ALONG THE PACIFIC COAST.

Death of a Man Who Was a Fugitive From Texas for Fifty Years.

SOUTHERN BLOCKADE LIFTED.

Food Getting Scarce at Barstow—Destruction of Property by the Los Angeles River.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

NEVADA COUNTY.

Death of a Man Who Was a Fugitive From Justice for Forty Years.

GRASS VALLEY, December 28th.—Stephen Richard Kyle, a resident of Birchville, near this city, died suddenly yesterday of paralysis of the heart. Although in a room with a number of men, Kyle's death was so sudden that it was not discovered until an hour after the supreme moment. He was a prominent Grand Army man.

Lewis Kneipp died this morning aged 80 years. His death revealed a tragedy of forty years ago that lost to him his family. In defense of a friend Kneipp killed a man in Texas, and he was obliged to flee, and leaving his family he came to Nevada county and lived for twenty years in an obscure mining camp, spending the remaining twenty years in Nevada City and Grass Valley. To the day of his death he heard of his family but once, and that was to the effect of his wife's decease. Unable to send for his children, he soon lost all knowledge of their whereabouts, fearing to set afloat inquiries that might lead to recalling the incident that made him a fugitive, and he died without seeing and without a knowledge of the family he parted from about half a century ago.

An election for voting bonds to provide funds for the erection of a fine new schoolhouse will be called soon.

Richard Phillips, a confectioner and variety dealer, to-day made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. His liabilities are unknown. His stock is quite extensive.

PRISON DIRECTORS.

Bids for the Proposed Site of the Preston School of Industry.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 28th.—A special meeting of the State Board of Prison Directors was held this afternoon in the Palace Hotel for the purpose of opening bids for the proposed site of the Preston School of Industry in Inyo county. The members of the Prison Commission who were present were Messrs. Devlin, Sonntag, DePue and Craig. A large delegation of citizens of Amador county were also present.

At a previous meeting of the Commissioners all bids previously made were rejected for the reason that none of them offered, with the land, 250-horse-power during the year. For that reason, coupled with the adverse report of engineer von Schmidt, all bids were rejected and new bids were advertised for, calling for land and water-power in connection. Some fourteen bids in all were received, some offering land and water-rights, others offering land and sites for reservoirs, and still others offering land, water-rights and sites for reservoirs. Another bidder offered to sell the land, guarantee the water, build reservoirs to store the water and lay pipes to convey the water to the reformatory. The bids were so mixed in character that the Board will have to emply an engineer to examine them before the members are able to arrive at the conclusion as to which are the most desirable. The bidders were: J. G. Kinney, Charles Dufrene, J. O. Horton, Dr. J. Rendell, Peter King, G. Garibaldi, A. F. Mahsetti, M. Heffren, J. W. Violett, H. A. Messenger, B. Isaacs, Thos. R. Muir, W. W. Carlisle, A. Biggio and J. A. Horton.

Mr. Gregory, who represented the Estrado estate, Mr. Heffren and one other bidder, said there was not a foot of the land which he represented that was not tillable. There was raised on the land at the present time grain, alfalfa, corn, fruit-trees and vines. He did not believe the owners were asking an extortionate price therefor. On the Estrada bottom lands there were cut last year five crops of alfalfa.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Short Notes from the Metropolis—Fairs—Courts—Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 27th.—The Fire Marshal estimates that the loss by the fire at the St Ignatius building will not exceed $35,000.

Lucky Baldwin said to-day he is going to bid for the lease of the Seal Islands against the Alaska Company, and means to have them.

The *Examiner* has discontinued its free labor bureau.

After an investigation of the charges of attorney Lezinsky against certain jurors, Judge Hunt found that Rowlands, Clough and Hopkins should be taken from the roll. The charge against Finn and Rathbon was not sustained. Rowlands admitted that at various times he had been employed by gamblers. Clough and Hopkins, who were charged with being associates of gamblers, refused to make an explanation, and were therefore dropped from the list.

Up to 12 o'clock to-day, six vessels had arrived in port, and the blackboard at the Merchants' Exchange denoted that fifteen others were outside on their way in, all of which will probably arrive and anchor before night. The large fleet comprises vessels of all descriptions, ships, barks, brigs, schooners, etc., and hailing from many different parts.

F. G. Angell, the Fourth-street druggist, who was arrested last September by officers Dillon and Seymour for selling morphine without a physician's prescription, as required by an order of the Board of Supervisors, was convicted by Judge Lawlor this morning. Sentence was postponed until Monday.

Lee Pow, alias Lee Bow, was convicted of having lottery tickets in his possession, this morning. He was fined $60. Attorney Coffey says he will take the case to the Supreme Court.

Ah Sing, the Chinaman arrested on the 20th instant for selling unstamped cigars, was this morning held by Commissioner Sawyer to appear before the United States Grand Jury. As Sing was unable to produce $100 bail, he will reside in the County Jail pending the trial of his case in the United States District Court.

Ex-officer Tom Callahan received a stern lecture this morning from Judge Rix. He presented himself as a surety on an appeal bond in a lottery case and the Judge told him that he believed he was going on it for a money consideration. Callahan acknowledged that he did not know the defendant, but denied being paid for his services. He tried to explain, however, that he was going on the bond to oblige a friend who was friendly to the prisoner. Judge Rix emphatically refused to accept Callahan as a surety, and advised him not to present himself again in that Court as a bondsman.

A desperate criminal was retired to Folsom State Prison by Judge Van Reynegom this morning for thirteen years. William Barren was sentenced to three years for burglary and ten years for an assault to rob. A few months ago he entered a house and stole a quantity of jewelry, but not satisfied with the returns of that night, he "stood up" a citizen on Stevenson street, back of the Palace Hotel, and was about to go through his pockets when he was arrested.

George J. Bell, the stewart of the George W. Elder, who was found in an unconscious condition on Langton street last Tuesday night, has not as yet recovered his senses. The physicians at the County Hospital say that he is suffering from some narcotic poison, and his condition is worse than when he was taken there.

The Bostons and St. Louis Browns played an interesting game to day. The former won by a score of 7 to 4. The batteries were Radbourne and Keily, Baldwin and Crooks.

Patrick S. Coraghan, for several years employed as a watchman by the San Francisco Gaslight Company, has been missing since the 11th inst. from his home at 1115 Jones street. He had been drinking heavily, as he lost considerable money in stocks, and his friends fear that he has killed himself.

JIM CORBETT.

He Refuses to Have Anything to Do With Choynski.

PORTLAND (Or.), December 28th.—Joe Choynski desires to challenge the winner of to-night's fight. Professor James Corbett says, in relation to Choynski: "What can be gained by defeating this man five times. I have beaten him four times in succession, and can do so again, but will not give him another trial, as he is a man I don't like and the only way I would fight him would be to agree to meet him in the woods with seconds, and fight him there. He cannot hope to make a dollar with me, as I won't give him another chance. I have cause to talk like this. Let a good man with a reputation, that I have not tried, challenge me at any time, then I'll think about it."

Corbett has received a telegram from Joe McAuliffe, the San Francisco heavy-weight, asking him for a match in Portland. Corbett will give a decided answer next week.

Food Getting Scarce at Barstow.

SAN BERNARDINO, December 28th.—Advices just in from the desert country report great damage. The Mojave river rose rapidly Sunday night and became a torrent, carrying everything before it. For twenty-five miles the rich stock ranches on each side were almost ruined. The river cut new channels in every direction, tearing up large trees by the roots and washing away thousands of cords of wood. A large number of buildings were washed away at Barstow, and over 400 passengers are laying there. Food is becoming alarmingly scarce, and the town is in a bad fix.

In Cajon Pass twenty miles of the wagon-road is gone and the railroad is covered with mud for a long distance.

The Toy and Lawrence ranch and the Cosy Dell summer resort are cut in two and nearly ruined. The house narrowly escaped going. The water rushed down in columns and forced its way through every obstruction. The railroad company is making big efforts to transfer, but it will be two days yet before passengers can get through. The Southern Pacific east is all right. The train left this morning at 1:30 for Pasadena, and transferred by wagon nine miles to the Los Angeles train, and arrived at 4 P. M. from Pasadena with the Los Angeles mail, the first mail since Tuesday. No Eastern or San Francisco mail has been received since Monday. The local washouts are nearly all repaired, and trains are making regular trips. To-day the weather is clear.

Released from Prison.

MARYSVILLE, December 28th.—An order was made by Judge Keyser to-day for the release of the twenty Chinese hydraulickers arrested at Omega, Nevada county, last April for violation of the anti-debris injunction, and who were convicted and have been ever since serving out the sentence of fine of $500 or five hundred days' imprisonment. The order was made to release on the payment of $250 as cash and a commutation for the remainder of the time unserved. After being liberated the Chinese to-day expressed the intention to bring suit against R. W. Tully, the owner of the Omega mine, for damages. They alleged that he misrepresented to them the relations between him and the Anti-Debris Association. These Chinese have been the victims of Tully in the matter, who has himself escaped punishment.

A Girl and a Gambler.

SAN BERNARDINO, December 28th.—Sheriff Seymour received a telegram this afternoon from Chief of Police Glass of Los Angeles, to arrest Jack Day and Elva Parkins on the train. Officers went to the depot at 4 P. M., when the first train from Pasadena came in, and found the couple. They left Los Angeles Friday and stopped at Pasadena all night and came on to-day. The girl is very young-looking, but says she is past 15 years and has known Day for a month. Day is a tough-looking man, probably a tinhorn gambler, and was locked up in jail. The girl is deeply infatuated and grief-stricken. She says they intended to get married.

The Southern Blockade.

LOS ANGELES, December 28th.—By Monday evening, with the exception of the road north to San Francisco, the railroad blockade in Southern California will practically be raised, and trains will be running on nearly all the lines and branches. The road is now opened from Barstow to Summit. The coast line to San Diego is open. To-morrow morning it is believed that things will be in such a shape that a train can be sent East. Superintendent Muir stated this morning that he thought there would be a train in from San Francisco Tuesday or Wednesday.

Trains Beginning to Run.

SAN DIEGO, December 28th.—The first train from Oceanside came in last night, bringing the storm-bound passengers who reached there by the last train on the 23d. The Santa Maria arrived at 2 o'clock this morning, with passengers and mail from Redondo. The railroad people hope to open communication with Los Angeles to morrow by transferring from one train to the other at the worst place beyond Oceanside. The first train through Temecula Canyon left for San Bernardino at 11 A. M. Weather fair.

One of the Victims.

LIVERMORE, December 28th.—Miss Ida Platt, burned to death at the St. Ignatius fire at San Francisco last night, was well known here, where her mother, Mrs. W. Schmedes, resides. It is not known whether Miss Platt was in the country or not. The mother sent a box of Christmas goods by Wells, Fargo & Co. yesterday morning, but received no acknowledgment by the last mail. The mother leaves for San Francisco on this afternoon's train to identify the remains.

Their Labor for Their Pains.

MARYSVILLE, December 28th. — Wells-Fargo's storeroom at the depot was entered by burglars last night, who carried off two heavy boxes, one of which was a treasure box, and broke them open some distance up the main track. The boxes contained a lot of old account books and other material of no value, and the burglars must have been sorely disappointed.

Life on the Cars.

BAKERSFIELD, December 28th.—A number of passengers have been delayed here for the past few days on account of the washouts south. They remained on the cars, and everything that could be done for their comfort, even to their feeding, was done. The road is now open to Mojave.

Heavy Damages.

LOS ANGELES, December 28th.—By reason of the Los Angeles river changing its course just below the city limits, a great loss to ranch and fruit men is sustained. They will sue the city for heavy damages, claiming the natural flow of the river was changed by the building of the levee.

Modesto Sports.

MODESTO, December 28th.—A foot-race of 100 yards for a purse of $1,000, between W. O. Trine and Charles Gibson, took place to-day and was won by Trine by one foot. The 200-yard race, between Trine and W. A. Ross, will take place to-morrow afternoon for $500 a side.

Stabbed in a Saloon.

VISALIA, December 28th.—Frank Gordon, a bartender, was badly cut and stabbed in a saloon this morning by a man from the mountains. They quarreled over a senseless bet. The cut is dangerous, but perhaps not fatal.

It Has Reached Tacoma.

TACOMA (Wash.), December 28th.—There are several cases of well-defined Russian influenza here and it is quite prevalent in a mild form.

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.

A Large Number of Men Almost Cooked by Molten Metal.

NEW ORLEANS, December 28th.—The *Picayune's* Dallas, Texas, special says nine men were horribly, some fatally, burned by a shower of molten metal from an exploding mould at Mosher's Machine Company's foundry, on Ross avenue, this afternoon at 6 o'clock. The names of the victims are:

J. A. Dobbins, moulder; body, head and neck fairly riddled by melting metal, left ear burned off and injuries which will prove fatal.

John Hughes, moulder; had clothing burned from his person and both his eyes filled with red hot metal. He is burned from head to foot, and had to be wrapped in cotton saturated with oil and opiates applied.

Matson, a moulder and foreman foundry; also fearfully burned about the breast, neck and arms, but escaped injury to eyes. Molten metal ran into one of his shoes and almost cooked his foot before he could kick it off. He will recover.

Charles Hurst received two terrible wounds in the back, from which the flesh fell in strips and blood oozed out. His clothing was burned from him and his injuries will keep him disabled for some time.

John Wheeless, workman, was severely burned about the head and shoulders and knocked senseless by flying bricks.

Ed Ayres, Willey Jones, Mack Harney, Jake Mitchell and other workmen, were all more or less burned about the head and shoulders.

The cause of the explosion was the generation of gas inside the mould, which was prepared to cast a 1,600-pound piece, and when the hot metal was poured in it the mould exploded, sending about a thousand pounds of the moulten metal in a perfect shower among the men.

Chu Fong, the young Sunday-school teacher, interpreter and Napoleon of finance of Chinatown, New York city, who eloped with a pretty Sunday-school teacher a week ago after having obtained from Chinese merchants and others some $50,000, has been caught.

EAST OF THE ROCKIES.

Eight Negroes Said to Have been Taken From Jail and Hanged.

INCREASE OF THE INFLUENZA.

A Michigan Farmer Kills His Wife, Daughter and Grand-daughter, then Suicides.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

THE PREVAILING DISEASE.

Effects of La Grippe and Remedies Advised for the Afflicted.

PHILADELPHIA, December 28th.—The *Medical News* of this city, in its issue to-day, publishes an exhaustive article on the influenza, or la grippe, by Professor Roberts Bartholomew, Jefferson Medical College. After giving a historical sketch of the disease, its pathology and morbid anatomy, the author says:

"The rapidity with which the disease supervenes—its preliminary developments being hours and its whole career but a matter of three or four days—is remarkable.

"Relapses are common, usually each succeeding seizure being milder, but not a few pass by easy transition into a chronic bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, etc. Obviously the catarrhal process is so extensive and severe and may contribute immensely to chronic disease of the middle ear, eustachian tube, nose and throat, and thus permanently damage the parts.

"The best manner of securing immunity is by the inhalation of sulphurous acid gas daily when the approach of the epidemic renders it necessary, and by taking five grains of the salicylate of cinchonidine three times a day, and by so living as to avoid taking cold.

"When the attack has begun it seems to me desirable to give one or two grains of calomel at night and inhale some sulphurous acid gas and have the patient sit in a room where steam containing eucalyptical can be inhaled in a large quantity. Insufflation of resin by dusting over the entire area of the affected parts so far as practicable is also recommended. The internal remedy most desirable is atropine in a solution of one grain to one ounce of water, the dose being from one to five drops, the minimum being for little children. The tincture of belladonna may be used from one to ten drops twice a day. As this medicament is both prompt and prolonged in action it should be given not more than twice a day, unless in a dose much smaller than is advised above.

"Salicylate of cinchonidine and quinine should be given as a prophylactic remedy. If there be reasons to suppose that such power is really exerted by it my own conviction is that as a prophylactic combination of cinchonidine with salicylic acid is preferable to quinine. For the depression and melancholy it is probable that atropine will do better for the distressing headache, great pains and wakefulness. Antipyrin acetanilid, phenacetin and other germacides and antiseptics will no doubt be found useful.

CHICAGO HAS IT,

But Won't Admit It Until She Hears From St. Louis.

CHICAGO, December 28th.—The first fatal case of acute influenza in this city was reported to the Health Office to-day, the victim being Mrs. Ingalls, aged seventy-two. Health Commissioner Wickersham says he doubts very much if it was the Russia disease, but of course could not go behind the record.

The officials in the Health Department generally are inclined to ridicule the assertion that the influenza, which is spreading very rapidly here, is the la grippe. They say its presence can be explained by the unseasonable weather and the excessive humidity of the atmosphere. On the other hand, many practicing physicians report an alarming number of cases of acute influenza, and several of them, who rank high in their profession, are convinced that the disease is the real Russian influenza. Many clerks and one or two members of the Italian Opera Company are afflicted.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Eight Negroes Taken Out of Jail and Shot to Death.

CHARLESTON (S. C.), December 28th.—A mob of several hundred men raided the jail at Barnwell Court-house at 2 o'clock this morning and overpowered the jailer. They took out eight negroes charged with murder. These were Ripley Johnson and Mitchell Adams, charged with murdering a man named Heffernan, and six others charged with the murder of young Martin. The prisoners were taken out of the town and shot to death. The jailer was tied and bound and forced to accompany the lynchers. The whole thing was conducted in a very skillful manner, the citizens of the town not knowing anything about it. A great many negroes are collected at the scene of the lynching, and more trouble is anticipated.

The following statement, signed by Robert Aldrich, Mike Brown, Geo. H. Dales, Wm. McHale and James A. Jenkins, some of the most prominent and influential citizens of Barnwell, has been sent to the *News* and *Courier*, in explanation of the horrible butchery of the defenseless men at that place last night:

On the 30th of October last, John H. Hefferman, a prominent young merchant and public-spirited citizen, was shot down and killed in Barnwell, by negroes. Public indignation ran very high and threats of lynching freely made, but were diverted by cooler counsel.

At the last term of Court the Grand Jury found true bills against the murderers and accessories, but their cases were continued. The white people were disappointed and the negroes, it is thought were emboldened by this disposition of the matter.

On the 19th of December James Brown, a prominent leader and leading citizen of Fishpond township, was shot to death on his own premises by negroes, without the slightest justification or excuse. The murderers had been arrested.

On the 18th of December while going from the store at Martin Station to his house a mile away, Robert Martin, a young man of high standing, was following by a negro and shot, in the hearing of negroes whose houses were all around the spot where he was killed, and who admit they heard the shot and the cries of the murdered man, none of whom when to his relief, and none of them went to his body, although it lay in the road all day, for several hours after daylight, and in plain view of them all.

It was this which satisfactorily established the fact that his murder was the result of a conspiracy to remove him, in order that their license upon the plantation of his father might be greater. The murderer, that is the negro who fired the shot, and his accessories, nine in number, after being identified by the Coroner's Jury, were arrested and lodged in jail.

These several brutal murders of prominent white men by negroes, caused a state of indignation and resentment among the people that can be better imagined than described, but cannot be imagined by anyone not a resident of our midst.

Last night a body of armed men in disguise, at about 2 A. M., called at the jail, overpowered the jailer, took out the six murderers of Martin and two of the Hefferman murderers, took them to the limits of the corporation and shot them to death.

This explanation of the causes which led to the lynching does not, in the opinion of law-abiding citizens, in any way justify the murder of the eight defenseless human beings. The greatest indignation is expressed of its brutality. All is quiet in Barnwell late this evening, although trouble has been anticipated and may yet come.

WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER.

An Insane Man Kills His Family and then Himself.

ROCHESTER (Mich.), December 28th.—A cold-blooded triple murder was committed two miles north of Mount Vernon last night by William Major, who killed his wife, daughter and granddaughter. Major, who is 50 years old and a well-to-do farmer, came home yesterday happy and cheerful. His daughter, Mrs. Joseph Depew, of Brandon, and her little daughter were visiting the house, and after conversation with them the family retired. The people were but fairly asleep when Major arose and began his work of slaughter. He took a revolver and shot his wife as she lay asleep, putting two bullets into her body and mortally wounding her. The noise of the shooting awakened the others, but the murderer did not hesitate. Springing into the apartment occupied by his daughter and her child, he coolly fired a bullet at Mrs. Depew, and when it failed to kill her, procured an ax and knocked out her brains. Then he pulled his little granddaughter from beneath the bed clothing, and, with one blow of the ax, split her head open, killing her instantly.

Major then rushed into the room where his little son slept, and groped about the bed for him. The little lad had crawled under the bed for safety. As he heard his father searching the room he said: "Are you going to kill me, too, papa?"

"No, my son," replied the murderer. "Do not be afraid; I won't hurt you. When I am gone you will get $150, which I will leave you, and you can divide it with your sister." Then he hastened from the house. The boy gave the alarm as soon as he could, and the neighbors found Mrs. Major still alive. She cannot survive, however. The other two were instantly killed.

Major's body was found in a barn. He had committed suicide by hanging.

The excited neighbors refused to let the body be cut down. Mrs. Major recovered enough to give a detailed account of the tragedy, which confirms the boy's account in all its horrors.

When the husband left her for dead, she managed to crawl to a neighbor's, leaving a trail of blood along her path. Financial troubles are the cause of Major's insanity.

IT DID NOT WORK.

Squatters Try to Jump Indian Lands, but are Defeated.

PIERRE (Dak.), December 28th.—Great excitement prevails here, because of the discovery this morning that a band of about seventy-five settlers attempted to found a town site across the Missouri. It is learned that the scheme had been in embryo for several weeks, and a number of prominent residents of East Pierre were concerned in it. Work commenced at 11 o'clock last night and all night thereafter men with teams and loads of lumber were crossing and re-crossing the river, the people of Pierre being entirely unconscious of what was going on until about 6 A. M., when a half-breed, who farms the land whereon the squatters had located, discovered them.

Securing a band of followers, he attacked the squatters with guns, pistols and lassos. They lassoed the boss carpenter, and severely injured several of the home-seekers. Finally the latter took flight, being unable to hold out in the battle. To add to their dismay a storm of rain set in, and one by one they came straggling across the river, almost frozen and a number of them bleeding from bruises and wounds.

The half-breeds secured the lumber, piled it up and set fire to it, and now all that is left of the prospective town is a vast column of flame and smoke, visible here, while the yells of the victorious half breeds, with an occasional pistol shot, can plainly be heard on this side.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

A Man and Wife Falsely Accused of Murder Retaliate.

EL DORADO (Kan.), December 28th.—Mrs. Margaret Edwards, who in company with her husband, Alonzo Edwards, was maltreated by a mob last summer on suspicion of having murdered and concealed the remains of little Sadie Bloomer, brought suit against P. B. Tilton, the leader of the mob, and five of his following for $25,000 for injuries received at their hands. Mrs. Edwards and her husband were hung up by the neck several times until life became nearly extinct in the effort to make them reveal the place where they had hidden the remains of the child. The child was afterward found on a doorstep of a neighboring house, totally uninjured.

California Pioneers.

CHICAGO, December 28th.—The Western Association of California Pioneers will give a banquet in the Grand Pacific Hotel on the evening of January 18, 1890, the forty-second anniversary of the discovery of gold at Coloma, in California. The meeting was held in the hotel for the purpose of arranging for the dinner.

Committees were appointed to attend to the printing, advertising and badges, and to arrange the programme for the anniversary of the union. Other meetings will be held every Saturday afternoon up to January 18th. All California pioneers in the States west of New England are invited to attend the banquet.

The American Press.

NEW YORK, December 28th.—Charles R. Flint received from a correspondent in Brazil, who is one of the leading Republicans of the North, a letter to the effect that the Brazilians had been very much pleased with the support and sympathy of the press in the United States, which is in marked contrast to many of the articles which had been received from the press of Europe.

This fact, Flint states, is going to have most beneficial effect in the cementing and furthering of the trade relations between the two great republics of North and South America.

Discharged Conductors.

CINCINNATI, December 28th.—The contemplated strike at Somerset, Ky., by the conductors of the Cincinnati and Southern road is not regarded by the officers here as formidable. Within the last ten days nine conductors have been discharged at Somerset, which is the end of the division and headquarters of the superintendent of transportation. The cause of discharge was the refusal to leave an organization called the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors. It is allied to the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers. It is stated that last night Arthur was at Somerset to help make a compromise, but inquiry fails to confirm the report.

On the Atlantic.

NEW YORK, December 28th.—The stormy weather which prevailed at sea lately delayed a large number of Atlantic liners. Yesterday the Devonia was the only steamship to arrive, but this morning the Wissonsin from Liverpool, the State of Alabama from Glasgow, the Aller from Bremen, the Vendam from Rotterdam, and the Panama from Bordeaux arrived all right. They reported stormy weather and head winds. A number of other steamers are overdue, but shipping men say there is no ground for anxiety, as the delay was undoubtedly caused by head winds.

Eight-Hour Movement.

PITTSBURG, December 28th.—It is learned to-day from a reliable source that at the annual meeting of the National Builders' Association in St. Louis next month steps will be taken to oppose the eight-hour movement, proposed by the American Federation of Labor. It is said that a united stand will be taken by the builders on May 1st against the movement, if their employes attempt to enforce it.

His Head is Level.

CONCORD, December 28th.—In view of the perpetration of various heinous crimes in the State recently, Governor Godell to-day issued a proclamation attributing them to the failure to enforce the prohibitory laws, and calling on all municipal and other officers and law-abiding citizens to use their best efforts toward securing their enforcement.

Death Even in Sawdust.

CINCINNATI, December 28th.—An explosion in a sawdust-chute in the show-case manufactory of Schmitt & Co., this afternoon injured three persons fatally. E. Linz went into the cellar with a lighted candle, and on going near the chute the explosion followed.

Physicians Nonplussed.

ALBANY (N. Y.), December 28th.—Numerous new cases of Russian influenza are reported from nearly every city, town and village along the Hudson river. Physicians are nonplussed, and are giving the malady the same treatment as for catarrhal fever.

To be Pardoned.

CHICAGO, December 28th.—Word has been received by some of the friends of Oscar Neebe, the convicted Anarchist, that the Governor had decided to pardon him. His three children are preparing to welcome him home on New Years.

It Holds the Balance of Power.

ABERDEEN (S. D.), December 28th.—H. L. Lucks, President of the South Dakota Farmers' Alliance, which holds the balance of political power in the new State, has resigned, owing to his election as President of the National Farmers' Alliance.

The First Blizzard.

ST. CLOUD (Minn.), December 28th.—The first blizzard of the season struck this city this afternoon. The storm began at 1 o'clock and is still raging with unabated fury. Much snow has already fallen and trains undoubtedly will be blocked.

Died of La Grippe.

BOSTON, December 28th.—John Templeton Coolidge, President of the Columbian Bank, died this morning at his residence of la grippe. Coolidge was one of the oldest bank Presidents in Boston.

Death of Miss Stanwood.

AUGUSTA (Me.), December 28th.—Miss Susan L. Stanwood, sister to Mrs. J. G. Blaine, is dead.

The Sailors' and Firemen's Union of New York city is demanding a material increase in the rates of wages for the different degrees of service in which the members are employed.

WASHINGTON CULLINGS.

The President is Said to Indorse the Windom Silver Plan.

INFORMATION ON CIVIL SERVICE.

Fitting Out the New Cruiser Charleston—New Appointments—Defaulting Clerk.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

THE CHARLESTON CREW.

Not Enough Soldier Marines on the Coast to Man Her.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—There are arrangements being made to-day at the Navy Department for the fitting out of the two new vessels recently added to the Navy, the Charleston and Baltimore, with their proper complements of men. There is some difficulty about equipping the Charleston, now at Mare Island, California, as there are not enough men by about one hundred on the Pacific Coast to give the ship her full allowance, and it probably will be necessary to send part of the crew overland by rail. This is very expensive and will be a heavy drain on the meagre resources of the Department for traveling expenses. It was at first thought arrangements could be made for sending the men down to the Isthmus of Panama from New York by a mail steamer and then transfer them across the narrow strip of land to the Charleston, as it would be a much cheaper process, but it was found the Mail Steamer Company would not take them until late in January, and so the scheme was abandoned.

The Baltimore will receive her complement in about ten days, and will then steam down from Philadelphia to Norfolk to receive her last touches.

RECRUITING THE ARMY.

The Best Soldiers Are Those Obtained from Farming Sections.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—The following was given out at the War Department this afternoon: During the months of September, October and November a fairly uniform rate of enlistment has been maintained, and as a rule the accepted recruits have been confined to the very best men presenting themselves for enlistment. The general and departmental recruiting services during these months have numbered 647, 555 and 565 respectively, and the net gain in the strength of the army for three months was 126. The number of recruits required November 30th was 645. In 1888 the enlistments for the same months numbered 990, 806 and 1,075 respectively, yet on November 30, 1888, the army was about 1,000 below the authorized strength.

Greater care than ever before in examining applicants has been enjoined upon the recruiting officers, and the comparison of the results for the corresponding periods of the two years seems to indicate that the recruiting officers are fully carrying out the spirit of their instructions. In case of doubt as to the fitness of the applicant for enlistment, the recruiting officers are authorized to hold him under observation, that is probation, for as long as six days, and the enlistment is not consummated unless the recruiting officer is satisfied that the man will make a good soldier.

Experiments are now being made in the enlistment of men for certain regiments by the officers of these regiments at their temporary rendezvous in the smaller towns and rural districts within convenient reach of their posts.

In a like manner the recruiting parties are to be sent from the established rendezvous in some of the larger cities to adjacent towns and villages; this with a view of drawing recruits as far as possible from the agricultural population and communities that are comparatively free from the vicious influences of the large cities.

POINTED QUESTIONS.

The Civil Service Commissioners Getting Quite Anxious.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—The Civil Service Reform Association of Pennsylvania, of which Wayne MacVeigh is the head, has addressed a letter to every member of Congress requesting an answer to the following five questions:

Do you favor the confirmation of the Civil Service Commissioners recently appointed?

Do you favor the extension of the system to other branches of the public service?

Do you favor an increased appropriation for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the system?

Will your influence and vote be cast in favor of legislation hostile to civil service reform?

Will you favor doing away with the limit of the terms of Postmasters, Collectors and other officials in order to increase their efficiency and lessen the pressure of office-seekers?

Disappointed Pap Hunters.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—The attention of the Oregon delegation was today called to an editorial in an eastern Oregon paper in which it is stated that Oregon has been substantially ignored in the distribution of Federal patronage. In reply to this the delegation made a statement, showing a large number of appointments made in that section. The delegation say not a single appointment yet has been made from Portland or Multnomah county except the Postmaster, to which the city is entitled, and but two persons from that city have been recommended for offices. In view of these facts the delegation insists that the objections of the eastern Oregon papers referred to are not well taken. The delegation states that they are being flooded with letters and telegrams from all sections of the State, mostly in approval of the recommendations they have made.

Special Message Promised.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—It is now hinted that on the reassembling of Congress the President will send to that body a special message cordially recommending the Windom plan. While Mr. Halford denies this, those who are intimate with the President say that he is unquestionably warmly in favor of the Windom plan and at the proper time will undoubtedly say so in a message. Senator Stewart says that the Windom plan could easily be amended so as to satisfy all the silver men by eliminating the discretion imposed on the Secretary and making the amount to be coined monthly fixed and absolute.

Looking After Trusts.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—C. N. Felton reached here yesterday. He will be the guest of General Bingham perhaps during the session, certainly for several months. Mr. Felton has been visiting his daughter in Philadelphia, and has run over to Washington ostensibly to shake hands with old acquaintances in Congress.

It is pretty strongly intimated, however, that he will keep an eye upon the Ways and Means Committee when that body takes up the sugar question, and that he will also watch any legislation that may be brought forward relative to trusts.

Ways and Means Committee.

WASHINGTON, December 28th. — The members of the Ways and Means Committee met this morning to hear statements from the sugar refiners in regard to the tariff on sugar. A telegram was received from J. E. Searles of Kentucky, Treasurer of the sugar trust, that the gentlemen who intended to appear were suffering from la grippe and asking that the hearing be postponed. The committee acceded to the request and will accord a hearing to the sugar refiners on January 4th, after the hearing on flax, hemp, jute and cotton goods, already set down for that day, shall have been completed.

Gone, But Not Forgotten.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—It is announced to-day that Daniel A. Jones, Paymaster's Clerk in the Marine Corps, who has been missing from his home in this city, is a defaulter to the Government in the sum of $3,000, which he secured by carrying the names of fictitious recruits on his rolls, and drawing their allowances. At the time Jones disappeared he left a note announcing his intention of committing suicide. Acting Fourth Auditor Whittaker states that Jones' peculations will not exceed the amount stated.

Bethlehem Steel Works.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—Secretary Proctor, Senator Morrill and others on Monday will visit the Bethlehem Iron Works Company, at Bethlehem, Pa., to inspect the plant of this company. It has a contract with the War Department amounting to nearly $1,500,000 for steel forgings for new guns.

Caring for High Water.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—Shortly after Congress reassembles one of the California representatives will probably introduce a bill making a special appropriation for the construction of a canal to relieve the Sacramento river of surplus water in times of flood. It is not yet decided how much will be asked for the purpose, but it is intended to have the allowance ample to do away with all danger in the future.

Harrison's Return.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—The President and his party returned home at 11 o'clock to-night from their duck-hunting trip. The President was at once driven to the White House.

He expressed himself as having had a most excellent time, securing a number of ducks. The party returned home via Richmond. They spent two hours in Richmond, the guests of J. P. Branch, and were waited upon by Governor Lee and other dignitaries.

It Works Well.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—Proctor's new regulations governing recruiting for the army is reported as operating well. During the last three months a net gain of 126 has been made in the strength of the army, though the quota is still 645 short. All the recruits presenting themselves are the very best men. The recruiting officers are enforcing the six-day probationary period on all recruits about whom there are any questions.

Chief of Marine Service.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—Captain L. G. Sheppard, late Commander of the revenue cutter Rush, arrived here to-day and qualified as Chief of the Revenue Marine Service.

Windom to-day received a conscience contribution of $10 in an envelope postmarked "New York."

Everything Goes.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—It is stated here that at the meeting of the Republican members of the California delegation on Monday it was agreed that the recommendations previously made should stand. This decision was reached with considerable emphasis and covers the entire State, including the Postmaster.

California Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—The following changes have been made in Postmasters in California: G. E. Spinn appointed at Freshwater, Humboldt, vice A. Coenney, removed; L. Dahle at Garberville, Humboldt county, vice J. R. Gamble, removed.

Examiner of Claims.

WASHINGTON, December 28th.—H. W. Sandford, of New York, has been appointed principal examiner of claims and contests in the Land Office, at $2,000 per annum.

TEN PERSONS KILLED,

And a Large Number Seriously Hurt in a Railroad Wreck.

CINCINNATI (O.), December 28th.—The officers of the Chesapeake and Ohio have information from White Sulphur Springs that a passenger train going west was wrecked this morning two miles west of White Sulphur by a broken axle. The mail car, the combination car, a coach and one sleeper were derailed. The sleeper was turned on its side. The other sleeper was not injured. The coach telescoped with the combination car.

So far as known, ten persons were killed—five passengers and five employes. There are about ten reported injured. The dead were sent to Ronceverte and the injured to White Sulphur Springs, where everything possible was done for their comfort.

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS.

CHARLESTON (W. Va.), December 28th.—A terrible accident occurred this morning on the Chesapeake and Ohio road, at White Sulphur Springs, 125 miles east of this place. The details have been very hard to get, the only accounts being received by a special to the *Daily Gazette*. In one of these an eye witness says: Vestibule train No. 3, on the Chesapeake and Ohio, left the track two miles west of White Sulphur Springs, at 7:20 this morning, demolishing six cars and killing eleven people and injuring about twenty-five.

The accident was caused by the rails spreading. The killed were:

H. Faltka, Grant county, South Dakota.
Edward Brown (colored).
Nelson Heath (colored).
F. Wilson, Caldwell, Kansas.
Hale Morrison, Charlestown.
Baggage Marter Barksteal, Proffitt, Va.
Newsboy Thompson, Portsmouth, Ohio.
J. D. West, Hawardenville, Va.
Thos. Karesch, Blackstone, Kansas.
Kidter Kidd, Hannibal, Mo., and one other, an unknown man.

Among the injured were: J. R. Karesch Blackstone, Kansas; Conductor Schweiokt, Washington, West Virginia; R. T. Blanton, Farmville, West Virginia; H. Kline, Chicago; William Dell, New York; W. Clark, Clifton, Virginia; P. B. Bunch, Alleghany, Virginia; W. D. Clark, Nelson county, Virginia; Louis Karesch, Blackstone, Kansas; H. F. Gregory, Cliff Tap, Virginia, arm crushed and internally injured.

The train was behind time and running at the rate of forty to fifty miles per hour. The wreck occurred on a fill over the Jargis run, which is 190 feet high. It is said to be the highest fill in the United States.

All of the killed were in the smoking car, which was telescoped by another car. Every person in the car was killed except the conductor, who, though fearfully injured may recover.

It was a fearful wreck, and the damage to the railroad at this time cannot even be estimated. Luckily, the cars did not take fire, they being heated by the steam engine, which did not leave the rails. The rear sleeper had its front trucks on the ground, and remained on the rails.

Dr. W. P. Edwell, the only physician in White Sulphur Springs, repaired to the