

A GREAT ENTERPRISE

Looking to the Establishment of Close Commercial Relations WITH THE SOUTH AMERICAN

Nations—Incorporation of the Columbia Railway and Navigation Company—West Virginia Men Interested—The Objects.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 22.—Yesterday a measure of gigantic scope was introduced into the Virginia Legislature. It was a bill to incorporate the Columbia Railway and Navigation Company. It was presented by Mr. Letcher, of Rockbridge County, and the incorporators are H. C. Parsons, S. H. Letcher, Dennis Shannahan, Edward McMahon, J. J. Montague, Ashton Starke, V. D. Groner, Joel Hotelich, Park Arvey, Francis A. Reed, D. S. Burwell, Frank J. Heazle, Eugene Dana, W. W. Campbell, Eli Egan, Nathan Gold, ex-Gov. Jackson, of West Virginia, H. S. Chamberlain, F. G. Montague, J. H. Warner, William Morrow, Nathaniel Baxter, C. B. Stahlman, John R. Thomas, Cyrus H. McCormick, Thomas W. Holliday, Frederick Matt, R. A. Keavans, Frank Bidley, Logan H. Loomis, Montgomery F. Jones, T. H. Baldwin, Joseph H. Veech, W. H. Schmidt, W. J. Behan, J. P. Whitney, Juan Oteri, A. C. Miller, P. Trenchly, H. C. Warmouth, Richard Patten, Alfred Grimes, John A. Thompson, Charles Smith, Granville P. Hawes, A. H. Simpson, B. D. Green, E. R. Andrews, C. S. Sargent, F. L. Oustead, T. A. Bell, Charles Elliott, Charles Barker, E. S. Quintard, Wm. A. Elliott, Charles Ives, J. Van de Venter, C. J. Taylor, E. E. Ferris, A. P. Coleberry, and T. G. McKell. They are granted the power to construct railroads, establish steamships, build bridges, docks, wharves, basins, elevators, transfers, lighters, canals, etc., and shall have the right in Virginia to secure and establish terminations of lines, to build wharves, mills, furnaces, and to operate and to construct railroads or canals connecting its works, but such connecting routes shall not exceed in length ten miles, and shall be subject to the same as other lines of the same length. The company is also granted the right to acquire and hold stocks or bonds of any company chartered by any of the republics of South America, and to acquire and own the stock of any steamship company that may be incorporated to run between any port or ports of the United States on the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea, or any other port upon the Caribbean Sea. The capital stock is to be not less than \$100,000,000, to be divided into shares of \$100 each.

The Board of Directors may consist of twenty-one members. The principal office shall be in the city of Richmond, and the general offices for the transportation business shall be established in Washington and other cities. The corporation has in view the consummation of the great railway scheme ever conceived. Col. G. H. Parsons, of Virginia, and James G. Blaine, of New York, are its principal promoters and it is a sure go. It is one of the first undertakings of the Pan-American Congress, which is now in session in Washington and other cities. The corporation has in view the consummation of the great railway scheme ever conceived. Col. G. H. Parsons, of Virginia, and James G. Blaine, of New York, are its principal promoters and it is a sure go. It is one of the first undertakings of the Pan-American Congress, which is now in session in Washington and other cities.

When I was sworn to try the case in which I was impeached, according to law and the evidence, I had no idea that I should be required to satisfy the popular clamor. I do not think the jury trials have become the veriest farce. If it is true that one must suit his verdict to the demands of newspapers or public opinion (if indeed, the newspapers express, in any manner, the popular opinion), or be denounced and maligned, and his action attributed to the most detestable of all corruption—bribery—his religion recoils at such a prospect, and he is dragged in to enhance the sensation. Among the natural fruits of this passionate and clamorous treatment on the part of the newspapers alluded to is the numerous published interviews of persons not sworn to try the case, and the conduct of Judge Longenecker in stepping out of the sphere of his duties as a juror, and assuming the part of censor of jurors when forewarned, their verdict happens not to be in accordance with his desires, and the many obscure and threatening letters which myself and wife have received.

There was a foul conspiracy to murder Dr. Cronin, and that he was foully murdered was the unheatingly verdict of the jury—but it is true that the evidence is counter to the evidence of these letters indicate, plotting death to jurors that do not find their verdict according to the desires of the members of these societies, to what a pass have we come, and in what perilous position stand our courts of justice, if I am to be the next victim of these feuds, I shall have nothing to regret, except that the law made it duty to be a juror in this case, and in what perilous position stand our courts of justice, if I am to be the next victim of these feuds, I shall have nothing to regret, except that the law made it duty to be a juror in this case.

Well Known Lady Dead. Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Daniel Boughner, a well known and highly respected lady of this city, died this morning. The family have been just west of the middle school here, scattered along the track for a quarter of a mile.

At Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 22.—Henry W. Grady was reported to be dying. A report is abroad that the doctor gives the case up.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Specimen of the Kind of Letters Mrs. Harrison Receives.

A TEMPERANCE ENTHUSIAST Takes Her to Task About a Matter She Knows Nothing Of—The House Committees in Full. Other Capital News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Harrison is deluged with letters about that historical whiskey punch which she did not give to the Pan-American delegates a couple months ago, but which many temperance fanatics are bound to believe she did. A specimen letter recently received by Mrs. Harrison runs like this: "Can it be possible that the contents of this slip of paper is true. I cut it out of a paper named the Journal. I could not bring myself to think it true, but if it be true, then, oh, Mrs. Harrison, stop and think of what an awful mistake you have made in putting the bottle to your neighbor's mouth. Just to think that you with your honored husband who is placed at the head of our nation; for what purpose was it, Oh, was it to deal out death and damnation to your fellow beings which like yourself were created in the image of God? Alas, I feel as if the name Harrison is polluted. I had a dear brother of that name, who would have died for the cause of temperance. I am glad he is not alive to know that such an awful disgraceful act took place in the executive mansion. Look back at the lovely example which Mrs. Hayes left you and in the name of God, who has said 'Be ye clean who bear the vessels of the Lord,' and in the name and for the sake of suffering humanity, do, Oh, do let it be the last."

Parson me if you consider my language too strong, but you know nothing of the real temperance agency which mostly by this awful traffic. Will you, oh, will you still continue to make drunkards while you read in your Bible that 'the wine of the kingdom of Heaven? I leave this with you to take to the Lord in prayer. I am your friend, M. S. [Signed]—I have excused this soiled paper. I cannot find a clean one.

THE PENSION BUREAU. What Gen. Ham has Accomplished in the Way of Reorganizing His Office. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Gen. G. B. Ham has accomplished the following results in the reorganization of his bureau. He has added eight good clerks to the existing staff; reorganized the office, dividing it into divisions of the ablest men in the office. He found that the present medical board had fallen about 5,000 cases behind the schedule, and he is now endeavoring to obtain legislation authorizing the appointment of 30 additional medical examiners, and with this addition the Commissioner feels sure that the medical board will be able to dispose of the delayed business and keep up with the adjudications of the divisions as they will be increased.

A SATISFACTORY TEST of the Ward Boiler at Charleston, S. C. State Report to the Navy Department. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Secretary Tracy has received a preliminary report from the Board of Naval Engineers appointed by him some time ago to conduct comparative examination of the Ward and Cowles coil boilers. The report, in the preliminary report, gives the results of the recent tests of the Ward boiler at Charleston, W. Va., which, it is stated, was highly satisfactory. The board expects soon to make a thorough test of the coil boiler and will then present a report on the comparative merits of these two boilers.

Interesting to Iron and Coal Men. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—As heretofore announced by Chairman McKinley, of the Ways and Means Committee, hearings on schedules of ores, coal, etc., and manufactures of iron and steel and other products will be held at the committee rooms Thursday and Friday, December 26 and 27, commencing at 10 a. m., of each day.

THE BEST OF THEM. Detail of the Most Important Committees. All Are Filled. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The most important House committees announced by Speaker Reed, in detail, are as follows: Committee on Rivers and Harbors—Henderson, Illinois; Grosvenor, Ohio; Clark, Wisconsin; Stephens, Michigan; Moffit, New York; Townsend, Pennsylvania; Neidringhaus, Missouri; Blanchard, Louisiana; Catchings, Mississippi; Gibson, Maryland; Stewart, Texas; Lester, Georgia; Clark, Alabama; Banks and Outney—Dobey, Nebraska; Conger, Iowa; Merrill, Kansas; Wilbur, New York; Arnold, Rhode Island; Wadsworth, Massachusetts; Wright, Pennsylvania; Evans, Tennessee; Dargan, South Carolina; Convent, New York; Shively, Indiana; Wiko, Illinois; Hanes, Ohio; Colman, Wisconsin; Messinger, Connecticut; Carter, Montana; Constock, Minnesota; Barlow, Nevada; Knap, New York; Taylor, Illinois; Bland, Missouri; Tracy, New York; Motteler, Pennsylvania; Wilcox, Connecticut; Williams, Illinois; Joseph, New York.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Stephen Foster, a widow, of Pittsburgh, has brought a peculiar suit in the Federal Court. She seeks to enjoin Kinsey & Pauley, a Lafayette publishing company, for further infringing the copyright on that famous melody, "The Swanee River," which she published in the name of "Old Folks at Home." It is alleged that the song was copyrighted in 1851, and that twenty-eight years afterward it was renewed.

NO EQUAL ACCOMMODATIONS. The South Carolina Legislature Repeals the Civil Rights Bill. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 22.—In the General Assembly the Senate reconsidered its action taken last night by which the House bill repealing the chapter of the general statutes relating to offenses against the civil rights was refused passage. After voting to reconsider the Senate passed the bill, which as previously passed by the House will become a law as soon as it receives the Governor's signature, which it is certain to get. There were only four votes against the bill in the Senate and none in the House.

TO AN ENGLISH SYNDICATE. Humored Sale of a Big Establishment at Richmond, Ind. RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 22.—The indications are that Garr, Scott & Co.'s large manufacturing of threshing machines, engines, clover hullers and saw-mills, employing about five hundred hands, one of the largest concerns in the United States, has been virtually sold to an English syndicate. A former offer made by the syndicate was declined. It is reported that the stockholders have been offered five dollars for every one invested. This will make the price about \$1,800,000.

A BIG TRIP TO TEXAS. St. Louis, Dec. 22.—Yesterday a deed of true was filed in the Recorder's office here by the Terminal Railway Association of St. Louis, transferring all their terminal and real property, claims, demands, titles, franchises and all appurtenances to the Texas Terminal Company of New York, to secure payment on \$7,000,000 worth of gold bearing bonds bearing interest at 4 per cent.

Michigan; Hanabrough, North Dakota; Hill, Illinois; W. K. Kelly, Missouri; Sushlaker, New York; Morgan, Mississippi; McCleamy, North Carolina; Forman, Illinois; Brookshire, Indiana; Joseph, New Mexico. Leveled and Improved into the Mississippi River—Burrows, Michigan; Seall, Pennsylvania; Coleman, Iowa; Wilson, Kentucky; Hook, Tennessee; Brower, North Carolina; Stridling, Missouri; Beckwith, New Jersey; Lawler, Illinois; Stockdale, Mississippi; Jackson, West Virginia; Norton, Missouri; Bothner, Louisiana. Keel, Iowa; Culbertson, North Carolina; Adair, Iowa; Taylor, Ohio; Adams, Illinois; Buchanan, New Jersey; Thomson, Ohio; McCormick, Pennsylvania; Sherman, New York; Mason, Illinois; York, Pennsylvania; Anderson, Kansas; Wickham, Ohio; Brown, Virginia; Lind, Minnesota; Randall, Massachusetts; Stockbridge, Jr., Maryland; Sweeney, Iowa; Campbell, New York; Turner, Georgia; Fletch, Tennessee; O'Neill, Illinois; Wilkinson, Louisiana; Walker, Missouri. Merchant Marine and Fisheries—J. M. Farwell, New York; Hopkins, New York; Dingley, Jr., Maine; Blaine, Michigan; Pansylvania; Banks, Massachusetts; Clark, Wisconsin; Wheeler, Michigan; Ewart, North Carolina; Cummings, New York; Wheeler, Virginia; Wain, Virginia; Fithian, Illinois; Rice, Louisiana. Military Affairs—Cutcheon, Michigan; Rockwell, Massachusetts; Osborne, Pennsylvania; Spencer, Rhode Island; Williams, Ohio; Lansing, New York; Taylor, Minnesota; Kinsey, Missouri; Latham, Texas; Spaulo, New York; Wheeler, Alabama; Wise, Virginia; Robertson, Louisiana; Gary, West Virginia. Naval Affairs—Boutelle, Maine; Lodge, Massachusetts; Watson, Pennsylvania; Wallace, New York; De Haven, California; Dwyer, Iowa; Wheeler, Michigan; Coleman, Louisiana; Hester, Alabama; McCadd, New Jersey; Whitt, Iowa; Rusk, Maryland; Elliott, South Carolina. Pastors and Postoffice—Bingham, Pennsylvania; Ketchum, New York; Hopkins, Illinois; Chandler, Massachusetts; Caldwell, Ohio; Evans, Tennessee; Carter, Montana; Wilson, Washington; Beckwith, New Jersey; Blount, Georgia; Hayes, Ohio; Anderson, Missouri; Crain, Texas; Montgomery, Kentucky; Turpin, Alabama; Caine, Utah. Railways and Canals—McCormick, Pennsylvania; Payne, New York; Cutcheon, Michigan; Caldwell, Ohio; Randall, Massachusetts; Sweeney, Iowa; Alton, New York; Laws, Nebraska; Cobb, Alabama; Arkansas, Missouri; McClellan, Indiana; Lester, Virginia; Lester, Georgia. Library—O'Neill, Pennsylvania; Sanford, New York; Davidson, Florida. Printing—Coffman, New York; Richardson, Tennessee; Mines and Mining—Carter, Montana; Vandever, California; Geat, Illinois; Townsend, Colorado; Kinsey, Missouri; Stephenson, Michigan; Beckwith, Maryland; McCoy, Wisconsin; Rowland, North Carolina; Whiting, Michigan; Reilly, Pennsylvania; Cooper, Indiana; Venable, Virginia; Smith, Arizona. Militia—Henderson, Iowa; Hook, Tennessee; Henderson, Illinois; Brewer, Michigan; Silvers, New York; Bronson, Virginia; Simons, Connecticut; Kelly, Kansas; Forney, Alabama; Seney, Ohio; Gibson, Maryland; Blanchard, Louisiana; Stewart, Texas. Patents—Butterworth, Ohio; Buchanan, New York; Simons, Connecticut; Peters, Kansas; Culbertson, Pennsylvania; Neidringhaus, Missouri; Belknap, Michigan; Evans, Tennessee; Tillman, South Carolina; Green, North Carolina; Buchanan, Virginia; Martin, Texas; Wiley, New York. Invalid Pensions—Morrill, Kansas; Sawyer, New York; Craig, Pennsylvania; Johnson, New York; Beckwith, Michigan; Flick, Iowa; Taylor, Tennessee; Wilson, Kentucky; Laws, Nebraska; Yoder, Ohio; Lane, Illinois; Gooding, Kentucky; Turner, Georgia; Lewis, Indiana; Hester, Alabama; Clains—Laddell, New York; Tothman, Ohio; Choudie, Indiana; Finley, Kentucky; Ray, Pennsylvania; Ewart, North Carolina; Smith, Illinois; Conroy, Washington; Burton, Ohio; Hann, Missouri; Bann, North Carolina; Pendleton, West Virginia; Wilcox, Connecticut; Carlton, Georgia; Dunphy, New York. War Claims—Thomson, Wisconsin; Groveson, Ohio; Brower, North Carolina; Geat, Illinois; Simons, Connecticut; Culbertson, Pennsylvania; Taylor, Kentucky; Hester, Alabama; Seney, Ohio; Mahony, Pennsylvania; Tennessee; Spaulo, New York; Brown, Indiana. Revision of Laws—Browne, Indiana; Finley, Kentucky; Yerdley, Pennsylvania; Johnson, New York; Beckwith, Michigan; Ohio; Stewart, Vermont; Taylor, New Jersey; Greenhall, Massachusetts; Olin, Alabama; Magner, New York; Balk, Florida; Edmunds, Virginia; Porter, Kentucky. Election of President and Vice President—Lodge, Massachusetts; Rowell, Illinois; Stewart, Vermont; Hanzan, Wisconsin; McComa, Maryland; Henderson, Iowa; Frank, Missouri; Taylor, Ohio; Seney, Ohio; Bucklow, Pennsylvania; Hestephill, South Carolina; McCarty, New York; Tucker, Virginia. Elvans—Curtis, Kentucky; Johnson, Minnesota; McKenna, California; D. Taylor, Ohio; Boutelle, Maine; Bingham, Pennsylvania; Adams, Illinois; Sherman, New York; Frank, Missouri; Blount, Georgia; Hester, Alabama; Hester, South Carolina; Washington, Tennessee; Owens, Ohio. Reform in the Civil Service—Lehback, New Jersey; Bayne, Pennsylvania; Butterworth, Ohio; Hopkins, Illinois; Greenhalgh, Massachusetts; Sanford, New York; Lingo, Minnesota; Stephenson, Michigan; Dargan, South Carolina; Storer, Georgia; Alderson, West Virginia; Andrew, Massachusetts; Boston, Louisiana. Alcoholic Liquor Traffic—J. D. Taylor, Ohio; Struble, Iowa; Sawyer, New York; Morse, Massachusetts; Nelson, Pennsylvania; Pickett, South Dakota; Kerr, Iowa; Stewart, Georgia; Lewis, Mississippi; Skinner, North Carolina; Quinn, New York. Public Buildings and Grounds—Milliken, Maine; Lehback, New Jersey; Vanschaek, Wisconsin; Darlington, Pennsylvania; Kerr, Iowa; Post, Illinois; Clark, New York; Taylor, Illinois; Gilchrist, South Dakota; Hester, Alabama; Bankhead, Alabama; Abbott, Texas; Clunie, California; Lewis, Mississippi. Education—O'Donnell, Michigan; D. Taylor, Ohio; McCormick, Kentucky; Vermont; Sweeney, Iowa; Laws, Nebraska; Cheatman, North Carolina; Carter, Georgia; Colman, Wisconsin; Cobb, Alabama; Pennington, Delaware; Geisenbater, New Jersey. Labor—Wade, Missouri; Buchanan, New Jersey; Farquhar, New York; Haugham, Pennsylvania; Nelson, Pennsylvania; Geat, Illinois; Connell, Nebraska; Davis, Michigan; Candler, Georgia; Davidson, Florida; Catchings, Mississippi; Turner, New York; Motteler, Pennsylvania; New York. The Committee on Ways and Means Appropriations, etc., were announced December 21. The speaker also announced the appointment of Messrs. Mason, Ogwell, Simble, Turner, of Georgia, and Wilson, of West Virginia, as the committee to investigate the ballot box forgeries under the Butterworth reorganization.

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

The Result of a Domestic Drama in Pensacola, Florida.

MRS. THOMPSON'S HUSBAND Stabs to Death the Man From Whom She Had Been Divorced—He Insulted Her on the Street and a Desperate Fight Ensues.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Dec. 22.—A terrible tragedy was enacted here at noon yesterday. J. M. Thompson and J. T. Carter, both prominent citizens, engaged in a fight in the street in which Carter was stabbed and killed. The story of the crime concerns Mrs. Thompson, who was the divorced wife of Carter. She was married to him some eight years ago, and is the daughter of W. L. Thorpe, a wealthy leather merchant, and is an accomplished woman. Carter failed to properly provide for her support, and she procured a divorce from him. Less than a year ago she married Thompson, a leading grocer of this city. Since then Carter has repeatedly insulted her. A few months past noon yesterday while Thompson was in his store, he was engaged in conversation on the street Carter passed, applying to Mrs. Thompson as he brushed past her a very objectionable epithet, which her husband resented. The two men clinched, Carter falling on top. As Mrs. Thompson started to separate them, a stream of blood from a wound in the neck of her former husband splashed into her face. Thompson had severed Carter's jugular vein, and stabbed him once through the right lung and inflicted several other ugly wounds in different parts of his body.

All the parties to the trouble are highly connected, and though it was thought the affair would quieten just as it has, it is very much respected. Colman and public sentiment, however, is very strongly with Thompson, who is now under arrest. RESULT OF A FEUD. A Wealthy Farmer in Harrison County Shoots and Kills a Neighbor. Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 22.—Yesterday Benj. Coffman, one of the wealthiest farmers in this county, was lodged in jail here, charged with shooting Charles Shrieves, another prominent farmer, for trespassing on Coffman's farm. Shrieves is dead and further trouble is looked for. The shooting occurred near the Lanesport, W. Va., about 12 miles from this city. The particulars cannot be ascertained, as the friends of Coffman say nothing. It is rumored that a feud has existed for some time between Coffman and Shrieves, the nature of which your correspondent is not informed. It is plainly evident that the shooting was unjustifiable. "DID HE WANT TO LIVE?" The Man Who Sprung the Joke Shot Dead by His Victim. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The McGinty suit has been baptized in blood. A young man of Thurgood's Neck, Westchester county, L. I., who perpetrated it, died at his father's house, and his friend, upon whom he inflicted it, is a fugitive from justice, charged with having shot him. While Thomas Hart and a colored man named Nelson were chatting on the corner of Elliott street and Main street, in the village of Thurgood's Neck, John Rusk came along and saluted Hart, adding, "Look out for him."

A DELIBERATE SUICIDE.

Grand Army Man Makes Preparations and Drowns Himself in the Potomac.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—John Sparker, a G. A. R. man and formerly a well-to-do real estate dealer in Kansas City, Mo., committed suicide last night by jumping into the Potomac river from the front of a boat he moored near the Washington monument.

The details of the tragedy show that Sparker took his life with unusual deliberation. Before drowning himself he neatly folded his hands, and placed his hat upon it and laid both articles carefully on the river bank, putting a clean stone on the hat to keep it from blowing away. Pinned to the overcoat was a note giving his name and former and present residence. In his pockets were several letters making disposition of what property was left of his former estate and requesting that the Grand Army take charge of the body and have it buried in Arlington. This request will be complied with. THIRTY QUAILS IN THIRTY DAYS. Mr. McGill Has About Completed the Task But Don't Want to Try It Again. BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 22.—Mr. Carroll S. McGill, of this city, has nearly accomplished the feat of eating thirty quail in thirty days. The task grew out of a wager that Mr. McGill could not eat a quail every morning between 10 and 11 o'clock, the birds to be cooked in any style that he might wish. The twenty-eighth bird was eaten Tuesday with apparent relief, and Mr. McGill is confident he will finish the task Tuesday. The first birds were eaten Tuesday. Since then he has been eating the birds with potatoes. Mr. McGill says the eating does not bother him in the least, but he would not for big stakes undertake the task again. THRONES ARE TOTTERING. A CRUEL CAPTAIN. Members of the Crew of the Robert T. Belknap Tell a Terrible Story. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—When the American ship Robert T. Belknap, dropped anchor this morning off Bedloe Island, after a long passage from San Francisco, half a dozen sailors jumped over the side into a small boat and hurriedly pulled to the battery. They were greatly excited and appeared glad to be liberated from the clipper which they characterized as the "hottest" they had ever sailed in. They stated that the first mate had been ironed for nearly two months. While off the horn he quarreled with a seaman and the latter was thrown overboard by him and drowned. The mate was the leading officer of the crew and never allowed the first mate's hands a peace while at liberty. He often picked quarrels with the men and mistreated them on the slightest provocation. The Belknap is under command of Capt. Staples, who is considered a hard master and has been in the habit of carrying with him brass officers. The vessel recently left New York for San Francisco, and on her arrival at the Golden Gate her crew told a pitiful story of cruelty on the part of the captain and officers. The leading officer is considered the finest clipper in the American fleet. AN HISTORIC CHALLENGE DEAD. Erasmus Madison Who Once Created a Big Sensation in Congress Passes Away. UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Hon. Erasmus B. Madison, of this city, died to-day aged 84 years. He was representative in Congress from this district in the 51st, 52nd and 53rd Congresses. While in Congress in 1850-51, Madison was charged with declaring that a large number of the members of Congress were pauper-seekers. The affair caused great excitement in Congress and throughout the country. A resolution was introduced giving the members of the House, after a long and bitter debate it was finally tabled. Before it could be called up again Mr. Madison resigned his seat. About a year ago a number of Congressmen and other prominent persons in the National Hotel in Washington were poisoned. It was believed to be a pre-arranged plot to murder President Buchanan. That the Vice President Breckinridge, Mr. Madison was one of those poisoned and came very near dying. In fact, his health was affected permanently. During the latter years of his life he was afflicted with various business enterprises and died comparatively poor. Big Docket for This Morning's Court. This morning's session of Police Court will be a big one. At last midnight there were forty cases registered on the blotter and many more were on file. Saturday night the house kept on Main street, just south of the creek bridge, by Myrtle Lynnwood, was raided, and six girls and four men in their twenties, were secured in a place down on the Caldwell run flats, yielded up a woman named Anna Ward, yielded up Ward, one girl and five men. Ann Keim expected her place on Twenty-first street would be raided Saturday night and warned away all callers. When Officer Willie passed the place, which is on the corner of Broadway and Twenty-first street, he observed that several uncles for some time yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock a squad composed of Willie, Moran, Short and Herbert raided the place and caught Keim, several girls and five men, one of them colored. The Weather and Christmas shoppers. Between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday morning a terrific rain and snow storm similar to the one of Friday afternoon swept over the city. The day calmed down, but the rain continued to dawn a beautiful one, however, and continued to fall without even a threatening cloud to mar its loveliness. Saturday was another fine day and the Christmas shoppers were out in force to take advantage of it. The clerks in the leading stores had been on their feet all day when shutting up time came which was not till nearly midnight. A slight shower in the evening had no apparent effect on the crowded condition of the streets. Calling Friends. The home of the Messrs. Glanville, in Alley O, was visited by burglars last Friday night. Thirty-five dollars was stolen. Saturday night thieves called again, but the sisters had not gone to bed, and the burglars were scared away. The women were much frightened, and were afraid to stay in the house. Menace to the Hall, Select Dancing Academy. Prof. John Mullen's second term commences Tuesday, January 7, 1890. A class for ladies and gentlemen will be formed from 7:30 to 10 p. m., Wednesday, January 8, and a class for Misses and Masters from 10 to 12 p. m. Good reference required from strangers. Now We Have It. A. F. Starnes, No. 217 Market street, the South Side Jeweler, has a fine line of Diamonds, Gold and Silver Watches, jewelry, and all kinds of Jewelry and articles suitable for presents, which he is offering at prices that can be found in the city. Call and see Mr. Starnes's goods and get his prices before purchasing your Christmas gifts. Now We Have It. St. Patricks, Dec. 22.—The Imperial Academy of Arts has decided to exclude Jews from membership. The report of the Committee on Rules and regulations, concerning the action to be taken, when children apply to be admitted with contagious disease, are known to be in school, was adopted. This report was printed in the Intramural last Friday. The communication from the Builders' League with reference to unqualified teachers was referred to the committee on Teachers and Scholars, with instructions to prepare a report. Clerk Hall reported the payment of a note for \$5,000, and was authorized to pay a note falling due January 15, for \$1,000. It was decided to close the schools for Christmas holidays to-morrow evening and to allow a vacation till January 1. A representative of Yaggy's geographical studies presented the good qualities of his charts, which matter was referred to the committee on unqualified teachers. A representative of an electric school, was also present, and wanted to put the bells in the school houses. This matter was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds. The Secular Union. At the regular meeting of the Wheeling Secular Union held yesterday the following proposition was adopted: Resolved, That the Wheeling Secular Union favors the action of the School Board of this city in accepting the proposition of the J. O. U. A. M., to place the United States flag over the public school buildings. It was adopted another resolution authorizing the advertised charges of the Patriotic Sons of America, who wish that the United States flag with the stars and stripes of the Secular Union. Now, L. Ross & Co. are offering their elegant styles of Sewing Machines at half price. Don't fail to secure one. They just arrived and must be sold. See advertisement in this paper.

A GHASTLY SPECTACLE.

Horrible Deed Committed by Charles Shelar, of Niles, O. HIS WIFE AND 3 CHILDREN And Himself All Dead With Their Throats Cut From Ear to Ear With a Razor—A Fearful Crime That Excited an Ohio Town.

NILES, O., Dec. 22.—This community was startled this evening by the discovery of one of the most wholesale and bloody butcheries that has ever occurred in this section of the State. The victim, five in number, are Charles Shelar and wife and three children, and the crime is supposed to have taken place at an early hour this morning. When the inhuman deed was discovered at about 6 o'clock this evening all five bodies were still and cold in death with their throats cut from ear to ear. Shelar and his wife were lying together across the foot of the bed, and the three children were in different parts of the house. Shelar was a mill man and had steady employment, but of late drank heavily, and it is rumored that he and his wife drank heavily together. Shelar and wife were born and reared in this city. The weapon used was a razor, and was purchased by Shelar of a hardware dealer in this city. The razor was found in the house at this writing is densely packed with an excited populace all eager to get a glimpse at the ghastly spectacle. A CRUEL CAPTAIN. Members of the Crew of the Robert T. Belknap Tell a Terrible Story. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—When the American ship Robert T. Belknap, dropped anchor this morning off Bedloe Island, after a long passage from San Francisco, half a dozen sailors jumped over the side into a small boat and hurriedly pulled to the battery. They were greatly excited and appeared glad to be liberated from the clipper which they characterized as the "hottest" they had ever sailed in. They stated that the first mate had been ironed for nearly two months. While off the horn he quarreled with a seaman and the latter was thrown overboard by him and drowned. The mate was the leading officer of the crew and never allowed the first mate's hands a peace while at liberty. He often picked quarrels with the men and mistreated them on the slightest provocation. The Belknap is under command of Capt. Staples, who is considered a hard master and has been in the habit of carrying with him brass officers. The vessel recently left New York for San Francisco, and on her arrival at the Golden Gate her crew told a pitiful story of cruelty on the part of the captain and officers. The leading officer is considered the finest clipper in the American fleet. AN HISTORIC CHALLENGE DEAD. Erasmus Madison Who Once Created a Big Sensation in Congress Passes Away. UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Hon. Erasmus B. Madison, of this city, died to-day aged 84 years. He was representative in Congress from this district in the 51st, 52nd and 53rd Congresses. While in Congress in 1850-51, Madison was charged with declaring that a large number of the members of Congress were pauper-seekers. The affair caused great excitement in Congress and throughout the country. A resolution was introduced giving the members of the House, after a long and bitter debate it was finally tabled. Before it could be called up again Mr. Madison resigned his seat. About a year ago a number of Congressmen and other prominent persons in the National Hotel in Washington were poisoned. It was believed to be a pre-arranged plot to murder President Buchanan. That the Vice President Breckinridge, Mr. Madison was one of those poisoned and came very near dying. In fact, his health was affected permanently. During the latter years of his life he was afflicted with various business enterprises and died comparatively poor. Big Docket for This Morning's Court. This morning's session of Police Court will be a big one. At last midnight there were forty cases registered on the blotter and many more were on file. Saturday night the house kept on Main street, just south of the creek bridge, by Myrtle Lynnwood, was raided, and six girls and four men in their twenties, were secured in a place down on the Caldwell run flats, yielded up a woman named Anna Ward, yielded up Ward, one girl and five men. Ann Keim expected her place on Twenty-first street would be raided Saturday night and warned away all callers. When Officer Willie passed the place, which is on the corner of Broadway and Twenty-first street, he observed that several uncles for some time yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock a squad composed of Willie, Moran, Short and Herbert raided the place and caught Keim, several girls and five men, one of them colored. The Weather and Christmas shoppers. Between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday morning a terrific rain and snow storm similar to the one of Friday afternoon swept over the city. The day calmed down, but the rain continued to dawn a beautiful one, however, and continued to fall without even a threatening cloud to mar its loveliness. Saturday was another fine day and the Christmas shoppers were out in force to take advantage of it. The clerks in the leading stores had been on their feet all day when shutting up time came which was not till nearly midnight. A slight shower in the evening had no apparent effect on the crowded condition of the streets. Calling Friends. The home of the Messrs. Glanville, in Alley O, was visited by burglars last Friday night. Thirty-five dollars was stolen. Saturday night thieves called again, but the sisters had not gone to bed, and the burglars were scared away. The women were much frightened, and were afraid to stay in the house. Menace to the Hall, Select Dancing Academy. Prof. John Mullen's second term commences Tuesday, January 7, 1890. A class for ladies and gentlemen will be formed from 7:30 to 10 p. m., Wednesday, January 8, and a class for Misses and Masters from 10 to 12 p. m. Good reference required from strangers. Now We Have It. A. F. Starnes, No. 217 Market street, the South Side Jeweler, has a fine line of Diamonds, Gold and Silver Watches, jewelry, and all kinds of Jewelry and articles suitable for presents, which he is offering at prices that can be found in the city. Call and see Mr. Starnes's goods and get his prices before purchasing your Christmas gifts. Now We Have It. St. Patricks, Dec. 22.—The Imperial Academy of Arts has decided to exclude Jews from membership. The report of the Committee on Rules and regulations, concerning the action to be taken, when children apply to be admitted with contagious disease, are known to be in school, was adopted. This report was printed in the Intramural last Friday. The communication from the Builders' League with reference to unqualified teachers was referred to the committee on Teachers and Scholars, with instructions to prepare a report. Clerk Hall reported the payment of a note for \$5,000, and was authorized to pay a note falling due January 15, for \$1,000. It was decided to close the schools for Christmas holidays to-morrow evening and to allow a vacation till January 1. A representative of Yaggy's geographical studies presented the good qualities of his charts, which matter was referred to the committee on unqualified teachers. A representative of an electric school, was also present, and wanted to put the bells in the school houses. This matter was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds. The Secular Union. At the regular meeting of the Wheeling Secular Union held yesterday the following proposition was adopted: Resolved, That the Wheeling Secular Union favors the action of the School Board of this city in accepting the proposition of the J. O. U. A. M., to place the United States flag over the public school buildings. It was adopted another resolution authorizing the advertised charges of the Patriotic Sons of America, who wish that the United States flag with the stars and stripes of the Secular Union. Now, L. Ross & Co. are offering their elegant styles of Sewing Machines at half price. Don't fail to secure one. They just arrived and must be sold. See advertisement in this paper.

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