

A Startling Confession.

CINCINNATI, December 24.—A special dispatch from Steubenville, Ohio, says that Stephen D. Richards, who has been placed in jail at that place, charged with the murder of the Harelson family at Kearney, Nebraska, has made a full confession, acknowledging the commission of nine murders within the last three years.

Before the Harelson murder, Richards was assisting a Swede, named Peter Anderson, in putting up a building. Anderson told some neighbors he believed Richards had poisoned him.

Severe Weather in Europe.

LONDON, Dec 24th.—The weather is severe throughout Great Britain. There has also been a heavy snowfall here and in many parts of the continent.

A telegram from Geneva, Switzerland, says: "No post has arrived from Germany or from German Switzerland. The railway communications between Berne and Lausanne were interrupted until late last evening, and the service between Bouveret and St. Maurice is entirely suspended."

London, December 23.—A Geneva dispatch says 400 men and 120 horses and carts are constantly occupied in clearing the streets of snow.

A Paris dispatch states that the wolves have penetrated as far as the gates of Metz. There is more snow on the Vosges than the oldest inhabitants remember.

Dying With a Pardon in His Hands.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 15.—John Smith was pardoned by Gov. Bishop, Friday. Smith came from Wood County three years ago with a sentence of fifteen years hanging to his neck, and a future dark with the gloom of despair and death staring at him from the portals of the prison.

A Nice Pair of Deacons.

Burton and Aikens, deacons in the same Campbellite church in Robard, Ky., loved each other's wife. They did not hide their sentiments from each other, but endeavored to settle the difficulty amicably by exchanging wives.

Another Bank Winds Up.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., December 23.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Wilkesbarre savings bank to-day it was decided to wind up the affairs of that institution. The directors say this step was taken because of the ruinously excessive rates of bank taxation and the dullness of business.

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