

STATE NEWS.

Team of the State Press—Drops of Turpentine and Grains of Rice from the East—Clusters of Grapes and Tobacco Stems from the North—Stalks of Corn and Grains of Wheat from the West—Peanuts and Cotton Seed from the South

During the year J. E. Calhoun says Rocky Mount has put \$100,000 into buildings.

Mrs. Mary G. Gudge, wife of Judge J. C. L. Gudge, died in Asheville Wednesday evening.

A careful estimate was made yesterday that \$750 would cover the damage to buildings by Wednesday morning's fire.

Forty convicts are sick with grippe at the State farms near Weldon. At the Caledonia farm eight deaths have resulted.

Gastonia Gazette: A company for establishing a new cotton manufacturing plant in Gastonia was organized last Thursday.

During the year just ended 179 marriage licenses were issued in Chatham county; 66 more than in 1890, the Record states.

The gingham mills building at Charlotte, which has been under construction for the past six months, is now about completed.

Senator Vance is at his home in Buncombe, Gombroom. His son, Mr. Charles N. Vance, is with him. Mrs. Vance is in Washington.

Work on the Goldsboro cotton mills still advances and the building, the Argus states, grows in handsome proportions and impressiveness.

J. M. Guyer has retired from the editorship of the Kernersville News and is succeeded by J. T. Roberson, late of the Burlington News.

Salisbury Watchman: Gay's Chapel, a Methodist church on the Wilkesboro road, about six miles from Salisbury, was burned Tuesday morning.

Our excellent contemporary, the Asheville Citizen, appears in a reduced size. It is a handsome, ably conducted daily and deserves fine success.

A gentleman who came from Chatham county yesterday said he was informed the fire in the Egypt coal mine had not yet been extinguished.

Murfreesboro Index: Track laying on the Murfreesboro Railroad was completed Tuesday, and the road is now being leveled up and prepared for use.

Hillsboro Observer: Mrs. Sarah J. Bradshaw, wife of Mr. T. P. Bradshaw, died at her home in Bingham township on the morning of December 15th.

Greensboro Record: Fielding Mangum, an old Confederate veteran, and well known to our citizens, died near the city Christmas morning with the grip.

Durham Globe: The preachers of all denominations must sooner or later learn that buck shot are plentiful, and that husbands generally will kiss their own wives.

Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, of Maxton, is at the bedside of his dangerously sick son, Mr. H. B. Hill, who is attending the business college at Poughkeepsie, New York.

Wilkesboro Chronicle: From the information at hand from parties who know there is more poultry shipped from Wilkesboro than any one town in the State.

Between 50 and 100 diamonds have been found in McDowell county. One of them, the largest ever found in the South, was on exhibition at the Paris World's Fair.

Alleghany Star: Mr. Allen Tolliver of this county, died on the night of the 20th, at the ripe old age of ninety years. He leaves a widow that is now ninety-six years old.

Rev. J. I. Goodman, who has long been pastor of the Lutheran congregation at Winston, will very probably accept a call to a church near Kansas City, Missouri.

Kinston Free Press: We learn that Mr. Wm. Alphin, of Chincquepin township Jones county, dropped dead very suddenly Sunday morning. He was about 50 years old.

One of the latest additions to the collection of portraits of prominent North Carolinians in the State library is the portrait of Gen. William Gaston Lewis, State engineer.

Mr. T. J. Jerome, of the law firm of Pemberton & Jerome, Albemarle, is here to read the proof sheets of a digest of the laws of North Carolina which that firm is preparing.

It is now asserted that the South Bound railroad is to be extended from Columbia, S. C., to Monroe and at the latter place form the Northern connection originally contemplated.

The Raleigh Chronicle has kept track of the matter and now says the oldest mule in the State is owned by J. D. Capps, of Johnson county. It is 50 years old and still a good worker.

Rev. R. G. Pearson writes a long letter to the Asheville Citizen from Burdighera, Italy, under date of December 31, and winds up by quoting a few lines about "Home Sweet Home."

Eames & Earnhardt, of Salisbury, furniture dealers, have made an assignment for the benefit of creditors. The liabilities are about \$2,600 and the assets will not reach that amount.

The burning to death of Mrs. Sylvania Jinnett, an aged widow of Pikeville township, Wayne county is reported by the Goldsboro Headlight. Her clothes became ignited from a flying spark.

John D. Battle of the Steamer Petrel, U. S. coast survey, is at home for the holidays. We are sorry to learn that he is suffering with the dreadful malady, the grippe, says the Tarboro Advocate.

Mr. R. W. Allison, who owns a large cotton farm in Louisiana tells the Concord Standard that, notwithstanding the excellent soil there highly adapted to the growth of cotton and corn, he does not make as much clear money as in farming in North Carolina. Expenses are greater there than in this State.

Statesville Landmark: Mr. Robert Henry has made a walking cane which contains eighteen distinct pieces of wood, from the cars which were wrecked at B-stain's bridge on the 27th of August.

The revenue collector has a report from deputy collector Jones, of the capture of two one-horse wagons a horse and a mule and three barrels of moonshine whiskey near Southern Pines, Moore county.

W. E. Grimsley, the Goldsboro Healer states on reliable authority, has not left Greene county as reported. He is hiding somewhere in the neighborhood and it is expected that he will surrender to the sheriff.

Charlotte News: The six year old child of Mrs. Ora Cashion was burned to death at Mrs. Cashion's home near Ada Mills, yesterday. In trying to save her child, Mrs. Cashion had her hands burned to a crisp.

Durham has made a great record as to internal revenue takes during the past two years, having paid \$1,299,658, or considerably over \$50,000 a month. During the past year one factory there made 700,000,000 cigarets.

Another rich gold nugget was picked up on the street at Salisbury Tuesday. It is a pity to use such ore on the street when it could easily be turned into money. The specimen the Herald states, shows a rich deposit.

What will be the wages paid farm labor next year is now the chief topic of conversation in Edgecombe, the Southern states. The opinion is that there will be a general reduction of about one dollar per month.

Oxford Ledger: Owing to complications and inability to meet the obligations, Capt. N. Penick has decided not to run the Oxford Female Seminary during the coming half session and the property is advertised for sale.

Mr. Levi Rogers, of Chatham county, has a fine flock of sheep. A lamb came into the flock on the 29th of November, which is said to be unusually early. Fourteen of his sheep produced 95 pounds of wool at one clipping.

Chicago Herald: Director General Davis' cabinet is now complete or will be when Thomas B. Keogh, of North Carolina has been confirmed as chief of the department of forestry. The nomination was made yesterday.

Early Saturday morning the dwelling, store and stables of J. T. Lamb, near Cronly, were destroyed by fire, the Wilmington Star reports, together with the stock of goods in the store and most of his household effects.

The Presbyterian orphanage, burned last November, will be rebuilt at Barium Springs. Ten thousand dollars has been decided upon as the amount necessary for rebuilding. There are now 33 children in the orphanage.

Burlington News: Squire W. A. Hall went over to Maywood & Morton's, twelve miles north of here, Sunday, to visit the sick, and found everything in a bad way. Such an epidemic of fever and la grippe was never before known.

Rev. Thomas C. Moore, a superannuated Methodist preacher, died at his home in Chatham county, December 20. He was born in Franklin county, in 1807, and had lived a long, useful life. He left two sons and a daughter.

Concord Times: On an average we do not believe the cotton crop in this immediate section will average one-fourth of a crop. This statement is made after careful investigation, based on reports gathered from many of our farmers.

Carthage Blade: Rev. W. F. Watson preached his farewell sermon at the Baptist church last Sunday night. He will leave in a few days for his new home at Dunn. Our citizens regret exceedingly to give Rev. Mr. Watson up.

Asheville Citizen: At the morning service at the First Baptist church yesterday, Dr. Nelson announced that next Sunday would terminate his pastoral relation with that church. This step is made imperative by the health of Dr. Nelson.

Last week's Christmas issue of the Henderson Gold Leaf was in all respects a credit to the editor Thad Manning. It was a big paper, and the large advertising patronage showed enterprise on the part of Henderson business men.

Tarboro Southerner: If Pete Bridgers is to be believed, Martin Gardner, of No. 10 township, is the champion rabbit hunter of the world, exclusive of Australia. Since the 1st of November Mr. Bridgers says that he has caught 1,126 "molly cottons."

Stany News: While wrapping up goods for a customer one day last week, Mrs. Petingall, the milliner in Fairley and Carter's establishment, accidentally included her gold watch with the contents of the bundle. The watch has been returned.

Deputy Collector Hall received information that four wagons loaded with blockade whiskey and guarded by eight armed men were on their annual Christmas round towards the "State Line," in Robeson county, the Robesonian reports.

The Boss, Gen. S. H. Minning's steam pleasure yacht which was burned while on the hunting expedition eleven miles up North East river, is valued at from \$5,000 to \$6,000. The loss in part is covered by insurance, says the Wilmington Messenger.

Lenoir Topic: At Reddick Freeman's shucking Thursday night, Jim Jenkins and Reuben Swanson got into a drunken fight and Jenkins struck Swanson a terrible blow on the head with a piece of scantling. Swanson is in a critical condition.

Greensboro Record: The window of J. H. Harris' shoe and harness store was broken open Saturday night, and \$25 or \$30 worth of shoes and leggins stolen. The police found the window broken about 2 a. m., and notified Mr. Harris. The rogue was evidently frightened away, as he failed to get all the goods in the show case. It was a bold robbery, as it was in full view of the bright electric light only one hundred feet away.

A party of unknown men stoned a passenger train Friday night at Majolica siding five miles from Salisbury. A bar of iron was thrown through a window in the first class car, and a large stone passed into the sleeper, crashing glass as it went.

Asheville Gazette: Last Thursday morning while the family of Mr. Cheesborough, who lives on the Swannanoa about two and a half miles out, were in the city, the front door of their residence was forcibly entered and eighty seven dollars was stolen.

Tarboro Farmer's Advocate: Tuesday of last week the gin house and twenty bales of cotton, the property of John L. Wimberly, were destroyed by fire. It is thought that some parts of the gin must have struck a piece of flint, thus igniting the lint cotton.

The only casualty the Goldsboro Argus has to report from the Christmas jollifications there is that Pomp Pearsall had an eye blown out and his right hand so badly lacerated by the explosion of a cannon cracker that two of his fingers had to be amputated.

Columbus, Miss., Dispatch: Hon. William H. Bailey, formerly Attorney General for the State of North Carolina, is in the city the guest of his cousin, Dr. J. Brownrigg. Mr. Bailey is on his way to Houston, Texas, at which place he will make his future home.

At Charlotte Tuesday evening, prior to the departure of Capt. and Mrs. T. R. Robertson with the Cuba party, a magnificent bronze and marble clock was presented Capt. Robertson by the Hornet Nest Riflemen, of which command he has been the efficient captain for many years.

The Executive Committee of the State Teachers' Assembly, after having considered many invitations from various points in the State, to-day decided to hold the next session at Morehead City, where the Assembly owns a large building. The assembly begins June 21st and ends July 2d.

Murfreesboro has at last gotten its railroad and regular trains will be put on the 8d. These trains will make close connection at Boykins with all trains on the Seaboard and Roanoke and Roanoke and Tar River Railroads. The people of the town are jubilant at securing railroad transportation.

Lumberton Robsonian: We learn from Mr. W. A. McKinnon, contractor on our court house, who left Rockingham last Monday morning, that there were two assignments in Rockingham that day: Mr. A. M. Long and Mr. Caudle. The assets and liabilities are not known, Mr. T. J. Guthrie is assignee for Long.

Lexington Dispatch: Mr. A. F. Young, of this county, and Miss Maggie Watkins, of Rowan county, met each other for the first time on Sunday, the 6th inst. It was a case of love at first sight with the young couple, and they were married on the Thursday following, after an acquaintance of only five days.

Durham experienced lively times Christmas eve. The Sun says there was much reckless shooting of fire works and several ladies came near being hurt, to say nothing of the fright they experienced. Peeling ran so high that several fights occurred. Some property was damaged, and shopping interfered with.

Washington Gazette: On Sunday Dr. D. T. Taylor successfully amputated the left leg of Harry Merry, who was wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville in the Confederate army. The leg was amputated during the war, but he suffered from a painful stump, and that necessitated re-amputating higher up.

Statesville Landmark: The graded schools have very nearly 400 pupils, and the number is increasing constantly. — Statesville has more population than it ever had before. People are moving here every week. The prospects for improvement and for business of all kinds next year are better than they ever were.

Oxford Day: Jno. W. Hays, civil engineer, late of the government engineer corps, now a resident of Oxford, has compiled from recent government surveys a Topographical Map of the South Appalachian Region, showing in great detail that scope of mountain country towards which the eyes of the capitalists are everywhere turning.

Early on the 28th inst. a special on the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad ran over and instantly killed a colored man named James Norwood about sixteen miles north of that city. He was a Justice of the peace and highly respected. He had started to go after his wife, who was at a neighbor's, and sat down upon the track and went to sleep.

W. T. Herrin who lives about eight miles from town had the misfortune to lose his barn and contents by fire. He had on hand about one hundred barrels of corn and a quantity of fodder all of which was destroyed. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary though no motive can be assigned for the deed, says the Roanoke News.

Durham Sun: G. W. Farrington was before the mayor this morning, charged with obtaining H. C. Jones' check from the Globe warehouse under false pretenses. The amount was \$16 and some cents. He represented him, self to be Jones, got the check and drew the money on it. He was bound over to the Superior court in a bond of \$200.

Asheville Citizen: A. P. Rheinhardt, an Asheville carpenter with his wife, mother, brother and a man named Spivey, were walking on Charlotte street the night before Christmas when they met a negro man. The negro insisted on having the larger part of the sidewalk, when Spivey jokingly observed they "should have it made wider for his especial benefit." The negro who was in liquor, fired off a pistol into the party, the ball striking A. P. Rheinhardt on the right side of the neck, penetrating the neck, and narrowly missing the carotid artery. The negro was not recognized and after the shooting ran off.

Winston Sentinel: News has reached here that Mrs. Pleas Head, who was wounded a few days ago in Stokes county by her husband gashing her left breast with a knife, has since died. Head escaped. The affair, it is said, has caused great indignation among the citizens of the neighborhood and there is talk of lynching if the scoundrel is caught.

A special from Norfolk to the Richmond Dispatch says: The expected opening of the Seaboard Air Line system from Portsmouth direct to Atlanta on the 1st of January will not take place. There are nearly twenty miles yet to construct through a rough country difficult to work, and it will probably be the 1st of March before the line will be complete.

Asheville Democrat: On Saturday evening, about seven o'clock, the residents of Haywood street witnessed a most edifying sight—a man beating his wife. He had her down in the muddy road pounding her, while she screamed at the top of her voice, and her sister roundly cursed the man. After he had given her a good beating he ran off up the street.

Norwood Vidette: Mr. Thomas Ritchie, who happened to be walking up the track of the Yadkin Railroad early Friday morning of last week, discovered several old iron rails across the track which had been placed there by some fiendish party or parties for the purpose of wrecking the up bound train which was soon after to pass. Mr. Ritchie removed the rails.

Southport Leader: Lewis Augustus Galloway, postmaster at Southport, breathed his last at 10:03 o'clock this morning. Mr. Galloway was stricken with paralysis on Monday, but remained in full possession of his faculties until the end. Lewis A. Galloway was born at Town Creek, in this county, January 23d, 1816, and would therefore have been 76 years of age had he lived another month.

Asheville Journal: The weather Friday was not typical Christmas weather by any means, but a bright and pleasant day, more like April than December. — Bids have been opened at the Treasury Department for constructing the approaches to the Asheville, N. C., public building. Frank Whitley, of Portsmouth, Ohio, was the lowest bidder at \$4,824, says a telegram from Washington.

The editor of the late Lincoln Plow, Forge and Grip overheard some fellows whispering together, one night, as follows: "Carolina Central—pay-train—dark night." He got on his horse and rode twenty miles before daybreak to inform the Superintendent of the Carolina Central Railroad that a conspiracy had been formed to rob his pay-train. The Superintendent said he had no pay-train!

The great annual meeting of the Quakers or Friends is in progress at New Garden, Guilford county. The ministers and workers conference was held Tuesday, with a very interesting program. Thursday the Friends' annual Sabbath school conference of North Carolina yearly meeting will begin. It to be held two days, with two sessions each day, under the general superintendence of Prof. P. S. Blair, the Greensboro Record states.

Charlotte News: For some time past Mr. J. W. Smith has suffered with neuralgic pains in the head, and the only thing he has found to relieve him is a hot bath. He was in his bath room alone Christmas morning, and in walking by a tub containing boiling water, he tripped on the blanket which partially enveloped him and fell into the tub. He was terribly burned, the flesh peeling from his thigh and limbs in flakes.

Alamance Gleaner: Messrs. J. H. Blackman and W. P. Williamson, of Haw River, have some hogs which have solid hoofs like those of a mule. They grow very large and are said to be proof against cholera. — Mr. G. W. Pickett, merchant at Cedar Cliff, lost his stock of goods last Sunday night a week ago by fire. Mr. Graham Crawford, who lives at that place, tells us that he feels certain the store was robbed and set on fire.

Mount Airy News: On Monday morning last as Bob Griffith was going to his work at the Granite Quarry, and just as he was passing his father's house his brother Walter's dog ran out to attack him. Bob threw his hat at the dog, and Walter becoming enraged at this, a row followed in which Walter shot at Bob three times, one shot hitting him on the breast bone but glancing off. It only tore up some flesh and without serious effect.

Morganton Herald: A carload of Angora, goats, consigned to Mr. A. E. Wilson, reached Morganton last Monday morning from Texas. They will go to the stock farm on North Toe river. — The fame of the Sally Mitchell pipe is widespread. Orders have been received for those pipes recently from Pennsylvania, Montana and Texas. — The school at Nebo, which is supported by a wealthy Northern lady, numbers over a hundred scholars.

At New Berne early Monday morning a large two-story building owned by Dr. Leinster Duffy and occupied as a general store, by W. H. Hooten, the upper floor as his residence and sleeping apartments for country people, was discovered to be on fire, and the flames spread to the building owned by W. A. McIntosh, used as a dwelling, and to a store owned by Dr. Frank Duffy, in which Dr. Leinster Duffy kept a drug store. All were consumed and but little of the stocks or furniture were saved.

High Point Enterprise: It is becoming alarming, the fearful mortality from grippe and pneumonia, especially in some of the rural districts. It seems that the strong as well as the weak fall immediately under the fearful consequences of the disease. — Last Saturday, Chas. Knapp, a young German, while in a melancholy state of mind attempted to take his life by taking carbolic acid. He received immediate medical attention and at this time is convalescent.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Sparks from the Wires—Most Important Events Throughout the World for a Week.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—Gibbons whipped Bowen this morning in forty-eight rounds.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 30.—Two were killed and many seriously injured in a quarry explosion this morning.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Dec. 20.—It is stated that four thousand Mexican troops have revolted and joined the Garzas outlaws.

SHUBUTA, Miss., Dec. 30.—John Sims a brother of the late notorious Bob, was taken from jail at Butler, Ala., and hanged by a mob.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The New York Central let contract to-day for new block signal system along the entire line to cost one million dollars.

RAHWAY, N. J., Dec. 30.—The most disastrous fire here in years has occurred. The fire started at 152 Main street, and burned to No. 170. Loss, \$60,000; partially insured.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 30.—Colley & Sons, furniture dealers; the Savannah steam laundry and a dozen small buildings were burned last night. Loss sixty thousand dollars.

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 30.—A fire of supposed incendiary origin wiped out the business portion of Plainfield yesterday. The fire originated in Apton's restaurant; loss \$50,000; partly insured.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 30.—A fire last night in the hosiery mill of Samuel West, in Germantown, caused a loss of \$100,000, partially insured. Dalzell's hosiery mill, adjoining, was damaged \$10,000.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 28.—Capt. Hopkins, of the British steamer Ocean Queen, which has arrived here, reports having encountered a gale in mid-ocean on Monday, Dec. 21. Four of his crew were lost.

RICHLAND, Ga., Dec. 29.—H. V. Parker, general merchandise, closed his doors here this morning. He sold to Nicholson & Williams, B. F. and D. W. Durham also closed up. It is said they owe about \$800.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 29.—The Clearfield hotel livery stable was blown up by dynamite at 2 o'clock this morning. The debris took fire and, spreading to the adjoining property, destroyed five other buildings. Eight houses were also consumed.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 30.—The Georgia Southern passenger train, due in Macon at 6:30 o'clock this morning, ran off the track near Cordele. A broken frog caused the accident. The cars are pretty badly broken, but no damage was done to life or limb.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Detectives McMahon and Barrett arrested yesterday at the Grand Trunk Station a man named Solomon Reinberg of New York, on a charge of grand larceny on a telegram from Inspector Byrnes. He is to be held to await the arrival of an officer from New York.

HAMILTON, O., Dec. 28.—Fully three-fourths of this city's population of 20,000 is affected with the grip. The place is mainly supported by its factories, and so prevalent is the disease that more than half the places are closed down. The death rate is the highest ever known.

ROME, Dec. 28.—The influenza is cutting a wide swath in Milan and the country adjacent to that city. Many of the city officials are prostrated with the disease, much to the detriment of the city's business. There have been a large number of deaths caused by the influenza and its accompanying complications.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29.—C. P. Huntington has issued an order forbidding the publication of the statement of earnings and operating expenses of the Southern Pacific Company in the future. A week ago an article in the call stated the surplus for the year to be about four millions, the largest known in the history of the company.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 28.—The bank at Fordyce was entered by burglars Sunday night and the outer and inner doors blown open. The burglars were unable to open the burglar proof box, the door giving evidence of several attempts having been made to drill through it. A sack containing a small amount of silver was all that the thieves secured.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 28.—The inquest to-day concerning the sudden death of Sargent Ericsoe on Christmas night brought out the fact that the man while drunk fell into a basin of water and was drowned. Sargent was a hard drinker. On Christmas day he went home early in the evening, and at 10 o'clock was found dead with his face in a basin of water.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—A design has been accepted and a contract awarded for the building of a four thousand dollar monument to be erected to the memory of the late chief of police, David C. Hennessy, who was foully assassinated a year ago by the Italian members of the Mafia, and eleven of the latter being lynched on Memorial Day, December 12th, last.

MERIDIAN, Miss., Dec. 29.—The news of a novel suicide which was enacted at Epes Station, Alabama, was received here this morning. A negro driving a fine span of horses tied a jug of whiskey about his neck and deliberately drove off a high bluff into the Tombigbee river. He was a farmer and his property was heavily mortgaged and he preferred to die with his horses to giving them up.

HARRISBURG, Penn., Dec. 28.—Fumes of scorching flesh and smoke issuing from the house of Henrietta Harrison at 309 Blackberry Avenue, excited the neighbors this evening, and, bursting open the door, they found Auntie Harrison, an ex-slave, said to be over 100 years old, a mass of flames upon the floor of her kitchen. She had evidently tried to light her pipe at the stove, as it was found by her side. She was horribly burned, and died before the fire could be extinguished.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 28.—A passenger train on the Union Pacific collided with a switch engine in the yards in this city this afternoon, badly wrecking both engines and derauling the mail and baggage cars. The engines and firemen of both engines were slightly hurt, and the passengers were given a lively shaking up, but none were seriously injured. Property loss about \$20,000.

ELLENDALE, N. D., Dec. 28.—There are many ugly rumors afloat in connection with the recent Farmers and Merchants' State Bank failure here. The President of the bank, H. O. Baratti, has been arrested on the charge of receiving deposits when he knew the bank was insolvent. He waived examination to-day, and was bound over to the District Court. There is strong talk of other arrests.

UNIONTOWN, Penn., Dec. 28.—The news comes from Fairchance this morning that Frank Cooley, the leader of the worst gang of robbers that Fayette county has known for years, was shot and fatally wounded last night by one of his own gang. It is said that the gang was having a big time drinking and carousing at its mountain rendezvous near Fairchance, when one of the men and Cooley got into a row and the latter was shot.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 30.—At 7:30 a. m. to-day, four boxes of dynamite bombs, used in blasting at Shoemaker's stone quarry, in Wauwateosa village, five miles west of this city, exploded, blowing Albert Butlitz and William Walker to atoms. John Ralsky was fatally injured. The two men killed were in the act of loading the blasting pump when the explosion occurred. The concussion broke hundreds of windows in Wauwateosa and a number in this city.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 28.—A half dozen cowboys took possession of the south bound passenger train on the International and Great Southern Road, forty miles north of here, last night. They boarded the train at Buda Station, and their first act was to force a Chicago drummer off the moving train, because he wore a red cravat and high silk hat. They continued their depredations by making a number of young ladies in the Pullman coach sing for them. They enforced all their demands with drawn pistols. They ruled the train for twenty miles, when they stepped off at a way station.

RAILROAD WRECK.

On the Union Pacific—Several Persons Killed.

LA GRANDE, Oregon, Dec. 30.—The fast mail train on the Union Pacific Railway was wrecked near here last night. Engineer R. T. Law, fireman Geo. Miller, and a tramp named Zumpinski, were killed, and another tramp named Segmer, received fatal injuries. It is supposed that in rounding a curve the first engine caused the rails to spread, precipitating the second engine, mail and baggage car into the river, a distance of fifty feet. The remainder of the train kept the track. None of the passengers were injured.

AN IDIOT YELLED "FIRE."

And Nine Children Were Crushed to Death.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The theatre in Gateshead county, Durham, was last night the scene of a frightful panic, in which at least ten persons, including nine children, were killed outright, and many injured.

The light of a blaze caused by a man in the audience dropping a lighted match on the sawdust covered floor caused some one to start the cry of "fire," and a terrible panic at once ensued. There was immediately a wild rush for the doors, which, owing to the savage crush and struggle, quickly became so blocked that only a few succeeded at once in getting out.

A FATAL COLLISION.

Two Freight Trains Wrecked Through a Mistake in Orders.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—A special to the Post Dispatch from Chillicothe, Mo., says: By a mistake in train orders a disastrous collision occurred between two freight trains on the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad seven miles east of here at 3 o'clock this morning, resulting in the death of four trainmen and the fatal wounding of two others. The dead are:

Engineer Busbee, of engine 55; Fireman Barry, of engine 56; Fireman Price, of engine 46; Brakeman Mike B. Gilmore. Brakeman Gill was taken from underneath a pile of debris and is so badly injured that he cannot live, while engineer Hannal, of engine 46, has received internal injuries and will die. Eleven cars of cattle were wrecked. The wreck caught fire and the poor animals were slowly roasted to death.

ANOTHER CRANK.

A Young Man Wants an Analysis of Cornelius Vanderbilt's Brain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock while Cornelius Vanderbilt was entertaining a number of friends at his Fifth Avenue residence, a good looking, well dressed young man, apparently a German, rang the street door bell. To a page who answered the summons, he said he had called to see Mr. Vanderbilt personally to get his brains, which he proposed to have subjected to expert analysis in order to determine why he, Vanderbilt, had been able to mass a fortune, while he, the caller, was practically penniless. The page summoned an officer who took the young man to a station house. In his pockets was found a card bearing the name, John J. Lingman, No. 616 East Eleventh street, also a membership card of the Young Men's Christian Association. The prisoner was taken to the Yorkville police court and committed pending an examination as to his mental condition. He was uncommunicative and is doubtless insane.