Sketch of a Career Characteristic of the Great West.

SUDDEN END OF A ROMANTIC LIFE

Summary of Senator Warren's Arid Land Bill-A Celestial Fracas-Wild Porkers on a Tear-General News of the Northwest.

The financial collapse of the Blue Bird mine in Butte, Mont., two weeks ago was followed sharply by the suicide of the principal owner of the property. Ferdinand Suydam Van Zandt, in a London hotel. It is generally believed the immediate cause of self-destruction was his reverses in Butte, but there must have been other causes, for Van Zandt had ready means and resources far exceeding the amount involved in the Blue Bird collapse.

Van Zandt's career is meteoric in its brilllancy and sudden close. It is a typical western one. He rose from poverty by reason of superior acquirements, true grit and generosity. Twelve years ago he trudged into Leadville as a tenderfoot, fresh from New York and from college and without the price of three meals in his pocket. He became cashier in a restaurant. A tall, powerful and remarkably handsome man, be attracted attention. Possessing a college knowledge of minerals, his abilities were soon in demand. He became assistant manager of the Adelaide mine in Stray Horse gulch, and subsequently gen-eral manager. During this period in 1879 a rival mine attempted to cut into the Adelaide ciaim, the raiders supposing they could bluff the tenderfoot. Van Zandt barricaded the minc, marshaled his men and completely out-

flanked the enemy.

While in Leadville he was visited by New York friend named Potter, who started for the interior of Mexico and disappeared. Potter's relatives wrote to Van Zandt at Leadville and he left to follow up the trail of the missing man. Van Zandt found that Potter had incautiously displayed a large roll of bills at Albuquerque, and some dis-tance outside the town had been waylaid by three Mexicans, who killed him for purposes of robbery. Vigorous and fearless, Van Zandt apprehended two of the miscreants and brought them to Albuquerque. As soon as the facts were known there a wagon and a couple of ropes were secured and summary justice was administered to the murderers of Potter. Their dead bodies were swinging from a telegraph pole within a few hours o their being brought into the town by Van

After leaving Leadville in 1882, Van Zandt went to London and was remarkably sucthe English millionaires. He cleared a com-mission of \$100,000 in his first deal and gave \$20,000 to a friend who favored him with letters of introduction to London people, it was through the acquaintance thus formed that Van Zandt met his wife. She had been Amy Harriet Lubbock, eldest daughter of Sir John Lubbock, by his first wife. In March, 1877, she was married to Andrew Walter Mulholland. During the honeymoon she was taken ill with Roman fever in the Eternal City, and just as she was recovering her husband was taken sick and died. That was in June, barely three months after the wedding. Mrs. Mulholland became Van Zandt's wife in 1884. Meanwhile his fortunes had risen steadily.

The commission on the sale of the Utah property was the first large amount he ever possessed. He secured the services of a former foreman and sent him into Montana to look after promising mining properties. This man found the famous Blue Bird mine. He recommended Van Zandt to buy it, and the bargain was quickly closed. The Blue Bird developed rapidly, being what is called in the veruscular "a whale." The mine was soon paying over \$50,000 a month to Van Zandt. The Blue Bird was in the same country as the Ansconda, the Alice and other famous copper mines. Its output at times rose to \$25,000 a week, and it is still well up in the list as a producer, the output for the week ending February 27 having been

Van Zandt's romantic career in the mining to secure embodiment in literature. He was the hero of Mrs. Foote's well known story of "The Led-Horse Claim," which, after magazine popularity, was published in book form, and he sat for the illustrations which adore the work. He was about 35 years of age at the time of his death. He never drank, and all who knew him say he was a man of cheerful and amiable disposition.

Wild California Pigs.

A herd of fifty wild pigs, most of them with vicious looking tusks, were at large on the 4th inst. in the neighborhood of the Potrero rope works, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The herd had been corraled on a vacant lot ready to be driven to Butchertown, but early yesterday morning they broke loose. Several of them rushed at the children on the streets and some of the little ones were hurt, but not seriously. The drivers found great difficulty in gathering the brutes together on account of their horses becoming wild through being prodded on the legs by the tusks of the frenzied produced on the several of the animals were shot to prevent accidents, as they careered madly through the streets. Some of them ran on top of the hill through which Kentucky street is cut and were driven over the cilff, which has a sheer fall of seventy feet, being killed and mangled by the fall.

A young man named John Halley undertook to amuse himself by teasing two of the boars that had been tied to a pile on illinois street. They broke the cord and rushed at Hailey, who immediately became a very un-willing participant in a novel pig hunt, in which the quadrupeds were the hunters and the biped the hunter. Halley took to his heels, but the porkers soon overtook him, and, knocking him down, began prodding him at a lively rate. He got up again and ran toward the wharf, but fully a dozon anmais had joined in the chase, and Halley was badly pressed. He could not retreat, so he was forced to accept the only alternative and jump into the bay, from which he was fished out by two men in a boat. One of the animals rushed into the open

door of an outhouse in which some children were playing with two dogs. The dogs, fortunately, were as brave and as faithful as Liewellyn's Gellert, and when help arrived it was no longer needed, for the pig was safely held with one of the children's canine friends hanging on to each ear. Dogs and pig were dragged into the road by a lariat, where the porker was dispatched with a re-volver. Finally two dozen of the herd were killed before they were finally cleared off the

Lover's Line.

Colonel C. O. Broadwater, the Montana millionaire, who has sailed for Europe with his family, on what is known as the Mediteranean trip, was the builder of the Montana Central railroad, which is now a leased tine of the Great Northern road, and connects Helena and Butte City, by a mountain route which was considered perfectly inaccessible for railroading. It is so full of tunnels that it is facetiously termed the "Lovers' Line." One of the tunnels is over a mile long; another is built upon a curve, and at either entrance to it the other opening can be seen across a narrow valley from the train.

Broadwater also built and owns the notel and
mammoth bath house near Helena, is one of
the democratic big four of Montana, and is
a millionaire again.

Portland and the Heathen.

A furious feud is raging among rival high binder societies in the Chinese quarter of Portland. Mongoliau anger had been roused to a high pitch, and instead of secret blood letting and murder, the Sue Sing Lines invited the Hop Sing Longs to come out on the street and settle difficulty with pistols and knives. The challenged hops grabbed the chance to precipitate a funeral and at the appointed hour, 2p. m. last Thursday, appeared in the ring. They were in fine fettle, confident and smiling childlike. The Sue contingent was somewhat backward in compared to the scene of the state of the second state. ribbed up to the fighting pitch. A vast con-course of jabbering Chinese and whites sur-rounded the ring, and bets were about even. Just as the combatants were squaring for

WHERE GRITTAKES THE CAKE | blood a double force of police leaped over the ropes, struck right and left regardless of Queensberry or any other man, and knocked out the celestials. A choice collection of

knives and guns now decorate the jail and their owners are rusticating in the cells.

The Chinese quarter of Portland, like that of San Francisco, is close to the heart of the business district. It is a collection of two and three-story ramshackle buildings, with the inevitable balcony. Chinese lanterns and potted shrubbery are conspicuous amid the fith. Here the Mongols are packed like sardines in a box. On the slightest provoca-tion they pour out on the walks, jabber like a colony of parrots and disappear almost in-stantly. Such dismal allers, dark rooms and mysterious passageways as may be seen in the Chinese quarters of Portland are equalled only in San Francisco.

Cession of Arid Lands to States. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.-The bill introduced on Wednesday by Senator Warren of Wyoming asking for the cession of the arid public lands to the states and territories wherein situated is a very comprehensive one, and he asked that the bill be printed and laid on the table for the present so that some remarks may be submitted at a later

The bill provides, that practically all lands west of the ninety-ninth meridian are deeded to the states and territories including mineral lands not more valuable for mining than agriculture; excluding lands to which claims are now made, providing claims are proved up upon according to law, otherwise hese lands to revert to the states.

date, before the bill goes to the irrigation

Conditioned that each state and territory accepting, shall proceed without unnecessary delay to prepare for distribution of public waters and for irrigation and reclamation. This in good faith, but according to the financial ability of each state only. States may sell lands for townsites and right of way purposes.

States or territories may mortgage or con litionally se'l in large areas to raise money for irrigation, but eventually, when sale is completed, it must be to actual settlers and in small tracts.

Only 160 acres of irrigable lands to one party, but additional 160 non-irrigable can

be sold to same party.

In addition, is a homestead right, and prior use of a homestead right under United States laws does not bar a party from taking another homestead under state statutes.

Always providing, however, that the state cannot sell to any one party more than 320 acres altogether.

Non-irrigable lands to be sold at a price not exceeding \$1.25 per acre, as much less as the tates decide. Each homesteader or settler of irrigable lands may have appropriated to him or leased, all contiguous grazing lands. This

can be with or without price as the states decide. Each settler has a right to appro-priate land nearer to him than other settlers. In areas where no settler applies the state may provide for temporary leasing. Timber not necessary for conservation of snow and water may be sold by the state as

All reservoir sites or timber lands to remain the property of the state for the benefit

If any expense for reclamation incurred on mining lands, party making proof must pay for the irrigation if any has been done. All unsatisfied soldiers claims, land scrip certificates, etc., shall be honored. All funds from sale, lease or otherwise of

land, timber, etc., to be used for the reclam-ation of lands. But if a residue, it shall be added to the permanent school fund. After ten years and due notice upon proclamation of president and legislation by congress certain lands may revert to the government, but for the sole purpose only, of being reclaimed by the government, according to

spirit of this act. Upon the passage by congress and accept-ance by state, the compact becomes irre-pealable except upon consent of the United States and the state or territory,

The following bills originated in and wer passed by the senate last week:

To prohibit the sale of firearms and amnunition to Indians residing upon reserva Appropriating \$300,000 for a public build-

ing at Spokane Falls, Wash.

Appropriating \$50,000 for a public build Appropriating \$200,000 for a puolic building at Boise City, Idaho.

To amend the act of August 28, 1891. "To

reorganize and establish the customs collection district of Puget Sound." Authorizing the construction of a bridge cross the Kootenal river in the town of Fry

Nebraska,

The Wallace Star has been sued for \$5,000 on a charge of libel. Edward Hegermann of Columbus has started on a trip to Germany

One hundred acres of sugar beets will be put in by farmers near Broken Bow. Bert Phelps, a Wahoo lumber dealer, fell from a car the other day and broke his arm. The camp of Sons of Veterans at Lyons is the largest in the state, It has sixty-six

A chapter of the Eastern Star has been or ganized at Juniata with twenty-five charter

The Grant village board will purchase 200 nitching posts and put two in front of each Fairmont, the home of the eyeless calf, now has a pig with two bodies, eight legs

and only one head. Wahoo was left in darkness during last veek's storm by the wind damaging the electric light house.

Several tramps robbed the shoe store of George Marburger at Humboldt, but were arrested and are now in jail at Fails City. Republican county central committees a over Nebraska have issued calls for meetings to fix the date for holding the county con-

The residence of David Condon at Brayton was entirely destroyed by fire with all its contents, and Mrs. Condon barely escaped from the building with her life. Willis Hudspeth, who once upon a time

the Newport Advocate a little the spiciest weekly paper in the state, has be-come one of the editors of the Omaha The Seward Reporter is fored to exclaim

"Holy Moses," after chronicling the state-mont that "Bill Dech of Saunders county is the slate candidate of the independent ring fo United States senator." The editor of the Wayne Herald announces

that he lost a subscriber last week because he said in his paper that the town needed a new hotel. The man who stopped the Herald was the present hotel owner.

Editor Marvin of the Beatrice Democrat has blushingly declined to accept the office of mayor, thus removing, as he himself naively remarks, "the most conspicuous figure from the mayoralty contest.'

The state bicycle tournament will be held at Hastings July 4 and 5, and the cyclers at the Adams county capital will give a ball March 24 to raise funds to help pay the exses of entertaining the visitors Wahoo is figuring on securing the location

there of a private insane asylum, which is to be established by Dr. Knapp, late superin-tendent of the state institution at Lincoln. The proposed asylum will accommodate eighty patients and the buildings will cost about \$100,000. The democrats of the Fourth congres

The democrats of the Fourth congres-sional district propose to nominate their own delegates to the national convention in spite of the action taken by the state central com-mittee. The district committee has called a convention to meet in Omaha April 13 to name the delegates before the state conven-tion assembles. tion assembles.

The Southeastern Nebraska Teachers as sociation will hold its next meeting lat Tecumseh March 30 and 31 and April 1. The counties of Butter, Seward, Saline, Jefferson, Saunders, Lancaster, Gage, Cass, Otoo, Johnson, Pawnee, Nemaha and Richardson are included in the association.

The big rolling mill at Laramie is in full

Some papers are booming Colonel Downey for governor. Vandals attempted to destroy the state

Machinery for the development of the soda deposits in the vicinity has arrived at

The people's party is showing sufficient ac-tivity in the state to give old party politicians considerable uneasiness. Cheyenne is now dancing on the neck of Denver and vigorously pummeling the con-ceited burg. The capital city is exceedingly

tolerant, but resents with exquisite skill any reflection on the Union Pacific shops. The smelter deal in Cheyenne is practically

settled. The works are a sure go. The typographical union at Cheyenne has advance the eash to members desiring to take the jag treatment. cided This Week. Laramieites bave raised a purse of \$3,000 to defray the expenses of boring several holes

Laplata district to demonstrate its Kilpatrick Brothers & Collins are said to have leased their coal mines at Newcastle

and will devote their attention to the Bur lington extension Joe Fagnaut was dug out of a snow drift in Rock Creek canyon recently, more scared Iowa Legislature. than burt. While crossing the range with a cargo of provisions he started an avalanche of snow and rode or rolled on its crest to the DES MOINES, Ia., March 13, - Special to bottom and was almost buried.

South Dakota. A compromise has been effected in the Lead townsite litigation.

Work of placing the machinery in the Harney Peak tin mili is rapidly approaching South Dakota papers also report farm hands as very scarce. Farmers are offering from \$25 to \$30 per month.

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Brookings sports a Chinaman who has lately, by his own will, been shorn of his cue, is a member of the Baptist church, smokes 15-cent cigars, and his latest fad is a good old-fashioned first-class case of the

The homestead filings in the Aberdeen land district for February, 1892, exceeded by thirty-five the best February during the last five years. A large number of filings have been made by Russians who are settling in the coteans around Eureka, Bowdie and other points.

Extension of the B. & M. railroad from Englewood to Ruby Basin is no longer a secret. Work will be commenced at once and pushed as rapidly as the heavy work will permit. The main object in building this branch is to reach the Ruby and Bald Mountain mines, and by loading ores into standard gauge cars right at the dumps, a large business can be obtained Montana.

Butte is now shipping ore to smelters a Great Falls. The shut-down of the Blue Bird at Butte throws 250 miners out of employment.

Two feet of ore was struck at a depth of feet in the shaft of the Deer Lodge Queen group, near Elliston. A rich strike is reported in the Ingersoll mine in Neihart. Assays roll up from 710 to

\$20 ounces of silver to the ton. The J. T. mine, in the north Moccasin country, Fergus county, shows an ore body seven feet wide at a depth of 100 feet. The quantity of ore is apparently unlimited.

creek district. An assay recently made in this claim went \$248 gold, 49 ounces silver and 20 per cent lead. The North Home mine, in Johnny's gulch, about ten miles from Radersburg, continues to create excitement as its development progresses. It is said that the owner has been offered \$75,000 for her half interest, but is

A shift of men is engaged in developmen work on the Black Lead mine in the Rub

holding for \$100,000. President Hill of the Great Northern threatens to pulverize Neihart because some vassal dared ask the company for damages for right of way. The railroad czar says he will tear up the tracks unless the demand is withdrawn. The Russian autocrat is not a

Ogden is boring for gas.

onely as he is painted.

A \$25,000 school building is to be erected in The faberites of Salt Lake have organized

a press club. The Ogden council has decided to issue \$150,000 in bonds, the proceeds to be devoted

to street paving. A vein of galena was discovered a few miles south of Glenwood last week which is creating great excitement in local circles. The vein has been traced a distance of over

The Brigham Bugier confesses: "The genial countenance of H. H. Smith, merchant of Corinne, illuminated our sanctum last light. When he went 'out' his purse was ess plump than usual."

A Salt Lake paper without a libel suit is evidence of that tired feeling preceding dissolution. The Tribune has a large, juicy suit on, and the Times is promised a \$20,000 garment by a Nephi banker.

The total enrollment in the Shoshone pub Boise proposes to establish a horse collar factory that will employ forty men.

More hay has been fed to stock in southern Idaho during the past winter than ever be-Idaho proposes a unique exhibit at the World's fair—a sage orush filled with irri-

gation ditches. Regents of the State university selected Nampa, Idaho Falls and Grangerville, as sites for agricultural experiment stations.

Idaho democrats will hold two state conventions, the first at Pocatello, April 25, to select delegates to the national convention he other at Boise, August 24, to nominat tate officers.

Governor Wiley has called a meeting of the Board of Equalization for Tuesday, March 22. The object of the conference is to formulate general rules for the valuing and assessing of various kinds and classes of

property throughout the state. Along the Coast

The assessed valuation of Tacoma is \$14. The famous Hopkins castle on Nob Hill. San Francisco, is to be turned into a public institution of some kind.

The third Southern California citrus fair, now open in Los Angeles, surpasses all its predecessors in variety and beauty of exhibit.

The esteemed cold water advocate of Ne brasks, Mr. Wolfenbarger, is pulverizing the rum power in Oregon at a specified sum per John Merian Murphy, who was the first

man to take a four-wheeled wagon across the Sierras and was known as one of California's earliest ploneers, died recently at San Jose, A fir tree was cut down a few days ago in

Oregon that was 264 years old. It contained that number of rings, which were centri-The tree was about four feet fugal circles. in diameter at the base

The advent of the Great Northern into Spokane and its encroachments upon the territory of the Union and Northern Pacific lines, has stirred the apathy of those lines and they have begun'to look out for their feeders in and about there.

Reports from the principal grain produc-ing districts of Oregon and Washington show a very flattering prospect for the com-The exceedingly mild winter together with an abundant rainfall in Nov-ember and December has given fall sown grain a fine start.

The unfortunate president of the California National pank of San Diego. Mr. Collins, was evidently the victim of untoward circumstances. The culminating act of his life -the turning over of his life insurance to secure the depositors-shows that he had no intention of defrauding.

It is estimated that a larger acreage has been sown to wheat in California than ever before and the present outlook is for the largest crop in the history of the state. The grain crop, however, yet depends upon rains in April and the absence of hot northern winds to secure the crop. The recent earthquake in the southern

part of the state was the most severe in the history of California. Luckily lofty build-ings sever have been popular in Los Angeles and San Diego, and only a few instances of the collapse of poorly built houses are re-ported. In Lower California the shock was even worse. This is the greatest season for the planting of olive orchards ever known in southern California. It is estimated that fully 370,000

n made. For two months the nurseryme een working day and night to fill or ders for young trees. "Who breathes must suffer, and who thinks must mourn, and he alone is blessed" who knows that pain and suffering can be secured by Salvation Oit.

offive trees have been set out in this region during the past fifty days and a call for 15, 000 more than the nurseries can furnish has

Although we have heard persons remark—"It is worth its weight in gold"—still Dr. Buils Cough Syrup is to be had at all drug stores for 25 cents.

FOR THE FINAL STRUGGLE

Fate of Prohibition in Iowa Will Be De-

NOTHING SURE ABOUT THE OUTCOME

All Depends on the Action Taken by the Republican State, Convention - Review of the Work of the

THE BEE. |- The passage of the Gatch county option bill by the senate by a vote of 27 to 22 was the principal feature of lagislative proceedings the past week. The bill when messaged over to the house was referred to the committee on suppression of intemperance by a strict party vote, all the republicans voting aye. The democrats desired to place it on the calendar for early consideration, but were defeated. The bill will likely be made a special order for Thursday or Friday . In order to secure a constitutional majority, it is necessary that five republicans along with all the democrats shall vote age on its final passage. The democratic vote is assured, and three republicans stand ready to help repeal prohibition. These are under-stood to be Brooks of Audubon, Morrow of Union, and Smith of Kossuth. Whether the other two votes will materialize depends somewhat on the action of the republican state convention, which meets Wednesday.

The republicans in the house, by a strict party vote, passed the Chase joint resolution to submit prohibition in 1894, but the democratic senate is solidly against it. There is some talk of passing both resubmission and the Gatch bill as a compromise, but it has not assumed any definite form.

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Only one important bill passed both oranches of the assembly the past week. This was a house bill introduced by Mr. Richman, fixing the salary of state oil inspector at \$2,000 per year, and providing that the salary of no deputy shall exceed \$100 per month. The present inspector, J. J. Dunn, has been getting about \$8,000 per annum under the fee system, which this act will abolish. abolish.

The senate passed by a unanimous vote an Australian ballot bill drafted by Smith of Wapello, chairman of the committee on elections. The bill is the same in its essential features as the Norris bill already passed by he house.
The house bill repealing the "innocent

purchaser" provision in respect to all promissory notes, which was supported by Senator Finn of Taylor, only received eight votes in the senate. Bolter of Harrison predicted that if such a bill became a law it would castray the "lew merchant" in this would destroy the "law merchant" in this state, and so completely upset business that the governor would be compelled to call an extra session before the dog star made its appearance. A substitute bill proposed by Senator Kelly was, however, passed, reading

"All notes taken by any peddler for the purchase price, in whole or in part, for any patent, patent right, patent medicines, lightning rods, goods, wares or merchandise, ind all notes taken by any insurance agent for the premium of any policy of insurance or by a traveling doctor, shall, in addition to the statement of the amount due or to be due thereon, contain a statement on the face of any and all such notes that said note or notes are given for the purchase price of such patent, patent right, patent medicines, lightning rods, goods, wares or merchandise, or for the premium of such policy of insurance; and all persons who may afterward become the owners, of such note or notes, whether before or after maturity, shall be deemed to have become possessed of such note or notes, with notice of all defenses and equities against the same; and any peddler or insurance agent, who shall take and re-ceive any note or notes for the purchase price of any such patent, patent right, patent medicines, lightning rods, goods, wares or merchandish, or for the premium on any policy of insurance, without writing, or having stated in the face of such note or notes the consideration for which the same is given, as herein set forth, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period of not less than two years, nor more than five years, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less han three months nor more than one year, or by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, or by both such fine and imprison

The Gatch bill providing for a board of control for all the charitable institutions of the state has been approved and ordered to a final reading by the senate. The bill pro-vides for the appointment of a commission, o consist of two from each political party with the governor ex-officio a member, who shall assume sole charge of all the insans asylums and other state institutions of imilar character, purchase all supplies, ap sometrian sources, paronase an suppries, ap-point the managers and exercise a general supervision of the same. The bill abolishes all of the existing boards of trustees, and is being fought at every step by interested

The woman suffragists met with an over The woman suffragists met with an over-whelming defeat in the house. The full suffrage bill was postponed without objection and the Dolph bills providing for school and municipal suffrage received less than thirty votes. The amendment striking out the word "male," now pending in the senate, in-troduced by Senator Reiniger "by request," will receive little or no attention.

The house has ordered to a final reading by a vote of 70 to 23 the claim of ex-Auditor John L. Brown for \$4,000 expenses incurred n defending the title to his office during the impeachment trial in 1886.
The 2 cent fare bill introduced by Mr

Brooks of Boone by request found no sup-port in the house committee and was indef-initely postponed without any objections. The same fate has befallen every other measare to regulate or restrict railway corpora

The Gilbert bill fixing sleeping car charges at one-half the prevailing rates is still pend ing in the railway committee and will be pigeon-holed or reported too late for favorable action. A resolution by Spaulding limiting the appropriation for the World's fair exhibit to \$100,000 was defeated in the house by a vote

Bills by Campbell and Carpenter making

the standard silver dollar legal tender in the state of Iowa for all doots, public and private, have been reported adversely, but are still pending on the calendar.

The Beem bill requiring the payment in "lawful money" of all miners at the end of each torthight has passed the house "lawful money" of all miners at the end of each tortnight has passed the house.

There is a powerful lobby present working hard for an appropriation of \$50,000, to erect a soldiers' monument at the 'state capital, and this measure has been made a special order for Tuesday. The senate committee on ways and means has flatly refused to recommend any bills taxing mortgages or for a revision of the system of taxation, but the house has made these subjects a special order for early consideration.

consideration. Senator Cleveland's bill relating to capital punishment has been passed by the senate and is regarded favorably by the house. The bill provides for the private executions of those criminals condemned to death, and the those criminals condemned to death, and the executions are to take place within the walls of the state prisons. If more particularly introduced the bill in order that the execution of a murderer Th Shelby county, recently condemned to death, would not take place in his county, where there has been so much excitement. This law is similar to the one passed by the Sixth general assembly of Colorado.

The railway commissioners and members

The railway commissioners and members of the railroad committees took a little junk-eting trip to Chicago last Sunday and Monday to examine a system of block signals for use on railroad crossings in order that trains will not be compelled to come to a full stop in observance of the 500 foot state law when crossing the track of another company on the same level. This is more particularly de-manded by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pa-cific railroad, which desires to put on a fiver between Chicago and Denver in competition with the fast trains of the Chicago & Northwestern, Union Pacific and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and B. & M. companies. Such a bill will undoubtedly be passed, and one is now before the house which has been formulated by the State Calibrate companies. formulated by the State Railway commis

Senator Gobble has a bill for the regula tion of telephone and telegraph companies and making fixed rates for usage that is causing these corporations some anxiety.

Des Moines Dens, Des Moines, which has been heralde! as he largest city in the world with-

out a saloon, is having its rottenness out a saloon, is having its rottennoss exposed. One paper investigated the nouses of ill-fame and found and named a large number of them. Another paper found and located 220 saloons and liquor joints running in full blast, and now another paper has discovered a score of opium dens, which are frequented by people of high and low degree. To a reader of these papers it would seem as if Des Mojenes has no exiter worsh. seem as if Des Moines has no better morals than other cities, and these places are not

half so well governed as elsewhere, where the black sheep are herded together and are under police surveillance. Here all classes of society mix together.

The alleged "Whitechapel" scandal, of which so much has been written, has seen settled, and the senators accused of immoral conduct have been fully exonerated by the

senatorial investigating committee. The house has passed a bill providing for nother judge in the Seventh judicial dis-

It is now quite probable that the assembly will adjourn about April I, and the more im-

portant bills are being pushed for a place on the calendar. The Australian ballot bill will become a law this session, and the system adopted will be practically the same as in use in Ne-

Universal Praise Means Merit. The success of Chamberlain's cough remedy in effecting a speedy cure of la grippe, colds, croup and whooping cough, has brought it into great demand. Messrs. Pontius & Son of Cameron, O., say that it has gained a reputation second to none in that vicinity. James M. Queen of Johnston, W. Va., says it is the best he ever used. B F. Jones, druggist, Winona, Miss., savs: "Chamberlain's cough remedy is perfectly reliable. I have always warranted it and it never failed to give the most perfect satis-faction." 50 cent bottles for sale by drug-

Dr. Birney, nose and throat. BEE bldg WHY HE WAS QUEER.

James Massey Carried a Bullet in His Brain Twenty Years.
The widow of the late Private James Massev of Nebraska City is in a fair way to draw a comfortable sum of back pension

money. Thereby hangs another strange story having the scene of its opening chapter laid in war times. James Massey enlisted from Illinois in the early days of the war and tramped his way with the rest of them through battle and siege, charge and retreat, till loading and firing, loading and firing, wounds, bloodshed and death became an ord story. One day, not very different from the day before or any day last week—cannon flashing and booming in a rolling cloud of white smoke beyond a stretch of green meadow in front, an annoying rattling and snapping in the woods on the right and a hot sun glaring redly through a heavy smoke canopy—suddenly the sky split open and the solid earth reeled and sank from Massey's feet. He had been shot in the head and the

war was over as far as he was concerned. He came back to earth again after a while to find himself in the hospital with his head one up in white cambric and a piece of lead hidden away somewhere in his brain. He had been listed as wounded, complimented for his bravery, and having thus his hunger for glory and cold lead fully appeased, he re tired to civil life, married and drifted to Ne

braska City.

He often told of the bullet in his head and the story was received with winks, for Mas-sey soon gained a reputation for being a little unsound in the top story. A number of years ago he made application for a pension to make good the mental gyrations produced by the uncomfortable "bee in his bonnet." He failed to get it, because he could not show the bullet, and he lived out his life, growing year after year more unsound, till he became totally incapacitated for any kind of work. A short time ago Massey died in Nebraska City. An autopsy was performed and a large buckshot was found lodged in the brain, where it had been imbedded twenty years before. His widow has consequently ap-plied for a pension. with good hopes of receiving it.

A KansasMan's Experience with Courh s Colds and coughs have been so prevalent during the past few months that the experi-ence of Albert Favorite of Arkansas City, ence of Albert Favorite of Arkansas City, Kan., cannot fail to interest some of our readers. Here it is in his own words: "I contracted a cold early last spring that set-tled on my lungs and had hardly recovered from it when I caught another that hung on all summer and left me with a hacking cough which I thought I never would get rid of. had used Chamberlain's cough remedy some fourteen years ago with much success and concluded to try it again. When I had got through with one bottle my cough had left me and I have not suffered with a cough or cold since. I have recommended it to others and all speak well of it." 50 cent bottles for

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His Next Anniversary Wil! Be Properly Cel-

ebrated in Omaha. Extensive preparations are being made by the Bohemian societies of this city to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of John Amos Comentus, the distinguished school reformer of the seventeenth century Several prominent speakers have been se cured by the committee for this occasion among them being Chancellor Canfield of Lincoln, Superintendent Fitzpatrick of Oma-ha, Governor Boyd and Mr. Edward Rosewater. The 27th of March has been selected by the committee as the day and Washington hall was hired. The anniversary of Comenius will be celebrated all over the civilized world this month, especially in Bohenius Austria, Sweden and Germany. Comenius was born on the 28th day of March, 1592, at Nivoic, Moravia, of Bohemian parts. At the way of 20th was sont to the rents. At the age of 20 he was sent to the University of Heidelberg; at 22 he was teach-ing a village school in Moravia and atriving to better methods by simplifying Latin grammar, and at 24 he was ordained to the ministry of the Moravian Brethren and soon

after married. The breaking out of the Thirty Years' war in 1618 disturbed his peaceful pursuits; early in its course all his property was destroyed, including his library and manudestroyed, including his life was spent in hiding places, and in 1627 he was banished from his native land, never more to return. In his exile his improved and simplified school books and other pedagoguc labors made him famous. He was summoned to England, to Sweden and to Hungary for aid in the bet-tering of learning and improvement of schools, and in 1654 he was offered and declined the presidency of Harvard college, his fame having reached even far distant Amer-ica. His long and useful career was brought to a close in Holland in 1671. Comenius wrote over 100 works on education, theology and philology, and was, according to an American critic, "the prince of European educators in the seventeenth century." His influence on the American school is undenianely the seventeenth century. ble, the pictorial reading books being his own idea. In education he was the first true

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PLANS OF THE BURLINGTON.

What the Railroads Are Now Trying to Do in the West. The newspapers of the Black Hills and of Wyoming are full of contradictory reports about proposed extensions of the Burlington system in those regions, but most of them are based on rather indefinite information. An expected line to Spearfish, S. D., has become a bone of contention in the Black Hills country, but it is stated authoritatively at B. & M. headquarters that that company has no settled plan for building into Spearfish

Engineers have been at work for some time trying to locate a line into that town, but the country is very broken and they have not yet found a satisfactory route. The Burlington is at work on a system of spurs extending from the present line at Englewood into the Ruby basin district. There will be a number of short lines running up various guiches to afford mining camps facilities for transport-ing their ore. A line to Spearfish is in contemplation, and it will probably be an exten-sion of one of these spurs, but as yet neither route nor construction have been determined

The rothern Wyoming line has also given rise to a vast amount of speculation, some of



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it quite visionary. One story has it that the Burlington has projected a line westward from Buffalo a distance of 160 miles to the south side of the Yellowstone park, and the report goes on ingeniously to aver that the plan is to complete this extension in time to IS CAUSED BY A COLD an excursion business during the

World's fair. At Burlington headquarters this scheme is said to be without foundation. The country west of Buffalo is extremely mountainous and the road has no such line in contempla-tion. A more northern line to the park from the proposed Sheridan line has been surveyed, but that may not signify much, because the B. & M. has had an engineering corps in that section for two or three years past. It has made a number of preliminary surveys, but it doesn't follow that any of them will be used. The only railroad construction in that region positively assured is an extension from Gillette to the Powder river. The latter point is sixty miles from Sheridan on the northwest and fifty miles from Buffalo on

the west, but lines are surveyed to both those places. Chevenne people have been counting on an extension from Alliance, Neb., to their city, but their desire seems to be hopeless. They recently came to Burlington headquarters with a proposition that might have tempted many railroad officials, but in this case it was not even entertained. They came with pledges of a free right of way and with as-surances of substantial bonuses in bonds, but the Burlington has for years followed the policy of not accepting gratuities of that kind on account of subsequent entanglements. Hence the inducements offered by Cheyenne carried no weight, and the railroa officials have considered the project from a purely business standpoint.

They long ago reached the conclusion that the country west of Alliance did not justify the construction of another line of railroad; and, as for Cheyenne itself, the Burlington

the country that under former conditions would have gone by way of the Northern Pacific, but the officials see no such prospect or the territory between Alliance and Chey "Late to bed and early to rise will sborten the road to your home in the skies," But early to bed and a "Little Early Riser," the pill that makes life longer and better and

already has a line to that point which has

not been particularly profitable. The line into northern Wyoming has within a year

hauled 4,000 to 5,000 carloads of cattle out of

Omaha compressed yeast strictly pure. How to Get Your Mail.

The following rules for the guidance of people who have occasion to inquire for mail at the Omana postoffice have been prepared by the clerks who have charge of the general delivery department:

delivery department:

Rule 1. Unless you expect a letter do not ask
more than five times a day, it is annoying.
Rule 2. Ask for all your neighbors' and
friends' mail at the same time; you don't
knew when you may get a chance to occupy
the window again.
Rule 3. Do not speak too distinctly. The
clerk may take you for the town crier; better
still, let the clerk guess your name, she ought
to know it. to know it.

Rule 4. Don't stop to read signs posted up, the clerks are there to answer all and every

the clerks are there to answer all and every question.

Rule 5. If you don't get a letter-kick. If you do get a letter, kick anyway. No use spoiling the clerks by being too nice.

Rule 6. If your mail is addressed to some street and number, don't stop cailing at the general delivery. You know they might put some of it there.

Rule 7. If some friend tells you of a letter he wrote you several years ago and which you he wrote you several years ago and which you didn't receive, rush to the general delivery, it is surely there.

Rule 8 Always ask the clerk to lick your stamps, you might get some disease from do

ing it.
Rule 9. Ask daily for "stray" papers. There might be something of importance in one that many be sent to you. Kule 10. Aithough foreign mail comes in but twice a week, call twice daily: the clerk will then be familiar with your name. Rule II. Postoffice boxes are not meant to eceive mail; hand it to the general delivery Rule 12. Try and rap before you get to the window, it will prepare the clerk for your

window, it will prepare the cierk for your coming.

Rule 13. If you have only one name take a few assumed ones; it don't look well to travel under a single name.

Rule 14. If a letter happens to be advertised as H. Paul and your name is Paul Harris, claim it by all means, it might be yours.

Rule 15. Be sure and tear open every letter you can get your hands on even if the initials should be different. It looks businesslike.

Rule 16. Never take the clerk's word for anything. Ruse right into the postmister's room; he understands your case and will give you your just deserts.

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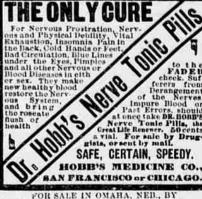
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