

# WRECK ON NORTHWESTERN.

Special Eastern Express Crashes Into a Freight Engine—Four Killed Thirty-Five Injured.

De Kalb, Ill., Dec. 30.—Four dead and 35 injured is the record of a wreck on the Northwestern railroad at Malta, small station six miles west of De Kalb, early yesterday morning. A special, running as the first section of the Eastern express from Omaha, collided with the engine of freight No. 16 at 5:14 o'clock. The disaster was caused by an open switch, which threw the engine of the freight train, coming at the rate of 65 miles an hour. The two engines cornered off, and the wrecked passenger coaches were wedged up between them. Escaping from the wrecked locomotives killed by the disaster. The dead are: Eli Duncan, 5201 Arroyo avenue, porter on Pullman sleeping car, taken from wreck, scalded and killed. O. Nichols, manager of the Council Bluffs (Iowa) Electric Light company, scalded; died at Wheaton, Ill., at 3 o'clock on special train which was bringing him to Chicago. George W. Rudlo, 137 Thirty-Second avenue, Omaha, Neb., manager for James S. Kirk & Co.; scalded; died a few hours later in house at Malta. Mrs. George Rudlo, Council Bluffs, Iowa; scalded; brought to Chicago and died at St. Luke's hospital at 8 o'clock.

**Fire in Chicago.**  
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Fire started in Christmas tree at 7 o'clock last evening destroyed the six-story Alexandra apartment building, Cottage Grove and Bowen avenues, forced 150 occupants to flee for their lives, and caused a property loss estimated at \$50,000.

**Drops Dead in Church.**  
Davenport, Iowa, Dec. 30.—While the pastor, Dr. J. B. Donaldson, was praying at the First Presbyterian church of Kirkwood boulevard, yesterday, J. S. Conner, a well known citizen of Davenport, suddenly placed his hand to his side and dropped dead.

**A Fortune Awaits Her.**  
Chicago, Dec. 30.—A fortune awaits Mrs. Mary Crowe, but the trouble is she can't be found. Mrs. Crowe is supposed to be in Chicago, and relatives are now here searching for her. These relatives are Miss Lottie Ritter, Mrs. Crowe's daughter, who lives in Lincoln, Ill., and the Rev. B. Docum of Bushnell, Ill., a half brother of Mrs. Crowe.

**Hatfield Killed in Arizona.**  
Globe, Ariz., Dec. 30.—Robert H. Hatfield, one of the last of the notorious Kentucky clan, was shot and killed on Tuesday at Troy mining camp in the coal mountains. The slayer was Deputy Sheriff John C. Devine, who bore a warrant for Hatfield's arrest on a charge of wifebeating.

**Soldiers Want Money Back.**  
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Members of the Twenty-ninth infantry, which is to sail for Manila in February, are lamenting the fact that they have bought \$45,000 worth of winter clothing, which will be of little use to them in the Philippines. The army regulations prevent the men from selling the clothing, and they are demanding that the government refund the money.

**Twenty Japanese Missing.**  
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 30.—Twenty Japanese are missing from Steveston, and are supposed to have been killed or drowned in the destruction of a Japanese boardinghouse between Steveston and Point Roberts on Thursday morning. The boarding-house stood out on piles, and not a vestige of the structure now remains. The place was two miles from Steveston and it was impossible to reach it during the storm.

**Heavy Rains Cause Wrecks.**  
Opelika, Ala., Dec. 30.—Two freight wrecks occurred on the Western Railway of Alabama Saturday night within 30 miles of each other, on account of the heavy rains which flooded the track, causing two embankments to give way. Thomas Russell, engineer, was killed, and Cy Lee, negro fireman; R. W. Jackson, engineer, and a negro fireman, name unknown, were injured.

**KNOCKS OUT THE BOARD.**  
Federal Court Voids Law Providing for the Appointments of Assessors in Colorado.

Denver, Col., Dec. 30.—Judge Riner of the United States district court today made permanent the injunction against the state board of assessors, preventing them from certifying the assessments against corporations. He declared the law appointing the board of assessors unconstitutional and that they had no power to make the assessments. Governor Orman is considering the question of convening the legislature in special session to pass a new revenue law.

In a drunken fury William Boles, Jr., shot and killed his father, and probably fatally wounded his mother at Irvine Depot, Ky. He was immediately arrested and locked up, and the jail heavily guarded to prevent a threatened lynching. He became angered at a reprimand from his father.

**Naturalists in Session.**  
Chicago, Dec. 30.—The 20th annual meeting of the American Society of Naturalists began today at the University of Chicago. Several papers on scientific subjects were read today.



# FASHIONS OF TODAY

that distinctive little air of elegance that is its own, ever and always. A black and white gown that was much admired at one of the recent matinee musicales was built of white zibeline. It had a princely skirt glove fitting in the upper that was entirely original in design. It had the effect of a corset, a much exaggerated height above the waist line and a great deal of length below, and from under the material fell in two deep, shaped flounces. The corset effect was scalloped at both its upper and lower edges and fastened at the left side with large black velvet buttons set in silver. A

## AN INNOVATION IN FURS.



The new "stock boa" made of ermine and lined with deep orange faille silk. Fringe on long stole ends of ermine tails. narrow line of unborn Persian lamb bordered the edges of the corset. Both flounces on the skirt were lined with wide bands of cream guipure touched up with flecks of black chenille. The corsage of the zibeline was full with a shield of white satin covered with white tulle. Either side with a reverse of the zibeline with guipure and bordered with Persian lamb. Undulating zibeline encircle the corsage. The top of the corset to the waist was a high, straight affair fur edged. The belt shaped along the zibeline were scalloped with the Persian lamb. They flared at a cream guipure lined with

## ONE OF THE NEW GRAPE HATS

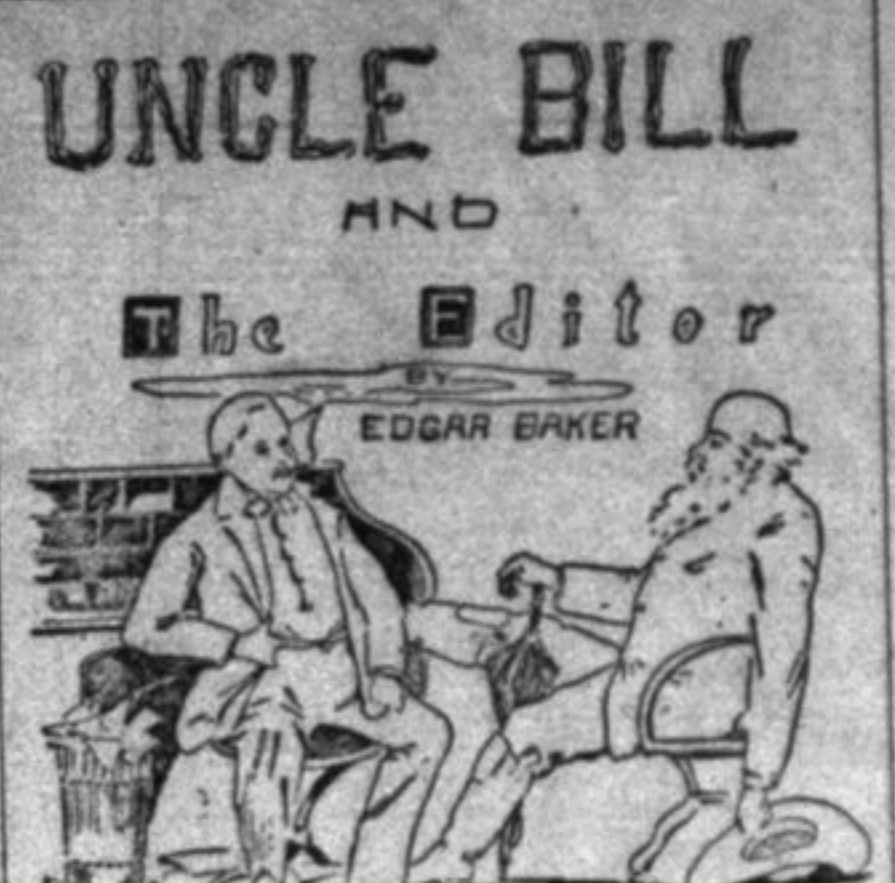


Dressy hat with brim of green velvet, edged with folds of white tulle. Bow of turquoise blue velvet.

was caught down into a narrow cuff. One of the rich matrons in the American colony who goes in for startling innovations in the way of dress appeared at a recent reception in a princess gown of ermine. It was splashed in the lower part to show an underskirt of black tulle with a broad flounce flecked with silver. With this costume she wore a sweeping boa of black tulle finished along its edges with tiny white satin rosebuds. A small toque of ermine and black tulle and an enormous black tulle muf were included in this sensational toilette. The furriers continue to spring innovations on us even though the season is so far advanced and all the smart world seems so thoroughly furred. The "stock boa" is one of the most successful of the innovations. It is built on the lines of last summer, ample pique stock only that the stock instead of being straight and close fitting mounts with a flare that includes the chins' tip. The length of the stole ends is altogether a matter of taste. Some there are that reach only to the bust line. Others fall nearly to the bottom of one's skirts. One of the new quite lengthy stock boas is made of ermine and lined with orange faille silk. The stole ends are bordered with a fringe of ermine tails set on in a double row. Another of these stock boas has the stock made of ermine and the long stole ends of chin-chilla. The dresser of the late hats designed for reception toilettes are laden with fruits—cherries, currants, velvety peaches and grapes. Grapes are quite the most popular, however. A typical dressy mid-winter hat has its low crown literally eclipsed by bunches of purple grapes. The brim, which is broader at the front, is composed entirely of shaded green velvet grape leaves. White tulle laid in narrow folds faces the underside of the brim. Black velvet ribbon is more popular than ever as a trimming for the ceremonious cloth gowns. One of the new gowns made of dull finish cloth in the modish shade of "lavender blue" owed much of its charm to its lavish trimming of black velvet ribbon. The long rippling habit back skirt was trimmed around with several graduating rows of black velvet ribbon. With this was worn a coat made of strips of cream guipure alternating with strips of black velvet ribbon. It had long rounding basques that were without fulness. It was cut very much away at the front and was finished with garnered revers of white tulle incrustated with guipure motifs. A frill of the same finished the close fitting striped sleeves of velvet and guipure. The coat was belted in by a broad crush girde of lavender blue panne satin. The full plastron was of gathered white tulle over white satin. Narrow bands of black velvet ribbon encircled the high straight tulle collar. The demand for gowns with coat effects increases as the season advances. NINA GOODWIN.

**LONG EXPECTED LETTER.**  
It Came at Last, but Failed to Meet the Object He Had in View. "It must have been quite a year ago," said the general delivery clerk at the postoffice, "that a man came in one day and inquired for a letter in his name, and he looked much disappointed when I could find none to hand out. Since that day, up to a week ago, he has been coming twice a week, almost always when I was on duty, and as no letter for him ever arrived, I had considerable curiosity regarding his case. In fact, I built up a romance around him. I took it that he might have separated from his wife in some distant town, and was hoping to hear from her and make up the quarrel, and I actually came to feel hard toward her because she refused to write. It seemed to me that the man was falling in health as he lost hope, and now and then I gave him a cheerful word to brace him up. A week ago I saw his name on a letter, and next time he called I gladly passed it out with the remark: "Here is your long expected letter at last, and I hope it contains good news." "He stepped away from the window to read it, and after a few minutes he came back to say: "I didn't get it." "What was it?" "Why, I sent to my brother-in-law in Pittsburg almost a year ago to borrow a dollar to buy some porous plasters, and he writes me that he can't very well spare it, and that I'd better use mustard instead!"—Detroit Free Press.

**HEATING THE WHITE HOUSE.**  
Open Fireplaces Made Use of by the President. With a thought to solid comfort the architects of the white house planned an open fireplace for almost every room in the house, but not since the furnaces were put in, years ago, have they been generally used until the advent of President Roosevelt and his family. Mrs. Roosevelt always has open fires in the rooms in which she receives her guests on reception days. The president, and, in fact, the entire family uses the library more than any other room in the house. Each of the other living rooms have open grates, and they are kept in use most of the time. In the executive part of the white house the open fires are used, and nothing accentuates the Southern air of the white house as the carrying of coal in huge scuttles from room to room to replenish the fires. It is a matter of unceasing interest to the Northern-bred children of the president to which the firemen keep the fires going. They are planning great times for Christmas, when corn-popping over the bright coals will be one of their amusements.



**UNCLE BILL AND The Editor**  
"W ALL, sir, b'gosh, the world is past all findin' out, Mr. Editor; it du beat satin how they does things in big cities."

"Why, Uncle Bill, have you been to a large city?"  
"Ye'up; bin in Chicager; got a stock pass, so that I'd go in and see the city. Yu see, I hadn't bin thar sense fore the war av the '60s an' by dumb, I wouldn't uv believed it wuz the same town 'fa perliceman hadn't uv swore up an down that it wuz Chicager."

"Yes, it has grown some since the '60's, Uncle Bill; it's growth is not only a wonder to you, but to the world."  
"Yes, I guess it be, t'least t'me; my stars! how like thunder they hav' improved on killin' hogs. I du be durned 'f I kin see how they does it so al-fired quick. Why, durn my buttons, I got off the train an' they commenced to unload my load uv hogs, so that I'd jest look after them a leetle, an' a feller said to one uv the brokers—that's what they calls 'em there, n't don't see what they does caus they've all got money—I'll take 'em at 5-36. N't says, gosh all fish hooks, hav' I got to wait that long, n'he said, no, they are sold fur that. So I follered them erlong in tu whare they kills 'em."

"Into the slaughter house, that was, Uncle Bill."  
"Yes, I lowed twaz, an' 'f yud seed the way they killed those hogs 'twould a scared yu, by dumb."  
"How so?"  
"Wall, sir, they jest ketch 'em by ther hinc feet, an' then starts right to Europe with 'em."  
"Start to Europe with them?—I don't quite understand you."  
"I wouldn't nuther, 'f a feller hadn't told me 'n then I seed 'em start with my own eyes."

"They grabs 'em by the hin' feet an' t'fier they starts right up tu a elevated road what they hax in the place an' then they jest starts right on squealin' uv their own accord an' a squealin' good bye to everybody 'n a feller stans there with his sleeves rolled up, with a big knife what he jabs inter ther necks 'n then the hogs takes a dive all by hisself down inter a big pond uv boillin' water an' rolls over an over all by hisself 'n then starts up through a big barber shop what they hax there."

"That's a cylinder that cleans the bristles off."  
"Yes, he comes up all shaved, with his hind feet first, al by hisself, an' starts off on ther elevated road 'n an' first one feller gives 'm a slash, 'n 'n then another, 'n then he lands in the cold storage room cut right square in to all this before he's got through squealin' good bye to America."  
"Pretty quick work, Uncle Bill, for a fact."  
"Wal, shades of O'Leary, I should say so. I don't blame 'm fer gettin' inter the cold room, 'caus 't wuz all 'un so durn quick he must uv sweat like thunder an' needed coolin' off fore he started fer Europe."  
"Oh, well, it will probably be months before he gets sent to Europe."  
"Not by a durn sight—he got thar fore he quit squealin'." I bet he saluted 'm over thar with a squeal. 'Caus a man told me—'ese—that he wuz sold to Europe; 'n I said what, already? 'N he said, ye'up by telegraph. So yu see they sends 'em right over by telegraph. Wall, gee whiz, what du yu think uv that?"  
"Think of it! Oh, that's nothin'; they probably had a deal made with Europe by telegram."  
"Eh? Mebbe that's it. I thut 't wuz durn funny. Guess that feller in thar wuz a stump' uv me. Wal, by dumb, I must be goin'. I'll be in an' tell yu sum more next time I cum 't town."  
And he went down the street trying to walk fashionable-like as he called it.

**Edgar Baker**  
Manurus Jokal, the Hungarian novelist, has just been passing through a disagreeable experience, that has finally been put to an end in the police court of Budapest. It appears that on All Souls' day the novelist's stepdaughter betook herself to the cemetery and rudely removed the memorial wreaths placed on the grave of Jokal's first wife by his second; whereupon he made a complaint against his undutiful stepdaughter, Frau Arpad Feszthy. The latter declared that she had no intention of insulting either Jokal or his second wife, whereupon he withdrew the complaint.

The duke of Argyll has placed with a New York real estate firm the sole agency on this side of the ocean for the leasing of his castle at Inverary, in Argyllshire, Scotland, and for the sale of Tiree island, off the coast of Scotland, near the Isles of Mull and Iona. Thus the American invader invited and encouraged to come and take the best in Britain—palace, deer park, game and fishing.

# NEWS OF ILLINOIS.

ALL SORTS OF THINGS CAUGHT FROM THE WIRES.

General Happenings Throughout the State Prepared for Perusal by Busy Readers.

**Three Bad Cutting Scrapes.**  
There were three serious cutting scrapes at the mines surrounding Danville Christmas day. At Westville Charles Plisiner was nearly cut to pieces by a recent arrival from Kentucky named Edwards. Both are colored. Charles Jackson was shot, and cut at Fairmount by a man named Cook, who had no provocation whatever; both colored. In a general mix-up at Missionfield, participated in by half a dozen men, Frank Davis received two very bad knife wounds. All the victims are seriously injured. Two minor affrays occurred at Kelleysville, where a man named Royce was stabbed, and at Hlmrod, where a miner was knocked down with a chair and shot at, the bullet passing through his clothes.

**Boy Shot by Accident.**  
Herbert Rush, 13 years old, son of Postmaster Rush of Brockport, near Metropolis, was shot and perhaps fatally injured as the result of Christmas festivities. A playmate who was firing a revolver, supposed to be loaded with blank cartridges, playfully pointed it at the boy, and the latter was shot. Walter Atwell, another small boy of the same place, was shot in the eye with a Roman candle and will likely lose the sight of the eye.

**De Witt Clinton House Dead.**  
From Kansas City: De Witt Clinton House, one of the oldest and best-known traveling men in the United States, is dead, aged 74 years. House was born in Vermont, and 60 years ago established at Peoria the first steam bakery and cracker factory in Illinois. When the war of the rebellion broke out House went to Minnesota, enlisting in St. Paul in the Sixth Minnesota volunteers. Shortly after his enlistment his regiment was sent to subdue and punish the Sioux Indians under Chief Little Crow, who had attacked the settlers in western Minnesota and killed many people in the massacre of New Ulm. While engaged in burying the dead settlers House and about 40 other soldiers were corralled by a band of Indians at Birch Coulee. After a heroic defense of four days, during which time most of the little band were either killed or wounded, the survivors were rescued by the other troops. At this battle House received a severe wound in the left leg.

**Illinois in Brief.**  
Five new cases of smallpox were found at Virginia among the pupils in the Ward school. The school has been closed and all public gatherings have been forbidden for three weeks. Senator O. H. Burnett of Williamson county, has announced that he will contest the nomination for congress in the new Twenty-fifth district with Congressman George W. Smith of Murphysboro.

A jury in Judge Stein's court, Chicago, awarded \$10,000 damages to Miss Florence Fortier of 2518 Lowe avenue. Miss Fortier sued the Chicago Union Traction company and the West Chicago street railroad company for injuries alleged to have been sustained on Dec. 26, 1899, while attempting to alight from a car in West Van Buren and South Clinton streets.

With \$25 and an installment house it is possible for a man to get married and set up housekeeping, according to a decision by Judge Dunne of Chicago. The court refused to accept James Scarey's plea that he couldn't afford to provide a home for his young wife. The testimony showed he had at least \$75, and he was sentenced to jail for six months or until he made proper provision for Mrs. Scarey. The husband was charged with abandonment.

At Galena Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Baker celebrated their golden wedding, having been married in London, England, 50 years ago. Some of those who attended the wedding a half century ago were present. Friends from Chicago, Madison and England were at the celebration.

John F. Kellar, aged 80, the wealthiest resident of Holland township, and Mrs. Sarah Canfield, aged 65, were to have been married recently. When they came before the minister, they decided they were too old. Mr. Kellar gave Mrs. Canfield \$1,000 cash and they parted good friends.

William Croft of Chicago, 22 years old, will try to make a trip around the world with his feet shackled and his left arm locked by a handcuff to a strap around his waist. Croft expects to make the trip without money, supporting himself as he goes along by doing what work he can with his right arm.

Evanston public officials have asked for about \$180,000 with which to run their departments for the coming year. The city can raise about \$100,000 by taxation, and \$60,000 can be realized by water rentals, fees and licenses. Where the other \$20,000 is coming from is the question that is worrying the finance committee of the city council.

Illinois contributions to the monumental fund of the McKimley Memorial association have reached about \$21,000. A report from Alexander H. Revell, chairman of the state auxiliary of the Memorial association, has been issued. This shows that the completed subscription of the children of the public schools amounts to \$2,184.79. Several large subscriptions from firms and their employes have been received since the last report.