WAGES AND POLITICS. The extent of the voluntary advances in wages can not be accurately stated, there was no drain on our resources 1,000,000 workmen have received an increase of pay averaging 10 per cent. Nothing like this has ever been before tories closed down, laborers became known. It makes a new departure in beggars on the highways and all the matter of the relations between | values depreciated. There was no apemployers and employes, and teaches allutary lesson with regard to the important question of capital and labor. part of capital by reason of the change cal significence, and this is probably and this has continued until quite rethe aspect of it that deserves closest cently. As there have been no change attention. The Democrats are trying in the natural conditions this partial to make it appear that their party has revival must have been caused by the brought about this remarkable result; re-establishment of confidence, and by but it is easy to see that there is no considering the circumstances of the justification for such a claim. The past year or two we may arrive at a logifact is well known that when the cal reason for it. The recent elections present administration came in, the have been overwhelmingly Republican. operations. The conditions were not different from those which had existed and no other explanation will answer.

There was a turn in the case whenis not to be supposed that this gratify- Republican party at the ballot box that ing change would have taken place if it will soon be restored to power, when the political situation had remained America will be considered the best the same as it was a year ago. The Democratic party has not done anything since the last election to revive of protection thrown around them business and promote prosperity. It against the competition of the pauper was not until the last congress adjourned, and all danger of mischievous legislation was removed, that employers felt safe in making calculations or the future. There was no advance in wages so long as the possibility of Democratic trifling with commercial and industrial interests remained. The fact that the Republicans will have power in the next congress to prevent loose and hurtful legislation is the one to which the workingmen are most indebted for the advantage which they are now obtaining. Their pay would not have been raised, their house had been elected last November. with the tariff and other vital issues

THE SITUATION.

changed tariff policy; but this imimagine that it will.

than false representations of adversity. A knowledge of the truth is as essential to success in trade as to progress in morals. A boom predicted upon a however, who are open to conviction, false assumption of industrial re- and these will be benefitted by a truth, there are no reliable indications of any speedy return to such prospermore interest taken in it; but the silver ity as obtained prior to the political and financial disaster of 1892. As a craze has been on the wane for some matter of fact, the number of financial time, and will never again occupy failures during the first half of 1895 prominent position in politics. are in excess of any like period during the past twenty-one years, that of the fateful year of 1893 being excepted. Dun's Review, July 6, thus tabulates the failures during the second quarter of

1877 1,888 1878 2,470 1879 1,534 1880 1,065

the Inter Ocean of a recent date. "Business may have improved, but those interested in booming things evidently are trying to make them out as better than they are."

Facts are enduring, and the facts are that during a long depression caused firstly by apprehension of Democratic tariff tinkering, and, secondly by the act of such tinkering, mills and factories either closed totally or partially. This led to depletion of stocks in the now is a demand for replenishment. this replenishment is large in itself, for it is to meet the requirements of 35;000,000 of people. But it is not large in the ratio of 1890-92, because the purchasing power of the people not as great as it then was.

Inspired by this partial revival of business, and, perhaps, encouraged by the foolishly false Democratic predictions of a quick resumption of universal presperity, a number of enthusi-asts have rushed upon undertakings or which the country is not ripe. Hence the large list of failures Business is reviving slowly and steadily, and is likely to improve, but the improvement will be slow until proper rotection again is assured industries and this, as we take it, is the true state of trade.

CONFIDENCE VS. CAPITAL.

pened. It is well known that when ard times begun, at the assumption of the reins of government by President Cleveland and the Democratic congress, no great misfortune had happened to the people or the country that caused the widespread distress.

The crops had been abundant, and but it is safe to estimate that at least by foreign wars or other causes. The conditions were those of a prosperous nation; but in the midst of these fac-Furthermore, it has pronounced politi- in the economic policy of the country,

country was prosperous, and working- and there is every indication that men had full employment and good the next congress will restore protecwages. That the situation began to tion to American products and Americhange for the worst within a short can industries. While the dark and time. A period of depression and threatening cloud of free-trade hung uncertainty ensued, and the employers over the land capitalists hoarded their had to reduce wages and curtail their money, manufacturers ran on short time, and no new industries were inaugurated. But the clouds are under the preceding Republican ad- rapidly passing away, and confidence ministration except in a political is being instilled into every producrespect. As an eastern exchange tive industry. Employers have increastruthfully remarks. Democratic rule ed the wages of labor, values are apprewas the obvious cause of the trouble, citing, and the prospects are very encouraging. At no time since President Cleveland occupied the executive the Republicans carried the elections chair has there been a scarcity of last fall. That was the beginning of money, and there is no more money the improvement which is now restor- now than two years ago during the era ing the wages that were cut down dur- of bank failures; but the people are ing the time that the Democrats had more hopeful and are encourged by entire control of the government. It the result of the recent victories of the

DEBATE ON MONEY.

labor of Europe.

dustries and products will have a wall

A novel word contest is now being waged in Chicago, between Roswell G. it will be otherwise disposed of. This Horr, ex-congressman from Michigan trouble is caused by the promise to and William H. Harvey, author of "Coin's Financial School." The debate is to continue three hours each day for ten days. After a three-minutes' rest one speaker will follow the other, and thus the fusilade will continue until the time is up. If the voters of the nation could listen attenhances of employment would not have tively to this discussion it might do been increased, if the Democratic good work in convincing some and converting others regarding the The advances in wages are due to opinions they now hold on the political causes—to the assurance that | financial question, as we believe every there is to be no more such tinkering point for and against free coinage will be brought out by these gentlemen. as that which produced the hard times; Everyone who has read Harvey's popand the people thus benefited will bear ular book know that he is ingenious the emergency, and Coin's Financial been an improvement in trade, and School will be left in a very dilapidated this is not unexpected. Republican shape after he has had the opportunity papers have predicted it, as a result of of firing some of his broadsides of matters adjusting themselves to the logic into the structure. But, it is reasonable to suppose, that many will ovement will not restore the pros- read the report of the speeches perity that was enjoyed by the country with their prejudiced views, and sfore 1892, and it is very delusive to whatever argument is produced will not be convinced that they are wrong. It is a waste of time to argue with perity are only less dangerons such, and the better plan is to let them alone until some practical demonstration points out to them the error of their ways. There are many, rees soon collapses. And, in plain reasonable discussion of this question. If this debate had taken place a few months ago there would bave been

LIBERALS DEFEATED.

elections in England by large majorities, and it is presumed they will have full control of the next house of com mons. This will be regretted by the friends of reform everywhere, as nothing in this line may be expected from the Conservatives, as they appear to have more consideration for the greatness of the Empire than for the freedom of the people. The Liberals have had a noble record in the past, and nearly every advancement made dur-Marshall Field's verdict, published in ing the last half century can be traced to them. They could have retained power for a considerable time longer with skilful management; but this they lacked, and were defeated because they could not unite on the great questions agitating the people. With a competent leader this would not have happened, and the promised reforms in the British constitution would have been inaugurated. But now the democracy of Great Britian must wait until some opportune time, and this hands of jobbers and retailers. There may be many years. Under Conservative rule the empire will be strengthened, and a vigorous foreign policy may be expected. In the meantime the people will be waiting an opportunity to make a change, and as soon as they see some competent leader, under whom they can unite, the party that favors advancement will again be restored to power.

CROP PRORPECST.

The crop outlook in this county is very encouraging, and the fears of a month ago that drought would diminish the yield of grain fully one-half will not be realized. Eastern Oregon has had many drawbacks in the last few years; but, it is expected, there will be an average harvest this season. This county is not subject to the same infavorable conditions in the matter of wheat growing as other portions of the Inland Empire further east, and, together with grain, our producers do a partial revival of business to be the good export trade in fruit. During the last few years in Wasco the conditions and prophecy that in a few years the have changed very materially, and the and prophecy that in a few years the former prosperity will return. When rainfall has been much greater. At to remain in the region of cyclones, the hard times began they were not as one time it was thought this was not eager to consider it the result of the an agricultural country; but the expeprospective change of policy in the rience of recent years has demonstra- officials we have! exclaims the luter

AN EQUITABLE SYSTEM.

There is no subject of greater interest to the people than that of taxation, and the reason is that it is a burden,if such it can be termed-which all must bear in proportion to the property they own or wealth they possess. It has been a frequent complaint of the public taxation by

poor that the rich have been exempted peculiar features of the system pursued, and, on the other hand, the wealthy say they are taxed to support the indolent and shiftless. Where there is such a diversity of opinion facts alone can demonstrate the truth or falsity of either of these positions. goes without saving that

if the expenses of the government are to be paid according to the value of property in dollars and cents then the rich will pay the much larger amount, and this is a fact. There is an object lesson furnished in this regard in the abstracts of the taxes assessed for the present year in New York for state and city purposes. Out of a population of 2,000,000 there are only 79,000 taxpayers, or one in every twenty-two. One-half of these taxes are paid by less than 1000 persons, and not a dollar comes from the wage-earning classes. The total valuation of all property is less than two billions, and the sum to be raised is something over thirty seven millions. These taxes are to be paid by the capitalists and property-owners, and this fact may be proved by an inspection of the books which are open to the public. What is true of New York city, is true of Chicago, San Francisco, Portland

and The Dalles. The present system of taxation is an equitable one, and places the burden where it should be-on those who are able to pay. Poverty is a grievous misfortune or condition; but there are many ills or burdens incident to human life from which the poor are exempt, and one of these is taxation. If the rich can ride in chaises, go to summer resorts and drink champagne, the tax place for Americans and American incollector is on their heels, and the coin has to be paid when due. THE CANAL.

A New Orleans dispatch says that

the concession to the Maratime Canal Company by the Nicaraguan government is fort he second time in danger of being cancelled, and if this is done build a canal at a point called Tipitapa, which would connect Lake Nicaragua withLake Managua. It is to be hoped that the Nicaraguan government will company, as that would necessarily delay the work. But our govern-

giving aid to this great enter- have rented rooms in Washington prise, and its importance does not seem to be fairly understood by congress. Years ago the amount required in its construction should have been appropriated, and the canal would land or The Dalles. It is too tiresome have been finished by this time. Instead of effective legislation the matter has been called up almost every sesmight change their minds. but we this in mind when they come to vote for the next president.

In this methods of stating what he and sion, and a few favorable speeches made and the subject dropped. At the analytical scrutiny, dwindles into the did not pass both houses. As a chanworst sophistry. Mr. Horr is equal to
the emergency, and Coin's Financial
School will be left in a very dilapidated
School will be left in a very dilapidated efit to the United States, and every year the matter is delayed is a loss to this country. If something is not done soon, some other country may inaugu-

tion. We cannot act too quickly in venes again, among the first acts passed should be one appropriating a ufficient amount for the completion of the Nicaraguan canal with the necessary provisions for carrying it into

NOT HYPNOTISM. Hypnotism is becomming quite popalar, and particularly so since Du Maurier published his story about Trilby being under the hypnotic influ ence of Svengali, and it has been frequently used as an excuse for crime or nuestionable actions. Holmes, the man who defrauded the insurance company and who is suspected of murdering the Pietzel children, is said to have hypnotized Mrs. Pietzel, and to have continued that influence from last August until very recently. This is the story given to the associated press by Mrs. Pietzei, and the public are at liberty to believe as much of it as they desire. It may be that Holmes being a man of prepossessing appearance had a certain influence on the ing of old issues. In the document woman, for a smiling, smooth exterior | professing to outline the policy of the is always more attractive than a rough party, which the London Chronicle

that induced her to marry the man will be difficult to make the public believe that anything bordering on hypnotism or mesmerism was used. The mind does not act consecutively in many instances, or follow, what some would term reasonable methods: but is governed more often by impulse than by careful deductions. No one can use mathematical rules in judging human actions; neither can they be explained by hypnotism.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Olympia has proved to be the fastest ship in the navy, and, while we have a large sea coast to defend and citizens to defend in foreign countries, effective war ships are very necessary

There is a lively insurance rate war in Olympia and other parts of Washington, and Oregon can stand considerable cutting on the prices now charged and still afford good returns to the companies engaged in the

The Chatauqua assembly in session at Oregon City will undoubtedly do great good in stimulating the desire after education and mental improvement in this state, and all such con-ventions are helpful to a higher devel-

There is reports that "White Caps" have been following their usual plan of operations at Klamath Falls in this

What a brave lot of United State

Spokane with prospects of recovery. His father says that he undertook the hazardous practice of jumping water-falls to help pay off a mortgage on the farm. It has been suggested that if he confined himself more to water, in his diet as well as his daily vocation. the mortgage would be in a better shape to be lifted than it is now.

Banker Matlock of Goldendale ha come to the conclusion that the Paul F. Mohr company do not mean business in their talk about railway con struction in this county and across the river. We are forced to admit that it looks to us as though Mr. Matlock was about right.—Moro Observer. The people of The Dalles have waited long and patiently for this portage road to materialize, and it does not seem as near materialization now as it was few years ago.

In the debate between Horr and Harvey in Chicago, the author of Coin's Financial Schools has already displayed the injenious methods he pursued when he wrote his book; but it is the ingenuity of the juggler that attempts to hide facts and make things appear differently from what they are. This was very apparrent in the manner Harvy treated the standard of value before 1873 and the "conspiracy," as he termed it, which resulted in the monetization of silver.

The peace of Democratic politicians in Oregon has been rudely disturbed during the past few days by the actions of Hon. Henry Blackman, collector of customs, in not filling a vacancy by one recommended by the party leaders but Mr. Blackman intends to plan his own appointments without consulting those who have arrogated to them selves the right of controlling the party patronage. He may serve his time; but the Republican party will that the murder would be finally name the next collector of customs.

A dispatch today states that news from Japan contains the intelligence Japanese, because the commander, a native of Japan, proved traitor to his adopted country and ordered the gun-ners to fire too high. It is said he committed suicide in the presence of the Japanese official who received the surrender, and to whom he was taken entitled to patriotic consideration by

The hold-up of the stage on the Wilhoit Springs route was a tame affair after all. Two masked men ordered after all. Two masked men ordered the stage to stop, and the driver held the reins tight while a passenger threw his purse containing \$35 to the robbers. After rumaging through the packages they managed to secure \$50, which did not pay the highwaymen for the risks taken. But to put a stop to these modern imitators of Dick Turnin they should meet some deterpin, they should meet some deter mined fellow who will use their useless carcasses as targets for a few pisto, balls, and they undoubtedly will some

not cancel the concession to the canal jump. They have not the time to wait and consider like the phlegmatic Englishman or German. This is true ment has been too dilatory in divorces, and five Ocklahama lawyers

rate the project and carry it to comple-with another that calls for interference tion. We cannot act too quickly in on the part of christendom that stage this matter, and when congress con- has long been reached by the ottoman empire in its treatment of its Christian subjects. Mass meetings should be held throughout Europe, and the popular voice should demand action in such strong tones that even absolute monarchs could hesitate no longer.

> Proceedings will be instituted by Robert Jameson, treasurer of the board of regents of the Weston normal school, against Secretary Kincaid to compel him either to draw warrants, so that the money appropriated by the legislature will be turned over to the regents or to show cause why he has failed to perform the functions of his office. This will open up the legality of the act of the legislature, and also will show on what authority the secre tary of state has relied on for refusing tary of state has relied on for refusing to draw the warrant. It may give that "citizen of Polk county" an opportunity to apply for an injunction forbidding any money to be paid to any "public institution" that is not located at the "seat of government." This is a rare opportunity for Salem to capture another feeder, and it is very likely she will be sufficiently alert to her own interests to rean the henefit.

The scheme of the Conservatives in England seems to be to avoid the raisface and an honest heart; but this is not hypnotism—only a lack of proper discrimination on the part of the gentler sex. Perhaps Millie Davis, at Corvallis, will claim that it was hypnotism gration of pauper aliens, fiscal reform, amendment of the employers' liability facilities to enable workingmen to purchase dwellings, legislation to assist agriculture, etc., but not a suggestion of local self-government. The Conservatives in their programme have ground together a number of have grouped together a number of measures which are intended to be vote-catchers. Every one of them constitutes an appeal to the working classes, and the Liberals will have to take a long step in the direction of Radicalism to outbid their rivals.

It is stated on good authority that if the United States had not exercise such vigilance in stopping the filibustering expeditions to Cuba that island would have achieved its independence from Spain. However this may be, the action of this country was its piain duty under international law as a neutral nation, and it could not have done otherwise without violating the comity that govern friendly nations during the continuance of disturbances in another. Cuba has cost Spain very dearly, and perhaps it would be better for the mother country to have allowed this distant part of her dominion independence. It is not reasonable to sup pose that the parent country can rule a dependent colony so far distant with wants. The method that Great Briton pursues with her dependencies is very successful; but this implies issolation

and home rule, and perhaps Cuba would be satisfied with such a gov-There is some trouble in Latah county, Idaho, between the farmers and loan company to whom they have nortgaged their property. The time has elapsed and in some cases receivers have been appointed to take charge of the farms for the mortgagees, and to these the original owners of the land object. It is alleged that the difficulties have been worked up by disreputable lawyers, who have persuaded the

TELEGRAPHIC.

MURDERED BY HOLMES.

The Authorities Confident He Killed Pietzel's Children. PAILADELPHIA, July 16.—The find-ing of the bodies of the two Pietzel children in Toronto created a sensation in police circles in this city. The authorities are convinced that they were murdered by the arch-conspira-tor, H. H. Holmes, now in prison in this city awaiting trial on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the Fidelity & Mutual Life Insurance Association of \$10,000. This amount was obtained by Lawyer Jephta D. Howe, of St. Louis Lawyer Jephta D. Howe, of St. Louis, representing the family of B. F. Pietzel, who, it is alleged, was killed in this city by an explosion of chemicals, and who snortly before had been insured in the Fidelity Company. It is probable the charges against Holmes will be changed from conspiracy to murder, as it is generally believed that Pietzel is really dead

Pietzel is really dead. Just before Holmes was brought trial he made a confession in which he said he procured a corpse in New York, brought it to this city, disfigured it by the use of chemicals and palmed it off successfully as the remains of Pietzel. After the confession Holmes' trial was postponed until October. It is believed, as the Philadelphia mur-

der antedates the Canadian murders, the man will have to stand trial here. Detective Geyer, who found the bodies of the children in Toronto, has been on the case since September, 1894, when the charred remains of the bogus or genuine Pietzel were found. He ollowed many clews furnished by President Fouse, of the Fidelity Mutual Insurance Association, and

fastened upon Holmes.

The finding of the children's bodies strengthen the belief here that H. H. Holmes, allias Herman Mudgett, that Port Arthur was captured by the the murderer of six persons. Two were young women of Chicago, named Williams, whom he induced to go to Fort Worth, and whom he robbed of after that. The two Pietzel children's deaths are placed to his account. There is a third child, a boy, yet to be accounted for, who it is believed he has murdered. The greatest mystery of all is what became of Pietzel, the man whose life was insured. Holmes refuses to talk with a reporter. He knows that the children's bodies have

IT MAY BE ANNULLED.

Canal Co. NEW ORLEANS, July 16 .- A private letter received here from Managua, Nicaragua, contains the following, which is stated with every degree of authority:

years ago to the Maritime Canal Company by the Nicaraguan government for the construction of the Nicaraguan canal, is for the second time in great danger of being canceled, and if an-nulled this second time it will be otherwise disposed of. This second trouble is caused by the promise to build a canal to a point called Tipitapa, which would connect Lake Nicaragua with Lake Managua. "When the concession was granted

it was agreed that in return for the concession a canal would be built at this point within three years after the beginning of the work on the main and where he now is. He was flogged line of the Nicaraguan line. The on an average of once a day.

time limited placed upon the comstime limited placed upon the completion of this waterway expired in October, 1892, and the company has made no step toward carrying out their contract. The Nicaraguan government threatens the annulling of the concession and their threats come

Apart from the actual outchery of Sassoun, the most painful feature of the situation is the position of Armenian women. One cannot investigate this phrase of the subject without feelings of rage and horror. After the most careful personal inquiry the

to all appearances, is final.
"The Nicaraguan Canal Company will be notified soon that the Nicaraguan government will hold them to their original proposition and the canal must be completed within a short period. In this they are firm, and should the canal company either re-fuse or neglect to carry out the original plan, the concession will be an uulled finally and forever. It is gener work is not begun very shortly or if the canal company does not take al-most immediate step to convince the administration that the Tipitaga canal of the congress of Nicaragua will ratify the cancellation of the concession which Minister Gomez would not hesitate to bring about."

ALBAN N. TOWNE DEAD.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—A. N. Towne, second vice-president and general manager of the Southern Pacific, died suddenly at his residence in this city this morning.

Towne had been in his office all day yesterday and until 5 P. M. transact-ing the usual business of the office. ing the usual business of the office. He spent last evening at home and retired in good spirits. He retired feeling quite well, but at 2 A. M. complained of violent pains in the stomach, supposed incident to indigestion, from which he suffered. The physician summoned applied remedies cian summoned applied remedies which seemed to afford relief, but

symptoms of congestion and hem-morrhages followed. At 4 A. M. Towne complained of violent pain in his heart, and 15 minutes later he was dead. When in New York five years ago Towne had la grippe, which impaired his heart action. Since then he has

THE OUTLAWS ESCAPED.

HENNESSY, O. T. July 16 .- The posse of farmers organized at Sheridan to capture the Yeager gang of horse thieves found the trail 25 miles west of Waukomis, and ran part of the gang to cover in a log house. They sur-rounded the house, captured the desperadoes' horses and saddles and

some arms. shields to keep the posse from shooting, and each drew a brace of revolvers. They made their escape to the heavy timber, firing a number of shots to keep the posse from pressing them too the way beneath a crushing weight.

stealing horses from farmers, made their escape. They headed for their rendezvous in a secluded spot, where they are known to have a fortified stronghold. The posse is still determined and is being recruited daily.

OMAHA, July 16 .- General Solicito Thurston said today that the granting of the decree asked for in the Oregon

Short Line case at Portland was ex-

pected by everybody connected with the company. He said: "Before the sale of the property is consummated, undoubtedly similar de-cisions will be asked for in the courts in whose jurisdiction the propert lies. This will take some time Then, the reorganization committee will have to get together and unite on some common basis. This done, a company will have to be formed for the purchase of the property. The defaulted interest will have to be paid

before the new company can succeed to the control of the property." prospective offinge of policy in the government; but credited it to the government; but credited it to the government; but credited it to the culmination of causes that had been at work, and can generally be relied on as producing good crops. The resonance is hoped for the future that the fact that case reported is the fact of the intrinsic than two distances could be found in the fact that case reported is the fact of the intrinsic than two distances could be found in the fact that case reported is the fact that case rep

trunk. The children were taken away from here during the last week

Brakeman Killed.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 16-Andrew Swanson, a brakeman on the freight train on the Coos Bay-Roseburg rail-road, hauling logs from the Coquille river, was killed this morning, about 3 o'clock, at McQuigg's station, the ocomotive, four flatcars and the ca-coose passing over his body. He umped off the end of the train when it was in motion, to throw a switch, but as he alighted on the track, stumbled and fell. He was caught by the cars before he could escape. Swanson was a foreigner, and about 30 years of age.

Searching For the Boy.

TORONTO, Ont., July 17 .- Further search of the premises where the were found will be made in hopes of 9, although the detectives are satis-fied that he was murdered and cremated at Detroit. After the inquest, at which the verdict of murder will unoubtedly be returned against Holmes, Detective Geyer will go to Philadelphia with warrants issued by the Canadian authorities, and demand Holmes' extradition.

IRON MOUNTAINS, Mich., July 17 .-

Poor timberings caused a cave-in on the first level of the Pewabic mine this afternoon. Nine men were im-prisoned under 10 feet of broken rock, ar and timber. The fall of rock came just as the men were quitting work, and it is feared that some of the nen were caught and crushed to death. A big rescue crew is at work, but it will be 10 hours before the men

HAPLESS ARMENIANS. The Hardships of Turkish Prisons Those of Siberia.

VAN, June 3.—(From the Associated Press correspondent in Armenia)— The prison of Van, where the Armenian prisoners are confined, is located under the shadows of the city wall and at a point where the ground is so low as to eccive the drainage of the rest of the city. Like the other buildings of the city it is built of sun-dried brick laid in the mud. The prison is only a one-story building, and with no provision for keeping it dry.

The prison consists of six long

rooms, three on each side of a common passage-way, into which they open. Each room is about 12 feet wide and rom 30 to 40 feet long, and has two windows at the outer end and two small windows and a door at the inner end opening into the passage. During the last winter from 30 to 40 men were crowded into each of these rooms, sleeping on the floor, a row along each wall, so that if their feet were a little more than ordinarily extended the two rows would interfere with each in each row, allowing only about 18

inches for each person.

The five small cells mentioned are damp, dark and entirely unwarmed for winter. A prisoner, Karakeen Pagheshteean by name, was kept in one of the cells 14 consecutive months with Afterwards he was removed to one of the most careful personal inquiry the correspondent is able to state that in hundreds of villages in Armenia there is hardly one woman, old or young, who is not from time to time made the victim of passion of the Kurds and Turks. In all the villages of Armenia, the Christian women, both old and young, are absolutely at the mercy of their Kurdish and Turkish neighbors. This is not the case in the larger cities of Van, Bitlis, Moush and Erzeroum, because in these cities the large Armenian population is in itself a protection to the women, but in the illages, where the Armenians are in

he minority, protection is not possible,

call of any Turk or Kurd who happens

en are at the beck and

to take a fancy to them. Moreover, this state of things is said to be well known to the Turkish government.

It is the custom of the government to sell to the highest bidder the tax privileges of the various villages, the purchaser having the right to collect all of the taxes from the people. In very many cases the number of young Armenian women in a village has a great deal to do with the price had for great deal to do with the price paid for the tax privilege. When the public sale is made of the tax privilege it is no uncommon thing for the austionean no uncommon thing for the auctioneer to call out in the market-place that so many girls are available in the village. When a man has purchased the tax privilege of a village, he considers that he also bought and paid for the women of the village, and any attempt on the part of the husband, brother or father to resent this interpretation of the law is looked upon as high treason, punishable with death. If the Armenian men object to this they are beaten and driven from the villages and, in many cases, killed. The women who suffer the most are the brides. Kurds and Turks think it great sport to carry off a bride from the very arms of her husband, and to keep her in their house until they have become tired of her presence.

THE BRIDGE WENT DOWN. ferrible Accident Today on the Santa I

DENVER, July 17.—A special to the Times from Monument, Colo., says a local freight on the Santa Fe road fell through the bridge at this place today, burying beneath the wreck Mrs. Albert Cooper and a number of the Santa Fe bridge gang, who were rebuilding the

20 cars are piled on top of the victims.

As near as can be learned, the local freight, loaded heavily with timber and stone, passed over the bridge at Il A. M. As the engine neared the south end the workmen underneath saw the bridge rock and shouted an alarm to their comrades. Before the danger could be realized the engine and 20 cars came crashing through They released the women after making them walk over a mile, and stealing horses from farmers, made their evens. They headed for their

> The citizens of Monument ar working heroically, but not much can be done until the wrecking train ar-There were about 20 men in the bridge gang, and it is beleived 10 or 12 are under the wreck. They must certainly have been killed. The en-gineer escaped. The fireman, conduc-tor and brakeman went down with the wreck. The bridge was across a gulch a quarter of a mile from town. It was 50 feet high and about 300 feet long.

his voice and it is certain she is

HAS VIRTUALLY CONFESSED. is Said to Have Virtually Incrim

PHILADELPHIA, July 16.—H. H. Holmes, alias Herman Mudgett, it is alleged, virtually confessed to the murder of the two children whose bodies were found in the cellar in a Toronto house, in a two hours' interview with three members of the discontinuous and the second s view with three members of the dis-

TELEGRAPHIC.

FATAL FIRE IN CINCINNATI. wo Fireman Killed, and Eighteen Other Painfully Injured.

CINCINNATI, July 17-This afternoon an alarm of fire was turned in for a big fire in the five-story hay and feed warehouse of J. H. Hormeson & Co., at Walnut and Water streets. It spread so rapidly as soon to threaten the entire block bounded by Walnut, Water, Vine and Front streets, and another alarm soon called out the whole department. The flames at times came very near reaching buildings across the streets. Besides the loss of property, two firemen are dead and 18 injured.

It is believed the fire originated

rom a match or a cigar stump thrown carelessly in the hay. The warehouses went up like an explosion. Then the fire spread to the Nelson, Morris & Co. stables, but their large warehouse stood fire-proof. George O. Brown had 8000 bags of peanuts in his large warehouse. They burned like shavings, and with the buildings went th arge warehouse of Seaman & Co., which was full of leaf tobacco. Then he walls fell, and the fire spread in all directions, damaging the Western Dressed Pork Company and Henry Heil & Sons. The total loss amounts o 200,000. At 2:30, the Front-street wall fell.

cilling two and wounding six firemen Simpson, the bookkeeper, was injured internally. Simpson jumped from a

A DESPERATE AFFAIR. Wholesale Flight of Prisoners at

SPOKANE, July 18 .- H. D. Smith. convicted of the murder of old John Wyant, cheated the gallows this afternoon by killing himself in an inef-ectual attempt to regain his liberty. For an hour this afternoon excite-For an hour this afternoon excitement reigned supreme at the county jail, and while the deputy sheriffs were out chasing one fleeing prisoner a wholesale jail delivery was nearly accomplished. Smith, who occupied one of the strong cells outside the main jail corridor, had just been served with his meal by Jailor Thompson, and the latter with his cook, Jim Brady, had gone into the upper tier of cells to feed twenty or more prisoners there, when a trusty in more prisoners there, when a trusty in the kitchen sang out "Say, Brady, Smith has got away." In a moment Thompson and Brady came flying down the iron stairs and saw Smith about the iron stairs and saw Smith rapidly making tracks through the jail yard. Brady shouted out to Deputy Lon Cisna of Smith's escape, but kept on after the fleeing man. Cisna hurriedly mounted his bicycle and joined in the chase.

Smith ran like a deer and was gaining on Brady, but when he saw he was being pursued by a wheel turned south and started for the river, which he reached a short distance ahead of rapid current and attempted to reach the other side, but the water was running too swift for him and he was gradually carried into the shore. A man fishing along the bank saw Smith coming and hearing the shouts of the pursuing officers "to grab the swimmer," waded out a few feet and grasped foot-fetters all the time, and with hand and neck-fetters much of the time.

Afterwards he was removed to one of the struggled a razor from underneath his vest, and before the man holding him could interfere drew the razor across his own throat completely severing his windpipe.
Blood spurted from the wound in a
stream; after struggling a moment
Smith sank to the ground and expired

Goodsell, who had returned from the chase on learning the true state of affairs. They were locked up and no further disturbance occurred.

can be given. Slow progress is being made through the mass of ore, broken timbers and rocks. The work is much delayed by the continual falling

The report that communication had been established with the men last night appears to have been false, Edward Webb, J. Bowden, Peter Carl-eon and John Johnson are among the entombed. The names of the other five are unknown.

PENDLETON, Or., July 18.—George Shutrum died this morning of cerebral meningitis. His illness lasted three weeks. Shutrum was a Republ member of the lower house of the last legislature. He was one of the wealthiest and most successful farmers in Eastern Oregon. He owned 2000 acres near Pendleton and considerable wealth besides. He was highly respected in this community, where he lived 20 years. He was born in New York state, and was in the war of the rebellion, enlisting from Illinois in the Ninth regiment, and served until

NEW YORK, July 18 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Berlin says: It is considered in well-informed circles here that the scandalous murder of loud to a horizon already sufficiently dark. Franco-Russian intrigues in Abyssinia, the request made by the czar's government to Japan for her withdrawal of troops from Chinese territory, the reinforcement of the Russian fleet in the far east, and the arrogance of the French chauvinison are all factors rendering the present

Was Killed at a Crossing. OREGON CITY, July 18.—Mark Blackburn, a Springwater farmer, was killed at the Southern Pacific crossing in this city at 11 o'clock this morning, and his son Elmer was severely injured. A special train emerged from the cut at Tenth street, frightening Blackburn's team, which ran directly Blackburn's team, which ran directly upon the pilot of the locomotive. Blackburn and both horses were ground under the train, and their re mains scattered for half a block.

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