

The Bismarck Tribune.

ADDITIONAL TELEGRAPH.

The Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Brownlow of Tennessee, was appointed for doorkeeper, and a resolution was adopted to retain disabled union soldiers as doorkeepers. Mr. Charles Ford, Missouri, was nominated for speaker, Gilbert Delamater of Indiana, clerk of the house; Leo Crandall, Washington, D. C., sergeant-at-arms; H. Martin Williams of Missouri, doorkeeper, and W. H. C. Moore of Pennsylvania, for postmaster.

Secret Trials.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 3.—A decree has been published providing that all trials for crimes against the state will, as thought specially calculated to excite the people, shall be held with closed doors. Only officials and wife or one direct relative of the accused will be admitted.

Got Away.

LOS ANGELES, N. M., Dec. 3.—Seven prisoners, including John J. Webb, under life sentence for murder, and David Rudabaugh escaped from jail here this a. m. Rudabaugh was the member of the notorious "Billy the Kid" band and was sentenced to hang for murder in '66.

Arrives Safely.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The steamer State of India arrived at Queenstown last night. She lost her propeller November 26, and had since been under canvass. The passengers speak highly of the ship, officers and crew.

Accidentally Killed.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 2.—Ornaldus Vanderhurst, owner of an extensive rice plantation on the coast was killed yesterday on Keawah Island by the accidental discharge of his gun.

Not Guilty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The coroner's jury found the shooting of young Winnmuller by the Poughkeepsie student accidental, and his companion was discharged from custody.

Suicide.

DEADWOOD, D. T., Dec. 3.—The body of Herman Anderson, a ranchman, was found hanging to a tree this morning, his feet touching the ground. Suicide.

Railroad Accident.

BOSTON, Dec. 3.—A wreck of a passenger and freight train occurred on the New York & New England road at East Thomson, Conn., reported five killed.

Outrageous.

DUBLIN, Dec. 3.—The Castletown police yesterday prevented Miss Reynolds, of the Ladies Land League, from visiting tenants about to be evicted.

November's Coinage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The total coinage at the United States mints during November was \$12,351,760, of which \$2,300,000 were silver dollars.

A Big Blaze.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 3.—The Crescent City railroad stables burned to-night. Fifty horses perished. Loss \$30,000.

High Cards.

VIENNA, Dec. 3.—It is understood the king and queen of Italy will visit the emperor of Germany early in the spring.

Another Mill Explosion.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 5.—A fire starting in the Pillsbury "B" mill at 4 o'clock this morning destroyed that building, the Minneapolis mill, owned by Cracker, Fisk & Co., Empire mill, owned by L. S. Watson of New York, operated by C. A. Pillsbury & Co., Excelsior mill, owned by D. Morrison & Co., with considerable other property. Loss, Excelsior mill, \$115,000; Empire mill, \$130,000; Minneapolis mill, \$125,000; Pillsbury "B" mill, \$140,000; Cotton mill \$30,000; Minneapolis Eastern railroad, \$10,000; Minneapolis mill company's railroad, \$5,000; Cataract mill, \$2,000. Incidental loss, \$1,000; total loss, \$256,000. Insurance on Pillsbury mill, \$71,000; insurance on Empire mill, \$55,000; insurance on Minneapolis mill, \$57,500; insurance on stock Excelsior mill, \$9,000; total insurance, \$192,501; net loss, \$63,500. The explosion occurred in the Empire mill, wrecking it and burying in the ruins Neil Frederick, assistant chief of the fire department, John Tukey, member hook and ladder company, No. 3, Alex Burk, sweeper in Pillsbury B and R. R. Robinson, a millwright. Daniel Horbach, fireman, Fred Relke, fireman, F. L. Coulter and Peter Nelson, firemen, were seriously but not fatally injured. The Pillsbury mill was in operation at the time the fire was discovered. One of the millers who had been in the upper part of the building to look after some part of the machinery, smelt a smoke, and instituted an investigation only to dis-

cover that the fire had made rapid progress among combustible material in the oil room. Alarm was turned in for the whole fire department, and prompt response followed. At one time it was believed the whole milling centre would be destroyed, but the firemen worked like heroes and accomplished wonders.

INCIDENTS OF THE FIRE.

The extra Minneapolis Tribune of Sunday says: "The flour mills which were destroyed in the conflagration of this morning, full detail of which are herewith given, represented somewhat less than one-tenth part of the total milling capacity at the falls, and less than proportion of the total value of structures devoted to this industry in Minneapolis. This brief statement illustrates at a glance the extent and the limits of the disaster. Serious enough in its best aspect, the present misfortune does not approach in magnitude that of 1878, from which the milling interest so promptly, grandly and successfully rallied. At the time of the former event the total milling capacity of the Minneapolis flouring mills was represented by 218 run of stone, while the capacity of those then destroyed by the series of explosions and resulting flames was eighty-eight run, or just forty per cent. of the whole."

Clearing the Debris.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 5.—A large force of men are at work removing the debris from the canal at the flouring mills deposited there by the fire. No more bodies have been found and it is thought the entire number of lives lost will not exceed four. Crocker, Fisk & Co., got out their safe this morning, finding the books in tact. Pillsbury & Co.'s office did not burn. The mills that they lost lessens their daily capacity 2,000 barrels per day. But they still have left a daily capacity of 3,000 on the Anchor and half of the new Pillsbury "A" mill now running. The second half of the latter mill will be completed in a month. This will raise their capacity again to 6,000 barrels per day, little more than it was before the fire. Only one-tenth of the mill's capacity of the city was destroyed and two of the four burned mills were idle on account of the dull market. Millers say the fire will not affect output flour.

Keifer for Speaker.

Special Dispatch to the Daily Tribune:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The house assembled at 11 o'clock with crowd galleries. It was called to order by Clerk Adams, and was at once organized by electing Gen. Keifer speaker, he receiving 148 votes to 129 for Randall, and eight for Ford, greenbacker. Two Virginia readjusters voted for Keifer. The senate was called to order at noon, and immediately proceeded to business. A large number of bills were introduced, after which it adjourned.

Skipped.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Christiancy divorce suit is again brought to a halt, Chas. Goodman again missing. After giving his testimony last Thursday night, he was to return the following day and sign the deposition, but he has not appeared. Since it has been ascertained he has left the city suddenly as on the first occasion and is now in New York. His testimony and that of Mary Chamberlain, another New York witness will be of no consequence until signed. The counsel for Mrs. Christiancy while unable to explain the man's conduct, insisted that both witnesses will sign the testimony. Until some steps are taken to settle the matter the case cannot proceed.

Probably Drunk.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 5.—Postmaster Pezley, of Bronson, this state, left his office Friday night to take a walk for exercise, as usual, leaving his wife in the office. In about half an hour he came staggering in with his clothing covered with mud and fell to the floor, since which he has been unconscious and life despaired of. He is much better today and will probably recover. The doctors say some brain trouble is the cause but do not give its name.

An Editor Bunkoed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A well known gambler was arrested to-night suspected of being one of the gang who Saturday night introduced a member of the Ohio Editorial association to a bunko game. The gambler, while on the way to police headquarters, broke away from the officer, who sent several shots after him, but wide of the mark, and one of the shots grazed the neck of a car conductor.

A Pittsburg Murder.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 5.—John A. Beemath and Wm. Leslie, two notorious characters, became involved in a dispute in Jerry's saloon on Diamond street to-night, in the course of which Leslie struck Beemath, who then drew a revolver and shot Leslie in the neck, killing him instantly. The murderer, in the excitement which followed, escaped, but after-

wards was found by the police in a cellar where he had secreted himself. Leslie was thirty-five years of age and married.

Wants Her Money.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The widow of John M. Armstrong commenced action to-day in the United States circuit court of Brooklyn against the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company, to recover \$26,000 policies on the life of her husband, who was murdered by Benjamin Hunter in Camden, N. J., about four years ago. Hunter obtained the policies and then expected to get money through the death of Armstrong. The defense claims Armstrong never had any interest policies.

Brutally Murdered.

ANTIOCH, Ga., Dec. 5.—J. M. C. Lewis, a thrifty farmer living near this place, left his house yesterday to visit his mother. On his return he found his wife and a three-year-old child side by side on the floor, beaten to death. A negro suspected of the crime is in jail.

The Trot at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—The twenty-six hour race between Rowell, of England, and Dobler, of Chicago, began this evening. About 400 people were present at the start. Both men are in excellent condition, and the friends of each equally confident. The first four miles was accomplished in thirty-four minutes and fifty-four seconds, with no appreciable distance between the men at any time during the trot.

A Religious Murder.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 5.—David McMullan, who shot Father McCarty, Saturday night, says that he acted in self defense; that the priest pursued him with a knife, and that the whole trouble grew out of the fact that he, McMullan, is a protestant.

Served Him Right.

COOLEY'S ISLAND, Fla., Dec. 5.—R. E. Boutwell yesterday, shot and killed B. P. Burges, because the latter whipped the former's child.

Will It Never End?

DUBLIN, Dec. 5.—A farmer named Mulligan, who lately paid his rent, was beaten to death near Cannon, Friday. There were lately extensive evictions on the property of the deceased landlord.

Warning to Wives.

ANTIOCH, Ga., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Anglin learned that her husband was at the house of Mrs. Jackson's "social circle" and went to Mrs. Jackson's house and stabbed her four times, killing her. Mrs. Anglin is in the Madison jail.

How a Sharper Makes Money.

[Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) Eagle.]
A sharper on his way up the Hudson with the "Ninety-five cent game." His method of doing business is to enter a store and ask for five cents' worth of some article; on receiving it he tenders a \$2 bill in payment; the change given him by the storekeeper generally consisting of a \$1 bill or silver piece and 95 cents in small coin, he places the \$1 bill, in his pocket, and, suddenly finding a five cent piece in that receptacle, apologizes for making trouble in getting the bill changed, and placing five cents on the 95 cents, pushes it toward the storekeeper, asking for a \$1 bill, saying he dislikes to carry so much silver. Upon the unsuspecting storekeeper placing \$1 on the counter the sharper engages him in talking until he can place both the change and bill together, when he coolly asks the victim to exchange the \$2 on the counter for the \$2 bill he had originally given him.

Cox All Right.

[N. Y. Sun.]
It must be remembered that if Judge Cox makes any error to the detriment of the prisoner's rights, the present trial will go for naught, no matter how sane Guiteau may be. The judge evidently appreciates the importance of giving the defendant the benefit of the doubt whenever a serious question of law or judicial authority arises. No acquittal is possible unless the jury are satisfied that Guiteau is insane. Judge Cox means to take care that, in the event of a conviction, it shall not be set aside by reason of any mistake on his part. We think he is doing exactly right.

Behind the Times.

[Kansas City Times.]
Astounded to hear of Garfield's death, we dislike to state the fact, but yesterday a man was in town to purchase goods for his family who lives down in Missouri flats, who was surprised to hear that James A. Garfield had been assassinated, buried, and that Guiteau had been undergoing trial for the crime, and then begged someone to tell him when "Gawfell" was elected.

A foreign paper gives circulation to the following: "Ex-President Hayes has a farm near Bismarck, Dak., which he obtained at from sixty to seventy-five cents an acre. It is now worth \$15 an acre, and it is so rich that Mr. Hayes reaped from his 500 acres of wheat last year a profit of \$15,000."

THE NEW SPEAKER.

Saturday's republican caucus resulted in the nomination and Monday's opening day session of the legislature resulted in the election of General J. W. Keifer, of Ohio, speaker of the house. Mr. Keifer is a well known and life long republican and did gallant service during the war. He was born in Clark county in 1836 and is therefore forty-five years of age. He was reared on a farm and received but a common school education. He took to the law business and was admitted to the bar in 1858, which practice he continued until April 1861 when he volunteered and was commissioned major of the Third Ohio Volunteers. He was soon promoted to lieutenant-colonel of the same regiment and in September, 1862 was promoted to the colonelcy of the 10th Infantry. He was severely wounded in the battle of the wilderness after having served in campaigns in the field in West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia; was promoted to brigadier-general by brevet in November, 1864, for gallant and meritorious services in the battles of Opequan, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, Va., and was later assigned to duty as brigadier-general by President Lincoln. He was mustered out of service June 27, 1865, having been in the Union army four years and two months, during which he was four times wounded.

He returned to his home at Springfield after the war, and resumed the practice of law until the fall of 1868, when he was elected a member of the Ohio state senate; was a delegate at large from Ohio to the Cincinnati national republican convention in 1876, and was a representative from Ohio to the Forty-fifth congress, being selected to the Forty-sixth and again to the Forty-seventh. He is a man of acknowledged legal and executive ability, and a better selection for speaker could not have been made.

The Guiteau trial is nearing a close. The defense have exhausted their testimony and the prosecution have but two or three more witnesses. In the course of Monday's proceedings Guiteau made a vigorous objection to the evident intent of Scoville to have him released on the insanity plea and says that he wants no more of that kind of evidence, and that "he would rather be hung as a man than released as a fool." It would displease no one to take him as his word.

MR. J. A. KOENIG, of the Chicago Staats-Zeitung, the leading German paper of the country, looked over Bismarck and vicinity last week, with a view to encouraging German immigration. Mr. Koenig suggests several things in the management of the road that would be of value. For instance, immigrant headquarters should be established at different points, so that foreigners can get a low rate. They cannot afford to pay two or three dollars a day for board, which in many instances they have been compelled to do along the line. Mr. Koenig is very much infatuated with the country and his quill will prove a valuable factor in helping along the boom of the Missouri river slope.

THE DAILY TRIBUNE is obliged, owing to pressure of advertising, to enlarge to a seven column paper. The paper, now set largely in minion type, contains nearly double the amount of reading matter of any other paper in Dakota. We have just cause to be proud of our telegraphic reports, they being nearly as complete as those of the Pioneer Press. The TRIBUNE reaches its western readers two days ahead of the St. Paul dailies, which is an important item to business men who want to keep posted as to the events of the day. The Weekly TRIBUNE is now a large, eight page paper, all printed at home, and is filled brim full every week with a condensation of the news of the week, both foreign and local.

THE CHICAGO Land League convention was well attended, and the most loyal patriotism was displayed. A telegram was read from Michael Dillon, Hagerstown, Md., saying: "He was an old man but he would give his four sons' and his daughter to serve Ireland, with \$10,000 if necessary, and that those should be the sentiments of every man and woman who loves liberty, and he trusted Ireland's offspring would secure her freedom with Charles Stuart Parnell as her president."

Steels.

As will be seen in another column, there is still a chance to get in on the ground floor at Steels. This town is forty-three miles east of Bismarck, or about midway between Bismarck and Jamestown. It is far enough from either to become a town of considerable importance. It is in the midst of as fine

an extent of farming land as there is on the line of the North Pacific. It is the county seat of Kidder county, and can boast the finest court house of any town three months old in the country. The county has a complete set of books and a large safe, and no town starts off under better auspices. A new depot, the finest on the line between Jamestown and Bismarck has just been completed, and the contract for a \$1,500 store building has been let, the building to be put up in early spring. Mr. Steele, who owns a farm adjoining the town, and after whom the town was named, has put over \$10,000 into buildings this season, and is now putting up a large quantity of ice for his extensive dairy next season. The record of Kidder county on wheat raising is above that of any other county on the line. The land is rich and inexhaustible. The townsite is perfectly level, and as anyone can see from the car-windows, is as prettily laid out as human ingenuity could suggest. The superior inducements offered to settlers and the excellency of the country adjacent is sufficient guarantee of the town's future. Those who purchase lots now will reap the benefit of next spring's boom.

Col. Thompson Indorsed

Everybody who is acquainted with Col. Wm. Thompson, of this city, retired captain Seventh cavalry, or has read the TRIBUNE for the past few years are well acquainted with his pet theory of chenook winds and meteorological peculiarities. Some time ago he furnished the TRIBUNE with a long article on the "Causes of Rainfall," in which he held that heavy cannonading would at any time produce rainfall. The Rev. Dr. Talmage paid the Colonel a very neat compliment in the pulpit of the Brooklyn tabernacle last Sunday by indorsing his views. In the course of his remarks he said, "drouth ought no longer to stop the people, but the people should stop the drouth. The clouds were within reach. What happened after the battle of Waterloo? What after Austerlitz, Gettysburg, Atlanta, Lexington and Bunker Hill? The earth was flooded with rain. What happened after the Fourth of July when it was celebrated in the old-fashioned way? Torrents of rain. The drouth goes down under cannonading. When \$200,000,000 worth of property is in danger, the people should get up a tremendous shower. Let the clouds be bombarded. Electricity is now carried around in bottles. Let it out and direct it against the sky. Let the forests remain unwhewn so that the great oaks may bring rain down over their shoulders. With cannonading and the electric storehouses and the unwhewn forests the world may decide its own weather. Prayer has less effect upon the weather than upon anything else. Perhaps God intends that the people shall attend to the weather themselves. In a drouth word should go out to the weather stations established by the government to bring down the rain. Let the cannons make the thunder, electricity the lightning, and the clouds will furnish the rain."

Land Notes.

Gen. Duffield's surveying party is camped out by the stage barn.
Mary Glitschka has taken a homestead near Clarke, buying out Robert Smith.
William Gilmore's delinquent homestead was successfully contested last week by Mrs. Emmon's sister.
August Stahl, ex-soldier, came down from Fort Buford the other day and bought Louis Heder's claim, six miles northeast of town.
Edmund Hackett and three others are now visiting the big bend of the Mouse river. That county is said to be "boss."

Under the Villard management the German element will be prominent in our immigration. German capital will make things hum.

J. A. Koenig, of the Illinois Staats-Zeitung called on Register Rea at the land office last week to get a few pointers about the largest land district in the world. Mr. Keonig is "Boss" Hessing's right hand man.

Gas for Fuel.

The Valley City Times wants gas for fuel. It says: "Superintendent Hobart of Fargo, made the Times a pleasant call last Tuesday. He was up on court business. Mr. Hobart reports Fargo in a booming condition, and the latest boom being the lighting and heating of that city with water gas. He says that should that project be found to be successful in Fargo, the company propose to make an effort to introduce the water gas system into Valley City. It is asserted that the cost of the gas to the city for heating purposes will not be more than three to three and a half cents a foot, and that it will solve the fuel problem, at least so far as our cities and towns are concerned."

Near Paulding, Ill., lives one of the most remarkable hermits known. His name is Samuel Patten, but he is commonly known as "Old Patch." He is sixty-three years of age, and has not been shaved or had his hair cut for twelve years. He lives in a rude habitation, made by leaning large pieces of bark against a log, summer and winter, while around him are gathered some of the finest stock in the country, in which he takes great pride. He is said to be a man of good education and high culture, but his eccentricities make him live like an animal.