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THE ELECTIONS BILL.

Democratic Senators Hold a Caucus to Consider

THE MEANS FOR DEFEATING

The Measure--They Decide to Maintain an Unalterable Opposition to Its Passage -- Copyright Bill Passes the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—The Democratic Senators had a caucus this afternoon to discuss the order of business. The chances of the passage of the election bill, if it should reach a final vote, were canvassed and individual Senators expressed divers opinions as to the ability of the Republican party leaders to keep their forces in line. The conclusion reached was to maintain an unalterable opposition to the passage of the bill. The minority will seize every opportunity to discuss the bill exhaustively and fairly and to amend every objectionable feature as reached in the detailed consideration of the measure, as was the case with the tariff bill. The opinion was expressed that as the majority had not yet signified any intention to unduly restrict reasonable debate, it would be premature for the caucus to undertake the arrangement of a programme to meet the presentation of a closure resolution.

To secure harmony of action the Democratic members of the Committee on Privileges and Elections (which reported the bill) will take charge of the debate and arrange the order of speaking. As to the further order of business, it was decided that as the Republican Senators had not yet completed their order the caucus would not now undertake to formulate a programme.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

The Indian Question and Election Bill in the Senate--Copyright Bill Passes the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—After the reading of the House Journal the Speaker stated the pending business to be the further consideration of the copyright bill.

Mr. Simonds, of Connecticut, (in charge of the bill), stated that the friends of the measure were willing to have a vote taken immediately, but expressed his readiness to yield any time that its opponents might desire.

The debate on the copyright bill lasted until about 2 o'clock, Springer, Peters, Oates and Kerr opposed the bill while Breckenridge, of Kentucky, Farquahar, McAdoo and Butterworth spoke in its support. A vote was then taken and resulted yeas 139; nays 95. So the bill was passed.

In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—In presenting a petition for an amendment to the tariff bill in relation to the rebate on manufactured tobacco in the Senate today, Mr. Allison said that the conferees on the part of both houses had agreed to that section of the tariff, as the conference report would disclose, but that it had been omitted in the enrollment. He had no doubt that the matter would receive early attention.

Mr. Cullom introduced a bill to reduce letter postage to one cent, and it was referred.

A long and interesting discussion took place on the subject of the threatened Indian war apropos to a joint resolution to issue arms to the States of North and South Dakota and Nebraska, Mr. Vorhees having charged the situation to the fact of the Indians being starved, and being replied to by Messrs. Dawes and Pierce. The debate was interrupted at 2 o'clock by the Election bill coming up as the unfinished business. Mr. Hoar, in charge of the bill, said that in view of the fact that on reporting the bill at the close of the last session he had addressed the Senate upon it he would now forego any opening of the debate, but would content himself with answering whatever objections should be made to the bill on the Democratic side of the Chamber. Mr. Turpie thereupon opened the discussion in opposition.

He said the recent census would show that in the States on Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois there were about 250,000 colored people, yet in these States no colored man had ever served as Governor or been elected to any department of the State Government. The suppression of the colored vote in the South was a thing affirmed on one side and denied on the other, but the suppression of the colored voter of the North was a thing without question, actual, absolute, unconditional. The supremacy of the white race was not peculiar to any portion of the United States South Carolina was not more completely under its sway than was Pennsylvania. Its supremacy was not one whit more firmly established in Texas and Arkansas than in Illinois and Ohio. The man (especially the man of the White House) who sought to embroil the white and black races for a purpose, he could not conceal and dare not avow was guilty of an outrage ten fold greater than any of those he invented or described.

The purpose of the pending bill was that the law of the land must be suborned to set enemity between the white man and the black man. The bill was not artfully framed. Its only art was its absolute malignity. Pass this bill and the right of the people to choose their representatives that right so precious and priceless to every lover of liberty was lost—lost beyond recovery and beyond recall.

At the conclusion of his speech, Mr. Turpie received the congratulations of his Democratic colleagues and the Senate adjourned.

ANOTHER SCHEME

To Defeat the Elections Bill--The Free Coinage Bait

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The Democrats are still conferring to devise some plan for the defeat of the Election bill.

The latest dodge is to move the substitution of a free coinage bill and demand a vote, hoping thereby to catch fifteen or eighteen Republican Senators who favor free silver.

The measure has been placed in the hands of three or four prominent Democratic Senators, and the first who gets the opportunity will make the motion. Senator Teller and other silver advocates say they will not be caught in the trap.

COMMENDED BY ALL.

Secretary Windom's Report Refutes Late Campaign Lies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Secretary Windom's report is commended on all sides. He promptly disposes of the charge, repeatedly made during the late campaign and since, that the government revenue is not to be equal to the government expenditures for the current fiscal year and the next.

His exhibit of the situation is in entire harmony with the position taken by the Republican party during the last six months, and shows the Treasury to be in a healthy condition, and that the Secretary has managed the finances with wonderful skill.

His suggestion of some legislation to make the currency a little more elastic in times of emergency will receive the early attention of the Finance Committee, and some action will be taken in accordance with his recommendation.

EX-SENATOR CAMDEN

Says He is not Now a Candidate for the U. S. Senate--Interviewed at Washington.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—Ex-Senator J. N. Camden, of West Virginia, was on the floor of the Senate chamber this afternoon and held quite a reception. He seemed to have a good deal to talk about with several of the millionaires of that body. Later he and Senator Gorman went down to the restaurant and lunched together. The INTELLIGENCER representative met the ex-Senator in the corridor and asked him about West Virginia politics.

"Oh," said he, "the upheaval reached our State and the Democrats are correspondingly happy, but everything politically is moving along quietly."

"Will you be a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate?" was asked.

"Oh, no, I guess not."

"There seems to be an impression here that you are taking an interest in the legislative nominations and that you are setting up the pins to succeed Mr. Faulkner."

"Yes. Every time I do anything or go away from home some people begin to get scared and think I am endeavoring to secure my return to the Senate, but there is no foundation for their suspicions."

"Then you are not a candidate?" was asked again.

"I have not thought of being a candidate."

"Can I quote you to that effect?"

"I have no objections," replied the ex-Senator. He remarked: "I am not, however, making any pledges to the world or anybody as to what I may do, but at present I have no intention whatever of becoming a candidate. I have a great deal on hand now, and if I get through with that I will have about as much as I can attend to and will be content and have every reason to be happy."

NO RIVER AND HARBOR BILL

Likely to be Passed This Session--Chairman Henderson Talks.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—It is probable that there will be no river and harbor bill passed at this session of Congress. The bill of last year was liberal, and the Republican members of the committee say the necessity is not so great as it was twelve months ago. Chairman Henderson said to-day:

"There may be large deficiency appropriations to provide for during the present Congress, and with the amount of unexpended money in the hands of the Secretary of War, I think it is just as well to omit passing a river and harbor bill this session. If any emergencies arise, we will provide for them, but I do not think we will undertake to carry out the estimates of the army engineers, which are about to be submitted.

Postmasters Appointed.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—West Virginia postmasters appointed to-day: Nora L. McConkey, vice B. McConkey resigned, Fetterman, Taylor county; D. H. Riggs, vice H. Guider resigned, Fink, Ritchie county; B. Dunberger, vice A. B. Burdett resigned, Flinn, Jackson county; J. W. Lesey, vice M. V. Stranghan removed, Handley, Kanawha county; A. H. Davis, vice T. P. Douglas removed, Milettus, Doddridge county; Lydia A. Austin, vice J. P. Austin resigned, Red Mud, Mason county.

West Virginia Pensions.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—West Virginia pensions: Original—R. W. Meeks, Mason county; John M. Newman, Huntington. Increase—R. T. Stomacer, Phillippi; Robt. H. Thomas, Hamlin; Wm. Martin, Ellenboro; A. S. Skidmore, Givens; Chas. M. Hill, Huntington; John D. Harris, Buchannon; Lewis Edwards, West Columbia; Jeremiah Lug, Littleton; Oscar N. Greer, Ambrosia. Reissue—Wm. T. Rouse, Cox Landing. Reissue and increase—Michael Gibbs, Hartford City.

RICHARDS SELLS OUT.

The Clarksburg Telegram Purchased by a Syndicate of Republicans.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 3.—The Clarksburg *Telegram*, the controlling interest in the electric light company and all other property of Mayor W. T. Richards was purchased to-day by Richard T. Lowndes, General Goff and a syndicate of prominent Republicans. Negotiations for this purchase have been going on ever since the election. One report to-night says that the paper will be discontinued, while another, from fully as authentic source, asserts that Congressman Atkinson will assume control upon the expiration of his term. What Richards intends doing is not stated, while the price paid for his several interests is a profound secret.

Dug Through the Wall.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 3.—Walter Ray, Morris Comers and Andrew Higginbotham, the first a six month's county prisoner and the others thirty-day United States prisoners, escaped from the Hinton Jail this morning at 2 o'clock by digging through the walls.

IT DIDN'T WORK.

A Man Dies After Discharging His Physician to Try "Christian Science."

MARSHALL, MO., Dec. 3.—Isaac Hamilton, aged 57, a prominent farmer, died Monday of a fever. His wife and daughter, it is alleged, believe in the doctrine of "Christian Science," and for three weeks before his death the patient had no medicine or medical treatment. About a week after he was taken sick, physicians were summoned, but after a few calls, Mrs. Hamilton told them not to come any more, her husband finally consenting to try the efficacy of "Christian Science." The coroner returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death by the neglect of those who had him in charge after medical treatment had been abandoned.

The Lottery in Politics.

TOPEKA, KAN., Dec. 3.—The Marion county contest for a member of the Legislature, wherein W. W. Maxwell, Alliance, and George M. Rood, Republican, each recieved the same number, was decided this morning by lot in favor of Mr. Rood. Thirty-two slips, all blank except one, upon which was written the word Representative, were placed in a hat. Governor Humphreys held the hat and Auditor McCarthy, representing Rood, and Treasurer Sims, representing Maxwell, drew the slips alternately until the slip marked "Representative" was drawn to McCarthy.

THE INDIAN TROUBLE.

Colonel Heyl Reports There Is No Immediate Danger.

THE CAUSES FOR THE SCARE.

Some of the Newspapers Print Exaggerated Accounts --- The Indians Imposed Upon by the Agencies in the Northwest.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Colonel Heyl, Inspector General of the Division of the Missouri, returned this morning from a visit to the scene of the Indian troubles in the Northwest. In an interview he said: "My opinion is that there is no immediate danger of any serious trouble. The troops are concentrated and seem to have the situation perfectly in hand."

"A great part of the scare has been totally uncalled for. Why, a number of newspapers got to printing a number of sensational and grossly exaggerated stories about the Indians, and many settlers in Dakota and Nebraska became panic stricken. They sold their property for almost anything they could get, abandoned their homes and rushed to the nearest railway station, when the fact is that they would be in no more danger from the Indians than we are here in Chicago." The principal cause of the Indian troubles is lack of proper provisions in the way of rations—principally meat rations. The latter were reduced 1,000,000 pounds for the Pine Ridge reservation alone, and the authorities there have a practice of issuing a steer at the weight at which it was received. For instance, the agency might kill a steer in the fall that would weigh 1,000 pounds. In the spring it wouldn't weigh more than 600 pounds, but it would be issued at 1,000 pounds all the same. Of course the Indians would lose the difference. This is one great source of dissatisfaction. "The Indians generally, I think, are inclined to accept any proposition made to them by the military authorities of a peaceful nature, but when I left there was a big snow storm and blizzard coming which I think will cool the ardor of the young bucks."

OFF FOR THE FRONT.

The Sixth Cavalry Enroute for the Black Hills, Spoiling for a Fight.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 3.—The Sixth cavalry, consisting of 19 officers, 335 men and 360 horses, arrived yesterday afternoon from Fort Wingate on their way to Fort Mead, Black Hills. They were paid off here before leaving, to the extent of $7,000. They have been fourteen years in New Mexico and glad to get a change. Some old Indian fighters are among the officers and men. Two companies of infantry left at Fort Wingate will be reinforced by a troop of cavalry from Whipple barracks.

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Terrible Vengeance of a Young Man Against His Sister's Abuser.

BURLINGTON, IOWA, Dec. 3.—News of a tragedy which occurred in Henderson county, Ill., across the river, is brought here by a courier. An old man named Hawley married a daughter of Joseph Brown several years ago. The match was unhappy, and resulted, a short time ago, in the wife leaving her husband and going home to live. She returned a day or two later for her clothes, when she was roundly abused by Hawley. This she reported to her father and brother. It enraged Barney, her twenty-year-old brother, and, loading his musket, he started out, as he said, to have some kind of a settlement with "old Hawley." Late Monday night, Hawley was found lying across his desolate hearth shot through the heart. Brown confessed that he committed the deed, but claims that he did it in self-defense, as the old man had attacked him with an axe. The boy is in custody.

Sensational Murder Trial.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 3.—The case of Walter H. Horton, under arrest on a charge of having drowned his wife and child in the Mississippi river, on the evening of August 14 last, while out rowing, came up for trial yesterday. The evidence indicated that Horton planned the murder to get rid of his wife in order to be free to marry Miss Mary Van Wie, a school teacher in this city. Sensational letters from Miss Van Wie were read in court indicating that Horton intended to marry her in a few months.

Two Ohio Murders.

LIMA, OHIO, Dec. 3.—Yesterday the dead body of John Watkins was discovered lying near the track of the Nickel Plate railroad at Hartsburg with a bullet hole in his head. He was last seen at midnight with two men who were strangers in the locality. All three had been drinking.

George Tungst, a farmer living near Ottawa, was murdered by Edward Heaton yesterday. Heaton had served a term in State's prison and was recently released. He blamed Tungst for testifying against him.

A Murderer Killed.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 3.—A Williamstown, Ky., dispatch says that last evening George Burgess, a saloon keeper, shot and fatally wounded Miss Alice McKinley at her home and then barricaded himself in his saloon, threatening to kill any one that would try to arrest him. Sheriff Webb and Deputy Marshal Cath went to the saloon and broke down the door. Burgess opened fire and a fusilade followed, ending with the death of Burgess. The officers escaped injury. Miss McKinley is reported dying.

A Cashier's Shortage.

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 3.—Financial circles were somewhat agitated yesterday by the statement that W. R. Thornell, cashier of the Boston National Bank, was short in his accounts. A run commenced on the bank, but was stopped in a short time by the announcement that the shortage had been made good. Thornell came here in 1882 from Denver. He is now sick with typhoid fever, and the amount of the shortage is not known. He will not be arrested.

Smith Gets Seventeen Years.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Albert H. Smith, who was convicted in the General Sessions of forgery in the first degree, in raising a seven share certificate to a seventy share certificate was sentenced by Judge Fitzgerald, to seventeen years imprisonment in the State prison. Smith was a member of the firm of Mills, Robeson & Smith, bankers and brokers, and perpetrated a number of similar forgeries.

Acquitted of Forgery.

FARGO, D. D., Dec. 3.—Rev. William P. Fisher, of Minneapolis, was acquitted of forgery this morning. It was charged that he had signed a name in a real estate transaction with intent to defraud.

FATAL FIRE AT PITTSBURGH.

A Large Block Burning--Seven Lives Lost in the Building.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 4.—Between 12:30 and 1 o'clock this morning fire broke out from some unknown cause in the flat owned by Dr. John Dickson, on the corner of Ninth and Penn avenue, and is still burning. The lower floor is occupied by the Kimmel drug store and if this is saved the loss will only be about $40,000. It was supposed that the 15 occupants of the house had escaped by ladders and stairway, but Mrs. Irvine, the janitress, has just been found lying on the third landing, evidently smothered to death.

1:45 A. M.—The fire in the Dickson flat is still burning, with four engines pouring water on the flames. The loss is much greater than at first supposed. Firemen have just taken out another dead body. It is that of Mr. Irvine, the husband of the dead janitress. One other occupant is reported missing.

At this hour, 2 a. m., it is reported by inmates who escaped, that there are four more bodies in the burning building.

TWO FIREMEN KILLED

And Two Injured at the Burning of a Tobacco Factory.

DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 3.—The fine-cut department of the Scotten Tobacco Company's works was destroyed by fire early this morning. It was worth $100,000. The stock was also a total loss but the value is unknown. Two firemen were killed and two injured. The dead are: O. G. Robinson, pipeman, and Lieut. Patrick Coughlin. Peter Cullen, pipeman, and Lieut. Demay were seriously hurt. About 600 girls are thrown out of employment.

EIGHT THOUSAND MEN OUT.

The Strike of the Coal Miners in Alabama, A Long Struggle Expected.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 3.—The striking coal miners were yesterday joined by nearly all the men who were at work on Monday, and all the mines are idle except where convicts are worked or negro miners have been secured. At the Blocton mines, where 2,000 men are employed, the conservative element tried to get all the men to return to work yesterday but failed, and those who worked Monday went out. Eight thousand miners are now idle, and the indications are the struggle will be a long and bitter one. Nearly half the furnaces in the district will go out of blast this week, and others will follow as soon as the stock of coke is exhausted. The strikers are very quiet, but the leaders say they have gone in to win. The mine operators remain firm and united against paying the advanced wages demanded.

The Morris Mine Resumes.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 3.—The Morris Gas, Coal and Coke Company have secured new wheelmen and drivers and the mine is again in operation. Mr. Myers, one of the lessees, has arrived with a view of settling the difficulties. Talks with men show that great dissatisfaction exists among all classes of employes of this company, but it is thought the matter will be satisfactorily adjusted.

The Strike at Monongah.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MONONGAH, W. VA., Dec. 3.—The miners here are still out and all operations are suspended. Both sides are firm and there is no apparent signs of a settlement.

The Strike Broken.

ERIE, PA., Dec. 3.—The strike on the Pittsburgh, Shenango & Lake Erie has been broken, and 100 laborers have returned to work. They struck for $1 50 a day, and finally all returned to work, any part of a day to be a day's work and not for ten hours.

THE HOME MARKET CLUB.

The Executive Committee Resolves to Pursue an Aggressive Policy.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 3.—The new Executive Committee of the Home Market Club held its first meeting last evening. Col. Albert Clark, Secretary, and Beverly Moore, Treasurer, were re-elected. Letters were read from Major McKinley, Senator Hoar and others favoring the re-enlistment of all friends of the cause for early, constant and aggressive work, and this policy was resolved upon. The President's message was discussed, and his views on Protection, Reciprocity and the Federal election bills warmly commended.

DR. MARY WALKER.

She Is Not Dying but Preparing to Prosecute Her Claim for a Pension.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Dec. 3.—Dr. Mary E. Walker, who is reported dying at her home at Bunker Hill, six miles west of Oswego, was visited by an Associated Press reporter last night. Her condition is much improved, and she will soon commence work preparing papers to be presented at the second session of the Fifty-first Congress, relative to her pension claim. She said she was determined to live until she obtained justice at the hands of the Government.

Huntington Signed the Agreement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—C. P. Huntington, President of the Southern Pacific Company, states a call for a meeting of railroad officials and bankers identified with railroad interests is being circulated and has been signed by him. He also states that no agreement has been signed and no provision or information in regard to the purpose of meeting is contained in the paper which is being circulated. It is simply a call for a meeting and nothing more. No meeting or conference has yet been held, and no results have been reached in regard to the formation of a new association, although the street is flooded with schemes and agreements which it is asserted have been consummated.

A Lodging House Trust.

BOSTON, Dec. 3.—A combination has been formed to control the management of the cheap lodging houses in this city known as the "Friendly Inns." The organization will be called the "New England Lodging Hotel Company." The company is controlled by five persons, who own the capital stock of $100,000. Steps have been taken to establish houses in Portland, Worcester and Providence.

Navigation Ceases on the Upper Hudson.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Dec. 3.—Navigation has ceased on the upper Hudson. Newburgh and Albany steamers made their last trips yesterday. They report the ice above the Catskill from one to three inches thick, and increasing all the time. All the interior ponds are frozen. It is reported that the steamer Drew, of the People's line, is fast in the ice near Schodack.

A Prominent Lawyer Killed.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 3.—Hon. Isaac M. Jordan, one of the best known attorneys of the bar in this city, fell down the elevator in the Lincoln Inn Court where his office is located and instantly killed.

A DECIDED SENSATION

In the National Convention of the Farmers' Alliance.

THE CHARGES OF CORRUPTION

Against President Polk and Others. Demands for an Investigation---Resolutions Condemning the Elections Bill.

OCALA, FLA., Dec. 3.—The Farmers' Alliance Convention met in regular session this morning. A resolution was adopted providing a committee from each State delegation to investigate the conduct of Mr. McCune, Chairman of the National Executive Committee, L. F. Livingstone, President of the Georgia State Alliance, and President Polk, in reference to the Georgia Senatorship, it having been charged that these gentlemen were influenced in their actions by money considerations. The committee is empowered to investigate any other charges with which any of the officers may be accused. Mr. Livingstone, rising to a question of personal privilege in the convention, stated that the charges and rumors affecting him in reference to the Georgia Senatorship were untrue, and he demanded a thorough investigation. He said McCune and Polk heartily joined in this demand. These insinuations had been aimed at Dr. McCune and himself and President Polk's name had been connected with them. He denounced these rumors and insinuations as infamously false and demanded the appointment of a committee to investigate them. Assertions, he said, had been made in these specials that the *National Economist* and some other State Alliance organs had been or are being conducted by Wall street capital, which assertions Mr. Livingtone also denied most emphatically.

President Polk then said that as far as he was concerned personally he cared little for slanders of this kind, but urged the appointment of a committee for the purpose of investigation. He was followed by Dr. S. W. McCune, of the *National Economist*, who joined Messrs. Livingston and Polk in their demands for sifting this slander to the bottom in the interest of future harmony of the Alliance. It was finally decided that a committee of investigation should be appointed, and that it should consist of one member from each State delegation in the convention, to be selected by the delegation itself. It is said, however, that this action, asked for by Messrs. Livingston, Polk and McCune, will not prevent the filing of charges against McCune, as outlined in Tuesday's dispatches.

At the afternoon session Delegate W. S. McAllister, of Mississippi, introduced a resolution, which was adopted, as follows:

"WHEREAS, In the holy war which we have declared against sectionalism, the firesides of the farmers of the North, East, South and West are the citadels around which the heaviest battles are being fought, and to that end the victory may crown our crusade and fraternity and unity reign; therefore be it

Resolved, By the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union of America in National Council assembled, That we do most solemnly protest against the passage of the Lodge election bill, and most earnestly petition our Senators to employ all fair and legal means to defeat this unpatriotic measure, which can result in nothing but evil to one common and beloved country.

Mr. McAllister, at the end of a strong speech, moved their adoption. After a few moments of suspense, Delegate Deming, of Pennsylvania, arose and said that he regarded the introduction of the resolutions as untimely; that there was largely prevalent at the North a feeling that the Farmers' Alliance was a Southern organization, its members being saturated with Southern sentiments, and that passage of these resolutions would strengthen this opinion and check the growth of the Alliance in the North and East. His language was very temperate and conciliatory and a ripple of applause greeted the close of his speech.

President McGrath, of the Kansas State Alliance, moved the adoption of the resolutions.

A delegate from Illinois expressed practically the same sentiments as Mr. Deming, of Pennsylvania.

The question then recurred on Mr. McAllister's motion to adopt the resolutions, and when the motion was finally put it was carried unanimously amid the wildest enthusiasm.

Great Snows in California.

TRUCKEE, CALA., Dec. 3.—It has stormed steadily since last night. Eighteen inches of snow has fallen here during the day and four feet at summit, the barometer, 22.40, being the lowest on record. It is snowing and blowing hard, from Alta to Vesdi. Headlight snow plows are running ahead of passenger trains.

The Second Snow Storm.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 3.—Central New York was visited by the second severe snow storm of the season to-day. A light, dry snow has been falling and a sharp wind blowing from the east all day. The snow has paralyzed traffic on the Belt Line electric cars.

The Koch Remedy.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—The *Medical Weekly* publishes articles on the Koch remedy, written by Staff Surgeon Behring and Dr. Kitasato. The writers recount the results that have been attained by the use of the lymph in cases of tuberculosis and lupus, but state that from the results of Prof. Koch's experiments in the direction of a cure for other diseases, he is not able to secure immunity from diphtheria and tetanus.

Important if True.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Sir Joseph Lister in a speech at King's College on his return from Berlin announced that within a month the world would be startled by two new discoveries. He said Dr. Kochs transcendingly important consumption cure hinted at and involved the cure and prevention of two of the most terribly contagious diseases known.

Will Lose Lots of Land.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 3.—According to a special from Pierre, S. D., to the *Pioneer Press* the State of South Dakota is liable to lose some forty thousand acres of land granted by the general government.

Steamship News.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The Anchor Line steamer Ethiopia, Captain Wilson, from New York, November 16, for Glasgow, concerning whose safety some anxiety has been felt, she being several days overdue, passed Conservative island this morning. Her shaft is broken. This accident was the cause of her delay.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 3.—Arrived—Steamer Nova Scotian, from Baltimore for Liverpool.

SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 3.—Arrived, the steamer Falda, from New York, for Bremen.

THE MAIN STREET BRIDGE

As a Reminder of the Way Certain Interests Deceived the People.

A member of the Council Committee on Contracts, which has charge of the erection of the Main street stone bridge under the contract of Paige, Carey & Co., whose bid was somewhat over $94,000, said yesterday that before the bridge is completed, it will cost the city from $130,000 to $150,000. Said a prominent citizen yesterday: "The people were bamboozled and lied to concerning that bridge, or we would now have a first class, modern steel structure in use. I am surprised that the people do not kick more than they are, and the INTELLIGENCER is certainly exercising great forbearance in not scoring severely those who are responsible for the existing state of affairs. Watch that the same gang does not do the same thing with the people on the electric light business. I know that the *Register*, after getting one man's opinion that a plant would cost over $100,000, quoted him as saying that it could be put in complete for $75,000, and when he remonstrated with Mr. Taney, that gentleman suavely said, 'Oh, it won't do to let the people think this thing is going to cost so much, or they won't be for it!'"

TALK OF A CHANGE.

The Republican Committee May Change the Plan of Nominating.

There was an informal conference last evening of members of the Republican City Committee and aspirants for the various positions on the party ticket. No action was taken. There is a possibility, though, that the committee's decision to have a city convention may be reconsidered, and the nominations made by primary elections.

There is a very general expression in favor of primaries. All the aspirants and their friends seem to prefer that system, and so far as heard from the party generally seems to think a convention not the best.

It was also urged that the convention was appointed for too early a date; that it is the best party policy to wait until some time in January to nominate. In view of these suggestions and preferences, the committee will in all probability change the plan.

That Proposed Third Ticket.

A member of the Prohibition Club is authority for the statement that no citizens' or other independent ticket will be nominated if either of the parties puts in the field a ticket which the law and order and so forth people can conscientiously support. However, a committee of three has been appointed to wait on the Chamber of Commerce and endeavor to enlist that body in some such a movement.

Belmont County Farmers' Alliance.

The Belmont County Farmers' Alliance will meet according to adjournment in the Court House hall at St. Clairsville to-day. An excellent programme has been arranged, and a profitable time is expected. Members of sub-Alliances and farmers generally are earnestly requested to be present and to bring their families. All the sessions are open to the public and everybody is invited to be present. The subjects assigned for discussion are of special interest to farmers, and the speakers secured are among the best in this vicinity.

"Said Pasha."

This popular opera will be given at the Opera House Saturday evening.

As its name bears witness it is a Turkish opera, giving scope for elaborate costuming. The opportunity is not lost, the costumes throughout the opera being rich and tasteful.

There isnt much of a story told, most of what there is centering about the forbidden love of an officer of the Turkish guard for his superior's daughter and the wanderings of a Mexican in search of an ideal woman. The Pasha's daughter *Serena*, in the person of Agnes Sherwood, is the center of interest at all times. She is a charming little sprite and the spectator falls in love with her from her first appearance. There's only an armful of her but that little is like a sunbeam, carrying joy and warmth wherever it falls. Her voice is strong and sweet, and she sings the part charmingly.

Prof. Cumnock's Readings.

The third entertainment in the Young Men's Christian Association's course will be an evening of delightful readings by Prof. Robert L. Cumnock, who has won golden opinions east and west, north and south. He stands without a peer in his delineation of the heroic, the pathetic, the dramatic and the humorous. Prof. Cumnock's voice is fine to begin with—his tastes trained carefully—his conception is that of a master. Unite all these qualities with dramatic ability and you cannot fail of a superior artist. Prof. Cumnock is just that. His readings next Tuesday evening will be what they always are—in good taste and delivered perfectly. Seats can be reserved at the Y. M. C. A. building at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

"A Boxing Glove."

The Grand Opera House will undoubtedly be crowded to-night to see the first production in this city of the new three-act musical comedy, "A Boxing Glove." The seats have most all been sold, and those who intend to see the performance should secure seats at once. The company showed at Moundsville last night to an immense house, and to say that the audience enjoyed the performance is putting it mild. Encore after encore was given, and the manager of the theatre was so delighted with the production that he insisted on having a return date, which was made. The music throughout the play is new and catchy. There still remain a few more good seats at Weir's.

The Theaters Last Night.

"The Fat Men's Club" delighted another audience at the Opera House last evening. The comedy grows better with age, like wine.

The Nelson Family's Great World's Combination closed its engagement at the Grand with a matinee and evening performance yesterday. Both were fairly attended, and the performances pleased everybody.

"Held by the Enemy."

This great military drama, the most successful yet seen here, will be presented at the Opera House again this evening. It has always drawn good houses and made a favorable impression here, and doubtless on this visit will do so again. It tells an interesting story in a bright and pleasing way, and is brimful of thrilling dramatic situations. Seats are on sale at House's.

The Storm Passed Over.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 3.—The crisis in the Ministry arose from a dispute between President De Fonseca and the members of his cabinet regarding the punishment of the officers who wrecked the office of the *Tribuna*. The difficulty has now been settled.

A Woman Sentenced to Death.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The trial of Mrs. Nellie Piercey, on the charge of murdering Mrs. Hogg, the wife of a London porter, on the 24th of October last, ended to-day. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the prisoner was sentenced to be hanged.

STILL HANGS FIRE.

Nationalists Continue to Consider the Parnell Matter.

A PROBABLE COMPROMISE

Between the Factions--Mr. Clancy Proposes a Method of Temporary Relief from the Present Embarrassment---Foreign News.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The meeting of the Nationalist members of the House of Commons to further consider the question of the retention of Mr. Parnell in the leadership of the party re-assembled at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the room of the House of Commons in which the previous meetings have been held. During the proceedings Mr. Parnell announced that the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons had granted the Irish members of the Irish Committee room until 7 o'clock. Mr. Healy disputed that officials right to determine the length of the deliberations and requested that he be notified to that effect. Mr. Parnell declared that the message that Mr. Healy suggested be sent to the Sergeant-at-Arms was impertinent. Objection was raised to telegrams from individuals being received during the proceedings.

During the discussion a telegram personal to Mr. Parnell was read. Mr. Sexton said he would persist to the end in his opposition to Mr. Parnell, despite the ruthlanly attacks that had been made upon him.

A dispatch from Clonmel was read, declaring that the tenants on the Smith-Barry estates were with Dillon and O'Brien and in their opposition to the leader of the party.

A telegram from the Belfast branch of the National League was read. It declared that the members would have no leader but Parnell.

When this dispatch was read, Mr. Sexton, who represents the western division of Belfast, said that if the opinion of the Belfast Nationalists was contrary to his own, he would resign his seat in Parliament.

Mr. Clancy said he had a proposal to make which he hoped would induce a solution of the difficulty in which the party found itself. Mr. Clancy's motion involves the temporary retirement of Mr. Parnell subject to certain conditions being exacted from Mr. Gladstone in connection with his promised home rule scheme. Mr. Clancy's proposal has raised a hope among the Nationalists that a unanimous settlement will be effected. Liberal circles, however, do not share this hope, the attitude and front of the opposition regarding Parnell being resolute and unyielding. Adjourned until to-morrow.

Those attending the meeting pledged themselves not to divulge Mr. Clancey's compromise proposition, but it is believed that the proposal is to ask Mr. Gladstone to give satisfactory assurance of introducing in his promised home rule scheme certain measures in regard to police and lands.

Mr. Parnell has decided to state explicitly whether he will retire from the leadership, but has asked a day in which to consider. Mr. Clancy's proposal was cleverly designed in the Parnell interest in the event of the almost certain refusal of Mr. Gladstone to give the required pledges.]

Keeping the Wires at Work.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—After reading the test vote in the Parnell meeting, William O'Brien, on behalf of his colleagues, sent the following cablegram to the editor of *United Ireland*: "Stand by us, unless our party deems it unjudicious. Insist that representatives of the people shall not be bullied. They speak from solemn conviction that Parnell's leadership means destruction."

Mr. Dillon sent a cablegram to Dublin yesterday, of which the following is the substance:

"If you rigidly maintain the position we have taken, the cause of Irish success in Parliamentary legislation is assured. If you do not, all the success of the last few years will result in final failure."

Movements of the Irish Envoys.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Messrs. Gill and Sullivan, of the Irish envoy party, left the city this morning for Dayton, Ohio, where they are to deliver addresses to-night. Mr. O'Connor was to have gone to Duluth to address a meeting to be held there to-morrow night, but he decided that, pending the decision of the leadership question in London, it would be inadvisable for him to leave the city. Accordingly he telegraphed Mr. M. B. Harrison, of Duluth, this morning, asking that the meeting be postponed.

Mr. O'Connor told an Associated Press reporter this afternoon that the envoys had received no private advices in regard to the situation across the water today, and that none were expected until the question of the leadership should be settled.

Unfit to be a Leader.

DUBLIN, Dec. 3.—At a meeting of the Catholic hierarchy held at the residence of Archbishop Walsh in this city to-day, it was resolved to issue a manifesto declaring that the Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland consider that Mr. Parnell is unfit to remain the leader of the Irish party. The objections to Mr. Parnell are based mainly on moral grounds, but it is also the opinion of the hierarchy that his continuance in the leadership would inevitably cause disunion in the party.

Ignored O'Brien's Advice.

CORK, Dec. 3.—A committee of the Cork Society, of which Mr. William O'Brien is President, has adopted a resolution supporting Mr. Parnell. This action is contrary to the course advised by Mr. O'Brien, who is one of the delegates of the Nationalist party in the United States who signed the cable dispatch advising the retirement of Mr. Parnell.

The Land Bill on Its Way.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—In the House of Commons to-day the Irish land purchase bill passed its second reading by a vote of 268 to 136. Mr. Parnell and his followers voted with the Government.

May be Jack the Ripper's Work.

BERNE, Dec. 3.—This city has been startled by a crime similar in many respects to those which were committed by Jack the Ripper in the White Chapel district of London. As some men were passing through a forest in the vicinity of this city to-day they discovered the body of a young peasant girl who had been murdered and mutilated in the most shocking manner. There is no clue to the murderer.

Royal Marriage Postponed.

PARIS, Dec. 3.—The *Figaro* says the proposed marriage between the Duke of Orleans and Arch-Duchess Marguerite Sophie, of Austria, has finally been abandoned. The Duke will serve for one year in the Russian army.

Relief for the Starving.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Mr. Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has ordered a man-of-war to convey ten tons of meat for the purpose of relieving the distress which prevails among the inhabitants of Clare Island and Innistruck, arising from the failure of the potato crop in those sections of the country.

CURIOSITIES OF THE MAIL.

Some of the Strange Things the Postoffice Clerks have to deal With--Phonetic Spelling and worse.

Yesterday afternoon when an INTELLIGENCER reported on his rounds dropped in at the private office of Postmaster Cowden to see what the force knew, he found Assistant Postmaster Metcalf scrutinizing a letter, the address on which, in a foreign-like hand, read, as nearly as it could be made out, like this:

Mr. Giacomo Paliglia,
Luigee, Ohio.

Mr. Metcalf had exhausted all the directories and guides and found no Luigee in Ohio. The reporter, remembering that