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#### THE BEE PUBLISHING COMPANY, PROPRIETORS. E. ROSEWATER, EDITOR.

CINCINNATI will put down \$4,000,000 worth of granite block street pavement next summer. Omaha will put down many thousand yards of wooden block pavements during the same period. Comment is needless.

GOVERNOR ELI MURRAY, of Utah, steps gracefully down and out by presidential request. The old gentile war cry of "Get there Eli" will no longer be heard in the region of the tabernacle and endowment

G. M. HITCHCOCK proposes to defeat W. F. Bechel for the city council by a cittens' movement. If G. M. Hitchcock does not have any better success than he did with the last citizens' movement Mr. Beehel will continue to represent Mr. Hitchcock's ward in the council.

WHAT is the republican party gaining by Mr. Edmunds' contest with the president? Republican leaders apologize for the waste of time by claiming party advantage. Where is it and from whence is it to come? This is what both party and public are anxious to determine.

THE civil service commission has been reorganized. A new line of questions will now be submitted to candidates who have been busy for weeks in figuring out the distance from Jupiter to the moon and in wrestling with the problems of the higher mathematics in order to secure n \$1,000 clerkship in the postoffice department. The civil service commission is a first-class humbug, and Messrs. Edgerton, Lyman and Oberly cannot materially change its fossilized uselessness.

THE secret session of the senate is a humbug and a snare. It is a humbug because its proceedings are always made more or less public if it is to the interest of any senator to do so. It is a snare because when removed from public gaze and criticism senators say and do things of national concern which they would de cline to say and do if the busy reporters were on hand to publish notes of the debates and transactions. Senator Van Wyck is right. The secret session ought to go. It is contrary to the spirit of our government which is founded on the transaction of public business in public by representatives of the people. The secret session is virtually a star chamber. It makes each senator who partakes of its deliberations responsible only to himself for his conduct and his vote. It removes the transaction of public business from public gaze. It is undemocratic and contrary to the spirit of

THE announcement that Hon. Charles P. Matthewson has absconded and become a fugitive from justice will create great surprise and regret, not only in the Elkhorn valley but throughout the state. Mr. Matthewson was one of the most prominent men in the state and one of the wealthiest citizens of the Elkhorn valley. He had occupied important positions of honor and trust, and was prominently mentioned among candidates for gov ernor. He had been a very successful business man, and his reputation for in tegrity from a financial stand point had never been questioned. He was popular and influential. Nobody dreamed that he was insolvent or that he was engaged in any bazardous enterprise. The news that he has been ruined by speculation and that others will be ruined by his breach of trust will shock alike friend and foe. Mr. Matthewson has doubtless fallen by the wayside as so many other rich and respected men have fallen, through the mania for gambling. It is a sad commentary on the prevailing practice of a large number of business men who are not satisfied to let well enough alone, and who desire to in-crease their wealth without a cerresponding increase in labor.

UP to the present the United Gas com pany, otherwise known as the Standard oil monopoly, has treated with contempt and indiffence the efforts of the council b compel a reduction in the price of gas. It will now begin to realize that it has trifled with its own interest as much as it has with that of the public, if not more. The new gas company just organized by a syndicate of Omaha capitalists has ample means to duplicate the gas works, and is determined to take advantage of the situation. Whatever vested rights the old gas company or the Standard oil anaconda has had in this city by reason of contracts and charters it has forfeited by reason of refusal to obey the city ordinances and by repeated violations of contracts. If the city now exercises its right to repeal the franchise, the gas company will be left in a very poor plight. While such a repeal would serve it right and entitles the company to no sympathy, it is a question whether it would be proper to do so at this time. There can be no harm, of course, in granting right of way to the new compay under reasonable restrictions, but the experience we have had with the water gas versus the coal gas companies, warrants the conclusion that the anaconda will swallow the new company or the new company the anaconda. Two gas companies will not operate in Omaha for any length of time. There may be a good deal of coughing and choking while the swallowing process is going on, but the Omaha company will have no trouble in making the trip. For the citizens of Omaha the only question is, will they get cheaper gas by the mere promise of it? The last com-pany promised very cheap gas and it reduced the rate from \$3.00 to \$2.50. But he metres made up the difference and he bills are larger, if anything, than they

Pull Together. Whether Omaba is to keep up her pace this year and forge ahead of her commercial competitors depends very much upon the efforts of her business men and capitalists. We have here most of the conditions favorable to making us a great and a growing city. We have the location, the territory, the population. Our city has reached a point where her size makes her the competitor of jenlous rivals. Up to the present time there has been a tendency on the part of such centers as Kansas City, St. Paul and Minneapolis to sneer at our pretensions. That time has passed. They are now working with united energy to meet the competition of Omaha trade. The BEE takes occasion to speak a few plain words to the business men and capitalists of this city. The coming year will be a critical one, in some respects, in our history. Eastern capital seeking western investment will investigate the claims of Omaha as a location. Those claims will be compared with those of other cities. The condition of our public improvements, the financial status of the city, the energy and push with which its merchants are reaching out into the territory around us, the spirit of enterprise of her citizenship-all these will be weighed and considered. The time has come when all must pull

together for the interests of the city. The envies and jealousies of the past must be buried. Private enterprises must be encouraged through a spirit of -public enterprise. Our men of business must be willing to spare a little time from their offices and warehouses, and a few dollars from their bank accounts to assist in building up the fortunes of the city in which they live. There has been too much factionalism, too much petty jealousy and too little of that far-sighted wisdom which looks beyond the present to the future, and which sees in the rapid and substantial growth of Omaha the building up of the interests of individual

In the reorganized board of trade, Omaha has a weapon of offense and defeuse which can be made powerful in pushing and in defending her interests. Let the Omaha men of business pull together in in the board of trade. Let them attend the meetings and work for their own interests by promoting the industrial and and commercial interests of the city. The spring election is approaching. It the business men of Omaha would make up their minds to take an active part in the contest they could pull together so that whichever party won the interests of the city would be in safe hands. A long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together is what we need to advance the interests of Omaha as they should be. Such a pull in the encouragement of new enterprises, in the welcoming of strangers, in publishing broadcast the advantages which this city is prepared to offer to capital and labor and talent, would give Omaha such a boom as she has never had. An earnest, united and business-like effort to assure this city a government of honest and capable men would still further increase the solidity of the foundations upon which we are steadily building.

Dangers of Ocean Travel.

The loss of the Cunard steamer Oregon on a clear morning in a calm sea, and within a few miles of port, is an unpleasant reminder just at the beginning of the season for ocean travel that the skill of naval architects and the appli ances of modern science have not yet removed the dangers incident to crossing the deep. The Oregon was the fastest and most costly vessel of the Cunard fleet. She was supposed to combine all that was newest and best in naval construction and yet she fell ignominously before the blow of a three masted schooner laden with coal. Fortunate no loss of life resulted. It was eight hours before the vessel sank, and a calm sea and the approach of other boats enabled every passenger to be transferred safely to the land. But no one can help wondering what might have been the case if a high sea had been running, or if the collision had occurred a hundred instead of eigh teen miles from the nearest land. That a great sacrifice of human life was not added to a costly sacrifice of property, seems to have been due rather to good luck than to good management. The fact that the collision could have taken place is a surprising one. The little schooner which sent this huge floating palace to the bottom was sighted some time before the fatal blow was felt. The night was clear and by the law of the sea a sailing vessel has the right of way when approaching a steamship. Nothing but criminal carelessness on the part of the officers can account for the accident. But quite as alarming food for reflection as the fact that the Oregon could have been struck at all under the circumstances, is the behavior of the steamer after she was hit. The vessel was of steel and of the most recent build. She was fitted up with no less than nine water-tight transverse bulkheads. Yet in spite of the theory that the Oregon would float if four of these were flooded she sank in eight hours after two were penetrated by the

schooner's bow. Perfection in the construction of the transatlantic steamers and the careful choice of skilled officers to command them have been supposed to have decreased the dangers of ocean travel to the minimum. How large an element still remains can be seen from the loss of the Oregon. It takes no violent stretch of imagination to picture what might have been if this graybound of the ocean, so strong in promise, so weak in fulfilment, with its nine hundred passengers, had encountered the unknown schooner in a storm or gone upon a rock, or met with any one of a score of mishaps which were more likely than the one which really occurred

Give Us Small Pactories. The first step towards the active and practical encouragement of manufactures was made at the last board of trade meeting, when Mr. Mayne stepped forward and offered \$1,000 in each and one acre of ground to any manufacturing | pulling it down. concern that would locate in Omaha. If every heavy property owner in Omaha would follow Mr. Mayne's example, this city would have a population of 100,000 within three years. It would not be mushroom growth, but a substantial increase based on steady employment for working men. The next most feasible plan to the one of individual do-nation to new industrial enter-prise, is the formation of a company to promot the location of mills

and factories by liberal loans and cheap building sites. Such a stock company is now being organized and the promoters should have no difficulty in securing the necessary \$100,000 subscribed to their stock. It is hardly necessary to point to the advantages of such a movement. Every intelligent man ought to know that Omaha can never become a great city by simply swapping real estate or by the addition of a few jobbing houses to its commercial directory. While wholesale trade is very desirable and necessary for every large city, the mechanics and laborers who toil in the workshops and mills are the backbone because almost every dollar they earn is redistributed among the small trades-people. What is more, the average factory employs five times as many hands as the average jobbing house. There are more men employed in the Omaha Smelting works than there are on the pay rolls of two-thirds of the jobbing houses of this city combined.

We need a large number of small factories rather than a small number of large factories. It is the small factory that diversifies and usually expands with the city growth. Give us a large number of small factories and mills, and Omaha's future will be planted on a solid foundation that no financial panie or single strike can seriously imperil.

The Verdict.

In finding John W. Lauer guilty of manslaughter the jury extended to the prisoner all the reasonable doubts possible in regard to the mysterious killing of his wife. The story of the tragedy as related by Lauer was incredible, and under the conditions described by him impossible. If the killing was not accidental it was a crime, and the mildest term for that crime is manslaughter. While there was no evidence to show that Lauer had had a quarrel with his wife previous to the fatal shot, the fact of his previous conduct coupled with the incredbility of his own story, left as a rational inference that the shooting was done upon sudden impulse. That conclusion would have justified a verdict of murder in the second degree. Had Lauer been tried by a court alone without a jury that would probably have been the verdiet of the judge.

The verdict, like many others, is a compromise more or less favorable to the accused, and while the public will feel that the prisoner richly merited imprisonment for life there will be general satisfaction that he has not been set at large by the specious pleading of a reasonable

MR. BELL, the engineer of the proposed cable railway, assures the BEE that, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding, work upon the enterprise will be begun as soon as the weather will permit, probably during the early part of April, and that the road will be operation some time in November. The route will be substantially the same as published in a recent issue of the BEE.

SURVEYOR GENERAL GARDNER how reads his title clear. The senate has confirmed his nomination. Dr. Miller's paper says, "Slotter-house Gardner must go." We presume he will go right on and send in his resignation.

Wooden block pavement has been voted by the council. Five years hence property owners will begin to get in eir profanity.

Spring is due, but the train seems to be side-tracked somewhere up in the Arctic regions.

THE next burning question is who is to command the Department of the Platte?

THE talk of the town is the verdict in the Lauer trial.

Why It Grows. Mr. Jameson, of Leavenworth, writes in the Standard of that city an account of a late visit to Kansas City, and reads the people of Leavenworth an interest ing lesson regarding the causes of the growth of the metropolis of the lower Missouri. It is an instructive lesson, too and the people of Omaha could very profitably take it to heart. The methods which Kansas City has adopted will build up any community. So far as they have prevailed in Omaha they have assisted in furthering her interests. We produce the article in full:

No one will contradict me when I say that Kansas City has had a most wonderful growth, and I had not been in the city an hour when I discovered one of the main causes of its success.

I was introduced to every gentlemen who happened to be in the office I visited, and in almost every instance it was, "I am glad to meet you, sir. I suppose you are seeking a location for business"

When I answered no, it was pointed out to me the advantages of Kansas City over every other place for a business man, and how glad they would be to have me as a citizen. Before night I was offered the agency of two new additions of forty acres each, with one-half of the profits, without my investing

All of this was on condition that I pull up stakes and make Kansas City my home. The kindly treatment and inducements

offered were tempting. Some people will wonder why I declined

In another letter 1 will point out the rea sons, which I hope will satisfy others as well as myself, that Leavenworth investments are better than those of Kansas City. Can not Leavenworth learn from Kansas City in her treatment of strangers?

I think she can. In Leaven worth our business is run by four parties, democrats, republicans, prohibition ists and gamblers; in Kansas City there i

but one party, and that is business men. In Leavenworth we are afraid of strangers they may introduce something new and danage the trade of some old citizen. in Leavenworth we have lots of people

who spend their time in pointing out what the city would have been if they had had their wev. In Kansas City the men who have run the city and the men who are running it are the

best fellows in the world. In Leavenworth we unite for a few weeks on some enterprise and beem it right along, and then we spend three or four months in

Everything in Leavenworth is a big steal unless we do it ourselves. In Kansas City the citizens of twenty years and the citizens of twenty days are both tugging at the same end of the rope; everybody is honest, there are no steals to expose, and

thus everyone is hearty, full of hope and Every last cent is invested and lots of borrowed money also. You can scarcely meet a man who does not expect to be worth a million in the next two

VARIETY, THE SPICE OF LIFE. Borrowed money is of all things, the most

scrupulous about keeping Lent. Jennie June says that "low necks are as full dress for ladies as swallow-tails on for

Gas bills are not the worst things in the world. Wait until you get the footings of the cost of the Easter bonnet.

"Tell no secrets to thy servant," says a Japanese proverb. It isn't necessary. She has probably heard them through the key-

The flowers that bloom in the spring, tra,la, (I would not their beauty efface.) Are just like the hands of a watch, tra la,

'Case they've nothing to do with the case. The Boston Post says that the printers that tramp in the spring, tra la, have nothing to do with the case.

A critic with a statistical turn of mind calculates that by the time Miss Murfree gets through with her story in the Atlantic she will have hauled the moon several times over the Tennessee mountains.

It is thought to be somewhat singular that those who object to the wearing of bird-wings in woman's hats on the ground that the fashleads to the slaughter of birds have nothing to say against scalskid sacques, or kid gloves, or ealf boots or pearls.

#### Vindicating the Navy.

The Oregon was not a war vessel, and yet she succumbed to the same kind of assault which sent our Tallapoosa to the

#### No Crumbs of Comfort There. . Texas Siftings. Nothing recalls to the mind of the married

man the joys of his single life so vividly as to

find that the baby has been eating crackers in A Free Country After All. Chicago Inter-Ocean.

### At the Niargara Falls town election last

week, for the first time within the memory of the ancient village, the hackmen's ticket was defeated. Let the Papers Be Produced.

## A good many girls out this way are just

dying to know whether the rumor that President Cleveland is going to be married is true. Will the senate please demand the papers in the case? Here's a State of Things.

#### Philadelphia Times.

Pennsylvania is a great state. We have banks that fail, murders that will not out, detectives that detect the wrong man and soldiers' orphans who have both parents living. Turn the rascals out.

#### Minneapolis Wind.

Chicago Naws,
Minneapolis is to have a hotel 10,000 stories high. She is now engaged in building the 9,989 stories, and hopes that some one will be induced to come along, with money enough to build the other eleven of more substantial material.

#### Rough on Pope. Chicago Herald.

John Pope, who goes on the retired list as major general, there to receive a large salary for doing nothing, will not have to change his habits of life in any respect. He has not done anything for twenty-five years. The few attempts that he has made to break this marvelous record have been failures, and he goes into privacy with the consciousness that he has accomplished less than any other man who ever rose above the grade of captain in the army.

Life.

Hester Freeman in Chicago Current. We meet and part—the world is wide;
We journey onward side by side
A little while, and then again
Our paths diverge. A little pain—
A silent yearning of the heart
For what has grown of life a part; Then gone, and life again has come. We meet and part, and then forget; And life holds blessings for us yet.

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings. Beatrice pays interest on \$233,000 city

and county bonds. Work has begun on the foundations of the planing mill and machine shop at Blue Springs.

Twenty-six saloons will compound prescriptions for the drought in Grand 1siand the coming summer.

Antelope county people are consider-ing the question of bonds in aid of one of he lately organized Columbus roads. A freshet at Wilber swept away the dam and demoralized the roller mill to the extent of several thousand dollars. Haigler, a new town in Dundy county, nakes a strong bid for settlers through

the columns of the Reporter, just started A coroner's jury in Crete defines whiskyphobia as "inflammation of the brain, superinduced by excessive draughts of

Nelson Thrasher, a man of 70, living near Valley, Ord county, tied one end of a rope to a rafter, adjusted the other end round his neck, and jumped into eter-

James Carney, a much wanted man, was nippered at Harlan last week and toted back to lowa to confront a variety of crime.

Sheriff Kidd of Clay county scooped in female kidnapper at Superior last week. The youngster was found in her

possession. Fire bugs have finally roused the wrath of George Conklin, of Nebraska City. He has suffered the loss of three outbuildings in the nast month, and is now loaded for

game A lumber merchant of Pierce named Trexler is said to have tumbled onto a fortune of \$2,000,000 in New York real estate, and received a preliminary feeler in the shape of a draft for \$100,000, one iny last week.

A thief got into Al Worth's barn in Plattsmouth Thursday night and made off with an old sorrel mare, blind of one eye. Worth offers \$50 for one square welt at the thief.

A committee of business men of De Witt, Saline county, visited Nebraska City last week, and unfolded plans for a railroad between the two towns. It is be-heved the Rock Island is in the background of the scheme.

The York Canning company has begun work on the necessary buildings to be completed in thirty days. The company will pack 600,000 cans of vegetables during the coming season. The Ainsworth News commends the re-

form introduced by Sheriff Coburn to re-

lieve the tedium of jury duty in Douglas county, and suggests that brass bands be substituted for lady vocalists. Sam Sutherland, a cowboy from Camp Clarke, and Richard Gough, from Montana, embraced in a saloon in Sidney. Result: Sutherland's stomach cut in two

places and his arms and wrists gashed. Cards. Hospital. A boy babe, only a few hours old, was fished alive out of a vault in Creighton last Tuesday. The heartless mother threw the infant into the horrible hole to hide her shame. The alleged father of the youngster has been arrested, as well

as the mother.

A late departure of an Oakland citizen is thus described: "Calmly, trustingly and gently he left his physical tent to take up his abode among the fadeless gleries and beautiful summits of the celestial world." The locality is kept secret to prevent a rush.

One George Prince, a fugitive from

Iowa justice, was neatly captured at Hampton, Hamilton county, by Sheriff Workman of Wapello county, Iowa, last week. George is wanted at Ottumwa for aiding and abetting in the murder of a babe. When the bracelets were slipped on his wrists, a pair of revolvers were

found strapped to his waist A prominent Ogallala divine was expounding the pious peculiarities of Ba-laam and his patient beast of burden, the ass, when a Colorado cowpuncher swag gered up to the pulpit and declared, "It's a d-d he; it was a mule. I've been there." The c. c. was suddenly invited

out. A massive pillar of grace and pious propriety in Ulysses, has issued an edict against "the pollution of God's free air" in that vicinity with tobacco smoke. The author of the latest bid for notoriety minister whose lips never tasted the scraphic sweets of a corncob pipe nor sucked consolidation from the balmy bowels of a "tufor," His flock threaten to smoke him out.

Iowa Items.

The state industrial school at Eldora contains 340 boys. The Melbourne postoffice was robbed

of \$175 one night last week. Saloons in Denison must put up \$20 month or pull down the blinds. Dick Dunne, a Creston boy of 15, lost an arm while fooling with a revolver. Survivors of the Thirty-fourth Iowa

regiment will hold a re-union at Chariton on the 26th. Some unknown miscreants fired and destroyed the residence of Congressman

Struble at LeMars, Friday morning. David Mulcrone, an old man, while testing the strength of the ice in the river at Davenport Tuesday fell through an air hole and his body was swept out of sight. The sheriff of Dubuque county took possession of the office of the Dubuque Times, on Tuesday, upon a levy for unpaid county taxes amounting to about \$250.

Dr. W. O. Davis, residing near Sioux City, is one of the heirs to the estate valued at \$150,000, left by Mrs. E. G Eastman, the noted miser of Rochester New York.

The saloon licenses in Dubuque for th past year were \$13,601, against \$12,335 the previous year. The bonded debt is now \$769,502 and the floating \$53,348. The city paid \$7,581 of the bonded and \$8,403 on the floating debt during the year

At Independence on Monday Mrs. Ellen Brady received a judgment against the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & North western railroad for \$10,000 damages Her husband, an employe of the road was killed while on duty last fall. The suit was for \$20,000.

A boy by the name of Steindecker, who resides several miles northwest of Lenox, Taylor county, was assaulted by two men Tuesday and emasculated. The boy says one of the men's name is Beers, and that Beers became enraged because he dunned him for \$20 due him for labor.

A pensive plodding mule in Gresham, Black Hawk county, can scent evil from afar, and lay for it. A screnading party tackled a newly married couple recently, and while grinding heartrending notes from cow bells, cans and foghorns, the mule charged on the party and put them to flight. One sweet singer narrowly escaped being kicked to death.

W. A. Wherry, jr., agent for the American Express company at River Sioux, skipped out with \$400 of the express company's money last week. It appears that commenced a regular system of bezzlement upon the very day that he took charge of the office. Besides pocketing the fun is of the company he car-ried away considerable money which he borrowed from private individuals who placed undue confidence in him.

Two neighborly Creston families, whose names have been withheld from public print, have furnished the rest of the with a lively sensation. The wife of one and the husband of the other, quietly sneaked out of town, and "met by chance," the usual way, in St Joe. They were enjoying each other's society in the peaceful privacy of a room in a hotel when their legal mates arrived. They met in the hotel corridor; the men pulled their guns and the women pulled hair, but a muscular porter pulled them apart before blood was shed. They returned home by different trains.

Dakota.

Rapid City is to have a street railway and the Edison electric light. Dakota's first legislature convened in Yankton twenty-four years ago this

An effort is being made to secure the encampment of the Dakota soldiers and sailors at Mitchell next fall.

While thawing out some giant powder near Rapid City, a man named Johnson had one side of his face and head blown The rush to Rapid City and other Hill

towns continues, and the hotels and boarding houses are reaping an early The charge against the Custer county commissioners, indicted by the grand jury, is that they allowed on a contract et by them for the county a difference o

15 cents on the dollar between the market value of warrants and cash. Rev. Stewart Sheldon, for the last sixteen years general missionary and super-intendent of home missionary work in south Dakota, has been appointed to the field secretaryship of the Congregational Union Church Building society, Boston, Mass., where he has to commence work

by the 1st of May. Wyoming.

Work on the new depot at Cheyenne egan last week.

Laramie's new directory figures the population of the town at 4,500. The late legislature not only swept out the treasury, but also cleaned out the calendar and buried every dead bill.

There is quite a stampede of gamblers and toughs in the direction of Fetterman to receive the spring rush of tenderfeet. The Wyoming Fair association, capital \$25,000, has been incorporated at Chey-enne. The association proposes to hold annual stock and agricultural fairs at the

capital. Colorado. Durango is to have a new court house costing \$35,000.

A new coal strike has been made three miles north of Golden. Greeley has organized a board of trade with nearly 200 members. In the eastern part of Weld county the

farmers are plowing quite extensively.

There is an agricultural boom in Colorado. Another year will see the area of cultivated land increased one-fourth. The Denver & New Orleans railroad was sold at auction last week to J. Sidney Brown, trustee for the Mercantile Trust company of Brooklyn, for \$3,117,-

The Rev. Mrs. Maggie Van Cott has tackled sin in its strongholds in Denver. The mourners' bench is crowded daily with repentant sinners praying for salva tion. It is the richest lead struck by the widow in a life time.

The Aspen mine is the best developed mine in the San Juan. It has been worked fourteen years, and is now producing more ore than ever before, shipping regularly ten tons per day, and the ore is as good a grade as ever.

now is the cowboy with a scab on his smeller and a lariat for a waistband.

It requires 110 cattle and 550 sheep, ag gregating about 70,000 pounds of beef and 35,000 pounds of mutton per yeek, to feed the denizens of Salt-Lake City, be sides the fish and game consumed.

George Q. Cannon, the noted Mormon apostle who was captured and brought to Salt Lake City last month, failed to appear for trial when his case was called last Wednesday. He abandoned home, wives, friends and bondsmen, and took to the woods. He was out on \$45,000 bail. Two young girls were burned to death in a house in Mound Fort, a suburb of Ogden, one night last week. The house destroyed was occupied by Ambrose Shaw and family. His only daughter, and Olive Jones, a lady visitor, were suffocated before help could reach them. The remainder of the family escaped.

Anent the request of President Cleve land for Governor Murray's resignation, the Salt Lake Tribune says: "Tuesday the Salt Lake Tribune says: was a cold day for this territory. The ton and struck down the foremost repre sentative of the nation in Utah, was re sponded to by the elements, and a fierce storm of sleet and snow enveloped the earth as a shroud."

AN ITALIAN MILLIONAIRE.

Queer Ways by Which a Princely For tune was Made.

Correspondence Philadelphia Tele-graph: Last evening, about 6:30 o'clock, died Prince Alexander Torlonia, at the advanced age of 86. He is said to have been the richest man in Italy. His wealth was really great, even when compared with the great fortunes of other countries and he expended a large portion of it in works of charity. The greatest enter-prise with which his name is connected is the draining of Lake Fueino, which he carried through successfully, and which has been an immense boon to

the agricultural population of that district. The list of his titles comprises principalities, dukedoms and marquisates galore. But the original source of all his greatness was a peddler's pack, administered, it must be said, by a very clever peddler's brains Prince Torlonia's father made a colossal fortune in the time of the great Napoleonic wars In those days the carrying of contrabance goods between one country and another was a service of serious peril, and of pro-portionate gain if successful. The original Torlonia was bold, prudent and keen sighted, and he succeeded. The deceased Alexander made large sums of money by farming the tobacco monopoly under the papal government. He was a banker of vide and influential connections. The balls in Casa Torlonia were a great institution in Rome some half century ago. All foreigners who had any transactions with the bank were invited. (To be sure the number of foreign visitors were much more restricted in those days before the invention of the steam horse and the avatar of Mr. Cook of touring celebrity. But every one was not quite prepared for that particular form of the amari aliquid which followed those festive entertain-ments. It consisted in the visit, next morning, of a flunkey in the Torlonia livery who gracefully demanded "a tip" from every visitor who had enjoyed the princely hospitality! The thing was quite openly done, and was a recognized institution. The very sum given was fixed by custom at 1 seudi-about a dollar-and I know sendi-about a many persons in Rome who perfectly recollect having given it. A still more curious feature of the affair was that the wife of the then head of the house used to sit with a huge list before her and tick off each name as servants returned with their scudi-which were handed to her. Whether any portion of the sum thus collected, or, if any, what proportion, was divided among the servants afterwards, I am unable to state with certainty. History is vague and doubtful on hat point. But the fact of the collection of money from the guests may be accepted with absolute certainty. The deceased Prince Alexander married a daughter of the noble House of Colonna. It was

thought a terrible mesailiance for those days, and some indignant Roman aristocrats veiled their column symbol of the Colonna family and their arms with grape on the day of the marriage. But all which might hurt pride of race in that alliance has long ago been decently covered up with the richest cloth of gold, if not completely obliterated. As to the deceased old man, he will be mourned by the poor and needy, the fatherless children and widows, and many who were desolate and oppressed.

and that is a glory which outshines the blazon of princes.

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