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WASHINGTON, THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 13, 1888.

LATE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

THE CABINET MEETING.—The Cabinet meeting to-day was a protracted and animated one.

THE MAIL SERVICE RULES.—Postmaster-General Dickinson sent to-day his rules touching the mail service to the Civil Service Commission.

THE NEW BELGIAN MINISTER.—The Department of State has been officially informed by Mr. B. de Malsbrock, the Belgian Minister to this country, that he has been appointed Minister to Spain and that Mr. Garmer Heldermick had been chosen to succeed him in the United States.

ANOTHER TRIAL FOR THE VESUVIUS.—Secretary Whitney has written a letter, asking that the Vesuvius have another trial. The Secretary says that, while the Vesuvius made the required twenty knots in the trial the other day in an hour, yet he would like another trial, in order to make the result more satisfactory.

MR. FLYNN'S APPOINTMEAT.—Indian Commissioner Oberly has appointed Mr. S. R. Flynn, a well-known newspaper man of this city, a special agent on Indian depredations and a disbursing agent. Mr. Flynn, who has been in poor health, hopes that a rest from newspaper work will benefit him. Commissioner Oberly is to be congratulated on the appointment. The position is worth about $2,500.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

The Commissioners, at the suggestion of Captain Thomas W. Symons, have appointed a board to consider the asbestos fibrous pavement patented by Mr. P. H. Hunter and to aid him in the experiment which has been ordered by the Commissioners, to be conducted by Mr. Hunter under the general direction of the superintendent of streets. The board will consist of the superintendent of streets, the inspectors of asphalt and cements and the chief inspector of the street department. The board is to report to the Commissioners the probable cost and durability of the pavement.

The Commissioners have informed H. A. Griswold and others that they intend to improve Jefferson and other streets in Anacostia this season, if possible.

The Commissioners have written a correspondent that they cannot sweep the streets at night in freezing weather, but they will be well sprinkled when swept in the day time.

Building permits have been granted to C. C. Snow, to erect a dwelling 1735 Ninth street, to cost $3,800; Wm. Robertson, frame dwelling, Spring street, Mt. Pleasant, to cost $150; C. C. Snow, repair 1737 Ninth street, $800.

The Commissioners issued the following order to-day: "The Collector of Taxes of the District of Columbia is hereby directed to direct and supervise the listing and publication of all taxes in arrears in accordance with the act of Congress, entitled 'An act prescribing the times for sales and for notice of sales of property in the District of Columbia for overdue taxes.'"

They also issued a notice that on Tuesday, the 22d instant, this sale will begin.

The Secretary of War has requested the Commissioners to have the Building Inspector examine the Army Medical Museum on Tenth street, to determine whether it is strong enough to support a tank of the capacity of 4,500 gallons.

A Conspiracy to Rob a Theatre.

James Orr was on trial in the Police Court this morning charged with embezzling $5.50 from Mr. Kernan. Harry Sherwood, a young man 15 years of age, was employed by Mr. Kernan as a ticket seller and had entered into an agreement with the defendant by which considerable coin was to be pocketed. Orr was the ticket taker at the gallery door and instead of depositing all the tickets received he retained ten, usually, which he turned over to young Sherwood. These tickets were resold and the proceeds divided. Sherwood was not prosecuted because of testifying to the facts, and Orr was remanded to the grand jury and required to give bonds in the sum of $300.

Burial Permits Issued.

Burial permits have been issued during the past twenty-four hours by the Health Officer as follows: Colored—General Pleasant, 5 years; William H. Mason, 6 years; Frankie Matthews, 3 years; Lilly Henson, 4 years; William H. Moseby, 5 days; Georgie Ambush, 21 years. White—Wilhelmeni Ebering, 58 years; Newton Benedict, 64 years; George W. Dorrance, 77 years.

Quite an Excitement.

There was quite an excitement in Captain Symon's office at the District buildings this afternoon. A visitor called to see the captain and found no one in the office. When he went out some employe discovered that there was a blaze of no mean proportions in the office. The waste-basket and its entire contents were consumed by the flames.

An Insane Mother's Act.

Mrs. Caroline Schmidt, aged 23, living at 434 east Seventy-sixth street, New York city, while insane yesterday afternoon, threw herself from a fourth-story window with her two children, Jennie, 3 years old, and Emil, aged 3 years. The former was instantly killed, and the boy and his mother were badly injured, the child having since died.

Real Estate Transfers.

John T. Arms to Benjamin F. McCaully et al., $1,100, east half sublot 4, square 367.

Frank T. Browning to Lorin M. Saunders, $800, sublot T, square 152.

Her Sanity to Be Examined.

A writ de lunatico inquirendo was issued today in the case of Margaret J. Wilson.

Coal in London's Atmosphere.

From the Engineering Journal.

Professor Chandler Roberts estimates the weight of the smoke-cloud which daily hangs over London at about 50 tons of solid carbon, and 250 tons of carbon in the form of hydrocarbon and carbonic oxide gases. Calculated from the actual result of tests made by the smoke-abatement committee, the value of coal wasted in smoke from domestic grates amounts, upon the annual consumption of 5,000,000 of people, to £2,250,500. The cost of cartage on this wasted coal is calculated to be £268,750, while the unnecessary passage of about 1,500,000 horses through the streets in drawing it adds seriously to the cost of street cleaning and repairing. Then there is the cost of taking away the extra ashes, £43,000 per year. Summing it all up, the direct and indirect cost of waste coal may be set down at £2,600,000, plus the additional loss from the damage done to property caused by the smoky atmosphere, estimated by Mr. Chadwick at £2,000,000, the whole aggregating £4,600,000, or $23,000,000.

Harry Bethune on the Warpath.

From the Chicago Tribune.

Harry Bethune, the champion sprinter of the world, arrived in Chicago yesterday, and is staying at the Leland Hotel. He has just received a cablegram from Joe Thompson, the well-known Australian bookmaker, better known there as "The Leviathan," who informs him that Ed. Skinner, who won the quarter of a mile here in Spalding's sports, in 1886, has just astonished the Australians by winning the Sir Joseph Bank's quarter-of-a-mile handicap at Sydney, N. S. W., in forty-seven seconds, with ten yards off the scratch, winning thereby a prize of nearly $3,000. Bethune says that hearing that there is a runner in England who wishes to challenge him for the championship of the world, he is anxious to run him seventy-five, 100 or 120 yards for any sum in reason.

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

MR. RIDDLEBERGER CREATES A SCENE IN THE SENATE.

He Raises a Point of Order Which Becomes One of Disorder—Mr. Butterworth's Proposition of Union With Canada.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Dawes introduced a resolution inquiring into the condition of the treatment of Alaska Indians, and regarding the sale of the Sioux reservation.

The Tariff bill was then taken up upon motion of Mr. Sherman.

The pending amendment was one to reduce the duty on hoop iron to 35 per cent. ad valorem, and Mr. Vance proceeded to address the Senate.

At this point Mr. Riddleberger created a scene. He raised a point of order against the consideration of the Tariff bill before the expiration of the morning hour.

Mr. Berry was temporarily in the chair, and he ruled that the consideration of the bill was in order, and Mr. Vance continued. Mr. Riddleberger again raised the point of order, and proceeded to discuss it. Mr. Vance declined to be interrupted, and Mr. Riddleberger insisted upon his point of order.

At this juncture Mr. Ingalls returned to the Chair and ordered Mr. Riddleberger to take his seat or he would call in the sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Riddleberger thereupon left the Chamber and Mr. Vance continued.

Mr. Riddleberger returned soon after, and, raising a question of order, was listened to by the Chair, but branching off into a discussion of the Fisheries Treaty and the Republican party, he was again called to order, and soon afterward retired from the Chamber.

HOUSE.

In the House to-day a number of executive communications were presented, among them the annual report of the Commissioner of the Freedman's Savings Bank and the president of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteers. Also an estimate of appropriation from the Lighthouse Board to light the statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.

A resolution was agreed to extending the time until January 1, 1889, in which the select committee on the investigation of the construction of the Aqueduct tunnel may make its report.

Messrs. Hutch, Whiting and Funston were appointed managers on the part of the conference committee on the disagreeing vote upon the Agricultural Department bill.

Mr. McCreary stated that the resignation of Hon. Perry Belmont as chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs placed him, as second on the committee, chairman of the same, and he, therefore, desired to resign his position as chairman of the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Weaver of Iowa, by this action, became chairman of the latter committee, but he stated he was chairman of another and he would decline the chairmanship.

Favorable reports were submitted upon a number of private pension bills; among them the bill placing Major John C. Fremont on the retired list with rank of Major; also on the bill to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases from one State to another.

In the hour for the consideration of bills the call rested upon the Committee on Indian Affairs, and the bill authorizing the Court of Claims to hear and pass judgment upon the claim of the old settler tribe of Western Cherokee Indians was brought up.

After consideration of the bill reorganizing the District militia the Oklahoma bill was taken up.

Union with Canada.

In the House to-day Mr. Butterworth introduced a joint resolution authorizing the President to invite negotiations looking to the assimilation and unity of the people of the Dominion of Canada and the United States; such unity to be based upon the admission of the several provinces of the Dominion of Canada, or any one of them, into the Union upon terms of equality with the States.

It is as follows:

Whereas, the citizens of the Dominion of Canada are one with us in race, lineage, history and tradition; and

Whereas, the resources of the two countries supplement each other, and the arteries of commerce, both natural and artificial, are so interlocked and mutually dependent upon each other that they ought to constitute a single system to be one and inseparable; and

Whereas the commercial relations between the United States and the Dominion of Canada are and have been strained and unnaturally cramped, and in a measure paralyzed, owing to the inability of the two governments to establish such a system of international trade and commerce between them as is essential to meet the requirements of the situation; and

Whereas the conditions and relations before referred to, as also the geography of the two countries, suggest the impossibility of a just and permanent settlement of the controversies pertaining to the fisheries, boundaries and transcontinental trade, except by blending of efforts and interests under one governmental system and point logically to the necessity and probability of a unity and assimilation between the two nations under one government; and

Whereas the bonds of sympathy resulting from kinship, race, language, tradition and substantial identity of governmental systems, together with a community of interests based upon commerce and its aids and agencies are of such a character that such union and assimilation is being discussed and favorably considered by the citizens of both nations; and

Inasmuch as it is believed that its early consummation would be of great advantage to all the citizens and subjects of the two countries, provided the same can be attained in a manner consistent alike with the honor and dignity of the United States and Great Britain and the Dominion of Canada.

Therefore, with a view to aid in the construction of what is hereinbefore suggested:

Be it resolved that the President be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to invite negotiations looking to the assimilation and unity of the people of the Dominion of Canada, and the United States under one Government, such unity and assimilation to be based upon the admission of the general provinces of the Dominion, or any one of them, into the Union of States upon the same terms and equality with the several States composing the union and the assumption by the United States of the indebtedness of the Dominion of Canada, or a just proportion thereof, and such other equitable terms and conditions as justice to the high contracting parties may demand; and

Resolved, further, with a view to such negotiation the President invite the appointment of commissioners by the Government of Great Britain and the Dominion of Canada to consider the wisdom and expediency of settling and adjusting all controversies and differences which now exist between the two governments growing out of the fisheries or otherwise, by such a union and assimilation as is hereinbefore suggested, either as to the whole or any province or several provinces of said Dominion; such negotiations to be conducted with due regard to the amicable relations which obtain between Great Britain and the United States and the obligations imposed thereby.

Presidential Nominations.

The President yesterday sent to the Senate a large number of nominations, among them: Walter C. Newberry, postmaster at Chicago; Walter L. Bragg of Alabama, to be an Inter-State Commerce Commissioner; Orris B. Hallam of Kentucky, to be Deputy First Auditor of the Treasury; Thomas C. Vandevert, to be postmaster at Dunkirk, N. Y.; James C. Truman, to be postmaster at Binghamton, N. Y., and R. I. Fleming, at Rock Haven, Pa.; Lieut. Col. Hodges, to be Assistant Quartermaster General United States Army, and a number of Army and Navy promotions.

The Department of Agriculture.

In the House to-day, Messrs. Hatch of Missouri, Whiting of Michigan and Funston of Kansas were named as conferees for the House on the Department of Agriculture bill. A number of reports were made.

The House passed a bill for the adjudication by the Court of Claims of the old settler, or West Cherokee Indians claim. The amount involved is $4,000,000.

Capitol Notes.

In the House yesterday the Direct Tax bill was passed by a vote of 178 to 96. The cotton tax amendment was defeated.

It is expected the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill will be ready to report to the House by Friday. It has been completed by the sub-committee.

The House non-concurring in the Senate amendment to the Department of Agriculture bill, a conference will be ordered.

In the California contested election case of Sullivan vs. Felton, the majority and minority reports were submitted yesterday. The majority favors the unseating of Felton.

INAUGURATION DECORATIONS.

The Chief Clerks of the Public Buildings Hold an Important Meeting.

There was a meeting this morning of all the chief clerks and Superintendent of Public Buildings in the room of Chief Clerk Youmans of the Treasury Department.

The meeting was called by Chief Clerk Youmans to decide upon a uniform plan of decorating the public buildings during Inauguration week and to providing quarters for troops.

No troops will be quartered in the Treasury Department. Chief Clerk Youman is chairman of the committee.

The Auditing Committee held its weekly meeting this afternoon and passed on some bills contracted in the preparations for the inauguration.

Senator Brackett of the Inauguration Committee is going to Paulding, Ohio, to-night.

He will be away two or three days, and Colonel Swords will look after his duties in his absence.

NOT A DAY OF REST.

Efforts of the Delegates to the Sabbath Convention.

After an early meeting of the executive committee of the new Sabbath Association this morning, the following representatives went to the Capitol to appear before the Senate Committee on Education and Labor: Colonel Shepard, General Divin, Rev. Dr. Craft, Dr. Knowles, and Rev. Dr. Sunderland. Mrs. Boteham represented the W. C. T.U. After a long conference the representatives returned to the church and at 2 o'clock a number of the members of this convention were presented to the President by Dr. Sunderland.

Freight Blockade on the Lake Shore.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 13.—An Erie, Pa., special says: The eastern division of the Lake Shore road, that is, that part of it between Erie and Buffalo, is blocked with New York Central freight. This morning orders were issued to hold the balance out at Collingwood. There are 3,000 cars of Central freight between here and Buffalo. Railroad men say the motive power on the New York Central is not sufficient to take the volume of freight from the Lake Shore.

A Mammoth Stock Exchange.

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—The property at Kilby and State streets, which was purchased some months ago by a syndicate, as was stated at the time, was really bought by the Boston Stock Exchange. The building which it is proposed to erect will be ten stories in height. It will have a frontage of 171 feet on State street, and will cover about three-quarters of an acre. The Stock Exchange will occupy the first floor, and the remaining stories will be rented for business offices.

Railway Accident in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 13.—The Wabasha local passenger train, due to arrive in St. Paul at 9:25 this morning, has been abandoned and it is learned that the train collided with a freight train at an early hour near Reed's Landing, a few miles out of Wabasha. The Milwaukee officials will not as yet disclose any of the facts in the matter, but it is known that the engineer of the passenger train was badly injured.

A Clever Robbery.

WABASH, IND., Dec. 13.—At 5:30 o'clock last evening Smith French locked up his jewelry store on one of the principal streets and went to supper. When he returned fifteen minutes later, he found that he had been robbed of forty watches, some of them gold ones, and that the money drawer had been rifled. The loss is about $1,800. The burglar effected an entrance through a rear window. There is no clue.

The Sis Church Lost.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 13.—The schooner Sis Church, bound to Norfolk Light from Cape Charles, went ashore in Tuesday night's storm between Lynn Haven Bay and Ocean View. Captain Frank Enoch, Mate James Harris and two Portuguese sailors named Josef and Antonio were lost. Manuel Garcia, one of the crew, saved himself by swimming ashore. The vessel belonged to New London, Conn.

Called to View the Bodies.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 13.—The sheriff and coroner of this county were called about twelve miles south of this city at 9 o'clock last night to view the dead bodies of two men who were found hanging near a schoolhouse and take proper action in the matter. The supposition is that the anti-horse thief association has been doing a little work.

THE COURT RECORD.

Equity Court—Justice Cox.

Berry vs. Berry; testimony before C. Ingle ordered taken. Wright vs. Wright; reference to auditor. Gray vs. McMahon; sale decreed; W. Wheeler, trustee, to sell. Byrnes vs. Berry; executor directed to submit account. Hollen vs. Hellen; sale finally ratified. Underwood vs. Alley; demurrer sustained; bill dismissed.

Court in General Term—The Chief Justice, Justices James and Montgomery.

Bates vs. the District of Columbia, on hearing.

Circuit Court—Justice Cox.

Newman vs. Sheridan, judgment confessed. Williams vs. Norton, order of publication.

An Art Exhibition.

An exhibition of artistic sewing-machine work has been held at the rooms of the Standard Sewing-Machine Company in the Masonic Temple building during the past ten days, which has won the admiration of all who beheld it. The specimens of art work include excellent likenesses of General Harrison and Governor Foraker which it would be hard to convince any one were executed on a sewing machine.

Mrs. G. W. Dayton of Cleveland, Ohio, is the artist as well as the author of a number of other specimens. Mr. J. J. Hollister, the Washington agent for the Standard, has issued some very neat invitations to the exhibition, which, however, is open to all interested in art needlework.

THE FIGHT TO BE MADE.

WARRANTS TO BE ISSUED AGAINST THE LIQUOR MEN.

Instructions Given by Major Moore to the Police This Morning—Arrests to Be Promptly Made.

Major Moore instructed his eight lieutenants when they reported to him this morning that the time had come to proceed against the liquor dealers who have failed to secure licenses. The lieutenants have instructed their men to bring before the court the saloon keepers found selling without licenses, and in a day or two there will be scores of them in the Police Court, charged with unlicensed bars. It is generally understood that these men will stand together and carry the cases against them to the highest court before they will consent to close their bars.

If the Commissioners are sustained quite a number of the hotel and other bars, that are considered the most fashionable drinking places in the city, will be closed. The Commissioners are confident that they cannot be beaten in the matter, as their regulations are based on an opinion of the Supreme Court of the District of recent date.

There are now about seventy-five applications finally rejected, with every probability that this many proprietors will have to go before the Police Court.

There is now not a single case to proceed against in the southern section of the city.

Among the saloons in the central portion of the city, the ones that will be first proceeded against, are the following who compose the list sent to Major of Police Moore by the Commissioners this morning:

John L. Keith, 321 Thirteenth street; Thomas J. McGuire, 735 Twenty-fourth; Patrick White, 630 Second; Edmond A. Solari, 1409 Pennsylvania avenue; Eugene C. Knight, 1160 Nineteenth; Esau L. Johnson, 419 Thirteenth; Godfrey & Holden, 413 Thirteenth; James Daly, 2805 M.

The list will be given to Lieutenant Amiss probably to-morrow morning, and the unlicensed saloonists will, unless they close their places, doubtless figure in the Police Court before the week is over.

CONVENTION OF HORSE BREEDERS.

Arrangements Being Made for the Philadelphia Races.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 13.—The trotting horse breeders' association of Pennsylvania met here yesterday and arranged for a meeting in the spring, the time and date to be fixed by the executive committee. It was decided to have eleven races. Four races were arranged for one, two, three and four year olds, owned and bred by members.

The stakes for yearlings were fixed at $25 entrance and $25 added money, and for all others $100 added; four races for horses owned by members, the stakes to be the same as in the first four races; also a race for three-minute class, $25 entrance and $50 added; a 2:30 pace, under the same conditions, and a 2:40 ztallion class for $24 entrance.

The following officers were elected, after which the meeting adjourned: N. G. Edelbiute, Brookville, president; John E. Dubois, Dubois, vice president; H. S. Denny, Pittsburg, treasurer; A. W. Harbinson Newcastle, secretary.

THE BIRMINGHAM TRAGEDY.

Hawes Found Guilty by the Coroner's Jury.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Dec. 13.—A special to the *American* from Birmingham says: "There were only two very important developments to-day in connection with the Hawes murder and the tragedy of Saturday night. The jury of inquest returned a verdict that Emma Hawes, wife of R. R. Hawes, came to her death from the effects of a wound in the head, inflicted by her husband, and that the said killing was unlawfully done. The jury further find that Fannie Bryant and Albert Petterson were accessories to the crime. The jury declare that May Hawes was killed December 3 at East Lake by her father."

News comes from Columbus, Miss., of the finding of another link in the chain of circumstantial evidence against Hawes. When he went over to marry Miss Story, he went to a barber shop on his arrival to take a bath and change his underclothing. He left at the shop his soiled clothing in a bundle which he said he would call for later. This bundle of clothing was opened and numerous blood stains were found on the clothes. It seems they had been made by blood soaking through his outer garments.

Bishop Weller's Successor.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 13.—The special council of the Episcopal diocese of Milwaukee, called to elect a successor of the late Bishop Weller, met yesterday afternoon. The Rev. W. T. Tenbroeck of La Crosse was chosen permanent chairman.

At the evening session nine ballots for bishop were taken without result. The last resulted: Clergy—Dr. C. F. Knight, 34; Dr. E. N. Potter, 11; Rev. W. T. Tenbroeck, 1; Dr. Wright, 1. Laymen—Knight, 19; Potter, 5; Tenbroeck, 6; blank, 2. On the seventh and eighth ballots Dr. Knight came within two votes of an election. The council adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

Lumber Dealers Complain.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—A committee of hardwood lumber dealers called on Commissioners Cooley and Morrison yesterday with the complaint that the railroads entering Chicago had formed what is known as the car-service association and were levying a charge of $2 a day for every car delayed over forty-eight hours by the neglect of shippers to unload or load them at the proper time. The lumber dealers wanted to know if such charges were legal and asked Judge Cooley for a ruling on the subject. The Commissioner said he would consider it. Railroad managers say the system of charging for demurrage is purely a local matter and not within the jurisdiction of the Commissioners.

The Farmers of Dakota.

JAMESTOWN, D. T., Dec. 13.—At the meeting of the Farmers' Alliance, President Louth of Brookings College delivered an address, showing that Dakota was surpassed only by four States in the number of students attending her agricultural college. The Hail Insurance Company reported the insuring of 1,000 farms against loss by hail and against fire to the amount of $6,000,000. The losses amounted to $73,464. The cost of hail insurance was twenty-three cents per acre, and the acres insured were 56,828. The Alliance Company sold $250,000 worth of twine, fifty-nine cars of coal, and another $250,000 worth of farm machinery.

Rates to the West Restored.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Commissioner S. F. Pierson notified the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday that the trunk lines would restore the regular immigraht rates to the West on December 23. This will make the Chicago rate $18 in place of $5, the St. Paul rate $22 in place of $10. The Lackawanna and the Ontario & Western have followed suit.

THE PURCHASE OF ORMONDE.

The Friends of Senator Hearst Think That He Owns the Famous Animal.

From the N. Y. Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Friends of Senator Hearst in this city say they believe he is the purchaser of the famous Derby winner, Ormonde, whose sale for $85,000 was reported a few days ago. Senator Blackburn, who is from the Blue Grass country, and therefore takes a deep interest in such transactions, said that Senator Hearst had done a wise thing in making the purchase of Ormonde if he were sound, and that was to be presumed, of course, or the representative of the Senator would not have bought him.

The horse is 7 years old, and will be of great service in improving the racing stock of the country, Senator Blackburn thinks.

Senator Stockbridge, also an enthusiast in these matters, says Ormonde is a noble animal, a bay, and of the family that has produced all the Derby winners of late years. He saw his running last year, and was captivated by his performance.

BARKER WANTS A PORTFOLIO.

The Irish Leader Desires a Place in the Cabinet.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Colonel W. B. Crooks of Philadelphia was at the Grand Pacific yesterday. He is a close friend of Mr. Morton and of Wharton Barker, the Irish leader of Philadelphia, who aspires to be a member of General Harrison's Cabinet. Colonel Crooks came West in the interests of Mr. Barker. He was at Indianapolis from Friday to Tuesday and saw General Harrison several times. Colonel Crooks indicated that the Vice-President-elect is strongly supporting Mr. Barker.

DAMAGE MOSTLY FROM WATER.

The Fire in the Chicago Opera House This Morning.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—The fire in the Chicago Opera House which started in the second gallery about 11:15 o'clock last night was extinguished about 1:30 this morning. The auditorium of the theatre, with its elaborate decorations, costly mirrors, carved wood work, handsome carpets and upholsteries, is ruined. Only the scenery and stage appointments were saved.

Tom Prior, the treasurer, estimated the loss at about $20,000. He thinks that possibly the theatre can be got in shape within two weeks. The building contained upward of 300 offices, chiefly occupied by lawyers, brokers and physicians, but the fire was confined to the theatre auditorium, and none of the other tenants will suffer loss. The scenery of the Kiralfy spectacle is uninjured, and the costumes belonging to the troupe were also unhurt, being stored in another part of the building.

Colonel McCaull's loss will be entirely from water, a portion of the costumes used in the opera of "Boccaccio" having been stored in the basement under the stage; but the costumes of "Lorraine," being in the dressing rooms, were uninjured. The loss could not be estimated with any accuracy, but will not exceed $5,000.

Qualifications For Voters.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—A *Tribune* special from Austin, Texas, says: "Governor Ross was asked yesterday to give his views on the subject now being agitated for an educational qualification for suffrage in the South. He said: 'My position is this regarding Federal affairs: I don't want any interference in the domestic affairs of Texas, nor do I want to interfere with Federal affairs.'

State Superintendent of Education Cooper said he favored the qualification viewing it from an educational standpoint, because it would indirectly compel education and make it more general. He said he would prefer this to a system directly compulsory.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Dec. 13.—The press of Alabama for the most part strongly favors the proposition to establish an educational qualification for voters. The *Advertiser*, the oldest Democratic papar in the State, has openly and plainly declared in favor of the education question. So has the Sena *Times* and Birmingham *Age-Herald*. All the daily papers that have taken a position favor the proposition, and if any opposition is offered by the press, it will have to come from the country weekly papers.

Suing the Lehigh Railroad.

WILKESBARRE, PA., Dec. 13.—John J. Jennings and James Jennings, residing in Lackawanna County, have, through their attorney, brought suits against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company on account of the Mud Run disaster. The former brings suit for $20,000 on account of the loss of his son and his services, and the latter claims $20,000 for five broken ribs and an injured spinal column. The cases are to be tried in this city and are to be hotly contested, as they are the first ones growing out of the disaster.

Death by Electricity.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—At the meeting of the Medico-Legal Society yesterday the report of the committee on the best method of executing the law providing for the putting to death of murderers by electricity was adopted. The report recommends that the alternating current should be used with alternations not fewer than 300 per second.

Henry Guy Carlton read a paper on the subject. Among those present were Mrs. Frank Leslie and Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Nearly Every Bone Was Broken.

FORT WAYNE, IND., Dec. 13.—A scaffold, upon which stood four employes of the Boss Foundry, while erecting a smoke-stack at the Jenney Electric Light Works, fell yesterday afternoon. Three of them clutched the scaffold on the story below and were saved. John F. Waldo, a boiler maker, fell eighty-two feet to the ground. Nearly every bone in his body was broken and he will die.

Condensed Dispatches.

The Mayor of Lake View, Chicago, refuses to allow Socialists to hold meetings there.

Negotiations for a settlement of the "Q." strike are still pending at Chicago.

Rev. Mead Holmes of Rockford, Ill., who, as Alderman, has been active in prosecuting the liquor interests, has been warned to desist by "White Caps."

Charles W. Henderson, who mutilated and tortured a number of horses at Taylorville, Ill., at a political meeting, has been sent to the penitentiary.

Dr. T. M. Sinclair and wife are under arrest at Cincinnati for malpractice.

Miss Binum, a school teacher, and Miss Lewis, a pupil, were mangled by the cars at Alexander, N. C.

The Sanitarium at Youngstown, O., was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning, and some of the patients barely escaped death. Loss, $10,000.

All the switchmen who struck at Toledo, O., have returned to work.

John W. Smith, a Reading, Pa., grocer and politician, has made an assignment and disappeared.

Frank Wilcox has recovered $15,000 damages against a Chicago street railway company for the loss of a leg by an accident.

A Pardon Refused.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 13.—Governor Oglesby yesterday peremptorily refused Mrs. Clara Mackin, wife of Joseph Mackin, a pardon for her husband. Mrs. Mackin was greatly disappointed and is now prostrated with grief. Mackin has but eight months more to serve.

THRILLED WITH HORROR

THE PARNELL COMMISSION LISTEN TO IRISH OUTRAGES.

A Witness Describes An Attempted Murder—He Tells How he Practiced Shooting at a Stone the Size of a Man's Head.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Before the Parnell Commission to-day a laborer named Buckley stated that he joined the Fenians at Tralee in 1881. In 1882 a man named Roach was expelled from the National League for causing the arrest of a leaguer.

At a Fenian meeting it was arranged that the witness, with two men named Fitzgerald and Phœnix, should shoot Roach, and revolvers were then given to them for that purpose. After several unsuccessful attempts to kill their man a meeting was held at Casey's house, at which the witness was asked if he would shoot Roach if the League provided funds for his escape to America.

The witness consented to this proposition, and soon after met Roach while the latter was driving out. Buckley shot at his victim, but his revolver missed fire. Roach then took to his heels and escaped.

The witness was arrested and charged with the attempted murder, but got off by swearing an alibi. The League gave him $50, with which to go to America. He was dissatisfied with the amount, but Poenix told him that he could not expect any more, seeing that he failed to kill Roach.

On cross-examination Buckley said that before shooting at Roach he used to practice with the revolver, shooting at a stone the size of a man's head. This last confession caused a sensation in court.

THE POPE SOLICITOUS

Concerning the Welfare of Italian Emigrants to America.

ROME, Dec. 13.—The *Osservatore Romano* publishes the Pope's letter to the bishops in America with reference to the care of Italian emigrants. This letter says:

"The Pope deplores the fact that many Italians, forced by poverty to emigrate, find themselves in a worse position than ever in America. Great danger attends their souls, both during the voyage and on their arrival, owing to the difficulty of meeting priests speaking Italian. Being much preoccupied with these facts the Pope charged the Congregation de Propaganda Fide to study the two-fold question of how to promote both the religious and the material welfare of emigrants, and it has been decided to dispatch priests from Italy to localities inhabited by Italian emigrants."

The Pope declares that it will afford him great satisfaction if the American bishops will facilitate the task of these priests by referring to the Propaganda in regard to any changes required in their sacred duties. His Holiness concludes with a benediction upon the bishops, clergy and faithful in America.

A DYNAMITER'S CONFESSION.

One of the "Q." Strikers Reveals His Guilt in Court.

GENEVA, ILL., Dec. 13.—In the trial of Bauereisen for conspiracy to damage the property of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Road with dynamite, Alexander Smith, a fireman, testified that he was sent by Bauereisen, together with Bowles, to put dynamite on the track at Eola. Bowles put the stuff on the track, and the witness heard the report when they were about a mile from the place. He put the dynamite on the track at South Aurora on the night of June 14 under the orders of Bauereisen.

Thoroughbred Racers Sold.

LEXINGTON, KY., Dec. 13.—At the horse sale here yesterday seventy-six thoroughbreds passed under the hammer for $31,110.

Best prices: Esher (Imp.) br. s. five-year old, by Claremont; dam Una, by Ellington or Dusk—A. Park, London, England, $1,200. Tenant, b. c. yearling, by Ten Broeck, dam Lida Gaines—W. H. Simmons, New York, $1,400. Outlook, ch. c. yearling, by Opandaga, dam Sunlight dam of Sunlight—M. Young, $1,975.

Copying the American System.

OTTAWA, ONT., Dec. 13.—Radical change in the Federal banking system will be adopted in 1890. The principal change will be the adoption of an enactment authorizing the Government to practically control the issue of legal tender and correspondingly restricting the issue of notes by the various chartered banks.

A Celebrated Ute Chief Dead.

DENVER, COL., Dec. 13.—Word has reached here from Ouray Agency, Green River, Utah, that Colorow, the celebrated chief of the Southern Utes, had died at the agency yesterday of pneumonia. The red chief was most famous in the West and was the leader in the Meeker massacre, and also in the Colorow war in Garfield County a year ago.

A Miraculous Escape From Death.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—A Root-street car was struck by a dummy at 7:30 o'clock this morning at the Fort Wayne crossing and thrown on its side, the bottom being smashed into kindling wood. Forty-two passengers were in the car, but all miraculously escaped serious injury. The conductor blames the flagman for the accident.

Valuations in Foreign Wools.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 13.—The New York State Merino Sheep Breeders' Association, at its annual meeting yesterday, approved in substance sections 346 to 358, inclusive, of the Senate Tariff bill, adding: "We pray that the valuation of all foreign wools and woolens be fixed at our own ports instead of foreign ports."

Prizes Awarded at Princeton.

PRINCETON, Dec. 13.—The Baird prizes for disputation have been awarded to Frank S. Katzenbach and E. Y. Robbins, both of New Jersey. These prizes are awarded each year to the two seniors who deliver the best disputations on a given subject, and are valued at $40 and $30 respectively.

Duties on Clay Tiles.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A case involving a matter of $50,000 duties on clay tiles was decided in favor of the Government in the United States Circuit Court to-day. The collector demanded 55 per cent. duty as earthenware, while the plaintiffs claimed it should have been only 20 to 35 per cent. as encaustic tiles.

Late Cablegrams.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Madame Boulanger has withdrawn her petition for divorce from General Boulanger.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 13.—Persia has waived her objections to the appointment of a Russian Consul at Meshed and the Czar will immediately appoint a consul for that station.

ROME, Dec. 13.—It is officially announced that the Pope neither intends to leave Rome, nor has had any thought of doing so.

DUBLIN, Dec. 13.—Mr. Moroney, the bankrupt, will be released to-day from Kilmainham jail on the ground of ill-health.

DUBLIN, Dec. 13.—Colonel Fitzgibbon Trant, a deputy of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has served notices of eviction upon nineteen families, and has warned the workhouse to provide for them.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—It is stated that the Government will demand to-day in the Chamber of Deputies that the Panama Canal Company shall not pay interest upon its bonds and capital until 1893.

BEVIER MINING TROUBLES.

The Missouri Militia Remain in Charge of the Town.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 13.—Adjutant-General Jamison passed through the city last night en route to Jefferson City from the Bevier mines. Speaking of the troubles at the latter point, he said: "I hope the worst is over, but there is no telling. While I was there no disturbance took place, and with the exception of Saturday night's fire, which I at first believed to be an accident, no disturbance took place. I do not believe militia were ever so warmly welcomed into any community as were our boys on their arrival there. Nothing was too good for them, the citizens seemed to think, and their presence brought a feeling of security where unrest had been for days and weeks.

"I do not anticipate an outbreak as long as the soldiers are there and there is no immediate probability of their being ordered home. At least twenty men will be left to guard the town for an indefinite length of time."

Later news says that the striking miners are becoming ugly and further trouble is anticipated. One of the leaders of the strikers, named Atkinson, asserts that they will build a stockade and defy the militia. There are only forty-five of the State troops on the ground and the threats of the strikers create considerable uneasiness.

A WESTERN TOWN IN FLAMES.

Morris, Illinois, in Danger of Destruction From Fire.

MORRIS, ILL., Dec. 13.—A fire started at 12 o'clock, midnight, in the Hotel Hopkins, a large, four-story frame structure, the leading hotel, situated in the centre of the business portion of the city, and it was consumed. The only fire engine in the place broke in its first effort to work and left the flames to do their work of destruction. The fire department of Joliet was telegraphed for.

The indications at 1 a. m. were that the business portion of the town would be largely if not wholly destroyed.

Nothing was known of the cause of the fire.

Later.—The fire which started at midnight, and which it was at first feared would destroy the entire city, was got under control at 5:30 o'clock this morning. A fire engine came from Joliet, and the fire was extinguished after it had destroyed the hotel, the Henry County Grocery Store and several small barns. The loss is about $35,000.

Four Killed By an Explosion.

EVERGREEN, ALA., Dec. 13.—Four persons were killed and a half dozen injured, some of whom may die, by an explosion of a boiler at Wilcox & Co.'s steam sawmill, eight miles from this city, on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, yesterday. The bodies of the four men were terribly mutilated, parts of them being found 400 yards from the scene. Two of them were white and two colored. Physicians have gone from this place to attend to the wounded.

Why District Attorney Sellers Resigns.

MONTICELLO, IND., Dec. 13.—Last evening District Attorney Sellers was asked what were his motives in resigning just at this time. All he would say was that it was a purely business affair in pursuance of a determination arrived at immediately after the election.

He said he hoped Judge Sullivan would be appointed to succeed him, and that he did not know whether Mr. Bailey was after the place or not. It is understood that Mr. Sellers has just taken a new partner into his law firm, which makes it difficult for some to believe that business consid