

TRIBUNE TWINKLES.

CONSCIENCE makes cowboys of us all. WORKERS outnumber men ten to one behind retail counters in New York. And, it may be added, before them, too.

THEODORE TILTON is living quietly in Paris. His many friends will rejoice to learn that he is entirely cured of his somnolent eccentricities.

IT is officially announced that Oscar Wilde is soon to be married. The name of the victim is suppressed, probably out of respect for her family.

PHILADELPHIA CALL: The American Journalist classes paraphrasts as editorial writers. This will have a tendency to make editorial writers proud.

REV. JASPER, the astronomical crank, has been excommunicated from his church. "The sun do move" right along as if nothing had happened, however.

A CONGRESSMAN from Iowa is known as "Calamity Weller." First thing he knows our own beloved, sad-eyed Jane will be after him for infringement on her title.

ADAM was the first dude. He carried a bald-headed Cain, parted his hair at the equator and wore pantaloons so tight that the veins of his limbs could be seen through them.

BEN HOGAN, the retired pugilist, is lecturing on temperance in Montana. Ben denounces whisky because it can down him in about ten rounds and never receive a scratch.

A PIONEER PRESS reporter writing from the front speaks of the festive steer shepherds as "cow gentlemen." This is carrying prudence in the neighborhood of a mile and a half over the limits.

The stealing of shanties from claims has become so prevalent in Day county that every time a stranger tries to leave the county he is closely searched to see if he has a shanty about his person.

Now let us carry the 24-o'clock time reform a little further and apply a series of figures to women's ages so they will go right ahead with their count instead of turning back at twenty with such cussable persistence.

PATTI is charged with jealousy of Gerster because Gerster has a baby and Patti hasn't. Will Mile. Patti pardon the suggestion that—But she probably knows her own business. It's never too late to mend, however.

CARLISLE is six feet high and has a muscle like a hired man. When he raps with the gavel and glances over the hall with a tread on the tail of me coat look, everything becomes so still that you could hear a gumpop.

A ST. LOUIS paper announces that Mrs. General Sherman has organized a club of philosophy in that city. It is probably a hickory one about three feet long and she uses it when she would faint philosophize with the general.

TO SAVE time and needless expense, Connecticut men now murder their wives instead of seeking for divorce, and then begin to talk to the other woman about future bliss, roseate happiness, etc., etc., right after the funeral.

IT is said that Henry Ward Beecher avers that the best orators the world ever knew were to be found among America's earlier statesmen. Henry is probably enamored with that celebrated, "Give me Lab R. T. or give me death" speech.

PHILADELPHIA CALL: There were twenty-seven applicants for the position of chaplain of the house of representatives. In the light of recent events it would be wise to give them all a job. What show does one chaplain stand in the house of representatives?

THERE was a young man in Racine Who invented a flying machine; He soon vanished in space, With a smile on his face, But since then he's never been seen. —[New York Journal.

A CHILD was born in a street car in Louisville and the conductor said it would have to pay its fare or get out and walk. For strict adherence to business principles the Louisville street car conductor always comes down the home stretch a few lengths ahead of every thing.

A BROOKLYN man raised up in bed the other night and seeing his wife's foot looming up over the footboard put a bullet through it. He swears by the silver stars that softly twink in the cerulean dome of heaven that he thought it a great, hideous, five-horned monster.

AS soon as Miss Susie B. Anthony landed in New York the other day she received an invitation to attend a reunion of old pioneers, and it made her so mad that she would not even look at and admire the big bridge. An invitation to a children's party, however, soothed her, and all is again as serene as a summer sky.

A LEARNED medico says: "The extremities of children should be kept warm." Early recollections of childhood's halcyon days come trooping up on memory's invisible wings like airy spectres during the perusal of this piece of sage advice. Again we see and feel—But the subject is too painful! Warm extremities! Oh, so warm! So very, very warm! (Teary.)

DAVIS: Telegraphic reports from the hunting fields of New Jersey state that the snipe seen there last week has not been hit yet, but as five hundred more sportsmen have joined in the chase it is thought the bird will be brought down before Christmas. A relief party with six additional loads of ammunition will start out tomorrow.

AN esteemed eastern range prints an article entitled "How to Treat a Dude." The custom in vogue in the east is not understood in the west, but out here we ask him to come up and irrigate his innards, and then ask the barkeeper to give him a little carefully filtered water with a dash of milk in it. Then one of the party is detailed to watch over the tender pet until he recovers from the wild debauch.

AN Indianapolis gentleman took his wife to a dentist to have a tooth drawn, and the man of forceps broke her jaw the very first wrench. Did the husband of the woman fall upon the dentist and smite him hip and thigh and sit down on

him and pulverize him, and knock the office furniture into a state of confusion with his professional frame and sue him for \$27,000,000,000 damages? Drop the dentist a line and ask him where he got those diamond studs.

BARNUM has secured a white elephant at a cost of \$200,000. His itemized bill reads: One elephant.....\$ 10,000 Freight charges to London..... 1,000 Freight charges to New York..... 1,000 Feed en route..... 100 Expenses of loading and unloading..... 500 St. Jacob's oil for elephant's wind colic..... 70 Ten barrels white paint..... 1,000 Scenic artist five days..... 30 Court plaster for artist's mouth..... 5,000 Court plaster for agent's mouth..... 10,000 Agent's expenses..... 5,000 Advertising, etc..... 166 3/4 Total.....\$200,000

The Mystery Solved.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 7.—[Special.]—There appeared in the Pioneer Press of November 30, a special telegram from Ellendale, Dak., giving an account of the finding of the dead bodies of twenty-three men and about as many horses in a valley in the northwestern portion of Dickey county. The skeletons were piled up together and gave evidence of having lain there twenty years or more. A number of brass army buttons and spurs found in the ghastly pile led to the supposition that the remains were those of a cavalry detachment that had perished or been massacred. But the people in that section were unable to solve the mystery as to the identity of the dead, from whence they came, and in what manner they met death. The publication of the telegram has excited a very large amount of interest throughout the northwest, and there has been considerable talk among the old-timers in the attempt to bring to mind the history of the affair. No one has yet been able to give a satisfactory solution of the mystery.

After the above introductory remarks, the Pioneer Press gives a number of opinions from army officers and old-timers, but none are definite or satisfactory solutions of the mysterious find. The article is going the rounds, but no one seems to have been able to tell whose remains were found. In scanning the military horizon of the city yesterday afternoon, the reporter espied Capt. R. B. Mason, and called his attention to this recent discovery, which is attracting so much public attention. From the interview with Captain Mason, the opinion of Mr. Luce, of Grouton, proves to be correct. The remains are those of men who were in Sully's campaign and were killed in

A FIERCE BATTLE

with the Indians in the year 1853. Captain Mason was in command of a company of scouts attached to the Second Nebraska, commanded by ex-Governor Furness, during the Sully campaign of 1853. He says these skeletons are relics of the campaign. In one of the engagements Lieutenant Hall, of the Second Nebraska, lost five men; the Sixth Iowa cavalry, commanded by Colonel Wilson, lost twenty-one, and Captain Mason lost one man from Captain Bain's company, making twenty-seven men in all.

General Sully reported 200 Indians killed and wounded, and 156 prisoners captured. Three days were spent in destroying their camp equipment and burying the dead. Captain Mason had engaged the Indians contrary to Sully's instructions, the Indians having opened

FIRE ON HIS COMPANY

when but thirty paces distant. He fought them about an hour, during which time they gathered their families together in a ravine at some distance and finally slowly retreated. In retreating they came upon Col. Wilson of the Sixth Iowa, who hadn't a gun loaded in his battalion. They went through his command, pulling the men from their horses and killing them with the butts of their muskets, or with clubs. Wilson, as before stated, lost twenty-one men, probably without firing a shot in return. The skirmish is known as the battle of

WHITE STONE HILLS,

and occurred from the 3rd to the 6th of September 1853. The Indians were fresh from the Minnesota massacre, and were recuperating from a series of engagements with Sibley. Silverware and household utensils of almost every sort, together with clothing and numerous articles of value, were found in their camp. In one instance a package of twenty-seven scalps was found, twenty-six of them being the scalps of white women and one a heavy iron gray goose from a man's feet. Captain Mason says the racket during the battle was simply fearful. The soldiers were shouting and swearing; the Indians whooping and yelling, and above all this din and the rattle of musketry could be heard the crying of the squaws and Indian children. Seven Indian children were picked up on the battle field and sent to Fort Randall with the other prisoners. Several soldiers were killed or wounded by wounded Indians, and if the truth is to be told it must be said that they (the Indians) were not suffered to live to fire upon others. There were about

FIFTEEN HUNDRED WARRIORS

who were attacked by Captain Mason and his ninety-two men, but being outnumbered by their squaws and papooses they fought at a disadvantage and became demoralized. In their retreat they came upon Colonel Wilson and walked right through his command, pulling the soldiers from their horses and killing them as they passed along with any means at their command. In addition to the twenty-seven killed, about thirty soldiers were wounded, some of whom afterward died from their wounds. Dead Indians were scattered all over the plains. At one point twenty-two soldiers were buried. The skeletons spoken of must certainly be relics of this battle. It was the season when the Indians were killing their winter's meat, and dead buffalo were to be found on every hand. The soldiers had been without wood two weeks and had no means of cooking, but when they obtained possession of the Indian tent poles and supply of buffalo they enjoyed a feast indeed. The meat taken which could not be used to advantage was burned. In one instance a stream, almost approaching

A BROOK OF TALLOW

ran from the pile of burning buffalo meat. Four days later the Missouri river was reached and the troops passed down the river and established Fort Sully. Just before the battle, and about the 1st of September, 1863, Captain Mason camped at the mouth of Apple Creek, five miles south of Bismarck. That was twenty years ago. The captain is now engaged in manufacturing flour and building brick blocks in the capital city. Thus are the changes which old father Time in his hurrying, frisky pranks is ever bringing about, brought strikingly to the mind.

Almost Persuaded.

One more man ran against the walls of eternity Monday afternoon and only lacked a little more force to punch a hole through the uncertain dividing line between "here and there," and jumping recklessly in among the angels. He was almost persuaded to balance the books, pass

in the checks belonging to the green covered tables and making his debut before the throne. His name was J. M. McManus and he was going to cross the iron bridge with an enormous load of ardent spirits. He walked through the deep cut, and, with a dignified tread, gazed proudly at the massive iron structure which he was soon to mount and cross. But from this blissful region of his high soaring ecstasy there came a mighty fall, for, just as he was approaching the bridge proper he was to the left, his wings refused to hold him above terra firma and he fell a distance of about twenty feet. Strange to say the fall did not kill him. He remained unconscious about an hour when he came back to earth and asked for a drink. Unfortunately he was some distance from a saloon and was compelled to remain suffering the pangs of thirst until he reached Mandan on the first train.

The Years Business.

THE TRIBUNE is indebted to John Davidson, agent of the North Pacific at Bismarck, for the following interesting facts and figures in relation to the railroad business at Bismarck for the present year. In this connection it is well to say that Mr. Davidson has been in charge of the Bismarck office since the spring of 1874 and has been one of the hardest worked and most efficient agents in the employ of the company from that day to this:

Table with columns: 1883, Lbs. Weight, Charges. Rows for months from January to December, showing freight received and charges.

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An Annoying Mistake.

Mr. John Davidson, agent for the North Pacific road at this point, is considerably annoyed by an erroneous idea with regard to the office of ticket agent. Every time a ticket clerk is discharged, or resigns, some one alludes to the fact as the resignation of the ticket agent. Mr. Davidson's railroad friends throughout the country hear of this and immediately send him letters of inquiry, asking him the cause—the why and the wherefore, and sometimes the attention of the officials of the North Pacific road is called to the report. This habit of calling the ticket clerk "agent" has become so common as to occasionally creep into the columns of the press and in this way has Mr. Davidson's annoyance been increased. The fact is the North Pacific agent at this point, including tickets, freight, and everything pertaining to the company's business, is John Davidson, one of the most competent and faithful gentlemen in the employ of the road, and those who occupy the ticket office in the Sheridan House are his clerks. Ticket Clerk Hill was relieved from duty for absence, and Mr. Whittaker is once more behind the desk.

The Masquerade.

The masquerade on rollers to be given in the Athenaeum Christmas evening will be one of the pleasantest and best managed affairs of the season. To those who refrain from attending masquerades because of the disreputable characters who often crowd themselves in under cover of disguise, it may be said that a committee will be appointed and each person will be compelled to masquerade in the waiting room before the members of the committee and no objectionable persons will be given admission to the hall. The masquerade will skate until 10 o'clock, when skating will be ended and, remaining masked, the crowd will dance until 12 o'clock. At midnight the masks will be removed and dancing continued.

Only One More Week.

One-half of the brick walls of the capital are now completed to their full height, and one more week of favorable weather will be sufficient to finish the east half. The roof will be put on as soon as possible, work on the use roof of the hall of the house of representatives being in progress now. The building is a wonderful structure, having as substantial foundations as support any building in the union, and the edifice is a huge mountain of re-pressed brick, handsome Joliet stone and Sims terra cotta. Its rapid construction by day and night is one of the miracles of modern building.

Another National Park.

Senator Voorhees, of Indiana, wants another national park, to give others besides those living in Bismarck and along the line of the North Pacific an opportunity to enjoy a pleasure trip to a great national resort. The resolution introduced by Senator Voorhees and agreed to by the senate authorizes the committee on military affairs to inquire into the expediency of purchasing the encampment grounds occupied by the revolutionary army at Valley Forge for a national park. The site selected for the park is a beautiful one and the committee will be very likely to report favorably. In this event the managers of the Yellowstone National Park will be compelled to look well to their laurels if they would retain them. Of course the Yellowstone Park will ever remain the natural wonder of the continent; but artificial embellishments and conveniences very often attract the tourist from the smiles of nature.

Sale of Telegraph Lines.

On Saturday December 22, 1883, in this city, the military telegraph lines in Dakota, consisting of section one, from Bismarck to Fort Buford and section two, from Fort Bennett to Fort

Meade, will be sold at public auction. The combined length of these two lines is 377 miles and will be a valuable purchase for whoever gets them. The two sections will be sold separately, Lieut. W. D. Wright, acting as auctioneer.

What's Wrong?

Mrs. Lucia Dickson of this city has referred the following letter to the TRIBUNE, with the request that it be published for the protection of the public as well as in justice to the Mrs. Frank Leslie's Publishing Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5, 1883. LUCIA DICKSON, Bismarck Dakota. In reply to your letter of November 21st, stating you had sent money to Leslie & Co., 109 Chamber street for Boys Magazine and Pleasant Hours, and that you had been advised by New York express office that the money letter was delivered to Leslie & Co., August 14th, but that you had received no magazines, we beg to say that Leslie & Co. are responsible and in no way connected with Frank Leslie's Publishing House. We publish Pleasant Hours, but have never had from Leslie & Co. the money you sent for it, and it is of no avail to go to them for it. We have other cases similar and can get no satisfaction from them. They published several magazines and some time since suspended, but are trying to go on again. You may consider your money lost. B. M.

A Neat Compliment.

A subscriber to the TRIBUNE at Fort Gustav writes as follows: "I would not be without the TRIBUNE under any consideration. It is my daily treat and no mistake. If any paper gets read through from beginning to end, mine does, and always with the certainty of having had a dozen good laughs."

Married.

HACKETT—YOUNGS—At the Gustav House, Monday, December 10, by Rev. J. G. Miller Edmund Hackett with Miss Leah Hortense Youngs, both of Bismarck.

Eminent chemists who have analyzed Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder use it now, and have used it for years in their own families in preference to any other, because they find it free from alum, ammonia or any hurtful drug. That it is the most effective, the strongest, healthiest and most perfect fruit acid Baking Powder made.

MRS. LANOTRY denies that she is 60. Put it a year or two lower and try her again.

TOM CRYSTAL: A cockroach has 30,000 teeth. This is merely an incidental fact.

LESTER WALLACK owns twenty-one dogs. But few theatrical men rise so high as this in the histrionic art.

A MILWAUKEE man is going to lecture on "The Lyte of Old Ireland." Its other name is O'Donovan Rossa.

IOWA'S dogs cost her \$8,000,000 a year, but she can't get along without them. The state is full of sparkable girls and bold, bad dudes.

In Florida alligator skin is used to upholster hotel chairs. The bony protrusions of invalids wear out any other material in a very few weeks.

A BISMARCK man takes a greenback paper for the sole purpose of using it for kindling. He says it is drier than anything he can find in the country.

AFTER a California murderer was hanged he exclaimed "Oh!" but the doctor pronounced him dead. He probably said "oh" just through force of habit.

The captures of old man Bender for last month numbered 17, against 9 of the previous month. The detectives are just beginning to warm up to their work.

FOR president in 1908, Samuel J. Tilden. (If he is elected, will Mr. Tilden please recall the fact that the TRIBUNE first mentioned his name for that campaign?)

GEN. ROSECRANS introduced fifty-three bills in the house Monday. He didn't get to work until late in the afternoon, or he would have made a much better score.

QUEEN VICTORIA is very fond of apples, and she do say it is interesting to watch the old lady popping the seeds on the kitchen stove to see if she will get married this year.

"A Cincinnati man endeavored to commit suicide with his lead pencil," says a dispatch. He probably wrote an original poem with it and then bearded the editorial lion in his den.

AN Ohio man sued an editor for damages for calling him a liar and was awarded five cents. The editor now wishes he had referred to him as a —! —! —! liar—an even quarter's worth.

"The Book Agent" is being played at the St. Paul opera house. Before being admitted, persons holding tickets are rigidly searched at the door for bricks and eggs which are in their dotage.

A BOSTON girl had a pair of digitated hose knitted for her and while they were hanging in the shop window a burly Irish laborer mistook them for a pair of gloves and went in and asked the price of them.

In scuffling with a young printer at Danville, Ky., the office devil pulled his clothes off somewhat, revealing the fact that the printer was a handsome girl. Her typographical companions were tearfully paralyzed by the discovery.

It has been nearly three weeks since the papers have told of a California woman killing a bear weighing several pounds above the weight of any other bear ever seen. It is to be hoped that brain is not getting the best of the fight in late combats.

MRS. MODJESKA says there is no such thing as art in Cincinnati. Did the madame ever sit in a beer saloon "over the Rhine" and watch a German with a gothic bay window under his vest swallow a schooner of beer without a bat of the eyes or a change of countenance? Perhaps she hasn't investigated art in Cincinnati.

Dana H. Day, railway postal clerk between Bismarck and Glendive, Wednesday tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and Ed A. McGuire, mailing clerk in the Bismarck post-office, was appointed in his stead. The clerks on this run now are Foster Howell, B. W. Dillon, brother of W. A. Dillon, cashier of the First National Bank, Bismarck, Ed. M. Brown, jr., and Ed. A. McGuire. Hartford Arkwright, formerly of this run, is now transferring between Glendive and Billings.

By Telegraph

Republican National Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The republican national committee met this morning at the Arlington hotel. The following delegates answered to the call of states: Alabama, Paul Strobach; Arkansas, Powell Clayton; California, Senator Miller; Connecticut, O. H. Platt; Delaware, Christian Feibiger; Florida, W. W. Hicks; Georgia, J. B. Devereaux; Illinois, J. A. Logan; Indiana, J. O. New; Iowa, J. S. Rannels; Kansas, J. A. Martin; Kentucky, Wm. O. Bradley; Louisiana, Frank Morey; Maine, Wm. P. Frye; Maryland, J. A. Gary; Massachusetts, J. M. Forbes; Michigan, J. H. Stone; Minnesota, D. M. Sabin; Mississippi, George C. McKee; Missouri, C. I. Filley; Nebraska, J. W. Dawes; Nevada, Senator Jones; New Hampshire, W. E. Chandler; New Jersey, G. A. Halsey; New York, C. Platt; North Carolina, W. P. Canady; Ohio, W. C. Cooper; Oregon, J. H. Mitchell; Pennsylvania, G. L. Magee; Rhode Island, W. A. Pierce; South Carolina, Samuel Lee; Tennessee, William Raley; Texas, A. G. Malloy; Vermont, G. W. Hooker; Virginia, V. E. M. Yost; West Virginia, N. Goff; Wisconsin, Elisha Enos; Arizona, Levi Bashford; Dakota, C. I. McCoy; Idaho, G. L. Shoup; New Mexico, B. J. Elkins; Utah, C. W. Bennett; Washington Territory, I. G. Brents; Wyoming, J. L. Carey; District of Columbia, C. B. Purvis. The committee was called to order by John A. Martin, secretary. Chandler nominated ex-Senator Chaffee (Col.) for temporary presiding officer, and he was elected unanimously. After the reading of the journal, nominations for permanent chairman were in order, and Senator D. M. Sabin, of Minnesota, was nominated by Mr. Elkins and elected by acclamation. Mr. Sabin, on taking the chair, said:

"While deeply sensible to the distinguished courtesy you have conferred, I am doubtless as much surprised, as the country at large will be at the announcement of your choice, but being pressed by all parties in the interest and claim of peace and harmony, I have accepted what is a rather distasteful position at this time. I trust, however, the work of this committee will be characterized by the same unanimity with which I have been elected, and at the next election a republican president will be elected by a like unanimous vote of the whole country." (Applause.)

A motion fixing the time of holding the next convention, Tuesday, June 3, 1884, was agreed to.

Mr. Frye, of Maine, then submitted his proposition for a new basis of representation in the next convention. It was laid over for the present for the purpose of hearing delegations supporting the claims of various sections for the national convention.

On motion of Mr. New a resolution was adopted providing that the chairman appoint three members of a committee who, together with the chairman and secretary, shall compose a committee to make arrangements for holding the convention. The first ballot for the location of the convention resulted: Chicago, 14; Cincinnati, 12; Indianapolis, 4; Philadelphia, 8; Saratoga, 8. Second ballot: Chicago, 17; Cincinnati 17; Indianapolis, Philadelphia and Saratoga, none. Third ballot: Cincinnati, 21; Chicago, 20; Saratoga, 4; Philadelphia, 1; Indianapolis, none. On the next ballot the committee selected Chicago as the place of holding the national convention.

Cyclone Sweeps Great Britain.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A very violent storm is raging throughout Great Britain and much property is destroyed on land and sea and many lives lost. At Newry the lamp-posts on the streets were bent. High trees were torn up and carried away. The low lying districts of Birmingham are flooded. A portion of the roof of the church at St. Clond, Durby, was demolished. The Congregational church here was also damaged. The parish church at Botherham was much injured. Chimney shafts were thrown down at Manchester and Leeds. The large gas holder near Bedford, capped and the chemical works at Widnes were damaged. The Leicester Carriage Works were destroyed. At Birkenhead great damage was done. The chief officers of a steamer just arrived from Glasgow were killed. The vessel was overturned and many buildings damaged. At Lincoln the parapet of the tower of the cathedral was blown down. A ship was blown from her moorings in Belfast harbor. At South Shields vessels broke adrift and three wharves sunk. The British ship Liverpool from Quebec for Greenock is a total wreck near Stranraer, Scotland. Only a man and boy were saved of the crew. Two persons were killed at Hull and several injured. A portion of Portsmouth is flooded. At Hartlepool many ships were damaged. At Birmingham two persons were killed and a number wounded. Three were killed at Manchester. At Dewsbury three were killed. At Chester a man was blown down in the street and killed. Two persons were killed by a portion of the roof of St. Mary's church at Derwick, which was destroyed. Several houses in the suburbs of Nottingham were blown down. At Keldwick the gasometer was demolished. The postal telegraph inspector was cut in halves in Leeds. At Bradford the monuments under the cliff at the cemetery and a portion of the depot of the Midland railway, were blown down. Several vessels were docked in the Mersey and damaged. Two vessels were wrecked at Dunoon, Scotland, and two men drowned. The lowlands west of Lancashire and the Gaillard district are flooded. At Glasgow the damage to property is very great.

An Official Denial.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—Reports having been telegraphed abroad that many cattle in Texas and elsewhere, and says he knows nothing of them. The brotherhood has no present or prospective difficulty with any railways anywhere.

Killed His Wife.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—Piscayune's Vermilion special: A horrible murder was committed this morning. Lamb, colored, attacked his former wife, a mulatto girl, with a dirk and stabbed her several times in the breast. Lamb, seeing Mayor Young advancing with a revolver to arrest him, attempted to kill himself.

Meeting of Californians.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Pacific coast delegations held a meeting this morning to discuss the proposed amendments to the Chinese legislation of the last congress. Through a misunderstanding the meeting was not well attended, and after some informal discussion it adjourned until tomorrow.

The Brotherhood Not Strikers.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12.—Chief Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, was asked concerning the reported strikers in Texas and elsewhere, and says he knows nothing of them. The brotherhood has no present or prospective difficulty with any railways anywhere.

Preparation for Hang O'Donnell.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—It is understood that the home office has sent a letter to Judge Denman, who presided at the trial of O'Donnell, asking his opinion in regard to the sufficiency of the evidence submitted by the prosecution to support the charge of wilful murder against O'Donnell. The judge in his reply has given the opinion that the evidence fully justified the verdict. Father Fleming, O'Donnell's spiritual adviser, visits the prisoner twice daily. Mrs. O'Donnell paid another visit to her husband today. The sheriffs are completing their arrangements for the execution of O'Donnell Monday. Binnis, the hangman, arrived at London Saturday. Only two members of the press will be permitted to be present.

Panic in a Theatre.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—An intoxicated individual in a gallery at the Academy of Music last night, set up a cry of fire, and the large audience surged toward the exit doors in consequence. The manager had the exits on the main floor closed, and by his efforts and those of the persons on the stage, succeeded in reassuring the audience. The galleries were emptied without any serious mishaps occurring. The man who raised the disturbance is under arrest.

Tex Collector Missing.

EL PASO, Pa., Dec. 12.—An Albion, Pa., special says that E. C. Palmer, of that place, has been missing since Saturday. He is well to-do and is the tax collector for that town. His tax duplicate calls for about \$700. None of it has been returned to the county treasurer yet. Being a hunter, he may have gone hunting. He previously bore an excellent reputation. Every effort is being made to find him, but up to midnight there is no clue.

A Fatal Mistake.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Advice from the Indian Territory say that Thomas Arnold, a Cherokee Indian, was killed in a drinking and gambling row near Taplequag, Monday; also that Judge Noywater was shot and killed from an ambush Monday night, while going home from Siltom Springs. The latter act is charged to Deputy Marshal Andrews and posse, who mistook the judge for a noted outlaw they were looking for.

A Magistrate Killed.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Times-Democrat's Alexandria special: Late Monday evening, Richard Reinecke, magistrate at Leocompe, was mortally wounded by George Marsh. The trouble grew out of a charge originating in the magistrate's court which was referred by Reinecke to the grand jury. Bystanders allege that Reinecke fired twice at Marsh before the latter fired.

Explosion and Fire.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Last night an explosion occurred in the rear of Kellogg's drug store, on Main street, Oseleton. The inmates of the house barely escaped. Howard Morse, a clerk, jumped out of a window. Mr. Wittsick, wife and little boy escaped by ladders in their night clothes. The drug store was entirely consumed.

Irish State Convention.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 12.—The Irish state convention called to amalgamate all the Irish organizations in the state in behalf of Ireland, began its session at the Academy of Music at noon to-day with over 400 delegates representing social, benevolent, military and certain religious societies from every corner of the state.

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of the defendants, was sitting in a position shielded by his counsel from Miss Bond's view. Suddenly one of the counsel moved and left Montgomery exposed to her gaze. His eyes lowered and he tremblingly attempted to raise his hat to his features, but too late. The sight of the man she thought had done her so terrible a wrong, had utterly prostrated her, and she fainted, and amid murmurs of sympathy, was carried from the court room.

A Ghastly Discovery.

HUBON, D. T., Dec. 12.—This evening, while some boys were skating about two miles north of town, they discovered the body of a small boy, aged about 8 years, and a hand sled frozen under a thin layer of ice. The boys appealed to a man near by, who took the body out. A man's coat and hat, found near by, leads to the supposition that the boy's father was skating and drawing the boy behind him on the sled, and that the ice broke and precipitated both into the water. The condition of the ice shows that a desperate struggle was made for life, and the idea is that the body of the man is still in the water. The accident must have happened some time Tuesday, as the water was frozen over the break. No identity of the body has been found.

Preparing to Hang O'Donnell.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—It is understood that the home office has sent a letter to Judge Denman, who presided at the trial of O'Donn