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go, Debility, Rheumatism, Gout, Scia-

tica, Loss of Vigor, Dropsy, Paralysis, Loss of Voice, Hysteria, Nervousness,

Five Minutes of Terror.

dinner last Sunday in his cottage at

Little Ferry, Bergen county, N. J., his

curly hair was brown. When his Thanksgiving dinner was given to him

he lay in bed in the same cottage; the

Pallon is a laborer and he has been in

the habit of walking home along the tracks of the West Shore railroad. Last

Puesday night he was going to Little

Ferry over his usual route and had just

reached the middle of a long trestle-

work when he saw a wildcat coal train

approaching.

He saw he had not time to reach the

end of the trestle before the train would

catch him, and he was about forty feet above the ground. There was not room

for him to step aside and let the train

pass him, so he lowered himself between the ties and hung suspended by his

The heavy mogul"locomotive thund-

ered over his head and about half of the

train followed it. Pallon was congrat

ulating himself that in a minute or two

more the entire train would pass and he

would be able to draw himself up and

relieve his arms which were growing

tired, when the train came to a sudden

Pallon thought it would move on in a

minute or so, but still the cars stood

over his head. Five minutes went by.

They seemed an eternity to the man

who hung forty feet above the rock-

strewn bottom of the ravine. Then the

train moved slowly on. The rear truck

of the caboose passed over his head and Pallon tried to raise himself, but to his

horror he found that his strength was

so far gone that he could not do so. He

For a minute or two more he hung

there and then his numbed fingers

slowly lost their hold on the crosstie

and he fell to what he thought was cer-

Half an hour afterward a party of la

borers who had walked through the

ravine found Pallon lying on the ground

hastily made and he was carried to his

nome, where it was found both his

ankles were sprained, three ribs were

At first it was thought he would die,

but he is gradually recovering. When Pallon was first picked up his hair was as white as it is now, and it must have

turned in the terrible moments when he

An Old Town in Mexico.

Correspondence New York Star: We

orgot our struggles to eat when we went

nut for a prowl in the town. The still-

ofess was something so strange in a place

of its size. The clatter of the tiny-feet of the long file of burros coming in from

the country laden with marketing make little noise. There was not a vehicle in Jalapa. We saw only one pair of wheels,

the huge wooden ones of the country,

without tires, and to these were attached

oxen hauling several long beams from

the mountains, where the trees grow to

hicle were the two poles fastened on either side of a pony and lashed to-

gether near the end by thongs, on

which were strapped the burden. It is

the same contrivance used by our north-

The ruins of a convent that is very

old were wonderfully effective. It dates

back to Cortez's time, as Jalapa was the

first town settled by the Spaniards. The lichen, mold, air plants and vines cover the ruins and soften, with the grays and greens, the time-worn stones.

The adjoining church, crumbling also, is very much the same kind of architecture

seen all over Mexico. Most of the

churches have a Moorish dome, covered

with Spanish tiles, the luster of whose

inimitable blues and greens is un-dimmed. There is also the airy, grace-

ful, open campanile, with sometime

three tiers of bells, now covered with rust and verdigris, but a charming con-

saw few church ediffees that had not the

flying buttress, and all these shapely

ruins were covered with moss and vines

festooning the empty casements, drap-

ing the arched entrances.

The people were so simply and so

penetrated to their pretty courts, where in the poorest reed cages mocking

birds sing among the jars of roses, love birds flit about in their aimless way

or a parrot screeches its welcome. The

stuccoed houses are tinted pink, green,

blue and red, and look perfectly in keep-

oleander and orange trees. The public

fountain has its huge basin lined with

their hospitality that we

trast to the soft color of the stucco.

ern Indians.

kindly in

The only other subterfuge for a ve-

broken and that he had sustained con

unconscious. A rough stretcher

called for help, but no one answered.

hands.

tain death.

cussion of the brain.

knew that he must fall.

dark hair had turned almost white.

When Patrick Pallon sat down to his

Indigestion, Palpitation.

ALLCOCK'S POROUR PLASTERS have

proprietor always sober.

A VERY DEMOCRATIC DENIAL

A Lincoln Newspaper Defends That Account-Shaving Scheme.

FACTS SHOW FOR THEMSELVES.

General Hotchkiss Starts Upon a Tour of Inspection of the State Militia-News From the Capital City.

I FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU. The Democrat flies to the rescue of the cashier of the First National with the broadest possible assertion that the Brz's expose of the philanthropic account-shaving scheme proposed by Mr. Clark was all false and without cause or foundation. A denial of that character does not cost more than 20 cents a line and in fact merely denies nothing. The only possible error that crept into the statement of the BEE was that the funds would command cash in August next, when in fact a portion of the amount will be paid in registered 7 per cent warrants instead of cash. But in the light of the fact that the accounts are shaved on an ascending scale from 20 per cent per annum upward, and from the additional fact that the accounts will not aggregate, in the eight months, one-half the ready cash that the treasurer keeps on deposit at the bank, it would look as though 7 per cent warrants on top of the gigantic discounts was a pretty good thing in itself. Of course, Mr. Clark says, anybody can take the proposition if they desire, but it is not every banking institution that has the bulk of the city funds to speculate upon and undoubtedly a good many banks do not care to embark in the business of shaving paper of that class. But the main thing in this speculation is the injustice it does the firemen and other city employes who are compelled to shave their accounts it per cent in order to get cash. If the city council think the magnificent discount scheme of Mr. Clark's is the best possible means to help the employes to get what they earn, it had better, before it endorses the scheme, raise the wages of the men enough to meet the exactions. Firemen working for \$65 a month, on duty night and day, cannot afford to be held up to the extent of 10 per cent of their wages every month, and it is an injustice to ask it. If the city can afford to let a bank charge employes at an average rate of 25 per cent discount it can afford to legislate a little for the other side, and if the city is so poor that its accounts are at such a discount the city should meet the deficiency and not the men whose salaries are meagre enough already. In the meantime a statement from the city treasurer that would show just the exact condition of each specific fund, and the prospect for the fund in the coming twelve onths would be interesting and instructive to a great many people who scarcely appre-ciate the condition of affairs except when light is shown upon such royal schemes of discount as has been under discussion.

On this week Friday the special election to vote \$150,000 in bonds to aid in the construction of the Lincoln, Red Oak & Des Moines railroad will be before the public, and there are no indications at present that point to any opposition to the bonds. Thus far but the city has been contracted. one paper in the city has been outspoken against granting the bonds and that is Major Kleutsch's German paper, the Free Press. The State Journal has pursued its usual course of masterly inactivity, and the proprietors are evidently trembling lest the orders come for them to turn loose and fight them. The remaining papers in the city have ac-corded cordial support since the proposition first appeared before the city council. The projectors of the new road are confident that the bonds will be forthcoming, but they are loth to discuss the immediate steps then to be taken except to assure inquirers that the road will be constructed and a connecting line with Des Moines be in operation before the close of two years. It is generally be-lieved that the Diagonal road in Iowa, what is known as the Stickney system is liable to play a part with the new line, and from the fact that no particular attention has been given to a line east of the river it is safe to assu that the projectors of the new line have an understanding with the Diagonal people by means of which they are either nto possession of agional survey from Des Moine to the river or that they are confident o Moines making connections or of securing the use of that road for an entrance into Des Moines. The oft-repeated assertion that behind the whole enterprise was the Rock Island road cannot be traced to any source warranting the assertion, and it will undoubtedly be de-veloped that whatever arrangements are necveloped that whatever arrangements are nec-ossary east of the river will be made with the Stickney system. In the meantime the bonds will be voted in all probability, not so much for the assurance of river rates as from the apparently well settled belief that a new railroad at this particular time for the city is worth all it will cost.

THE COMING BOND ELECTION.

A SMALL FIRE.

About 10 o'clock yesterday the department was called to a small house on Ninth street, between M and N streets. Quick work laid the hose and the fire was quickly put out with very slight damage. The blaze originated from a defective flue. The alarm was the first for several days and the fact is commented upon that the past two months have mented upon that the past two months have been remarkably free from alarms and no fire of any magnitude has occurred within reach of the department.

INSPECTING THE MILITIA.

Inspector General Hotenkiss, of the Nebraska National guards, started north over the Elkhorn Valley line yesterday, com mencing upon the annual inspection of the state militia. The coming ten days will be devoted to companies in northern Nebraska and the inspector general is under in structions to make his work complete and structions to make his work complete and rigid. The dates and companies he will inspect are as follows: Monday, 19—Company E, at Chadron; Tuesday, 20—Company F, at Hay Springs; Wednesday, 21—Company G, at Long Pine. The above are in the second regiment. Thursday, 22—Company E, First regiment, at Fremont; Friday, 23—Company E. Company K, Second regiment, at Schuyler; Saturday, 24—Company K, First regiment, at Central City; Monday, 26—Company A, First regiment, at York; Tuesday, 27—Com-pany I, Second regiment, at Stromsburg.

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CAPITAL CITY ITEAS.

Lincoln Lodge No. 9, A. O. U. W., has elected the following officers: J. W. McMillan, M. W.; George H. Simmons, foreman; E. B. Hyde, overseer; William Helmer, recorder; James Heaton, recorder; F. W. Bartruff, financier; A. H. Mashman, guide.

Treasurer Kent, of the state board of agriculture, will be in Lincoln the coming two days and parties who have not received their premiums should call and consult him while he is here.

The ladies of the Lincoln branch of the Irish National league have arranged for an

Irish National league have arranged for an entertainment of a musical character, that will occur at temple hall to night. Among those who will participate in the programme are Mrs. Weber, Miss Lillibridge, Miss Perry, Miss Flynn, Miss Flannigan and Messrs. Corcoran, Lawler and others.

Dr. Gerth and Major Birney departed yes-terday for North Platte in response to the communication from the sheriff of Lincoln county detailing the ravages of an unknown disease among a herd of horses at that place. Dr. Gerth will make a critical and careful

investigation of the disease.

On Tuesday noon a special train will leave
Lincoln over the B. & M. for Omaha, upon
which will be the committee to receive the
new bishop, and who will escort him to this

H. S. Van Petten, Pawnee City; R. S. Neis, Utica; A. S. McKay, Friend; C. S. Cleveland, Exeter; John W. Waite, A. T. Cooke, P. W. Birkhauser, Omaha; M. H. Weiss, Hebron; F. S. Cliatton, Weeping Water; James W. Dawes, Crete; W. G. Doom, Ashland, were arrivals at the capital city vesterday.

For fear of losing a day's work, many persons put off taking physic until Sat-urday. The better plan is not to delay but take it as soon as needed, it may save you a hard spell of sickness. It you want the most benefit from the least amount of physic without causing you may inconvenience, loss of appetite or rest, take St. Patrick's Pills. Their action on the liver and bowels are thorough, they give a freshness, tone and vigor to the whole system and act in harmony with nature.

ANOVEL BEAR TRIP.

How an Ingenious West Virginia Hunter Utilized a Beer Keg.

Scranton Correspondence Pittsburg Dispatch: Mr. Benjamin Jones of Virgil. Cortland county, N. Y., a brother of Landlord Jones of the Prospect house, in the upper part of Scranton, has been here for a few days on his way home from a great deer and bear hunt to the wilds of Potter county, near Wharton.

"Our party were out eight days and we got seven deers and three bears," said Mr. Jones yesterday. "But I must tell you about the bear that made more fun than all the rest of the hunt put to-gether. A week ago last Monday we got a glimpse of an old whopper of a bear, but he scooted out of sight among the rocks before any of us had a chance to get a shot at him. On Thesday even-ing all three of us went upon the moun-tain again. We saw the old devil's tracks away up on the deepest side of the hill. The dogs did their duty as well as they could, but all the satisfac-faction they got was to hole him in less than an hour. He had a den in the rocks on the side of the hill and getting at him was out of the question, so we left there right away and went after

"There were several residents of the neighborhood in the party, and, after they had all told how the big bear might be caught alive, a fellow named Ned Griffin said he had thought of a way. Then he went on to tell how he proposed to capture the bear. None of is had ever heard of such a thing before. We had a good laugh over Ned's peculiar idea, but he was a serious sort of a fellow, and by daylight Wednesday morning Ned was on hand ready for

business "He drove up to the place where we were stopping in a rickety one-horse wagon, and all we had in the wagon that we could see was a lager beer keg. The first thing he did was to take the beer keg into a little shop and knock the head out. Then he bored two holes in the other head with an inch augur, and after that he daubed the inside of the head and staves with honey leaving a little honey on the ends of the staves at the opening. Then he drove a row of spikes through the staves about two inches from the crease where the knocked-outhead had been, the sharp points of the spikes stsiking through he wood probably an inch and a half or two inches towards the center of the keg. After Ned had hammered the bung out he handed the keg to one of

our party and said:
"'All ye've got to do now is to take this kag up into the woods and lay it down on the side where you seen the big bear. Don't stand it on end, and don't fasten it to onything. Jest leave it loose where you lay it. I don't guarantee that it'll ketch a bear, but I'll say this much for the kag, if the bear gets his head in it once he kain't get it out, and there he'll be. It wun't break his egs, but the more he tries to git it off his head the tighter it'll stick. That bung-hole and them holes in the end'll give him all the air he'll need, and is he bunts around some it wun't hurt him

"Three of us started for the woods with the keg. We put it down on a level spot, near where we had caught a glimpse of the bear. That was Wednesday forenoon, and the next morning we passed the spot and saw the keg lying just as we had left it; we did the same on Friday, but the keg was still there.

"When we go to the place on Satur-day morning we didn't see the keg, but in less than two minutes we saw where the keg was: A bear had got his head in it, sure enough, and, what was better, he was the very same big bear that we had been after. Every time he tried to go ahead the keg bunted up against a tree and made the bear mad. He couldn't go a rod without running foul of a tree, and when he felt the obstruction he backed up quick and hit another tree with his rear: It was bumpety bump every time he trted to ad-

"Once he tried to stand up on his haunches and throw the keg over and the result was that he fell over on his back kerslop. Then he was madder than ever, and his roar sounded so queer in the keg that the bear got scared at it himself. I went up and patted him on the rump. Then one of my friends pranced up in front of him and gave the keg a push with his foot. The noise the bear made sounded like low rolling thunder. He was a splendid specimen and we wanted to take

him alive.
"I agreed to watch him while the others went after ropes. They were gone nearly two hours, and the bear wasn't still for a second of the time. Once he shook his head from side to side, and struck the middle of the keg against a tree with a bang that made him grunt, after which he acted as if he had hurt his neck. He kept on the move every minute until the men came

"Four slipnooses were made at once but, when we attempted to get one on the bear's hind leg, he thrashed and flounced like the mischief, and we had to get out of the way mighty lively. After a big lot of monkeying around we finally managed to get the beast to step into a large loop of rope we had laid on the ground, and the next theng he knew we had that leg secured and then there was another great fuss. In this way we got all his legs in limbo, but it took a good while. The real tug of war came when we began to snake him down the hill. He backed and yanked and roared. and we didn't get along well at all. Then we put a rope around his buttocks, and two of us walked quite-a distance ahead of him and pulled, while the

other one steered him.
"The brisk exercise nearly tired all of us out, and it was late in the afternoon when we got him to the clearing. There we tied his legs together tight and got a farmer to hitch his team to a stoneboat and drive up to where the bear was lying. His horses got scared and ran half way to the house with him, and it was half an hour before he could get his term near enough to the bear for us to load him on the stoneboat. We finally got him on, however, and then the horses started off at such a gait that it made the farmer's heels snap to keep

"It was dark when we reached the house. The neighbors were all on hand when we got there. They helped us to put four or five circingles around the bear, and then we hung him on the steelyards in the barn and weighed him. The hoops on the keg were then knocked off, and the keg broken to pieces and weighed. The bear's actual weight was 407 pounds. He was a noble fellow. The spikes had pricked his neck some, but otherwise he was as handsome as ever. We put him on a pile of straw so that he could rost easy, and that night we made a strong muzzle for him and boarded up a place in the hog pen to

put him in. "On Sunday morning we muzzled him, after he had protested pretty vio-lently, and then four of us carried him to a hog pen, hitched a chain to the muzzle and the other end to a post, and then took the ropes off and let him up. He was as angry as ever, and he pulled and yanked at his chain every little while, until he found he couldn't budge

ft, when he laid down. We left the bear with the farmer.

Leland hotel, Chicago.

THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELER.

Items of Interest to the Men on the Road.

HOSTILITY OF THE TEXANS.

Hits the Nail on the Head-What Traveling Salesmen Enjoy-Business is Business-Omaha's Sunday Guests-Samples.

The drummer tax question promises to figure as prominently in the future as it has in the past. The discharge of Robert Stockton in Texas by Judge Sabin, of the United district court, has not intended in the least to relieve the drummers who visit that state of the unjust taxation. Tuesday, December 13. Hon. John Ireland, of Houston, ex-governor of the Lone Star state, issued a lengthy communication in which he severely criti-cised Judge Sabin for his decision in the Stockton case. Governor Ireland is re-garded as an able lawyer and his influence with the people of his state will naturally prompt them to follow his advice. The gov-

"The federal district and circuit courts have no jurisdiction in cases like the Stock ton case, which originated under a state process. And nowhere can you find the slightest authority for any court of the United States inferior to the supreme court taking appellate or other jurisdiction of a cause pending in the state courts, either civil or pending in the state courts, either civil or criminal. I know that a derisive smile passes over the faces of men who have no real con-ception of our dual form of government when they hear persons talk of the sover-eignty of the states. I trust our prosterity will never consent to the idea that because sovereignty in its broadest sense and with reference to all governmental affairs is not claimed nor sourceded by statesmen, that claimed nor concoded by statesmen, that therefore the states have yielded up their claim to sovereignty in all things. When that time comes our destiny as a free republic will be sealed. When states and state will be scaled. When states and state officials become mere automatons and the citizen has to look to a central power for re-dress in all concerns in life, we will be no longer republic, and a claim to such will be

A telegram from Austin, Tex., dated De cember 12, says: "Regardless of the recent decision of the federal court at Galveston declaring the state law taxing foreign drum-mers to be unconstitutional, the state comptroller has issued fresh instructions to county officials, directing them to enforce the law until it is repealed by the legislature, or unti

congress by express enactment denies the right of the state to impose such tax." By this it seems that the trials of traveling salesmen are by no means ended in the Lone Star state. In view of the ample evidence of this law's unconstitutionality the next legis lature of Texas will render the citizens of its this law s under the citizens of his state a favor by a prompt repeal of the obnoxious statute. As a precautionary measure congress may yet be called upon to enact a law appropriate to the occasion.

Hits the Nail on the Head. NORPOLK, Neb., Dec. 16 .- To the Editor of the BEE: The following is an item cut from a local paper: "It is said that the postmaster general has issued an order that postal clerks shall cancel no more stamps on trains. If a letter is mailed on the train, it is put into a rack to be thrown off at the next postoffice on the route, where the stamps are cancelled and it is remailed. This delays a letter one mail, so you had just as well mail your letter at home and let the postoffice here have the benefit of the cancelled stamp. By doing you benefit your postmaster here and in creases the salary of this office."

creases the salary of this office."

A good many of "Our Boys" have seen this article, and so have others, who of necessity are obliged to handle our mail, (hotel proprietors and clerks). The article in question was written with the intent to deceive, and has already caused some trouble deceive, and has already caused some trouble and annoyance. From necessity we are often obliged to write up our orders and business at night after the local postoffice is closed, and in order for our business to receive its proper attention it should go on first train. The mail car is a railroad postoffice. The man in charge is obliged to receive all first class mail properly put up and stamped then forward by quickest route to its destination. forward by quickest route to its destination.

What Traveling Salesmen Enjoy. Every traveling man knows that there are many very pleasant features connected with

his vocation. It is pleasant to get out of funds and be compelled to either waste your employer's time waiting for checks or try to induce an unwilling customer to lend you money.

It is pleasant when getting to a town to find that the goods sold on your previous trip have not been delivered yet. It is pleasant when a customer breaks his

appointment (which, of course, seldom hap-pens), and comes along about an hour later and spoils your sale to another one. It is nice to find your baggage about twenty pounds overweight, which the gentleman in charge compels you to take out, and while you are hard at it—cussing inwardly—to see your train slowly but surely sliding out. Tab-

It is pleasant, when one of your leading articles is being sold by a man who is just ahead of you for 10 per cent less, to receive a letter from your house stating distinctly that on no consideration must you break the price on No. —, as we control the whole production and own every dozen that has been manufactured.'

It is ploasant when, after repeated efforts, you have finally brought a desirable customer to the house, to find he has in some way been snubbed or made to feel insignificant by either the head of the house or the bookkeeper, neither of whom having the slightest idea—as a rule—how difficult it often is to "get" a good, new account.

Business is Business. Two passengers on the train became in volved in a very heated controversy, which finally waxed so hot that one of them called the other a liar.

"What's that, a liar?" and he was on he feet.
"Yes, a liar," was the emphatic response,
"or my name ain't John Smith, of Smith-

"What, the hardware merchant?" "The same."
"The same."
"Mr. Smith, I'm delighted to know you.
I represent Messrs. Sharpedge & Co., of New York, and can show you a line of samples that will make your hair curl."

Omaha's Sunday Guests. There was the usual Sunday rush of traveling men to the hotels yesterday, and a jollier and happier lot of gentlemen never came to gether. The majority represent boot and shoe houses, clothing manufacturers and gentlemen's furnishing goods, and the raid

upon the merchants will begin in earnest to-day. The boys are carrying some very hand-some samples of spring and summer goods, and report large and liberal sales. The arrivals at the Millard were: George and report large and liberal sales.

The arrivals at the Millard were: George A. Ellis, Boston; S. P. Broadway, Kansas City; Dave Langsdorf, Philadelphia; Ben. C. Irwin, St. Louis; W. A. Underwood, Detroit; S. P. Urner, New York; J. O. Medberry, New York; H. A. Wood, New York; James Forsyth, New York; R. T. Shedness, Chicago; M. S. Schuter, New York; Lewis J. Stitch, New York; George A. Koester, New York; Albert Kahn, New York; R. Liendeim, New York; James Springer, Chicago; M. Gerfield, Chicago; H. H. Bainbridge, New York; Ed. Manheimer, Chicago; M. Weit, New York; H. A. Bodenheimer, New York; H. A. Bodenheimer, New York; R. L. Brett, Boston; W. A. Brown, New York; F. Wickham, Boston; J. P. Voorhees, New York; W. M. Kennard, Dayton; Thomas J. Blocher, Chicago; John H. Heimbaucher, St. Louis; H. S. Lewis, New York; W. McFarland, New York; E. De Cella, New York; W. R. Southard, Rochester; J. W. Herr, Rochester; George Krug, St. Louis; Thomas Woodhall, Buffalo; J. S. Dunlap, Chicago; C. L. Conklin, Springfield; F. R. Beckwith, Cleveland; J. D. Van Kirk, Chicago; Robert G. Kerr, Chicago; A. W. Butts, Chicago; B. H. Downer, Buffalo; A. De Land, New York; M. Loab, Cincinnati; George H. Stevens, Chicage; Heward De Mott, Minnespoiis; C. P. Trest. Baffalo; A. De Land, New York; M. Loab, Cincinnati; George H. Stevena, Chicage; Howard De Mott, Minneapoiis; C. P. Treat, Chicago; John B. Doyle, Baltimore; L. King, New York; Samuel Gutsman, Boston; F. A. Tripp, Chicago; H. B. Hines, Boston; B. H. Elliott, New York; W. D. Collyer, New York; G. E. Fuller, New York; S. C. Abbott,

RECKLESS DESPERADO

New York; B. A. Ostrom, Louisville; H. B. Goldsmith, Cincinnati.

The arrivals at the other hotels were: G. M. Scott, Salt Lake; M. A. Newhouse, New York; M. Horton, Chicago; F. B. Woodruff, Chicago; H. E. Hackman, St. Louis; W. E. Rathburn, New York; A. S. Hay, Cincinnati; Z. Waterman, Cincinnati; J. C. Musgrove, St. Joe; W. O. Frazer, New York; C. W. Beck, Chicago; C. W. Wooten, Philadelphia; W. R. F. Bush, Detroit; M. Gluick, New York; S. M. Rosenthal, New York; G. W. Ward. Detroit; T. L. Pierce, Bill Brazzleton's Peculiar Robberies in Arizona.

KING OF WESTERN HIGHWAYMEN.

A Remarkable Marksman and Scholar - His Courtesy Toward Women-Riddled With Bullets by a Sheriff's Posse.

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Mr. C. V. Bainsford, the energetic and go-ahead gentleman who represents Peycke Bros., has been making large sales the past week and reports prospects for the future But in the days before railroads, when stage coaches answered the purposes of the heavy travel, there were even more Omaha numbers among her many enter-prising business men many former "knights of the grip." Few more successful or popu-lar salesmen ever registered from Chicago than William Bennison, now of the firm of Bennison Bros. Billy's stock of pleasing stories seemed almost inexhaustible and his unique way of telling them is remembered by many old salesmen. Almost every man daring robberies than this. Tucson had the honor of producing a man named Bill Brazzleton, who made a business of robbing stages single handed, and in all that goes to make up the wary, skilful and successful highwayman he took precedence of all his kind and yet holds it. I have heard many stories of Braz-zleton. He was killed only six or seven years ago, and most of the people here knew him well. While he was not a native of Tucson, he came here when he was a young man and worked in a livery stable. He was naturally wild and untamable nature, and had a physique that was the perfection of power and symmetry.

He was quick and agile as a panther

and was the easy master of any horse he ever undertook to ride. His occupa-tion was well suited to his taste. It fell to his duties to escort travelers or long distances through an uninhabited and dangerous country, and in many of the journeys there would be hazards and privations as are known only to the hardy frontiersman. He could ride a hundred miles a day over a desert and through mountain passes with as much ease as a Londoner can canter down Rotten Row. He was so superb in every essential of physical prowess that a traveler always felt safe under his guardianship. He could drive as well as he could ride, and he became familiar with all the stage routes of the country. When at home he spent all his leisure in practising with his rifle and revolver, and became the most certain shot in all the region. This was an accomplishment to be proud of in a community in which the art of shooting was carried to the highest degree of excellence. People used to wonder why Bill Brazzleton practiced shooting so much. It was almost a mania with him, but he afterward had need of all the skill he acquired, and who knows but he even at that time had an eye to the Dick Turpin style of life that he afterward lived? He could do what I have never heard of any other man doingstand fronting a target, turn a somer-sault and hit the bull's eye three times

out of five as he came up. This was done

with a revolver at twenty paces. A shot by him from the same weapon while standing, walking, running or riding at full speed would inevitably go just where he wanted it and any man whom he got the "drop on" was as sure to fall as the bullet left the chamber. Bill was nearly thirty years old before he went into the business of robbing stage coaches. He was possessed of un-usual natural sense, had read some and knew a good deal about the world. It may be said with the utmost truth that he reflected credit upon his profession. His robberies were all perpetrated in the most approved manner and with little or no danger to his victim, beyond the loss of their valuables. He was the first and only man in Arizona who ever robbed a stage coach alone, and in this particular he surprised even the daring of the two men who 'held up' the train on the Southern Pacific weeks ago. Brazzleton never had an assistant in any of his robberies, and, so far as known, never made a confidant of but one man, and this man finally be trayed him to the posse of law officers by whom he was killed. They knew of him, and had started out from Tucson thoroughly armed. Brazzleton, no doubt, heard of it through his confidant, who was one of the hands at the stable where he himself had worked in former days, and he determined to give these seven men opportunity to defend themselves. He posted himself out on the road about twenty miles from Tucson, and about 11 o'clock he saw the coach coming. He was just over the brow of a hill, and could not be seen by the driver or passengers. He sat on his horse, levelled his rifle and as they came over the hill they saw both rider and gun and they knew at once who it was and what it meant. He commanded them not to move a hand and they obeyed The revolvers hung unused at their sides and their rifles lay idle in the bottom of the coach. They knew it was death to somebody the moment a move was made, and they sat transfixed with fear. He commanded them to get out one by one, lay down their arms, stand in a row and divest themselves of all their money and valuables. They did this, piling about \$12,000 worth of treasure up in a heap before them. They were then told to get back in the coach and drive on. Mr. Brazzieton taking possession of everything that had been left behind. This story sounds incredible, but some of those who were in the coach at the time still live in this country, and they verify it to the letter.

Brazzleton took particular delight in this style of robbery. It was a passion with him, and he seemed to indulge it more for the pleasure it gave him than for the money he secured. He cared nothing for money for its own sake, and spent but little, as he neither drank nor gambled. It was no uncommon thing for him to rob people and then return part of all he had taken. He once ran foul of a newspaper man who had but \$10. When Brazzleton learned his business he gave him back \$5. with the remark that he would probably need it. He had a great regard for women and would never rob a stage coach where any of the passengers were women. If he ever killed anybody I have not heard of it, but he was, nevertheless, the terror of the country while he was at large, and he was hunted for months like a wild beast.

ing with the narrow streets and the bright sky. The plaza has its fountain, of course, with benches shaded by The sheriff of the county in which Tueson is situated, resolved to destroy him at all hazards, for he was doing a great deal of injury to the business of this part of the territory. Finally, after one of his robberies, he was traced blue Spanish tiles, and as we watch the women in clean print skirts, rebosa folded over one arm and following the other that was ruised to hold the terracotta water jar poised on their shoulders, they are very Egyptian and studies for by a peculiar shoe on his horse. The trailers in Arizona are the expert in the world. Professional

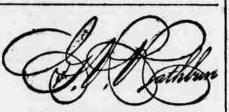
trilers are of two classes, Indians and Mexicans. Those who are most in de-mand are Indians of the Yuma tribe. Many of these can ride a horse at full galiop and follow a trail through the bushes and grass and over a sandy plain. One of these was set on the trail of Brazzleton, and he tracked himright into Tucson and up to the very stable where he had formerly been employed. It was then settled that he had an accomplice in the stable. There was but one man upon whom suspicion could fall. He was taken out and made to confess by being hung up til he was almost dead. He agreed to conduct the sheriff's posse to Brazzleton's rendezvous on conlition they would not take their prisoner

"For," said he, "If you don't kill him he will kill me." They promised com-pliance with the condition, and he theh said he would not have shared in any of plunder Brazzleton had taken, but he had given him information and took him his meals. He had been compelled to do this, and believed he would have been killed if he had done otherwise. He said he was to take Brazzleton some thing to cat that very night, and that if they would accompany him they could see him and kill him.

The accomplice piloted the party out about six miles to the southwest of Tueson. They came into a deep precipitous mountain gorge, where there was a heavy growth of timber. His habit was to go to a fallen tree and wait there for the coming of Brazzleton, who always rode off with his revolver in his hand ready for an emergency. The entire posse of six lay down behind the tree and waited for the coming of the great highwayman. He was known personally to the sheriff and all of his deputies. By and by they saw him approaching. He rode out of the thicket brush into a little opening with a gleaming revolver in his right hand, which hung rather carelessly at his side. Those who were there at the time have told me they had never before seen so superb an equestrian as Brazzleton was at that fatal moment. He looked like some wild animal that had just come forth from his lair, ready to leap on his prey. But the picture wat to endure for but a moment, for at the word of command by the sheriff the entire party delivered their fire and Brazzleton threw up his right hand in a vain attemps to shoot, and rolled off his horse with big holes through his body. Thus died one of the most reckless and successsul robbers of this or any other age. He was strapped on his horse and taken down to Tucson, where he was set up against an adobe wall the next morning and photographed.



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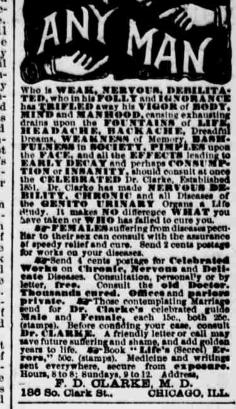
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