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IRON CHANCELLOR SICK.

Bismarck Is Unable to Attend to His Duties.

REVOLUTIONARY FEELING ON T WANE.

The Emperor Causing Talk by Remitting a Fine.

Germany's Royal Family Very Much Interested in a New Year's Ball, Where All the Guests Have to Wear Oriental Costumes.

From Sundays Daily.

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BERLIN, Dec. 28.—Prince Bismarck is under the weather, but is apparently not one of the victims of the influenza. His condition does not occasion any alarm, but he is ill enough to compel him to give up almost entirely any effort to transact official business and to prevent his presence at the court New Year's day. His doctors oppose his desire to reappear in the reichstag and take part in the debate on the socialist law, or the military credits, or any subject likely to irritate him.

In responding to the compliments of the diplomatic reception on New Year's day, the emperor will make a short pacific declaration, the presumption being that the royal and imperial word on this occasion gives the key note for Europe for the year.

On Christmas evening there were assembled in the new palace only the royal family.

The royalty is now intensely interested in the coming fancy dress ball, which the emperor is to give at the Schloss palace, where every one of the guests must appear in an oriental costume.

An exceedingly interesting discussion is carried on in private life everywhere, and not without much heat, over the queer proceeding of the emperor in remitting the fine of 400 marks inflicted upon Dr. Bachler, editor of the Staatsburger Zeitung, a conservative sheet, which libelled Hon. Singer, the socialist. It attacked him vigorously because he posed publicly as a Socialist and a friend of the people, while in fact he is the head of a factory for making woman's cloaks and similar garments in which the "sweating" system is practiced at the expense of the many girls employed by him. Bachler appealed to the courts, the editor was condemned and paid the fine in August. This fine was returned by the emperor on Monday last. Such a use of the royal prerogative naturally surprises the people. Hitherto the exercise of royal clemency have been restricted to state cases. For the emperor to thus interfere and stand between justice and the accused person in the mere case of private interests is so plain a substitution of royal caprice for the law of the land that every body can understand it and therefore every body is profoundly moved by it. The journals cannot ignore the subject, but they are obliged to touch it with the greatest caution for fear of prosecution. Liberals of all shades discuss it in private, however, and it is an universal theme. The Nationalists intensely regret the incident, as it plays into the hands of Progressists and Socialists on the eve of an election, with a clear demonstration of the gross abuse of power. This incident will confirm the National-Liberals in their inclination to refuse to vote as it stands, for the expulsion clause of the Socialist bill. This party now proposes as a compromise that it will vote for the expulsion clause if the application of that clause is limited to Socialists, as proven to have been engaged in the conspiracy against the state and if it shall not apply to a mere advocacy of socialism in the press or on the rostrum. It is improbable that Bismarck will accept this compromise and the immediate political future will take shape from this as the starting point of a liberal spirit of a National Liberal party, quickened by the Bachler incident, will make it impossible for that party to yield on this expulsion clause. Without this party it cannot be carried. Prince Bismarck will therefore withdraw the bill and dissolve the reichstag.

An exchange of views with the English government, regarding the decree of the provisional government in Brazil, concerning naturalization has caused Prince Bismarck to abandon the intention to take any immediate action. Recent dispatches from Rio Janiero have influenced England, Germany and Italy to agree in ignoring the naturalizing decree and other irregular acts of the revolutionary leaders. The general conviction grows here that the new government is merely a military junto which is unstable and will be swept away even before the date to which it has postponed the elections. The fear of a republican uprising in Portugal consequent upon the extension there of the ferment originating in Brazil is much less since the character of the movement in Rio Janeiro has been received. Advices received here from Lisbon state in fact that the republican propaganda has been paralyzed by the despotic doings in Rio Janeiro, and that there is a strong popular reaction in favor of a monarchy.

The epidemic is rapidly decreasing here, but is spreading in other places in Germany. The malady has very seriously affected the Christmas trade.

Vienna doctors says the disease has reached the climax there.

Revolution in San Salvador.

LA LIBERTAD, Dec. 28.—A revolution has broken out in the Department of Cusaltan, San Salvador. It is headed by ex-commandant Gen. Ervas, who has a strong force under him. The Departments of La Paz Chalatenago and San Salvador have been declared in a state of siege. The government has sent about 8,000 men to capture Cojutepequ and suppress the revolution.

Perfect tranquility prevails except around Cojutepeque, the capital of the Department of Cuscatlan and the center of the disturbance. The strife is not expected to last more than two or three days. According to the latest reports no serious fighting has occurred, but a few skirmishes have taken place.

Carlos Proclaimed King.

LISBON, Dec 28.—The ceremony of proclaiming His Majesty Carlos I., as king of Portugal and Algarves took place to-day. The weather was cloudy but had no effect upon the crowd of enthusiastic people who thronged the streets through which the king passed on his way to the Palace of Necessidades. The king left the castle at 11 o'clock and then journeyed to the palace where he took the oath of office before Cortes, was made without the occurrence of any incident of an unfavorable character.

Pinto Returning Home.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Serpa Pinto is returning to Europe on account of ill health. His dispatches to the government declare that the English officials have written him their thanks for his services in the Nyanza land.

Fire at Laredo.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 28.—The theatre at Villa Laredo was destroyed by fire last night. Two persons perished and others were injured.

Russian Officers Dissatisfied.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A report comes from St. Petersburg that there is some disaffection in the army and that several arrests have been made of officers, who have given free vent to their opinions. The minister of war, it is said, is redressing the grievances which gave rise to the disaffection.

Empress of Brazil Dead.

OPORTO, Dec. 28.—The ex empress of Brazil, who was visiting the city with Dom Pedro, died to-day. It is believed her death resulted from heart disease.

A GIGANTIC SWINDLE.

A Smooth Insurance Man Victimizes Many Dakota Farmers.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 30.—Detectives are hunting for Dexter G. Turner, who, according to the statement of State Auditor Taylor, is one of the most accomplished insurance rascals that ever operated in this section of the country. "Turner," said the state auditor to a reporter, "came to South Dakota in June of this year, representing himself as the agent for the Citizens' Life Insurance association of Cherokee, Ia. He immediately proceeded to organize the state in a systematic manner and to solicit life insurance for his company. Agents were appointed among the farmers and laboring classes. The attractive feature of the plan was to issue a conjoint policy covering both man and wife, and in some instances the entire family. Business came pouring in at an enormous rate, notes or cash being taken for premiums from the policy-holders. When a note was taken it was sold at whatever figure the local bank was willing to pay for it. The work has been a fraudulent scheme from the inception. The amount of business done is enormous and the policies written will reach millions of dollars. The attorney will institute a proceedings in the United States courts for the collection of the fines against the company which are $5,000 for each policy. The country has been worked thoroughly and Turner's receipts must amount to many thousands of dollars. The notes of course are null and void, but the innocent parties hold them to a large amount and must suffer. Turner is an old offender in this line.

SHOT IN THE AIR.

Half Breeds Run the Settlers off the Pierre Reserve.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 30.—News was received here this morning from Pierre that the half breeds did not shoot to kill in the affair at Bad river with the settlers. The ownership of the 200 acres south of the Bad river, over which the trouble was reported, has been in controversy for some time. The citizens of Pierre and the newcomers have insisted that they have as much right to the reservation opposite Pierre as had the half breeds and real estate dealers. The matter culminated by about fifty men crossing the river with twenty loads of lumber and taking possession of the unplatted portion, a mile square. They platted this out and named it South Pierre. In the meanwhile a band of thirty half breeds collected and rode in, flourishing weapons and ordering the settlers to leave. The few who remained to brave the storm then raging gave way, but will return to-day with increased forces. About 200 shots were fired by the half breeds in the air for the purpose of intimidating the settlers, but not one person was injured.

The excitement over the attempt of the boomers to found a townsite across the river continues. It is understood to-night that they have not given up, but are extending the organization and will soon make another determined attempt. They have bold leaders. It developes to-night that the land on which they wish to settle is not a part of the reservation, but a tract known as the "Mile Square," on which the half-breeds have been living for a number of years. The half-breeds are determined to resist the boomers and bloodshed is looked for at the next move.

THOSE "BLOCKS OF FIVE."

Dudley While Suing Papers for Libel Won't Testify Himself.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Judge Lawrence, of the supreme court, handed down a short opinion in chambers to-day, in which he says in effect that Col. William W. Dudley, who is suing half a dozen New York newspapers for alleged libel in the publication of the "blocks of five" letters cannot expect favors from the court, when he persistently refuses to obey its orders. This decision denies the motion by the plaintiff to vacate the order for substituted service on him, in order for his examination before the trial to enable the defendants to prepare an answer. The judge says as he keeps without the territorial limits of the state and refuses to obey the order of the court, he cannot be heard affirmatively in opposition to the orders.

More Insurance Frauds.

TOPEKA, Kans., Dec. 30.—In the hearing of the case against the Topeka Life Insurance company to-day Secretary Fuller made some sensational charges against prominent state politicians. He asserted under oath that Frank Bingham, the senator from Kingman, and R. Burton, a representative, who is a candidate for the United States senatorship to succeed Ingalls, have in the past year been paid various sums of money and notes to influence the legislature to favor the insurance companies. Clerk Culmer, of the house committee on insurance, was paid during the last session a regular salary to report to the insurance men the doings of the committee. The hearing will be continued Friday.

An Enthusiastic Admirer.

BONHAM, Tex., Dec., Dec. 30.—T. W. Caskey delivered a lecture last night at the Main Street Christian church on the subject, "The Inner Life of Jefferson Davis." Caskey was an acquaintance of Davis for fifty years. In the course of his remarks Caskey said: "It is said that history repeats itself. If this be true then the first instance of the repetition I know of is that of the life of Jesus Christ is repeated to a great extent in the persontof Jefferson Davis."

Wants the Law Enforced.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 28.—In view of the perpetration of various heinous crimes in the state recently. Gov. Goodell to-day issued a proclamation and attributed them to the failure to enforce the prohibitory laws, and calling on all the municipal and other officers and law abiding citizens to use their best efforts toward securing their enforcement.

The City Responsible.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—The flood of the last few days has caused the river to change its course a few miles below the city, and cut a new channel turning the water on the fruit lands. The owners claim the property is damaged to the extend of $500,000 by bulkheading the stream and that the city of Los Angeles is responsible.

Did Not Receive the Money.

BORDENTOWN, N. J., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Delia Parnell, the mother of Charles Stuart Parnell, states that she has received only one-quarter of the $5,000 reported to have been presented to her, and that when all her obligations are met there will be but a small margin left for future necessities.

To File a New Bill.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—The Interstate Land company, against which Judge Brewer recently rendered an adverse decision in a suit with the Maxwell Land Grant company, in which 6,000,000 acres were involved, will file a pleading in Denver in a few days for a new trial.

BABY M'KEE'S MOTHER

She Is to Represent the President's Wife New Year's.

A MERRY ROW IN CABINET SOCIETY

Mrs. McKee to Rank Above the Cabinet Ladies.

And Thereby Hangs a Tale of Woe and Much Indignation—Other Unpardonable Liberties Taken With the Order of Things.

From Sundays Daily.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Blaine tertained Tuesday at luncheon the ladies of the cabinet, there being present Mrs. Morton, Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Windom, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Wilmerding, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Miller, wife of the attorney-general, and Mrs. Rusk. During the luncheon the New Year's day programme for the cabinet ministers' homes were discussed. At this luncheon nothing was said about the action of Mrs. Harrison in assigning to her daughter, Mrs. McKee, the first place in the receiving line on New Year's day, but the new departure in the etiquette of official society has raised a veritable hornet's nest among the wives of the cabinet ministers.

It had not been expected that the president's wife would appear at the New Year's reception, owing to the death of her sister, but the impression prevailed in official circles that the vice-president's wife would take Mrs. Harrison's place in the line and take precedence, of course, over the ladies of the cabinet, all of whom are asked to assist the president. The official programme gives the first place to Mrs. McKee, the president's daughter, and whom the women declare has no official rank whatever. The wife takes the rank of her husband always. Mr. McKee is not in official life, and, therefore, they say Mrs. McKee has no official status. Were she the unmarried daughter of the president she could with much more propriety represent the wife of the president on official occasions. That Mrs. McKee is a charming woman all recognize, but from an official point of view she is wholly out of place as the official representative of her mother during the lifetime of Mrs. Harrison.

This question came up at the outset of President Cleveland's administration, when Miss Katharine Bayard was given the first place in the line at one of the official receptions at the white house. Though Miss Bayard was something of an invalid at the time, it was, after much discussion, determined that during Mrs. Bayard's life her place at the white house could not be filled by her daughter. After the death of Mrs. Bayard Miss Anna Bayard, then the recognized head of her father's house, at once and by right took precedence over all others in the cabinet. As the presidential succession is direct from the vice-president into the cabinet, the secretary of state being but "one step removed from the throne," it can be imagined how mighty a thing becomes the order of precedence. That Mrs. McKee should precede the wife of the vice-president and wives of cabinet officers is no trifling cause for alarm. If this is the beginning, what will be the end? If Mrs. McKee takes precedence on New Year's day, why not at state dinners also, and on other official occasions? Is the vice-president's wife to make her own little court? Are the wives of the cabinet officers to be ranked by the wife of a private citizen? What, indeed, is to be the outcome of the present situation?

In the meantime the talk is going on, heads are very erect and altogether there is an undercurrent of deep feeling that promises to reach tidal wave overflow by New Year's day. The published programme for the New Year's day reception also makes another departure from the established order of things, which is causing nearly as much comment as the designation of Mrs. McKee to outrank the cabinet ladies. The programme for the first time give precedence to the justices of the supreme court of the District of Columbia over the senators and representatives of congress and admits them with their legal brethern, the justices of the United States supreme court, during the first half hour of the reception, which is the most brilliant portion of the day.

The congressmen and their wives do not accept the new departure gracefully, and the ladies especially are doing a large amount of grumbling. They are earnestly endeavoring to ascertain the name of the person responsible for this innovation, but have not yet succeeded. The state department's shoulders have no responsibility or part in the official programme except the disposition of the diplomatic corps. There is no evidence connecting Secretary Halford with the amended programme of the new administration. He never commite any rash acts, and if he had consulted precedence, he could have found no warrant of it. The question congressmen are asking is: Who is the guilty person?

New Navy Flag.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The secretary of the navy has adopted a new design for the flag of the navy, to take effect July 1. It will be applied to both the flag and the union jack of the navy, and consists of a rectangular arrangement with forty-two stars.

The Baltimore Completed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The contractars for the construction of the new cruiser, Baltimore, have notified the navy department that the vessel is completed and Secretary Tracy has formally instructed Captain Schuyler to accept her.

American Historical Association.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The meeting of the American Historical association began to-day. Professor George L. Burr of Cornell university delivered an address on witchcraft.

SATURDAY'S GREAT STORM.

Further Information About It—Singular Kind of a Blizzard.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 30.—Bad weather is reported as having set in generally througout the northwest with heavy snow storms. The storm which reached the twin cities has extended in a gale and blizzard. Huron, S. D., reports the nearest approach to a blizzard since last winter. The snow has drifted badly and all trains were held there last night and to-day, but will go out tomorrow.

Advices here seem to indicate that the great snow storm of Saturday extended over a large area. Rumors were rife in the newspapers that many wires west of here were down and travel delayed. The center of disturbance appears to have been at Huron, where the wind veered to the north and the storm increased until it became a veritable blizzard, blowing fifty miles an hour.

The memorable experiences of two years ago prevented the people from unduly exposing themselves on the prairies, and no fatal results are anticipated. The storm has been marked in places by singular phenomena. At Winona, rain descended in great sheets and the whole city was flooded. When the rain stopped the mercury fell rapidly to thirty degrees in three hours. The people can skate to business this morning. At other points electrical disturbances preceded the fall of snow. Duluth was visited with a severe blizzard, ushering in the heaviest snow-fall of the season. Much damage has been done in the city, and street-cars are blocked. Trains are delayed by drifts, six feet deep in many places.

Cold in Texas.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 30.—The first great snow storm of the season made itself felt this morning and the thermometer has fallen twenty-seven degrees in twenty-four hours.

WORK OF LAGRIPPE.

A List of Fatalities From All Over the World.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 30.—Russian influenza is quite prevalent in Cleveland. All classes of people seem to be affected, and some are compelled to take to their beds. No serious results are apparent.

The Influenza on the Continent.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The epidemic of influenza continues in Paris, and there are no signs of improvement. In Munich the disease is increasing. In Berlin it is accompanied by fever and attended by the rheumatism and the rise of the temperature. Nearly all the officers of the Berlin garrison are affected. About one-third of the military at Spondow are ill with the disease.

First Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The death of Patrolman Timothy J. Golden, to-day is said to be the first fatal case of lagrippe on the police force here. He was taken ill.

Spreading in Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 30.—Influenza continues to spread and has appeared in most of the large towns of Spain.

A Royal Victim.

STUTTGART, Dec. 30.—Queen Olgao Wurtemburg is suffering from influenza.

Of a Virulent Type.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Influenza of a virulent type is raging in Birmingham.

BURNED TO DEATH.

A Family of Ten Meet Their Death By Fire.

DETROIT, Dec. 29.—A special from Hancock, Mich., says a calamity not surpassed in the annals of the country occurred at 3 o'clock this morning at Hurontown. A family named Gross, consisting of the parents and eight children, with a visitor, were consumed in a burning dwelling. The elder Gross and wife returned from a dance near by at 2 o'clock. At 2:30 a son, Thomas, returned from the Huron saw mill, where he is employed. He went into the house and to bed. Shortly after he was awakened by his brother Nicholas, who had heard screams and cries from an adjoining room occupied by their three sisters and three little brothers. They ran to the door and found the room a mass of flames. Smoke and fire was ascending the stairway, and the boys escaped by jumping through the window. They reached the ground seriously cut by glass and but scantily clad. One attempted to enter the house on the ground floor, where the father, mother and two children slept, but were driven back by the flames that enveloped the building. Spectators were quickly gathered to save the inmates, but they were compelled to stand by and hear their agonizing cries. In the course of three hours a searching party went over the room and discovered the charred remains of eleven bodies, distinguishable only by the sign of the bodies.

MAKES A DENIAL.

Parnell Does Not Know Anything About the Divorce Suit.

DUBLIN, Dec. 30.—Parnell has written a letter to the Freeman's Journal in which he says that he received no notice of having been made co-respondent in the suit brought by Capt. O'Shea against his wife for divorce. Parnell also says that since 1880 he has resided at Capt. O'Shea's house at Eltham. He was frequently there when O'Shea was absent, but the latter was cognizant of his being there. He declares Houston, secretary of the Loyal and Patriotic union, instigated O'Shea to institute proceedings for divorce in order to diminish the damages which may be given Parnell in his libel suit against the London Times.

Houston Makes a Denial.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Houston has written a letter denouncing the statement made by Parnell in his letter to the Freeman's Journal that he instigated Capt. O'Shea to bring a suit for divorce against Mrs. O'Shea. Houston said he had no knowledge of the action taken by O'Shea until he saw the announcement of the divore case published in the papers Saturday.

DONE BY A STRANGER.

Two Desperadoes Killed By an Unknown Man.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—Word comes from the Indian territory that two notorious Indian desperadoes—Red Lindall and Choctaw Pete—took possession of the town of Tishwawa and carried things with a high hand. In the midst of the excitement a quiet stranger appeared, and, when pounced on by the desperadoes, shot and killed both of them.

Dressed Meats Committee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Senator Vest's committee on dressed meats met here this morning. A number of large dealers in export cattle were present. One of these, T. C. Eastman, said the interstate law had taken away the stimulus to the cattle trade. To evade the law, certain car companies had divided their mileage with the shippers, thereby virtually cutting the rate. The exports of cattle this year had increased 40,000 head and more will be exported next year.

The Roadbed the Cause.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Twenty-six persons, passengers on the Chesapeake & Ohio train wrecked at White Sulphur Springs Saturday, have signed a paper stating that in their opinion, after an examination as to the cause of the wreck, it was caused by rotten ties, defective rails and too high a rate of speed.

Missionaries Murdered.

PARIS, December 30.—Intelligence has been received from Obock, a French settlement on Fajurah bay on the east coast of Africa, that two French missionaries traveling from Zeilah to Harrár, under escort of eight Greeks, were attacked by the natives and all the party murdered.

Pays Promptly.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Secretary Windom this morning telegraphed instructions to the various sub-treasurers to pay upon presentation checks for the interest on the 4 per cent. loan, due Jan. 1, and on the Pacific railroad bonds, amounting to nearly $8,000,000.

GONE WITH THE MONEY.

The Manager of a Sheep R[illegible] Near Choteau Mysteriously Disappeared.

That $18,000,000 Reported Offer For the Granite Mountain Mine Denied

From Tuesdays Daily.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Dec. 30.—[Special to the Miner by Rocky Mountain Telegraph.]—A Choteau dispatch says: That Joe Garrigan, so-called, has been managing a band of sheep on one of Leland Lyon's ranches. Some time ago he received authority to sell a number of sheep, and on Nov. 29 sold to F. D. Cooper 4,000 head in which Joe had a small interest.

The day following Joe, accompanied by two Frenchmen left with a team, saying they were going to be gone about two weeks. The two horses came back to the Lyons ranch about six days after the parties left. Since then nothing has been heard of Joe or his companions. They had with them a check for $8,000, drawn on the Merchants' National bank of Helena, and it is supposed here that they have met with foul play or have concluded to return to France.

Two men were left at the ranch with about 3,800 head of sheep. Lyons is uneasy about them and has sent a messenger after them.

NOT FOR SALE.

The Granite Mountain Mine Not Purchased by Foreigners.

ST. LOUIS, . 30.—[Special to the Miner.]—The story about the Granite Mountain is not credited here.

It was printed in the Post-Dispatch Sunday and was to the effect that the English syndicate has offered $18,000,000 for the Granite Mountain.

So far as can be learned the mine is not for sale.

The Story Imaginary.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—President Ramsey of the Granite Mountain Mining company says there is no probability of the property going into the hands of an English syndicate, and that the stories to that effect are imaginary and the attempt to purchase the stock at $45 would lift it away above that figure at once.

TO FIGHT THE UNION PACIFIC.

The Rock Island-Atchison Combine Make Connection In Kansas.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 30.—[Special to the Miner.]—Since the agreement between the Rock Island and Atchison systems in opposition to the Union Pacific-Northwestern consumated the exchange of traffic at Dodge City has been greatlp hampered by the lack of proper connection of tracks and sidetracks.

This morning all these difficulties were removed by the completion of a bridge across the Arkansas river, the building of a mile and one-half trestle work, a mile of main track and all the sidetracks needed.

A large amount of contiguous ground has also been bought by the two roads for the future extension of side tracks and the building of freight houses.

President Cable of the Rock Island, who returned to-day from New York, is much pleased over the workings of the traffic agreement with the Atchison, and expressed a belief that with the completion of the improvements at Dodge City, his road and the Atchison would now get their share of the through traffic.

Freight Traffic Manager Stanley of the Atchison, was equally enthusiastic and expressed great pleasure that the combination was now able to compete with the Union Pacific-Northwestern combination.

DON'T LIKE IT.

Senator Gorman of Maryland Speaks Against the Australian System.

BALTIMORE, Dec 30.—The passage of the election law containing the features of the Australian ballot system is being talked of in Maryland. At a secret meeting of the Democratic editors of the state held here to-day United Senator Arthur P. Gorman sounded the keynote. He is opposed to the passage of the Australian law by the general assembly and he is opposed to the passage of any law like it, as are the majority of the Democratic editors of the state. Senator Gorman said: "There can be no doubt that a serious crisis of affairs confronts us. The tide of immigration, the influences of men who are coming hither, are all adverse to our views, and our majorities from the mutual causes are growing less, and the want of a thorough co-operation among our people has also cut down our majorities. The elective franchise has been abused, money has been poured out to capture our elections fraudulently. As for the Australian system, you had better let it alone. It is a bill to throw the Democratic party in the rear. This system has had two trials in the country, one was in Boston the other in Montana. The former which was for years a Democratic stronghold, went Republican at the last election under the Australian system by between fifty and sixty thousand majority, for the first time since 1864.

Ex-Gov. Houser writes me from Montana that we should have carried the state instead of having it hanging in the balance.

It is a system that receives the votes from the influences of men whose intelligence to the ballot box leaves him to the danger of the money power. By the Australian system the voter is exposed to the corrupt influences of bribery more than ever. Other matters to come before the legislature are of vital importance, but this one is the great thing to consider.

SLAVES OF CORPORATIONS.

Pinkerton Men to Evict Striking Miners From Their Houses.

PUNXALAWNY, Pa., Dec. 30. — One hundred and six Pinkerton men arrived here to-night from New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. They were brought by the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Coal company, but for what purpose it is not definitely known, as there has been no threats of violence. It is now over two weeks since the strike was inaugurated at Watson and Adrian, involving 1,600 men and boys. Shortly after the strike notices were served on the miners occupying the company's houses to vacate them within ten days. The time will be up to-morrow, and the general supposition is that the Pinkerton men were brought here to assist in evicting. It is also stated that there are 600 Hungarians and Italians on the way here and that the company purposes putting them to work and protecting them.

Trouble Averted.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 30.—The conflict which was expected to occur on the occasion of the municipal election, ordered by [illegible] States marshal [illegible] and in the nat[illegible] call of the proclama[illegible] tion.

WORK OF THE LYNCHERS.

An Inquest Held on the Victims of the Barnwell Massacre.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 30.—The coroner's inquest into the cause of the death of the eight negroes who were lynched at Barnwell was held Saturday night at the scene of the tragedy. It was a terrible sight which the jurymen looked upon. On the left side of the road were the bodies of Ripley Johnson and Mitchell Adams, charged with implication in the murder of young Robert Martin. They were tied to trees on the roadside with their backs to the saplings. The ropes were hitched around the tree and the bodies of the men. When shot the weight of their bodies had swung down on the ropes and they occupied all sorts of grotesque and revolting positions. The frightful character of the wounds is shown by testimony of physicians at the inquest, and is in brief as follows: Henry Furs, ten balls in the body, aged 24; Peter Bell, one ball in the back of the neck at the base of the skull, age 60; Harrison Johnson, four balls in the the body, age 35; Rafe Morrill, six balls in the head and body, either of which would have been fatal, age 60; Judge Jones, eight balls, one in the brain, age 28; Robert Phœnix, four balls in the body, age 22, Ripley Johnson, eight balls in the body and one in the face, age 30; Mitchell Adams, five balls, one through the brain, age 35.

On this testimony the jury returned a verdict that the eight men came to their deaths from gunshot wounds inflicted by some party or parties unknown. After the inquest the negroes were notified that they might remove the bodies if they desired. The families of Ripley Johnson and Mitchell Adams removed their bodies to their homes, but the other six bodies were treated as murderers and outcasts. There were none to mourn for them, and neither the whites nor the negroes wanted to remove the bodies. The town declines to bury them because they were killed outside of its limits, but offers to furnish coffins if the negroes will bury them. The remaining negroes declare they propose to pull up and leave the country. They assert no retaliation.

ON CANADIAN AFFAIRS.

The Committee Urged by Wiman to Favor Annexation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The senate committee on Canadian affairs met here to-day and heard the testimony of Eastern fishermen in regard to the trouble they experienced in fishing and securing bait in the Canadian waters.

Senator Hoar stated that Great Britain had always conceded to the United States the commercial rights of fishing vessels, and he always favored a interpretation that the right vested in American fishermen. Senator Pugh declared that Great Britain always acted in harmony with Canada on the question whenever the matter came in the shape of a treaty or law. Our state department should take steps at once to decide the matter finally. In reply to a question by Senator Dolph for a remedy, one witness said the only remedy he knew of was retaliation. Erastus Wiman made an argument in favor of annexing Canada. Senator Hoar said that in his opinion, and that of his collegues, the movement toward annexation must come from Canada.

A SAD EXHIBITION.

Firemen Injured at an Exhibition at Havana.

HAVANA, Dec. 30.—Last evening thousands of people assembled on the grounds of the Club Alemenderes, to witness the firemen's exhibition, the object of which was to raise funds for the department. A two-story wooden building had been erected, which was to be set on fire. After the torch had been applied and the firemen had taken their places in the different parts of the burning structure, it was discovered that the water supply had been tampered with by a vile miscreant. The firemen were obliged to escape from the building as quickly as possible, some being compelled to throw themselves from the roof. Twenty-three were injured, three fatally.

The Pugilist Wins.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 30.—A prize fight occurred this morning near here between Richard Keating, a pugilist of some note in this section, and Edward Corey, of Crawfordsville, a novice. The men were evenly matched and weighed about 185 each. Keating had trained but little and was over-confident. Corey played a very cautious game in the first round of the fight, although receiving several heavy blows managed to inflict several stingers on his opponent and soon got the upper hand. In the fifteenth round Keating was knocked down three times. Cautious sparring followed, and in the twenty-third round Keating touched Corey lightly on the nose and swinging his right just below Corey's ear. It was a decisive blow, and Corey, the game novice, was knocked out.

Hold a Mass Meeting.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 30.—Prominent colored men of Charleston and vicinity have issued a call to the people of South Carolina reciting the butchery of their race at Barnwell and calling on the colored people to send representatives to the convention to be held at Columbus, Jan. 2, for the purpose of consulting and formulating a plan by which the laws can be enforced and order preserved.

Naval Changes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Rear Admiral Kimberly has been detached from the command of the Pacific station on January 25th and is ordered to proceed home and await orders. Commodore George B. Brown has been detached from the command of the Norfolk navy yard on the 31st inst. and ordered to the command of the Pacific squadron. He also has been appointed acting rear admiral while retaining command of the station.

Gas Explosion.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec 30.—A terrific explosion of gas occurred in a two-story brick building on the corner of Elysian Fields and Victory streets, demolishing two buildings and burying six persons beneath the debris. The firemen and policemen succeeded in rescuing them.

Slim Sarah Faints.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Sarah Bernhardt came near meeting with a serious accident during the initial performance of "Joan D'Arc" last night. The funeral pyre used in the play became ignited, and Bernhardt fainted. Two scene shifters are seriously burned.

Hanlan and Gaudaur to Row.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Edward Hanlan is out with a reply to the challenge of Jack Gaudaur, in which he says he will row Gaudaur for from $2,000 to $5,000 before next July and leaves the choice of water to a referee.

Increase in Failures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Bradstreets reports 11,719 failures in the United States for the year 1889, with liabilities of $140,359,490 and assets of $70,599,769. This is the largest number of failures and greater liabilities than for any year in the past five years. The increase in the number of failures

ST. LOUIS, Dec, [illegible] Music, in course of erection [illegible] street and Washington avenue fell in a heap this morning. The building had gone up as high as the third story. Fifty workmen were on the building and miraculously all escaped injury except one, who was slightly hurt.

The Czar Got Scared.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—It is stated that the latest illness of the Czar was brought on by an excitement caused by the sudden extinction of the electric lights in Gatschina palace. There was a violent rush of blood to the lungs and a consequent congestion of those organs.

Randall Very Low.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 30.—A special from Columbus, O., says that Isaac R. Hill of Washington, an intimate friend of Samuel J. Randall, reports the latter very low, and the chances are that he will never resume his seat in the house of representatives.

The Defunct Copper Syndicate.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the old Comptoir des Compte shareholders, a compromise was effected whereby the directors offer them 24,000,000 francs. Chairman Hintzsches' offer of 15,000,000 francs was rejected.

Gripmen Strike.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 30.—The gripmen on the Pittsburg traction road struck this afternoon, because of the discharge of twenty members of the Knights of Labor. The cars are running to-night with men brought from Chicago.

Blaine's Brother Dead.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 30.—Prof. Melville C. Blaine, principal teacher at Chemena Indian training school near Salem, and a brother of Secretary James G. Blaine, died this evening after a brief illness at the age of 63.

Pinkertons Enroute.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 30.—Three car loads of Pinkerton detectives passed through here this afternoon for Watson, a mining town six miles from Punxsutawney, Pa., where trouble is feared from striking miners.

Offers a Reward.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 30.—Gov. Richardson has offered a reward of $200 each for the arrest and conviction of the men concerned in lynching the eight negroes at Barnwell.

A. Hamilton Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Alexander Hamilton, the grandson of the first secretary of the treasury, died this morning at Irvington, on the Hudson, in the 79th year of his age.

Jackson Accepts.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Jackson, the colored Australian pugilist has cabled an acceptance of the Sullivan challenge of the California Athletic club.

Theatre Burned.

FLORENCE, Dec. 30.—The Umberto theatre of this city burned to-night. There was no loss of life.

Lord Salisbury Ill.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Lord Salisbury is seriously ill.

A TOUCH OF NATURE.

The Kindness of Two Vagabonds to One Another.

A first-class type of the American tramp was shuffling along on Third street yesterday morning. He looked pale and emaciated and the chill winds whistled merrily through the air-holes in his scant clothing. One hand was thrust deep in his pocket, while with the others, the fingers of which were blue with cold and begrimed with the dirt of countless days, he gripped the drum-stick of a turkey, the meat from which had nearly all disappeared into his rapacious stomach.

A dirty atom of humanity watched him greenily as he carried the bone to his mouth and stripped it of its last morsel of flesh.

The wistful look on the urchin's face caught the gaze of the relic of manhood and he stood musing a moment while a tender look came into his haggard eyes.

"Hungry, sonny?" he asked in a husky voice.

"Betcher I am," answered the urchin. "My, but I bet that leg was good."

"'Ere's annodder won," said the tramp, drawing his concealed hand from his pocket and displaying the mate to the vanished leg. "Yer can have dis—I had a bit of a sonny like yer myself in de days ago when I wasn't like I am now.

The kid accepted the proffered morsel and tackled it greedily, while a tear trickled down the face that watched him, leaving a pale streak in the dirt it washed in its course.

"Have a chew?" asked the boy, proffering a chunk of the weed in sympathy.

"Don't mind if I do, sonny," was the answer, and the two representatives of the unwashed parted company, leaving behind them a lesson which no one but the reporter noted.—[Minneapolis Tribune.

The Clothing of Babies.

Although I own that children are now more sensibly clothed than was the case thirty years ago, it is still common to see an infant, who can take no exercise to warm himself, wearing a low-necked, short-sleeved, short-coated dress in the coldest weather. The two parts of the body—viz.: the upper portion of the chest and the lower portion of the abdomen—which it is most important to keep from variations of temperature, are exposed, and the child is rendered liable to colds, coughs and lung diseases on the one hand, and bowel complaint on the other. What little there is of the dress is chiefly composed of open work and embroidery, so that there is about as much warmth in it as in a wire sieve, and the socks accompanying such a dress are of cold white cotton, exposing a cruel length of blue and red leg. I can not see the beauty of a pair of livid blue legs, and would much rather behold them comfortably clad in a pair of stockings. If the beauty lie in the shape of the leg that shape will be displayed to as much advantage in a pair of stockings; if it lie in the coloring of the flesh, beautiful coloring will not be obtained by leaving the leg bare, and from the artistic point of view a blue or red stocking is infinitely preferable to a blue and red leg.—[Popular Science Monthly.

Not For Cash.

"Doctor," he said, as they met on the platform of the street car, "can I get a little advice of you?"

"For cash?"

"Well, no. I simply want to ask a question or two, and, being an old patient of yours, you won't think of charging me."

"Go ahead."

"Well, my feet are troubling me, and I thought—"

"Say! Cut 'em right off!" interrupted the doctor. "I've often wondered why you didn't do it. I've got to get off here—good night."—[Detroit Free Press.

A Little Off.

Mr. Casey (at the supper table)—Behivens, Katy, those dishes do put me in moind of the four hundred.

Katy—How's that.

Mr. Casey—Ivry blissed one's cracked.—[Epoch.

FREE FIGHT AMONG THE REPUBLICANS.

The Republican Caucus Develops Only Speculation.

Rumors of the Situation Very Thick Among the Politicians of Both Parties at the State Capital—Supreme Court to Convene.

From Tuesdays Daily.

HELENA, Dec. 30.—[Special to the Miner.]—A political Vesuvius has broken loose in Helena to-