

promise at 80c. on the business liabilities of about \$2,000, using the proceeds from his life insurance to do so.—Premont & Collin, general store, St Felicite, who began business in 1892 on very small capital, have assigned, after unsuccessfully having tried to make a compromise at 33c. Liabilities are \$3,234.

A FIRE SETTLEMENT.

The entire business portion of the city of Chenoa, in this State [Illinois], was burned in July, 1894, involving a loss of \$300,000. A Chicago and Alton passenger train had just passed through the place when the fire broke out and the claim was made that the fire was started by sparks from the locomotive. Suits in behalf of the insurance companies aggregating \$119,000 were brought against the Alton Company, and one case was tried at the last term of court in Bloomington, the jury disagreeing. It was announced on the 25th of August that a compromise of the cases had been reached and that the litigation will end. The Chicago and Alton agrees to pay to each loser 10 per cent. of the amount of his loss, not covered by insurance. The insurance companies agree to accept this settlement, they to receive 25 per cent. of the total amount paid. In case of a loss of \$2,000, one-half, or \$1,000 of which was covered by insurance, the railway company will pay 10 per cent., or \$100 on the remainder, and the insurance company will take 25 per cent.—*Black and White*.

—At St. Joseph, Missouri, recently, Ransom Smith, Charles A. Green and Miss Gertie Howard, members of a gang of counterfeiters, were arrested by United States officials.

—Poor Russia is threatened with another famine. A terrible drought oppressed for many weeks the southern governments, a region already impoverished by excessive taxation. In direct taxes the poor farmers there pay annually on an average about \$18, besides the local and school taxes, and the indirect taxes exceed the direct ones. Every year tens of thousands of farmers are compelled to surrender their holdings.

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