

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

FESSENDEN IS NOMINATED FOR SPEAKER.

The Democracy Nominates Mr. Hicks—George A. Kell for Clerk of the House, Scott of Plymouth for Asst. Clerk—Nominations for Chairman of Committees—The Minor Officers—The Caucuses at Hartford Last Night.

(Special to the JOURNAL AND COURIER.)

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 8.

The law makers of the state assembled here to-day to make preliminary arrangements for the meeting of the general assembly to-morrow.

There was nothing particularly encouraging for the democracy, who are in a hopeless minority, but they came to the capital city nevertheless.

The morning trains bore a larger quota of assemblymen than usual, and when the early afternoon trains arrived nearly all the members of the legislature of '95 had put in an appearance.

The Allen house, that rallying point of the majority, on the day before the convening of the legislature, was crowded at an early hour in the afternoon.

All the rooms had been engaged and the lobby was densely packed. It was the most enthusiastic gathering that has preceded the convening of the legislature in years.

Most of the republican county caucuses were held at the Allen house, where prominent members of the party from all over the state were congregated.

Among those from New Haven were the following:

Herbert E. Benton, H. D. Munson, Alderman John W. Lowe, Joseph A. Peaker, James Bishop, L. B. Brown, Ed L. Linsley, Assistant City Attorney C. B. Mathewman, Dennis A. Blakeslee, General George H. Ford, Commissioner A. B. Dunham, Charles W. Pickett, editor of the Leader, Attorney E. C. Dow, Senator Lyman H. Johnson, Representatives Henry G. Newton and Lewis Elliott, Captain James H. Wilkins.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY CAUCUS.

The New Haven county republican caucus was held at the Allen house at 5 p. m.

Reuben Tucker of Ansonia presiding, and Representative Walters of Cheshire acting as secretary.

The first ballot was for doorkeeper and 29 votes were cast. Jesse H. Rice of Cheshire led with 10 votes, Samuel Morse of Cheshire had 4, Barnes 4 and there were 11 scattering.

On the second ballot it resulted in 28 votes having been cast, of which Rice had 9, Morse 4, Doolittle 4 and there were 11 scattering.

On the third ballot Mr. Rice's vote had increased to 11. There was then a motion to drop the lowest candidates, but it did not prevail, and another ballot was taken and Rice received 13, Isaac Doolittle 5, Hamden 5, George Barnes of North Branford 4 and Samuel Morse of Cheshire 7.

A formal ballot was then taken and it was as follows:

Whole number of votes cast: necessary for a choice 14; Jesse H. Rice of Cheshire 11, Samuel Morse of Cheshire 14, scattering 2.

Mr. Morse's nomination was then made unanimous.

Candidates proposed for messenger were William M. Russell of Orange, Charles W. Charter of Meriden, Thomas Osborn of Oxford, Isaac W. Robinson of Ansonia and Robert Jackson of New Haven. Strong speeches were made for each of these candidates. The informal ballot resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes 29; necessary for a choice 15; Russell 11, Charter 4, Osborn 4, Robinson 2, Jackson 8.

Second informal ballot—Whole number of votes 28; necessary for a choice 15; Russell 12, Charter 5, Osborn 2, Jackson 9.

Third informal ballot—Whole number of votes 27; necessary for a choice 14; Russell 13, Charter 4, Osborn 2, Jackson 8.

A formal ballot was then taken with this result:

Whole number of votes 29; necessary for a choice 15; Russell 21, Charter 5, Osborn 1, Jackson 2, scattering 1.

The nomination of Mr. Russell was then made unanimous.

Robert O. Eaton was chosen to represent the caucus in the general house caucus.

When candidates for assistant clerk of the house were called for the names of Alfred Baldwin of Beacon Falls and Andrew J. Ewen of Derby were suggested. Judge Cowell of Waterbury made a strong speech in behalf of Mr. Baldwin, who is a graduate of the Yale law school.

The informal ballot resulted as follows:

Baldwin 14, Ewen 15.

The ballot was made formal, and Mr. Newton of New Haven was instructed to present the name of Mr. Ewen in the general caucus.

The caucus endorsed George A. Kellogg for clerk.

Mr. Range of Guilford thought it would be well to take the sense of the caucus for speaker. He favored Hon. H. G. Newton. Mr. Newton said that he would like a test of the caucus for his own information. He favored a yes and nay ballot, but did not wish to have it made public.

Judge Cowell thought it would be well in some contingencies, but he had promised to second the nomination of Mr. Fessenden. He said he had committed himself to Mr. Fessenden before he knew that Mr. Newton was a candidate. He thought, however, that under the circumstances there was rather a poor show for Mr. Newton. Another member said he had also agreed to support Mr. Fessenden.

Mr. Downer then moved that the name of Mr. Fessenden be presented for speaker, but he finally withdrew it that an expression of the caucus regarding Mr. Newton could be secured. Then ensued quite a debate. Several

stated that they would like to have supported Mr. Newton had they not been otherwise pledged.

Mr. Newton said he had no fault to find if the members preferred anyone else, but he desired an expression of opinion. In case there should be opportunity for his name to be presented for speaker he would like his friends to support him.

Finally a vote was taken resulting in 22 votes for Mr. Fessenden and 3 for Mr. Newton. The caucus then adjourned at 7 o'clock. It was one of the most protracted caucuses of New Haven county held in years.

REPUBLICAN HOUSE CAUCUS.

The caucus of the republican members of the house of representatives was held in the hall of the house of representatives at 8:20 o'clock. It was called to order by Hon. Herbert E. Benton, chairman of the state central committee. Mr. Newton of New Haven said it was the custom to nominate the senior member of the house for chairman, and he proposed John R. Woodhull of Stratford, a member of the assembly of 1894, as chairman, and the nomination prevailed. Eibert Hall of Monroe was nominated for clerk.

Nominations for speaker being called for Mr. Stiles Judson of Stratford arose and said: "The names of several men have been proposed for speaker. It is our good fortune so many good men are available. But the sons of Connecticut have already decided who shall be the man. Fairfield county presented a candidate pre-eminently fitted for the position, Hon. Samuel Fessenden (applause) has for years commanded the respect of the party in this state. The election of Mr. Fessenden to-morrow will be the discharge of duty faithfully performed. Who is there upon the role of membership of this house who can so well guide our deliberations as this man from Fairfield county? Evils and abuses have crept into the general assembly of this state; influences that are a menace to our civilization. If the members are true and discharge their full duty you will crush out the evils which have brought dishonor on the name of this fair state. The responsibility rests upon the republican party wholly in legislation before us. I therefore present to you the name of Hon. Samuel Fessenden of Stamford. (Applause.)"

The nomination was seconded by E. S. Warner of Putnam. He said that Tolland county had unanimously instructed its representatives to vote for Mr. Fessenden. He added: "It is a great satisfaction to me to know that our candidate comes from an honored ancestry. But it is particularly so on account of the excellent qualifications of our candidate that I support him. Because I believe that all interests of the state under his leadership will be safe. I second the nomination of Mr. Fessenden."

Mr. Green of Norwich added a few words in endorsing Mr. Fessenden. He said New London county had not instructed him to favor any particular candidate, but it was the general understanding that all would favor Mr. Fessenden.

Judge Cowell of Waterbury said: "After an acquaintance of thirty years with Mr. Fessenden, I take pleasure in seconding the nomination. I have also been instructed by New Haven county to do so. When the republican party of Waterbury nominated me for the house, I told them I would accept in the first place if they would elect me and in the second place if elected I should be nominated for speaker. General Kellogg told me that was a pretty big contract. But when I learned that night that Stamford had elected Hon. Samuel Fessenden for representative, I surrendered all claims to the speakership." (Laughter.)

Mr. Sternberg of West Hartford said that Hartford county had voted unanimously to support Mr. Fessenden. He then was greeted with applause.

He said: "I have listened with attention to the obituary speeches that have been uttered. (Laughter.) I cannot improve upon the speeches and have decided that the best I can do will be to join the procession. (Laughter.) I desire that there should be nothing done to jeopardize this nomination. My own name has been mentioned as a candidate, but I believe I know when the time has come to get in out of the weather. (Laughter.) I want to close these ceremonies (laughter) by moving that the nomination be made by acclamation. (Applause.)"

Henry G. Newton of New Haven spoke in behalf of Mr. Fessenden and seconded the motion of Judge Elmer. The nomination of Mr. Fessenden was then made unanimous and the vote was greeted with great applause.

Judge Elmer nominated George A. Kellogg of Vernon for clerk and it was so voted by acclamation.

Andrew J. Ewen of Derby was proposed for assistant clerk. F. A. Scott of Litchfield was also proposed. Mr. Newton seconded the nomination of Mr. Ewen in behalf of New Haven county. Judge Elmer of Middletown also spoke in behalf of Mr. Ewen.

An informal ballot was ordered and it resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes 184; necessary for a choice 93; Andrew J. Ewen of Derby 43, Frank E. Hooley of Windsor Locks 39, Clarence E. Young of Danburyville 23, Frederick A. Scott of Plymouth 59.

On the next ballot Mr. Scott received the nomination, having received 116 out of 187 votes cast.

Rev. Joseph Irons of Hartford was nominated for chaplain.

Frank Cobb of Tolland and Henry Charter of New London were nominated for messengers.

After the adjournment of the house caucus a reception was given to the members at the McKinley club rooms.

DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CAUCUS.

The democratic house caucus was

held in the chamber of the supreme court at 3 p. m. George M. Gunn of Milford was chairman and Fred R. Brown of Waterbury was secretary. Twenty-three out of the forty-six members were present.

Rudolph Hicks of Tolland moved that a candidate for speaker be nominated. William H. McCarthy of Naugatuck nominated Mr. Hicks and it was made unanimous.

It was voted that an executive committee be appointed by the chair to fill the other nominations, this committee to be the permanent caucus committee.

For secretary of the committee Frank M. Tuttle of Naugatuck was appointed.

SENATORIAL CAUCUS.

The republican senatorial caucus convened at the Allen house at 8 p. m. Senator Ferris of South Norwalk presided and E. E. Fuller of the Twenty-fourth district was secretary.

Nominations for chairman of legislative committees were made as follows:

Judiciary—Donald G. Warner of Litchfield, Ninth district.

Roads and bridges—Claramon Hunt of Sterling, Seventeenth district.

New towns and probate districts—James P. Little of Columbia, Twenty-third district.

Incorporations—Daniel F. Webster of Waterbury, Fifth district.

Andrew F. Gates of Hartford, clerk of the house two years ago, was nominated for clerk by acclamation.

R. M. Thompson, pastor of the Memorial church of Hartford, was nominated as chaplain. For messengers, J. W. Wilson of Hartford and J. W. Moody of New Haven were nominated. For doorkeepers, John R. Cogswell of Windham, C. A. Chapman of Middlesex, W. P. Hayes of Litchfield, William Humphreys of Fairfield and B. H. Rix of New London. Janitor of the cloak room, F. H. Rivers of New London.

Comptroller Mead, it is understood, has prepared a list of his appointments, but will not announce them until to-morrow. It is understood that Mr. Bayne of Farmington will be appointed superintendent of the capitol.

Samuel A. Edly of Canaan, clerk of the house in 1891, is a candidate for clerk of bills, and will probably be appointed.

KILLED BY AN ENGINE.

Eleven-Year-Old Boy Run Over and Killed at South Norwalk.

South Norwalk, Jan. 8.—William Corcoran, the eleven-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Corcoran, was struck at the Monroe street crossing of the Consolidated road this evening and instantly killed. The boy was returning to his home after doing an errand for his mother, when the express struck him. His body was caught on the pilot of the engine and carried along until the train stopped at the station here. The engineer of the train was not aware that the boy had been struck until a crowd of people who stood horrified at the sight on the pilot of the engine shouted to the engineer at the depot. The boy's neck was broken and his skull fractured. The remains were taken to the home of the boy's mother.

CARLISLE'S BILL OPPOSED.

There Was a Good Deal of Quiet and Earnest Work Against It.

Washington, Jan. 8.—There was a good deal of quiet but earnest work to-day on the part of the opponents of the Carlisle banking bill with a view to encompassing its defeat when an opportunity offers. This opportunity may be presented when the committee on rules will report an order fixing debate under the five-minute rule until Friday, on which date a vote will be taken. When this resolution is reported it is the intention of the opposition to antagonize it and to move to strike out the enacting clause of the Carlisle bill.

It is feared by the measure's friends that the motion will carry and the bill be lost without further delay. It is asserted by those who have canvassed the situation thoroughly that the bill will be defeated by a majority ranging from twenty-five to forty.

One of the supporters stated late this afternoon that the measure had not at the present time to exceed 112 active friends. The opposition is credited with a vote of 168, with seventy-three members absent or non-committal. The lowest majority predicted against the bill by its friends is ten. All day long the opponents of the measure caucused in little groups on the floor of the house and these caucuses presented the unusual spectacle of political extremes meeting—of free coinage and anti-free coinage members and populists combining to make common cause against the administration financial plan.

Secretary Carlisle had heard the reports and came up to the capitol at 2 o'clock to learn something of the situation. He was told by some of the friends of the bill that its prospects were precarious, but that a determined effort would be made to pull it through. He remained until the hour of adjournment, and during his stay he made his headquarters in the speaker's room, walking with several of the champions of the bill, particularly Messrs. Hall of Missouri, Springer of Illinois, and Canning of Mississippi. He made no attempt to influence votes for the bill and beyond a general conversation regarding its prospects offered no suggestions except in the way of several verbal amendments, which Mr. Springer will present when the bill is before the house.

WILL BE SHOT AT ONCE.

No Chinese Soldiers Can Run Away From an Attack.

London, Jan. 8.—A dispatch to the Central News from Shanghai says that reports have been received from New Chwang stating that during the assault of the Japanese upon Soumen Chang the town was set on fire and destroyed, rendering 10,000 inhabitants homeless in a temperature of 40 degrees below the freezing point.

The Japanese are cutting off the retreat of the 15,000 Chinese soldiers commanded by General Sing and the Taotai of New Chwang, fearing desertions, has ordered that all soldiers who attempt to run away shall be immediately shot.

New Chief of Police.

Derby, Jan. 8.—Derby's new chief of police, to succeed Chief John W. Nolan, is Charles H. Arnold of Derby Neck. Mr. Arnold has been offered the position by the new police commissioner, David L. Durand, and he has accepted it. Mr. Arnold is the son of Gideon T. Arnold and a nephew of William T. Arnold.

Affords Satisfaction.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The continued heavy receipts by the treasury, now that the tariff bill is becoming operative in all its schedules, affords much satisfaction to the treasury officials. This month so far the receipts have averaged more than \$1,000,000 a day. The daily average for several months back shows the gradual improvement.

To Shift Responsibility.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Secretary Herbert to-day issued general orders to naval officers reversing the former practice of the department regarding the responsibility of pilots on warships, which will render it impossible hereafter to shift the blame for injury to a vessel on the pilot.

Must Have Written Charges.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Senator Lodge, rep. of Massachusetts, introduced a bill to-day making it unlawful to remove or to request the resignation of any letter carrier, postoffice clerk or railway postal clerk, except when arrested for crime, until written charges are preferred and acted on by the department.

The Worst Is Over.

Pittsburg, Jan. 8.—The floods in the rivers have reached their limit and the worst is over. The highest marks were recorded at about 10 a. m. to-day and soon after the water began to recede. Locally the loss will be comparatively light.

Change of Contracts Made.

Washington, Jan. 8.—General Flagler, chief of ordinance, has decided to divide the contracts for the ten-inch gun carriages required for the sea-coast defense, in order to secure their early delivery. Instead, therefore, of accepting any single bid among those recently submitted, he has awarded four carriages to the Pond Machine company of New York, four to the Bethlehem steel company, and he will probably give one or two to William Crump & Sons of Philadelphia.

An Appeal for Aid.

Columbus, O., Jan. 8.—I. N. Coleman and J. G. Riley, representing the miners of sub-district No. 1, composed of the counties of Perry, Athens, Hooking and Muskingum, called upon Governor McKinley to-day and presented a petition picturing the destitution among the 6,000 miners there, 6,000 of whom have not had any work for months, and asking the governor to appeal to the people of the state for aid.

MORE ELECTRIC ROADS.

To Connect Saybrook and Lyme—Another Road Projected From Essex to Ivoryton.

Saybrook, Jan. 8.—It is reported that a syndicate of capitalists are to build an electric road from this place to Lyme which will form one of the connecting links of the road which is proposed from New London. There is another project to build an electric road from Essex to Ivoryton, three miles long.

It is said that work will be commenced on the projected roads as soon as permission can be obtained from the legislature.

Will Not Equip Electrically.

In regard to a report telegraphed from Boston that the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company is preparing to equip its Nantasket Beach and Warren and Bristol and other branches with electricity, a director of the road here states that he has not heard of the project. At the offices of the company one of the leading officers, who has charge of operation, says that he knows nothing about the report and that it is probably untrue. President Clark and the two vice presidents of the company are out of town. It is known, however, that President Clark has declared the electrical equipment of many of the New Haven branch roads feasible, though not yet expedient.

EX-JUDGE COE MARRIED.

Head Miss Foote Were United Yesterday Morning in This City.

Meriden, Jan. 8.—Ex-Judge Andrew J. Coe of this city and Miss Kate Foote of Washington, D. C. were married at 11 o'clock this morning at the home of Miss Foote's sister, Mrs. Edward H. Jenkins on Prospect street, New Haven.

Owing to a severe illness of the bride's mother, the ceremony was strictly private, only a few very relatives attending. The Episcopal marriage service was performed by a Guilford minister, Guilford was the former home of the bride.

The newly united couple left at once for Philadelphia and from there will go to Old Point Comfort, Va., for one month. On their return they will reside at ex-Judge Coe's home on Coe avenue, in this city.

MORE APPOINTMENTS MADE.

FRED L. PERRY SUCCEEDS FINANCIAL CLERK G. ROARK.

Herman Schlein Clerk at Springside Farm—Town Farmer Secured From Waterbury—Other Appointments—Doings of Police Commissioners.

From the same memorandum book from which he read his appointments a week ago, Town Agent Baldwin at last night's meeting of the board of selectmen read another list of names which meant the decapitation of the few remaining democratic officials relieving pay from the town government.

All the selectmen were present at the obsequies. Shortly after the meeting had been called to order a letter was read from Assistant Clerk Fred L. Perry resigning his position as assistant clerk. The resignation was promptly accepted, and with equal promptness Town Agent Baldwin moved that Perry be appointed financial clerk at a salary of \$1,400 per annum, a reduction of \$100 from the salary paid former financial clerks. The appointment was promptly made, and Owen C. Groark, the efficient financial clerk deposed.

After this little matter had been disposed of, Town Agent Baldwin again moved that Herman Schlein, a son of Weigand Schlein, be appointed clerk at the Springside home at a salary of \$600 per annum, succeeding Daniel F. Flynn, who received a salary of \$800 per annum. This appointment was also made.

The next appointment was that of Ellison Wright of Waterbury as town farmer at Springside farm. When Town Agent Baldwin announced this appointment Selectmen Cunningham and Forbes asked if the town agent could not find and competent farmer in New Haven without importing "carpet baggers" from Waterbury. Despite the objection of the democratic members the appointment was promptly made. Next Frederick L. Aeverill was appointed to take the military enrollment of the town at a salary of \$600 per year.

The following petition signed by about a hundred residents in the annex was read and referred to the committee on roads and bridges:

"Your petitioners, residents of the town of New Haven, and of the borough of Fair Haven, call attention to the great inconvenience suffered by the public who are obliged to avail themselves of the Fair Haven and Westville railroad cars in their journeys between the borough and this city. Until the adoption of electricity the Fair Haven and Westville road run their cars to the extreme end of Grand avenue at its junction with Quinlan street. Since then cars have stopped at the westerly end of the Quinlan river bridge, and passengers have been obliged to change there to other cars to cross the bridge, regardless of the condition of the road, which is often muddy. The delay and annoyance has reached such a point that your petitioners earnestly request your honorable board to take some action in their behalf. Your petitioners are informed that the Quinlan bridge has been declared unsafe for the passage of electric cars. They are informed that the city has made an appropriation of \$2,000 for the purpose of repairing the bridge, and that if the town will make a like appropriation the railroad company will furnish whatever sum is necessary to put the present bridge in a safe condition.

Your petitioners pray that the board will make an appropriation of \$2,000 for the repairs of said bridge and will take action as will prevent the great annoyance which the public now suffer on account of the delays and changes required by the condition of the bridge."

Bids were opened for the burial of the town dead and for supplying Springside home with bread during the coming year. Lewis & Maycock secured the contract for entering the town dead at the rate of \$7.50 for each person over twelve years old, George Root & Son and J. R. McKensie were the bidders for supplying the almshouse with bread. The bid of each was 24 cents per loaf. The contract was awarded to McKensie.

Town Agent Baldwin recommended that a lane at Springside farm back of the farm house be straightened and the matter was referred to the committee on construction.

On motion of Selectman Brown, despite vigorous protest from Selectman Cunningham, Town Agent Baldwin was authorized to secure such additional help as might be necessary in his office. No appointment of assistant clerk in the town agent's office was attempted last night, and the board adjourned.

SUPERNUMERARIES APPOINTED.

At the meeting of the board of police commissioners last evening all the members were present except Commissioner Fawcett. Mayor Hendrick was present and presided over the deliberations of the body. Sergeant McGann and Patrolmen Lonigan and McKoon were also present. This trio of Grand avenue precinct officers were present in consequence of a vote taken at the last meeting of the board fixing each of the patrolmen one day's pay for not properly reporting to the sergeant in charge when they came in on their reports.

At the meeting last evening the patrolmen explained that they did not understand that they had violated any rules, and under these circumstances the commissioners voted to remit their fines.

Owing to the absence of Commissioner Poronto no attempt was made to make any retirements or transfers, the matter going over to the regular meeting of the board next Tuesday. The following were, however, appointed su-

WILL TRY ANTI-TOXINE.

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS DECIDE TO GIVE IT A TRIAL.

So Decided at Meeting of Health Board Yesterday—No New Cases of Typhoid Fever Reported—Plans for Collecting Garbage Next Year Considered. The local health officials have decided to test the merits of anti-toxine as a remedy in cases of diphtheria. This action was taken at a meeting of the board of health yesterday afternoon at which Commissioners Graves, McNeill, O'Connor and Manning were present, and Mayor Hendrick presided. Health Officer Wright reported in favor of giving anti-toxine a test, and after explaining that the imported article was the only one which in the opinion of medical men possessed any merit, the members of the board instructed him to go to New York and see what arrangements he could make in reference to procuring some. The price of imported anti-toxine is \$36 per ounce, and that procured for this city will be secured from the New York board of health.

Health Officer Wright's report was more than usually interesting, owing to the fact that he reported that no new cases of typhoid fever had developed in this city during the present month. At the present time there are but six cases of scarlet fever and two of diphtheria in the city.

Commissioner Manning introduced a resolution to the effect that a committee of the board of health be appointed to appear before the general assembly with a view to securing the filling-in of the West river marshes. In presenting the resolution Commissioner Manning stated that the present condition of the marshes was a menace to health, and that the residents of that section were continually ill from malarial and kindred diseases in consequence. After a lengthy discussion the majority of the members present being of the opinion that it was too gigantic a plan for the board of health to handle, the resolution was laid on the table.

Garbage Contractor Walter S. Swayne appeared before the board in reference to the collection of garbage during the coming year. He explained at length the advantages of a cart for the collection of garbage, of which he is the patentee, and made a proposition to use them during the coming year for the collection of garbage. The members of the board instructed Contractor Swayne to present his proposals in writing at the next meeting of the board, which will be held a week from next Tuesday.

Next the question of the collection of the garbage for next year and the plans and specifications for bidders came up and was referred to a special committee appointed by the mayor, consisting of Commissioners Blake, Manning, Fleischner and O'Connor.

Anthony Carroll also appeared before the board and asked for a copy of the decision rendered by the board in reference to the charges made by him against Plumbing Inspector Eldridge. It was explained that the decision was arrived at in executive session, at which the records were kept by Commissioner Blake, in the absence of Clerk Bailey. Commissioner Blake has not yet given the report of the decision to Clerk Bailey. The latter was, however, instructed to give a copy of the decision from Commissioner Floyd to Mr. Carroll as soon as he received it from Commissioner Blake.

GRANGERS IN SESSION.

Convention Opened Yesterday to Last Three Days.

New Britain, Jan. 8.—The town today is in the possession of the state grangers, this city having been selected in which to hold the tenth annual session of the state grangers. Headquarters are at the Russian and meetings are being held in Siering and Holmes' hall. The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock by George Austin Bowen, master of the Connecticut State grange. In his address he treated the following subjects: "Order in the Nation"; "The National Grange Agriculture"; "Fairs Appropriations"; "Storr's College"; "The Connecticut Society for University Extension"; "Bovine Tuberculosis"; "Taxation and Equal Suffrage Movement." This afternoon annual reports were read.

The annual address of the master was delivered by George Austin Bowen of Woodstock and afterwards the reports of the different officers were received. This evening the sixth degree was conferred upon a number of members. The meeting will be continued to-morrow.

Advice to a Sandbag.

Sir Matthew Begbie, chief justice of British Columbia, recently deceased, once had before him a man charged with having killed another man with a sandbag. The evidence was conclusive, and the judge charged the jury accordingly, but a verdict of "not guilty" was promptly brought in. The judge was astonished. "Gentlemen of the jury," he said, "this is your verdict, not mine. On your conscience the disrepute will rest. Many repetitions of such conduct as yours will make trial by jury a horrible farce, and the city of Victoria a nest of crime. Go! I have nothing more to say to you." And then, turning to the prisoner, "You are discharged. Go and sandbag some of those jurymen; they deserve it."—San Francisco Argonaut.

MARRIED IN WASHINGTON.

Edward Anthony Mitchell of This City Finds a Bride in the Capital.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Miss Maty Alexander Wallack, second daughter of Mrs. Richard Wallack of this city, was married to-day to Mr. Edward Anthony Mitchell, son of the late Representative Charles L. Mitchell of New Haven.

Only the immediate relatives of the families were present at the ceremony, which was performed at the residence of the bride's mother. The officiating clergyman was Dr. Mackay Smith, rector of St. John's church. The couple will live in New York city.

HE DEFIES ALL.

A Horsewhipped Editor Sends Out a Bold Letter.

Ashley, Mich., Jan. 8.—The editor of the News, C. E. Armstrong, who was horsewhipped by Cora Hasbrook, surprised the village yesterday by going to the post office carrying a Winchester rifle and two revolvers and a belt filled with cartridges. Nobody molested him and later his paper came out with the following announcement referring to persons who would harm him:

"To all such persons we will say that we long ago learned to have no fear of leaden messages; in fact, a good part of our life has been spent among people who generally shoot first and blowed about it afterwards."

To the woman he said: "Horsewh