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The capture should be effected as soon as possible, but delay seems to be the policy of those having the matter in charge.

A NATIONAL SYSTEM. The project of extending the deep-water channel of the Hudson to Troy and Albany is under consideration by a board of engineers in New York.

This is the right way to view such enterprises. When we see that, whether work is done on the Ohio or Mississippi rivers, on the Erie or the Humber Canal, or on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie or Hudson river ways, it is all working toward the realization of a complete system, all local jealousies will disappear.

THE LINK OF THE LAW. The announcement that a proposition for a lecture by Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, at one of the city theaters, on some Sunday evening, has met with a decided negative by the Department of Public Safety, is accompanied by a declaration that "the line is drawn" on "the noted infidel."

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Electric cars are now making daily trips between the United States and Mexico. A woman at Augusta, Me., has brought suit for remuneration for the board of a rooster.

China will hereafter use no coal for Government purposes that is not mined in that country. The youngest traveling salesman in Illinois is in the employ of a drug house at Quincy, He is 13.

A Florida woman has just buried a 44-year-old dog