JOHN KERN INSULTED

One of His Statements Branded as a "Democratic Lie."

Democracy's Pitiable Condition Shown by Meetings at Anderson, Greenfield and Crawfordsville.

PIPE-LINE PLANT WRECKED

Congressman Conn Must Vote Against the Wilson Bill.

Failures at Logansport, Columbus and Elkhart Yesterday—Indiana Traveling Men—Rev. Keely's Injuries.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 30.—This afternoon the Democrats held a convention in the courthouse that was conspicuous for its lack of enthusiasm. John W. Kern and Secretary of State Myers made labored speeches to bolster up the courage of Democrats. The financial panic was all charged to the McKinley tariff law. Mr. Kern piteously appealed to the Democrats to stand by Grover Cleveland once more. A resolution was passed indorsing the policy of tariff for revenue only, and requesting Senators and Representatives to pass the Wilson bill without delay. A ludicrous blunder occurred during Mr. Kern's speech. The speaker made a statement that American harvest machines were sold cheaper in Australia than in America. A voice exclaimed: "That's a Democratic lie."

"What's that, sir?" said Mr. Kern.

"That's a Democratic lie," came the quick response.

"Will some one open the window and let air in on that drunken Republican—and I say further, I have never before been insulted by an audience in my life. It remained for Madison county to offer the insult. I repeat my statement, and if the gentleman don't know better his ignorance is only equaled by his impudence."

An effort was made to discover the offender by County Chairman J. J. Netterville, which proved unavailing. Captain Myers, who followed, apologized for the episode, and then roasted the supposed offending Republican. He was loudly applauded, but the affair became more serious at the close of his speech by the appearance of Jesse Mellett, ex-editor of the Elwood Free Press, a life-long Democrat, who said he made the remark at which Speaker Kern took offense. Editor Mellett explained that he intended to assert that Republicans dubbed such assertions as Democratic lies."

Made Bynum Ridiculous.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENFIELD, Ind., Dec. 30.—The Democrats of Hancock county met at the courthouse here to-day for the purpose of selecting delegates to the district convention, which meets at Indianapolis Jan. 8. While a committee was out selecting the quota of delegates a general row ensued. Hon. Montgomery Marsh, president of the board of trustees of the Eastern Indiana Asylum for the Insane, who lives in this city, offered a resolution asking that Congressmen W. D. Bynum be instructed to stand firm for tariff reform and vote for the Wilson bill. Hon. David S. Gooding then arose and said that he was opposed to all resolutions, and that it would be best for the party to pass no resolutions. County Clerk Charles Downing, who believed in taking a firm stand and defining the party's position on the various questions of the day, moved that a committee on resolutions be appointed. This brought Judge Gooding to his feet again. He declared the Democrat party in this county was not a unit on the money question, and that a majority was opposed to President Cleveland's policy, anyway. Any resolution on the money question would, in his opinion, divide the Democrats of the county and enable the Republicans to carry it next fall. Hon. Charles G. Offutt then, in the interest of harmony, moved that the motion be tabled, which motion was declared carried by the chairman, Captain Curry, who refused to take the negative vote, which brought out strong remonstrances, but availed nothing. Judge Gooding and the convention desired that the party might remain in its usual position, that of being able to promise anything a man wanted and then vote as they pleased. The fact is, the Democrats of this county are pretty well divided and it is hard for them to get together. There are a number who have heretofore been with the Democracy that will be in the Republican ranks next fall.

Opposition to Brookshire.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 30.—At the convention of Democrats here to-day nineteen delegates were chosen to go to the district convention in Terre Haute in January. The meeting was thrown into an uproar by a fight of anti-Brookshire men to capture the convention, but when the result was finally cast up it was found the antis had captured only seven out of the delegation. A resolution was passed calling on Congressman Brookshire to work for the adoption of the original Wilson tariff bill in its "virgin purity," and that the Democrats of this county would hold him to account for his actions. A postoffice fight here this year caused the anti-Brookshire movement.

Cleveland and "Lilli" Indorsed.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., Dec. 30.—The Grant county Democracy met in mass convention at the Probate Court room here to-day to select delegates to the district convention to be held at Peru. The attendance was small. Resolutions were adopted indorsing the present administration, including its flirtation with Qusen "Lil," and favoring a careful revision of the tariff, a double standard of money and approving the work of Congressman Martin. David Overman was announced as a probable candidate for a position on the State central committee.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

Chicago Pipe-Line Plant Wrecked and Two Men Fatally Hurt.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 30.—The main building of the Indiana Natural-gas and Fuel Company plant at East Chicago, two miles east of here, was wrecked at 12:15 o'clock this afternoon by a terrific explosion. The following two men were fatally injured:

CHARLES H. WILDERHOLD, employe, crushed and bruised about the head.

—— LUTHERHOF, an employe, injuries similar to the above.

The men were working on the gas meter and a few minutes after they entered the small hallway leading to the gas tanks, the air was filled with flying bricks and sheets of roofing. Wilderhold, after being hurled through the narrow door, mounted a railroad velocipede and pumped a distance of nearly a mile to the supply station, where he shut off a valve. He then fell exhausted to the ground. Medical aid was immediately summoned and the injured men were conveyed to their homes. The loss on the buildings is estimated to be nearly $40,000, fully covered by insurance.

RIOT ACT FOR CONN.

South Bend Wool Workers' Stand Against the Wilson Bill.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 30.—The wool workers in the factories of the South Bend Woolen Company and the A. C. Staley Manufacturing Company, two largest of like character in the West, have met and passed resolutions denouncing the Wilson bill as it affects wool and its products. The call for the meeting was signed by all the employes of the two plants, men and women, regardless of political belief, and when the meeting was called to order Democrats and Republicans voted unanimously to pass the resolutions. They will be given to Congressman Conn, a Democrat, to be used against the passage of the Wilson measure. The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic of the kind ever held, inasmuch as those present felt that an awful blow was being aimed at their earnings.

FAILED FOR $50,000.

Well-Known House of Otto Kraus, of Logansport, Gone Under.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 30.—Otto A. Kraus, clothing and shoes, made an assignment to-day. Liabilities, $50,000; assets, nominally the same. The house is one of the largest and oldest in the city.

Two Columbus Firms Burst.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 30. — Lewis A. Vogter, ex-county treasurer, on account of overindorsement for a worthless son, assigned here this afternoon. Liabilities, $14,000; assets, $14,000.

Hege & Co., general contractors, also assigned to-day. Liabilities, $20,000; assets, $40,000. The assignment is due to inability to collect what was due the firm.

Elkhart Clothier Fails.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ELKHART, Ind., Dec. 30.—William Hankinson, clothing merchant of this city, made an assignment to-day, owing to the business depression. Liabilities and assets are not yet known. The Wagg Anderson Woolen Company, of Chicago, is the principal creditor.

MAY RESULT IN A FEUD.

Friends of Rev. Keely Demand Indictment of His Assailant, Hale.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WABASH, Ind., Dec. 30.—Not for years has the southern part of this county had such a sensation as that growing out of the whipping by Homer Hale, the well-known horseman, of Rev. Keely, State evangelist of the Presbyterian Church, whose home is at Indianapolis. Although the assault occurred last Tuesday excitement continues unabated and the general sentiment is one of condemnation of Hale. Last evening at the regular revival meeting at Liberty Church resolutions denouncing the assault as unprovoked, brutal and cowardly and condemning Hale in strong language, while expressing sympathy with the minister, were adopted unaminously and the same were sent to the Wabash papers for publication. In addition members of the church have placed the case in the hands of the prosecutor and demand that the grand jury indict Hale. Hale, on a plea of guilty before a justice, was fined $3, but as the prosecuting witness was confined to his bed from injuries received, this is no bar to indictment. Hale insists that he had provocation, but says he is sorry the affair occurred. The whole family is very proud and vindictive and it is feared that the trouble will breed a feud in the county which will last for years. Rev. Keely with his face swollen and discolored is speaking to crowded houses.

AN INDIANA PIONEER.

William J. Van Matre Suddenly Expires at His Middletown Home.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MIDDLETOWN, Ind., Dec. 30. — William J. Van Matre, one of the oldest citizens of this community, died suddenly at his home here yesterday. He had just partaken of a hearty dinner, and had gone into the sitting room, when he fell to the floor and expired instantly. His death was due to heart failure. He was seventy-five years old, and settled in the neighborhood of Cross Roads, three miles northeast of town, in 1827, coming with his father, who was the first white man to penetrate the wilderness that then covered what is now regarded as the garden spot of Indiana. Mr. Van Matre was a remarkable character. He died leaving a large estate. During the days of the war he gave much aid and comfort to the boys at the front. At the close of the war he bought the horse ridden by Gen. Tom Brady during the war. This horse was given the best of care and attention, and died only two or three years ago, at the age of thirty-four. Mr. Van Matre is the last of the original family that settled here in 1827, two younger brothers having passed away within the past few years. Funeral services will be held at the residence to-morrow.

RECOMMEND SOME CHANGES.

Indiana Traveling Men's Accident Association's Annual Meeting.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 30.—The members of the Indiana Traveling Men's Association met in annual session to-day at association headquarters, corner of Main and Jefferson streets. About twenty-five were present, and the meeting was called to order, at 10 o'clock, by President A. Listenberger. A two-dollar membership fee was adopted instead of the present one-dollar fee, half of which will go into the reserve fund. Annual dues of $1 to go to the same fund were also adopted. A provision was made for the payment of $1,250 for the loss of an eye. A resolution was also adopted favoring a five-thousand-mile ticket, good on all roads for $100 flat. Officers were elected as follows: President, Schuyler Colfax; vice president, L. A. Sibley; associate vice presidents, H. M. Hullinger, Van Wert, O.; E. R. Lightcap, Chicago; John J. McErlain, South Bend; J. W. Raynor, Ontario; Mr. Clark, Detroit; secretary, E. B. Russell; treasurer, M. B. Staley; directors, E. A. Schafer, L. C. Axford, C. B. Hibbard, George Woodruff, C. A. Darland, A. D. Baker, W. H. Mack, T. S. Taylor, Schuyler Colfax, E. B. Russell. All of the officers but those specified reside in South Bend. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. The association had 4,294 members in good standing Dec. 31, 1892. The number now is 7,434.

A CRIMINAL CENTER.

Kokomo Jail Glutted with Prisoners Who Will Attract Attention.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 30.—Court commenced here this week with the largest criminal docket in the history of Howard county. More than fifty people are under indictment for various offenses, a number being prominent citizens, some with more than State reputations.

Booked for trial this term is the case of ex-Governor Ira J. Chase, indicted for embezzlement in the collapse of Zimri Dwiggins's bank, at Greenstown, last May, in which the Rev. Mr. Chase was a nominal stockholder and director. In reality he was a salaried solicitor and catspaw for the gang who sought through his influence and high standing to secure deposits for the rotten concern. By canvassing the farmers of the vicinity, Governor Chase obtained deposits amounting to about $60,000, besides stock in the bank for a goodly sum. All of this went up the flume when the Dwiggins chain of banks closed. A dividend of 20 cents was made, but that is all that is expected from it. The president of the bank, John W. Paris, of Indianapolis, and Cashier Walden, of Greenstown, and Governor Chase were indicted at the next sitting of the grand jury. Paris got a change of venue to Clinton county, but Chase and Walden elected to be tried here. It is possible that Chase may not be tried this term, as it is the understanding that the Paris case shall be first heard.

A case of most interest will be that of Calvin Armstrong, ex-deputy treasurer of Tipton county, whose father was recently sentenced from Noblesville. The case came here on a change of venue. Another absorbing case will be the trial of Mrs. Augusta Schmidt, who murdered her tenant, J. Oscar Walton, of the town of Walton, near here. Next in point of importance will be the trial of eight prominent business men of this city, indicted for conspiracy in a recent attempt to tar and feather M. L. Garrigus, the agent and supposed correspondent for a Chicago Sunday paper. In the riot Garrigus shot one of his assailants, one of three colored men supposed to have been hired to White-cap him. A court of inquiry resulted in the indictment of eight of Kokomo's prominent residents, including four business men and one councilman. The conspiracy cases will be tried this term.

Besides the above, there is a motely crowd in jail awaiting trial. Aside from Armstrong and Mrs. Schmidt, there is Theodore Morgan, who, in the past year, has wrecked two trains, burnt four barns and committed other offenses. Other prisoners are two charged with footpadding, four with grand larceny. In the past week seven boys under thirteen years have been arrested for burglary and pleaded guilty. They will all go to the Reform School. In the past month seven women and girls have been in jail. One, Cyrena Stack, aged but thirteen, was sent to the Reform School for horse stealing. Another, Miss Vista Dustico, aged nineteen, went over the road for heading a gang of young bandits in a wholesale slugging of reputable citizens of the city.

An attempt was made to break jail this week, but it ended in failure. A few days ago the jailer gave a "trusty" a file to sharpen the scissors used for haircutting by the inmates. This file was taken and secreted by another prisoner, and not reported by the "trusty," who was depended on to return it. Sheriff Simmons on Tuesday set an extra watch at the jail and cut off the rations of all twenty-four inmates on their refusal to return the instrument. For forty-eight hours they went without food, but yesterday noon the aroma of a good dinner overcame their desire to escape and the file was returned.

HOLMAN'S MESS.

Doesn't Know What to Do with the Shelbyville Postoffice.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 30.—The election for postmaster here on last Thursday does not seem to have settled the question. As soon as the vote was announced letters and telegrams were sent to Congressman Holman protesting against his recommending City Clerk Major, who received more votes than any other one man. The bitter feeling among the candidates and their friends has not abated a particle, but is getting stronger as each day passes. It is understood that charges have been filed against Major to the effect that he attended the last national Democratic convention and worked against the renomination of Cleveland. If these charges be substantiated it is hardly likely that Holman will recommend him. If he does, certain ones who oppose him declare they will carry their protests to the great Cleveland in person.

Redkey Gets the Next Institute.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FARMLAND, Ind., Dec. 30. — The quarterly and ministerial institute being held in this place closed its third day's session to-night. After the discussion of several important subjects, Rev. C. O. Brown, of Portland, was chosen elder of the First district; Rev. A. M. Addington, of Sherman, elder of the Second district. Rev. J. R. Cortner, of Winchester, who had served as secretary for the past six years, tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and Rev. W. H. H. Tate, of Pikeville, O., was elected in his stead. The next institute will be held at Redkey, in April, 1894. Rev. S. M. Stone, of Blountsville, Henry county, president of the association, was prevented being present on account of sickness, Rev. S. W. Bennett, of Woodington, O., presided over the meeting. Rev. J. M. Brown, of Redkey, will fill the pulpit tomorrow.

Seriously Hurt in an Explosion.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 30.—A serious accident occurred at the Port glass works last evening. The factory had a close call from destruction by fire and two men were seriously burned. Night watchman William Cleary entered the natural gas regulator house to make some repairs when an explosion occurred. The building was blown to atoms and the factory caught fire. Mr. Cleary was blown some distance, and was insensible with his clothes on fire when found by Superintendent Dolloway. Cleary was badly burned as was Dolloway in making the rescue. The factory building caught fire, but was extinguished with little loss.

Practical Joker Arrested.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 30.—The report from Yorktown that John Rudy, of near Yorktown, was recovering is denied by relatives to-day. Rudy was recovering for a time, but to-day is much worse and it is believed that he will never get over his mental derangement. Lon Allen, one of the young men who assisted in perpetrating the joke by having Rudy arrested on a false charge of larceny, was to-day arrested and will be tried in this city next week. All persons interested are well connected.

Price of Gas Comes Down.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FARMLAND, Ind., Dec. 30.—This city now has two gas companies. The second company finished piping to-day, and now gas is reduced nearly one-half in price. On account of the money stringency, laboringmen are happy over the fact.

Spiceland Pioneer Dead.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SPICELAND, Ind., Dec. 30.—Lewis Wood died here last night, aged eighty-three. He was well known in Henry and adjoining counties. He moved here from Belmont county, Ohio, about twenty-seven years ago.

DESHA BRECKINRIDGE SPEAKS.

He Says Miss Pollard's Charges Are a Tissue of Lies.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 30.—Desha Breckinridge, oldest son of Col. W. P. C. Breckinridge, when asked about "blocking" Miss Pollard in her effort to find testimony in Cincinnati in her favor, as has been stated, said.: "I went to Cincinnati simply to learn the persons whom Miss Pollard connects with the case against my father. I only wanted to find out the truth of her asertions. I found them to be a tissue of lies, and she will surely be unable to prove any of them."

Asked if he would outline what he discovered there, young Breckinridge said: "I hardly think it worth while, but Miss Pollard says that on the first of April, 1885, she went to the Foundling Asylum, at Norwood, under the name of Louise Wilson. The Mother Superior says that she was not there, and she is not registered. The other charges seem to be of the same groundless character. "No, I never attempted to keep Miss Pollard from obtaining evidence, for if her charges are true she will have no trouble about that. The girl's mother doesn't claim that her daughter is worthy of much consideration, and thinks her conduct inexcusable."

Denied by Kentucky Masons.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 30.—J. Soule Smith, past grand master of Kentucky Masons, in an interview to-night, says the story sent out that J. D. Pollard, father of Madeline Pollard, was a grand master Mason is untrue. Smith also says there was no politics in the Masonic reception given Colonel Breckinridge. Masons are highly incensed over a publication which has put the order in the light of pandering to politics.

A Populist Leader in Trouble.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 30.—W. R. Smith, a Populist leader and orator of some prominence in the interior, who is locally known as "Duster Bill," is in jail here charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes. His latest victim, and the one that caused his arrest, is a Mr. Byrne, of Andsville, Ky. His scheme was to personate a lost wandering son who felt repentant and desired to return home. He answered all the advertisements he could find of this nature and conducted quite a thriving business in collecting advances from anxious parents.

East-Bound Freight Rates.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The Eastern lines declare that they will rigidly adhere to the agreement to elevate freight rates on Jan. 1, and on the surface it appears as though they would do so. Shippers are certainly taking no chances, and there has been a great rush to get shipments in on the reduced tariff. The tonnage handled for Eastern points during the past week has been almost double that of the same week of 1892. The Michigan Central has carried the bulk of the freight, about 60 per cent. of which was grain and grain products.

Twelve Still Missing.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 30.—The work of clearing away the debris at the wrecked bridge has been suspended for the present, and the chances for the recovery of the remaining bodies are very poor. It is not known how many bodies are under the wreck, but twelve men are missing. Timekeeper Kelly said to-day he had no idea when the work of clearing away the wreckage would be resumed, but the bridge company would be compelled to clear the river.

The Safest Place for Cranks.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 30.—Philip Jacob Schwartz, a crank who called on Mayor Tyler a few days ago, was tried in the county court before Judge Hoke this morning, on a charge of lunacy. He was found to be of unsound mind, and was ordered conveyed to the Central Lunatic Asylum, at Anchorage. The unfortunate man's malady is hereditary. His father committed suicide seven years ago, and he has a sister in the asylum.

Limited Train Derailed.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Dec. 30.—The Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul & Omaha vestibule limited train, passing her at 11 p. m. dashed through the small town of Fairchild and struck a broken rail on a curve at that place. The engine and two coaches left the track, and smashed into a limehouse and broke off two telegraph poles, but no person was seriously injured. Traffic was delayed ten hours.

Ask your druggist for R. Cummins & Co.'s distillers at Loretto, Ky.) "Old Process" whisky.

TOOK PITY ON M'NAGNY

Voorhees Will Let the Pension Agency Go to Fort Wayne.

The Twelfth District Congressman Likely to Name Martin Van Buren Spencer for the Place.

MR. CONN MAY GO GUNNING

Cooper Has Angered the Northern Indiana Horn-Maker.

One of the Latter's Constituents Removed to Make Room for a Bloomington Man—Frankfort Postoffice.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Representative McNagny, of Fort Wayne, is to name the new pension agent for Indiana. This conclusion was the result of a conference upon the part of Senator Voorhees and all the Democratic Congressmen here from Indiana. The position had been conceded to the late Mayor Zollinger, of Fort Wayne, and the untimely and sudden death of that gentleman has left a sort of implied obligation to give the place to that district. Added to this is a feeling here that Mr. McNagny has not fared well with this administration, so far as outside patronage is concerned, and that this position should be accorded to him for district strength. Mr. McNagny will not divulge the name of the man whom he will present for the pension agency, but it is the understanding that he will name Martin Van Buren Spencer, a lawyer and ex-soldier of Fort Wayne. A veteran is sure to get the place. Col. I. R. McDonald, of Columbia City, was an aspirant, and many of his friends have, during the past day or two, believed he was in the race, but he is not. He is not being considered. Allen county will get the office if present calculations are not frustrated.

Representative Conn will likely take some retaliatory steps against Representative Cooper for securing the removal of V. P. Kirk, of Plymouth, a clerk in the stationery room of the House, and the appointment in his place of Frank Dunn, of Bloomington. Mr. Conn's man Kirk is a good Democrat, and is represented as deserving the position, and Mr. Conn is inclined to believe that the methods used to remove Kirk were underhanded. Dunn is to enter upon his position on New Year's day. The place is worth about $1,200 a year. The action of Mr. Cooper in securing Kirk's removal is the subject of considerable discussion among Indiana Democrats, and is looked upon as an indication that Mr. Cooper is in distress as to federal patronage and is seeking almost any position he can find which will strengthen him in his struggle for renomination and for the fight next November. Mr. Cooper feels that he got left on the internal revenue patronage under Collector Bracken, and he is trying to make up his losses by ousting Indiana Democrats in service here.

It is probable that a postmaster for Frankfort will be nominated next week. The term of the incumbent expires Jan. 8, and the President has had upon his desk for several days the papers in the case, embracing a lot of indorsements from the several aspirants. The leading candidates are Thomas Smith, ex-State Senator Bryant and Joseph Marvin, with Elwood Avery as a dark horse. It is said that Senator Turpie has indorsed Marvin, who appears to be leading just now.

Michael George was to-day appointed a storekeeper, Noah M. Mendenhall a gauger, and Francis M. Allison a storekeeper and gauger in the Sixth Indiana (Lawrenceburg) internal revenue district.

McLean Was Not a Candidate.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 30.—Col. W. E. McLean authorizes an evening paper to deny the statement in to-day's Journal that he is an applicant for the position of pension agent. The statement was based on the fact that there was telegraphic communication with Senator Voorhees yesterday in his behalf, and without his knowledge.

MERELY A REFORM.

New System of Bookkeeping Adopted by the Treasurer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—With the beginning of the new year the office of the United States Treasurer will begin a new system of bookkeeping, so far as currency notes are concerned. The new system will save considerable time and labor, and facilitate to some extent the redemption of worn and mutilated money. Under the present system the United States notes, treasury notes and gold and silver certificates, when received for redemption, are credited on the books of the department according to the series of which they are composed. This entails a great deal of labor, which is now regarded as unnecessary, especially in the case of United States notes, of which there are six different series. Hereafter the amount daily received will be recorded as a whole, and then the new certificates will be issued in return as heretofore. There is no special significance attached to the change, and it is said to be merely in the direction of reform of methods.

Would Refuse to Confirm Gresham.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—There is talk about Walter Q. Gresham being nominated to the Supreme Bench in place of Hornblower, of New York, if the latter's nomination is not confirmed shortly. Democratic members of the Senate judiciary committee say Gresham's nomination would not be confirmed. The friends of the Secretary of State contend that a caucus of Democratic Senators upon the nomination would insure confirmation, but it cannot be efficacious in the case of Hornblower. The President is said to be anxious to get rid of Gresham and unload the Hawaiian trouble upon Congress.

Receipts Still Falling Off.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Exclusive of to-day's business the receipts of the government for the month of December have been $26,027,897, and the expenditures $30,178,519, a deficiency of receipts over expenditures of $4,150,622. The receipts for the fiscal year to date have been $155,431,314, and the expenditures $189,500,032, a deficit of receipts over expenditures for practically half the year of $34,068,718. The treasury balance to-day is $89,261,157, a decrease of $5,928,459 during the month. The net gold is $81,475,335, a decrease since the 1st of $1,483,714, and the currency balance is $7,785,822, a decrease of $4,454,745.

Hoge Not Reinstated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—It is understood that the case of Col. J. Hampton Hoge, ex-consul to Amer, China, has been settled. Colonel Hoge, of Roanoke, started for his post, it will be remembered, and had got as far as San Francisco, when he was recalled, charges having been filed against him. Last week he filed his papers in reply to charges with Secretary Gresham. The statements have all been considered, and it has been determined not to reinstate him. He has, accordingly, been dropped from the rolls of the State Department.

Gibbons Calls on the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Cardinal Gibbons was a caller upon the President today and had a chat of some length with him. There was a great pressure from Congressmen and others who have business with the President to-day, owing to his three days' absence.

Donjan Not Yet Indicted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The grand jury of the District of Columbia was discharged to-day without having returned an indictment against Donjan, the crank, who wrote threatening letters to Vice President Stevenson and Senator Mills. The court officials say this does not mean a failure of the prosecution, as the Donjan case came up too late for the current grand jury to act on it. The prisoner will have to wait the action of the next grand jury, which assembles some weeks hence.

No Demand for Money.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Reports of the condition of the national banks at the close of business, Dec. 29, are being received at the Treasury Department in response to the call of the Controller of the Currency. They show that the average reserves of the banks reporting are very large, and, in some cases, larger than on the date of the previous call, Oct. 3, indicating that the amount of money still idle is very great.

Public Debt Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—It is estimated that the public debt statement, to be issued on Tuesday, will show a reduction of $5,600,000 in the balance available for the payment of the public debt.

General Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Ex-Auditor W. H. Hart, of Frankfort, will leave for home on Monday or Tuesday.

Otto Gresham, of Chicago, is at the Arlington. He is here, it is understood, to have a talk on political business with some of the Illinois Congressmen.

Mrs. W. S. Holman and Mrs. Fletcher will be at home to their friends Tuesdays in January, at No. 2125 R street, northwest.

Mrs. T. H. McKee, formerly of Logansport, announces that she will receive her friends on Monday, from 3 to 8 o'clock, at her home, No. 7 Grant place.

A. Potts, of Indianapolis, is at the Oxford, J. M. Hill, of Indianapolis, at the St. James, G. B. Johnson, of Lima, O., at the Ebbitt, and E. Butt, of Lima, at the Howard.

A party of about forty persons, including many Senators and members of the House and prominent newspaper men, will leave Washington on Monday for Hampton, Va., where they go to attend the wedding of Senator Charles E. Faulkner, of West Virginia, and Miss Virginia Whiting, of Hampton, on Wednesday next.

Mrs. Dan Waugh and Misses Pearl and Belle Waugh will assist Mrs. M. N. Johnson in receiving on New Year's day at 121 C street, northeast. Miss Laura Clements, formerly of Henry county, will receive with Mrs. T. H. McKee.

Secretary of War Lamont has returned to Washington from his visit to Mount Gravville, N. Y., where he was in attendance upon his father, who is in bad health.

THE COGHLANS AT PEACE.

Rose and Her Alleged Bigamous Brother Patch Their Quarrel.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Rose Coghlan and her brother Charles have made up. Unless some change takes place between now and Monday Charles Coghlan will make his appearance on the New York stage as Lord Illesworth in "A Woman of No Importance." It is also reported that, owing to Rose Coghlan's influence, Mrs. Charles Coghlan has been induced to abandon her suit for divorce against him, in which she named Kuehne Beveridge as corespondent.

ENGLISH POLITENESS.

It Varies Greatly from the American Article and Is Less Agreeable.

Richard Harding Davis, in Harper's.

If the Scotchman, who certainly seems reserved enough in our eyes, is chilled by the Englishman's manner, it is evident how much more the American must suffer before he learns that there is something better to come, and that the Englishman's manner is his own misfortune and not his intentional fault. The English say to this, when you know them well enough to complain, that we are too "sensitive," and that we are too quick to take offense. It never occurs to them that it may be that they are too brusque. If you say, on mounting a coach, "I am afraid I am one too many, I fear I am crowding you all," you can count upon their all answering, with perfect cheerfulness, "Yes, you are, but we didn't know you were coming, and there is no help for it," and it never occurs to them that that is not perhaps the best way of putting it. After a bit you find out that they do not mean to be rude, or you learn to be rude yourself, and then you get on famously. I have had Americans come to my rooms in London with tears of indignation in their eyes, and tell of the way they had been, as they supposed, snubbed and insulted and neglected. "Why," they would ask, "did they invite me to their house if they meant to treat me like that? I didn't ask them to. I didn't force myself on them. I only wanted a word now and then, just to make me feel I was a human being. If they had only asked me, 'When are you going away?' it would have been something; but to leave me standing around in corners, and to go through whole dinners without as much as a word, without introducing me to anyone or recognizing my existence—why did they ask me if they only meant to insult me when they got me there? Is that English hospitality?" And the next day I would meet the people with whom he had been staying and they would say: "We have had such a nice compatriot of yours with us, such a well-informed young man; I hope he will stop with us for the shooting." As far as they knew they had done all that civility required, all they would have given their neighbors, or have expected from their own people. But they did not know that we are not used to being walked over roughshod, that we affect interest even if we do not feel it, and that we tell social fibs if it is going to make some one else feel more comfortable. It is as if the American had boxed with gloves all his life, and then met a man who struck with his bare fists; and it naturally hurts. And the most pathetic part of the whole thing is that they do not know how much better than their own the breeding of the American really is. It is like the line in the International Episode, where the American woman points out to her friend that their English visitors not only dress badly, but so badly that they will not appreciate how well dressed the Americans are. I have seen a whole roomful of Englishmen sit still when a woman came into her own drawing-room, and then look compassionately at the Americans present because they stood up. They probably thought we were following out the rules of some book on etiquette, and could not know that we were simply more comfortable standing when a woman was standing than we would have been sitting down. And it will not do to say in reply to this that these Englishmen of whom I speak were not of the better sort, and that I should not judge by the middle class. I am not judging of the middle classes. "It was the best butter," as the March hare says.

WOMEN WHO WORK.

The More They Crowd Men Out of Light Employments the Better.

Portland Oregonian.

Women do not crowd men out of virile employments. These are never overcrowded by anybody. The price of labor in them indicates that. If twice as many men were forced into these employments by competition of women for easier work, the cost of that advancement in the work of subduing nature to man's uses, which is the most important human function, would be so much reduced, to the vast gain of society. It is the nice, easy, clean, unfruitful employments that are overcrowded. Effeminate men crowded these before they were invaded by women. It would be gain for society if women were to fill them entirely, if it can be done by the superfluous women without drawing upon those in situation to perform the maternal function. It is contrary to nature's scheme to set men to boring over ledgers, copying briefs and peddling spools of thread. It not only wastes their labor, but mollifies their brawn, diminishes their vitality and unfits them for their part in the supreme function. It is for the good of the race that they be driven to virile work. The strong men of the next generation will not be gotton by the emasculates of the shop and office. It is matter of common knowledge that the real work of the world is done by young men recruited from the farm and workshop. One or two generations of urban effeminacy exhaust the most vigorous strain.

It is a regrettable necessity of our social system that a certain number of women are compelled to self-support or sacrifice. The superfluous woman is a constant element in human society. The ideal plan is, the sexes being approximately equal, that every man shall support one woman, beget her children and maintain them to maturity. The practical fact is that many men are incapable to support even themselves. The result is superfluous women, who have been provided for in various ways in different ages of the world. Primitive society supported them in the seraglio, Greek and Roman civilization in the brothel, mediaeval chivalry in the nunnery. We have abolished two of these refuges and do not greatly affect the third, but we still have the superfluous woman on our hands. The most wholesome and economical use we can make of her is to let her support herself in effeminate employments in which male muscle and energy are wasted. Since as many women as men are born into the world, and since many men are incapable of caring for one woman each, the capable men must care for a plurality of women or certainly women must care for themselves.

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AGED EXPLORER DEAD

Sir Samuel Baker, of African Fame, Dies at Newton Abbot.

His Labors in the Dark Continent—Hazardous Expedition Under the Auspices of the Khedive.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Sir Samuel Baker, the well-known African explorer, died today at Newton Abbot.

Mr. Baker was born in 1821. In 1861 he fitted out an expedition at his own expense for the discovery of the sources of the Nile, and was accompanied throughout his journey by his wife. For nearly a year he explored Abyssinia, and in June, 1862, he descended the Blue Nile to Khartoum and the junction of the Blue and White Nile. There he organized a party to explore the sources of the latter river. In February, 1863, the explorer met Captains Speke and Grant, who had succeeded in reaching Victoria Nyanza, which they believed to be the source of the Nile. The deceased continued his explorations for several years, and the Royal Geographical Society awarded him its Victoria gold medal, and on his return to England, in 1866, he was created M. A. of the University of Cambridge, and was subsequently knighted.

Sir Samuel Baker, in 1869, undertook the command, under the auspices of the Khedive, of an expedition to Central Africa, having at his disposal 500 picked Egyptian troops, and was intrusted for four years with absolute power of life and death. Sir Samuel Baker undertook to subdue the African wilderness, to annex it to the civilized world, to destroy the slave trade, to establish regular commerce in its place and to add to Egypt the whole of the country bordering on the Nile. Sir Samuel, who was accompanied by Lady Baker, left Cairo with his party on Sept. 2, 1869, and returned in 1873. Sir Samuel Baker was the author of a number of valuable works upon exploration and hunting and was decorated with several foreign orders.

Ernest Lambert.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Mr. Ernest Lambert, assistant editor of the Forum, died to-day at Southern Pines, N. C., whither he had gone early in the winter with the hope of recovery from phthisis.

Mr. Lambert did his first newspaper work on the New York World fourteen years ago. Soon after that he accepted the post of editor of the Panama Star and Herald. On his return to the United States he did jounalistic work on the Montreal Gazette, the Chicago Times and the New York Tribune. He went with Mr. Whitelaw Reid as secretary when he was appointed minister to France. Less than a year ago Mr. Lambert accepted the position of assistant editor of the Forum. It is understood that he leaves unpublished literary matter to which he had given much labor.

Other Deaths.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 30. — Rev. M. Lewis, agent of the publishing house of the Evangelical Association of North America, died this evening.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Rev. Dr. Donnelly, Catholic bishop of Clogher, died in Monaghan, Ireland, yesterday, of influenza.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—William King-Noel, first Earl of Lovelace, is dead.

A Lively Cheese.

Toronta Empire.

The mammoth Canadian cheese which made visitors to the world's fair marvel, was so lively when it reached England that a constant watch had to be kept upon it for fear it would get away. "Shall I send it home for you?" asked a green grocer of Charles Lamb, who had just purchased a couple of pounds of particularly animated cheese. "No," answered the great essayist, with his famous stutter, "but if you will lend me a piece of string I will lead it home." The Canadian cheese is like that. If not buried it threatens to disperse itself throughout England.

Injured by a Horse.

John Scudder, a liveryman on East Ohio street, was seriously injured by a vicious horse yesterday afternoon. He took the animal over to Dr. Pritchard, the veterinary surgeon, to have a tooth extracted. The horse brought pain and fury reared and struck