Brevetkes.

Personal Paragraphs.

is in Omaha on business for a few days

Hon, C. H. Van Wyck made a flying

Mrs. Guy C. Barton and family left last

eral Superintendent Smith's private car.

The Old Year.

Written for the Bee by G. W. Crafts.
Old eighty-six is nearly gone.

White is his hair and blear his eye,

Soon will be breathe his last;

Soon will his pilgrimage be run And numbered with the past.

His voice is thin and weak;

The wind is cold and bleak

Out in the calm midnight,

A star in beauty bright.

He leaves his blessing as he goes

A star of beauty, love and truth,

Where none grow old and die,

Old year, good-bye! good-bye!

There steals upon the midnight air

EXPERT IN POKER.

Senator Bowen Said to be the Finest

The Washington correspondent of the

Philadelphia Times: Senator Bowen, of

Colorado, has come to be universally ac-

knowledged as the most expert player in

Washington. He never engages in the

disreputable games which are attributed

to some members of congress; nor has he

ever been known to play while here for money beyond the little antes which are

necessary to give zest to a game. He plays simply for amusement and to display before his legislative colleagues the wonderful skill he his attained. The

fact is that he has made a study of poker

just as some men find recreation in the study of botany or geology. During the

winter evenings he generally has a few

find more pleasure in a quiet game of

poker than a visit to a theatre or a so-

ciety gathering. No one ever leaves the

enator's rooms anything out of pocket.

He wins on nearly every deal during the

hosen companions in his rooms, who

Player in Washington.

How soon we cannot tell;

The tolling of a bell?

Council Bluffs, Dec. 29.

But bloom in sweetness and in youth

Old year, good-bye! we'll meet you soon:

Up to that realm where ever glows

And as he passes tremblingly

trip to Omaha yesterday and left last evening for the west on the Union Pacific

Richard Mansfield affel his company.

are highly connected.

Fremont.

overland train.

The Elks will give a rentleman's social a their rooms Friday wight, in honor of

STANT MATTERS ON HAND

Yards Talk-The Orthodox -Farnam's Roll of Honor-Officer Suspended-Other Local Notes.

The Charter Committee.

fter an annoying wait of nearly at a quorum of the committee on reviof the city charter met at the board trade rooms yesterday afternoon. were present Messrs. Bechel, ney, Chase, Evans, Lee, Lowry, Popton, Murphy, City Attorney Connell

1 Hon. J. C. Smythe. The question of establishing a board of pectors to consist of the chief engior of the fire department, the city engior and the building inspector was dissed at some length and went over for

ther action.

A new section authorizing the creation a board of park commissioners was sented and discussed. The section wides that the chairman of the board ist be a member of the board of public orks. The other members of the board all be the street commissioner and the airman of the council committee on tblic property and improvements or ch other officers or persons as the counmay select. The chairman of

board shall receive lary of \$1,800 per year and shall have wer to select and improve and beautify roperty for park purposes subject to the rder and approval of the conneil. The etion was adopted.

The section authorizing the creation of he office of assistant city attorney and efining his powers was adopted, The section providing for the sprink-

ing of streets was laid over for consideration to day.

The council's authority in making and hanging the grade of streets was the abject of considerable discussion. A action was finally adopted that no street hall be ordered graded except by a vote I two-thirds of the members of the countreet until the damage to private prop rty has been properly appraised and paid or tendered. A section was also opted on this question authorizing the

uncil to assess the damages on private perty and the appropriation of lands the opening of streets and like imovements against the property specially nefitted by such change. In the same enefitted by such change. In the same nection it was provided that appeals ade by property owners from the ards of appraisers should the improvements ntemplated. Such cases are to be aced at the head of the trial cockets

nd given precedence over civil cases.

A delegation of insurance men visited ie committee at this point in the pro eedings and wanted an addition made o the list of vocations that may be lisensed by the city council. They said hey did not object to being taxed themselves, but wanted some other parties included in the list. At the suggestion of he delegation the license list was made o include "insurance offices, agents, replaces and solicitors". Mr. Poundaton o include "insurance offices, agents, prokers and solicitors." Mr. Poppleton sould see no reason why insurance agents thould be licensed. It was only lines of pasiness that were hurtful to the community or required especial police pro-oction that should be subjected to a li-

Inder the head of ordinances a pro ision was made that no ordinance, exept the special appropriation ordinance, hall be passed on the same day of its inroduction or at any one meeting of the souncil. It was also made a requirement hat the mayor shall sign or veto all resointions involving the expenditure of money, as well as contracts and ordi-

Under the powers of the council it was provided that the city clerk shall be elected at the first meeting of the city

A new section was offered by the city attorney giving the council power to impeach the mayor for malfeasance in of ice, habitual intemperance, incompetency or gross negligence in discharge of his duties. The manner of impeachment provided is that any member of the counill may file charges against the mayor with the council. If the council deem the charges proper notice must be served upon the mayor and a time set for the investigation of the charges. A majority of the council is sufficient to remove the mayor, provided the councilman pre-ferring the charges is not allowed to vot upon the question of final removal, or to take any part in the investigation as far is his vote is concerned. Colonel Chase fiered a substitute providing that the

satter of impeaching the mayor should tried in the district court, two coun-men being necessary to make the arges. Mr. Poppleton favored the subtute, which, after some discussion, was tinued till this afternoon. On the question of authorizing the

eet an official paper to pub ish the city ordinances, etc. Mr. Popple on opposed the section and wanted the city printing let to the lowest bidder without regard to circulation. . The sec

The section defining the mayor's duties was amended to make it necessary for him to notify the city clerk of his in tended absence from the city. The com littee will meet promptly at 2 o'clock this afternoon, when they expect to comlete their work.

STOCK YARDS TALK.

A Disappointed Village-A New Jail-Tenement Houses-Other Notes. The board of trustees of the village of South Omaha is in a rather unpleasant osition. As soon as the village organiation was perfected and the board fleeted, the residents expected to see reat results in the way of public improvements, and when the wished for improvements did not materialize there was a prolonged howl from various sources. There was a demand for side walks, for better police protection and for a score or more of other talngs. Private parties had been employing a ightwatchman, but when the village as organized they discharged bim and

'ed upon the board of trustees to furah patrolman. The board have re puare inch than any other body of men atter is this: The board cannot levy a tax ntil April, 1887, and will not be able to oblect a tax until 1888. The only revewhich comes into their hands is the oney paid by the saloons for license, of for any other than school purposes.

A NEW JAIL. uth Omaha is to have a jail, the cou-is already let and work will begin It is to be an imposing frame ture, 12x13 feet, so arranged that it be used as a double-decker in case of vy ran. In view of the fact that is no money in the treasury and e board of trustees have no author-nake any kind of levy, the money be raised by subscription.

a shame," remarked a gentle

vacant lots when it would be so useful if tages that cost only \$250 are renting at \$12.50 and \$15 per month, while two-room cottages 10x20 feet, built of rough boards with the cracks covered with battens, are renting at \$8 and \$10 per month. There are dozens of families that cannot get houses even by paying such exhorbit-ant rent and are forced to live in the city or to occupy a part of a cottage with some other family. The packing house men earn big wages and can afford to pay good rent which would make tenement houses a very good investment for any man with a little money. If there were lifty now houses for rent, in South Omaha, in the morning they would all be rented before night."

MR. HAMMOND'S DEATH. The Hagemond house is having more than its share of misfortune of late. About the time G. H. Hammond was taken sick, and only a few days preceding his death, Mr. Constock, one of the headmen of the firm, met with a runaway accident and had his hip broken

MORE DUMMY TRAINS. It has been reported that soon after the first of the new year the Union Pacific will run the dummy train between South Omaha and the city until midnight. This will be good news for the boys who enjoy spending an evening up town, and who do not enjoy walking home.

IN THE ORTHODOX RING.

The Sullivan Combination Coming-Local Pugilistic Pointers.

Fun is brewing again in the local pugilistic circles. Duncan McDonaid has written to A. S. Forbes that he is with the Sullivan combination, which will appear in Omaha in about three weeks under the management of Pat Sheedy. P. J. Fallon announces that the combination will be here under his management. This causes the wounds that were made while the Burke and Dempsey combination were here to bleed afresh, and local talent is divided over the prospect. Jack Hanley, Paddy Norton, Arthur Rothery, and all of the local boxers are ready to join the Sullivan combination in presenting a rattling programme if they are given a hand in the entertainment. It is proposed to match Hanley against Le Blanche, and Norton against Carroll, which with McDonald matched against the champion, would make an excellent programme that would draw well. Owing to local disturbances these men refuse to have anything to do with the show if Fallon is allowed the show if Fallon is allowed to manage it. What the outcome will be remains to be determined. The com-bination will appear here about January 15. They give an exhibition in Kansas

City on January 6. Considerable interest is being taken in the coming match in Milwaukee between Sullivan and Killen. The latter is one of the most promising pugilists in the country and has sanguine backers who are anxious to match him a contest for blood with the champion. Killen has been una-ble to get a match out of Patsy Cardiff, and has been shaking a challenge under windy Dominick McCaffrey's nose for a long time but has not been taken up. His admirers are of the opinion that when he meets Sullivan in Milwaukee there will be some fun. Sullivan of course will want the best of the exhibition and Killen cannot well afford to take the worst of it. The result will be, in all probability, that the men will get in earnest and be stopped by the police. This will make necessary a fight to a finish which will give Killen's friends a bhance to see of what kind of material

he is made. "The proposed match between Hanley and Dempsey may come off yet," said a local sport last night. "Negotiations are pending and if Parson Davies can be preiled upon to bring his man west Mississippi river he will find Hanley and all the money he wants to fight for ready." There is a feeling among a lepts in the manly art, and Hanley shares the feeling, that Dempsey would be defeated in a match with Hanley. Dempsey's forte lies in his head work but he has no advantage over Hanley in this respect. Hanley is as good a general as any of them. In every other respect, in weight endurance and ability to stand punishment Hanley is Dempsey's superior and a match between them would be a close

THE STAGE SUPERNUMERARY. The Duties, Salary and Habits of a Peculiar Animal.

The duties of supers in a play is to assume the unspeaking parts excepting strict pantomime. As a usual thing the parts consist of representing Roman senators, warriors and citizens, miners, mobs, and a host of other characters where a body of people is desirable for effect. A very ordinary looking lot of boys can soon be transformed into noble Romans or bloodthirsty tooking Indians by the costumer's art, Each department of the theatrical business has its supers. In opera companies chorus singers are so regarded. They are composed of men and women who travel with the company. By the profession chorus singers are regarded as the highest grade of supers. In dramatic companies and others, dramatic companies and others, where nothing but physical training and appearance is desired, supers are seldom carried. If they are, it is in small numbers, generally amateurs anxious to advance in the business. As the dramatic supers are the most numerous, their characteristics will be more minutely described. They are composed of boys ranging in age from fourteen to twenty The theaters in the east that keep stock companies also have a thoroughly organized corps of supers. The corps usually contains from ten to twenty boys, whose ages range as above men They are in charge of a captain whose duties are to drill them in their parts and to look after their costumes. Each super has a specialty, similar to the members of the company. Some act as soldiers, guards, etc., and are familiar with numerous drill figures. Others will aid the heavy villian, while the remainder do general utility work. It happens sometimes that a large number of men of an equal height are needed to represent either a saitle seene or a mob. These can be seenred from the streets by a little skirmishing on the part of the captain. It is risky business to let untrained sup-

The western theatres, where none but traveiling companies play, seldom have an organized corps. Take Boyd's opera nouse as an illustration. When supers are wanted for a night or two the member of the company whose business it is to attend to such matters, will tell the local captain he wants such a number of The local captain in turn tells two or three newsboys. By night there will be twice the number required. They are of all sizes and ages. Generally the gamin element predominates. Then comes the sorting out. The company's cap-

ers on the stage. They are liable to de

moralize a seene. By mixing trained men with the untrained this danger is

essened in a great measure. In New

York City, where responsible supers are

students in the Lyceum school for actors

wanted by some fastidious manager, the

tain takes his stand and calls out:
"Stand up everybody!" I want fifteen
men; "You're too small, git!" and out
goes the lad with a crest-falten air. Addressing another: "You'r a mischievious looking chap. Can't use you. Slope." Out goes another. Thus he continues with remarks more or less uncomplimentary. After choosing the ones he can use the others are unceremoniously

up on the stage and their parts explained to them. Some will understand it all without being told twice. Others will require half a dozen explanations. The drill is repeated until each one knows his part thoroughly. The captain finishes the drill by laying out the costumes. Of course, during the progress of the play some will forget their instructions and differ with the other boys. Then the captain must settle the difference, often repeating the instructions so often that his tongue seems to run automatically. Boyd's has a few "old timers," who are used in difficult parts, where an untrained super could not be trusted.

It is characteristic of all classes to have some little peculiarities. Supers are no exception. Their business requires them to be quick witted and ready to comprehend a thing at a glance. Many of them are boys without homes who gravitate toward the stage entrance because they can find a warm place to sleep and have a chance to earn a dollar now and then. Others have good homes and supe be-cause there is a peculiar fascination in being behind the scenes that often puzzies older heads to overcome. Another class is the stage struck amateurs, commonly composed of either students or clerks. They prefer appearing in a gaudy costume. To hear them tell of their experience while on the stage when talking to a crowd of unsophiscated admirers is very interesting—to themselves. Suping is an excel lent place to learn the little tricks in the business. It may be truly said that it is the preliminary training school for actors. Many footlight favorites of the present time began by carry ing the spear. Some supers can "spout high tragedy with a vim and realism that would trouble professionals to better or even equal.

The salary of a super is regulated according to the position he fills. In opera troupes the pay ranges from \$8 to \$15 per week and railroad fare. The regular super of stock theatres is paid from \$3.50 to \$10 per week. Supers that are picked a night or two receive from 25 up for cents to \$1.00 per night, sometimes noth-

Farnam School Roll of Honor. The following is a list of pupils who

have been neither absent nor tardy: Eighth Grade—Sila Alexander, George Ducan, William Hoagland, Cora Me-Candlish, Laly Steele, Winnie Sargent, Rollin Lmith, R. A. Thompson, Fred Vandervoort. Seventh Grade - Thomas Blackwell,

Laura Hartson, Elton Howell, Guy Hun-ter, Johanna Linahan, George Rezac, Bertha Reef, Wirt Thompson. Sixth Grade—Irving Combs, Margaret Cruikshank, Fannie Daugherty, Eu-gene Faljambe, Mame Gard, gene Faljambe, Mame Gard, Jessie Goff, Sophia Green, Nellie Hendrix, Guy Henry, Amy Howell, Fred Johnson, Kate Linahan, Ida Meyer, Elbert Marr, Louis Metz, Charles Newcomb, Fred Nelson, Hattie Oberfelder, Georgiana Park, Edward Roberts, Insall Reed, Hilma Sandberg, Ursula Sturgeon, Frank Shelly, George Tyrrell, Lulu Til-botson; Grace Vanvervoort, Charles

botson; Grace Vanvervoort, Charles Watts, Nora Zartman. Fifth Grade—Phenia Anderson, Alice Phenia Rooth Daisy Anderson, Cecelia Booth, Daisy Bruner, Charlie Besen, Charlie Crick, William Challman, Guy Ganson, Bertha Meyers, Charles Wyman, Fourth Grade—Alice Drake, Mame

Gard, Gregory Groff, Henry Johnson, Charles Kuppe, David Moon, Charles Nelson, Frank Nelson, Mary Nelson, Josie Taylor, Nina Tyrrell, Ernest Whit-Third Grade-Robert Anderson, Min-Crane, Maggie Daugherty, Karl, Ethel Lynn, Beat-Lynn, Herbert Oberfelder, Frank

rice Lynn, Herbert Oberfelder, Ralph Pierson, Walter Quarnstrom, Peter Rapp, Carl Ramm, Frank Rockbud, Gertrude Sturgeon, Loia Travers, Charley Second Grade—Julius Carlson, Mary Daley, Neva Emberson, Anton Land-strom, Ino Livermore, Alfred Meyer,

Morgan Mumaugh, Lura Maile, Peter Riggs, Nellie Sabin, Samuel Vandervoort, First Grade-Julia Buchanan, Harry Carston, Cora Emberson, Emil Eckstrom, Harry Shelby, Herbert Luther, Clark Moon, Mary Norin.

ANNA P. TRULAND, Principal.

Barmitzvah at the Synagogue. During Saturday morning's services the Barmitzvah on confirmation of Master George, son of Mr. E Seligsohn, of the firm of Woolstein & Co., will undergo the usual rites appropriate to the ocension. There is an abiding custom in the Jewish faith to initiate youth into the ranks on the Sabbath subsequent to his thirteenth birthday and the female during the fourteenth year. In order to make this universal the day of Pentecost is generally devoted for the initiation of the females but with the males no deviation is made. Master George is an unusually bright lad and will deliver an oration during the ser-

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The Wrong Farm. Judge Dundy was engaged yesterday in hearing the case of A. A. Locke vs. the real estate firm of D. R. Archer & Co. The plaintiff claims that he purchased a farm from Archer & Co., in Cedar county, but that when the deed was delivered to him the description was that of a farm of much less value then the one he had pur-chased. By the deal he considers himself damaged in the sum of \$1,200 for

which amount he asks judgment. A New Leader.

A change is announced to take place in the leadership of the Musical Union orchestra after the first of the year. Mr. M. F. Steinhauser who has led the orchestra for the past year will be succeeded by Mr. Harry F. Irvine. The announcement will be glad news to Mr Irvine's many friends. He is one of the best musicians in the city and very popular. The Musical Union will prosper under the new leadership.

Breaking Them In. Frank Galbraith, of Albion, F. A. Harmon, of Bloomington, and Dr. Given, of Wymore, recently appointed deputy revenue collectors, are in the city posting up in their line of duty. They will begin netive work on January 1. These gentle-men were appointed to fill vacancies created by the resignation of A. K. Marsh, W. A. Crew and E. E. Post.

A Watch-Night Service Will be held at the First M. E. church Friday evening, Dec. 31, commencing at 9:30. The meeting will be led by Rev. House and Mr. J. C. Easign of the T. M.

C. I. All will be welcome. Badly Burned. A painter employed at the lard reflu-ery ead both hands badly burned yesterday afternoon by an explosion of gaso-line, caused by a lighted candle coming

in too close contact with an open can. The revenue collections yesterday see so much money going into I dismissed. The chosen ones are taken amounted to \$6,371.01.

Officer Carroll Suspended. KIT CARSON'S WILD RIDE. At roll call last might Marshal Cum-mings suspended Officer Ed Carroll from

duty pending an investigation of the The True Story of it Told by an Old charge of disorderly conduct that has been preferred against him. Corroll is accused of questionable conduct in a dive on Eleventh street on Wednesday night. Plainsman.

Rescue Two White Women

A plat of Linwood park, an addition to South Omaha comprising 156 lots, was filed in the county cierk's office yester-Theron D. Brewster and Wm. Huse commenced suit in the county court yes-torday to secure a claim of \$332.35 against Birkhauser & Davis for goods sold and Rabbi Benson will on Tuesday evening at Germania hall perform the marriage ceremony of Mr. P. Krous and Miss Jennie Fonta. The bride has lately arrived from Europe. Both of the parties A. H. Swan, the Cheyenne cattle king, C. C. Hansel, the Chicago capitalist, formerly a resident of Omaha, is in the and Apaches." Hon. George W. Dorsey and wife left

Omaha last evening for their home in evening on the Union Pacific overland train for Montery, Cal., where they will spend the winter. They occupied Genstature, and did not weigh over come second nature to himself grounds, the simple fare of the prairie 'Carson was the model plainsman. experiences bear testimony to that. W. Kearny. He was in the hard light at

San Paschal, where Kearny was defeated by Andres Pico." "What were the circumstances attendng Carson's death?" "It was caused by an accident. He

passed through many exciting scenes of frontier life. "Yes, yes," said Mr. Boggs. slowly and in a lower voice, as if communing with himself, "the Rocky mountain heoes have all passed away; Carson, Sublette, Walker, Williams, Greenwood, Black Harris, Peg-Leg Smith-all gone to the happy hunting grounds." Recovering himself the gentleman con-

tinned. evening, but he always takes care to lose "Speaking of Carson's bravery, let me again what he has gained before the relate an incident that will illustrate his courage. It was a most horrible and disgame is over. All the stories about his winning immense amounts at poker are false. On the contrary every game has cost him considerable in the way of cigars and wines for his guests.

Mr. Bowen's face well fits him for eminence in the noble science of poker. It is a clear-cut, hard-featured immobile face, s which can, at the volition of ite owner become as expressionless as that North American Indian trides. face of a cigar store Indian. He has c perfect mastery over his features. Ht can listen to the merriest joke without relaxing a muscle, and can preserve the perfect immobility of his features in this highest jack pots, even though he holde but an ace high. He does not, like som-poker players, try to deceive his adverr saries by smiling when he has a poon hand and looking glum when he has s good one. This he regards as all child' play. He believes in allowing his opponent to extract no information, ded centive or otherwise, from his face, an maintains the cigar-store-Indian expression from beginning to end of the game. It is supposed that he is a tres mendous bluffer, although he regulat 1. his bluffing so adroitly that the has sed dom been called without at least a good pair to show up. Almost every third hand he "stands pat." A looker-on woult swear that these "pats" were bluffs, bu somehow or other, when anyone tries to eatch him at it, he generally shows up a full hand, a straight or a flush. He has a wonderful talent for keeping the run of been known to draw out of a good jack pot with a straight or three of a kind, and he has been known to stay in with a single pair. Be it said, however, that when he goes out with the straight, some other fellow is pretty sure to have a flush and that when he stays in with a pair

they are good. While the betting is going on, he seems to take more account of the faces of his opponents than of his gards. When he gets into a good jack not he lays down his cards, eyes the other man and does not relax his scrutiny even while picking up chips. His dealing is a thing of beauty to all admires of poker. He can twist and jerk cards around in almost as many styles as Herrmann, and does it with a loving tenderness for the pasteboards which is very nearly pathetic. When he rises from the game, he discards the petrified expression and becomes one of the most jovial looking then in Washing-ton as he hands around the eights and In justice to the senator, must be said that notwithstanding his wonderful proficiency in the noble science, he is modest and has never been heard to boast.

the cards. On several occasions he

Mackay and the Senatorship. Chicago Herald: A private letter received from Nevada says that to John W Mackay, who is a stanch republican, was recently tendered, in a written communi eation signed by every member of the Nevada legislature—democrat as well as republican-a unantmous election United States senator to succeed Mr. Fair, whose term expires on March next. Mr. Mackey declined with thanks saying that he had no ambition for publie life, as his whole time was occupied with private affairs. Mr. Mackay was formerly the partner of Mr. Fair, at though now the relations of the two are not so cordial. He has \$2,000.000 where Mr. Fair has \$1,000,000, and it was generally supposed that he wished to succeed him in the senate. Mr. Fair spent more money at his entertainments in Washington than anyone else there, except, perhaps, of late the Whitneys, and those who are fond of such things were expect ing to see Mr. Mackay celipse his old

How the Daring Scout Wiped Out a Comanche Village, Seeking to Captured by the Savages.

San Francisco Call: "Did I know Kit Carson?" repeated that veteran pioneer, Mr. W. M. Boggs of Napa to a question concerning the lamous plainsman and guide, "Well, slightly, I reckon, I wintered and summered with him and Nick Gentry in the old trading days of 46 and '47-the times, you know, of the overland trade on the Santa Fe road, between St. Louiz and New Mexico. It took five or six months to make the trip by wagon and team over the Cimarron route, as it was called. Nick Gentry when I was with him in 1844, pointed out to me many places where bloody encounters had taken place between the white traders and the sneaking and blood thirsty Pawnees, Kiowas, Comanches, "But about Carson. What sort of a

man was the old guide and trapper?"
"He had many Indian characteristics, owing to the fact that his life had been largely spent among the savages. He was retiring, modest to a degree among his white fellows, resisted any attempt to bring him into notice, and was abashed and even irritable when he perceived a disposition to lionize him. He felt ill at ease among white men, but when among the Indians had no such feeling. Carson spoke slowly and as one having authority. His judgment in all difficulties occurring on a march or questions arising in council was never questioned. His habits were simple, his fare plain. I have known him go for days without food and at the same time feel no great inconvenience. A handful of dried buf-falo meet, or a little parched corn, which he carried in a sort of pouch behind his saddle, was his only rations for weeks sometimes. He was temperate, too, and seldom, if ever, indulged in strong drink, Carson was a loosely built man, of small pounds. Simple habits of life had behis associates on the plains. The luxuries of life and the confinement of towns. when they happened in the white settle-ments, soon palled on them, and in a little while they were off to their huntingand the pure water of the mountain streams. Yes," continued Mr. Boggs, was cautious in all his movements on the march, but daring in times of emergency, quick to perceive any advantage to be taken, whether over the wily savage or in combatting the elements. It is unnecessary to speak of his bravery, Fremont's rendered valuable service to the United States government during the Mexican war, and after he had quit Fremont was guide and scout for old General Stephen

broke an artery by falling from his mule, and breathed his last at my brother's residence, on the Los Animas, not far from the sight of old Fort Bent, where the two had passed many happy days and

ressing one, and took place on the Santa Se road, near the Cimarron mountains, in 1816. A merchant trader named James White, from Independence, Mo., with his wife, servant and child, was captured, ogether with his merchandise train, by the Comanches, who after the Apaches are the most devilishly cruel of all the and all his men were immediately tomahawked and sealped, and the women and child carried off as prisoners. News of this affair reached the New Mexican settlement, where Kit Carson happened to be (he lived near Taos, in New Mexico), and he immediately started, joining a party of United States dragoons, under the command of Colonel Sumner, in the pursuit of the murderous maranders. The troopers were too slow for the netive plainsman. Kit, with his knowledge of Indian tricks and manners, soon struck the Comanche trail, and, in ad vance of the dragoons, pursued it until nightfall, when he found the savages encamped- Returning to Colonel Summer after a long and weary night ride he urged him to make a forced march and surprise the Comanches. It was the only way. Carson argued, to rescue the pris oners alive, for it is a well known fact among old Indian fighters that the cruel redskins, when not taken by surprise will retaliate on the attacking party by killing the prisoners sought to be resented in order to save their scalps, as every enemy's scalp, whether of man, woman or child, counts one 'Ca,' as it is called. Of this fact," added Mr. Boggs, "I am myself aware. I learned it while living with the Cheyennes and Arapahoes in 1844. The Sioux and Comanches, as well as the sneaking Pawnees and Kiowas, al do likewise. Their habits are similar, roaming as they do over the same region of country on the great plains of Color-Yellowstone and the souri river on the n But to return to Carson and

ado and northwestern Texas, up to north. Comanches: Before setting out in pursuit he visited (as he told me himself) the seens of the White massacre, which had been discovered by a Mexican. From the why in which the goods and other ma-terial lay scattered around he knew it was the work of Comanches, and this facided him in trailing. When he returned to Colonel Summer and the dragoons, and arged him, as I said before, to make a forced march so as to reach the Indian village before daylight, the colonel asked How many Indises are there in

"From three to four hundred,' replied Carson; 'all flighting men, with their families.'

'Too many for me to handle,' the colonel. There only slaty fighting regulars and about twenty five volunteers athered in from surrounding ranches. I annot risk their lives against so large a Carson grew impatient. There is not

a moment to be lost, colonel, if you would surprise the Indians and resene the "I positively refuse to give the order to advance, Summer said, with cool de-

ermination. Then Curson's gind heart and daring courage asserted themselves. He turned from the cavalry colonel with a slight gesture of contempt, and, raising him-seif in his stirraps, while the fire of herosm flashed from his eyes, called out in a oud, clear voice:

Volunteers! I want volunteers! Who will rids with me to save white women and children from ourrage and death?' "Carson knew a few of the Rocky was broken off in his leg, as he supposed.
Mountain boys in the party, who, of Two physicians were summoned, who

course, were by his side in a moment, and a number of the soldiers also offered to go. Here Colonel Summer interposed.
"Carson," said he, 'I will hold you responsible for the lives of my men.
"All right, colonel," replied the gallant Kit, waving his hand, as, at the head of a party of thirty, he dashed off into the darkness on his mission of ven-

geance and possibly rescue. The action of Colonel Sumner was that of a trained and careful soldier, brave under all circumstances; but the art of war had taught him the folly of uselessly exposing the lives of men for whom he was responsible, as he would have done had be pitted sixty soldiers against 400 of a warlike, desperate and determined tribe of Indians, such as the Com-manches were known to be. Carson, of course, was irresponsible, and his action was characteristic, taking all chances, and trusting to his Indian knowledge to beat the savages at their own game. We call his ride reckless, but at the same time admire the courage that prompted it

"They rode all next day and night, reaching the Indian village a little after daylight, but unfortunately were dis-covered by the Commanches, so that the Indians had time to make a break, and several of them got into the ravines and brush. Carson's party went to work with a will, killing indiscriminately bucks, squaws, and papooses. One of the avengers, Doc Reed, singled out the Indian who was dragging off the captive Mrs. White, by the har of the head, in a direction different from that the other reaking tion different from that the other redskins were taking, thinking, doubtless, he might be able to escape unseen with his victim. The hapless woman was stripped of all clothing except a skirt and a cot ton shawi, and her body was terribly bruised as well as blistered by sunburns. Completely at the mercy of the brawny savage, she, on hearing the yell of the white men as they dashed in to the at-tack fell down and was being dragged off in the manner described. When Reed discovered the situation, he wheeled his horse and spurred him toward the Indian who shot an arrow into the fleshy part of the rider's back, as his horse being some what unmanageable, passed him. But reining him up finally, and just as the Comanche was about to let slip another arrow at him, Reed drew a steady bead on him with a large Colt revolver and, uttering a piereing death yell the savage fell to the ground with a bullet in his brain. Reed told me the Indian's yell rang in his ears for months afterward;his killing the Comanche, however, prompt as it was, did not, unfortunately, save the captive Mrs. White. Hastily dis-mounting Reed ran to where she lay; only to find her gasping in death, her ex posed bosom pierced by several arrows. A more pitable sight had never been looked on in all the horrid scenes of In-dian warfare. Both the servant girl and child were carried off by some Indians who were fortunate to escape and were found the year following in the hands of a friendly tribe, who had purchased them from the Comanches and brought them to a trading post on the Red river. Mrs. White was buried near where she died. Carson's men creeting a chain over the grave to prevent the wolves and cayotes from devouring the remains. That was a terrible light. When Reed drew the arterrible fight. When Reed drew the arrow from his back, after finding the woman he had periled his life to rescue was past all hope, he called to his comrades to give up the chase of the flying Indians. Some of them returned with bloody hands, full of redskins' scalps Many of Carson's men were half breeds, and a cross between French and Indian, and quite as sayage as the Indians they warred against, taking also the same pleasure in ghastly trophies as their enemies did. Some of the Comanche squaws threw their papooses into the ravines and brush, hoping to make their escape and to return and regain their offspring; but the half-breeds caught these papooses up by the heels and dashed their brains out against the stones. They considered this a merciful

aid those whose inexperience or misfortune had brought them into the power of the merciless savage.

act, in a way. The children would have starved to death or been caten by the

coyotes, so they concluded it was better

perhaps, they thought with the old In-

dian fighter, General Kearny, who favored a policy of extermination. When

asked as to the disposition of some

papooses taken in a raucheria, he an

swered sententiously, but with great sig-

nificance, 'Nits make lice.' Such was the daring but unsuccessful attempt by

nifair is still fresh in the memory of old men, who can vouch for the truthfulness

of the story of Kit Carson's ride and the

vengeance he took on the Comanches

It is only one of thousands of instances

of Carson's voluntary brave attempts to

Carson to rescue the white captives.

to put them out of misery at once,

Chinese Rallway Talk. London Times: A continental paper publishes the following letter on Chinese railways from Pekin, dated at the commencement of September: "An article in the treaty of peace of July, 1885, be-tween France and China provided that if the Chinese government should decide to construct railways it should accord a preference to French contractors for the requisite material, although the Chinese were not to be bound by this arrangement as if it were a contract. This clause was generally interpreted to imply that China was about to build railways, and the emissaries of the greasest firms in the world hastened to take the most advantage possible of the sup-posed new departure in Chinese policy, General Wilson, revresenting one of the largest railways in North America, was the first to arrive at Tien-Tsin. General Wilson, falling to conclude any definite arrangement with Li Hung Chang, hastened to Pekin, where he, at all events, obtained a passports for a tour in the valley of the upper Hoang-Ho. He completed a number of plans for which the Chinese ministers thanked him, and at the same time informed him that they had no immediate intention of under taking railways or other public improve ments. General Wilson then endeavored to recover his expenses, but without any result. After him came the agents of the German banks of discount and of Berlin. All they obtained was the contract for some thousand tons of rails for the little railroad between Tien Tsin and the Pci Ho. One of these gentlemen still resides at Tien Tsin, and has been intrusted with the drawing mo of a report on the regulation of the Hoang-Ho. After these came, in the present summer, the French representatives, who brought out a railway, rails, and trucks on the conviction to the mind of Li Hung Chang, leave was asked to work this train through the streets of Tien Tein, but the only definite contracts given to the French are small ones, in connect with deepening the harbor of Fr Arthur and the building of two ir bridges across the Pei-Ho. The Englare said, however, to have acted w better effect and greater discriminal A model rallway provided by one of the chief English firms surplys a permanent source of amusement in the official resident of Tao Tai of Shanghai, and as a censor has already been reputed for ob-jecting to railways as innovations it is deemed probable that Chinese obstruc-structions is gradually, but none the less surely, giving way before the pressure

A Wounded Mac's Nerve. Cincinnati Enquirer: A few days ago Isane Lane, a well known farmer, residnti one mile west of Mount ricalthy, in in the barn, when he full on the prongs of a pitchfork, which penetrated his leg just below the thigh. One of the prongs was broken off in his leg, as he supposed.

Two physicians were summoned to be proposed.

made an examination of the wound, but they failed to locate the piece of steel. They probed the small opening, but could discover nothing and at once came to the conclusion that Mr. Lane was mistaken. They insisted that the broken prong must be somewhere in the barn, and some of the boys on the place were sent to look for it, but they could not find it. Mr. Lane persisted that the plece of fork was still in his leg, which was swollen and very painful. A day or two after the occurrence

Lane put his hand on the under side of his leg and felt some hard substance. Without waiting to summon a doctor he, with remarkable fortitude, took his knife and out a hole at the place where the hard substance seemed to be. He made a deep incision, and running his fingers into the opening caught hold of something and pulled it out. It proved to be the prong of a pitchfork, and was over six inches in length. It had taken a diagonal course and cluded the surgeon's probe. Mr. Lane at once experienced elief and will soon be himself The pluck displayed in acting as his own surgeon has challenged the admiration of his friends, and the strange accident, with its result, is the talk of Mount

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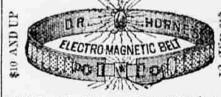
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