "has
proven to the agency the most beneficial
step yet taken in that region. The line
at Gordon is only twent six miles south at Gordon is only twenty-six miles south of the agency, and freighting from that point is not the tremendous job that hauling supplies over hundreds of miles esting fact, perhaps not generally known, that Indians are paid a liberal toll for freighting their own rations into the reservation. There are now 8,000 Sionx and about 2,000 Pawnees on the Pine Ridge, and they are all revelling to fatness in the liberal government bounty. The cash annuities are large, and the clothing, rations, blankets, and household goods are sufficient for their comtort. Game abounds on the reservation. and every month two hundred and fifty eattle of butcher stock are driven in. These the Indians kill and eat, selling the about the agency as many suppose, but are scattered over the reservation in camps and small communities, five, ten, twenty and even lifty miles from the agency. Each of these small towns, as you may choose to call them, set up some male member whom they call chief, but his sway is a mockery of the dominion of the warrior kings who in aborignal times spread the glory and terror of the Sionx nation from the great rivers to the mountains."

RED CLOUD AND M'GILLICUDDY. 'How about Red Cloud and his claim to the chieftaincy, and on that point tell me

something about his trouble with Dr. McGillicuddy," asked the reporter.
"Red Cloud is a weak-minded old scamp, and his assumption of leadership is discountenanced by the large body of Sioux. He has the following of a few Indians and a number of 'squaw men.' These last are whites who settle among the Indians and marry squaws. They are all almost without exception shiftless, worthless knaves, although I know one or two old fellows who frequently come into my store who are harmless, good natured men. But the 'squaw men' as a class are a troublesome lot, they who have incited old Red Cloud to many of his 'kicks' against the agent. McGillieuddy has a bad opinion of 'squaw men' and has given them frequent occasions to understand his sentiments. They therefore do not love him, and have found in Red Cloud a pliant tool for annoying the doctor. That is the truth of the whole matter. The Indians and all the traders like McGillicuddy, and directions, permitting no digressions and allowing vary little periodity. Once devoted to interests of the Indians and the promotion of the peace, prosperity owing civilization which he has established since entering his office."

A MURDER PICTORIALLY RECOUNTED. Mr. Bartlett had with him a number of photographs of scenes about the reserva-tion as well as the likenesses of all the distinguished Sioux of both Pine Ridge and Rosebud agencies. Aglance through the album with explanatory remarks on each portrait by Mr. Bartlett is full of interest. The photos were taken by an itinerant artist who worked to his monetary profit upon the vanity of the Indians,

it the work is very good, for all that.
"This is Spotted Tail, the great chief of all the Sioux nation, who was murdered about five years ago," and Mr. Bartlett pointed to a card photograph of a majestie Indian seated as on a throne, clad in all the glory of feathered head dress, braided hair and beaded buckskin robes through the folds of which protruded an arsenal of pistol butts, knife hilts, hatchet helves and other weapons of Indian war

"And this is Crow Dog, the murderer of Spotted Tail," continued Mr. Bartlett as he turned to a cabinet picture. subject was a man in civilian's attire, but with features of the strongest red skin east. He stood in the paraded atti titude which is common to photlographic subjects under an artist of poor taste. One hand rested his weight upon a table, his left leg was thrown across his right and was poised conventionally on the point of its boot, while his disengaged hand rested on his hip and grasped a broad felt hat. The expression was as severely blank as the countenance can assume staring into space before a camera. The long hair which fell loose-ly over his shoulders crowned the whole and gave poor Crow Dog more the appearance of an Indian quack of the eastern village kind who was suffering from a dose of his own medicine rather than the red handed murderer that he is. "What were the circumstances of the killing affair, and how did Crow Dog hap-

pen to escape the vengeance of the law and the wrath of Spotled Tail's followers and relatives?"

The murder was the climax of a feud of long standing between the two men, but as no one except the principals wit-nessed the affair little is known of the circumstances. The two men met in the road near the Rosebad agency one day. P:stol shots attracted men in the office of the agency and on running out they found the great chief lying doad in the dust, the blood pouring from a half dozen bullet wounds while Crow Dog stood calmity by releading his empty revolver. row Dog was arrested, but some hitch secured his acquital, and he still lives among his people. Once in a while young Spotted Tail makes talk of ven-geance, but he will never do anything. Here is his picture."

MORE INDIAN PHOTOGRAPHS. The "sou of the old man" is a young buck about twenty years old, and had his picture taken in all the glory of a jeans coat braided hair, laced-front [woollen shirt and a highly organicatal neckerchief. He looks dull and is said to be, both in point of intelligence and prowess, a most degenerate son of a nuble sire." Spotted Tail was a really great man, a sachem and warrior among his people, and a elever diplomat in his relations with the whites. He, like the old Napoleon, had asplied to found a dynasty in his tribe, but nature cheated his hopes with unworthy progeny, and his family has fallen back to the rank and file.

Scares-the-Enomy had taken a splendid

picture, and presented the linest speci-men of red-skin manhood yet seen in the album. This buck is a young man of wonderfully fine physique and intelligent well formed features. Alas, his record is tarnished by one piece of maifeasance. One day, after the death of a member of his family, he was obeying the customs of his people by wailing from the summit of | career.

a small butte, when a man came along driving a load of hay. In the agony of his grief Scares-the-Enemy took a reckess shot at this individual and hit him in the fleshy portion of the hip. For this outrage he served a few nonths' penal

imprisonment. Since that time he has been very well behaved. Stands First graced a card in his native costume. This gentleman is noteworthy from the fact that he has so compromised his credit that he can't get "tick". He is a confidence man and works all new arrivals, white or red, with some racket

that is always damaging to the pockets A card picture of a stately and demure looking redskin in regimentals, sitting by the side of a kindly faced squaw, aroused the reporter's interest. "This is Captain George Sword, as his original name of George Sword, as his original hand. He Who Bears the Sword has been civil-ized. He is the captain of the fifty at Pine Ridge, and is the most reliable redskin I ever met. He is bonest and pious, and at the same time valorous and daring. He regularly at-tends Sabbath services at the Episcopal mission which has recently been opened there, and discharges the duties of his office with an intelligence and discrimin-

ation that has won for him the perfect confidence of all on the agency." Mr. Bartlett had numerous other phographs, but the most interesting of them have been cited. INDIAN NOMENCLATURE

"How do Indians receive such singular and significant names?" was asked. "The ceremony of christening is not very elaborate nor the influences of name selection always the same. Differing sig-nally from their white brothers, they do net worry for months beforehand for a suitable name for the 'little angel.' It frequently happens that a pappoose is far advanced in youth before the matter of his name is thought of, and then for some performance or exploit or suggestive event he may be named at once. instance, the great and brave Stoux, Young - Man - Afraid - of - His - Horses, was dubbed that for slying, when a child, from some flery cayuse his stern father was forcing him to mount. Again it occurs that a child is christened on the moment of its birth from some co-incident circum-For example, at the nativity of stance. Bear - Running - Through-the-Woods, his father may have glanced out of the wigwam door and seen a grizzly scampering through adjacent timber, a sight inspir-ing a title for his heir. Rain-in-the-Face, the Sioux who is said to have killed Cus ter in that terrible fight on the Little Big Horn, was born in bad weather, and a gust of wind blowing in a spray of rain wet the face of the new born infant, a most apt suggestion for his name. One remarkable feature of Indian nomenclature is that the selections are frequently unchaste and at times shockingly inde-cent. Although they have instincts of modesty, such as discountenance ex-posure of person or lewdness of any character, there is no such thing as vul-

garity in the speech of the Indian. All themes are open to mention in the presence of both men and women and matters on which we would feel utmost delicacy are freely discussed between them. The propriety of this is insured by the innocence in which custom allows it. The Indian knows nothing of the salacious, fifthy converse largely common to his more enlightened white brother. He cannot appreciate the vicious pleasure excited by a vulgar yarn, for to him the subject is matter-of-fact and not under the ban of indecency. However, you would have to laugh amid your blushes if a list of some of these household titles were read off to you. Their mentionable names are peculiar enough. There is Walks-Under the Ground, Kills-the-Enemy-Aloue, Not-Afraid-of-Pawnee, Poor-Bear, Hunts-H.s. Horses, Coyote-Howls-to-the-Moon, Bull-With-One-Horn, Eats-Raw-Meat, Builds-His-House-by-the-River, Don't-Like-His-Pipe, Climbs-Cottonwood-Tree, and countless other such long drawn out names. Their length is accounted for by the peculiar construction of the language. Rest assured the names are not so long in the Sioux tongue. It frequent y occurs that one short word expresses all there is in the translation. Thus, if a chief on a trail wishes to leave orders behind him for a following detachment, he can write it on a piece of bark made fast to a pole, which he plants on the trail. In so doing he may leave but one word, and yet those few letters can convey an order to 'follow the picked trail to the third butte and turn to the south two hour's ride, where I will join you.' That is the reason that the Indians frequently have such long names when translated. Were they so unwieldy in their own speech they would not be made use of any more than among us."

# HIS DEATH-BED WISH.

Realization of the Dving Request of

the Late Senator Sharon. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.-United States Circuit Judge Sawyer Saturday morning rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiff in the suit of Sharon vs Hill, brought to declare void the alleged matriage contract. The action was brought by Schator Sharon against Sarah Althea Hill to declare null and void the contract upon which Superior Judge Sullivan granted the defendant a divorce from the plaintiff a year ago. The deafter stating the evidence in the case. 731 pages of legal cap written with a type writer. The decision says the principal question is whether the alleged declaration of marriage is genuine or forged. Much space is devoted to an analysis of Fig. testimony of chirographic experts from which the court de-cides that the testimony is largely in favor of the plaintiff, and proves, far as such evidence can that the signature to the document is forged. It also holds from the same testi-mony that the word 'wife' in the 'my dear wife'' letters are tracines substituted for wife" letters are tracings substituted for other words. The opinion concludes by stat-ing that the alleged marriage contract is a forgery and the decree is null and void. The main opinion is by Judge Deady of the United States district court of Oregon, and contains 24,000 words. Judge Sawyer filed the concurring opinion. the concurring opinion.

A Bloody Christmas Box. CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Thomas King, living on Cologne street, in a quarrel Christmas night, murdered his wife by beating out her brains with a chair. He was arrested by the police in the arternoon. King remained in the house until morning, when he informed a sister of the murdered woman what he had

done, and then disappeared. King was a chronic drinker, and his wife allo was frequently intoxicated. She leaves no Young Kittson's Drunken Freak. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-The supreme court to-day denied the motion of Mrs. Mary Kittson, otherwise Minule Clark, for alimony

rational, ran into the rear of the second section near Pairindelphia Cross Bond, 40 miles north of this city, wricking bein teams and slightly injuring two men. Immediately after the collision the wreck took are and legal cars of cole and merchandise were destroyed. The loss will probably reach \$30,000. The cause of the accident is not known.

Skating Rinks Fail. C: BVELAND, Dec. 27.—Last week the Casino roller rink, one of the funciest midlingtions of the kind in the city went into hentruptey, and yesterday the Legrand rink, on Euclid avenue, a \$17,000 structure, followed

muit. This morning at 1,30 o'clock a team of horses attached to a dirt wagon without a body went flying down Douglas street, having left their driver beand them. They were caught at I welith, where one

# FOOD FOR COMMON SWINE

Another Addition to the Mysterious Trag dies of Austin, Texas.

FOUND DEAD IN A BARN YARD.

An Eight-Year-Old Boy Devoured by Hogs-The Mysterious Death of the Youth's Father-Wife and Mother Under Arrest.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 27.-No clue has yet been unearthed to the mysterious tragedies of Christmas eve. Mrs. Phillips, one of the victims, was buried yesterday. Mrs. Hancock is auconscious and is slowly dying. James Phillips is also dying. His wounds are worse than at first supposed.

The community was again horrified yesterday by the discovery of a series of crimes even more inhuman than the others. The remains of Claude Eames, a little S-year-old white child, were found in a barn-yard of his mother's premises, in the village of Clarksville, a few miles west of Austin. Swine were devouring the body and when discovered they had eaten all the flesh from the bones but the features were recognized. Last August Hugh Fames, the father, mysteriously died and the coroner's jury declared that he had been poisoned by unknown hands. About the time of his death Charles Courtney became a boarder in the family, which comprised Mrs. Fames and two children, Dollie, aged 11, and Claude. The unhatural mother fred to give the children away, pleading poverty. A couple of weeks age she told her neighbors she had given Dollie to a select teacher down the river. Monday night Mrs. Fames visited a neighborshoring family and asked the privilege of spending the night. She said she had given Claude away to a family in Lampassas and that Courtney being absent she was atraid to sleep in the house alone. The next morning the woman departed for Austin.

Courtney returned yesterday, found the house deserted and discovered the body of Claude, which had been buried a foot deep and uprooted by hogs. Intense excitement prevailed when the news of the murder reached Austin. Courtney was arrested on suspicion. Search is being made for Dollie. ed they had eaten all the flesh from the bones

reached Austin. Courtoey was arrested on suspicion. Search is being made for Dollie, who it is certain has been murdered. No one saw her leave the village. The husband's death is also attributed to the hendish wife. The police to-night traced the woman to San Autonio and are looking for her.

The chief of police received a telegram rom San Antonia last night, stating Mrs. from San Antonia last night, stating Mrs, Eames, whose little son was found dead in the back yard of her premises, had been arrested in San Antonio and would be brought here to-day. The city council and citizens' committee on safety both held a prolonged session last night with closed doors, considering means for uncarthing the perpetrators of the series of cimes that horrined the city and preventing the summary execution of the criminals when apprehended. It is believed that the committee on safety has discovered an important clue. Several thousand dollars have been subscribed in this city to aid in ferreting out the assassins.

### THE SOCIALISTS' SYSTEM.

A Dynamite Bomb Placed on Judge Lambert Tree's Doorstep. CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The police discovered

vesterday afternoon what is thought to have been an attempt to wreck the residence of Lambert Tree, of this city, who is now United States minister at Brussels. The building is one of the most expensive in Chicago, and has been unoccupied since Mr. Tree's departure for Europe. A dynamite bomb was discovered under the front door-way and a fuse was attached. The police were informed and took the explosive away, it was set off on the lake front by them when the terrine force of the explosive was

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disclosed. The noise was heard many blocks
and frozen ground to the depth of six feet
was torn up. There is no clew to the perpetrators or their intentions.

Up to 11 o'clock last night the police were
unable to furnish any cluc as to who are the
perpetrators of the deed. Though there has
been no socialistic demonstration for several months of any account, it is prefly generally surnised that some socialist attempted the demolition of Judge Tree's mansion "for the good of the cause." There are no evidences good of the cause, to make this theory seem probable, but in the absence of any other it continues to hold. The police are still investigating the affair.

# NO ADVICE NEEDED.

Gov. Stoneman's Caustic Comment on the Chinese Question. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 27.-Gov. Stone

man yesterday received a dispatch from Secretary Bayard from Washington, in which the writer states that his attention has been called by the Chinese minister to movements in different cities in this state for the expulsion of Chinese. The minister suggests that it is preferable to prevent violence than to repress it after it may have arisen. In reply repress it after it may have arisen. In reply to Secretary Bayard Governor Stone-man telegraphed: "There has not been a single act of violence toward the Chinese of this state, nor do I anticipate any trouble which cannot be controlled by the local authorities. There is a deep-scated and unanimous feeling on the coast against further immigration of Chinese. Thousands of good clips as are unable to obtain a livelihood owing to their presence." tain a livelihood owing to their presence."
In conclusion he says: "Referring to the suggestions of the Chinese minister to yourself as to the proper method of preserving good order in this state, I may say we are capable of performing that duty without gratuitous suggestions from that quarter."

# SCHAEFER THE CHAMPION.

The Curly-Headed Cue Manipulator

Wins the Deci-ive Game. CHICAGO, Dec. 27.-Schaefer and Slosson played the final game in the balk line billiard tournament last night in the presence of about 300 speciators. With the help of good play and two or three magnificent runs Schaefer won the game and carned the title of champion of the world.

In the twenty-third inning Schaefer, by marvelous tursing and position play, made 87 and then lost the rail by a miscue. He soon got it back, however, and went a ong at

soon got it back, however, and went along at a beautiful gait until he stopped at 15 on a long bank shot, which he had to play to get the balls out of balk. The score then stood: Schnefer 447, Slosson 431.

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Schnefer 448, and did not ran down until he recial of a han bome ran of 110, which ended with being kissed out. In the 27th Slosson made 71, and the score was, Schnefer 652, Slosson 527. Noffling dounted, Schnefer took up the business, and with what was probably the most superiodilland exhibition ever seen under like circumstances, ran out the game with 148. the game with 148.
Schnefer's total, 800; average, 2° t7-28; highest run, 188. Sileson's total, %.7° average, 18 16-27; highest run, 79.

Unsettled Canadian Politics.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 27.-It is reperfed that a general ele tion in the Dominion has Kittson, otherwise Minule Clark, for alimony and counsel tees in the suit brought by her for separation from 1L L. Kittson, to whom she claims she was married in April last. Kittson alleges that he has no knowledge of the marriage, and that if must have taken place when he was drunk.

A Rear End Collision.

Pritsmand, Disc. 23.—This morning the third division of treight No. 5. Pandandle railroad, ran into the rear of the second section. been decided on. Sir John MacDonald fears,

> A British Bark on the Books. Victoria, B. C. Dec. 27.—During the prevalence of a thick fog the British back Arabella, fumber-laden for Abstralia, went ashore Friday night on the rocks of Traff assore Friday hight on the rocks of Trail island, a few miles from this port. In efforts to get her off the lar Pliet was also standed. Both vessels remain hard and tast. Stanners have gone to their assistance. Their position is perfous if a southeast wind springap, as a neary surf breaks on the side where the vessels ite. The Pliet is owned by K. Hunsmur & Sons, or Victoria, and is valued at \$50,000; insured.

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### at \$50,000; insured. A Terriffic Gate.

SANDICKY, Dec. 25.—A terring northeast gale has prevailed here since yesterday noon, and to-day the wind is blowing harder than of them fell and stopped their flying ever. The upper end of the bay is clean of