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WASHINGTON.

NEWS OF THE DAY FROM THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

The Senate Passes a Few Public Building Bills and Proceeds With the Elections Bill

The Appearance of the Senate Subsidy Bill Causes a Row in the House—Democratic Applause for Reed.

The President's World's Fair Proclamation Will Probably be Issued Next Week—An Increase in Internal Revenue Collections — Capital Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Immediately after the approval of the journal, the senate, on motion of Mr. Hale, went into secret session, which lasted but a few moments.

Mr. Sherman, from the committee on finance, reported a bill providing against the contraction of the currency.

Ordered printed and recommitted.

The election bill was then taken up and Mr. Coke addressed the senate in opposition to it.

Mr. Cullom followed Mr. Coke. He accepted the bill as the best that could be framed to meet the evils complained of, with the understanding that he should favor such amendments as might be offered and might meet his approbation.

Mr. Bate opposed the bill, and before he finished his speech, the bill was laid informally aside, and several public building bills were passed.

After a short executive session, the senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Pending action on several unimportant public improvement bills, the morning hour expired, and Mr. Farquhar, chairman of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries, moved that the house go into committee of the whole to consider the senate bill to place the American marine engaged in the foreign trade on an equality with that of other nations, with the house substitute therefor.

A contest arose as to whether Mr. Farquhar had the committee's authority to make this motion.

Messrs. Springer and Fithian positively denied that he had, and the latter called for a reading of the minutes of the committee.

Mr. Farquhar was proceeding to read the minutes, when he was interrupted by the speaker, who held that the reading was not in order. The speaker, however, recognized the gentleman as the spokesman of the committee, and Mr. Farquhar made a statement of the matter. The statement was not satisfactory to the speaker, who decided that the gentleman had not received sufficient authority to make the motion.

Applause from the Democratic side was quickly suppressed, and Mr. Farquhar made a motion that the house go into committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Farquhar moved that the house proceed to the consideration of the senate bill to place the American merchant marine on an equal footing with that of other nations.

Mr. Springer made the point of order that the motion was not in order, and that the committee must proceed to the consideration of the appropriation bills.

The chairman said the committee could decide what measure it would take up.

Mr. Springer took an appeal from the decision.

The chair was sustained.

Mr. Farquhar's motion was agreed to, and Mr. Farquhar proceeded to argue in support of the bill.

Mr. Outhwaite inquired as to whether the gentleman could account for the rise in Pacific Mail stock yesterday—it being understood that this bill was to be called up today.

Mr. Farquhar did not know whether the stock had went up or down.

Mr. Outhwaite said he was informed it had gone up 4 per cent.

Mr. Farquhar—Not being interested in Pacific Mail, (as some Ohio men are), I do not know anything about it.

Pending further discussion the committee rose, and the house adjourned.

THE FAIR PROCLAMATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The president has been so busy with other matters this week that he has not been able to complete his examination of the papers in the case of the world's Columbian exposition. Representative Butterworth had an interview with him on that subject this morning, and pointed out the importance of speedy action. The president frequently expressed his deep interest in the matter, and has promised to act promptly in regard to the proclamation as soon as he is satisfied that the legal requirements have been fully met. It is known that the only thing now in doubt is the sufficiency of the subscription fund, and the president is inclined to be as liberal on that point as a fair interpretation of the law, in his judgment, will allow. As the preparation of the proclamation will require some time, even after the president has decided that it can properly be issued, which is not the case as yet, it looks as though the proclamation will not be issued this week.

THE CAUCUS MEASURE.

A Difference of Opinion Between Eastern and Western Senators.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The financial measure of the Republican caucus has already come in conflict with the election bill, and the chances are greatly against the passage of either before Jan. 1. The western senators understood at the caucus that the election bill would be laid aside for the financial bill at the earliest possible moment. The eastern senators who voted for the caucus bill did so understanding that its fate would be linked with that of the elections bill and that the new rule providing for cloture would be reported and passed before the caucus bill was taken up.

In accordance with this idea, Senator Aldrich called a meeting of the committee on rules this afternoon; but Senator Ingalls declined to attend, because he is among those who are opposed to passing the rule before the financial measure is taken up. As the Democratic members would not attend, there was no quorum. Senator Ingalls will not attend a meeting before Sunday, when he leaves for the west. Therefore, the new rule cannot be reported before January 1.

Senator Aldrich can report the rule without its having been before the committee, but he has no assurance that a majority of the senate will vote for it. Even if he should determine to report, it would require a quorum of eight Republican senators to push it, and enough of the Republican senators are going home for Christmas to break up the Republican quorum.

Another danger threatens the financial bill. It is a well understood fact that senate caucuses are not binding upon those who attend them. One or two Republican senators have already announced their determination to vote against the bill, and it is probable that it will not receive the full Republican vote in the financial committee. A Republican senator said this afternoon that the eastern senators had accepted it only because there was impending a union of Democrats with a few Republicans to pass a free coinage bill.

THE FINANCE BILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Sherman reported to the senate, from the finance committee, this morning, the financial bill agreed upon by the Republican caucus last night, and it was recommitted to the finance committee. The only change of consequence made in the measure last night was to limit to banks having a capital of $50,000 each the operation of the provision reducing to $1,000 the compulsory requirement of deposits of bonds with the treasury. The finance committee will meet tomorrow to consider the bill, and go through the formalities necessary to secure consideration for it by the senate.

HONORS DECLINED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The military honors connected with the funeral of the late Major General Terry, tendered by the secretary of war and Major General Schofield, commanding the army, have been declined by the family, it having been decided by them not to have any military display.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The total collections of internal revenue for the first five months of the current fiscal year show an increase of $4,735,859 over the corresponding period last year. The increase on tobacco is $1,332,73, and on fermented liquors $1,503,376.

THE MONEY CONVENTION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The recommendations of the Pan-American congress for the meeting of an international money commission, having been adopted, by all the American republics, President Harrison has issued an invitation to the first American money convention, to be held on first Wednesday of January next.

GUN FACTORIES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The secretary of war today transmitted to the senate a preliminary report of the board on gun factories and steel forgings for high power guns, appointed by the president under an act of the last sessions of congress.

In a letter accompanying the report, Secretary Proctor states that it may be advisable to establish, at no distant day, a gun factory at some point on the Pacific coast of sufficient capacity to supply the guns required for the armament of that coast. Secretary Proctor further says that it appears from the report that there is as yet no plant ready on the Pacific coast equal to the manufacture of large gun forgings, but that capital seems ready to take hold and has already begun to locate itself with this object in view at more than one point.

The commission appointed by the president consisted of three officers of the army, and they were directed to inquire into the facilities for producing steel forging for high power guns on the Pacific coast and in the vicinity of the Indianapolis arsenal and the Rock Island arsenal, and at some point near the gulf coast, and the advisability of erecting gun factories for the assembling of guns for fortification purposes.

Regarding the Watervliet factory, the report states it is believed that the limit of present capacity has been reached, and that the time required to complete the armament, either with the existing facilities or with those which would be added by the completion of the Watervliet factory, is too long.

A factory should be located on the Pacific coast to furnish guns for its defense, but the board does not consider it advisable at this time to recommend the erection of a third factory at the Rock Island arsenal at Indianapolis or on or near the Gulf coast.

The board estimates that it will take $340,000 to establish a plant on the Pacific coast for the manufacture of high power guns, and for the machinery and tools, $1,135,000, making a total of $1,484,200.

JUMPED THE TRACK.

QUEBEC, Dec. 18.—The train from Halifax on the Inter-Colonial railroad, met with a horrible accident on an embankment at St. Joseph's. The train was made up of baggage and mail cars—one second class, one first class car and a sleeper. It was running at a high rate of speed, and after passing St. Joseph's station, the second class car appears to have jumped the track at the end of the station siding, and dragged the first class car and sleeper with it, and also to have derailed the mail car and baggage car ahead of it. The three passenger cars ran diagonally along the embankment for 200 yards, the second class car striking the western abutment of the bridge which carries the track over the public highway at this point. It was in this car that the sacrifice of life occurred.

The dead are five in number. Their names are Lionne, Bauvin, Ablass, Leclar and Winner, the news agent of the train. Conductor Walker was badly hurt, and very few of the passengers escaped without more or less injury.

A RECEIVER ASKED.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18.—Suit was brought today by Clements A. Courad of this city, against the Phoenix Insurance company of Kansas City, asking that the company be placed in the hands of a receiver. Conrad holds stock in the company, and makes serious charges against the officers of the company, who are, Charles E. Hasbrook, president; W. B. Clark, treasurer, and E. T. Campbell, secretary. The company was organized a year ago on the charter of the Mercantile Insurance company. A capital stock of $150,000 paid up was secured; but for some reason, the state insurance commissioner refused to give the company a license to do business. Conrad claims that favored directors and stockholders were given back their money by the officers, and that other stockholders and directors have been unable to get any accounting with the company. He therefore asks for a receiver and an accounting.

A RUSSIAN RETORT.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—The Novoe Vremya publishes an article attributing the decline in Russian currency and securities to the agitation in London in favor of the Jews in Russia. The article contains this sarcasm: "This concern evinced by Englishmen who beggared India and Egypt, poisoned China with opium, destroyed like dangerous insects the lives of Australians, and now, under the pretext of abolishing the slave trade, are exterminating in a barbarous fashion the African races, is certainly touching." The writer of the article proposes that the Russian government plant colonies of industrious Irish in southwest Siberia and give England two Jews in return for every Irish colonist.

DISTRESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—William Broakens, a lawyer of Redfield, S. D., is in the city, and details a sorrowful condition of affairs in Spink county, S. D. He says nearly all the chattels of the county are mortgaged, and that a farmer cannot kill a hen for his sick wife without violating the law, which forbids the killing of mortgaged animals. Many families are leaving, he says; but many are too poor to get away. He says hundreds of farmers are on the verge of starvation; have no provisions, money, nor credit.

THE BIRMINGHAM STRIKE.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 18.—The coal miners' strike assumed a serious turn yesterday, and one that threatens to close every industry in the district. The members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers held a meeting yesterday, and passed resolutions of sympathy and pledged support to the strikers. They agree to refuse to work with coal mined by the convict or syndicate mines.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE LATEST FROM THE SCENE OF THE INDIAN TROUBLE.

Parnell Still Taking a Hand in the Campaign Against His Enemies in Ireland.

Proceedings of the Southern Immigration Convention—Tenor of the Resolutions Adopted.

The Effort to Bring About a Uniform Classification of Freight Rates—Execution of Two Ohio Murderers at Midnight—The French Strangler—General News Notes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Adjulant General Corbin has received the following dispatch from Gen. Miles, dated Rapid City, N. D.: "My information was reliable of Sitting Bull's emissaries and runners going to other tribes, and inciting them to hostility; and of the reports in returning to his camp. The order for his arrest was not given too soon, as he was about leaving the reservation with 100 fighting men. The effect has been disheartening to many others. I have directed the troops to ride down, and destroy, or capture the few that escaped after his death from Standing Rock. Gen. Brooke has more than 500 lodges, or 5,000 Indians, under his control at Pine Ridge, but there are still 250 lodges or over 1,000 fighting Indians in the Bad Lands, that are very defiant, and hostile yet."

A PARTY BESIEGED.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 18.—A News special from the camp on the Cheyenne river, via Rapid City, at 3:30 this morning, says a courier is just in and has aroused the camp. He states that a party of fifteen men are besieged fifty miles from here on Spring creek at Daly's ranch. The Indians have made three attempts to fire the ranch. One was nearly successful. One of the occupants is the Hon. M. H. Day, aid-de-camp to the governor of the state. The courier who brings the news had to make a break through the Indians, firing both pistols right and left. One of their bullets penetrated his overcoat.

AT PINE RIDGE.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., Dec. 18.—The regular semi-monthly beef issue took place at Pine Ridge agency yesterday, and was participated in by the usual number of Indians. There was no disturbance. The report that three marauding Indians were killed by white men two or three days ago near French creek, is confirmed. They were Cheyennes, who were trying to run off cattle. The news of the death of Sitting Bull has not yet reached the Pine Ridge Indians.

FORT YATES, S. D., Dec. 18.—Bull Head, the lieutenant of Indian police, who led in the skirmish with Sitting Bull's band, and who fired the two shots that killed the chief, died today from his wounds. Reports at the agency tonight indicate that fugitives from Sitting Bull's camp are preparing to return to their abandoned homes.

SITTING BULL'S FOLLOWERS

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 18.—An Indian runner arrived at Fort Bennett last night, bringing word that Sitting Bull's followers, who escaped when their chief was killed, had camped the night before at the mouth of Thunder creek on the Moreau river, being on their way to the Bad lands. This point is on a direct line through Big Foot's and Low Dog's hostile camps, on Cherry creek. Col. Merriam's command of the Seventh regiment left Fort Sully today to intercep the hostiles. Should the warriors of Sitting Bull combine with the camps of Big Foot and Low Dog, they will greatly outnumber the troops.

A squaw-man, just arrived from Plum creek, seventy-five miles west of here, says Sitting Bull's men, with about thirty stragglers, passed south today, bound, doubtless, for the Bad Lands. They were on the war path, and in good trim. Old Indian scouts predict another Custer massacre, unless the greatest caution is exercised, as the Bad Lands are wholly impregnable.

PARNELL'S CAMPAIGN.

DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—Mr. Parnell went to Gorresbridge today, despite the warning of his physician that he ran the risk of increasing the inflammation in his eyes, and possibly of losing the use of his right eye entirely. Mr. Parnell rode for twelve miles, with his eyes tightly bandaged, and a shawl over his head and shoulders to keep out the bitter cold. He was accompanied by Messrs. Scully, John Redmond, O'Kelly and Nolan. A crowd of many hundreds of people met them as they entered Gorresbridge.

Redmond opened the meeting. He appealed to his hearers to conduct the election without resorting to disgraceful scenes. It was a humiliation of Ireland to find men participating in the election resorting to obscene scurrility that would disgrace the lowest dregs of city slums. An attempt had been made to throw quick lime into the eyes of a defenseless man, whose name, whatever his shortcomings might be, would live in history as that of the greatest Irishman since the days of Hugh O'Neil [Cries of "Shame!"] Was there a man among them who, seeing Parnell led maimed before them, did not feel his blood course hotly through his veins. The speaker here shouted: "We're ready to resent the dastardly, murderous outrage." [Cheers.]

Amid continuous cheering, Parnell was assisted towards the front of his wagon, and addressed the people. He said the split in the Irish party was due to English dictation. Throughout his speech, he addressed his remarks in terms used in most of his previous speeches. At the conclusion of the meeting the party was driven to Goweran. They were well received there, and Parnell spoke to a large crowd.

A conference of priests at Castle Bar today condnmeed Parnell and denounced the Freeman's Journal.

KIOWAS AND COMANCHES.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 18.—The governor has information from the border that the Kiowas and Comanches are engaged in the ghost dance, and settlers in Texas are very much alarmed and fear the bucks may make a raid into the state. The governor has ordered arms and 10,000 rounds of ammunition to be sent to the settlers in Greer county. He has also ordered the rangers in the Pan Handle to the scene of the anticipated trouble.

UNITED IRELAND.

DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—The United Ireland says that when the office was taken possession of by Mr. Parnell he disdharged no member of the editorial staff, excepting Mr. Bodkin, the acting editor. If a few members of the staff stayed away, Mr. Parnell cannot be blamed for filling their places with other men. The plot to degrade Mr. Parnell, the paper says, had been hatching for years, and the conspirators only awaited a chance to put their scheme into effect. Personal hatred, vanity, envy, or ambition, made many of the plotters, while others were actuated by baser motives. Healey's putrid scurrility, Tanner's debauched ruffianism, and Davitt's rancorous jealousy, miserable pettiness and sinister viciousness, are significant.

A PARNELL TRIUMPH.

DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the corporation of Kilkenny today, some of the members introduced and attempted to pass a resolution declaring in favor of Sir John Pope Hennessey, the parliamentary candidate of the McCarthyites. The Parnell men objected to this proceeding, and the meeting was soon in an uproar. Some of the Parnellite members in their enthusiastic support of their candidate, challenged their opponents to fight. Finally the mayor, who is a McCarthyite, and the other supporters of Mr. Hennessey, withdrew from the meeting. The Parnellites thereupon elected a chairman and passed a resolution expressing confidence in their leader.

DAVITT ON PARNELL.

DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—The Labor World (Davitt's paper) says that Parnell has more than justified all that his worst enemies ever said of him. He stands outlined as the most unscrupulous tyrant that ever rode rough-shod over the hopes and sentiments of a nation.

NONCONFORMISTS.

DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—Rev. Mr. Park, of the Presbyterian assembly of Belfast, has issued an address to his brethren in Great Britain in behalf, he says, of a million and a quarter of Irish nonconformists, who are unanimously opposed to home rule except in the shape of local government subject to the imperial parliament.

THE IMMIGRATION CONVENTION.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 18.—The Interstate Immigration convention met this morning. A resolution denouncing the elections bill, as tending to arouse old animosities, was laid on the table. Resolutions were referred to a committee, extending the hand of fellowship of the southern states to the northern states, and inviting northerners to make their homes in the south, which is designated in the resolutions as that section of the world most favored by nature and nature's God. The resolutions further recognize no political east, west, north or south, and pledge the members to every effort in the upbuilding of the nation.

The committee on suggestions reported that it endorsed the plan of the railroads' selling homeseekers excursion tickets to promote and encourage immigration, and recommended the appointment of a committee on that matter. The committee also favored the memorialization of congress to prohibit scalping or ticket brokerage. The committee's reported was adopted.

F. B. Chilton, of Texas, general manager of the Southern Interstate convention, made his report. He told what had been done in the past year in the way of advertising the south.

An executive committee was selected, and the convention adjourned until tomorrow.

RATE CLASSIFICATION.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 18.—The Iowa railway commission held a conference today with the sub-committee of the uniform classification committee of Chicago. The object of the latter committee is to secure the adoption in every state of a uniform classification of freight rates, now having its own secret classification. The Iowa commission favored the idea, but no definite action will be taken by the board until after Jan. 1. As soon as the states generally have adopted the uniform classification scheme, a new classification committee will be formed, which will classify the rates. The new classification cannot be put into effect before July 1.

FLASHES.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 18.—The board of curators of the University of Missouri decided today to send Mr. Woodson Moss to Berlin to study the Koch cure.

NEW YORK, Dec.—A protest against the Conger lard bill was adopted by the produce exchange today. The passage of the Paddock pure food bill was recommended.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Surrogate Ransom today granted Mrs. Lily W. Churchill, duchess of Marlborough, a further allowance of $60,000 from the income of her late husband, Louis C. Hammersley.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—In today's chess match, Gunsberg again defeated Steinitz. The score now stands: Gunsberg, 2; Steinitz, 1; drawn, 2.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—This is the forty-third day of the long fast of Signor Succi, the little Italian. He has but two more days to complete his task.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—In the international championship skating contests today Joseph Donohue of Newburg, N. Y., won the three mile race for amateurs. His time was 2:17.

THE KANSAS CITY BOODLERS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18.—L. C. Irvine, attorney for the Incline Plane company, returned to the city today from the south, where he has been for the past two weeks on private business. Banker Mellon, of Pittsburg, president of the company, recently made charges of corruption in the city council, in which he alleged that a combine existed to prevent the passage of any franchise, unless members of the combine were paid money for their affirmative votes. The city council investigated these charges. Mr. Irvine, attorney for Mr. Mellon and the company, was away from the city at the time, and could not be placed on the witness stand. Since that time, the grand jury has taken the matter in hand, and Mr. Irvine returned today to testify before it. Before going into the grand jury room, he said he would testify as to the persons who had approached him for bribes and the amount demanded in each case. Mr. Irvine was before the jury for fully two hours today, and doubtless made startling disclosures.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S HEIR.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Emperor William attended a performance of Tannhauser at the opera house last night. During the opera his majesty was handed a note, which announced the accouchement of the empress. The emperor glanced hastily over the note, and then arose and hurriedly took his departure for the palace. The reason for his abrupt exit was communicated to the manager of the opera house, and he at once went upon the stage and announced to the audience that the empress had given birth to a son. The announcement was received with the greatest enthusiasm, the audience rising to their feet and hurrahing and shouting "Long live the emperor and empress." The band played the national anthem, the audience singing the words of the hymn.

THROUGH THE ICE.

AURORA, Ill., Dec. 18.—Three young women who were skating on the ice last evening broke through the ice, and two of them were drowned. As they went through the ice, their screams attracted a crowd, which succeeded in rescuing Miss Kittie Rider; but the other two, who were daughters of Mrs. Kate Welcher, disappeared under the ice. After a search of over an hour, the police found one of them, but the other is still under the ice.

KEAN ARRESTED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Warrants were sworn out today for the arrest of President Kean, of the banking company of Kean & Co., and for his cashier, both of whom are charged with having received deposits when they knew the bank to be in a failing condition. According to reports made by Assignee Jacobs, of the Kean company, the assets, exclusive of Kean's personal estate, were over $5,000,000, and the liabilities $1,400,000.

MARRIAGES OF CONVENIENCE.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Pa., Dec. 18.—This mining town is in the throes of a series of marriages of convenience. The recent shut-down in the coke regions was especially hard on the single men, they being laid off in preference to the married men. All the single men employed in the Frick works met in secret session and resolved to marry before Jan. 1, when the new scale is to be presented.

SUNFLOWERETS.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS.

A Temporary Victory for the Municipal Bondholders of the Rock Island Road.

Chancellor Snow of the State University Solves the Problem of How to Exterminate the Chinch Bug Pest.

An Interesting Time Expected in the Legislature When the Report of the Senatorial Revision Committee Comes Up—Gossip From Western Kansas — Other Notes.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 18.—Judge Caldwell this afternoon made a ruling in the Rock Island case, which is a temporary victory for the municipal bondholders, who are contesting the right of the Metropolitan Trust company of New York to foreclose their mortgage on the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska railroad, better known as the Rock Island in Kansas. The municipal bondholders (being cities which voted for the construction of the road in Kansas) claim that the Rock Island is attempting to render their bonds worthless, by foreclosing the mortgages. Judge Caldwell held that not enough evidence had been presented to show that the road was in default in payment of the mortgage, and that the case must either be dismissed or a master be appointed to take further evidence. The parties in interest to the suit will attempt to agree upon some one for master, and in the event of their failure to agree, the court will make the appointment.

THE CHINCH-BUG PEST.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 18.—The discovery by Prof. Snow, chancellor of the Kansas state university, of the existence of a disease resembling cholera, peculiar to the chinch-bug, will doubtless afford farmers relief from the destruction of crops by this pest. The discovery was made a year ago last summer, and Prof. Snow has now brought his experiments to a final and successful conclusion. During the summer diseased bugs were let loose in a bug infested field. The disease spread so rapidly, and was so fatal, that the field was rid of the pests. They died in such numbers as to whiten the ground. The experiments were carried on in nine different wheat-growing states, and were in every case successful. Many farmers have made application to Prof. Snow for cases of bugs, which have died from the cholera, so that they may place them in their fields, the first thing next summer, and kill off the chinch-bugs before they do their usual amount of damage.

THE CODIFYING COMMITTEE.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 18.—An interesting time may be expected in the legislature when the report of the senate codifying committee comes up for consideration. Senator Murdock claims that the suggestions of the committee, if adopted, will save the state $800,000 per year.

If the suggestions of the committee are acted upon favorably, $25,000 will be saved annually by reducing the number of district judges from thirty-five to twenty-five. The clerks in each state officer's employ will be reduced both in number and salary, and many boards now in existence will be abolished, and public institutions will be prohibited from entertaining guests and boarding officers and employes at the expense of the state.

The fees of justices of the peace will be cut down, as will those of sheriffs, court clerks, probate judges and registers of deeds. The salaries of treasurers in counties containing more than 25,000 population will be cut in two, and they will be paid $2,000 a year instead of $4,000. It is estimated that in this way the emoluments of county officers will on an average be reduced $5,000 in each county, which amounts to $530,000 in the 106 counties.

These reductions will not be made without objections being interposed. Every county officer, every justice of the peace, every state officer and every politician now occupying a place on any of the state boards will protest. Every clerk in the state house will plead with the member from his county to vote against any measure which will take his "means of making a livelihood" away from him. The result will be that a lobby will find its way to Topeka this winter, composed of officeholders of all shades of political belief and sinecure politicians who have had places made for them that they might be of service to their party at the expense of the taxpayers, which will exert every means known to the shrewdest politicians in the state to defeat the adoption of the codifying committee's report.

The house of representatives is made up largely of members of the Farmers' Alliance who have obligated themselves to support every consistent movement which has in view a reduction of taxation, but a majority of the counties in the state also elected Alliance officials whose incomes will be directly affected by the proposed measures. They will make a kick, and their influence will have a great effect with the representatives whom they helped to elect.

WESTERN KANSAS.

The Irrigation Question—Profits of Alfalfa—Buffalo Jones and His Ranch.

GARDEN CITY, Kan., Dec. 17.—[Special.]—One of the uppermost topics of discussion in western Kansas is irrigation, and the result of the experiments already being made by the government, as well as others recommended by the late convention at Oberlin, Kan., is awaited with interest. The present irrigation ditches are now dry, and, indeed, were dry last summer when the water was most needed; but with the adoption of the "underflow system," which has proven an abundant success at Dodge City, there is no doubt that the ditches will all run full of water another season. Some farmers have undertaken irrigation on their own account, using windmills and powerful irrigation pumps, and, as the water is at a very shallow depth, and inexhaustible in quantity, and the pumps throw a stream eight to twelve inches in diameter, a large extent of ground may be watered.

One of the most profitable industries of this section of the the is the raising of alfalfa. The climate here seems particularly well adapted to curing this crop, and it finds a ready sale at $6 per ton, baled. The ranchmen claim that a ton of this hay fed to cattle is equal to forty bushels of corn, and that as a flesh former it is unsurpassed, marbling the meat equal to corn in every respect. At Garden City there are several large establishments devoted to the alfalfa seed business, and a vast quantity is shipped; mostly in car lots, and each car represents a value of about $2,500. The trade in alfalfa hay is also large, and many carloads are shipped weekly to other points.

Everybody that visits Garden City goes out to see the famous herd of buffalo belonging to the equally famous "Buffalo" Jones. The herd is kept on a ranch about four miles from the city, and consists of about forty head of full blood animals of all sizes. An equal number of Polled Angus cows are running with the herd, the proprietor having been for several years endeavoring to produce a hybrid animal that shall partake of the hardihood of the buffalo and the gentleness of domestic cattle. The half-breeds are kept separate at another ranch, and present a most novel and interesting sight to the stranger. The calves grow to maturity very quickly, the yearling being fully as large in size as 2-year-old of the domestic species. When full grown they are enormously large and very ungainly in form; usually hollow-backed, very heavy in front and light behind.

Some time ago Mr. Jones formed a stock company and organized the Buffalo and Land company, some eastern capitalists being induced to take part in the venture. This herd and one of about equal size in Utah are owned by the company, Jones being the manager.

A BALL AND BANQUET.

ULYSSES, Kan., Dec. 18.—[Special.]—The bar association of the Thirty-second judicial district will give a ball and banquet at Ulysses on Christmas night. J. H. Pitzer, W. E. Hutchison and W. F. Collins have been appointed as a committee on arrangements. A public meeting of the association will be held at the court house at 7 p. m., at which Judge Botkin will deliver an address on the legal rights of women. An interesting program has been arranged, and a pleasant time is expected.

FOUND DEAD.

CLAY CENTER, Kan., Dec. 18.—The dead body of William Higgenbotham, a prominent attorney of this city, was found by a searching party under the ice in a deep creek, just west of town. He had been missing since Monday night, at which time he was seen on the streets badly intoxicated. No search had been made before, because he had been in the habit of going to the country to visit for days at a time. It is supposed that he started on Monday night on such a visit, and attempting to cross the creek on the ice and broke through. He was the son of the late John Higgenbotham of Topeka, and a nephew of Hon. Geo. W. Higgenbotham, of Manhattan.

DESTITUTE SETTLERS.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 18.—Considerable destitution has been found to exist among the settlers in northwestern Kansas, and measures for their relief are being devised in the older parts of the state under direction of the state board of railroad commissioners. The distress is confined to farmers who have had a succession of crop failure and are without means to tide over the winter. The Kansas railroads have agreed to transport donations free, and it is not contemplated to go outside the state for assistance. The state board has appointed L. J. Holcombe as aid commissioner for Norton county, and Frank D. Hensley commissioner for Rawlins county. Solicitors will be designated to canvass eastern Kansas, and all donations received will be shipped to the authorized commissioner, who will have charge of the distribution. This commissioner will report to the railroad board every week the receipts and disbursements, so that there can be no misappropriation of supplies.

RAILWAY WRECKS.

HARRISONBURG, Va., Dec. 18.—The south bound passenger train on the Valley branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad ran into a snow bank yesterday and was derailed. W. W. Kronk, conductor, and Messrs. Jenkins and Young, engineers, were badly scalded. Engineer Donovan has a hip broken, and was also badly scalded. Two firemen were burned by escaping steam.

THROUGH A TRESTLE.

NORWALK, O., Dec. 18.—A passenger train on the Wheeling and Lake Erie road broke through a trestle near Bolivar today, and killed Mrs. Ada Hall, of Sharodsville, O.; Henry Hill and Miss Carrie Hill, of Shelby county, Ill., and one unknown woman. Mrs. Louisa Popper, of Stark county, O., and Charles Conrad, of Massillon, O., were wounded.

THE IDAHO SENATORS.

BOISE CITY, Idaho, Dec. 18.—In joint session today, the legislature elected Governor George L. Shoup, W. J. McConnell and Fred T. DuBois United States senators. Shoup and McConnell are for the short terms and DuBois for the long term.

THE SOUTH DAKOTA COMBINE.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 18.—A large number of Democrats and Farmers' Alliance men are said to have agreed upon a scheme to defeat Senator Moody. Judge Tripp, Democrat, is to be a candidate at first; if he cannot be elected on the first eight ballots, he is to withdraw in favor of Harden, Farmers' Alliance, whom the Democrats will support. Harden is really a Democrat. The Democrat-Alliance vote controls the legislature.

SEDUCTION AND SUICIDE.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Willis Bell committed suicide by taking morphine. She was a very handsome woman, and the sister of Mrs. Henry and Lee Kirkpatrick. She returned from Nashville, Tenn., today, whither she had gone or had been carried, it is alleged, on a secret mission. Mr. Lee Kirkpatrick said in an interview tonight that she had been murdered. She had been ruined, he said, by a prominent citizen, an official of this county. She left a note written to him, and he had a lot of letters from the official to his sister and from her to him, but he refused to make them public. He also refused to give the name of the official. An inquest will be held tomorrow, when all the facts will be known.

THE EASTERN STORM.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 18.—The most terrific snow storm for six years has been raging for twenty-four hours, and a large amount of damage has resulted. All telegraphic communication was cut off all day. The city telephone, telegraph and fire alarm service is a complete wreck, and railroad traffic is terribly delayed. The loss is large.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—The great snow storm is over. Business has again been resumed, and no more trouble is apprehended as long as the snow lies on the ground. A sudden thaw or heavy shower would cause a disastrous flood, as there are from eighteen inches to three feet of snow in the mountains and throughout western Pennsylvania.

DOCTORS DISAGREE.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 18.—At a meeting of an investigating committee of the faculty of the Michigan College of Medicine today, a dispute arose as to the mode of conducting the investigation, which resulted in the resignations of Drs. Mulberon and Wright, from the faculty. Owing to these resignations, the investigation has been abandoned. The committee was appointed to discover who had broken into the dissecting room and performed horrible vandalism. Twice lately the dissecting room has been broken into and the subjects shockingly and disgustingly mutilated. Hands and feet had been cut off, limbs cut and torn to pieces, the subjects ripped up, and the entrails strewn about the room. Some of the parts thus detached were stolen.

GIBBONS AND THE JEWS.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 18.—Cardinal Gibbons has a letter in the Jewish Exponent, of this week, deploring the systematical persecutions of the Jews in Russia. He expresses the ardent hope that all nations will become more and more tolerant in matters of religion, just as is the United States, and that they will take the United States as a guide, where all men stand equal in the sight of God and are equal before the law.

A DUEL.

ROME, Dec. 18.—Dr. Sonnino and Indelli fought a bloodless duel today. It resulted from a quarrel in the chamber of deputies.

OKLAHOMA.

THE LEGISLATURE WINDING UP AFFAIRS WITH A RUSH.

The Council Resolution Limiting Debate Having a Decided Tendency to Expedite Matters.

The Introduction of the Omnibus Bill Results in the Most Disgraceful Session in the History of the House.

No Attention Paid to the Warning Given by the Governor in Regard to Capital Measures—The Native States of the Members of Both Branches Other Interesting Notes.

Special Dispatch to the Daily Eagle.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Dec. 18.—All is not set in the legislative halls. Promptly at 10 o'clock an omnibus bill, locating all the public institutions, was taken up in the house. There seems to be a determination not to stop pushing capital questions. The calendar is full of bills, many of vital importance. This, however, cuts no figure. The local bills must have precedence.

This afternoon's session of the house capped the climax. The perusal of the EAGLE'S report (with some things left out) will be sufficient to warrant the statement. Speaker pro-tem Jones did all he could to stop the disgraceful proceedings.

The following gives the nativity of the members of the legislature:

HOUSE.

Arkansas—Adair.
West Virginia—Barker, Pack, Talbot.
Indiana—Campbell, Long, Mathews, Robertson.
New York—Clark, Colson.
Tennessee—Currin, Stovall, Waggoner.
Pennsylvania—Farnsworth.
Illinois—Jones, Lewis, Neal, Terrill, Wimberly, Daniels.
Iowa—Merten.
Missouri—Peery.
Ohio—Post, Tritt.
Connecticut—Smith.
Kentucky—Trosper.

COUNCIL.

Indiana—Bixler.
Wisconsin—Brown, of Logan.
Ohio—Brown, of Oklahoma; Linn.
New York—Foster.
Virginia—Harader.
Kentucky—Howard, Smelser.
Pennsylvania—McCartney.
Texas—Nisbett.
Illinois—Pitman.
Tennessee—Gardenhire.

COUNCIL.

MORNING SESSION.

The legislation so long deferred at last claims the attention of the council. At last they are legislating as if for dear life. Perhaps the tardy zeal is in behalf of the political lives of some of the councilors. The recent resolution introduced by Mr. Foster limiting the installments of oratory to a single five minutes' speech by each councilor has exercised a good influence in this direction. The eagle (not the Wichita EAGLE) has been safely caged, and pyrotechnics have ceased to scintillate. If this had happened sooner, perhaps the country might have been saved.

A house bill for the protection of the public health was passed.

Mr. Brown, of Logan, introduced a bill relating to town sites which was passed.

The council bill providing bounties for scalps, and also the council bill dividing the territory into council representative districts were passed.

The house amendments to council bill No. 12, relating to the election of county officers were concurred in, and the bill was passed.

The bill legalizing the acts of public school officers in anticipating public school laws was defeated.

The appointment of R. S. Dunlap, of Beaver county, as county superintendent of public schools was confirmed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The bill was passed allowing the voters to change the county seat.

The council concurred in the house amendments to the code bill.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

MORNING SESSION.

Nineteen members answered roll call.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

An extended discussion took place over the printing of bills.

It was claimed that three bills were printed without being ordered.

The printing was finally legalized.

A motion was made to substitute the house committee's bill (No. 126) locating the capital at Oklahoma City, for house bill No. 108, locating public institutions.

The vote on the suspension of the rules to decide whether or not the bill should be introduced, resulted in 15 ayes and 6 nays.

The speaker of the house signed house bill No. 110 (county surveyor), and house bill No. 18 (county clerk).

Mr. Merten—I wish the question settled, whether the gentlemen (Berker and Pack) are paired.

Mr. Pack—If it were a question between Oklahoma City and Guthrie we were to pair.

Mr. Colson—This does not involve Guthrie and Oklahoma City alone. It involves the whole territory.

Mr. Merten—I move that house bill No. 126 be referred to the committee on public buildings.

Mr. Colson