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## BURNED HIMSELF IN HIS BARN

### Terrible Suicide of a Highly Respected Iowa Farmer.

### INSANITY CAUSES THE DEED.

### Davenport's Trade Display a Grand Success—Meeting of Teachers at Cedar Rapids—Other Hawkeye State News.

**His Own Creamator.**

CAMBRIDGE, Ia., Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—This morning William Wilson, a well-to-do farmer and highly respected citizen living one mile west of Cambridge, set fire to his barn and perished in the flames. Mr. Wilson has been insane for some time and had been closely watched by friends and relatives, but this morning he succeeded in evading his watchers with the above results. His body—what there was left of it—was taken from the burning building. His legs and arms were burned off. Besides the barn a large quantity of corn and hay was burned. Mr. Wilson was about fifty-five years old. He leaves a large family. He has many friends and relatives in this community, all of whom were greatly shocked by his sad death.

**Meeting of Teachers.**

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The city is full of teachers from all parts of Iowa attending the annual meeting of the State Teacher's association. Five hundred had been enrolled this evening. The work of the day has been carried on in sections and many able papers have been read and discussed. This evening the association was given a formal welcome in the opera house. A floor was laid over the parquette and the house was beautifully decorated by the ladies of this city. Music and promenading was the order of the evening. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Mayor Eaton and President Charles, of the city school board.

**Denies His Withdrawal.**

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 26.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The report has been started that Hon. Josiah I. Young, republican candidate for the senate in the fifteenth district had witndrawn from his contest with Mr. Cassatt. Senator Young telegraphs a a denial of the report and says he is in the fight to stay to the end, confident that his claim to the seat will be sustained.

**Billings Growing Nervous.**

WAVERLY, Ia., Dec. 28.—The sixth day of the Kingsley inquest finished with the closing of Billing's testimony in the case. He had been on the stand since Saturday morning, and during all that time has been closely cross-questioned by E. A. Dawson, a member of the jury, chosen to assist Coroner Ford in bringing to light the particulars of Kingsley's death. During this time Billing's position has visibly weakened. He has admitted having forged signatures to affidavits, and explained the making of the notes and mortgages by saying that he believed at the time that his wife was soon to give birth to a child, whose father he believed Kingsley to be. He said he intended that the property should be used for the support of his wife and the child. He admitted, however, that in the meantime he had changed his mind, and at the time of the shooting did not believe such to be the case. This is believed to be a ruse adopted by Billings to remove what might be considered a reason why he should have shot Kingsley. Little that is new was brought out. The testimony consisted simply of repetitions and amplifications of facts already known. Billings is visibly nervous, and has the air and manner of a man tormented by a guilty conscience. Though there is some talk of violence, the sober-minded citizens who form the great majority have determined that the law shall be allowed to take its course and the matter be sifted thoroughly. Mrs. Billings will be placed on the stand and other witnesses will follow. A story was circulated that Billings had made an attempt to cut his own throat, but there was little upon which to base such a rumor, save the fact that Billings had asked for a carving-knife and been refused.

**Davenport's Trade Display.**

DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 28.—The mercury marked 12 deg. below zero this morning. There was a strong wind from the west and snow drifts in the streets were three feet high in places. Despite these obstacles the parade of the Iowa Traveling Men's Protective association was a marked success. The procession was two miles in length and headed by the city council, Company A, Iowa state guard, then came the Daveport business men's association of 100 members. Davenport post, Travelers' Protective association, 300 strong, carrying fans and wearing straw hats and linen dusters over fur caps and coats. The trades displayed represented nearly every manufactory and wholesale house in the city, some having six teams with as many floats in line. Altogether there were 200 floats, wagons and sleighs representing the different industries and nearly one thousand men on foot carrying banners and emblems or devices illustrative of their business. The line moved from 10 to 1:20 o'clock and was one hour in passing a given point.

This afternoon a formal reception was given the traveling men at the opera house. Mayor Clausen delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by F. W. Smith, state president of the Travelers' Protective association. P. O. Pindell, of Xenia, O., national president, delivered an oration, and Charles E. Banks, editor of the American Traveler, recited "The Drummer Holiday." At the banquet to-night 900 covers were laid.

**Iowa State Teachers' Associatisn.**

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 28.—The State Teachers' association, 500 strong, is in session here. There was a grand citizens reception this evening at the opera house.

**Accident to the "Cannon Ball."**

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—The "Cannon Ball" express which left Chicago on the Albert Lea route yesterday at 12:05 p. m., ran into a snow drift near Ely, Ia., twelve miles from Cedar Rapids, at 2:30 this morning. Before the drift could be cleared away a freight engine drawing a caboose dashed into the rear of the caboose, telescoping the dining car and crushing the ends of nearly all the cars on the train, as well as damaging the second engine, the train being a double header. Several people were seriously injured and many suffered bruises.

**The Illinois Improvement Convention.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A meeting of the executive committee appointed by the Illinois Improvement convention at Peoria in October was held here this afternoon to determine what action should be taken during the present session of congress to further the waterway convention between Lake Michigan at Chicago and the Missisippi river via the Illinois river. After considerable talk the bill was endorsed to be offered to congress. The bill provides for the selection of a commission of five, two to be engineers from the army and three from civil life, the latter to be paid $5,000 a year. The duty of this commission would be to look after the work of making plans and surveys for the canal.

**An Embezzler Pleads Guilty.**

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec, 28.—Major A. M. Way, indicted for the embezzlement of $40,000 from the Empire Building and Loan company, pleaded non vult contendre to-day and was remanded for sentence.

**TRAFFIC GENERALLY RESUMED.**

**Practical Collapse of the Strike on the Reading Road.**

READING, Pa., Dec. 28.—Coal and freight traffic by this morning was firmly re-established on the main line of the Reading railroad. The notice of Chairman Lee, of the executive committee, to assemblies of Knights of Labor, revoking the order to go to work and once more calling out the Philadelphia & Reading men, has not yet reached Reading. The indications are that the meeting of the Reading railroad men, which has been called here for to-morrow for aggressive measures against the company, will be slimly attended.

It is estimated that from five hundred to eight hundred employes of the Reading railroad have lost their positions because they had either refused to obey the company's orders or helped to foment and encourage the strike. Fully 50 per cent of the crews passing through this city are new men.

**Men Still at Work.**

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 28.—Notwithstanding the fact that the Knights of Labor leaders here declare there is a general strike all along the Reading railroad, there is no perceptible interruption of operations here.

**No Trains Moving.**

ST. CLAIR, Pa., Dec. 28.—A single coal train has started out of Frackville branch this morning. The Reading railroad company employs some twenty-five crews and engines on this branch in the transportation of about eighteen hundred cars daily, which are hoisted over the Mahanoy plane when in operation and sent through here.

**What Manager McLeod Says.**

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—General Manager McLeod, of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad company, said this morning the operation of the road is almost without obstruction. He said that the men were not generally obeying the order of the Knights of Labor to quit work again because the company had publicly guaranteed them protection, and that there were sufficient men at work to carry on the operations of the road properly. A leading official of the company declared that he had not heard anything in reference to the reported order for the renewal of the strike and said he doubted the issuance of such order.

In this city trains seems to be running as usual and to casual observers no indication of trouble would appear. With the exception of coal handlers at Port Richmond there does not appear to be any trouble and diligent inquiry has failed to reveal the true situation and although the order for the strike is generally believed to have been issued, this material point cannot be definitely learned. Dispatcher Goodman, at Port Richmond, said he had been told by a number of men that if there was another order to strike they would probably not obey it.

**A Misunderstanding.**

PORT RICHMOND, Pa., Dec. 28.—A number of men engaged at work at the Reading company's coal wharves here again quit work this afternoon. The train dispatcher, however, states that seven engines were laid off by the company's orders; that the men thought this meant a strike and many left work, but they are going back as fast as they are told the facts.

There was a feeling of uncertainty here all day and there was some hesitation about going on a second strike. Still, it appeared that some sort of order had gone forth, and at noon 700 of the coal handlers quit work. The leaders claimed they had gone on a strike, but the representatives of the company denied this. This has been the situation all the afternoon. The crews of ten Reading collieries have been discharged for insubordination, in refusing to take vessels out when ordered to do so.

**Shamokin Knights Still Out.**

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 28.—The Reading railroad Knights of Labor here are still out and declare they will not return to work until their discharged associates at this place are reinstated. Three train crews of non-union men are at work, but there are thirty-five locomotives without crews. The collieries in this locality are all idle owing to the lack of transportation facilities. The railroad strikers, however, declare that the miners will go on a strike as soon as requested to do so. Good order prevails among the strikers.

**A NARROW ESCAPE.**

**Thrilling Experience of Section Men On the Denver & Rio Grande.**

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—A party of ten men working under Section Boss Stephen Horn, on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad at a point about ten miles beyond Littleton, had a thrilling experience yesterday. Nine of them escaped injury but impressed with most uncomfortable feelings, while the section boss was very severely injured and had a narrow escape with his life. From what can be learned of the affair it seems that a hand-car laden with rails was being unloaded at the place mentioned and the men were all at work when a switch engine "running light" came around a curve suddenly and dashed at a high rate of speed and with frightful force into the vehicle. Such was the force of the collision that parts of the hand-car were hurled skyward over twenty feet and when they descended, did so with an awful crash. Parts of the car struck Stephen Horn, the section boss, breaking one of his legs and injuring him otherwise very seriously. How the other men escaped being hurt is considered almost a miracle.

**The Labor Party.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—When the new general county committee of the united labor party organize next week it is said that it will cease to be a "labor party." "Of course," said one of the projectors to-day, "it will appeal to workingmen. But that is not merely to mechanics and lawyers. There is a feeling in some quarters that workingmen did not support the party to any great extent at the last election and an effort will be made at some future convention to change the party's name. The idea will be to make the land question with a single tax the leading feature. This will bring about a schism, to what extent no one knows." The committee to revise the constitution of the party in this city have been at work since the last meeting. Many changes will be made. Many active members of the party are of the opinion that no presidential candidate should be nominated next year on account of the tariff agitation, which will occupy popular attention.

**A Pacific Cable Scheme.**

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—A reporter learns at the department of marine and fisheries that owing to some misunderstanding between the Dominion and Australian governments, the sailing of the Dominion government steamer Alert has been indefinitely postponed. She was to have left Halifax this month for the Pacific to make a survey from British Columbia to Australia for the proposed cable. What the trouble is cannot be ascertained. The two governments were to carry on the survey jointly, the Dominion government to furnish the steamer and the Australian government to defray expenses. Every arrangement had been made for the Alert's departure, and the delay has caused much disappointment to the projectors. This expedition was to form part of the Fleming scheme, by which it was proposed to connect British Columbia, Australia and India by an ocean cable, and which had been promised the support of all the governments concerned.

**Steamship Arrivals.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Arrived—The Savona, from Hamburg, and the France, from London.

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 28.—Arrived—The Western Land, from New York for Antwerp.

## GOULD'S ILL-GOTTEN GAINS.

### Proceedings to Be Instituted Compelling Him to Disgorge.

### THE PACIFIC ROAD COMMISSION.

### Forecasting the Probable Result of Its Forthcoming Report on the Condition of the Two Great Corporations.

**Jay's Thieving Jobs.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Several months ago the World published some inside facts as to the probable tenor of the Pacific railway investigating committee. In this statement the evidence that had been secured in regard to Jay Gould's manipulation of the Union Pacific road was brought together and a strong case made out against him. It was shown that while he was a director in the Union Pacific, after buying up the Missouri and Kansas Pacific systems, with the announced purpose of forming a competing line to the Union Pacific, he had forced the directors of the latter road to come to his terms and millions of dollars worth of stock for which he had paid comparatively little, was transferred into the Union Pacific at par. It was shown that he had profited by his manipulations nearly $10,000,000 and that Russell Sage, Sidney Dillon and other Union Pacific directors had shared to some extent in these profits. The intimation was given that the commissioners would probably recommend that the government bring suit, as partner in the enterprise, to compel restoration of the money of the company. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch announced Sunday that this is to be done. The statement is alleged to be made upon the best authority. It is said that the president has determined to instruct the attorney general to bring suit against Gould, Sage & Co. to secure return of $10,000,000 which they are charged with having unjustly taken out of the coffers of the Union Pacific. It is further said that President Cleveland has had several conferences with the commissioners in the hope of being able to reconcile the radical report of Commissioner Pattison with the more moderate report of his colleagues, Commissioners Anderson and Littler, and that it is probable that but one report will be submitted to congress. This alleged official statement, made in a Wall street paper that is regarded as the organ of Mr. Gould, is copied: "We are authorized to say that the Pacific railway investigation committee will report very favorable for the Union Pacific; that the road is in excellent condition, that the debt ought to be extended fifty years at 4 per cent, and that honest men are running it. Of the Central Pacific the report will say that the road is run down, business and equipment diverted, that the company does not want an extension, and will recommend that if the company refuses an extension, that the Thurman act be so amended as to take all the net earnings for the government. Mr. Pattison recommends a government receiver for both roads."

This story was submitted to Commissioner E. Ellery Anderson last evening, and he was asked to say whether it truthfully outlined the reports of the commissioner. When he had read it through he said: "It would, of course, be very improper for me to divulge the contents of the reports that have been made. I may say this, however, that in what you have shown me there is something of truth and something of errror. It is not strange that some things in the reports have leaked out, as they have now passed through more than a hundred hands."

"Will you indicate, Mr. Anderson, which is the false and which the true?"

"I will say this," said the commissioner, significantly, after a pause, and indicating the paragraph quoted above, "that I can't understand how that sentence came to be written unless the author has seen some parts of these reports."

"So Commissioner Pattison really proposes to annul the charters of the road?"

"Yes, that much has come to be generally known."

"And you are opposed to such a course?"

"I oppose it on legal grounds. The government cannot possibly annul the charter of a road, which charter has been received from a state, as in the case of the Central Pacific, which came into being through the state of California. The United States cannot try a man for murder committed in the state of New York, and they cannot annul a charter which they did not give. That is my understanding. Some way may have been discovered, but I have not learned of it."

"And it is proposed to sue Gould, Sage, and the rest to recover the $10,000,000?"

"That I must decline to say. In the story that the World printed some months ago, however, it stated the facts very plainly, and looked with some clearness into the possibilities of the future."

**COMMERCE WITH CANADA.**

**The Proposed Union Discussed at the Boston Merchants' Dinner.**

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Among the prominent gentlemen who attended the banquet of the Boston Merchants' association at the Vendome hotel this afternoon were Senators Hoar and Dawes, Congressmen McKenna, of California; Rogers, of Arkansas; Hitt, of Illinois, and Breckenridge, of Kentucky, and a large delegation from different provinces of the Dominion. The post-prandial exercises were opened by Hon. Jonathan A. Lane, president of the club, who extended a welcome to the visitors and in appropriate words announced that the commercial relations between the provinces and this country were at present of such an important nature as to demand the attention of the merchants and consequently the business men of Boston had invited the eminent and distinguished gentlemen from the provinces and halls of congress to participate in a discussion of this question. Erastus Wiman, of New York, spoke in favor of commercial union and said if the United States would proffer it, Canada would accept it. Congressman Hitt, of Illinois, spoke in regret of the absence of Hon. Benjamin Butterworth, of Ohio. In the course of his remarks he said: "Those who rest upon the text of a treaty will not yield their rights. This question will never be settled upon lines which we have followed, and to settle it we must extend our lines more liberally than has ever been done before. It is the opinion of a large number of public men that reciprocity, full and complete, or commercial union, if you choose to go further, will be the solution of this problem."

Hon. John McDonald, a merchant of Toronto, expressed the opinion that it is the duty of nations to advance reciprocity in accordance with existing rights.

Hon. J. W. Longley, attorney general of Nova Scotia, said: "The fishery interests of Nova Scotia are great, but the people rise above the wretched consideration of fish. We want free, unrestricted intercourse with the United States, even to the extent of commercial union."

Hon. Peter Mitchell, M. P., an editor of Montreal, said: "Canada has no desire for annexation, for her people are true to the mother country."

Mr. Chamberlain said, without right, the other day, that Canada may go. "Now," said the speaker, "when Great Britain says that Canada may go, she will go with pleasure and in a hurry."

Among other speakers was Congressman Dingley, of Maine.

**Ask Protection From Scalpers.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The Central Traffic association has authorized Commissioner Blanchard to prepare amendments to be submitted to congress to amend the inter-state act. A move is to be made to insert provisions which will protect railroads from the fraudulent misrepresentations of freight shippers in regard to the classification of commodities shipped, and to prevent the sale of railroad tickets by any except authorized agents of companies.

**VICTORY FOR THE CABLE.**

**Judge Brewer Refuses to Grant the Injunction Asked.**

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Judge Brewer, of the United States district court, sitting in chambers to-day, gave a decision in the case of the Omaha street railway company vs the Omaha cable railway company refusing to grant a temporary injunction restraining the latter from building a cable road into the streets of Omaha, and remanding the case to the general term of court. The case was really a question as to whether any one but the street railway company had a right to occupy the streets of Omaha with a railway. The cable company will therefore continue to build its line.

**STEEPLE CHASING.**

**Something About the Sport as Pursued in England.**

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LONDON, Dec. 28.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to the BEE.]—American lovers of hunting and steeple chasing would have enjoyed a racing and boxing day at Kempton park, not far from Hampton court. Kempton park is to London, as to location, what Jerome park has been to New York. Kempton steeple chasing, which began so well, was summarily ended by Jack Frost to-day turning the thermometer to 23 degrees, which marks "shocking, positively shocking" cold weather. Upon boxing day a large number of steeple-chasing men, including several travelers, crowded around a dry ditch, one taking the off side, one the fence, to witness the jumping there. The combined ditch and fence has the very unholiday name of "The Scare"—not so much because of the mishaps which have there happened, for no fatal accident has ensued, but from the shape of the ditch. The lookers-on, perhaps, came in the spirit of a famous Englishman, who, years ago, daily attended, named Van Amburgh, but no disaster occurred, and nine riders took the jump. This ditch is four feet deep A combined ditch and fence, though artificial, is continually met with in numerous hunting countries and if any servant or second horseman refuses to put his horse at a leap of this sort he would lose his place. Steeple-chasing, however, seems to have become entirely disassociated with fox-hunting and is mostly in the hands of clever coteries and combinations who find the training of a costly thoroughbred racer to get quickly over easy fences and a firm graveled course is the surest way of gaining pecuniary success.

**The Crown Prince in Good Shape.**

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SAN REMO, Dec. 28.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to the BEE.]—Dr. MacKenzie leaves to-morrow morning, but will return from time to time as occasion may require. He says the prince is now free from the disagreeable sensations which troubled him from the beginning of the year to the middle of November, feels well, is hopeful and in good spirits. Sir Morrell will carry away with him a highly satisfactory impression as to his illustrious patient's general symptoms, but he again most emphatically expresses his conviction that it is quite impossible at this stage to decide what is the exact nature of the disease.

**Plans of the Pope.**

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ROME, Dec. 28.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to the BEE.]—The pope will not hold another consistory until March, when he will celebrate the anniversary of his coronation. I have just returned from the vatican, where I am assured that the elevation of Archbishop Williams to a cardinalate will depend chiefly upon himself. Apart from this the only news about the future cardinals is that they will include the archbishops of Cologne and Paris. The latter is expected here to-morrow. There is excellent authority for stating that the archbishopric of Milwaukee will be divided and Archbishop Kendrick, of St. Louis, will shortly be given a coadjutor.

**The French in New Zealand.**

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Advices from Auckland, New Zealand, say the French have annexed Baitaca. The native chiefs refusing to submit, a gunboat bombarded the villages and a proclamation was issued stating that the natives would be punished and fined unless they submit to French authority.

**Russia's Pacific Policy.**

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The Post publishes a telegram from Vienna saying that Prince Lobanoff, the Russian ambassador there, has assured Count Kalnoky that Russia is pursuing a policy of peace, and that the concentration of Russian troops on the Galican frontier is not intended.

**False Rumors About the Emperor.**

BERLIN Dec. 28.—Telegrams have been received here to-day from New York asking about Emperor William's health, and stating that rumors are current in that city that he is dead. There is no foundation for such rumors.

**Peace Said to Be Assured.**

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Berlin to the Exchange Telegraph company says it is stated that Austria, yielding to the pressure of certain friendly powers, has made advances to Russia, by which continued peace is assured.

**Churchill's Russian Visit.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—The Moscow Gazette, commenting upon Lord Randolph Churchill's visit to Russia, says: "His visit will dispel his prejudices. He will find no trace of aggressive plans against India. He will discover readiness on the part of Russia to solve all questions in accord with England, full guarantee being given for the security of India, provided England does not oppose Russia's legitimate interests in Europe."

**Canada's New Governor General.**

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Manchester Courier states that Lord Stanley, of Preston, has accepted the governor generalship of Canada.

**Phoebe For Governor.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—A St. Louis dispatch says Miss Phoebe W. Couzins, ex-United States marshall, has announced herself a candidate for governor on an independent prohibition platform. She is a bright, intelligent woman, very earnest and eloquent in her speech and of no small ability as a politician.

**Petty Tyranny.**

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Corcoran, printer to the Cork Examiner, has been arrested on the charge of printing in that paper reports of meetings of proclaimed branches of the National league.

**Gladstone Embarks for France.**

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Gladstone embarked upon the channel steamer at Folkstone on his way to France this morning. He was cheered by the crowd which had gathered to see him off.

**Germany Will Take a Hand.**

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—The German ambassador has officially informed Kaimil Pasha, president of the council of ministers, that Germany will give Austria active military support if Russia should provoke war with Austria.

## TWO VERY FLY DETECTIVES.

### They Attempt to Blackmail a Nebraska City Clerk.

### THEIR BOLD SCHEME EXPOSED.

### Story of the Fall of Lon Thurman—Ruin Wrought By Wine and Women—A $15,000 Damage Suit.

**Bogus Detectives Attempt Blackmail.**

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 28.—[Special to the BEE.]—Several weeks ago a man from Lincoln claiming to represent a detective association and giving his name as Cole, came to Nebraska City to fish for suckers. Late developments show that he was very successful. His scheme was to appoint a representative of his association in every town in the west. He was "recommended" to a dozen or more young men of "detective ability." Some smooth talking, a $10 membership fee, and the work was done. All went well enough until several of the young men tried to put their "ability" to use. Among the $10 detectives was a young doctor, C. H. Ahrends, who imagined he had fame by the coat-tails. He sent word to a well known dry goods clerk that he wished to see him upon important business. The young man called and was told that the doctor was a private detective, that the clerk was suspicioned of robbing his employer, and it was intimated that a money consideration would put a quietus upon further proceedings. The young man objected to the doctor's schemes and expressed his opinion of the detective in forcible language. Later in the day Charles Bura, $10 detective No. 2, called on the clerk and advised him to "fix" the matter with Detective Ahrends and save trouble. At this point the young man's employer, Mr. J. W. Gilbert, was called in and denounced the entire business as a blackmailing scheme. Steps were taken to bring suit against the "detectives," but when wanted last night it was found that Dr. Ahrends had suddenly left for Canada, leaving his effects behind for his creditors. Frank Dillon, another of the innocent lot, tried to enforce his $10 authority by arresting a man last night, and for his trouble spent the night in jail and this morning contributed $15 to the school fund for impersonating an officer. There are a number yet to hear from, but it is thought they are in hiding.

**Wine and Women.**

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 28.—[Special to the BEE.]—Lon Thurman, whose death was announced in the BEE yesterday as having occurred at Council Bluffs, was well known here, and the history of his life is a sadly interesting one. A few years ago he came here from Brownville with a young wife and child, started in business and was one of the most respected and popular young men in the city, but cards and loose women got the best of him. His wife secured a divorce and he married one of the women of the town, who already had three husbands. He then opened a saloon and gambling den, and went from bad to worse until even his last wife would recognize him no longer and procured a divorce. Lon, with the help of some friends, then made an effort to "brace up," and succeeded so well for a time that he was given charge of the Grand Central hotel ahd ran it successfully for some time, when he again took up with his late wife, and together they turned the hotel into a house of prostitution. A serious shooting scrape between his wife and one of the inmates, growing out of jealousy of each other, which occurred soon after, resulted in the police closing the house and ordering all parties concerned to leave town. Thurman frequently returned to the city, but was always driven out by the police. His death is no surprise, and there is hardly one tear dropped over his sad ending, though once his friends were without number.

**Building a Bridge.**

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 28.—[Special to the BEE.]—Owing to the large increase in freight business at this point the B. & M. transfer boat has been found inadequate to the demand, and the company this morning commenced the building of a pile bridge across the river, which is intended to serve until the permanent bridge is completed. The wholesale firms and packing houses have complained heretofore of the uncertainty in transferring, claiming it had a tendency to diverge to Omaha and Kansas City trade from Iowa and Missouri rightfully belonging to Nebraska City. The bridge will remedy this and give firms here a better chance to compete with Omaha for Iowa trade.

**Faith in Advertising.**

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 28.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—The Nebraska City board of trade are making arrangements to do same effective advertising between this and spring. A number of newspapers in all parts of the country will be patronized to this end, and it is proposed to send a good man out on the road to "talk Nebraska City," distribute circulars and put up posters calling attention to her advantages and prospects.

**Sues For $15,000 Damages.**

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—William Green, formerly an employe of the B. & M. road, to-day began suit against the corporation for $15,000 damages on account of injuries which he claims to have received while at work on a wrecking car at Woodlawn station in October last. He alleges that, owing to negligence on the part of the company, one of the stay ropes of the derrick broke, allowing it to fall on him, breaking his leg and inflicting other injuries.

**ARRESTED FOR PERJURY.**

**A Case of Interest to Residents of Nebraka City.**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Samuel Persel, who was arrested by order of Judge Gill last week for perjury, was placed on trial to-day before Justice Worthen. Owing to the absence of several important witnesses the case was continued to Jan. 2. Judge Gill and the entire clerical force of the circuit court were subpœned and were present at the trial. At the time Persel was arrested Judge Gill refused to state the particulars of the case. To-day they were given. Soon after Percel filed a petition for a divorce from his wife in which he alleged hat he had been a resident of Jackson county for one year and the whereabouts of his wife was unknown to him, a letter was received by Circuit Clerk McCoy from Thomas Johnson, of Nebraska City, Neb., asking whether a divorce suit had been filed entitled Persel vs. Persel, and, if so, to send copies of the petition. Circuit Clerk McCoy complied with the request and a short time afterwards Johnson came to Kansas City and stated that Persel was his brother-in-law and his partner in a general merchandise business in Nebraska City, where he had always lived and was living at the time with his wife. Clerk McCoy handed the written statements to Judge Gill. When the case was called in the circuit cshrt this morning Persel went upon the stand and testified that he had resided in Kansas City over a year and did not know the whereabouts of his wife, all of which was taken down by the stenographer. When Persel finished his testimony he was placed under arrest by Judge Gill. Persel is a man of good standing in Nebraska City and is well connected.

**A Serious Charge.**

CORK, Dec. 28.—Three girls under thirteen years of age, inmates of the Good Shepherd convent, have sworn out information before the mayor of Cork charging a retired military officer, who is at present holding an important government position with criminal assault.

**GENERAL MARMADUKE DEAD.**

**Missouri's Governor Succumbs to An Attack of Pneumonia.**

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Governor Marmaduke died at the executive mansion here to-night at twenty minutes of 10 o'clock. The governor was taken ill Monday, and the disease, acute pneumonia, rapidly developed in spite of the efforts of his attending physician, Dr. A. C. Davidson, and Dr. Young, superintendent of the Nevada asylum. The governor recently returned from Europe, where he spent several months for the benefit of his health. He was in St. Louis during the severe weather of last week and is believed to have contracted the disease at the time.

The governor died surrounded by his immediate relatives—his niece, Miss Iola Harwood, Colonel and Mrs. D. W. Marmaduke, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Marmaduke, of Sweet Springs, and his private secretary, Hon. V. C. Yantis. To-night was the date for the fancy dress ball which the governor gives every Christmas to the children of Jefferson City, and some 250 invitations had been issued, some to friends in St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph and other places. Last night all were notified by wire that for the present, at least, the ball would be postponed. Governor Marmaduke was elected governor of Missouri in 1884 and his term expires in 1888. His administration has been reasonably popular and his demise is sincerely deplored. He has for thirty years been identified with the history of Missouri.

[General John S. Marmaduke became governor of Missouri January 1, 1885. During the war he served in the confederate army, where he gained his title of "general." He became known as a man of unflinching nerve, and in September, 1883, fought a duel with General Walker of Memphis, also in the confederate service. Walker and Marmaduke were officers of the same rank, but neither would recognize the other as his superior. Hot words ensued, and the duel was the result. The conditions of the meeting were that the men should use their side arms at thirty paces, advance, and fire until one or both were killed. At the third shot Walker fell mortally wounded, dying without uttering a word. Shortly afterward Marmaduke succeeded to the command and conducted the confederate retreat from Little Rock. During this retrograde movement the fighting was almost continuous, and the reckless bravery displayed by Marmaduke was attributed to remorse. Since his inauguration as governor of Missouri he got into a dispute with Mayor Rainwater, and a duel was imminent, but the matter was amicably settled by friends.]

**Other Deaths.**

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 28.—John J. Littleton, editor of the Nashville Review, who was shot by Banks last Saturday, died this morning.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Judge Rapello, of the court of appeals, died here this afternoon.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Mr. James D. Hurd, of the firm of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., the well-known publishers, died yesterday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—George B. Wansur, for many years a prominent citizen, died this morning aged sixty-eight years.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Death is announced of Sir Robert Montgomery, K. C. B., formerly chief commissioner of Oude and lieutenant of Punja.

**CHICAGO'S GAS FIND.**

**Chemical Investigations Expected to Result in Important Developments.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The excitement caused by the natural gas find at Coobe's brewery has cooled down a little, but is likely to be renewed as soon as the report of the experts comes to hand. Professor Long has not yet made any report upon the sample secured by him. Mr. Winance, the great Pittsburg authority, is expected to present an elaborate explanation as to the causes and quantity of the gas late this afternoon. In the meantime Mr. Soren Mathison, analytical chemist, has gone as far as anybody in his investigation into the nature and quality of the newly discovered flame. This gentleman, whose examination is not yet completed, reports that the gas contains carbonic acid gas, oxygen gas and carbonic oxide. It remains to be seen whether or not any other important chemical elements are present in it. Mr. Mathison is of the opinion that the gas is caused by the decomposition of vegetable matter, either living, in the form of submarine plants, or dead, in the shape of sewerage or garbage, or both one and the other. His theory is that the gas produced from such source has been separated from the water by agitation to a sufficient extent to produce a flame. The Cooke company, however, have received sufficient encouragement to induce them to take measures for the protection of their rights, and last night, at the instance of Alderman Wetherall, an order was passed by the city council granting all the protection that the city can offer in the way of police supervision and otherwise. There is a strong feeling among the aldermen to-day that the only way out of the gas difficulty is to light the streets by electricity. Alderman Clark will be the champion of this measure and will urge, when the annual appropriation is made, that from $100,000 to $150,000 be set apart for an electric light plant. His idea is to place a thirty-two-candle power light in every one of the present lamps on the streets and also have a few are lights in the more public places. It is believed that this measure will meet with very general approval on the part of the aldermen.

**Mrs. Astor's Bequests.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The will of the late Mrs. Charlotte Augusta Astor was filed today with the surrogate. After the bequests to relatives and personal friends, she made the following provisions: Woman's hospital of the state of New York, $25,000; St. Luke's hospital, $25,000; Young Woman's Christain association of this city, $25,000; Childrens' Aid society, $25,000; for an industrial school on Avenue B., $10,000; Hampton normal and Agricultural institute at Hampton, Va., $25,000, and the sum of $25,000 to the domestic and foreign missionary society of the Protestant Episcopal church of the United States of America, one-half to be applied to the education of the Indian boys and girls of south Dakota, and the other half to repair and for the enlargement of the schools in the same district. A number of smaller bequests are made to charitable institutions in this city. The bulk of Mrs. Astor's estate is bequeathed to her husband, John Jacob Astor.

**Will Celebrate the Event.**

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—The completion of the Minneapolis, Sault Ste Marie & Atlantic railway to connection with the Canadian Pacific at Sault Ste Marie, Mich., opening a new, short and direct line from Minneapolis to the seaboard will be signalized next week by the shipment of 100 carloads of flour from five representative mills. Each mill will load a train of twenty cars, which will be decorated with flags and lettered banners.

**Found Guilty of Manslaughter.**

PORT TOWNSEND, Wyo., Dec. 28.—Frank Fuller, who killed Archbishop Seghers on the Yukon river in Alaska last December, has been found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to McNeill's island for ten years and to pay a fine of $1,000.

**A Duluth Elevator Opened.**

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Elevator H, the massive new building, commenced receiving wheat to-day. It is the finest, but not the largest elevator, in the world. It cost nearly half a million. Capacity about two million bushels.

**Freight Trains Collide.**

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 28.—Two freight trains on the Milwaukee road collided while backing up at Western Union Junction this morning. Both cabooses and several cars were wrecked and burned. Two brakemen were injured.

## BOREAS' BITING BLASTS.

### Reports of the Various Points Hit By the Blizzard.

### THE NORTHWEST'S FROZEN NOSE.

### Manitoba Sends Down a Gentle Zephyr Which Spreads a Frigid Streak Over Several of the Great States.

**Wafted From Winnipeg.**

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 28.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—To-day has been one of the coldest of the season. At 8 o'clock this morning thermometers at various parts of the city registered from 15 to 18 degrees below zero. It modified somewhat during the day, but did not get much above zero. The trains are all late. The Illinois Central trains are running hours behind hand. Some of the trains due yesterday did not arrive until to-day.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The cold wave which came down from the northwest yesterday hovers over Chicago still and the prospects are that the mercury will drop still lower. At 6 this morning the signal service thermometer registered 1 deg. above. At 10 o'clock reliable spirit thermometers marked 3 above. At the hour mentioned the signal service had not received a single report from the west or northwest, indicating that the weather must be very severe.

OSHKOSH, Wis., Dec. 28.—The thermometer fell 20 deg. during the night, being 6 below zero at daylight, and was accompanied by a keen wind and very light snow, which drifted considerably. Trains are only slightly delayed. The weather moderated somewhat by 10 o'clock.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Dec, 28.—The cold snap developed into a regular blizzard in this vicinity yesterday with a fall in temperature last night to 11 deg. below zero. Railroad officers report heavy driftings of snow along their respective lines during the night, and to-day's trains are delayed about two hours. The expectation if that the cold snap will increase in severity by to-night, which will freeze up the Mississippi river sufficiently to admit of safe crossing.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—The temperature this morning was 14 degrees below zero, clear and but little wind. The storm of yesterday does not appear to have touched northern Minnesota or Dakota. Very little snow fell here yesterday. Telegraph communication in the northwest is uninterrupted and no blockades are reported except slight ones in the southern part of the state. Duluth reports the coldest weather of the season—25 degrees below. Brainerd reports 30 below yesterday. The indications are that the cold snap will moderate somewhat to-night.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 28—The mercury was ten below here this morning. Weather cold and bright. The Illinois Central mail train is five hours late and all mails are delayed.

WINONA, Dec. 28.—The blizzard struck this city Tuesday evening, causing a drop in the mercury to 17 deg below zero. The weather is clear and cold this morning with occasional light snows. Reports from surrounding country up to noon to-day indicate no stoppage of traffic by the storm.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—The thermometer this morning was 16 above, a fall of 28 deg. since