

NORTHWEST NEWS

EXPECT A TRADE REVIVAL.

Wisconsin Lumbermen Think the Outlook is Promising. Wausau, Wis., Special.—A joint meeting of the Wisconsin Valley Lumbermen's association and the Sash and Door Salesmen's association was held here this morning.

Point on Child Adoption.

Madison, Wis., Special.—County Judge J. H. Carpenter has rendered a decision, which, if sustained, will have a sweeping effect. He held that a child cannot be legally adopted without the consent of both parents, if living, and the child has not been abandoned.

Trolley Receivers.

Green Bay, Wis., Special.—The property and affairs of the Fox Electric Street railway have been placed in the hands of receivers, Judge Hastings appointing Mitchell Jeanes of Green Bay and Attorney Thomas W. Spence of Milwaukee as receivers.

Foods May Be Blended.

Madison, Wis., Special.—Milwaukee wholesalers appeared before Food Commissioner Adams and asked for a more lenient interpretation of the law against the adulteration of drugs and foods which went into effect the first of the year.

Again in Custody.

Wausau, Wis., Special.—James Langley and Henry Waitthers, who escaped from the Marathon county jail a couple of days ago, having thrown tobacco dust in the eyes of the turnkey, were caught near Antigo by Sheriff Thompson of Langlade county and brought back here, where they were turned over to Sheriff George of this county, who has a warrant for them charging them with highway robbery.

Child Started a Fire.

Prentice, Wis., Special.—Emil A. Schmidt's house and contents, at Mell-rue, four miles west of here, were completely destroyed by fire. Mr. Schmidt's three-year-old child, who was left alone in the house, tried to fix the fire in the stove when some of the hot coals fell out on the floor, causing the fire. The child opened the door and got out of the house. No insurance.

Capt. Brainerd Will Command.

Portland, Or., Special.—Capt. David I. Brainerd, who has been detailed by Secretary of War Alger to head the government relief expedition into the Yukon, arrived at Vancouver barracks from Chicago. Capt. Brainerd will remain at Vancouver until the expedition is ready to start for Skaguay and Dyea.

Counterfeiters Arrested.

Toledo, Ohio, Special.—Deputy United States Marshal Shannon and Capt. Webb, of the secret service, returned to the city from Paulding county, having in charge Henry Luce and Dr. Alexander Thompson, two residents of that county, charged with passing counterfeit money.

Seventy, and a Lothario.

Black River Falls, Wis., Special.—Leonard Hutchins, an old soldier and nearly seventy years old, is under arrest here, charged with alienating the affections of one Mrs. Orman Heath, a comely matron of twenty-four summers, for which Mr. Heath desires his punishment.

Railroad Officials Resign.

Menominee, Mich., Special.—Vice President John Agley and General Manager J. N. Faithorn have resigned their positions with the Wisconsin & Michigan railroad to take immediate effect. President S. M. Fischer will succeed both for the present.

Cattle Man of the West.

Pendleton, Or., Special.—Preliminary arrangements were completed for the convention of the Pacific Northwest Cattlemen's association. Which is called to meet in this city Feb. 5. Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho will be represented. Between 400 and 500 delegates will be present.

Reducing Street Lights.

Superior, Wis., Special.—The city council has economized in electric lighting and has chopped off sixty arc street lights. There are still left 170, so Superior is in no wise in the dark. Contract for seventy of the remaining lights expire in June and many will probably be turned off.

Shot His Wife.

Bedford, Iowa, Special.—Justice of the Peace John McCowan went to the home of his wife, shot her four times and fled. The woman died instantly. The couple separated for the third time about two weeks ago. They had twice been divorced and three times married. They had four children.

Fire at Saginaw.

Saginaw, Mich., Special.—Eight million feet of lumber was burned on the docks of the Saginaw Lumber and Salt company at Crow Island, eight miles below this city, causing a loss of about \$120,000.

Charged With Embezzlement.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Special.—James E. McBride, a member of the national Populist committee and prominent in Michigan Populist circles, was arrested on the charge of embezzling \$300 from a client.

THE MARKETS.

Latest Quotations From Grain and Live Stock Centers.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 91@92c; No. 3 red, 86@90c; No. 2 spring, 87c; No. 3 spring, 81@80c; No. 2 hard winter, 87c; No. 3 hard winter, 82@85c; No. 1 spring, new, 90@91 1/2c.

Milwaukee, Jan. 11.—Flour steady. Wheat steady; No. 1 Northern, 91 1/2c; No. 2 spring, 87@88c; May, 91 1/2c. Corn firm; No. 3, 27@27 1/2c. Oats higher; No. 2 white, 24 1/2c. Barley firm and fairly active; No. 2, 42@43c; sample, 47@88c. Rye steady; No. 1, 47 1/4c at 1-2c.

Minneapolis, Jan. 11.—Wheat—May opened at 88 5/8c and closed at 88 1/2c. On track—No. 1 hard, 91 3/4c; No. 1 Northern, 91 1/4c; No. 2 Northern, 87 1/2c.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Hogs—Light, \$3.40@3.60; mixed, \$3.45@3.62 1/2; heavy, \$3.40@3.62 1/2; rough, \$3.40@3.45. Cattle—Beef, \$3.85@4.00; cows and heifers, \$2@4.50; steers, \$3.25@4.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@4.25. Sheep—Natives, \$2.90@4.70; Westerns, \$3.00@4.40; lambs, \$4.50@5.80.

South St. Paul, Jan. 11.—Hogs—\$3.20@3.37 1/2. Cattle—Cows, \$2.50@3.65; stags, \$3.30. Sheep—Muttons, \$3.65; yearlings, \$4.25; lambs, \$4.85. Sioux City, Iowa, Jan. 11.—Hogs—\$3.20@3.40. Cattle—Canners, \$2.15; heifers, \$2@3.40; bulls, \$2.00@3.35; yearlings, \$4.30; stockers, \$3.50@4.15. Sheep, \$3.40@4.40.

St. Paul, Jan. 11.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 89@90c; No. 2 Northern, 82@84c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 26 1/2@27c; No. 3, 26@26 1/2c. Oats—No. 3 white, 23 1/2@24c; No. 2, 23@23 1/4c. Barley and rye—Sample barley, 25@30c; No. 2 rye, 43 1/2@45c; No. 3 rye, 42 1/2@43c. Seeds—No. 1 flax, \$1.15. Timothy, \$1.10@1.30; red clover, \$3.20@3.80.

JULIAN SAYS NIT.

Dan Stuart Arrives in St. Paul and Meets a Refusal.

St. Paul, Special.—Dan Stuart, the promoter of prize fights, is at the Ryan hotel, and last night presented articles of agreement to Bob Fitzsimmons for a fight with Corbett. Fitzsimmons is at the Grand opera house with his vaudeville combination. Martin Julian, manager for Fitzsimmons, said the articles were all right only he would not allow Fitz to go against Corbett again until Corbett had bested Maher. That settled the matter for the present. Mr. Stuart will now try to get Corbett and Maher together, which is improbable.

Fine Furs Damaged.

St. Paul, Special.—A blaze in the basement of Ransom & Horton's fur store was responsible for \$3,000 damage to the firm's stock. Most of the loss is due to smoke, though a number of display garments on the first floor were considerably damaged by the bursting of a chemical hose which had been strung through the basement. Some raw skins in the basement were burned. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Escaped Prisoners Recaptured.

Benson, Minn., Special.—George McGregor and T. McCoy, two of the three escaping prisoners from the jail here, have been captured. A reward of \$25 had been offered by the sheriff and T. A. Collins and J. Redmond of this place trailed McCoy up until they met him walking on an old road four miles from Ortonville and asked him to get in and go with them, when he said: "The jig is up."

A Miser and Insane.

Cocato, Minn., Special.—C. J. Anderson, a business man and an old resident, has become insane. He was a very eccentric man, a miser, and has lived entirely by himself for years. Notwithstanding his peculiarities he possessed many friends and had very few enemies. It is doubtful if he ever regains his reason.

Will Study Abroad.

Hastings, Minn., Special.—Miss Susie E. Kranz, who has received high commendations for the excellence of her singing in St. Paul and Minneapolis during the past few days, will leave the coming week to pursue a musical course in Chicago, preparatory to going to Paris to complete her studies. Miss Kranz has been in the insurance business here.

Drowned at Willmar.

Willmar, Minn., Special.—Jens Larson, a young man, was drowned in Foot Lake, adjoining this village. Jens and a younger brother, Carl Larson, were cutting ice, when Carl fell in. Jens jumped in to rescue his brother, but as he struck the water he immediately sank, never to rise. Carl got out and the body of Jens was recovered but he could not be resuscitated.

St. Paul's Low Death Rate.

St. Paul, Special.—The commissioner of Health in his annual report, which is in preparation, shows that there were 1,387 deaths during 1897. Estimating the total population at 215,582, the annual death rate for the year per 1,000 inhabitants was 6.43. In 1896 the death rate was 6.48. The percentage is the lowest of any city in the country the size of St. Paul.

No Doubt Killed for Money.

Rosseau, Minn., Special.—The body of one Nystrom, a Swedish carpenter, who mysteriously disappeared ten weeks ago, has been discovered in a swamp with a bullet hole in the head. The pocketbook was empty. He was known to have had between \$50 and \$60 on his person.

Union of Silver Forces.

Portland, Or., Special.—Action has been taken in the city looking to the union of all the free silver forces at the coming election in June. The state central committee of the Democratic and free silver Republicans have decided to hold state conventions in this city March 23. It is understood that the Populists and the Union party will also call their state conventions for the same date.

MINNESOTA NEWS

POPULISTS CONFER.

Middle-of-the-Road Faction Hold a Convention.

St. Paul, Special.—The middle-of-the-road Populists met in convention here at Market hall in response to a call issued about a month ago. L. D. Foster was elected temporary chairman, but later gave way to L. C. Long of Magnolia as permanent chairman. Dr. H. B. Fay of Minneapolis was elected secretary.

Mr. Long made a short speech by way of acceptance of the chairmanship, and Ignatius Donnelly, on invitation, made a speech, outlining the campaign for this year as he thinks the Populists should make it. The business of the three sessions consisted in the adoption of resolutions declaring against fusion. This was accomplished without debate.

At the afternoon session a committee on permanent organization was appointed, as well as a committee on resolutions. Mr. Long might have been made permanent chairman but he declined the honor. The committee, which consisted of E. W. Bonham, St. Paul; W. S. Moore, Minneapolis; C. H. Hopkins, Fairfax; F. H. Rahilly, Lake City, and Peter Shippman, Le Sueur, reported in favor of Dr. C. Johnson of Willmar for permanent chairman, and Dr. Fay was continued as secretary.

The greater part of the time of the session was taken up in speechmaking of a strong anti-fusion character, participated in by Donnelly, Foster, Rahilly and other prominent Populist leaders. The committee on resolutions was made up as follows: W. A. Hatchkiss, George Hall and T. J. Meighen, First district; L. C. Long, I. M. Cady, A. Walker, Second; L. Donnelly, P. H. Rahilly, C. H. Hopkins, Third; W. E. Bonham, James Doran, W. H. Sigler, Fourth; A. L. Gardner, H. J. O. Reed, W. S. Moore, Fifth; H. L. Sand, A. C. Barrett, J. J. Hibbard, Sixth; C. Johnson, A. R. Holston, Seventh.

At the evening session the report of the resolutions committee was presented and adopted without debate. The resolutions reaffirm the principles as set forth in the People's party state and national platforms and takes a strong stand against fusion with any other party.

FARMERS ALLIANCE.

Annual Convention Meets at St. Paul

St. Paul, Special.—The Farmers' Alliance of Minnesota convened in annual session at the state capitol. Mayor Doran welcomed the visitors to the city. Hamlin V. Poore responded with a short address. Gov. Clough welcomed the alliance on behalf of the state. Ignatius Donnelly replied to the governor in a long speech, in which he declared that of right the farmers should be exempted from taxation, as the producers of the wealth of the country.

The Alliance is prepared to demand in the resolutions more representation on the state boards in which the farmers are interested, particularly the railroad and warehouse commission, the prison board and managers of the state fair, besides more radical legislation at the hands of the coming legislature. One of the objects of the present Alliance convention is to formulate plans for the union of the Alliance with the F. A. & I. U., a much more active organization. It is said that of the 1,400 Alliances in the state, not more than twelve are active.

P. H. Rahilly of Lake City, a member of the committee appointed a year ago to secure a more rigid enforcement of the laws relating to transportation, read a paper, in which he detailed the experiences of the committee. The morning session was occupied with the usual preliminaries, the naming of committees and the other accompaniments of every well regulated convention. The papers were reserved for the afternoon. A notable feature of the day's session was the talk by James J. Hill. The delegates were entertained at the Commercial club in the evening.

TESTING THE LONG DISTANCE.

Unique Experiment in the Use of the Telephone.

Minneapolis, Minn., Special.—A practical test of the long distance telephone was made between the Minneapolis office and Lowell, Mass. Charles J. Glidden, president of the Traders' National Bank of Lowell, was in Minneapolis and presided over the regular meeting of the bank directors in Lowell. The directors assembled at 4 o'clock, Eastern time, and Mr. Glidden called the meeting to order and the business was transacted in the usual manner. Mr. Glidden recognized the voices of each director as they spoke into the long distance instrument. The line was made up of eight copper metallic circuits and was over 1,500 miles in length. This is believed to be the first business meeting ever held by use of the telephone over so great a distance.

Charged With Forgery.

Buffalo, Minn., Special.—B. Randall was arrested at La Crosse and brought to Buffalo for examination on a charge of forgery. The specific charge against him is that he forged the name of O. F. Adams & Son of Minneapolis to a check for \$30 which was cashed for him by Johnson Bros. at Rockford. Randall waived examination and, failing to give bonds, was committed to the Hennepin county jail.

Charged With Forgery.

Winona, Minn., Special.—F. C. Martin is under arrest on the charge of forgery. Martin, who is a negro, has confessed to falsely indorsing certificates of deposit on the Citizens' National bank at Faribault to the value of \$627.

Foundry Burned.

Sank Center, Minn., Special.—Keller's foundry was wholly destroyed by fire. Cause and insurance unknown. This will materially hinder the work of the factory as Mr. Keller made all of his own castings.

Assaulted by Thieves.

St. Paul, Special.—Mr. Lichtsheid, a butcher, was assaulted while trying to prevent his store from being robbed by thieves. He was struck over the head with some weapon and seriously injured.

ALLIANCE ADJOURNS.

Officers Elected and the Business of the Convention Completed.

St. Paul, Special.—The Farmers' Alliance wound up the business of the annual meeting yesterday afternoon with the election of officers, which, together with the adoption of resolutions and a paper by Secretary Hanley was the principal business of the day. Mr. Hanley's paper dealt with the past, present and future of the Alliance, and contained advice for the coming year. The resolutions were long. They demanded a hand in the management of the state fair, smaller pay for state officers, smaller transportation charges, lower rates of interest, patronage of home industries and the appointment of Mr. Rahilly on the state railroad and warehouse commission. The officers were re-elected as follows: President, L. C. Long; secretary, J. C. Hanley; lecturer, H. V. Poore; treasurer, H. A. Swaine; vice presidents, J. R. Campbell, First district; Eric Olson, Second; C. H. Hopkins, Third; E. A. Rutherford, Fourth; J. B. Dukes, Fifth; A. C. Barrett, Sixth; Martin Johnson, Seventh. These will compose the executive council. P. H. Rahilly of Lake City was elected delegate to the meeting of the national alliance in Washington next month. J. C. Hanley, P. H. Rahilly and Ignatius Donnelly were appointed to present the demands of the Alliance to the next legislature, and J. R. Campbell, T. J. Meighen and Joseph Campbell fraternal delegates to the Federation of Labor.

WERE IN SELF DEFENSE.

Letters That Attempt to Exonerate the Slayers of Warden Wetsel. Bemidji, Minn., Special.—D. S. Hall, Indian commissioner, has received a number of communications regarding the recent killing of Deputy Game Warden Wetsel, giving the Indians' side of the story. The letters are from Dr. E. S. Hart, in charge at Leech Lake; Capt. C. H. Beaulieu, a veteran of the civil war and a man of much intelligence; Joe Laundry, a Fond du Lac Indian, engaged in surviving for the government; Bud-dees, a Chippewa. The letters all claim that the Indians were acting in self-defense, and reiterate the statements made at the time by the Indians under arrest.

THROUGH NEGLIGENCE.

Three Men Make Their Escape From the Benson Jail.

Benson, Minn., Special.—Three prisoners, all there were in the jail, escaped by working a lock which hung on the end of the bar which closed the door of the corridor, off, and then drew the bolt back, and opened the door and escaped through an open place in the barred windows, where several others made their way out several months ago, and which the county commissioners have not ordered fixed since.

INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES.

A Winona Firm Buys \$50,000 Worth for All Its Help.

Winona, Minn., Special.—The employees of H. Choate & Co., dry goods, have received a handsome New Year's remembrance from Hannibal Choate, the senior member of the firm. Each employe has been presented with a life insurance policy, on which the premium has been paid for one year, the total value of the policies thus issued being \$50,000. They are new style accumulation policies.

KILLED BY A RUNAWAY.

A. S. Drake of Ortonville Dies of Injuries Received.

Ortonville, Minn., Special.—A. S. Drake died from injuries sustained in a runaway. Mr. Drake was a member of the Ortonville Granite company. While driving a spirited team with a heavy wagon the team became frightened at a train and threw the occupants, Mr. Drake and Mr. Ljungren, under the wheels. The latter was seriously injured.

BACK FROM KLONDIKE.

An Anokan Who Returns With Plenty of Cash.

Anoka, Minn., Special.—O. Berglund, who worked five years ago for McLaughlin & Burfening in Anoka, has arrived home from the Klondike. He went West several years ago and to the Klondike last year. He recently sold one gold claim there for \$30,000 spot cash and he has interests in six more claims.

Worse Than Hog Cholera.

Harmony, Minn., Special.—Hogs are dying rapidly in this section. The disease is not hog cholera exactly, yet as it is they succumb even more rapidly than with the regular hog cholera, and men who feed swine are said to carry the disease in their clothing. The epidemic has been continually spreading from Spring Valley in this direction since last October. About 500 hogs have died from the disease about this place the past week.

Costly Revenge.

Perham, Minn., Special.—Upon the confession of Leo Karschmid, one of the parties implicated, John Gerber, John Freisch and Ed Daly were brought before Justice of the Peace L. Ed Davison and fined \$25 each, with costs. These young men, none of them under twenty-one years of age, have for some time held a grudge against Robert Weikert, proprietor of the Weikert meat market, and had annoyed him so much that he was compelled to call on the marshal for protection. In revenge the young men procured bad eggs and other filth and covered the front of the market with it.

Antitoxin in a Family of Fourteen.

Kenyon, Minn., Special.—Diphtheria has broken out near here in the family of William Engel, where there are fourteen children. So far one death has occurred. Antitoxin has been used to minimize the danger, and one is now sick.

Wm. Dawson, Jr., Clear.

St. Paul, Special.—In the trial of William Dawson, Jr., a directed verdict of acquittal was rendered. He was charged with embezzling \$29,000 of the Bank of Minnesota's funds.

WORK OF CONGRESS

Condensed Proceedings of the National Law Mill.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The presentation of replies of the members of the road cabinet to the resolutions calling for information as to the application as to the civil service law to the various departments of the government, together with the consideration of the bill establishing a bureau for the twelfth census, precipitated a sharp civil service debate in the senate. Mr. Cullom of Illinois, the author of the resolution, called attention to the fact that law ought to be made as the authorities had drifted far away from the original intention of the authors of the civil service law.

Mr. Allen of Nebraska charged that the law was openly and daily violated and said it was a hiss and by-word among the people. Mr. Cockrell of Missouri declared that it was preposterous in Secretary Sherman to make recommendations to congress that certain positions in his department should be excepted from the classified service when the president had full authority to make the exceptions he recommended. He thought an effort was being made to tie the president's hands. Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, gave notice that he would next Monday, and daily thereafter, move that the senate consider in executive session the Hawaiian annexation treaty until it was finally disposed of.

IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The civil service debate began in the house, based on the item in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill for the maintenance of the commission. It promised to continue at least until the end of the week, with a possibility that it may run longer. But it is generally admitted on both sides that the appropriation in the bill will stand, and the anti-civil service reformers do not seriously contemplate an attempt to strike it out. The debate, therefore, is only preliminary to any programme which the enemies of the law may agree upon. The members of the house are divided into three camps on this question: those who stand by the law; those who advocate its entire repeal and those who desire its modification. These divisions were apparent in the debate the nature of which was not as stirring as had been anticipated. Messrs. Moody, Rep., Mass.; Grow, Rep., Pa.; and Greene, Pop., Neb., defended the law; Messrs. Dockery, Dem., Mo.; Robb, Dem., Me., and Pearson, Rep., N. C., opposed it outright while Mr. Landis, Rep., Ind., favored a modification of the law.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The friends and enemies of the civil service law exchanged broadsides in the house. The heaviest guns on each side were brought into action. Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio and Mr. Johnson of Indiana each made exhaustive speeches and kept their respective sides in a constant furore. The interest in the debate was much more lively than the day before. The crowded galleries, which were plainly in sympathy with the opponents of the law became so very noisy in their demonstrations of approval at one juncture that the chair was compelled to call them to order. Mr. Johnson was warmly sustained by the friends of the law on the floor, but he got very little applause from the galleries. Mr. Grosvenor did not define his attitude in detail, but gave his adhesion to the bill agreed on by the opponents of the law in caucus and warned his colleagues that unless modifications of the law be and his friends would by co-operation find a way to completely destroy it. Mr. Lord of Missouri was the only other speaker. He favored the repeal of the law.

IN THE SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 7.—While the senate was in session two hours practically no business was transacted beyond the passage of a few bills. Among the measures which received favorable consideration were the bills providing for a congress of the representatives of the Indian tribes of the United States to be held at Omaha during the progress of the exposition this year; bills providing for the erection of public buildings at Fergus Falls, Minn., and Newport News, Va., and a measure to protect the name and insignia of the Red Cross society.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The features of the senate session was a speech delivered by Mr. Teller of Colorado regarding the press reports that the recent efforts to make it appear that Secretary Gage had tendered his resignation as a member of the cabinet to President McKinley were a part of a conspiracy of the silver men to disrupt the cabinet and create dissension between the president and his advisers. Mr. Teller branded the publication as an insult to the advocates of the free coinage of silver. He was satisfied that the president and secretary were in full accord upon financial questions. He attacked the Republican party because it was a party advocating the gold standard and expressed his intention of doing all in his power to defeat the party in 1900 and to drag the present administration from power because the policy of the party was, in his opinion, inimical to the best and highest interests of the people of the United States.

Arrested for Embezzlement.

St. Louis, Jan. 12.—Fred Jentges, charged with the embezzlement of \$5,700 from the Moon Bros. Carriage company while in their employ as confidential bookkeeper and cashier two years ago, has been arrested. The prisoner admits his guilt and says that he is glad that he has been captured, as he has been a burden on his family during the past two years. Wine and women, he says, were the cause of his downfall.

Strike Nearing an End.

London, Jan. 12.—There are signs that the end of the great strike in the engineering trades of Great Britain is approaching. Large numbers of Glasgow engineers have applied for reinstatement, while a meeting of the engineers of Fairfield decided to continue work, in spite of their previous threats to leave work when the first 25 per cent of their number were locked out.

Torpedo Boat Launched.

Bristol, R. I., Jan. 12.—Torpedo boat No. 15 was launched at the Herreshoff yards, the vessel having been completed. No. 15 is 100 feet long at the water line and will be required to be able to make 20 knots an hour.

Celestials Shipped Home.

Baltimore, Jan. 12.—Seven of the twenty-four Chinamen arrested here in November last on the charge of being in the United States unlawfully, have been started on their way back to China in charge of four guards. The other seventeen have established their right to remain in this country.

Mrs. Booth Out of Danger.

New York, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Ballington Booth is pronounced out of danger.

Washington, Jan. 11.—In accordance with his previous notice Senator Davis (chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations) brought up the subject of the ratification of the Hawaiian annexation treaty in the senate. His motion was made soon after the disposal of the routine morning business, and the entire remainder of the day's session, except the time given to the confirmation of nominations, was devoted to the consideration of the question as to whether the treaty should be considered in open session or behind closed doors in executive session. After a debate of almost two hours upon this point an informal vote was taken, the ayes and nays not being demanded. The decision was overwhelmingly against an open session. The motion for open sessions was made by Senator Gray of Delaware, who presented his reasons in a speech of about five minutes' length, arguing that the question was one of public concern, involving entangling complications with other nations and one which it was eminently proper should be considered before the public gaze. Senator Davis replied to Mr. Gray, contending for the observance of precedents in this matter, and objecting quite strenuously though in calm and moderate language, to the proposition that the senate should take the public into its confidence in considering the treaty. He took issue with Mr. Gray on the proposition that there were no general questions involved affecting our diplomatic relations with other countries, and predicted that the discussion would take a wide range before its conclusion. Speeches in favor of the Gray resolution were made by Senators Caffery, White, Mason and Morrill, and in opposition by Senators Morgan, Hoar, Spooner and others. Senator Davis announced his purpose to call up the treaty again to-morrow and press it as rapidly as possible.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The opponents of the civil service law had much the best of the debate in the house so far as the number of those engaged in it were concerned. Nine of the eleven speakers were of the opposition. The friends of the law are very anxious to shut off further debate, and in this will have the co-operation of Speaker Reed and the rules committee. Mr. Moody, who has charge of the bill, gave notice that he would test the sense of the house to-morrow on a motion to close debate. The opposition immediately sent word to all in their ranks to be on hand and they say they will have no difficulty in defeating the motion. In opposition to the law were Messrs. Cooney, Cox, Little, Chubbard, Democrats; Door, Braum, Sulloway, Low, Republicans, and in defense of the law Messrs. McCall and Parker, Republicans.

CORBETT'S REMARKABLE OFFER.

Fitzsimmons Can Have \$35,000 If He Will Meet Him in the Ring. St. Louis, Jan. 12.—At the close of the second act of James J. Corbett's play, "A Naval Cadet," at Havlin's theater, Corbett stepped before the curtain and announced that he offers Fitzsimmons \$35,000 for a finish fight, the entire sum to go to Fitzsimmons if Corbett fails to put him out in ten rounds. Corbett intended to issue this challenge on Jan. 17, but decided to make it public at this time.

Robbed a Saloon.

Prescott, Ariz., Jan. 12.—One man has succeeded in holding up the Palace saloon, a gambling place, and at the point of a pistol secured all the money in sight. He terrorized about twenty persons of the place and made his escape with nearly \$500. He is believed to have had accomplices on the outside, and they are supposed to have escaped on a north-bound train.

Angell Wants Instructions.

Washington, Jan. 12.—United States Minister Angell, at Constantinople, has reported to the state department that he has not yet succeeded in securing an assent from the Turkish government to his demand for the payment of an indemnity for the Armenian mission property destroyed during the Armenian outbreak, and has sought instructions from the department that will enable him to make even stronger representations to the Turkish government than have been made.

Big Sale of Steers.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 12.—The Western Union Beef company has just sold 8,000 steers off its West Texas ranch to Clinton Anderson of Wyoming. The consideration is said to be \$175,000. The Western Union company is disposing of all its stock and property located in Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Montana, and will retire from business. It is the largest cattle company in the United States.

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