BETURNING WITH HIS DEAD. Mauling the Bodies of Wile and Children from Kansas to Illinois.

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John A. Cowden, drove through St. Joseph, says a dispatch from that city, on his way from Wallace county, Kan., to Winfield, Ill., and is probably making as sad a journey as ever was undertaken by mortal man. None knew that the stained and tattered canvas covered wagon shelter ed the dead, and that the bodies of Cow den's wife and two children were being taken by him from a once happy home to their old home in Illinois for interment. The nature of the load which the ponies had dragged across the treeless State of Kansas was accidentally discovered when Cowden stopped before an undertaker's place to obtain some assistance.

He said he went . West ten years ago and took a tarm in the extreme wester tier of Kansas counties. His wife made the journey with him, and their children were born on their new claim. They manages to make both ends meet, and last fall were hopeful that better times were in sight. Then misfortune came. In November fire destroyed their home and almost their all. In the wretched dugout in which they were forced to take refuge the two children sickened and died, and were buritd on the banks of the Smoky.

In despair, Cowden and his wife decided to go back to their old home in the East and take the remains of the little ones with them. This, they reasoned, could be done in the winter, when the freez ng atmosphere of the wind-swept pl. ins would almost petrify the bodies before starting. The Solomon River was crossed at Del-The Sole phos, a little more than half the distance to the Missouri River, when Mrs. Cowden succumbed to the exposures and privations of the trip and died within twentyfour hours. They were in camp on the prairie, far from any town, and where medical aid could not be secured. When it became evident to her that the end was near she begged for one more look at the laces of her children. The husband took the lids from the boxes and, litting his wite in his arms he held her gently within touch of the forms of the children. The cofin lids were replaced. and that evening the mother died. Her body was wrapped in olankets and was secured, and then the old man with his silent company drove wearily on. He avoided all but the smallest hamlets, fear-ing that he would be prevented from con-tinuing, but crossing the Missouri on the bit doeph was unavoidable The under-taker kept the mourful traveller's secret of the kalth authorities. tour hours. They were in camp on the

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# PROGRESS, SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1898

## BEATING JULES VERNE'S HERO. Time Table for Going Bound the World in 28 Days.

Prince Khilkoff, the Russian Minister of Communications, is reported to have stated that, when the Siberian railway is opened broughout its entire length, the tour o the world may be made in thirty-three days. The various divisions of the journey are covered as follows; Bremen to S Petersburg, one and a half days, St. Petersburg, to Vladivostok, ten days Vladivostock to San Francisco ten days; San Francisco to New York, four and a halt days; New York to Bremen, seven days; total, thirty three. Another author ity goes one better than that. He proposes to reduce the length of the world's journey to twenty-eight days. The figures given by the Russian Minister are eviden. ly based on the actual running speed of the

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astom in those days, by a 'social pipe.'

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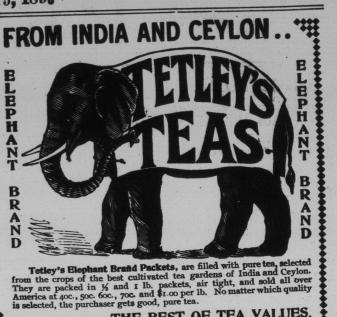
various railway and steamship lines, an estimated average speel of about twenty-five timated average speel of about twenty-live miles an hour from the Russian capital to Vladivostok. But it is suggested that if the traveller bad the services of the fastest ex-isting ships on the ocean, and the trains were run at the highest r.te of spied con-sistent with the gradients. curves, and con-dition of the permanent way of railways in the various di triots passed over. five days might be saved. Thus the Kaiser Wil helm would be available for the Atlantic with the average speed of 22 34 knots per hour and a 20-knot speed is assumed for the Pacific passage. To maintain the high averages of the speeds of from sixty to sev enty miles an hour would be maintained on level stretch is of country to make up for time fost in crossing mountains. The probablo best times that could be made by engaging special trains, assuming the ocean passages to be performed at the speeds mentioned, would be as follows: London to Moscow. 36 hours; Moscow to Vladivostok, 149.1 hours; New York to Plymouth, 133 8 hours; Plymouth to Lon-don, 32 hours To'al, 665.2 ho urs. This gives a total of 27 days 17 hours for the whole journey. miles an hour from the Russian capital to The minister had taken a spoontal of the rich pudding which closed the repast, but The Golden Klondike. AN ENORMOUS RUSH OF GOLD

Some Sound Advice from One Who Has Made the Trip, and knows Something of the Hardships the Gold Seekers Must Undergo.

## He Knew It

Undergo. In the rush towards the golden fields of the Klondike, there are thousands who are ill-fitted to stand the strain of hard ship and exposure, which are inseparable from that trip. Illness, disease and death is almost certain to claim many of the ill-propared adventurers. The iollowing let ter from one who has undergone the hard-ships of the trip, will prove interesting to those who intend going into the desolate but gold laden north:-SKAGWAY, DEC. 12th, 1897. DEAR SIRS,-My object in writing this It is one mark of a quack, whatever school he may belong to, that he never ad mits his own ignorance. A 'hedge doctor, a kind of quack in Ireland, was being examined at an irquest on his treatment of a patient who had died. 'I gave him

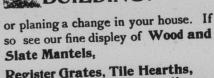
a patient who had died. 'I gave him ipecacuanha,' he said. 'You might just as well have given him the a.rors borealis,' said the coroner. 'Indade, yer bonor, and that's just what I should have given him next it he hadn't died.' DEAR SIRS, — My object in writing this letter is to give a word of advice to those who contemplate going to the Yukon gold fields. For ten years I have tollowed the



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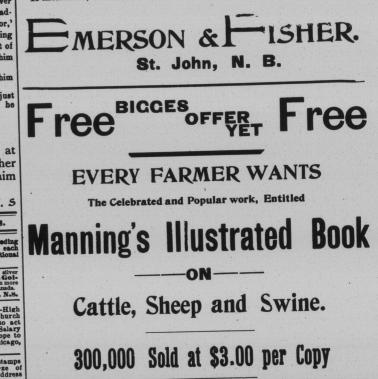
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found two of the cubs. Then the fun be-gan. The first one we ran out was a male and a scrapper, and by the way he roared and switched his tail you would have thought he was papa. We ran him down the kopie and across a little flat about 100 yards and about 100 .yards up another kopie. Bess grabeed him again by the ear, and they both rolled clear to the bottom, the pup (Gwands) trying to get and a scrapper, and by ite way not better and switched his tail you would have though he was paps. We ran him down the kopje and across a little flat about 100 yards and about 100 yards up another kopje. Bees grabeed him again by the ear, and they both rolled clear to the bottom, the pup (Gwands) trying to grt a hold, the niggers yelling, and the little lion rearing for all he was worth. We tore off our aburts and coats, and threw them over the lion finally by getting on top of him succeed: d in tying his legs. We then took him back to the old one and tied him. We afterward went up in kopje and caught a cub lioness. She had taken a stand in a crevice of rock, and the dogs could not tackle her. With a short lasso and a forked atick we got hir out. The cubs are be satiles, and the right sge. St. James Grzette. The elderly inhabitan's ot a little New

The elderly inhabitan's of a little New Hampshire town delight in stories of the ready wit of the old minister under whose preaching they sat as boys and girls, over sixty years ago. On the occasion of an 'association dinner,' given in the town to the minister of the coun'y, there was a liberal feast, to be followed, as was the

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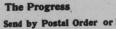
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