

abundant that much of the catch is to be used as manure.

A Swede named Anderson was killed by the cars on the frontier not far from Charlottenberg.

The Christiansen farm near Trondhjem was burned to the ground, and many cattle were lost in the flames.

Postmaster Litjedahl has been elected congressman from the Aalesund and the Molde election districts.

A Norwegian newspaper man styled Ullman the other day "the next president of Norway." Who was the first any? how? asks the public.

#### DENMARK.

The crown princess is again reported to be in very bad health.

"Little Eylot" is the name of the new drama by Henrik Ibsen.

The cost of the building of the Copenhagen free harbor was about \$6,000,000.

Herman Bang, the Danish author, has written a new novel, which is just to be published.

Some locomotives of American pattern are to be introduced on the government railroads.

About 65 per cent of the population of Denmark, gain their livelihood by agriculture.

Among the conscripts mustered in Denmark last year all but thirty-six per cent were able to read.

Some hundred horses arrived at Copenhagen from France the other day. French horses are just now the fashion in Copenhagen.

King Christian is suffering from a mild attack of influenza. He is said to have great respect for the new Russian emperor.

Rumors in Copenhagen court circles circulate to the effect that Emperor William is expected to visit Copenhagen next February.

#### TATTOOED WHILE YOU WAIT.

The tattooed men seen in dime museums throughout the country have nearly all of them been operated by a Clatham square specialist in New York City, who, according to the *Press*, has tattooed more persons than any other man living. There is scarcely a man-o'-warman anchors in the bay that doesn't send its quota to "Professor" O'Reilly, and with these and museum people he is kept busy. His prices are very moderate, ranging from 75 cents to \$4 or \$5 according to the amount and delicacy of the decoration. When one submits himself to the skillful hand of the professor he selects a design out of three or four thousand, and within thirty minutes the work is completed, the ink is in the skin and can never be removed. O'Reilly tattoos by electricity. A number of fine sewing needles are fixed firmly in a block of wood. This is attached to a sort of trip hammer, which is run by an electric battery. O'Reilly never traces the figure beforehand; he simply looks at the design, dips the needles in India ink, places them in the arm or breast and presses the button. The hammer plays on the skin with sufficient force to puncture it effectively, but not enough to draw blood. The sensation is rather tickling than pain-

ful. There are no after results, not even swelling.

So superior is the work of the Japanese that European sailors are said to look forward to it as the greatest advantage of a visit. The custom is widespread among the lower classes. In Tokio alone it is estimated that there are 30,000 tattooed men.

The principal objects of adornment are dragons, lions, battle scenes and historical occurrences. Only in the last named country does there seem to be any practical use made of body tattooing. The Japanese coolies, being compelled to work hard and perspire greatly, have their bodies tattooed in exact representation of their clothing, so that one is almost unable to tell whether they are dressed or not. The primitive reason, though, was undoubtedly that of attracting the opposite sex. The Indians of North America used to trace a single row of embroidery along the jaw. This was supposed to prevent toothache. Until lately desertions from the army and navy and bad characters were tattooed with the letters "D" and "B C" respectively. Criminals in Japan are still branded with a peculiar ring around their elbow. As a means of identification tattooing is unsurpassed. So well known is this that old criminals take great pains to have their devices changed. In France, some time ago, out of 800 convicts, 50 per cent were tattooed.

Dr. Wey, of the Elmira Reformatory, says an investigation of these marks has led to an important discovery. Of the boys sent from New York and Brooklyn it was found that many had minute tattoo marks on the web between the thumb and first finger. Sometimes there were more than one mark, and these were arranged in a row, sometimes in a triangle and again in a star. In every case the design, while clear and distinct, was small enough not to attract attention. After a careful study of these, with a comparison of the histories of the boys, the reformatory authorities have found that the designs were distinctive marks of certain gangs. Each gang had its own mark, and the design furnished as ready a means of identification in a handshake as the grip of other associations. Some of these gangs are merely social societies of street boys; others are thoroughly criminal.

#### NEWS NOTES.

John A. Jordan, an old time variety theater manager, well known throughout the northwest in the early days, died at Butte, Mont., on Sunday morning, after a lingering illness of consumption.

The newspaper business in Phoenix must be at low ebb, says the *Journal-Miner*. All three of the dailies there are being advertised for sale for delinquent taxes. Mr. Morford of the *Herald* has \$93.60 charged against him, while the *Republican* has \$37.14 and the *Gazette* \$23.58. The sale will take place January 8.

Shortly after noon on Sunday Oscar Wright, followed by Frank Kuhne, entered a tunnel in the Champlou mine, Lynx creek, Arizona, says the *Courier*. A sudden cave covered Wright. Kuhne sprang back just in time to be saved. Wright was dug out in twenty-five

minutes, his head between his legs and his back broke, dead.

The value of the output of the Victor mine, Cripple Creek, Colo., for November was over \$42,000, the greatest in the history of the mine. Against this the expense account was about \$8,000, giving a profit of \$34,000 for the month. The sum of \$42,000 was received from 130 tons of ore which shows that it is very high grade.

The people of Snowflake, Arizona, says the *Winslow Mail*, have been talking up the matter of building a woolen factory, and \$1,000 has been contributed so far toward the project. The intention is to build it at the junction of Snow Low and Silver creek, and it is believed that operation can begin in the spring, so as to take advantage of the spring clip of wool. Apache county will then have a home market for all her wool.

The free dance given by Judge Patton and District Attorney-elect Alf Budge, in the First ward school house to honor of their election, was the noisiest affair of the kind given for many a long day, says the *Paris (Idaho) Post*. There was too much liquor to make the dance enjoyable. Leslie Cole was hit on the head by a whisky flask being thrown at him by some unknown person in the dark, and had to have three stitches put in the scalp.

The *Welser (Idaho) Signal* says: Seventy-six cents per car a mile equals \$17.48 for twenty-three miles, and this is the rate on cattle from Welser to Huntington. Twenty-two cattle in a car amounts to seventy-nine and a half cents per head, or three and a half cents per mile per head. On the New York Central railroad, passenger fare on the Empire State express, the fastest train of cars in the world, for the same distance is only sixty-five cents.

The Casper (Wyo.) *Derriok* says: The oil refinery to be erected here is only a beginning of the work contemplated by the Pennsylvania syndicate, of which Geo. B. McCalmont is manager. This enterprise alone will furnish employment to a large number of our people and bring others to Casper who will become permanent residents. A large number of sheep men have erected handsome residences here this summer, and it is now understood that some of the oil operators will do likewise in the near future.

"Pike" Landusky, an old timer in northern Montana and the discoverer of the famous Gold Bug group of mines in the Little Rockies, was on Monday shot and instantly killed in the mining camp bearing his name, by Harvey Curry. The men had been enemies for several years and the report is that when they met on Monday Landusky was the first to pull a pistol. It missed fire and Curry shot him dead. The dead man was about 50 years of age and well known in nearly every mining camp in the West.

Editor Quinn, of the *Butte Miner*, received a handsome New Year's present. It was a sterling silver dinner set of 114 pieces. In addition to the dinner set he received a magnificent silver-mounted toilet set. They were to be presented by the ladies of Helena for the capital committee in recognition of the editor's untiring efforts for the city in the recent capital contest,