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MINOR MENTION.

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Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal. Four candidates for baptism were received at the Beren Baptist church last Sabbath. The regular weekly Methodist social was

held last evening at the residence of Colonel The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a sociable this evening at the church parlors. A cordial invitation is extended to

all to attend. A grand concert is to be given this evening in the Fifth Avenue Methodist church. The admission is but 25 cents, and the programme

promises a rich trent. Regular meeting of Fidelity council, No 156, Royal Arcanum, this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. All memoers are requested to be present. W. A. Groneweg, secretary.

Yesterday was quarterly pension day a large number of the old veterans had occasion to thank Uncle Sam for his generosity There were no pensions paid under the new Officer E. R. Noyes went on duty again last

night taking his old beat on Upper Broad-way. He still suffers considerably from the attack made upon him by the Maher boys and Unity Golld will meet in regular session

this (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Henry Coffeen, First street. A full atdance is desired, as there will be important business.

The repairs on the county jail are nearly completed, and it is expected that the big cylinder can be turned today, so that the prisoners can be taken out if needed for trial or other cause in court. Permit to wed has been given William Cheeseman and Emma Gallop of Neola; Charles E. Poffenberger of Malvern and Katharine Waldron of Council Bluffs; Louis Kost and Rosa Grote of Council Bluffs,

Notwithstanding reports to the contrar the Maher boys, John and Jim, are rapidly recovering from the effects of the bullets of Officer Noves' pistol, and there is no doubt at out their ultimate recovery. So say

their physicians. . During the congress among the decoration that made the town attractive and interest ing to the farmers was a corn stalk eighteen feet nine inches tall that was displayed it front of Schof, Stetnkopf & Schoffold's gro-cery on upper Broadway. It still attract attention and retains the palm.

The next term of the superior court does not open until October 3. The present term has not formally closed, although there is nothing being done. Judge McGee will hold a session to-morrow, at which time he will render decisions in a number of cases which he has been holding under advisement.

No effort will be made to repair the broken hose eart that lost a wheel while running the fire at John Baldwin's Wednesday. will be necessary to purchase a new cart. One new one has already been ordered. Until a new cart can be obtained the company will Carry their hose to fires in an ordinary

In the district court vesterday Judge Macy listened to arguments in the Fairmount part case. There was little else done and the pro ceedings were very dry to the ordinary spec tator. No decision was reached, and it will doubtless take some little time for his honor to con all the authorities cited and conside the numerous legal propositions so ably pre-

Colonel John Fox, chairman of the organization known as the anti-Reed republican club, received a letter yesterday from Neola, signed by Riley Clark H Elliott H G Hood and W. H. Butler, who declare them-selves in sympathy with the movement, and set forth their reasons at length. They are in substance that Judge Reed has ignored old soldiers.

Miss Zenona Gray gave a very entertain was highly pleased. The young hary pleas evidence at the start that she was thoroughly at home on the stage and the little excite ment incident to facing an audience gave zest Her delineations were nat-

ural and powerful. Mrs. E. J. Shubert gave a 5 o'clock dinner to about twenty-five guests at her residence, 200 South Twenty-first street, yesterday, in honer of Hon. J. W. Cartwright, of Burlington. It was a brilliant gathering, and the gentleman from the eastern part of the state vas given a favorable impression of Council

The cases against the Maher boys, William Walters and John Schefferly, charged with assault to kill Officer Noyes, were called in Justice Schurz's court yesterday afternoon, but the hearing was postponed until the 10th on account of the inability of the county attorney to be present and prosecute. The com-plaint filed by Ed Maher, charging the officer with the same kind of assault, was also post-

poned until the 11th. Work will be commenced on the new Methwork will be commenced on the new Meth-odist church in a few days. The only thing that causes any delay is the inability of the church people to decide upon the place for bolding services until the new church is finished. The contractors would begin the work of tearing down the old building tolay the carpets and seats were out of the way. place for holding that the services will be Hughes' hall.

Hall, the wife murderer, has about recovered from his self-inflicted injuries. He has little more to say than when the tragedy was fresh. The other day he gave an order on Chief Cary, of the city p lice force, for his watch, which was taken from him when he was arrested. A deputy sheriff went with the order police headquarters, but the chief re plied that he was abundantly able to keep the watch, and the order was ignored.

D. E. Gleason has returned from an extenrip through Missouri in the interest of the Merchants' Protective association. The western headquarters of the association has been established in this city, and the business is managed here. The association is in a very flourishing condition. During the past few days a force of twelve men have been placed in Nebraska, and they expect to increase the membership to the extent of many thousands during the fall and winter.

Tinnel and Day, two of the young Council Bluffs fishermen who were arrested on a war-rant from Justice Barnett's court charging them with malicious trespass on the lands of John Coyle, living south of the city, by open-ing a gate and driving through to the river, were discharged. Colonel John Lindt prose-cuted the cases and Emmet Tinley defended. It was shown that the It was shown that the men entered the field but it could not be proven that they did any malicious mischief or contemplated it.

The Skinner case was concluded in Justice hurz's court yesterday and submitted, and a decision rendered. The court held that all of Manawa was in Iowa, and the site of the Skinner suloon was not in Sarpy county. Judge Aylesworth took exceptions to the de-cision, and informed the court that Skinner would not pay any fine the court might im-pose, and if he issued a commitment he would make it hot for the court, or words to that effect. Emmet Tinley, for the prosecution, states that he will insist on the justice issuing

the commitment today. If Mrs. J. E. Metcalf's little dog could talk he could perhaps give some very important information concerning the diamond robbery that occurred at the "Grove" some time ago. A few days prior to the robbery the land-lady's little black and tan dog mysteriously disappeared. He was a faithful little watcher, and it was impossible for any person to approach the house without attracting his attention. An advertisement in The Bee failed to call out any tidings of him, and the woman had about given up all hope of ever seeing him again. But yesterday he was returned in the same mysterious manner in which he disappeared. The assumption is that he was stolen away by the robbers and returned by them or some person connected with them

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THE OMAHA BEE THE NEWS IN THE BLUFFS.

The Superintendent and Teachers' Committee Each Claim Control of the Schools.

THE CITY CLAIMING CUT-OFF ISLAND.

Lighter Taxes for the Coming Year -The Murderer's Watch-Minor Mention, Personal and Social Gossip of Interest.

The public schools of Council Bluffs have been among the best organized and most prosperous in the world. They are an honor to the state and are the jewels in the crown of the commonwealth to which the people point with the greatest pride. They represent a financial investment of the people's money amounting to nearly \$400,000, and are providing for the training and education of nearly ten thousand children in the city between the ages of twenty-one and five years. But this magnificent public school system with all its responsibilities and its possibilities, is being disorganized and its blessings, which should fall as a shower upon all alike, are being perverted, and the end is not yet. The children, instead of pursuing their studies under the direction and by the encouragement of teachers who should have nothing to distract them, are dis-cussing the fight in the school board and taking sides with the im-pulsiveness of childhood. The complication at the fountain head of the schools is the one absorbing topic of conversation among the teachers. They are compelled to occupy strained and unnatural positions, to engage in rebeliion while endeavoring to obey orders. They have two sets of masters and cannot serve both, and when counseled to act in disobedience of the orders from one side they are afraid of the consequences of the anger of the other side. They must keep peace if pos-sible with both sides until time can deter-mine which of the two is the stronger, not which is right. This means disorganization and rebellion among the teachers themselves, and worse than disorganization among the pupils. The teachers are ordered by embers of the teachers' committee in the board to wholly ignore the superintendent.

They must believe that a consequence of refusal must mean three votes against them when the board comes to select teachers another year. The other three embers of the board instruct them to disre rard all orders but those of the superintend ent. Both sides are determined and bitter and the teachers, endeavoring to choose the safest route between these two malestroms of anger, either of which is capable of swal

lowing them up, are in despair and unfitted for the discharge of their duties. This is the situation as it presents itself to he interested public, who care nothing for the individual differences and quarrels of the members of the board of education, whom they selected out of all the men in the city to look after the interests of the public schools. This is the true situation, and not one member of the board can escape the responsibili-ties of his position, but will be held accountade to the fullest extent for his seening of the the great trust placed in his care. The schools cannot prosper ble to while such a condition of affairs exist and the promise is freely made of still greate disorganization and a more bitter warfare which can only end when one side surrenders or the other side grows fired and lays down its arms. Both sides agree that the fight cannot be settled otherwise and both say cannot be settled otherwise and both say they will carry the controversy into the ourts. The interested public, the taxpayers, he fathers and the mothers of the thousands of children are framing some pertinent ques-tions which are easily interpreted to mean: "If the members of the board cannot agree let them resign at once. The feelings of the members, personally or collectively, cannot be considered an instant when balanced

against the whole interests of the public school system of Council Bluffs." In obedience to the instructions the teachers refused to recognize McNaughton as the superintendent, but made their reports direct to decompristing Mrs. Nare princianother teacher during the afternoon and passed the door of the superintendent's office and sent a request to Chairman Schoentgen of the committee to send her a person to fill the vacancy. The reports of the teachers showing the caroliment of pupils, which are usually all in and on file at the end of the first day of the term, are yet unfinished and

re not accessible.

Prof. McNaughton is going about his duties with unruffled temper and a large number of the teachers openly express their sympathy for him. The teachers are evidently trying to compromise with both sides and outside of making their reports to the teachers' committee are following all of astructions and recommendations of the

aperintendent. Prof. Hyde, who was elected to the posi-tion of principal of the high school, has not shown up and no communication has been received from him. It is consequently not known whether he will accept or decline the osition. The superintendent and the high cheel teachers are getting along comfortably without him and can continue to do so unti his intentions are made public. Mr. Wells and Mr. Schoentgen were seen

on the street by a reporter for THE BEE yes erday afternoon and questioned concerning the school problem.

"There is nothing new," remarked the hairman. "We are getting along very nicely, and the teachers are reporting to us regu-larly. I see no reason why we cannot continue in this way indefinitely. "We are in this fight to stay," said Mr

Wells, "and we will stay until we win. We regretted the necessity of doing what we have done, and we regret the necessity of doing still more, but we are now determined to bring out all the facts in the case and let the people judge for themselves. We are onestly striving to protect the interests of the schools, the interests of your children and my children, and what we will do will be prompted only by motives of which we are not ashamed. I was told some time ago that there was but one man in the board who wa giving the schools any attention at all, and that man was John Schoentgen here. New I am giving them some attention (about all my

ne) and am helping ann.
"Yes, and you have learned in the past few." interweeks what it took me a year to learn," inter-posed Schoeqtgen. "When you came into the board I never told you saything for fear I might prejudice you, but let you find out for yourself,"

"We are in the fight to stay, all winter, if necessary, and when we get through we will have shown up the whole thing just as it is," continued Mr. Wells, as he took the arm of Mr. Schoentgen and sauntered up the street. BOS.ON STORE.

A Few Specialties to Be Found There

This Week. Something of interest to every lady is to be found at the Boston Store, Council Bluffs, It is a little early to talk of fall goods yet, but we have a few specialties that won't last long in the way of fall dress goods. For this wees only, 50 pieces 3d-inch, all-wool plaids, stripes and mixtures at 3de, worth 58c: 100 deces 52-inch, all-wool ladies' cloth, in all the newest fall shades and black at 39c,

worth 5%.
We show the finest line of gents' neckwear and one-half hose in the city; the best 25c and 50c necktie in the market; 225 dozen gents' white shirts, prices 25c, 30c, 50c and 75c; complete line of night shirts from 58c up.

BOSTON STORE.

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Shorthand. Miss Rhodes, Brown building. J. C. Bixby, steam neating, sanitary en-gineer, 943 Life building, Omini; 232 Mer riam block, Council Bluffs.

The Manhattan sporting headquarters, 418

Cut-Off Island Again.

Cut-Off island is attracting more attention than any other portion of Council Bluffs at the present time, and the probability is that it will be of still more importance to the public. The park commissioners have set up a claim to a large part of it under the conveyance to them by the government of the tract

of land comprising Big Lake park, jury, A mass of inn had been placed on the Yesterday and the day previous the park commissioners and the members of the city council were over there looking into the matter, and endeavoring to trace the lines with the assistance of the city engineer. Commistener Graham is satisfied that the city owns a large portion of the island under the government deed, and the commissioners have notified the Omaha land and improve ment company and a large number of squat-ters who are occupying the land to vacate at once. The matter looks very serious to the improvement company, and they have had experts at work on the county records for several days past overhauling them and en-deavering to trace the old original government

officers of the improvement company have been so far convinced that the park commissioners' claims are good that they have offered to compromise and pay the commissioners a liberal amount for a quit claim deed to the disputed property. Yesterday afternoon all the members of

the city council, the mayor and city engineer and all the members of the county board of supervisors visited the island again. Several prominent business men accompanied the party. The county board made the visit for the purpose of arranging for a polling place and locating it and joining with the city in providing something in the shape of a jail for the temporary retention of criminals.

The importance of the island is attracting a great deal of attention, and the prediction is freely made that there will be a pontoon bridge uniting it with the city within sixty

Wall paper at 314 cents per roll; not remnants, at C. L. Gillette's, 28 Pearl st.

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Dr. C. H. Bower, 20 N. Main st. J. G. Tipton, real estate, 527 Broadway.

A Little Lighter Taxes. The county board spent yesterday forenoon in making the tax levy for 1890. The following is the general levy: Funds.

County ... Court house and jall bonds and interest. Soldlers relief....

The levy as compared with last year is a haif mill higher on bridge fund and a quarter higher for the insane. The city levy is 31 mills, which added to the 11% mills for county and state and 13 mills for schools, makes the total tax on Council Bluffs property 5714 mills, which is 34 of a mill less than last year. It is gratifyog that taxes are getting less, even if it be

To the Ladies-Miss Mary Gleason has returned from her eastern trip and is better prepared than ever to satisfy all who want first class dressmaking. Rooms in the old library building, Pearl street.

Buy your lumber of The Judd & Wells Co.

813 Broadway. Hose at cost. We are going to quit handling garden hose, and have doubly the largest stock in the city. To close out we will sell all grades and fixtures at dead cost, for eash. C. B. Paint & Oil company, Nos. and 3, Masonic temple.

New fall goods just received at Reiter's, merchant tailor, 310 Broadway.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Prof. C. Spruit, of the corps of teachers of the institution for the deaf and dumb, has re-turned from Spirit Lake, where he has been having an enjoyable season of recreation. Mrs. Spruit will visit her relatives in Osceola. and also spend some time at Colfax before

Mr. A. N. Crosby returned last evening Mr. A. N. Crosby returned last evening from Guthrie county, Iowa, where he has just completed the re-enumeration of a town-ship. The new count increases the popula-tion from about six hundred to one thousand ber of starms from fifthe tooks boundred and Captain Hight's district which required a reenumeration.

First-class dressmaking by Miss Wallace, over Cattiemen's bank.

ose purchased at Bixby's,

A good hose reel free with every 100 feet of

Commercial men, New Pacific, Council Bluffs, is under management of W. Jones with new sample rooms.

Why Emin Changed Front. LONDON, Sept. 4 .- In an interview with the editor of a Swiss newspaper Stanley re futed various charges that Emin Pasha made against him. He declared that a letter from Wissmann first upset Emin's gratitude ward and admiration for the English and made him weigh his chances on each side. The iliness resulting from his accident placed him in the power of Wissmann and the latter whispered things about Stanley

magnifying and distorting everything until he attained his ends. Negro Lynched in Mississippi. WATER VALLEY, Miss., Sept. 4 .- Last night a negro named Rogers decoved Mrs. Samuel Murray from her home on the pretense of helping to rescue her husband from toughs, and then assaulted her. He was lynched today. Mr. and Mrs. Murray are

from Iowa and have lived here two years. The Potter-Lovell Failure.

Bosrov, Mass., Sept. 4.-It is now currently reported that the total liabilities of the Potter-Lovell company will aggregate \$5,000,000. At the state house it is said that the matter of the company's not having com plied with the law in making a statement of ts condition, has been placed in the hands of the attorney general.

Reviewed by the Emperor.

FLEXSBURG, Sept. 4 .- [Special Cablegram t THE BEE.]-Emperor William who arrived last night on the yacht Hohenzellern, met with an enthusiastic reception. Today he reviewed a large body of troops. Many foreign princes and officers were on the parade ground to receive him and the review was a brilliant affair.

Wreck on the B. & O.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 4.-A special from Mannington says: Early this morning a freight train ran into a "pickup" on the Baltimore & Ohio road just east of Mannington, causing a terrible wreck. The enginee Cordeil, and an unknown man were killer The wreck took fire and the cars and contents were almost totally destroyed.

The Trades Union Congress. LIVERPOOL, Sept. 4.—The trades union con gress today voted in favor of having a working day of eight hours made compulsory by parliament. An amendment to the effect that an eight-hour day ought to be voluntary, and be secured by such trades as desired it, was

rejected.

Floods in Southern Germany. BERLIN, Sept. 4. - Havor has been caused by floods in the southern part of Germany Crops are spoiled and railway communication stopped. The lake of Constance is higher it has been since 1770. Navigation is

completely stopped. Admits the Authorship. Paris, Sept. 4 .- M. Mermeix admits the authorship of the recently alleged revelations concerning General Boulanger, which appeared in Figure.

A Bursted Ham. PRACUE, Sept. 4.—The Rosenberg dam, the largest on the lakes on the Schwarzenburg estate, has burst. Alarm guns were fired.

Work of Train Wreckers. ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 4 - Train No. 13, the Adirondack, Montreal & Niagara Falls express was wrecked three miles north of Castleton. The second section of the train was thrown from the track and several cars were and burn all the dis-wrecked, but no one was killed. Several making in these two persons, however, received quite serious in ended in a few years.

Nevada Republicans. VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. | Sept. 4 .- The republican state convention met this afternoon, committees were appointed and recess taken. PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

S. P. Morse and family went east yesterday General Manager Holdrege of the B. & M. s in Burlington. Mr. C. W. Pool, editor of the Johnson

Courty Journal, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. L. B. Liggin has returned from Hot
Springs, S. D., much improved in health. J. B. Reynolds of the B. & M. general ticket office is taking Mr. E. D. Branch's place in the city ticket office of the road. Mr. Branch has gone to Denver for two months.

Mr. A. Morrissey, who is representing the A. M. Paimer company, is in the city Friday and Saturday of next week. This magnificent company will present the following repertoire: Friday evening a double bill, "Aunt Jack" and "A Man of the World;" Saturday matinee, "Jim, the Penman," and Saturday evening, "Saints and Sinners."

Building Permits. The following permits were issued by the superintendent of buildings yesterday: William Brown, one two-story double brick tenement, Kyner street and Seventeenth avenue \$ 2,500

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D. J. Dorcey, one-story frame cottage, Forty-seventh and Pacific streets.

L. F. Weeks, frame barn, Hamilton street and Lowe avenue.

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DEAD PABLES A BLESSING. South American Mothers Pleased to

See Their Infants Die. The maternal instinct is by no means wanting in the lowest classes of South American women, but among the more degraded, the poor creatures have so many children and are so habitually hungry and hopeless that it is no wonder human instincts nearly die out of them. In some cases infants are utterly neglected, and left to shift for themselves as soon as able to walk, to live or die.

An American gentleman says that he was riding one day in the suburbs, when his horse accidently ran over and killed a child that was lying asleepin the road, its dirty and naked brown body completely hidden in the sand. Of course he was stricken with horror and remorse, and hunting up the mother, gave her all the money he happened to have about him (amounting to about \$40), as a

balm to assauge her grief.

A few days later riding along the same road he saw ahead of him another child squatted in the sand in precisely the syst where the other was killed. Dismounting to investigate he discovered that the little thing could not get out of the way, being securely tied in a flat basket. He did not run over any more babies, but sought the mother, who proved to be the same one to whom he had lately given \$40, and who indicated n the most innocent and business-like money she wanted, not the baby; that there were a number of other olive branches whom she would like to dispose of on similar terms.

Throughout all Spanish America the death of a child seems to be a matter of rejoicing rather than of sorrow-the idea being that the little one, not having arrived at years of discretion, must be without sin, and, therefore, in no danger of the torments of purgatory; whereas, had it been permitted to live longer, what might have been its eternal fu-

ture? The small corpse is spoken of by all as 'another little angel." It is decorated gayly with birds' wings, flowers and bits of gaudy paper, kept in the house as long as possible, often a great deal too long; and its interment is celebrated by lively music, followed by a feast for all concerned and sometimes dancing.

A Desperat: Fight for Life.

Three Escanaba boys, James and Willie O'Brien and Frank Gallagher, one Sunday afternoon launched a small boat and propelled it with a pair of paddles to a point three-fourths of a mile off shore, when one of the sudden violent squalls for which Lake Superior is noted struck them. They lost their paddles, and the boat began to fill with water. Jim and Frank, aged respectively eight and ten years, jumped into the waves on either side of the boat, and each of them put one hand on the gunwale, paddling with the other, while Willie, who was only seven, bailed the water out with his hat, knowing it would be impossible to live more than half an hour in the icy waters of the lake, says a dispatch to the Chicago Herald. " Jim and Frank every now and then climbed into the boat, returning to the water again after having rested. Night came, black and very stormy, and for sixteen long hours the brave swam, bailed and hoped for deliverance They called for help time and again, but their voices were lost in the roar of the sea. Late the next day when at a point nineteen miles out in Lake Superior they were sighted and picked up by a passing schooner. Mark Twain on "Kipling."

"It would be a good thing," said Mark Twain to a reporter for the New York World, "to read Mr. Kipling's writings for their style alone, if there was nostory back of it. But, as you say, there a ways is a story there, and a powerfully interesting one generally. How people have gotten to read and talk about his stories! Why, when a young man, not yet twenty-four years of age, succeeds in

ply shows, doesn't it, that the general public has a strong appreciation of a good thing when it gets hold of one? "His great charm to me is the way he swings nervous English! It is wonderfull That, it seems to me, is one great secret of the hold he takes on his readers. They can understand what he is at. He is simple and direct.

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Calif rnia Fruit Growing. The California papers are full of fig-ures of successful fruit growing. This s an exceptional season, as it is seldom that the eastern crops fare as they have done this summer; but the demand for California fruits, such as prunes, apricots and raisins and Bartlett pears, increasing so rapidly that not even the growing acreage of California orchards can supply it. Most of the destructive pests can now be checked, and the only thing which threatens serious damage is the phylloxers. Tha vine-pest menaces the best vineyards of the Sonoma and Napa districts, and unless the state empowers the commission to root out and burg all the diseased vines, winemaking in these two valleys will be

IS IT A SUCCESS?

Kate Field Thinks "Electrocution"

Not Atogether a Failure. Kate Fields Washington: The prob-em which was to be solved by Kernmer's death is as far from solution as ever. We are no nearer having an ideal plan for putting a human being out of the world by jueicial process than we were two years ago, when the friends of the electrical execution project were in the midst of their campaign for its incorporation in the statutes of New York. Even the physicians who formed the expert jury in Kemmler's case are of two opinions as to the precise moment of his death, though generally agreed as to the time at which he became unconscious; and the newspaper accounts of the affair differ so as to justify a suspicion that they have, as a rule, sacrificed accuracy of detail to the desire for a 'good story." Hence we have neither cientific data nor an exact statement of unrelated facts to draw upon in forming an estimate of the value of electricity as an agent for the vindication of outraged Down at the bottom of the whole fail-

ure lies the nervousness of Warden Durston and his assistants in making a first experimental test of a natural force which they only meagerly understood. I cannot blame them for their feeling of uncertainty and dread. My only regret is that the public, who, as the ultimate court of appeal, must pass judgment on the result, do not seem to take this phase of the case enough into consideration. Electrocution may not be a perfect method for disposing of murderers, but that is not the question. The one thing to be decided is whether it compares well or ill with hanging. The day has not yet arrived when legislatures generally will consent to abolish capital punishment; hence the repeal of the law under which Kemmler was killed will mean simply a return to the old and familiar machinery of the gallows. I am sure, no one could have the hardihood to claim perfection for that. Almost every hanging which has occured in a civilized community for the last dezen years has called forth a chorus of horrified protests from the press on account of its incidental brutalities. In nearly every case where a new hangman has officiated mistakes have been made which involved positive torture to the poor wretch on the scaffold, and this, at least, cannot be charged against the electrical apparatus in Kemmler's case. However long it may have taken him to die, there is every evidence that he knew nothing of his surroundings from the instant the first current passed through his frame. One serious error probably was that, in the general anxiety to avoid a scene of horror, the arrangements were too com-

plex. Mr. Edison expressed this very well when he said that the criminal ought to be made simply to lay hold of a surcharged wire with both hands, as the victims of the elecric light apparatus do now and then by accident. skull cap and the spinal attachment, and all the rest of the involved mechanism. represented a great waste of inventive

If the courts will but do their duty, we shall soon learn more about the effectiveness of "electrocution" than we know now. There are several criminals a waiting death in New York state; and in each successive case, if the law is permitted to take its course, we ought to get better results, through increasing familiarity with the conditions. The danger is, however, that judges whose interference is besought will be tempted to listen to the clamor of a few noisy conservatives and decide against putting any more men to death by the application of electricity. There are people who oppose everything that savors of progress. They hold fast to the beam and rope because those implements nave nad the sanction of use by two Eng. lish-speaking nations for several generations, just as they fight against cremabecause Abraham buried his wife tion and against public baths because the lusty Spartans never washed themselves. Kemmler episode, as I said some time ago, has solved no problem, but that is because it was a first experiment and unquestionably faulty in several particulars. There was certainly noth ing about it that need frighten us off from further trials in the same direction. Perhaps the next one will bear better

A Choice List of Summer Resorts. In the take regions of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and the two Dakotas, there are hundreds of charming localities pre eminently fitted for summer homes Among the following selected list are names familiar to many of our readers as the perfection of northern summer re sorts. Nearly all of the Wisconsin points of interest are within a short distance from Chicago or Milwaukee, and none of them are so far away from the "busy marts of civilization" that they cannot be reached in a few hours of travel, by frequent trains, over the finest road in the northwest-the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway: Clear Lake, lovea.

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Railroad Accidents.

According to Whitaker the total number of railway passengers killed in the United Kingdom in 1888 was 1 in 6,942, 336, or 72 in all (only 8 more than were killed in the same year by the horse cars in New York city). The number of injured was 1 in 527,577, says Harper's Weekly. Statistics for the United States are imperfect, but the accidents in this country are unquestionably more numerous than they are in Great Britain. Malhall, an English authority, taking our railway census figures for 1880, places our killed and injured for that year-passengers, employes and all others included at for ty-one per 1,000,000, to eight per 1,000,000 in the United Kingdom. There has been a marked improvement in the operation of railroads in the United States in the last ten years. As it is, a railway train is about the safest place a man can place himself in out-of-doors, unless it be in an ocean steamer. The greater safety in England is du

to better constructed lines. Double tracks, inaccessible to cattle, are practically universal there: no wagon roads are crossed at a common grade, unles t be on a very few short branch where gates are used; and the stations throughout the country are generally double one on each side of the and no crossing of the tracks by passengers is permitted. Our reads are approximating this condition of things, and the process promises to continue. A great dvance has been made on both sides of the water in such safety appliances as block and interlocking signals, efficient rakes, etc. The vestibule now used on the best trains of many of our roads is a protection against "telescoping" and for persons passing from one car to another. An improvement is promised on this, in the shape of tubular iron or steel cars, which cannot be broken up by collision or other accident. The

abolition of the stove is gradually proceeding. Heavier and better rails are laid than formerly. But our poorer and new roads are along way behind the stronger and older ones in these partic-The majority still have but one ulmrs. track, and wherein their construction is lacking in this respect and others human vigilance alone stands in place of the deficiency.

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how a man, who can do it, can spend thirty-six hours in doing it. "If you have to send "copy" up-stairs, hour after hour, with a boy taking the slips from you, one by one, as they are written, and you know that you are never to see what you write until you read it the next day in the paper, your copy will be punctuated carefully, written carefully, and it will be easily read. That is one thing. Another thing goes with it. You will form the habit of determing what you mean to say before you say it, how far you want to go, and where you want to stop. And this will bring you to a valuable habit of life-to stand by what has been decided. poleon gave the same advice when he said, "If you set out to take Vienna, take Vienna.

For these reasons, I am apt to recommend young men to write for the press early in life, being well aware that the habit of doing this has been of use tome.

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the rush of passengers was so great that the cars filled up, and many people could not find places. Thereupon the marquis opened the door of his compartment and announced that there was room therein "Beg your pardon," said the guard, "but the compartment is reserved, and I can't admit any others." for four people.

"But I'll be responsible for the consequences," said the marquis. The guard was sorely puzzled. His orders were strict, and he didn't recognize the marquis. "Would you mind giving me your card?" suggested the poor fellow. "I shouldn't like to get into trouble, sir."

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