MORE CAMPAIGN ORATORS.

General Lew Wallace and Other Celebrities to Speak in Nebraska.

DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A Butcher Legally Downed By a Widow-Preaching Political Prohibition on Sunday-Various Capital City News.

PROMITHE REE'S LINCOLN BUREAU. The republican state committee, with Congressman Weaver at its head, is evidently bent on giving the state a campaign that will be thorough and complete in every detail. In addition to the long list of appointments for speaking in the state by popular orators of Nebraska, the committee is negotiating for speak ers from abroad and of national reputation in campaign work. The committee has secured for three speeches in the state General Lew Wallace, of Indiana, formerly minister to Turkey, and it is expected that the appointments for him will be at Omaha, Lincoln and Hastings. John Brennan, of Sioux City, Ia., also a speaker of national reputation, has been engaged, and it is very probably that he will speak at the same points with General Wallace. The committee is negotiating for other speakers of like renown, and it will, if possible, be arranged to give a number of other cities in the state meetings supplied with extra talent.

DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS. District court opened yesterday with a large attendance of attorneys, the grand and petit jurors, and a fair sprinkling of spectators. Judge Pound opened court, and the forenoon was occupied in a call of the docket and the assignment of cases. The petit jurors were called and dismissed until 9 a. m. to day, when the trial of cases will begin. In the after noon the grand jury was called, sworn in and instructed and turned over to District Attorney Strode. Ten days at least will be required to hear the criminal matters in the grand jury room, there being seventy cases of a criminal charac-ter on the docket and more being added Judge Hayward will arrive from Nebraska City on the 14th, and from that tiwe on the legal grist will be ground with all the dispatch that the two judges can command. The term will be a very

ONE MAN'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT A resident of the city named Holsen-beck, a butcher by trade, appeared in police court and plead guilty to two charges a few days ago, the complaints coming from a widow lady ging in the same part of the city. One of the com-plaints was for assault and ill-treatment of the widow's son George, a nine-year-old lad. For this abuse Holsenbeck paid a fine and costs amounting to eleven dol lars and some cents. The other complaint against him was for creating and maintaining a nuisance by throwing re-fuse matter that was both odoriferous and unhealthy upon or near the premises ot Mrs. Virden. For this amusement Holsenbeck paid another fine amounting For this amusement to some eleven dottars. Mrs. Virden had him then bound over under bonds to keep It was rather an expensive piece of litigation for the butcher and one to remember.

A CASE BETWEEN WOMEN. Sunday Sheriff Melick went out in the country some seven miles to serve a warrant upon a young lady named Susic Stewart, who was passing Sunday at the stewart, who was passing saining at the home of her parents. The complaint and warrant were made by Miss Sheffield, a lady on Twelfth street who deals in mu-sical instruments, and the charge was that Miss Stewart had shipped a musical instrument east that she had bought of Miss Sheffield, and which was not yet settled for. Miss Sheffield, hearing that Miss Stewart was to follow the instrument in a few days, took the action in the case to effect a settlement. When the officer went to the home of the young lady in the country to serve the warran he was met at the door by her parents who declared that the girl had gone to San Francisco, and was not about the place. The officer, however, persisted in the search and found the girl in a bed-room. Yesterday all the parties in the case were in the city effecting a settle

The prohibitionists, who have carried politics into Sunday as well as other days in the week, field an open air rally Sunday evening in front of the govern ment building, and the principal speech of the evening was made by Mrs. Hen-rietta Skeiton, of San Francisco, super-intendent of German work for the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Skelton addressed her audi ence speaking in the German language and others speakers addressed the and ence which was at no time large in num-

MIKADO BY HOME TALENT. Last evening the full membership of our Home Opera company were present at the opera house and gave their first dress rehersal. The costumes were all fine, the stage was richly dressed and the various parts were taken in a manner such as is seldom equaled by a professional company. The cast in-cludes the best vocal talent and the leading society people of the capital city. The Mikado will be represented by Mr. Fulton, with L. Wessel, jr., as attendant; Boo Ba, Dr. Palin Saxby; Ko Ko, Geo. F. Thiers; Pish Tush, Chas. Mallray, with characters as follows: Parks, as Katisha and the Misses Lillian Prown, Nannie Lillibridge and Mrs. E. M. Wilcox as the Three Little Maids. The opera is under direction of Miss Brown, of Boston, and will be put on with full chorus. It will be a brilliant entertainment.

POLICE COURT.

When Judge Parsons hung his hat on a peg and opened the great book at police court yesterday be found lifteen eases awaiting judicial action. It, however, so happened that most of the arrests were either possessed of wealth of their own or had friends in town, for only four ap peared at the bar, the rest having de posited enough to meet their fines and costs. John Kelley, J. Bailey, T. Halan, John Doe and N. J. Jones paid \$5 each and costs; Tom Hawkins paid \$3 and costs; O. P. Ashley, ditto; E. Houst paid All these were plain cases of intoxi-n. The party named Keno, who discharged firearms on Sunday, paid \$3 costs for his fun.

Mrs. Green, the terror of the bottoms who created such a turnout on Sunday when she was lodged in jail for fighting, was taken before his honor yesterday and arraigned. No sooner was she before the magistrate than she unbridled and unbarnessed her tongue, and such a scorchfng and lashing as she gave every one never was heard before. The judge threatened was heard before. The judge threatened and frowned, and tried every way to stop the flow of billingsgate, but it was wholly unavailing, and he was glad to send her back to a cell to get rid of the appalling language that she shricked forth to the audience. The judge sent with her a fine of \$20 and costs that she will board out and make the jail during the time a terror

to civilization. A CRASH IN FURNITURE. H. Kinney is the name of a party who was a boarder at the Washington house, but is no more. Kinney became crazy drunk and commenced fighting and smashing furniture. Officers were tele-phoned for, but before they arrived kinney had smashed every chair Kinney the in the room, and when they arrived on the scene he was break-

ing a table over the back of a boarder. The officers lodged the man in jail and when he answered roll call in court yesterday he said that he had no recollec-tion of the rampage he had been indulg-ing in the day before. Ten dollars and costs said the judge, and the man was committed until he could arrange a meeting with his boss and secure the funds

for his release. OF LESSER NOTE. Among the enses of arrests Sunday was noted that of S. R. Chappel; now Mr. Chappel seems to be the deputy treasurer of Logan county and after he had attended to business matters with the state treasurer Saturday he proceeded to view Lincoln through the bottom of a glass and so industriously did he push of tions that before he knew it he was as runk as a lord and as helpless as a dude He saw the city, however, and while it lasted was very happy.

George King increased the school fund sesterday \$10 worth, the allegation gainst him being fast driving. There are a great many who are in the habit of aking the crowded thorougfare of the sty for race courses and every arrest of this kind is to be applauded.

James Curter entered a street car a few evenings ago on the Durfee line and proceeded to abuse the driver, using foul and indecent language, notwithstanding the fact that there were ladies in the car. The police judge made a lesson of his ase and fined him \$25 and costs for his

The governor has issued a requisition on the governor of Illinois for the person of Harm Siebel, who is wanted in Adams county for disposing of mortgaged property and removing it from the state. The officer with the papers has gone after the

Senator Van Wyck was in the city for a few hours yesterday, coming from northern Nebraska, where he has been speaking to the people. The senator seems highly pleased with his reception in all parts of the state.

The state central committee of the re-

publicans have a room engaged for the campaign at the Capital hotel, and the secretary of the committee was busy yesterday in preparing a list of addiional appointments for the campaign. Lincoln Post T. P. A. will hold a iess meeting at the parlors of the Wind sor hotel on Saturday evening of this Members of the post are requested to keep the meeting in

memory. Dr. Mansfelde Ashland, J. J. Gibson Omaha, W. A. Wileox McCook, J. Miller Nebraska City, B. F. Regan Raymond, F. A. Sidler Bennett, W. S. Stark Aurora, F. P. Ireland Nebraska City, C. P. Benjamin Omaha, were Nebraskans at Lincoln hotels yesterday.;

STENOGHAPHY.

Popular Fallacies Concerning Shorthand Writing.

New York Graphic: Nearly every sec ond man you meet has studied shorthand at one time or another in his career, but not one in 10,000 is able to write it The complications, the twists and hooks, the dots and holes, the semi-circles and zigzag soratches, and then the fact that all these mean something else when written heavy or light and then four times something else when put above, upon, through, or under the line, with a few thousand exceptions to rules thrown in, every one of which must be remembered are enough to perpies and dishearten all but the most determined. Indeed, considering the amount of worry he has gone through, the practical stenographer is deserving of the highest public regard, as an abiding example of what patience and determination can do in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles.

As regards the delusive pictures drawn of the average stenogropher's life by some gullible reporter, it may be said that they have been printed with such regularity for the last ten years that the effect is now to be seen in an overcrowding of the market and a consequent fall in wages. As much study and patience to master ti would fit an average young man for a doctor, and yet when he comes to grasp the prize for which he has so persistently worked he finds but husks. For, if the truth must be told, the average stenographer earns little more than the average clerk and one is a fixture in an offic with little hope of promotion, while the other sees the way clear before him to one day sitting at the manager's desk vith a comfortable salary, dictating letters to the hopeful young man who came into the office years before and is a grayheaded, careworn individual, with no higher mission in life than to be "dieto and play upon a type-writer all day long. A glance at the advertis ing columns headed "Clerks and sales men" in a morning paper will show what salaries are paid to shorthand writers and what a glut there is in the market.

Young men and women anxious to make a short cut to an easy living should not be misled by the articles from time to time in the press telling what a nice income may be made by a stenographer or stenographess, if the word must be , and how short a time it takes to learn the business. "From two to four months" is the vague remark made as giving the time in which the science of horthand writing may be mastered. This s an exaggeration, for the intricate sys tem of writing known as shorthand de mands more study than the average man can devote to it in two months before it can be learned. But, granting that it can be done in four months of hard study, only half a third of the journey is then accomplished, for between theoretical and practical shorthand writing there is a We all remember how David Copperfield was nearly driven insane by the study of phonography, and how thinking he knew it all, he attempted to take down a speech in the House of Commons, with the result that the speaker got away from him in the first sentence and left poor David's pencil wildly staggering about the paper with the opening words, while the honorable member was away in the distance preparing for a well rounded period. It will then be remem bered that David hired a boy to read him slowly, and was delighted to find how easily he could follow him night after night until the end of the book was reached. But when he attempted to read these shorthand notes David could not make out a word of them, and had to begin all over again and study the system anew, and begin to practice slowly for many months so as to be sure and write in a readable manner. According to Mr. Dickens, it was many years before his hero was able to take down a speech The science of fonetic writing has been somewhat improved since those days, but there is still an enormous amount of work and disappointment before the aspiring stenographer, and nearly every one has experiences similar to those of David Copperfield before being able to do any practical work. The hardest part of earning shorthand is in acquiring speed and efficiency in its practice, and then the reward hardly compensates for the

A Sydney paper avers that the prince of Wales gives to ladies diamond latch-keys which are worn as a sort of decora-

work

Don't worry about how you got rheu matism, but cure it by taking St. Jacob

A green crescent moon has been a New Zealand novelty since the volcanie up Lace is said to be driving out frillings in England, and the Houiton factories at

Exeter are overron with orders. A rich New York woman with a numor ously tender heart is to establish "an asylum for injured polo players."

A STRANG FLORIDA HERMIT.

The Singular Romance That Comes From Lake Eustis.

STORY OF THE LONE FISHERMAN

A Mysterious Creature Who Took Delight in the Fierce Storms of Night.

It was told me a few nights ago-writes Hamilton Jay from Lake Eustis, Florida, to the Philadelphia Times-when the beautiful lake was peopled with shadows and from the dark encircing woods came the plaintive notes of the whip-o'will. Eastis is one of a chain of takes that have water communication with the the outside world by means of the Ocklawaha river. The latter is a narrow, erooked stream, hedged by swamp and and hammock, loating lazily wherever the notion seems to take it. These lakes are beautiful clear-water streams, and embellish and make comfortable the prettiest and most delightful portion of Florida, the hill and lake region. The hills sloping down to these takes are now dotted with the handsome villas and thrifty orange groves of both permanent settlers and winter residents. Lakes Harris and Eustis, in the meeting of the waters, are twin sisters in a realm of beauty. Fishing, boating and sailing are pleasures much indulged in by the lake fronters, and now, with this preface to my strange, weird tale, I will proceed.

"Some few years ago, when this country was sparsely settled and everybody knew everybody else, much speculation was excited by the appearance of a stranger upon these lakes. The only place where he was ever seen, however was in his boat fishing or poring over some tattered book. Lake Eustis seemed to be his favorite resort. Many efforts were made to attract his attention and to liscover something about him, but they all failed. He would answer no questions, nor even look up when he was ad lressed. He appeared to be about enty years old, of thin, but wiry build, his long, white hair falling down over his shoulders, his long white beard reaching to his waist. His clothing was of gray, almost threadbare, neatly patched in places with what looked to be the skin of some animal. His boat was a long canoe, evidently hollowed out of some tree by his own hands, of very gracful outlines and so light as to be almost transparent. This he managed with consummate skill, and when his inquisitors became too troublesome he would speed away from them like some frightened bird

A Child of the Night and Storm. "At night this strange creature was more of a mystery than ever. Then his canoe was rigged with a homely canyas and would outsail the fastest craft. lovers floating idly on the shining waves, where the moon showered down its silver glory, would see off in the distance the tossing craft of the hermit. Pleasure boats, merry laden with laughing youth and maiden, would greet him with song To all of these he made When the long roll of the thunder was heard and the storm king was seen marshalling his black squadrons along the dark horizon all other boats would dash for the shore, but he was in his glory then. Those hurrying from the scene, eager to escape the storm and danger, would experience a strange thvill at the sight of this old man, who seemed to revel in the tempest. His boat would sweep through blinding sheets of rain like a meteor, sometimes almost disappearing in the trough of the waves, then leaping to their topmost crests. At these times the hermit would stand erect, and e-headed, in his boat, wildly lating, sometimes giving vent to shricks of maniacal laughter. Every effort was made to track him to his hiding-place, but they all failed. Once, a party who had been endeavoring for a long time to solve the mystery, followed him cau-tiously, as he seemed homeward bound, and unaware of their espionage. He pad-dled out of the lake into the river, and when a short distance out, making an ab rupt turn, apparently disappeared in the saw-grass prairie at the edge. The hunt-ing-party could see no trace of him and returned to their homes in greater

bewilderment. A week passed and the hermit was still missed upon the lake. Another week having passed and still no sign, the young men who had originally followed determined to make a thorougi search. They were prompted to this by the common feelings of humanity as well as by curiosity. He might be sick and in great distress. Procuring a light boat they set out on their self-imposed mission. Reaching the point where he had disappeared they pushed resolutely through the tall matted grass, and after a short distance, to their astonishment, they came to a narow branch or creek easy navigable from this point to small boats. Two hundred yards was a clump of hammock, and here their search ended. The hut was before them. Tying their boat to a large exposed root, they gently approached it. It was about eight feet long and four feet wide, made with saplings, thatched with grass, the sides covered with the dried hides of alligators. The stench that came from the interior of the hut was almost overpowering. Propping the door back with a pole they looked in. The hermit lay dead upon the floor, his body badly decomposed. Death had evidently approached him very suddenly, as his fingers still held a little memoran-dum book which he had been reading. The party covered the body as well as they could and, tumbling the hut down upon it, left it to await the final trump.

"From the little book which I saw, said the narrator, "for I was one of the party, we learned the following facts: The man supposed to be over seventy years old was not yet fifty. Years ago, a few miles out of Savannah, lived Frank Walton and Minnie Jeffcott. The farms of their parents adjoined; they two had grown up together. Together they mas-tered the intricacies of the school-books. They became plighted lovers. He was twenty-three years old; she was barely seventeen. They were to have been seventeen. They were to have been married in June, 1861, but the tempes swung the pine against the palm. Frank enlisted in the gallant Barregiment and marched gaily se front. Minnie pinned her to the front. colors on his hat and promised to be faithful to the last. In the spring of 1865, ragged, dirty, half-starved and penniless he was paroled and started back to Georgia to share the fortunes of his rumed people. On his arrival in Savan-nah he met an old friend just from his former home, and to his eager inquiries was informed that Minnie had been married about a week before to a young man who had escaped military duty by hid-ing out during most of the war. The news seemed to stun Frank and he turned away without a word. That night e disappeared from friendly sight as effectually as if he had been swallowed up in the fathomless ocean. His friends and he had a host of them-made ever effort to trace him, but to no avail. was never heard of again until his dead body was found in the little hut on the Ocklawaha river. So the evil that women do lives after them."

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CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

The Crime for Which an Innocent Man Was Sentenced to Penal Servitude.

London Queen: Not long ago a well-set-un, well-looking, well-dressed, and superficially well-mannered young gentlemen with a more than respectable name and title, took up his quarters at certain hotel, where were a lady wit more money than wit, and her daughter with more beauty than repute. This daughter had weathered more London seasons than she and her mother dared to count: and paint and dye, with the most becoming tojlets that could be devised, and an air of greater naivete the older she grew, were beginning to fail. She was becoming distinctly passe and faded—and the days of sarcasm were as busy with her name as the vultures of slander had been a few years ago. This well-seeming young gentleman with a good name was adopted with both hands by both mother and daughter. They made no inquires, but accepted his own sponsorship as quite sufficient for anyone not born a child of doubt hardened into skepticism. The young man asked nothing better. He courted the mother and made love to the daughter; and both capitulated as if he had sounded the horn of Oberon or blown a blast through the trumpets of Joshua. The mother was rejoiced to have found a husband at last for her canary-headed daughter with the blackened-cye-lashes and rose-pink cheeks; and the daughter was rejoiced to have at last the chance of throw ing off the disgrace of spinster-hood, and putting on the newly-minted respecta-bility of a bride. So the affair went on, and the trousseau was bought, the wed ding cards were printed, the ring was fitted, the marriage license was had, and the imperfect evidence of Lord H.'s identify was no heavier as a bindrance than one of the marabout feathers in the bride's best bonnet. It was on the eve of the wedding day. My lord was distrait and ill at ease. He accounted for his state by the anxiety, natural to a lover who is to secure his treasure-to-morrow. "Always that to-morrow! It is so long in coming? he said, with a forced smile. And the cannry-headed liked him all the better for the melancholy which sprang from impa-tience. To morrow, however, came in due course and all things were ready, when, as the bridal cortege assembled at the door of the hotel, the omnibus of the establishment drove up, and a fine soldierly-looking man came ont. went up the steps of the hotel, and lightly touched the bridegroom on the shoulder: "Well, Jenkins," he said, sternly, "now that I have found you we will have that little affair of the check explained." Sir, I do not know you. stammered the bridegroom, with a vou? face white as his own gloves. The solderly-looking man gave a short laugh, "That is soon settled," he said, turning to the porter. "Here!" call a carabiniere!" he added. "I want to give this fellow in charge. He was my valet, and he robbed me of £500. I am Lord H. if you want to know my name, and this fellow is John Jen-

kins. "I did not take your money, my lord," answered John Jenkins, firmly, "Whatever follies and sins I may be guilty of, I am clear of that," "We shall soon see about that," answered Lord H., and with this he turned into the hotel, where all the people had assembled in dismay at the turn things had taken. The bride was in hysterics, and the bride's mother was in a rage, while the bride-groom was shevering between two stalwart carabinieri, who represented justice and vengeance combined to punish the false lord and pay him the wages he deserved But for all that he had not taken my lord's money and when he denied the theft he spoke more truly than when he had called himself Lord H. Yet he was condemned and sentenced, imperfect as the evidence against him was. He had evidence against him was. He had played such a sorry trick in thus deceiv-ing the two ladies who had been saved from life-long ruin by the merest chance, that this went for something in the in-dictment. If not actual evidence, it was next to it, and the law profited by it. So John Jenkins got so many years penal servitude for a crime he did not commit for the imperfect evidence of the prosecution was so ingenious filled up by such perfectly-fitting appearances and reasonings and hypothesis that justice, who is blind, did not see the artful joinings, and gave the decree as she thought the truth

side blundered just as much as the other. A Lovely Complexion. "What a lovely complexion," we often hear persons say. "I wonder what she

of things deserved. It was a case of im-perfect evidence all through, and the one

does for it?" In every case the purity and real loveliness of the complexion depends upon the blood. Those who have sollow, blotchy faces may make their skin smooth and healthy by taking enough of Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery' to drive out the numors lurking in the system.

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"Red alcoholic noses cured in a week."

is a new and odd London advertisement Something New About Grant.

Norristown Herald: An English periodical, reviewing General Grant's Memoirs says that "Grant was the son of a farmer, who gave him a much better education than he had himself received;" that "the civil war obliged Grant to become soldier, in which capacity he served for fourteen years, when he again took to farming, which he had to relinquish on account of ill health;" that "he then became successively estate agent, clerk in a store, senator and president." It is a little strange that the English reviewer should have overlooked the fact that Grant was also once a steamboat captain, manager of a comic opera company pitcher for a baseball nine, and governor of Brooklya.

In northern Asia now they are making whisky of reindeer milk, which is rich in

To increase the stamina of an enfeebled system, the nourishing properties of the blood must be increased, Dr. J. H. Me-Lean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier, enriches and purifies the blood and fills it with strength giving constitu-

WHENCE CAME THE SHIP?

A Mystery of the Colorado Desert in Southern California.

Unsuccessful Effort of a Prospector to Examine the Hulk-A Theory That it May Have Been a Gold-Laden Gatleon.

George W. Weeks in the Cosmopolitan. Few persons have a right conception of the immense area and poculiar physical characteristics of that barron portion of southeastern California known as the Colorado desert. It embraces almost the entire surface of San Benardino county and part of the counties of Los Angeles, Inyo and Kern. In other words, it has an area of between \$5,000 and 40,000 square miles, or more than the combined area of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey. Some years ago a prospector deter-

mined to extend his search over that part of the desert that is several hundred feet below the sea level, and that is seldom, is ever, visited by white man or Indian. with a supply of provisions and canteens of water to last for several days, and mounted upon a horse accustomed to privations, he struck out from the little oasis of Indian Wells in a southerly direction, and for some time climbed the hills and traversed the valleys where no signs of human presence were met with The daring prospector gradually worked his way southward for many

miles, until finally, stretched out at the foot of the ridge as far as the eye could see, tay a perfectly level valley. Its surface was seemingly as smooth as a floor for nules on miles, while its appearance was of a most peculiar nature, being of an ashy whiteness and without a rock or protuberance of any kind to break the monotony of the dead level. A singular object a mile or so from the

foot of the hill attracted his attention. He shaded his eyes with his hat brim and looked again and again at it. If that were the ocean, instead of the desert at his feet, he would surely say that a vessel lay at anchor there. Surely no rock ever existed that resembled so much the handiwork of man. What could it be?

Slowly he rode down the hillside, de termined upon getting a nearer view of the strange object. At last the level was reached, and there, apparently less than a mile away, lay what was unquestionably the worn and battered hulk of an ancient vessel. The stumps of the masts still remained, while the high stern and peculiar shape of the entire ship be-tokened its ancient origin. The bul-warks seemed to have been partly carried away, probably by the falling o the masts, whose stumps projected ten or lifteen feet above the deck. But otherwise all the contour of the old hulk was perfect, though of a design vastly different from any that had ever been seen by the astonished discoverer.

The prospector, with all his faculties bent upon a close examination of this strange apparition in the desert, urged his horse forward, but the ground broke beneath his weight, and then it was seen that the entire surface was but a crust, an inch or more in thickness, but not of sufficient strength to bear the weight of horse and rider. Underneath this crust was a dark-colored mixture of mud and

Horse and rider approached nearer and nearer, but finally the poor animal sank so deeply in the ooze that it became ap parent that it was impossible to advance another step in the direction of the ves sel, which now seemed almost within pistol-shot.

Reluctantly the horse's head was turned toward the shore, which was finally reached after a hard struggle. The prospector dismounted and cast about for some means of reaching the wreck, which his imagination had by this time freighted with all manner of wealth. He attempted to make his way over the crust on foot, but he found that it gave way almost as readily as under the horse's hoofs, and so was obliged to abandon the attempt. Unable to devise any means for satisfying his curiosity by setting foot on the long-deserted deck that lay so temptingly near, he at last rejuct-antly decided to make haste for the nearest settlement, and there organize a well-equipped expedition with every appliance ecessary for reaching and thorough search for the stranded hulk

But on turning to his horse a most piti able sight was seen. The poor animal legs were raw and bleeding for the entire distance that had come in contact with the muddy deposit beneath the surface erust, and an examination showed tha this deposit was so highly impregnated with alkali that it had eaten the limbs almost to the bone, and conse quently he was in no condition for further The only thing to be done was mercifully to put the poor creature out of his sufferings, and a pistol ball soon ended the life of the faithful beast. The prospector was now left on foot to con tend with the multitudinous and almost insurmountable difficulties that confront-

Imagine his condition; his horse dead himself lost, and with scant supplies o water and food. However, he knew the general direction in which the old road across the desert lay, and he knew, too, that if his strength only held out and he traveled far enough to the north he was certain to reach assistance in time. reached a station three days after and his

life was saved.

When he recovered so as to be able to travel, he was carried by stage to the San Bernardino valley, where he soon regained his strength, and then imparted to a few friends the strange discovery that he had made upon his trip. Among others, the writer was told of the wonderful stranded ship, and curi-

osity was aroused to the utmost. Many theories were advanced to account for its presence there. The most plausable explanation and one easily within the bounds of belief, was that a long time ago some hardy mariner sailed north ward along the Mexican coast on a vovage of discovery. Fearing to venture on nge of discovery. Fearing to venture on unknown seas he hugged the shore, never losing sight of land. When the Gulf of California was reached, instead of following the ocean line, he entered the gulf, the southern extremity of the peninsula now known as lower California, not being in sight from the coast of the mainland op-posite. Sailing on and up the gulf which unmistakably at one time extended much further northward than it does now and had arms reaching up to what is now known as Colorado desert, the vessel, missing the mouth of the Colorado river, was finally driven by storm or ran ashore where the prospector found it cen

turies later. The writer, whose curiosity was greatly stimulated by the tale, consulted one of the old padres about it, and from him he learned that in certain ancient historica volumes in his possession he had an account of how some vessels laden with gold and all manner of valuable commodities in transit from the East Indies had been dispatched to the north ward from Acapulco during the sixteently century, in the expectation that a route would be found by which the valuable cargo might be taken directly to Spain instead of being transported across the wilds of Mexico, and reshipped on the Atlantic coast: These ships had never after been heard from, and they disappeared as mysteriously from sight as the

nirage of the desert.
It was entirely within the bounds of reason to suppose that one of these gal-leons, mistaking the Gulf of California for the wished-for passage, had finally been lost sight of in what is now the desert. At all events, there is enough to show that perhaps no more than 3.0 years have dapsed since the recedence of the waters of the guif to their present bounds, and

hence it requires no violent stretch of the imagination to identify the wreck with one of the lost vessels and to los an imperishable store of gold and silver. Three or four enthusiastic souls were enlisted, and it was proposed to make a systematic effort to reach the wrock. It was finally decided that the only feasible plan for overcoming the obstacles pre-sented by the crust and the alkali of the valley was to employ broad, flat bottomed boats made of sheet iron, such as duck hunters occasionally use. These are made in sections and are easily transported long distances. A supply of light but strong rope was to be taken, and it was thought that it would be possible to "pole" the boat over the crust to the wreck without breaking through, since it would present a broad, resistant surface and sustain considerable weight,

Calculations were made as to the amount of food and water necessary for the party and the teams that would be required to haul the outfit to the desired spot, and the entire plan seemed most feasible. But the fact that for at least three days the discoverer had been suffer-ing so severely as to be unable to tell in what direction he had been wandering after leaving the scene of the wreck; that he had taken little notice of the course followed in reaching it, thereby rendering he retracing of his steps exceedingly problematical, and that during that very season no less than fifteen persons were known to have lost their lives on the desert, led finally to the abandonment of the scheme.

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