

POLITICAL AND GENERAL CAPITAL NEWS.

A Batch of Army Promotions—Col. Lee, of St. Paul, of the Number—Fernando Wood to Press His Funding Scheme—An Annual Saving of Five Millions of Interest Claimed—Report of the National Board of Health—Miscellaneous.

MILITARY PROMOTIONS.

[Special Telegram to the Globe.] WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The Senate military affairs committee have agreed upon the nominations of Capt. Francis S. Dodge, Ninth cavalry, to paymaster with the rank of major, and to fill the first vacancy in the pay corps, Capt. Isaac D. De Russy, First infantry, will be confirmed major of Fourth infantry.

Representative Morey received a telegram today relating to a joint caucus of the Democratic members of the Mississippi legislature held at Jackson, Miss., last evening, for the purpose of nominating a successor to Senator Bruce. Six ballots were taken resulting in no choice, and the caucus adjourned till Monday evening. The sixth ballot resulted as follows: Barakadee, 52; Waltham, 38; Singleton, 36; scattering, 5.

THE INGLETS CASE.

Before the Senate committee on privileges Mr. Smith, Western Union telegraph manager at Topeka, Kas., testified neither Ingalls nor his attorney had any telegrams in their possession. The committee chairman, the chairman announced the receipt of a letter from President Green stating that the additional telegrams called for at the last meeting, and supposed to be the Ingalls case, had, under unusual practice of the company, been destroyed after being kept six months, and he regretted he could not forward them.

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WOOD'S REFUNDING SCHEME.

Fernando Wood has fully matured his scheme for the refunding of the outstanding 6 per cent. bonds. The reasoning of Secretary Sherman as to the impracticability of negotiating a 3 1/2 per cent. bond at par was, Mr. Wood said, the main reason for his plan. It is true that under ordinary circumstances the 4 per cent. bonds would have to sell at \$1.06 for the 3 1/2 per cent. could bring par, but the 4 per cent. sold in New York for 105, and with the increasing demand for investment securities, there is reason to believe the market will go even higher. The secretary does not make due allowance for the difference between business and the market, and the market is the market for the purpose of permanent investment. The United States must have its securities hold a high place in the markets of the world until it shows a reputation for its own credit. Mr. Wood believes that there will be no difficulty in negotiating the sum he indicates in his bill at 3 1/2 per cent. The saving effected by the sale of the 6 per cent. bonds of Sherman's 4 per cent. plan, it is estimated, would be more than \$5,000,000 annually. One feature of Mr. Wood's plan on which he depends to make his 3 1/2 per cent. banks negotiable is the sale of the 6 per cent. bonds at fifty year bond at 3 1/2 per cent. ought, he says, to be easily negotiable when a 4 per cent. bond, redeemable in twenty-seven years, fetches 104.

CENSUS SUPERINTENDENT.

The superintendent of the census will probably have the list of supervisors ready to report to the Senate on the 15th inst. Although much has been said of the census, it is believed that no Democrat will be appointed in any Northern State.

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The annual report of the national board of health, containing an account of operations of the past year, will probably be transmitted to Congress to-morrow. The work of collecting information and advice from the principal sanitary organizations and sanitarians of the United States as to the best plan for a national public health organization, including the subject of quarantine, both maritime and inland, is reported as having been quite successful, and after carefully examining the data thus collected, the board is of opinion that the conclusions heretofore published by the board are still applicable. The association at the meeting of that body at Nashville, November 10, 1879, may be taken as fairly representing the opinions of the leading sanitarians and other important sanitary organizations of this country. It has been decided by the board that for the present complete quarantine establishments are only needed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, near the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, and at San Francisco, New Orleans, Galveston, Ga., or Fernandina, Fla., near Ship Island, Miss., and at some points on the Texas coast. The total expense of establishing quarantine stations at Chesapeake Bay, the one near San Francisco, and at San Francisco, is estimated at \$10,000, and as each of them is for the protection of several States, it is considered to be eminently proper and desirable that they should be equipped and maintained by the United States.

COAL CONSOLIDATION.

Vanderbilt Getting a Corner on the Supply of Anthracite in Price and Freight Rates Predicted. [Special Telegram to the Globe.] New York, Jan. 11.—W. H. Vanderbilt has lately been purchasing large stocks of Hudson canal company stock, and is now so far advanced in his action that he really holds the balance of power and can control the anthracite coal supplies of the West and North, and in a measure of the East. The purchase of the controlling interest in this company, which will place in the hands of Vanderbilt all the approaches to the Hoosac tunnel, and will give the control of the arteries of commerce between the East and the West by the way of Troy and Albany. There is considerable excitement over the new development in railroad matters, and the comment is heard that the Vanderbilt and Gould combinations are acquiring such a complete monopoly of the carrying facilities between Boston and New York, that they will be able to control the coal carrying trade that they will soon be able to make a large advance in freight rates in certain directions without fear of competition, and it is reported that one of the first great results of the combination will be an advance in tariff.

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BRIBERS AFTER MONEY.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 11.—Lewis Barker, on behalf of his attorney, Ebenezer Foul, of Yezzer, has attached the property of E. F. Pillsbury of the Maine Standard, on a libel suit based upon an article in that paper charging bribery. Personal service will be made on Pillsbury to-morrow. The case will be tried in Penobscot county.

BAD FOR EGOTISTS.

It is reported that the programme of the Fusionists will be to send the sergeant-at-arms from the House to arrest either Eugene Hale or Prof. Young, or both, and bring them to the House to form a quorum. It is now utterly impossible to secure a quorum unless the presence of Republican members are secured, and that seems hardly possible, as the failure to secure a quorum thus far has more strongly entrenched the Republican in their position. The Fusionists will exhaust every possible means to elect the governor and council, which will be the signal for proceeding to business, which has been suspended entirely. Hence an election can be held and how it would be regarded by Gen. Chamberlain, now acting as governor, is not known, but that it is contemplated is gathered from consultation with leading Fusionists and their friends.

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WHITE EXPLAINS AND DENIES.

AUGUSTA, Jan. 11.—The following card from Wallace E. White will be published to-morrow: WYTHORNE, Me., Jan. 8.—On Wednesday last just before the legislature was to be organized, two affidavits signed by Thomas B. Swann and Moses Harriman respectively, appeared in the Maine Standard, stating that some person or persons had given to the Maine Standard a check for \$1,000 each, and gave said Thomas B. Swann or Moses Harriman one dollar in money, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of influencing their action or votes, or for any other purpose whatever. I make this general and unqualified denial, and shall demand the fullest investigation at the proper time. No fair investigation, however, can be had before an unlawfully organized house of representatives, every one of whose members are guilty of the crime of which I am accused. It is a sad spectacle in Maine to see 75 Democrats and Greenbackers rejoicing in a crime which, if actually committed, can be punished only by the State of Maine, and by the State of the penitentiary. I object to being investigated by conspirators of Swann and Harriman. We don't constitute juries in that way in Kennebec county. (Signed) WALLACE E. WHITE.

HOUSE OF HOPE.

The House of Hope was crowded last evening with a large audience, brought together by the announcement that a union meeting of the Presbyterian churches would be held in the interests of "Christian Education." After the usual devotional exercises, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Breed, announced that the committee, consisting of Rev. Daniel Rice, Rev. S. Gann and Rev. R. F. Maclean, appointed at the last meeting of the Synodical synod, in 1879, for the purpose of establishing a national institution, were present and would address the audience.

ASSUMES THE REINS.

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—President Lamson, of the Senate, has assumed the duties of governor, and the Argus will publish the following to-morrow: ANTON, Me., Jan. 11.—To the Honorable Senate: I have the honor to announce, that by careful examination of the constitution as interpreted by the supreme court in view of the fact that the office of governor has become vacant, and in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, and in obedience to the imperative mandates of that instrument, I have assumed to exercise the office of Governor for the time being. The exercise of official functions in accordance with the further action as president of the Senate, I cannot, in the meantime, discharge the duties of presiding officer of your honorable body. Respectfully, your obedient servant, (Signed) JAMES D. LAMSON.

KELOGG'S SEAT.

The Evidence in the Contest for It Resumed at Washington. WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The Senate committee took up the Kellogg-Spofford case to-day. Spofford was represented by Judge Merrick. Kellogg and his counsel were both present with several witnesses. Some discussion of the manner of conducting the proceedings was brought on by a suggestion from Judge Merrick that only the members of the committee examine and cross-examine witnesses. It was decided, however, that the counsel and the parties interested might also interrogate and be interrogated.

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CITY GLOBULES.

The district court term begins Tuesday next and a new grand jury will wrestle with the criminality of Hamsey county.

Seibert's orchestra has been engaged for a reception at the Nicollet house, Minneapolis, Tuesday night, to be given by O. A. Pillsbury and others.

A handsome and very unique bird cage in the form of a Swiss villa is on exhibition at the Metropolitan hotel, and will be raffled for as soon as the chances are taken.

A new registry was opened at the Merchants Saturday. The discarded filled one had been in use just 67 days and recorded 3,688 arrivals—an average of a day during the two months when travel is lightest of all the year.

The dime concert given at Pfeifer's hall, under the auspices of the Great Union band, yesterday afternoon, was attended by a large number of citizens. The music was of the highest order and the entertainments are attended with increased popularity.

John Galvin, the lunatic, whose desperate assault on a farmer, residing a short distance from this city, was reported in yesterday's issue of the Globe, was resting easily last night, and should indisposition not set in no doubt be certain of his recovery.

The several lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in St. Paul, (eight in number) are making extensive preparations for a grand ball, to be given the first week in February, at which time the Grand lodge of the State meets in semi-annual session.

The Washington special to the Globe, this morning, brings intelligence that will be learned with great pleasure by the many St. Paul friends of Col. J. G. Lee, whose nomination is for promotion to a full majorship in the quartermaster's department.

There is reason to suspect that Dr. Frast, who has been talking about a book on the credit issue by giving many lectures throughout the county all last summer, are one and the same individual. He tried his old game at Cannon Falls a few days since and the indignant friends of the young lady ran him off town. Seneca's quacks should have short shifts.

Mr. Wm. Beer, pantry cook at the Metropolitan hotel, was the recipient of a pleasant serenade night before last given by the Knights of the Quins at that cavernous. The party arrived at this residence on Western avenue about 9 o'clock in the evening, the dulcet strains of music floating in from the outside being the first intimation of the presence of the visitors. There was a charming reception, and the evening was delightfully passed by the commingling of songs, music and social converse.

A recent issue of the Bayton Home Journal in commenting upon a concert given in that city by the pupils of Prof. Charles, speaks in the highest terms of Mr. Peter Pottgiesser, a well known St. Paul boy and one of his most brilliant pupils. In speaking of his fine rendition of two original piano compositions as indicating him to be a young composer of rare promise. The intelligence of his progress will be received with pleasure by a host of well-wishers in this city.

The young people of Christ church will present the drama entitled "Bread on the Waters," at the church guild room, next Tuesday evening, January 13, with the following cast: Dr. Harlan, Principal of Greenlake Seminary; Harry Harlan, his son; Mr. Tarbox, Rev. Fred. and Edw. Vincent; Messrs. Wood and Brinsie; Jonathan Wild Butts, the town constable; Mr. Lyon; Lucy Harlan, a doctor's housekeeper; Miss Dilly, picked up from the streets; Miss Snow.

RAILROAD REPORTS.

St. Paul & Manitoba and Hastings & Dakota Railways. Reports of the examining engineers, appointed by Gov. Pillsbury to ascertain whether the work of construction of the past season upon the St. Paul & Manitoba and Hastings & Dakota railways, has been done in such a manner as to comply with the requirements of their respective charters, and upon which land grants are to be made, and returned to Gov. Pillsbury, from which we copy as follows: ST. PAUL & MANITOBA RAILROAD.

To His Excellency, John S. Pillsbury, Governor of the State of Minnesota: In obedience to your order directing me to make an examination of that part of the St. Paul, Minnesota and Manitoba Railway (the St. Paul & Pacific) between Alexandria and Barnsville in this State, I would respectfully report:

I have made a personal examination of said line of railroad. The distance is 76 7/10 miles, which I had fully completed with cars running thereon. Great care and expense has been used in making the line as direct and the grades as light as the country through which the line passes admit. The bridges are built thoroughly. Long ties and guard timbers being used on the same. Ties of large size and of good quality have been used, spaced two feet to centers for the distance between the main tracks, and standard iron rails, with approved angle bar fish plates at joints, well and thoroughly spiked to the ties. The gauge of the track is four feet eight and a half inches and is in good line and surface. Stations have been established on the right of way, each with an evident intention of accommodating the public. Depot buildings, section houses and other necessary structures have been built, capable of accommodating all possible business for many years to come.

In conclusion, I will say the railroad above described is much in advance in its thorough detail of construction of the many new roads that have been built in this State within the past few years. The material and workmanship that have entered into its construction are excellent, and the railroad is fully up to the standard, as expressed by the term "first-class."

HONORABLE E. HORTON, Civil Engineer.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 31, 1879.

HASTINGS & DAKOTA RAILWAY. Mr. R. H. Jewett, civil engineer, appointed to examine and report upon that part of the Hastings & Dakota railway completed the past season, has submitted his report to the Governor, from which it appears the line was extended from Montevideo, Chippewa county, to Dakota, a distance of 40 miles, and 7-10 miles, and 292 3/10 miles from Hastings, the inaugural point of the road. The engineer says: "The extension of the Hastings and Dakota railway is of the standard gauge, 4 1/2 feet in width, and in all the details of its construction is built in a thorough and substantial way, after the same manner of construction as the line between, Glenora and Montevideo. The station houses are all built in a workmanlike manner, and neatly painted, and well provided with platforms for the accommodation of passengers and freight. The stations are all provided with sidings, in no case less than 1,600 feet in length, while at Ortonville the company have put in over 3,100 feet of side track. The location of the line has rendered that line a great convenience to the people, and is easy, in no instance exceeding forty feet per mile, which taken in connection with its excellent material and its thorough construction fully justifies the report that this road is up to the standard of a 'first-class' road."

DAILY WEATHER BULLETIN.

Meteorological Record, Jan. 11, 1880, 9:56 P. M. Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. Breckenridge... 30.62 -14 NW. Clear. Duluth... 30.45 -21 SW. Clear. Gary... 30.47 -21 W. Clear. Pembina... 30.45 -21 NW. Clear. St. Paul... 30.49 5 W. Clear. Yankton... 30.61 3 N. Clear.

DAILY LOCAL MEANS.

Bar. Ther. Rel. hum. Wind. Weather. 10.29 29.11 80.3 NW. Fair. Amount of melted snow, 62; maximum thermometer, 39; minimum thermometer, 5. -Below zero.

WEATHER TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—A. M.—Indications: For the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, diminishing northerly winds, rising followed by stationary barometer, cooler, clear or partly cloudy weather. For upper lake region, more easterly winds, rising followed by higher temperature and partly cloudy weather.

EUROPEAN EVENTS.

General and Political Old World News.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—A Berlin dispatch says the entire staff of the governor general of European Russia has been summoned to St. Petersburg to discuss the question of reorganization of the police system. The czar is profoundly dissatisfied with the present force. The Moscow Gazette now says the statement which it published that Count Schouvaloff was likely to be appointed minister of the interior with the department of police in his ministry, is without foundation. The journal of Siberia, the only unofficial newspaper in all Siberia, has been suppressed indefinitely, the czar having been informed of the names of its contributors.

NEW SPANISH LOANS. MADRID, Jan. 11.—The minister of colonies proposes to ask that a new loan be offered foreign financiers, the proceeds to be used to repay the Spanish colonial bank funds advanced to defray expenses of putting down insurrections in Cuba.

INCREASE OF CONSULS. PARIS, Jan. 11.—An article in the Republique Francaise demands a reasonable increase in the number of French consuls in America, and that diplomatic relations with Mexico be re-established in order to save France from loss of those markets in which she has hitherto held a first rank.

CONGRATULATION. MADRID, Jan. 11.—Cortes reassembled to-day. The chamber of deputies appointed delegates to congratulate King Alfonso on his escape from assassination on the 30th ult. The constitutionalists and centralists were absent from the chamber, but they will join the congratulatory deputation.

MONTENEGRO AND ALBANIA. LONDON, Jan. 11.—A Vienna dispatch says fighting between the Albanians and Montenegrins has been incessant since the 8th inst., both sides receiving reinforcements. Prince Mikita will shortly go to the seat of war.

DEATH. A Pesth dispatch reports a duel has been fought by Baron Marmont and Herr Verhovay, member of parliament and editor of the Hungarian political paper, in which the latter was mortally wounded by a pistol ball.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY. LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Times Berlin correspondent says he can state as a fact, that in spite of all quieting assurances circulated from St. Petersburg, still feeling between Germany and Russia continues and the struggle between the two chancellors is still proceeding. The same correspondent says the name of Challemel-Lucas as secretary to Count De St. Valler has been withdrawn, as the German government plainly declares he will not be continued here.

DEAD. Sylvester Centofante Haban, professor and author, is dead.

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Fatal Accident on the St. Paul & Manitoba Road. A brakeman employed on the St. Paul, Minnesota & Manitoba road, named Michael Breen, fell from a freight train at Cedar Lake, last night, and was run over by four cars. He was brought to this city and died. Mr. Murphy, an unskilled, but a dandy, injured man died just as the physician arrived. He was a green hand and has only been employed on the road two days. It is supposed that he lives at the corner of Rice and Round streets, but the lateness of the hour prevents any particulars being ascertained.

Parnell Invited to Indianapolis. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 11.—A large meeting of citizens under the auspices of the Irish Nationalists of this city was held at the supreme court room this afternoon, and presided over by the mayor of the city. A number of distinguished gentlemen were present, including Hon. T. A. Hendricks, G. Shanklin, Hon. Jno. Caven, Hon. E. C. Burks, Hon. J. B. Ryan and Gen. Daniel McCahey. It was decided to extend an invitation to Mr. Parnell to visit this city, and a committee consisting of the following named persons were appointed for the purpose: Hon. T. A. Hendricks, Mayor D. J. Williams, Hon. Jno. Caven, Hon. Shanklin, Gen. Dan. McCahey and Hon. Jas. B. Ryan. Gov. Hendricks being loudly called for made a short but pointed address favoring the movement.

Janville's gas bill for lighting streets during 1879, amounted to \$2,000.

THE UNSETTLED FRONTIER.

Six Weeks of Winter Beyond the Missouri—The Great West—The Illinois River—No Bad Lands, but Farming and Grazing Lands.

Mr. John Day, of Red Wing, a pioneer of that solid little city and the first wheat grower of Goodhue county, came home a few days ago from the Northern Pacific country and stopped in St. Paul long enough to call on his friends at the Globe office. Mr. Day was for the last six weeks at the coal beds, about thirty-five miles out on the Northern Pacific extension beyond the Missouri, and had passed through the worst winter storms the eyes ever beheld that were ever known to white or Indians of the Missouri valley. The cold was extreme, mercury thermometers freezing and blood-chilling reports being circulated that spirit thermometers marked 45 to 58 degrees below zero and one night dropped to 63 below. The wind blew a gale, day after day, carrying before it clouds of snow which it piled into the ravines and valleys in deep drifts. Mr. Day was too old a frontiersman to be caught out in such weather. He knew that places of that kind were far apart and all overcrowded and so kept near to his own quarters and generally in comfortable proximity to a fire. As men on foot were daily, before the storms, passing up and down the railroad grade, between Mandan and the graders and herders' camps, 150 miles away, he has no doubt that a number must have perished, but the men with the supply trains and others who went prepared for emergencies, and the men in the camps, though they felt the cold and had a hard time of it, did not suffer seriously. Since the week of blizzards, the weather has greatly moderated, and a fair winter temperature had prevailed in that region for eight or ten days prior to Mr. Day's leaving the coal beds, Wednesday morning last.

THE COAL OF THAT REGION is not, according to Mr. Day's observations, a valuable article. What he saw of it was an inferior quality of bituminous coal, so much mixed with shale or slate that it could not be used for fuel without a liberal admixture of wood.

As to the railroad building, Mr. Day says, the men, teams and tools are there, and no time will be lost except from inclement weather. He saw men direct from the graders' camps Tuesday last, and learned from them that the laborers were well supplied with food, fairly clothed and generally warmly clad. Their food was short when the storm came, but not to the point of all distressing them, and supply trains were soon got through which carried ample stores of the few goods which were deficient at the camps.

AN AGRICULTURAL COUNTRY. Mr. Day confirms the impression derived from others that the real bad lands along the Northern Pacific occupy so small a space that in the time to come the passengers who travel through the line will have to depend on inquiry instead of observation for learning where the so-called bad lands are. Mr. Day once before visited that country, and he is familiar with it for sixty miles west of the Missouri. He is a practical farmer, and knows what he says, which is that the country beyond the Missouri, as far as he has explored it, is well adapted to grain and grazing, and is not a bad land at all. He thinks it will be closely taken up and settled within a year or two; and that when the railroad reaches the Yellowstone, next fall, a great rush of immigration will set that way.

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Fatal Accident on the St. Paul & Manitoba Road. A brakeman employed on the St. Paul, Minnesota & Manitoba road, named Michael Breen, fell from a freight train at Cedar Lake, last night, and was run over by four cars. He was brought to this city and died. Mr. Murphy, an unskilled, but a dandy, injured man died just as the physician arrived. He was a green hand and has only been employed on the road two days. It is supposed that he lives at the corner of Rice and Round streets, but the lateness of the hour prevents any particulars being ascertained.

Parnell Invited to Indianapolis. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 11.—A large meeting of citizens under the auspices of the Irish Nationalists of this city was held at the supreme court room this afternoon, and presided over by the mayor of the city. A number of distinguished gentlemen were present, including Hon. T. A. Hendricks, G. Shanklin, Hon. Jno. Caven, Hon. E. C. Burks, Hon. J. B. Ryan and Gen. Daniel McCahey. It was decided to extend an invitation to Mr. Parnell to visit this city, and a committee consisting of the following named persons were appointed for the purpose: Hon. T. A. Hendricks, Mayor D. J. Williams, Hon. Jno. Caven, Hon. Shanklin, Gen. Dan. McCahey and Hon. Jas. B. Ryan. Gov. Hendricks being loudly called for made a short but pointed address favoring the movement.

Janville's gas bill for lighting streets during 1879, amounted to \$2,000.

THE HORSE.

A Happy Retort Courteous—Miscellaneous Turf Gossip.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS. We are glad to notice that Danton's Spirit of the Turf has secured, what it has long needed, a wide-awake and well-informed correspondent in St. Paul, in a gentleman who has adopted the nom de plume of "Hooper." Thanks to the distinctness of the authors hoof prints, the Globe had no difficulty in piercing his disguise and congratulating friend Danton upon his good fortune in securing his services. "Hooper's" first letter appears in the issue of the Turf of the 10th, and contains with other horse gossip, a story that is worthy of reproduction in the GLOBE. In giving the story it is merely necessary to say, to make all the more appreciable, that the "Jones" was formerly a well known lake captain who has now settled down as a land lubber in St. Paul, with a desk in the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad company's office. The story is as follows:

Horsemen are proverbial for their capacity to give and take a joke. A pair of this ilk lately met at the corner of the Merchants hotel. The one, a resident of this city, whom, for want of a better name, we will call Jones, the other, the genial sheriff horseman and breeder, Clark Chambers, of Owatonna, Minn. After the usual greetings, the conversation was governed by the ruling passion, as follows: Chambers—"Well, how is the colt?" Jones—"Beautiful, only I don't have time to drive her much; she therefore don't get the exercise she would like to have."