

The Thirteen Towns.

FOSTON, (Polk Co.) MINNESOTA.

A pie factory in Chicago is noted for its pumpkin pies, of which it sells thousands every day. The discovery has been made that they are prepared without pumpkins. The substitute is a mixture of sweet potatoes, apples and cheap flour, with a chemical extract which imparts a pumpkin flavor.

Women in China have the privilege of fighting in the wars. In the rebellion of 1850 women did as much fighting as the men. At Nankin, in 1853, 500,000 women from various parts of the country were formed into brigades of 13,000 each, under female officers. Of these soldiers, 10,000 were picked women, drilled and garrisoned in the city.

A statistician, from sources which he does not disclose, calculates that there have been already exported to Australia, in preparation for the Duke of York's visit, 50,000 Union Jacks (ninepenny edition), 500 bales of "tid-dlers," a million rounds of crackers (as well as quick-firing rockets), 6,700 reams of red, white and blue ribbons, 850 bushels of fog-horns, 1,300 gross of buttons, and 350 statute miles of streamers.

Germany and Switzerland produce over 2,000,000 glass eyes in a year; and a Paris manufacturer, with a reputation for finer work, some 300,000. They are made in the shape of a hollow hemisphere, and the utmost skill is required in forming the pupil out of the colored glass. The great majority of artificial eyes are used by workmen, especially those in iron foundries, where many eyes are put out by sparks. It is seldom that a woman has a glass eye.

Even the unoffending dressmaker's dummy has fallen under the ban of the reformer, and may possibly give place to models with normal waists. Oddly enough, the most notable exponent of tight lacing in this century was not a woman, but Nicholas I, of Russia. To attain that military style which he deemed essential, he laced so tightly that he often fainted when ungarthing for sleep. While the American rejoices that the bedpost corset-girl is out of fashion, he cannot help wishing that the present Nicholas had followed the example of his ancestor in pinching his own waist rather than in squeezing the breath out of Finland.

There is a young man in Flushing, Long Island, who has lost the use of his legs, and therefore drives about in a little wagon drawn by a goat. He is a registered voter, and at the late election went to the polling place—a fire-engine house—in his wagon. The entrance in use was too narrow to admit the carriage, so the great double doors were thrown open and he drove in. Having received a ballot, he drove to one of the booths, but this also was too narrow. The election inspectors moved a canvas booth to his side, folded it about him and left him to mark his ballot in secret, as the law requires. When this was done the cripple drove to the ballot-box, deposited his vote, and then drove out.

President McKinley has a record of purchasing 37,000 cigars of one brand in the fourteen years he was in congress. While this is a very large number, yet it is no more than a great many men smoke in the same period, as it averages but seven cigars a day. Mr. McKinley had a peculiar custom in handling his cigars. During his service in congress he always bought them by the box, leaving the box at the stand from which all his purchases were made. It was a convenient place for him to call by to get a bundle of cigars, either in the morning or the evening. He had no tendency toward making changes in the brand he smoked. He chose a good one and stuck to it, though since he left congress and while he has been in the White House he has not patronized the same cigar, probably simply because it was not as convenient to buy.

The two-horned white rhinoceros of Africa is considered one of the rarest of animals. For years heedless sportsmen slaughtered the species until it was thought to have been exterminated. Some time ago six specimens were discovered in a remote corner of Mashonaland, and a hunting expedition was organized which resulted in four much-desired mountings being secured by museums. It was again concluded that the white rhinoceros had been exterminated, but recently Maj. Gibbons of the British army ran across a stray specimen in the Nile region and shot it. This Andrew Carnegie succeeded in buying for the Carnegie museum of Pittsburgh, and it is a most desirable curio, for besides being exceedingly rare, it is said to be a fine mounting, standing six feet high at the shoulders and measuring thirteen feet from the tip of the nose to the root of the tail.

The discovery of a new gutta percha is reported from Zanzibar. It is obtained from a tree. When the bark is cut a white fluid exudes, which when placed in boiling water coagulates into a substance resembling gutta percha. As the material cools it becomes exceedingly hard, but while soft can be molded into any desired shape. The fruit of the tree resembles a peach in shape, but grows to the size of a small melon. The tree is said to abound in Zanzibar, and it is expected that the new product can be produced very cheaply.

ABDUCTS HER SON

SENSATIONAL KIDNAPPING IN INDIANAPOLIS.

Daughter-in-Law of Former Attorney General Miller Secures Possession of Her Child and Makes Her Escape — Husband and Wife Have Not Lived Together for Some Time, Although There Has Been No Talk of a Divorce — Father and Son in Hot Pursuit of the Fugitive.

Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Samuel D. Miller, whose husband is ex-Attorney General Miller's son, yesterday kidnaped her little son and fled from the city.

Mrs. Miller was a Miss Karcher of New York, and is a very beautiful woman. Seven years ago she married Samuel D. Miller in Washington. The young couple came to this city, where Miller occupied a high social position, and lived here for two years. Mrs. Miller, however, desired to go back to New York, and finally induced her husband to establish himself in the practice of law in the metropolis. They lived there for two or three years. Young Mr. Miller decided that it would be to his best interest to return to Indianapolis and join his father's law firm. His wife refused to accompany him to this city and continued to reside in New York. While the young couple have not been living together there has never been any talk of a divorce and no papers have ever been filed to that end.

The Abduction. Two or three days ago Mrs. Miller came quietly to this city and registered at the Denison hotel. She had two or three interviews with her husband and seemed to be very anxious to see her child. She assured her husband that she had no desire or intention to take the child back to New York with her.

Yesterday afternoon the boy and nurse called on Mrs. Miller at the Denison. She sent the nurse out to get a check cashed and while the governess was gone ordered a carriage and made arrangements to leave. When the governess returned Mrs. Miller announced they were going for a drive. They started in a close carriage down South Meridian street, toward the depot. The German governess, suspecting foul play, jumped out of the carriage while it was on a run, ran to a telephone and notified the father and grandfather. Mrs. Miller immediately ordered the carriage to drive to Brightwood, and when the two Millers arrived at the union station there was no trace of the woman and boy. Two hours later they learned from the hackman when she had gone, and it is believed she intended to take the Big Four accommodation train at Brightwood and then take the Knickerbocker train at Anderson of Muncie. At 6:20 o'clock the two Millers started on the Knickerbocker to run her down before she got out of the state.

Entire Force Employed. W. H. H. Miller and son returned at 10:40 last night from points along the Big Four. No trace of Mrs. Miller and the stolen boy could be secured. From the ticket agent at Brightwood it was learned that the woman and boy did not take a train there. The two Millers were met at the union station on their return by three detectives and all went to Mr. Miller's office. The entire police and detective force of the city was employed to search the city for the woman and boy.

RACE RIOT IN FLORIDA.

One Man Killed in a Fight Between Blacks and Whites. MacLenny, Fla., Dec. 27.—There was a serious race riot in this place yesterday afternoon. At 4 o'clock a number of young ladies visited the photograph gallery, and a negro woman who was also in the gallery is alleged to have used obscene language. She was commanded to keep quiet by a white man present. A negro man accompanying the negro woman, took the matter up and it is alleged used insulting language to the young ladies. The negroes retired and in a few minutes a mob of negroes armed with revolvers and rifles assembled. One of them named Washington shot T. M. Herndon with a Winchester rifle. By this time a crowd of whites advanced to seize Washington, who ran, firing as he went. He escaped into the swamp. There was no more excitement until midnight, when parties of whites and blacks met. When the smoke cleared away T. M. Hunter, negro, was found dead. The town is well guarded by officers to prevent further trouble.

POISON IN COFFEE.

Woman Holding Poisons on Her Husband's and Boarder's Lives is Arrested. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 27.—The police have arrested Mrs. Rathbun, wife of the man who died of arsenic poisoning last Friday, when he and John F. Hart were poisoned by coffee alleged to have been given them for their lunch by Mrs. Rathbun. She was found to be holding the life insurance policies of her husband and of Hart, who has boarded with the family for ten years. A pint of the poisoned coffee was brought home in Hart's dinner pail after he and Rathbun were poisoned. Dr. Klenke, the attending physician, ordered Mrs. Rathbun not to destroy the coffee, but she disregarded his orders and threw it away. The most sensational disclosure of the day was when a jug of wine, also poisoned with arsenic, was found in Mrs. Rathbun's house.

Rockefeller's Extradition Asked.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 27.—Gov. Sayers has made application to Gov. Roosevelt of New York for the extradition of John D. Rockefeller and other members of the Standard Oil company to answer to the charge of violation of the Texas anti-trust law pending against them in the district court of McLennan county. Gov. Roosevelt, in a letter received yesterday, declines to grant the application unless it is shown conclusively that the alleged fugitives from justice were in Texas at the time of the alleged commission of the crime.

BULLET IN HIS HEART.

Man Wounded Four Years Ago Still Lives.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The Chronicle says: Proof that a man may live with a bullet in his heart was afforded yesterday by the use of the x-ray upon Charles B. Nelson of Cadillac, Mich., formerly a Chicagoan, who was in 1896 the central figure in a sensational shooting that nearly resulted in his death. Under the fluoroscope the ball in Nelson's heart could be plainly seen rising and falling with each pulsation of the vital organ. The bullet had been there since the night of July 1, 1896. The mysterious circumstances surrounding the shooting of Nelson made it one of the sensational episodes in the history of Chicago. On the night of the shooting Mr. Nelson was in company of Miss Margaret Staples in Washington Park. A negro did the shooting, afterward escaping, and the mystery surrounding the affair was never cleared.

SIGNIFICANT DISCOVERY.

Box of Cartridges Found in State Auditor's Office in Frankfort. Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 27.—One of the clerks in the state auditor's office in searching the vault for old records found a cartridge box containing eight metal patched smokeless powder cartridges, 38-55, corresponding exactly to the bullet found in the hackberry tree and which was believed to have passed through Senator Goebel's body. The significance of the discovery lies in the fact that Henry Youtsey, convicted of participation in the Goebel assassination in October, was a clerk in the auditor's office at the time of the assassination and had access to the vault where the cartridges were found, and that George Barnes, another clerk in the office testified that he saw Youtsey with a box of cartridges.

ATTACKED BY YAQUI.

Mexican Troops Suffer in a Recent Engagement.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 27.—Mexican troops in Sonora, Mex., were recently attacked by a band of Yaqui Indians and 4 officers and 30 men were killed outright and Col. Francisco Peinado, one of the leading officers of the army, was shot through the stomach and seriously wounded. Col. Lito of Guaymas, who was there when the report was made to Gen. Torres, gave the news out here. He said the soldiers were crossing the country and were fired on from an ambush about five miles from their headquarters. The severe censorship has kept the news from the public and he says he had no means of learning just how many soldiers were killed.

CHRISTMAS IN PARIS.

Celebrated by Parisians in Characteristic Fashion.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Christmas was favored in France with bright cheerful weather and Parisians celebrated it in characteristic fashion. All the restaurants and cafes were crammed Christmas eve with supper parties which did not disperse until nearly morning. At midnight masses with special musical attractions filled the leading churches to overflowing. The boulevards yesterday were filled with throngs inspecting the attractive little booths which had been erected in continuous lines on both sidewalks, and in which toys, candies, fancy articles and Christmas novelties were displayed.

FRENZIED BY DRINK.

Soldier Does Some Ugly Work With a Bayonet.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Frenzied by drink James L. McDonough, a private soldier at Fort Washington, attacked a sergeant and four privates at the post who were about to place him under arrest, and stabbed three of the party with a bayonet which he had concealed under his coat. Sergeant J. P. Staab is dangerously wounded in the left breast. Two other soldiers were also victims of the infuriated man, one sustaining a painful wound in the arm and another being stabbed in the shoulder. McDonough then escaped and a picked squad of fifty men are on the lookout for him.

CARTERS' STRIKE.

They Complicate the Labor Situation Here.

Antwerp, Dec. 27.—M. Liebaert, minister of industry, labor and railways, has arrived here to discuss the strike of the dock laborers. The governor of the province and the burgomaster are aiming to arrange an arbitration of the dispute. The situation continues threatening. Many strikers possess revolvers which they have used in several scuffles in various parts of the port. Many of the town carters have joined the strikers and other carters are stopped when they try to drive through the streets.

GAVE TRAMP A DIAMOND.

Beggar's Christmas Present Was Not Intended for Him.

New York, Dec. 27.—A tramp called at the home of John H. Dunning, Irvington, N. J., and asked for clothing. Mrs. Dunning, full of the Christmas spirit, gave him some of her husband's cast-off garments, and in the bundle made up for him was a shirt. Later it was discovered that in the bosom of the shirt was a diamond stud. The tramp had disappeared.

Requisition on Cuba.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A special from Lansing, Mich., says: Gov. Pingree has issued a requisition on the governor of Cuba for Charles Jenner Thompson, who is wanted in Detroit for forgery. This is said to be the first requisition on Cuba ever presented.

LEADER GIVES UP.

Pacification of Algeria Halted.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The Marabout Bonnamama, after leading successive insurrections in the southern part of the department of Oran, recently fled into the Figuig oasis, from whence he offered submission to the government. His offer has been definitely accepted. The submission of this leader is considered to be a most important step for the government in the pacification of the Algerian Hinterland.

CAUSES IRRITATION

ACTIVITY OF GERMANS IN DISTRICTS UNDER BRITISH CONTROL.

Feeling is So Acute That the Question Has Been Raised of the British Withdrawing From the Allied Command in China — Walderece Reports a "Battle" Between the French and Chinese in Which the Latter Lose Heavily, No Mention is Made of French Casualties.

Pekin, Dec. 27.—The activity of the Germans in districts under British control has caused much irritation. The feeling is so acute that the question has been raised of the British withdrawing from the allied command. Field Marshal Count von Walderece yesterday notified the various commanders of the allied forces that a company of French soldiers encountered 2,500 Chinese imperial troops Dec. 22 at a point about thirteen miles east of Ashobhan. In the fight which followed the French are said to have captured five flags, four guns and twenty caissons. Many imperial troops are said to have been killed. The Chinese retreated toward Kuanshin and at last accounts the French were preparing to follow them. In his note Walderece requests the commanders of the various troops to look out for this Chinese force, and if possible to destroy it.

This announcement on its face looks serious, but there is no doubt that, like previous official accounts of fights with the Chinese regular soldiers, the report of the affair is an exaggeration. It is noticeable that no report is made of any French casualties. This has been the case in all the battles between the foreign troops and the Chinese during the past three months. The foreigners always fight against overwhelming numbers, according to these reports, and many Chinese are slaughtered, while the allies don't even have any men wounded.

SETTLES IN AMERICA.

Jan Kruger Wants to Be Far Away From the Transvaal.

New York, Dec. 27.—Among the cabin passengers on the steamship Amsterdam from Rotterdam and Bologna, was Jan Kruger, formerly a justice of the peace of the Transvaal republic at Pretoria. He had \$1,000 in letters of credit and no baggage. He told the customs officer that he had been captured by the British and escaped, and that now he wanted to settle in this country, as far away from the Transvaal as possible.

SETTLED BY GROVER.

Ex-President Cleveland Did Not Vote for McKinley.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.—A controversy having arisen between two Atlanta newspapers over the charge by one of them that former President Cleveland had voted for McKinley at the last election, the Atlanta Journal received in reply to a telegram an autograph letter from Mr. Cleveland in which he says he did not vote for President McKinley.

Ovation for Bryan.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 27.—The annual banquet of the Jeffersonian Club of Lincoln last night at the Lincoln hotel brought together nearly 300 representative men of the Democratic and Populist parties of Nebraska, together with a number of leaders from other states. The dinner afforded an opportunity to Hon. W. J. Bryan to make his first appearance at a public gathering since the election and the enthusiastic greeting accorded him was never more hearty and spontaneous in his home city. His address received the closest attention and applause was frequent.

Baxter Released.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—James Baxter, formerly of Chicago and lately of New York, who was sentenced here some time ago to five years in the penitentiary for his connection with the Banque Ville Marie frauds, has been released on "conditional pardon." His wife and friends have been working incessantly for his pardon on account of ill health. He is suffering from dropsy and his condition is serious.

Apaches on the Warpath.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 27.—A message from Chihuahua, Mex., says that the Apaches are on the war path in that state and that the inhabitants of Granman and Grants have organized to meet the redskins. The Indians are in the mountains and robbing isolated ranches and stealing cattle. It is likely they belong to a part of the tribe which escaped from the White River reservation some weeks ago.

Schooner Ashore.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 27.—An unknown American schooner is ashore five miles south of here. The sea has been running so high that wreckers have not been able to get to her or ascertain her identity. The Key West station has been notified and the tug Dowie, which is here, will go to the disabled schooner.

Della Fox Marries.

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—Della Fox, the actress was married yesterday to John Levy of New York in the office of the clerk of court of common pleas. Rev. William W. Way, pastor of Immanuel Reformed church, performed the ceremony in the presence of the bride's maid and a few of the court officials.

Cowboy Editor.

Chadron, Neb., Dec. 27.—The Cody Cowboy is the newest newspaper venture in Northwest Nebraska. It is published by El Heath, an old time cowboy and newspaper publisher. Cody is a small town in the sand hills named after the famous Buffalo Bill.

Paderewski Still on Earth.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Nothing is known in Paris to justify the report circulated in the United States that M. Ignace Paderewski, the pianist, has been killed in a duel in France.

Northwest News

ANY OLD THING IN SOCIETY. RAN ON A REEF.

This Is the Kind of Woman a Still-water Man Would Marry.

Anoka, Minn., Dec. 27.—A man named Delaney, serving time at Still-water for an offense which he claims was never committed, has written a letter to a local paper and asks its publication. Delaney claims Anoka county as his former home, and wishes to correspond with any widow between thirty-two and forty years old, who will correspond with him. He says he is thirty-nine years old, French and Dutch, black hair and eyes and weighs 190 pounds. He never had a wife, but is willing to lead an honest life if he does get one. To quote his own words in conclusion: "I am willing to marry any old thing that is in good society and who will make a true man of me. My address is B. L., Still-water, Minn."

EXPRESS OFFICE FIRE.

Many Christmas Consignments Still Undelivered Were Burned. Houghton, Mich., Dec. 27.—Fire broke out in the Young block, apparently from an explosion. The Houghton and Hancock fire departments fought the blaze for seven hours before conquering it. The building, which contained stores on the street floor and flats above, was gutted. Several persons were nearly asphyxiated and escaped with difficulty by rear windows. Loss about \$12,000 on building and furniture, with small insurance. The express company had unusually heavy consignments undelivered from Christmas day, the loss on which will be nearly total.

FOREST FIRE LOSSES.

Number and Cost Show a Heavy Increase in Wisconsin.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 27.—Col. C. E. Morley, state forest warden, has made his report to Gov. Scofield on forest fires in Wisconsin during the past two years. In 1900 there were 99 of these fires, 12 of which were in Brice county and 10 each in Bayfield and Vilas counties. The total property loss was \$29,966.01, and 163 persons were affected. The cost of extinguishing these fires was \$1,426.62. In 1899 there were only 48 fires, involving a property loss of \$1,705 and affecting 14 persons, while the cost of extinguishing them was \$502.97.

FIRE AT CALGARY.

Christmas Blaze Destroys Some of the Principal Business Blocks.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 27.—The most destructive fire in the history of Calgary, N. W. T., caused damage estimated at \$100,000. Several of the finest business structures fell a prey to the flames. Fire at Roland, Man., destroyed Cameron's furniture house and Shilson's store. Loss, \$5,000.

INVOLVED EIGHT CENTS.

But Acquittal Cost a Montana Stockman \$2,000.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 27.—George Horkan, the Custer county sheepman who was accused of using 8 cents worth of canceled postage stamps, was acquitted by the jury in the United States court, under instructions from Judge Knowles. The jury was out just long enough to sign a form of verdict. The defense cost Horkan \$2,000, though the amount involved was so small.

Klondike Output.

Seattle, Dec. 27.—Maj. Wood, commanding the mounted police in Yukon, in his annual report shows the yield of the gold bearing creeks in the Klondike to be \$11,052,560. Consular invoices show that \$14,000,000 have been shipped. The popular estimate of the total output is \$20,000,000. Eleven hundred and sixty claims were worked during the season, employing 5,341 men. The Bonanza mine in the Banner creek district, yielding a treasure amounting to two-thirds of the entire production, employed 2,296 men.

Burglar's Booty Recovered.

Sheldon, Iowa, Dec. 27.—More than twenty gold rings, several fine watch chains and other pieces of jewelry were found a few days ago by Bert Pyncheon while he was at work in the yards of the Lamb Lumber company. The plant had evidently been made years ago, as the covering had rotted away and all the jewelry was thickly coated. It is supposed to be the plant of some burglar who was caught and sent up or thought it unsafe to return after his booty.

Insane Patient Recaptured.

Amery, Wis., Dec. 27.—Halvor Jensen, an escaped inmate of the St. Croix county insane hospital, was captured in the woods about six miles north of this village and brought here. Both of his feet were frozen badly. The authorities at New Richmond were notified, and Supt. Wheeler arrived here and took charge of the unfortunate man.

Burglary at Vesta.

Vesta, Minn., Dec. 27.—Burglars broke into the store of G. H. Brundage and entered the safe, securing \$300 in cash and a gold watch. Some one obtained the combination from Mr. Brundage's pocketbook.

Dry Goods House Robbed.

Remsen, Iowa, Dec. 27.—The dry goods house of Kass Brothers was robbed and \$2,500 worth of clothing, furs and silks were stolen.

Lake Park Fire.

Lake Park, Minn., Dec. 27.—Nelson's drug store and stock and Borge & Waugensteen's warehouse were burned last night. Loss, \$5,000.

Killed by a Fall.

Alden, Minn., Dec. 27.—Julius Dalah, who lived five miles southwest of this place, fell from his wagon while on his way home from Wells and broke his neck. He died immediately. He was under the influence of liquor.

Steam Barge Loses Large Cargo of Lumber.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 27.—The steam barge George Dunbar of Michigan City, laden with 275,000 feet of hemlock lumber bound from Empire, Mich., to Chicago, went on Racine reef at 12 o'clock Monday night during a snow storm. The crew worked all night throwing the deck load over and 90,000 feet of lumber was jettisoned. At daylight the boat was seen from town and Capt. Beckerfeld organized a volunteer life saving crew and with the fishing tug Emma Bloecher, went to the rescue and the boat was released. She is leaking somewhat but otherwise un-injured. The lumber was consigned to Wilson & Co., and neither boat nor cargo was covered by insurance. The accident was due to the fact that the Pintch light on Racine reef was not burning.

SAYS HE KISSED HER.

State Senator Meyer in a Sensational Predicament.

Red Lodge, Mont., Dec. 27.—Quite a sensation was created here when Miss Dora Fullerton, a highly respected young lady residing near this city, secured a warrant for the arrest of W. F. Mayer, a Republican state senator-elect, a banker, a lawyer, merchant and prominent citizen, charging him with having forcibly detained her in his office, throwing his arms around her and kissing her. She asserts he enticed her into his office under a pretext of giving her some papers for her sister, Mayer being United States land commissioner. Her father threatened dire vengeance on Mayer, but was dissuaded by friends from committing an assault on the banker and the warrant followed.

Extend Telephone Line.

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 27.—A deal has just been closed whereby the Western Electric Telephone company of Brit, Iowa, will, on Jan. 1, 1901, add another 390 miles of lines to its system in Northwestern Iowa and Southwestern Minnesota; also the local exchanges at Estherville, Spirit Lake, Sibley, Sheldon and Cherokee. This gives the company 2,700 miles of line, which is asserted to be the greatest mileage controlled by any telephone company in the United States.

Three in One Grave.

Shell Rock, Iowa, Dec. 27.—The three victims of the accident at the crossing of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern at this place were buried in one grave in the cemetery near Butler Center. Notwithstanding the severe storm that was raging more than sixty teams followed the remains of the dead boys to the burying place, ten miles distant. One sister is still in a very serious condition, being unconscious most of the time since the accident.

Frank Winters Indorsed.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 27.—A petition is in circulation among the legal profession for the indorsement of Attorney Frank Winters as the successor of the late David B. Jones as United States district attorney for the Western district of Wisconsin. It is understood that a majority of the Republican members of the bar have signed the petition, and it will be forwarded to Senator Spooner, who is now in Washington.

Frozen to Death.

Dassel, Minn., Dec. 27.—Hans Olson, a gunsmith who has been making his home with his brother, Swan Olson, six miles north of Dassel, was found Monday afternoon in a snowdrift not far from his home, frozen to death. He had been to Dassel Sunday and started for home late in the afternoon in an intoxicated condition. A blizzard was raging. He was about forty-five years old and unmarried.

Petitioning for a Pardon.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 27.—Information reaches here that the friends of Richard A. Tubbs, former mayor of Alcester, and prominent in railroad circles in the northern part of the state, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Sioux Falls penitentiary for sending objectionable letters through the mail, are circulating petitions asking that he be pardoned.

Horse Thieves Near Hennepin.

Hennepin, Minn., Dec. 27.—Horse thieves entered the barn of Nick and Robert Hanson, four miles north of this place, and stole a team of horses, cutter, new harnesses, etc., while the family were at a Christmas tree entertainment. They also broke into the house of Gertie Johnson, securing \$20 in cash. The guilty parties have not been apprehended.

Montana Pioneer Dead.

Miles City, Mont., Dec. 27.—Franklin B. Kinnard, a pioneer in the Yellowstone valley, was found dead in his room at a hotel here. He had gone from his ranch at Kenzie for medical treatment. He was formerly a heavy contractor and built large sections of the Northern Pacific.

Bought Coat Mine.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 27.—Dr. J. D. McConnell of Fargo and Attorney von Neida have purchased the Rowse coal mine in Ward county. The mine is said to be one of the best along the line of the Soo, and it will be developed by the new owners.

Smallpox, Not Fever.

Chatfield, Minn., Dec. 27.—What was supposed to be a case of typhoid fever has developed into a case of smallpox. The house has been quarantined and every precaution has been taken to confine the disease.

Murdered Soon After Wedding.

Bemidji, Minn., Dec. 27.—Thomas Hoy, cousin of the Minneapolis detective, was stabbed to death at Solway by an unknown assailant. He had been married the same day to Miss Clara Bayley.