

bottom of the river. In this case the river must flow out around it. Its natural course in this event lies directly behind the town.

Three thousand pounds of dynamite arrived this morning and men have been exploding it at various points along the river. It failed to relieve the situation. All the buildings on River street are today flooded to the second story and the ice around them is doing serious damage to the structures. The central depot is under three feet of water and will be carried away before night. The Milwaukee freight depot is in a similar situation and the coal sheds near by are wrecked.

A report reached here this morning that the gorge at Little Falls dam, fifteen miles above the city had broken away, permitting a rush of water upon the town. If this report is authentic, the entire town will be inundated as soon as the water arrives. Fifty of the largest business firms have abandoned their structures entirely and every resident made preparations to seek a place of safety in case the worst occurs. The damage already done to this city and the rich farming country above it is estimated at a million dollars.

A special from Durand was: The ice gorge below the city has forced the water within four feet of the great flood in 1885, last night, filling cellars and overflowing streets. Should the Chippewa Falls gorge break, Durand will be in great danger as the bluffs around the hill will hold the gorge there.

NEWS NOTES.

G. J. Armstrong of Palatuma, California, kills on an average of nine horses a week for chicken feed, using considerable himself and disposing of the remainder to neighbors.

Eva York, an inmate of the insane asylum of Salem, Oregon, and an epileptic, went into convulsions while in a bathtub a few days ago and died before medical aid could reach her.

Omaha Stockman, Nov. 30: White, Sons & Co., prominent in mercantile and stock circles at Salt Lake City, Utah, had twelve cars of cattle here from their range at Price, Utah.

While driving homeward from San Bernardino, Cal., Sunday night with a wagon load of lumber J. W. Harris of Colton was thrown from his seat to the ground, the vehicle passing over his breast and killing him instantly.

The hatching trays in the state fish hatchery at Clackamas, Washington, became polluted with poisoned water Sunday and 600,000 young salmon were destroyed. A total of 1,600,000 fish have perished in a similar manner during the past month. An investigation will probably be instituted by the federal authorities.

New comes the Woodland, Cal., Mail with its explanation of the airship mystery. It declares that King Lee, of Washington, Cal., who is something of a hunter as well as politician, had wounded and captured a huge pelican, and when it was able to soar aloft he turned it loose with a Japanese lantern tied to one of its legs. Occasionally, Lee says, the pelican would squawk, and this was

what some persons heard who said the occupants of the airship were singing as they passed over Sacramento. This is pretty rough on the warblers of the upper air currents.

Sunday morning Officer Higgins of Sacramento, Cal., found about 100 pounds of tobacco stowed away in an unused boiler on a lot belonging to the railroad company, and took his find to the police station. The property had been stolen from a car. Higgins reported the matter to Detective Ahern of the Southern Pacific company, and together they visited the spot where the plunder had been found. While there a man giving the name of Cunningham loitered around and acted in a rather suspicious manner, and he was arrested and locked up, but there could be found no direct evidence against him.

The object of the bill to appropriate \$100,000 for sinking artesian wells in the eastern part of Colorado, introduced in Congress by Mr. Snafroth, is to test the strength of the underflow of water which exists in the eastern portion of Colorado. It seems to be the opinion of many of those who have given the subject considerable study that the force and amount of the underflow that drains the Rocky mountains would be sufficient to irrigate the arid land east of the mountains. The experiment with artesian wells in the city of Denver has been very successful, and if the theory above referred to is found to be true the necessity for the further construction of large irrigating canals will be obviated. If these wells prove successful, the problem of irrigation will be solved, so far as eastern Colorado is concerned, and millions of dollars will be thereby saved which otherwise will have to be put in large ditches and reservoirs.

When John Kane of San Francisco, Cal., reached his home on Saturday night, from work, he found his two little girls, Florence and Ethel, waiting for him. The first named is 13 years of age, while Ethel is but 5. The mother of the children was in bed. Florence prepared her father's supper, which consisted of a fried steak and some tea. The girl poured some condensed milk from a newly opened can into the teapot, and both she and her sister drank tea with their father, but neither of them ate any of the meat. Sunday morning, about 1 o'clock the father was awakened by severe pains in his stomach. He got out of bed and found that his two little girls were also moaning and complaining of abdominal pains. Dr. Rottanzi, who lives in the neighborhood, was immediately summoned. He came to the conclusion that Kane and his two daughters were suffering from poison, and administered antidotes. All three of the patients seemed to grow better, but Ethel, the younger of the two children, did not continue to improve as did her father and sister. During the forenoon she grew worse, and finally died in great agony at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Dr. Rottanzi says he is sure that Kane and his daughters had been poisoned by something they had eaten, but as the tea from which the drink was brewed had been in the house for some time, he is inclined to believe that was the cause.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The submarine cable between New York city and Hayti is completed, and was opened to the public at midnight for the transmission of messages to Hayti and other places in the West Indies. The cable approaches New York by way of Coney Island and Brooklyn.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 1.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Key West says: Weyler's threat that he would starve Maceo out seems likely to be carried out, as from all reports from Mariel, near where Weyler is now, the work of destruction is being carried out fully. The Spanish army sweeps everything before it, killing bees that it cannot use, burning cane fields and small stores with their provisions, and leaving a wide waste of ruin and desolation in its wake.

People vainly implore Weyler to leave them provisions to keep them alive, but his brutal officers refuse with oaths and insulting words, if not worse. Over 300 refugees have come into Mariel since Weyler went out this last time, all giving the same story of rapine, plunder and murder by the Spaniards.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—The trial of Herr Leickert, Baron von Luelzow, Herr Floetz, Herr Berger and Herr Fuellmer, journalists, charged with libelling Count von Eulenberg, Baron Marschal von Bieberstein and Prince Alexander von Hohenlohe, commenced today. The case arises from the twofold versions of the czar's and Emperor William's toast at Breslau. The alleged libels are contained in the comments on the modified official version of the toast and in asserting that the publication of the first version, which libel is construed as unfriendly to Germany, was due to the irresponsibility of the government and to English influences. Herr Leickert refused to divulge the name of the person who gave him the information upon which he based his criticisms, but he is believed to be a Berlin official. The trial is causing a sensation, as it is expected to reveal the workings of the court clique which was dominated by the former minister of the interior. Count Botho von Eulenberg, the latter's cousin, and Richtoff, ex-chief of police, are credited with bringing about the downfall of Gen. von Caprivi, the predecessor of Prince Hohenlohe, as imperial chancellor. They are also charged with instigating the press war waged the year past against Hohenlohe, chancellor, and Baron von Bieberstein, minister of foreign affairs. The clique has heretofore been supposed to enjoy the confidence of Emperor William, and Prince Hohenlohe and Baron von Bieberstein, both of whom are to be called to the witness stand, are intending to expose the whole plot and the clique's attempts to force them to resign.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 2.—A report reached here today from Williamsport, Emmons county, that a Russian family, consisting of husband, wife and three children, perished in a terrible blizzard on Thanksgiving Day. It is expected a number of people froze to death whose deaths have not been reported. Cattle that were not protected nearly all perished.

St. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—President C. O.