

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER

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MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY

Summary of Happenings of Week or Little Importance from All Parts of the Civilized World - Prices of Farm Products in Western Markets

Lieutenant Felton Parker, who accompanied Greeley relief expedition, died at Hartford, Conn.

Treasurer of secret society at Mitchell, S. D., bound, gagged, robbed, and left to freeze.

Story that French Canadians will return from New England to Canada not believed.

Duke of Manchester's debts have been paid, presumably by his father-in-law.

The Rev. Father Byrnes rescued from burning church at Caldwell, N. J.

Mayor-elect Hurley of Salem, Mass., will give his salary to the poor.

Birthdays of Joseph Smith observed by all Mormons.

General Kitchener cabled war office, London, the Boer invasion of Cape Colony has not assisted Boers.

Conservatives in Cuba violently opposed to United States protectorate.

Population of Berlin, including suburbs, is 2,469,676.

London Times says amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty is unacceptable to Great Britain.

Loyal natives in Philippines organized political party and adopted platform.

Company of Ninth cavalry defeated insurgents in Albay province, Philippines.

Several vessels wrecked and three sailors lost in gale on Atlantic coast.

Undetermined section of Pittston, Pa., sank, causing great damage.

Four of the justices of the United States supreme court are reported in favor of the contention that the constitution follows the flag and four against, with Fuller the deciding factor.

United States troops have traversed all the trails in many Northern Luzon provinces, driving out the insurgents.

The Boer invaders in the north of Cape Colony are reported to have occupied Colesberg.

The suit of Charles Wertheimer against Count and Countess de Castellane for payment for bribe was heard in Paris and continued.

Body of Thomas Edmundson, farmer, found hanging on wire fence near Mason City, Ia. Murder suspected.

Mrs. Alice D. Baker, widow, mysteriously killed at Rock Island, Ill., during romp with a boy.

James P. Bellinger, Alton, Ill., who killed Mrs. Hattie Watson, convicted of manslaughter.

Case of former Cadet Breth before a military court of inquiry into hanging.

Attempt to rob Nebraska state treasury frustrated by watchman.

H. K. Wieser, bank teller at York, Pa., said to be \$20,000 short.

Mysterious murderer at Paris, Ill., hanged Friday.

British tramp steamer ashore near Miami, Fla.

Leaders of Autonomy party in Manila outlined their idea of government to commission. Rebels slain in Panay.

Mexico alarmed over danger of silver famine.

Effort of trainmen to settle strike of Santa Fe telegraphers failed.

Ex-President Harrison says his Ann Arbor speech was misquoted and was not intended as a legal argument on status of new possessions.

MacArthur will issue warning to Filipinos that laws of war will be strictly observed.

Classmates of Cadet Boos testified nothing done to him could have caused death.

British watch closely the action of the United States senate on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

Champion Jeffries and Gus Ruhlin sign to fight twenty rounds in Cincinnati.

Fire in Baltimore University hospital caused panic; patients rescued from windows; one killed.

Steamer Alpha wrecked off Vancouver; nine lives lost. City of Topeka wrecked near Shagunay.

Thomas Thompson, who operated a trading boat on the Mississippi between Vicksburg and Natchez, selling mainly to the negroes, was murdered with his wife and infant child at Arzonia, Louisiana county.

Two strong Boer forces invading Cape Colony, hoping to start rebellion.

Anarchy law passed French chamber.

Body of man who held up Illinois Central train at New Orleans found in trunk with throat cut and identified as that of Channing A. Barnes, alias John A. Nelson, well known law breaker.

Grand jury at Chicago voted to prosecute through investigation of City of Topeka.

Two men, probably members of the same party, were seen at Chicago.

SHETLAND PONIES.

They Serve a Useful Purpose Despite Their Diminutive Size.

The Shetland pony, the smallest of his race and family, the greatest pride and possession of our childhood, says the Spectator, is now becoming quite a personage on his own account. His birthplace and bringing up, his career and obsequies, are unique in the history of the world's domestic animals. Born in hyperborean islands of a diminutive father and still more diminutive mother, he passes from pasture to pasture in boats, till he goes to the south in a ship with hundreds of his companions. Then he descends thousands of feet into the earth, where he works by artificial light all his life, and at his death is brought above ground to be buried. To work in the mines is the destiny of the majority of Shetland ponies. Lord Londonderry kept a famous stud of them, presumably for use in his collieries. This stud has been dispersed, but there are several in the south of England in which, by careful breeding, the ponies are kept small. These are mostly bred for home use and for ladies' and children's pets. But in the pits the Shetland pony is still indispensable. If it were not for him coal would be even dearer than it is. He never goes on strike, his temper is admirable, he never grows restive, even if he bumps his head, which is the only accident which commonly afflicts him, and to guard against which the more thoughtful owners provide him with a leather helmet. Now that the pits are lighted with electric light the ponies' sight does not suffer. They have fine stables, with movable boarded floors, so that they never suffer from thrush or cracked heels, and as the temperature is uniform they do not catch cold. Pure Shetlands are the only breed which keeps small enough to work in the seams, even Iceland ponies proving too big and excitable. There is no room to jump about in a coal gallery and the conversion of the diminutive "Sheltie" into an equine mole is one of the greatest tributes to its placid disposition and to the determination of its race never to be anything but ponies. In the quaint phrase of one of their admirers, "there are no ponies small enough to push the Shetlands out of their deserved position."

STANTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

Stanton county, Nebraska, lies immediately west of Cuming county, of which we recently wrote. It, like Cuming county, is a farming district in the Elkhorn valley, and directly on the line of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley R. R. About fifty-five per cent of the land is under cultivation. The price for this cultivated land is \$22 to \$40 per acre—some probably higher, and some lower. The uncultivated land ranges in price from \$17.50 to \$30.00 per acre, and is worth every dollar of it. Corn averages about thirty-five bushels per acre. Wheat about fifteen bushels per acre. Oats about 40 bushels per acre. The actual number of cattle in the county cannot be stated, but it is about 30,000 to 35,000 head, and there are quite as many, or more, head of hogs. The price of cattle ranges from \$4 to \$5 per cwt. Hogs about 4 1/2c for good stock. Corn is worth 30 cents per bushel.

This information enables us to see whether farming pays in Nebraska. With 35 bushels of corn at 30 cents per bushel, we have about \$10 income per acre, and as one team of horses and one man can care for forty acres it shows pretty good returns. There is not any more beautiful locations in the State, or in any state than this. The Elkhorn river and several other running streams of water are found in different parts of the county.

There are now a few excellent farms for sale at reasonable prices, and on easy terms. These probably are owned by persons who desire to exchange regular farming for stock-raising, and want to go farther west, where they can get more land at very low prices.

Stanton county farms are near to local markets, and only one hundred miles from Omaha.

Many sugar beets are raised in this county, and shipped to the Norfolk Beet Sugar factory. This is a very profitable crop.

The Making of Christmas Toys. The total value of trade in toys has grown to tremendous proportions. Accurate figures are not attainable, but experts estimate that the American people buy annually between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 worth. Of this sum about one-third goes to foreign markets. To offset this importation the domestic manufacturers have begun to invade the European markets. Iron toys, which we make better than any nation in the world, are sent in large quantities, especially to England. Our tin toys, too, are beginning to make their way abroad, thanks to their general superiority. Between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 games are turned out every year, and most of them remain in the United States. Many of these games are variations on checkers. Scores of people are busily at work day in and day out devising new games. Few things are more profitable than a successful invention in this line.—Harper's Weekly.

New Chamberlain's Tablets.

On the Quai des Fleurs in Paris Mr. Chamberlain saw one day a rare specimen. "How much?" asked the future minister. "Twenty pounds, monsieur." "Is it the only specimen in France?" "None is the money," replied Chamberlain, and drawing the notes from his pocket he took the boxes, tore it in pieces, and crumpled it under foot. "I have it in my own collection," he said to a Frenchman who was standing by. "Vive Chamberlain!"

CUDAHY CASE DEVELOPING

Kidnapers at Omaha May Soon Be Arrested.

MR. CUDAHY PAID BIG RANSOM

He Is Out \$25,000 to the Kidnapers and Is Now Willing to Pay \$35,000 More for Their Capture—A Mysterious Crime.

Edward Cudahy, Jr., 16-year-old son of Omaha packer and nephew of Michael Cudahy, Chicago, was abducted on Tuesday evening, held for \$25,000 ransom till 1:30 o'clock Thursday morning, when he returned home.

Mrs. Cudahy made the statement that he had been abducted, but declined to talk about the matter further than to say her son was safe and sound. She declined to state whether any ransom had been paid or not.

The theory of kidnaping is based upon a note which reads in substance: "E. A. Cudahy: Your son is safe. We have him and will take good care of him, and will return him to you in consideration of the payment of \$25,000. We mean business. 'JACK.'"

The full text of the note is withheld at the instance of the police. They said it related to the place where the money was to have been left and where the kidnapers were to have left the boy in case Mr. Cudahy had complied with the terms.

A second note was sent which contained a threat to use vitriol to burn the boy's body, and as a last resort put out his eyes, unless the money previously demanded was ready for delivery to an agent who would call for it during the night. Further, the note intimated that the failure of the agent to return would indicate that he had been arrested, and in that event the boy would be murdered and his body sunk in the Missouri river. Private detectives who worked on the case had heard that young Cudahy was an enthusiastic member of a secret society at the Creighton university, at which institution he is a student, and that the boys had been indulging in a good many hazing parties of late. They pretended to believe that he might himself have been treated to a dose of hazing, and that a part of the programme was that of making his father believe that he had really been abducted.

Latest: Edward A. Cudahy, the millionaire packer, father of the kidnaped youth, admits that he paid \$25,000 for the boy's return. He made a detailed statement of the method of payment, and his experiences are little less thrilling than those of the 15-year-old lad. Mr. Cudahy announced he would pay \$25,000 reward for the apprehension of the abductors of his son, \$5,000 for one and \$15,000 for two of them. The boy said he was taken by the kidnapers when close to his home. A revolver was placed at his head and he was told that he was under arrest. He was driven a long distance from town and blindfolded and chained to the floor of a musty empty house. His captors did not talk much.

The house in which Eddie Cudahy was kept while a prisoner in the hands of the kidnapers was discovered Friday afternoon by the police. It was identified by the boy to the satisfaction of Chief of Police Donahue. The finding of it led to the securing of good descriptions of some of the criminals.



EDWARD CUDAHY, JR.

Dante Right to Cut the Ice.

The supreme court at St. Paul, Minn., decided by a majority opinion that the People's Ice company of this city cannot cut ice on White Bear lake for sale, the suit having been brought by property owners on the lake shore who alleged that the cutting of ice reduced the lake level and was therefore injurious to them. Two justices dissented, maintaining that the lake was not a public property and that the cutting of ice was a private business.

Boy Escapes a Lynching.

Anna, the 14-year-old daughter of Richard Rust, who lives near Divide, Col., was assaulted by a boy afterward identified as Clyde Gray. Gray later confessed, but escaped from Deputy Sheriff Panton, who had him in charge. Officers from various places, including Colorado Springs, are searching the country in pursuit of Gray. Before his escape a crowd formed to lynch him, but was held back by the police.

LATEST NEWS FROM CHINA.

Diplomatic Negotiations Are in Progress.

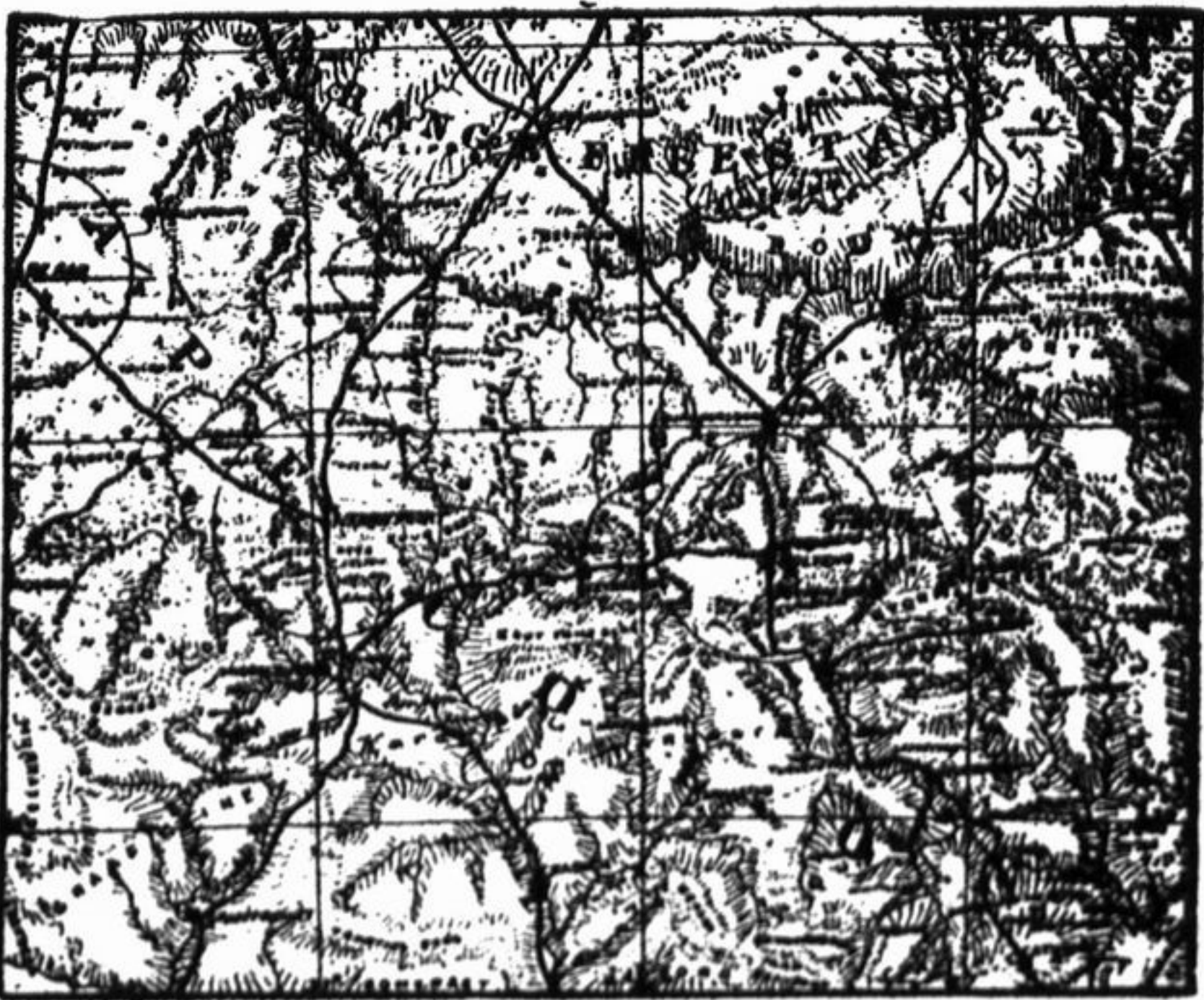
SOME BOXER DISTURBANCES.

Forty Boxers Killed by Colonel Tallock's Men at Dal-Hal-Ying—Tallock Says People of Peking Are Held in Contempt.

Tuesday, December 18. Ambassador Choate held conference with Lord Lansdowne regarding the Chinese situation. Believed in Peking that joint note will be signed at once.

Wednesday, December 19. The preliminary note containing the demands of the powers on China has finally been agreed at Peking by all

SCENE OF BOER OPERATIONS IN CAPE COLONY.



For weeks the Boers under De Wet have been operating along the Caledon river, with the intention of entering Cape Colony and gaining recruits to the Boer cause from the dissatisfied Dutch throughout the colony.

British under General Knox have vainly attempted his capture, but he had eluded them. Late dispatches report him in the Orange River Colony, having broken through the British lines at Thaba N'Chu, north of Allwal North.

Winburg, in the north central part of the Orange River Colony, is threatened by him, as he is proceeding in that direction from Ladybrand with a force said to consist of 4,500 men.

the ministers, who concurred in the change proposed by the British government in its latest instructions to Sir Ernest Satow.

Thursday, December 20. Dispatch to London paper says Germans shot sixty Chinese soldiers and took 200 prisoners in Lung Ching.

Friday, December 21. Envoys at Peking again at variance over joint note. Instructions sent Conger to sign the note.

Grave fears felt for health of Li Hung Chang.

"John Owens," murderer hanged at Paris, Ill., said he was son of T. H. Wolzam, living in Tennessee, near Middleboro, Ky.

Boer invasion of Cape Colony causing alarm in England. More troops to be sent to South Africa from Great Britain and the colonies to crush the burghers.

Sunday, December 23. Missionary of American board collected indemnities in Chinese provinces for damages done by Boxers. Believed in Peking that China will soon accept terms of joint note of powers.

Mr. Sells Gets Divorce Decree. Judge Evans of Columbus, O., handed down a decision in the Peter Sells divorce case in accordance with the request of Mr. Sells, that he be given a decree upon the ground of gross neglect of duty and not upon the charge made in his petition. Immediately after the decision was rendered the suit for \$25,000 damages which Mr. Sells filed against William Bott, one of the co-respondents, for the alienation of his wife's affections was dismissed by mutual agreement.

Choate Will Not Resign. United States Ambassador Choate denies at London the report that he is about to resign his post. The report, he says, is based on the belief that the death of his partner, Charles C. Beeman, would necessitate his return to his law practice.

Negro Lynched by a Mob. A mob at Gulfport, Miss., lynched one negro and is on the trail of three others as a result of the murder of Town Marshal W. E. Richardson last night. The negro lynched was not the one who did the shooting.

New Site for an Army Post. Chairman Hull of the house military affairs committee wired the Des Moines (Iowa) committee that Secretary Root has approved the selection of the Bricco-Denny farms, four miles from Des Moines, as the site for the new army post.

Two Killed in Crossing Accident. A Washakie freight train struck a carriage containing the two sons and two daughters of Daniel Farney of Strawn, Ill., instantly killing Lydia and Peter and seriously injuring the others.

Knox Abandons Pursuit of De Wet. Gen. Knox abandons his pursuit of De Wet and seeks to stem the Boer invasion of Cape Colony and Natal.

Two court-martial trials, one for holding piracy commission, other for "witch killings," were reviewed by military authorities at Manila.

Miss Robert Not Engaged. Mrs. Nellie Grant Roberts of Washington desired the statement made that there is no truth in the rumored engagement of Miss Roberts and Dr. Nichols of New York.

Death Ends Dual Life.

Insanely jealous, Albert Metzger, a stained-glass manufacturer of Newark, N. J., became a murderer and suicide, and a pretty 28-year-old actress who

was supposed to be his bride and who was known as Mrs. Metzger is the victim of his madness. The tragedy occurred at Hopewell, a mining town thirty-five miles south of Huntington, at 1 a. m. Tuesday, and it was enacted in the absence of witnesses.

Mrs. Metzger, whose maiden name was Annie Carothers, and whose home prior to her marriage in September last, was at 309 Pear street, Buffalo, N. Y., was the leading lady in the Frank Davidson theatrical company.

Great excitement prevails at Romalia, Washington, over the discovery of natural gas over a wide area along Pine creek. Spokane men have leased nearly 20,000 acres and have commenced sinking wells. Since these leases were made farmers have become more wary and are now declining to lease except on their own terms.

In many places large quantities of gas have been gathered by thrusting an iron rod into soil until it reaches gravel.

Big Profit on Armor Plate. Charles H. Cramp, head of the shipbuilding firm, testified before the industrial commission in Philadelphia. In building war ships for Russia, he said, his company was compelled to pay the full rate of \$600 a ton to Carnegie for armor. This, he said, was one-third the cost of the ship. "If I could get the profit on armor plate," declared Mr. Cramp, "I would build a war ship at cost."

Chaffee Reports Casualties. General Chaffee's casualty list follows: Peking, Dec. 15.—Adjutant General, Washington: The following casualties have occurred since last report: At Peking Dec. 8, Sergeant John O'Connor, company L, Ninth infantry, pneumonia; Dec. 9, Samuel Wotack, company H, Ninth infantry, oedema of the glottis; Dec. 14, Joseph Knox, company K, Ninth infantry, pneumonia.

Farmer Charged with Fraud. Howard G. Finney, a farmer of Shelby county, Ill., residing near Heerich, a few miles south of Pana, has been placed under arrest on the charge of defrauding the Sansom Commission company of Chicago out of \$4,500, which the firm claims to have loaned Finney on a bunch of cattle.