known as the fighting editor of the Topeka Capital, is just becoming evident. Delegations from all over the State are arriving to take up his fight. Notable among the delegations is one from Leavenworth, composed of negroes, headed by Hon. B. K. Bruce, and one from Lawrence headed by St. John.

Marriage of Miss Rachael Sherman.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The marriage of Miss Rachael Sherman, daughter of the late General W. T. Sherman, and Dr. Paul Thorndyke of Boston, was solemnized at high noon today at the residence of Senator Sherman, in the presence of a large number of friends, relatives and high officials from here and all parts of the country. Father Sherman, brother of the bride, performed the marriage ceremony.

After the ceremony a reception was held, and the guests partook of a wedding breakfast. Among those present were President and Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. McKee, Vice-President and Mrs. Morton, Secretary Blaine, Miss Blaine, Mr. and Mrs. Damrosch, Secretaries Rusk and Tracy, Senator and Mrs. Stanford, Sir Julian and Lady Pauncefote, the Misses Pauncefote, General Alexander and Admiral and Mrs. Franklin.

Verdict in the New York Central Wreck.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The coroner's jury investigating the New York Central wreck at Hastings, Christmas eve, tonight returned a verdict holding Brakeman Albert Herrick guilty of manslaughter in the second degree, and Train Dispatcher Augustus Osman accessory. The verdict also censured the New York Central Railway Company for employing utterly incompetent men to discharge the duties of responsible positions, and censures Station Agent Delaney of Hastings for not ascertaining the cause of Brakeman Herrick's appearance at the station.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Minneapolis, Dec. 31.—The government expedition, which has been investigating the stories of trespassing on government timber lands on the northern Minnesota boundary, returned after a successful expedition. Indisputable evidence was found of extensive trespassing on the government timber lands.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 30.—A dispatch is received from the detective at work on the new Smyrna murder case, stating that he arrested Irving Jenkins this morning for the murder of the family at the Packwood House and had him committed to jail at Deland.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 30.—F. L. Woolin, late superintendent of the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation company at Hong Kong, was arrested on the steamer "Gwalior," charged with embezzling $100,000 from his employers, and with falsifying his accounts.

London, Dec. 30.—A terrific gale is prevailing in Ireland. A number of houses and other property have been destroyed.

Dublin, Dec. 30.—James Murphy and his sister Mary were found dead in a house in Newry today. They were misers, and died of starvation. Their bodies lay upon heaps of straw. They left money and property to the amount of $50,000.

Paris, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: A terrible railroad accident occurred yesterday near Rosova, on the railroad between Minsk and Smolensk. An express train ran into the rear of a train carrying troops. Twenty persons were killed and a hundred injured.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Thomas Grief today finally carried out his threat of suing Police Captain Mahoney and Inspector Lewis for $2500 damages, based on the recent raid on the so-called anarchist societies holding a meeting in Grief's hall.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The President today ordered a court martial to meet at Cleveland, January 19th, for the trial of Major Overman on the charge of financial irregularities.

Boise City, Ida., Dec. 30.—Annie Campbell, accused of passing counterfeit money, was found guilty by the jury tonight.

How the Slang Phrase, "Chalk Your Hat," Originated.

This is said to have come from a literal illustration of the words. In the days prior to railroads "Admiral" Beshale was the owner of various lines of stage coaches. Much of his life was passed in Washington. At the annual adjournment of congress he would pass his friends of the house and senate—he was well acquainted with all the prominent politicians of his era—over any stage line he controlled. He would say to a member from Kentucky, for instance, "I suppose you are going back to Louisville and I'll pass you through my stage." When he was asked how, his reply would be, "Give me your hat." Taking it he would make a cabalistic mark on the hat band, impossible to counterfeit, and return it, saying, "That will serve your turn; any of my agents will recognize that anywhere, and won't receive a cent from the man whose hat is so marked." Beshale was right. His factors always acknowledged that hieroglyph. The thing became so common that many attempts were made to imitate it, but the culprits were invariably detected and compelled either to leave the stage or pay their fare. In the south and west "chalk your hat" long signified what the vast styles deadheading.

How to Pronounce Some Common Words.

Off—of, not awf. Ostrich—ostrich, not ostridge. Parent—pare-ent, not parent. Patent—pat-ent, not pa-tent. Quay—key, not as spelled. Radish—as spelled, not red-ish. Resort—rezort. Rescind—resend. Respite—res-pit, not as spelled. Rout—a party, and to rout, to defeat, should be pronounced rowt. Route—a road, root. Scenic—seenic, not scenic. Sewage—sewerage, not sewage, not sewerage. [illegible] Shire—shere, not as spelled. Slough—slow, not as spelled.

London Society Not Exclusive.

English people simply adore an oddity of any description. Like the Athenians of old, they are ever on the lookout for some new thing, something that will entertain them, and an American in London is continually surprised by seeing people crop up in society there who would not be tolerated here. Paradoxical as it may seem, it is nevertheless true that good New York society is really much more exclusive than the fashionable set in London.—Interview in New York Tribune.

HANDLING NITROGLYCERIN.

An Old Oil Well Shooter Talks of Some of His Narrow Escapes.

The most thrilling call I ever had, to realize it, was one day when the Elk county field was new. I was called down there one early winter day. The snow had fallen just enough to make the rough road try to glaze, and going around a sharp descent down a steep hill my wagon began to slew.

The road was narrow, and on the lower side was a steep bank. I was driving quite briskly, and as I rounded the turn I felt the wheels slide toward the bank. I realized the danger and my hair rose. I had 120 quarts of nitroglycerin on the wagon, and down that bank was fully forty feet. I felt the hind wheels going, and in the brief moment before the whole thing upset I imagined all sorts of things.

We rolled together, wagon, box and yours truly landing at the foot of the hill and not a hair of us harmed. I got the wagon out, carried the glycerin up and loaded it on again and drove on. The delay, together with more careful driving, caused night to overtake me, and just as the first shades fell I encountered the same sort of place again. I went around slowly. The hind wheels began to slip again. I stopped right there. I was afraid to repeat the dose.

My hind wheels had gone a little over the edge of the bank, and I attempted to lift them back. I could not budge the heavy load. Then I crawled beneath the wagon. I could barely move the weight. I made a final effort, and she yielded, but I received an injury from the lift from which I have never recovered.

One day I was putting a 120 quart shot in a well and had run down the first shell. The balance stood in the derrick. When the first shell was down about 600 feet it exploded. I understood the situation, and comprehending that I could not get far enough away to do any good if the shock should explode the balance in the derrick I yelled to the other men about the engine house to run. A shower of stones and hemlock went up in the sky, and I jumped behind a convenient hemlock stump, where I fell flat on the ground. Then I recollected that a sudden explosion would go for the ground, that I might be killed by the concussion, and I rose on my finger tips and toes. Fortunately the glycerin in the derrick didn't let go, and the only damage was to the derrick, which had its whole top blown off.

One day in the spring I was filling a shell in the derrick. It was one of those days when ice freezes freely at night and thaws in daytime. The pulley on top of the derrick had been coated with ice from the sand pump line. The warm sun thawed it, and while I was industriously filling a shell something dropped a-biff in front of my nose. The suddenness of the thing startled me so I could scarcely hold the can. I thought the confounded stuff had exploded and I was blown up. That was the worst I was ever scared in my life. A piece of ice had dropped from the pulley at the top of the derrick. A foot closer and I wouldn't be telling you about it. The story would have been in the paper the next day with big headlines.—Interview in Bradford (Pa.) Era.

Two Opinions.

Here is an instance of the difference between the publicly and privately expressed opinion of writers. Some months ago a certain young newspaper woman in a western city went to interview a prominent woman. The report of the interview, which appeared in the paper, contained a passage something like this: "Women instinctively love Mrs. Black. Her sweet graciousness of manner, her ready sympathy, her good fellowship draw them to her. She is, above all things, sympathetic and hospitable. In her presence the writer realized how potent is the charm she exercises." The effusion was accompanied by a note to the editor. It read: "I shall not be able to write another line this week. I fear I caught a fatal cold on Mrs. Black's front doorstep. The old cat wouldn't let me in."—New York World.

Plenty of Schools and Newspapers.

Chili is a great country for newspapers. There are more than forty of them in Valparaiso and Santiago, and there others in all the head towns of departments. Chili has many literary men, including a regiment of poets, and also many scientific men and a multitude of statesmen and generals. The schools are free, and the educational system provides for provincial lyceums, normal schools, an agricultural school, schools for the arts and trades, military and naval academies and a national university, all supported by the government. In some years there have been 1,000 students at the Santiago university.—New York Sun.

Wanted More Music.

Little five-year-old Puss, one of the sweetest of mortals, was taken to church the other Sunday and behaved very sedately for a time, but the sermon was long, and, before the clergyman had got to "thirdly" Puss said to mamma, in a voice intended to be confidential, but it piped up loud enough to be heard by several weary listeners, "I have heard talk enough; I want some music."—Boston Journal.

The Care of a Lamp.

To lessen the chances of accident from explosion of a lamp, trim the wick of the lamp daily. When burned for several evenings without trimming, the wick becomes black, clogged and incapable of supplying the oil clearly and sufficiently, and the chimneys are sometimes filled with flame and smoke, to every one's alarm. Some explosions would be prevented by not blowing down the chimney to put the lamp out, for the wick sometimes happens to be a little too small, and leaves room enough to allow the flame to be drawn down into the oil. The safest way to put out a lamp is to turn the thumbscrew until the wick goes down past the top of the burner. It will then go out of itself.—Detroit Free Press.

Co-operation Among Farmers.

The political results growing out of the farmers' convention at Ocala may be only not reach the wildest [illegible]. But the recently originated new movement [illegible], if faithfully followed up, will work [illegible] good to all the agriculturists engaged in it. This is the movement toward co-operative stores.

One state depot of the National Union company has already been established at Louisville. Thirty-five branch stores are to be founded elsewhere in Kentucky. The farmers' county organizations will count agents and place them in charge of the branch stores. There will remain one thing to insure the success of this movement: to enable farmers to control their own purchases and escape them at advantageous terms. This will be that the agents of these cheering must be both honest and shrewd business men.

With the example of the great cooperative store system before them in England, the farmers cannot fail to make their scheme if it is well managed. Members of the first English co-operative society put their means together and formed a joint stock company. At first they confined their work merely to buying articles at wholesale and distributing them among the members, adding to the price merely the expense of distribution. Then a great vista opened before the co-operationists. They began a retail store of their own. They gave good, honest value in all that was sold, but the retail price was put slightly above the wholesale, though it was still below that charged by ordinary retail stores. Then at the end of a given time they divided the profits among the stockholders. Outsiders were allowed to purchase goods, but had no share in the profits, which were reserved for members of the co-operative concern.

The plan above outlined has been the one which seemed to wear the best in Great Britain, where the system has now spread far and wide. With modifications such as the difference of country and people would demand, this appears to be the plan which would succeed best in America. The old scheme of Grange stores was a failure naturally. But now the agriculturists have gained experience. They will be benefactors of their fellow men if they can inaugurate successfully the system of co-operative stores in the United States, where all attempts to make it work on a large scale have hitherto failed. The fact that it has been so marvelous a success in England, however, shows that it can be brought to perfection. Honesty, patience and business shrewdness will perfect the plan, and farmers will have opportunity to show that they can manage their own business without outside assistance.

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"I'm nearly always disappointed in the Christmas gifts my husband buys me," confessed Mrs. Dimmick to Mrs. Kickshaw.

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"How do you manage it?"

"Easily enough. I buy him for his Christmas present just what I want to have myself, and he gets for me just what he thinks he would like to have, and then we exchange the articles with each other."—Harper's.

Pursued by Antelope.

I have ridden rapidly entirely away from a band of antelope, and their curiosity would lead them to pursue me for hours across the plain and over the hills. One moonlight night, when the mirage was very strong and magnified a band of antelope until they appeared as large as a band of horses, I knew a party of United States cavalrymen to fire on them under the mistaken notion that they were sending a volley among a party of hostile Indian warriors.—Washington Farmer.

Scientific Fallacies.

Old Lady—These 'ere scientific notes in the papers nowadays just make me tired. Never heard such nonsense in my born days.

Nephew—What have you struck now, aunty?

Old Lady—This paper says Jupiter is in opposition to the sun. The idea! Old Jupiter can't hold a candle to him.

The Amateur Actress.

We had rather throw aside this pen forever than to write a word to discourage any woman who is conscientiously striving to earn a position on the stage; but there are other women—some in the profession, some in the audience—to whom it is grossly unfair to put forth an inexperienced amateur as a star. Consider, ladies and gentlemen, what a poor, miserable art that of acting would be if anybody could acquire it in a few lessons, in a year or so, from a private box across the footlights to the center of the stage. It takes a longer time to learn to be a carpenter or to play a piano, to be a dressmaker or to paint a picture, to be a typewriter or to cut hair properly, than amateurs who are now willing to bestow upon the art which includes, employs and dignifies all other arts from statuesque posing to wig wearing. If acting could be taught in a day it would not be so well paid nor so highly esteemed, and good acting would not be so uncommon.—Stephen Fiske in Spirit of the Times.

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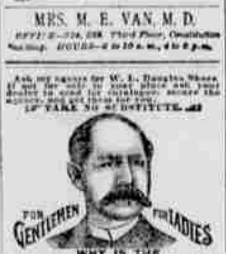

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