

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

A young son of a farmer named Guse was accidentally shot by his brother at Mishicot, Wis., and died a few hours later.

E. A. Potter, dealer in general merchandise at Allison, Ia., assigned to Turner Burbeck for the benefit of creditors. The assets are estimated at between \$5,000 and \$7,000, with liabilities at between \$3,500 and \$4,000.

Mrs. Fred Breeck of Two Rivers, Wis., was drowned in a cistern. The jury rendered a verdict of suicide while in a temporary fit of insanity.

Edward Meyers and William Williams are charged with having passed counterfeit dollars at Wilton and Duran, Ia. The men have been buying babbitt metal and block tin from hardware stores at Wilton.

Alfred Rand of Milwaukee was drowned in the Kinnickinnic river while skating.

A. J. Funkhouser, an extensive farmer of Pleasant Grove township, near Charleston, Ills., has assigned. The assets and liabilities reach about \$25,000.

Washington Cox of Martinsville, Ind., aged 60 years, committed suicide by shooting himself. Ill-health and dependency were the causes. He left a widow and seven children.

F. J. George, representing himself to be from Independence, Ia., is held in custody at LaPorte, Ind., accused of obtaining money under false pretenses.

The first Baptist church of Portage, Wis., was destroyed by fire.

Mary J. Hawley, an old pioneer widely known, fell dead from heart disease on the street at West Branch, Ia., while returning from church.

Thomas Reynolds, 21 years old, was drowned while skating on the bay at Sturgeon Bay, Wis. He was a school teacher in Hainesville, and a nephew of Charles Reynolds, member of the Republican state central committee.

William Divine, a farmer near Shakerwood, Ky., returning home, found his wife murdered. Two infants were clinging to the dead body of their mother.

John Hutchinson, formerly city marshal of Whitney, Ia., was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Rathbone on a charge of bigamy and taken to Eldora, Ia.

Ole Oleson, a mail-carrier between Franksville and North Cape, Wis., aged 72 years, was injured in a runaway and died in a short time.

Dora, the 1-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Brown, living east of LaGrange, Ind., died from the effects of swallowing chewing gum.

Give Three Cheers for the Major.
Cleveland, Jan. 12.—As President-elect McKinley was leaving church yesterday morning three small boys ranged themselves in line before the carriage door. The president-elect bowed and smiled and was about to say a pleasant word to the youngsters, when one of them, evidently by prearrangement, cried: "Three cheers for McKinley." The cheers were given with a hearty good will.

THE MARKETS.

New York Financial.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.
Money on call nominally 13 1/2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 13 1/2 per cent; sterling exchange was strong with actual business in bankers' bills at 45 1/2@47 1/2 for demand and 48 1/2@49 1/2 for sixty days; posted rates, 48 1/2@49 1/2 and 48 1/2@49 1/2; commercial bills, 42 1/2.

Investment certificates, 6 1/2@6 1/2; no sales; bar silver, 60¢ Mexican dollars, 50¢.

United States government bonds strong; 4's registered, 120 1/2; do. coupons, 120 1/2; 5's registered, 114; do. coupons, 114; 4's registered, 110 1/2; do. coupons, 111 1/2; 2's registered, 95 1/2; Pacific 5's of '93, 102 1/2.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.
Following were the quotations on the Board of Trade today: Wheat—January, nominal, closed 73 1/2¢; May, nominal, 80 1/2¢; July, opened 73 1/2¢, closed 79 1/2¢; Corn—January, opened nominal, closed 72 1/2¢; May, opened 24 1/2¢, closed 24 1/2¢; July, opened 25 1/2¢, closed 25 1/2¢; Oats—January, opened and closed nominal; May, opened 18 1/2¢, closed 18 1/2¢; July, opened —c, closed —c; Pork—January, opened and closed nominal; May, opened 37 1/2¢, closed 38 1/2¢; Lard—January, opened 83 1/2¢, closed nominal; May, opened \$1.05, closed \$1.12 1/2.

Produce: Butter—Extra creamy, 10¢ per lb; extra dairy, 17¢ per lb; fresh packing stock, 8¢. Eggs—Fresh stock, 15@18 per doz. Poultry—Turkeys, 9@10¢ per lb; chickens (hens), 6@7¢; spring chickens, 6@7¢; roosters, 4@5¢; ducks, 2@11¢; geese, 12@13¢. Potatoes—Burbanks, 20@26¢ per bu; Hebron, 18@23¢. Sweet Potatoes—Illinois, \$1.00@1.35 per bu. Honey—White clover, 10@12¢ per lb; extracted, 5@7¢. Apples—Common to fancy, 40@50¢ per bu.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.
Live Stock—Prices at the Union Stock yards today ranged as follows: Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 49,000; sales ranged at \$3.05 @3.45; pigs, \$3.05@3.45; gilts, \$3.05@3.10 rough packing, \$3.05@3.45; hams, \$3.15 @3.45 heavy packing and shipping lots.

Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 12,000; quotations ranged at \$4.80@5.20 choice to extra shipping steers, \$4.35@4.90 fair to choice do, \$3.21@4.40 fair to goli, \$3.21@3.65 common to medium do, \$3.25@3.80 butchers' steers, \$2.90 @3.45 stockers, \$3.63@4.03 feeders, \$1.75@3.70 cows, \$2.40@4.15 heifers, \$1.75@2.75 bulls, oxen and steers, \$2.90@4.10 Texas steers, and \$2.75@6.10 veal calves.

Sheep and Lambs—Estimated receipts for the day, 1,000; sales ranged at \$2.00@3.45 western, \$2.25@3.35 Texans, \$2.00@2.85 natives and \$3.00@3.50 lambs.

East Buffalo Life Stock.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 11.
Dunning & Stevens, Live Stock Commission Merchants, East Buffalo, N. Y., quote as follows: Cattle—Receipts, 135 cars; market steady to strong for good shipping and heavy steers, with light butchers' and common to fair grades 13@15 higher, with trade rather slow; choice to best heavy steers, \$4.85@5.20; good to choice shippers, \$4.65@4.75; fair to medium \$4.25@4.60; light half fat butchers' steers, \$3.60@4.20; prime fat shippers, \$3.75@4.10. Hog Receipts, 132 cars; market a trifle lower but active at declining Yards, half light, \$3.55; medium, \$2.40@3.45; mixed, \$2.40@3.45; yearlings, \$2.55@3.40. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 82 cars; market a shade lower for lambs; sheep fairly steady to strong; best lambs, early, \$3.15 @5.25; good to choice, \$4.85@5.10 common to fair, \$4.25@4.75; \$3.80@4.00; mixed sheep good to choice, \$3.80@4.00; lambs to fair, \$2.00@3.40; mutton—wethers, 115 pounds, \$4.00; handi natives, \$3.35@3.15.

St. Louis Grain.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 11.
Wheat—No. 2 red cash elevator, 8¢ asked; track, 8@9¢; No. 2 hard cash, 8¢; May, 8¢ bid; July, 7 1/2¢ bid. Corn—No. 2 cash, 20¢; January, 19 1/2¢ asked; May, 22 1/2¢ bid. Oats—No. 2 cash, 17 1/2¢ asked; May, 19 1/2¢ asked. Rye—No. 1, 8¢.

Milwaukee Grain.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 11.
Wheat—No. 2 spring, 76 1/2¢; No. 1 northern, 81¢; May, 79 1/2¢. Corn—No. 3, 20¢. Oats—No. 2 white, 18 1/2¢. Barley—No. 2, 34@34 1/2¢; samples, 32@33¢. Rye—No. 1, 8¢.

Detroit Grain.

DETROIT, Jan. 11.
Wheat—Cash white, 9¢; cash red, 12¢ asked; May, 12¢ asked; July, 7 1/2¢ asked.

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Find the Pinkey.

When cards and dice are not convenient, "finding the pinkey" is a favorite form of betting for drinks. The game consists of squeezing the fingers of one hand with the other in such a fashion that the tips all look alike. The other fellow in the game then tries to designate which is the little finger. If he designates the wrong finger, he pays for the drinks. If he succeeds, the owner of the fingers pays. An expert in the game can arrange his fingers that the tips not only all look alike, but the little finger is found where one of the other fingers would naturally be. Betting on "finding the pinkey" is not always confined to drinks. Considerable sums are sometimes wagered on the entrancing game.—New York Sun.

Experimental Farms.

The idea of experimental farms, as inaugurated by the Seaboard Air Line, was a visitor to New Orleans who hails from North Carolina, "is making a hit with the residents along the road. The scheme was prompted by a desire to find out just what crops were best suited to the climate, and the result of the investigation should be most valuable as a pointer for agriculturists."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

He Made a Hit.

A "Julius Caesar" company that was playing throughout Texas was about to close its season on account of bad business, when its manager hit upon the happy idea of equipping Brutus and his colleagues with hip pockets and six shooters, and he has been compelled to use the "standing room only" card ever since.—Washington Post.

serious injury of some of them by a sudden dash might be an incident of a war with even a third rate power like Spain.

This peril should give the whole country a deep interest in the coming gathering and impel every state to send delegates to it. There is no immediate danger of trouble with Spain or any other country; but, as before mentioned, this Cuban conflict, unless the jingoes are suppressed, may involve the United States at any time. Yet, even if this Cuban struggle were ended, the necessity for strengthening the country's harbors would remain.

The defenseless condition of the coasts shows a lack of forethought which exposes us to ridicule and at the same time deprives the country to some extent of a weight in diplomatic matters commensurate with its extent and resources. The creation of an adequate system of coast defenses will require the labor of years, and a beginning of the work cannot with safety be any longer neglected.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

FOR DUTCH RELICS.

Museum to Be Established In New York by Colonial Dame.

New York will soon possess another museum, which will be one of the most unique institutions in this country and a place of national interest. The Colonial Dames of the State of New York have secured the famous old Van Cortlandt mansion at Van Cortlandt park, and will convert it into a repository for colonial and revolutionary relics.

The Dames have not yet completed

their plans for their treasure house, but their idea is to make the collection of a series of object lessons of the life of the early colonists. The society expects to begin repairs upon the house in the near future. Extensive alterations are not contemplated. Only those necessary to restore it to its original condition and make it a harmonious setting for the heirlooms of the Knickerbockers will be made.

Among the exhibits it will contain will be a collection of old Dutch wills which has been discovered in Albany. They are exceedingly curious and throw light upon the possessions of the ancestry of some of New York's best known people. There will also be some rare specimens of furniture, old paintings and silver, books, miniatures, arms, china and even clothes worn by the early settlers of this country.—New York Journal.

Wants to Give Gypsy to Cubans.

Gypsy, the bad, man killing elephant, is not to be killed by electricity. Her owner, W. H. Harris, sent a telegram to Senor Palma tendering her to the Cuban insurgents, and she is in her cage, on the Panhandle tracks, in Chicago, subject to the orders of the Cuban junta. Following is the telegram sent by Mr. Harris:

Senior Palma, American Representative of Cuban Insurgents; New York;

I have Gypsy, large, man killing elephant, on track, awaiting to be killed, as she is too vicious for show purposes. She is a trained performer and will obey any command, and I think she would be serviceable in the rough country of Cuba, where it is, I am told, difficult to manipulate fieldpieces. I want to dedicate her to the cause of humanity and liberty. Will ship at your expense to any American port and will agree to secure her animal man to go with her. Once in Cuba, Hannibal found elephants useful in battle, why should not Gomes conquer with Gypsy?