

investigations. Thus far no arrests have been made.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 6.—The town of Mariestad has been almost wiped out by fire. Three-fourths of the inhabitants are homeless.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Fire broke out early this morning in the six-story warehouse, 271-274 South, and 527-533 Water street, occupied by E. F. Driggs and others. On the fourth floor fully \$75,000 worth of firecrackers were stored. These exploded and made the work of the firemen dangerous. In the building there was stored over \$1,000,000 worth of merchandise in bond for the East India and Cuba trade. It is fully covered by insurance. On the top floor a large quantity of powder is said to be stored.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A special to a local paper from Berlin says: The census of 1894-95 is nearly completed. Berlin makes a good showing as to her population. The increase is barely perceptible. On the other hand the suburbs have grown in mighty proportion. Charlottenburg, for instance, shows an increase in her population of 72 per cent. All this is ascribed to the high cost of living in the capital in particular and to the hard times in general. There are in the capital 576,926 female to only 797,189 male in habitants.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The following table has been prepared showing the changes proposed in the new method of representation which the Republican national committee will be asked to adopt. As will be seen, it contemplates a big increase in the gross number of delegates, although such states as Georgia and Florida would be heavy losers:

STATES.	Old Plan.	New Plan.	Gain.	Loss.
Alabama	22	11	11	
Arkansas	16	12	4	
California	18	25	7	
Colorado	12	10	2	
Connecticut	12	17	5	
Delaware	8	6	2	
Florida	8	4	4	
Georgia	26	13	13	
Idaho	6	4	2	
Illinois	48	80	32	
Indiana	30	32	2	
Iowa	25	45	19	
Kansas	20	34	14	
Kentucky	25	32	7	
Louisiana	16	8	8	
Maine	12	14	2	
Maryland	16	22	6	
Massachusetts	30	39	9	
Michigan	28	49	21	
Minnesota	16	27	9	
Mississippi	16	8	8	
Missouri	34	48	14	
Montana	6	6		
Nebraska	16	20	4	
Nevada	6	10	4	
New Hampshire	20	8	12	
New Jersey	72	136	64	
New York	50	36	14	
North Carolina	5	6	1	
North Dakota	46	50	4	
Ohio	8	7	1	
Oregon	64	97	33	
Pennsylvania	6	6		
Rhode Island	16	9	7	
South Carolina	24	24		
Tennessee	30	19	11	
Texas	8	10	2	
Vermont	24	30	6	
Virginia	12	18	6	
West Virginia	24	37	13	
Wisconsin	6	4	2	
Wyoming	2	2		
Utah	2	2		
Arizona	2	2		
Oklahoma	2	2		
District of Columbia	2	2		
New Mexico	2	2		

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 8.—"May the curse of God fall on you and yours, and allow me, from the minute I drop from the scaffold, to haunt you day and night until your death. Then I will welcome you on the brink of hell with a red-hot iron."

These are the farewell words of Harry Hayward to his brother Adry this afternoon. He hurled them at the latter as he descended the stairs leading to the tier in which the prisoner was confined, and passed through the iron doorway leading to the outer office. It was their last meeting on earth, and such the murderer intended it to be. Adry was as calm as the prisoner was impassioned. He was unmoved by the anathemas, except toward pity. His was the brotherly affection, and it was his fervent "God bless you, Harry. Good-bye, Harry," which elicited the remark quoted above.

The meeting between the brothers was arranged by the parents, who beseeched the condemned man to see Adry once more before he died. He remained obstinate to their entreaties for a long time, but finally he consented, and sent by messenger a note reading:

Dear Adry:

I want you to come at once to the jail, as I wish particularly to see you. I have no other object than the desire to ask your forgiveness for any wrong, either real or imaginary, which I may have done you. I want once more to see you on this earth. This is the wish and dying request of your brother HARRY.

When Adry reached the jail he waited until the conclusion of the visit of Dr. Hayward, who was then with the doomed man. Deputy Allison, however, passed through the office to the jail corridor and told Harry that Adry was in the outer office.

"Let him come up at once," said Harry.

Dr. Hayward, however, did not relish the idea of the meeting between the two brothers in his presence, and asked the deputy to wait until he was ready to go before he showed Adry up the jail stairs. He remained a few minutes longer, and then bade his brother farewell for the time being. On his way out he met Adry in the doorway, and the two stopped for a brief time and shook hands.

The doctor passed out of doors, while Adry ascended the stairs to the corridor, where Harry stood calmly awaiting him. They addressed each other in a friendly manner, after which Harry requested the deputies to withdraw a distance to allow him to speak to his brother confidentially. The officials did as requested. What passed between the two brothers was not heard by any person until Harry raised his voice to say: "Now I have done my part. I have forgiven you all you have done. Now you do as I ask."

"But, Harry, how can I?" returned Adry, appealingly.

The answer was too much for the prisoner. He sprang to his feet and poured forth a tirade of abuse never before heard in the old jail.

"You low-down, mean, contemptible, miserable, damnable wretch! You refuse to do that, after what I have done? You God-forsaken tool! You

have played a good part, but now I can tell you what I think of you. My letter to you was after all only a decoy for that purpose. You damned villain. If I could only get at you I'd dig out your brains with a knife. I would tear out your heart with my hands. I would crush the two together, cut them into pieces, squeeze out the juice, make it into a pie and thrust it down your throat."

He clenched his hands in his rage, and stamped his foot fiercely. His face was ashen and livid by turn.

Adry sat quiet for a few minutes, but seeing the uselessness of waiting longer, rose and started to go.

"God bless you, good-bye, Harry, he called sadly, as he was about to go down the stairs.

"Oh, you villain!" was the return greeting. "May the curse of God fall on you and yours and allow me to haunt you until your dying day. Ah! I will meet you on the brink of hell with a red-hot poker."

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 9.—At 10 o'clock tomorrow at Topeka will occur the greatest auction the world has ever known. At that hour J. B. Johnson, special master in chancery, will offer to the highest bidder for cash in hand the entire system of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. Nothing will be reserved of its 10,000 miles of track, its 2,000 locomotives, thousands upon thousands of cars, buildings, rights and franchises, considered together to reach the imperial value of \$350,000,000.

Special Master Johnson is to act as auctioneer, and as preliminary to receiving bids, will read the order of sale judgment of the court and other legal documents, which will consume something more than an hour. One feature of this auction is materially different from the ordinary. No one will be allowed to bid unless he has first deposited \$500,000 in cash with the special master as an evidence of good faith.

Judge Henry O. Caldwell will come to Topeka for the purpose of confirming the sale.

TERRITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Manti Sentinel: J. H. Hougard will go to Gunnison next week to survey the Antelope Valley canal, which will be taken out at the reservoir, will run through Antelope Valley, bringing a thousand acres of new land. It will follow along the hillside above Gunnison, bringing 2,000 acres more, into market. From there it can be taken around the hills above Fayette and across the flats to Cedar ridge.

Conville Times: From Thomas M. Holt, superintendent of construction work on the Grass Creek spur, we learn that the grade is practically completed. A contract for 5,000 ties has been let to Morgan parties, the ties to be delivered in a short time. About 5,000 more ties will be needed, and Mr. Holt informs the writer that if he cannot procure them in Summit county he will telegraph to Oregon for them. He prefers, however, to get them here if possible. The work will be pushed with all possible speed, and by January 1st next the promoters expect to have the engine and cars running to the mines and taking out their regular shipments of coal.