

## NEWS, POLITICS, LITERATURE, TRADE AND COMMERCE—BUT FIRST OF ALL, THE NEWS.

### OUR RELATIONS WITH THE ISLANDS.

#### Testimony of the Residents of Hawaii Will be Taken.

#### THE TARIFF BILL WILL BE PUSHED.

#### A Clerk at Washington is Discharged For Usury.

#### Mitchell, of Oregon, is Interesting Himself in the Bankruptcy Bill.

#### Washington, Dec. 22.—Nothing has been received by the state department from Minister Willis by the steamer Mariposa. It is supposed at the department that the revenue cutter Corwin is now on her way back from Honolulu and it is expected it will bring a reply from Minister Willis to instructions sent by the Corwin. The Senate committee on foreign relations will immediately begin the work of investigating the irregularity of diplomatic relations between this country and the Hawaiian government as authorized by the resolution of Senator Morgan.

#### There are several residents of Hawaii now in the city and the purpose of the committee is to secure their testimony as soon as possible and before they leave here. Consequently, the committee will sit during the holidays, probably beginning next Tuesday or Wednesday.

#### As to Penalties.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The first attempt to get a judicial determination of the legal right of the commissioner of pensions to suspend a pensioner from the rolls came up today in the supreme court of the District of Columbia. It is brought in the form of an application by Charles D. Long, justice of the supreme court of Michigan, for a mandamus to compel Commissioner Leach to restore to him the full rating of \$2 per month.

#### Justice Bradley issued an order on the commissioner to show cause why the mandamus should not be issued and the writ being returnable today, the matter was argued by the counsel.

#### Will be Hurred Through.

Washington, Dec. 22.—There is an evident purpose to hurry the tariff bill through when the House reassembles. It is probable the session will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning and last until 6 at night during the consideration of the bill. It is expected that the bill will be passed at an early date, so business affairs may be adjusted to the new conditions.

#### No Use for a Usurer.

Washington, Dec. 22.—James A. Race, of Texas, a clerk at \$1,000 per annum in the pension bureau, was dismissed today for loaning money at usurious rates to other employees. The department officials consider this offense sufficient cause for an immediate dismissal.

#### It is Taken In.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Carlisle has accepted the resignations of W. M. Alexander, surveyor of customs at Omaha; Major J. W. Wham, paymaster at Vancouver barracks, has been ordered back to duty, having been examined by the retiring board.

#### The Bankruptcy Bill.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Mitchell, of Oregon, is interesting himself in the revival of the Torrey bankruptcy bill and is quite anxious to see it passed. He is understood to be quite well acquainted with the details of the bill and is believed to be able to understand the defeat of the bill in the House.

#### UNION PACIFIC REORGANIZATION.

#### General Solicitor Thurston Gives His Views on the Matter.

Omaha, Dec. 22.—General Solicitor Thurston, of the Union Pacific, in speaking of the scheme of reorganization of the Union Pacific, said: "There are many plans for the reorganization of the Union Pacific property in the air. The general scheme, however, that seems to meet with the most favor is that the Union Pacific proper, together with those lines which are properly a part of the system, although classified as feeders, shall be reorganized under congressional legislation and subjected to sale under the direction of the court. A sale is absolutely necessary so that a new company may be formed that will permit a fresh start being made. With reductions made in the fixed interest charges, the property would be able to pay interest, obligations and principal on the government debt, so the government security would grow better every year, while the ability would grow constantly less. Should the administration disapprove some of the features, the theory of reorganization would have to be completely discarded over again. The rights of the government must be sacredly guarded as well as the rights of individuals and this requires no inconsiderable time."

#### A Race War.

Denver, Dec. 22.—A special to the News from Cerrillos, N. M.: News has just reached here that at Laguna Dell Gallo, Lincoln county, N. M., a race war broke out yesterday and five Americans and nineteen Mexicans were killed. The governor had ordered the troops to recover a herd of sheep, but before they could be completely recovered, trouble began. The scene of the action is inland and a feeling is expressed by the herders that more trouble is expected.

#### It is Impossible.

Denver, Dec. 22.—Ev-Governor Evans, in an interview, says it is impossible the stock and bondholders of the Denver & Gulf railroad should consent to throw away the chances of a great gulf route for a place in the Union Pacific reorganization. Galveston is a near Denver, as Chicago, and insures cheap transportation to all Atlantic

ports in Europe, Asia, Africa and America.

#### The Gulf System.

Denver, Dec. 22.—J. W. Jennings, representing G. M. Dodge, is here examining the Gulf system with a view to its sale, to foreclose by the bondholders. This, if done, will take the road out of the hands of the receiver and throw it back into the hands of the Union Pacific.

#### Against a Reduction.

St. Paul, Dec. 22.—The heads of various organizations of the employees of the Northern Pacific, met the officials of the road today. The conference lasted until the afternoon. Each organization's leader argued against the proposed reduction in wages. At the close the officials promised to give an answer tomorrow morning.

#### Only a Rumor.

Denver, Dec. 22.—There is a reported effort on foot by the Union Pacific to terminate the gulf receivership and to place the road back into the hands of the main system. The presence here of G. W. Jennings, personal representative of General Dodge, agent of the bondholders, is believed to be in pursuance of the plan.

#### He Likes Trambull.

Omaha, Dec. 22.—General Thurston says there is no truth in the report that the Union Pacific intends to retrace its steps and take the Gulf road back into the overland system. The appointment of Trambull as receiver was entirely satisfactory.

#### The Canadian Pacific Will Not Agree.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The Canadian Pacific will not agree to restore the transcontinental routes unless it is allowed the differential. The other lines will not agree to this and a prospect of a war is growing stronger every day.

#### RECEIVED A SET-BACK.

#### Florida's Governor Says He Does Not Propose to Have the Fight.

Jacksonville, Dec. 22.—The Duval Athletic club received a set back today in its efforts to pull off the Corbett-Mitchell fight. The attorney for the club appeared before Governor Mitchell at Tallahassee and made application for a charter. This the governor flatly refused to do, stating under cover of a charter the club proposed to violate the laws of Florida. This provided a bomb shell to the sports and their consternation was further increased by the knowledge that a strong letter against the fight had been written by the governor to J. R. Tyson, a prominent gentleman of this city. The letter is as follows:

"Executive department, Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 21, 1893.—J. R. Tyson, Jacksonville, Fla.: I have received your letter of the 18th inst., and to express to you my appreciation of the interest you take in the welfare of the state and in the success of its efforts to procure this prize fight to be held at Jacksonville, resolved upon to use all lawful means to prevent the same from being held in this state. It is necessary, to prevent the fight and to bring punishment upon every person who aids or abets any such disgraceful breach of the laws of the state, and to enforce the laws of the state, I have directed my officers to use all lawful means to prevent the fight, and promising the aid of the entire military force of the state in enforcing the laws of our state. Yours respectfully,

"D. J. LANG,  
Private Secretary."

When the above letter was written to J. E. Bowden, of the Athletic club, he said: "Had I not been assured by our lawyers there was no legislation against such a contest; had I not known that the public sentiment with us had the public sentiment with us; had not Governor Mitchell's silence given me reason to suppose he would not object to the fight, I would never have gone into the matter. But now I am into it, I must remain in it to the end. This question," continued the speaker, "does not involve a fight between the state and the promoter, but it involves the honor and the respectability of the state and the respectability of the state notwithstanding. It has never been advertised, never been contracted for, as a fight, but as a scientific glove contest for the honor of the state. Had Governor Mitchell been sincere in his attitude in the contest, but we don't believe when our courts shall have decided this matter, which will be the case, that he will abdicate to himself any authority in the premises or interpose this interference. I am the most sincerely interested in the fight, and I should be against it, should it be shown that any law exists against a glove contest, the matter will be at an end, so far as I am concerned. In that case, there would be no contest, and I should abide by the decision of the courts."

#### Racing in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The racing announced by President Engeman of the Ivy City Jockey club, will certainly be resumed here next Tuesday. District Attorney Birney refuses to make a test case for the court and he will wait until racing is resumed, and then raid all the people at the track. Politics has entered into the matter to some extent and the racing people have asserted they have protested to the president and others against the district attorney's refusal to enable them to quietly get a judicial decision as to their rights.

#### The New Orleans Track.

New Orleans, Dec. 22.—Five furlongs—Mollie May won, Grats Hanley second, Belle of Springfield third. Time—1:33.

Six furlongs—Onyx won, Billy Bennett second, Wallace third. Time—1:45.

Five and one-half furlongs—Hubert won, Tompkins second, Billy Hartigan third. Time—1:34.

Seven furlongs—Minnie Coo won, Carmen second, Silverado third. Time—1:49.

#### In Mexico.

Mexico, Dec. 22.—Eleven-sixteenths—Texas won, Champagne Dave second. Time—1:44.

Three-eighths—Mignon won, Mignard second, Frank Kyle third. Time—1:37.

Five-eighths—Sir Lancelot won, Laura B second, Morgan third. Time—1:44.

#### At San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Six furlongs—Mulliner won, Anilda second, White Cloud third. Time—1:43.

Six furlongs—Lucky Dog won, Romulus second, Normande third. Time—1:45.

Five furlongs—Royal Flash won, Swiftsure third. Time—1:47.

Seven furlongs—Tigress won, Boston Boy second, Luke Stevens third. Time—1:51.

Five furlongs—Red Light won, Thornhill second, Morven third. Time—1:44.

#### Will All be Put to Work.

Topeka, Dec. 22.—Superintendent Player, of the main shops of the Santa Fe system, is reinstating all employees laid off during the summer. He says all will be put to work by Jan. 1.

### ANARCHISTS BOTH VIOLENT AND VICIOUS.

#### The Manifesto Prepared for Distribution in Paris.

#### GREY A THIEF, CARNOT A MANAKIN.

#### Fresh Evidence Discovered in the Maybrick Case.

#### It is Sensational and is Very Much in Favor of Mrs. Maybrick—The Jury in the Monson Case Render a Verdict of "Not Proven"—An Anarchist Arrested in Madrid—Thirty-five Soldiers Have Died From Eating Patriotic Meat.

#### Paris, Dec. 22.—The Associated Press has obtained a copy of a violent manifesto which the French anarchists in London have secretly prepared for distribution in Paris. The manifesto is headed: "Dynamite to the Panama canal." The manifesto says: "This first dynamite explosion will not be the last for you wretches. Since 1871, when you converted Paris into a charnel house and massacred 35,000 proletarians, the republic has been turned into a den of thieves directed successively by the sounder Thiers, the brute MacMahon, the thief Grey, and the manakin Carnot, while the poor hounds below were condemned to white slavery or die of starvation in the streets. Do you think such a state of things can endure? No. Revolution will devour you. We whom you outlawed will come to the rescue of the starving and the duped poor who cannot wait patiently like labor dupes, so called, because they had no deputies to defend them. It is admitted that these idiots who would have them shot like rabbits, but they decline to be blown up with you. Don't hold the miserable socialists responsible for dynamite; they only want to enrich themselves like you."

After a further denunciation of the socialist, the manifesto proceeds to describe the bourgeois class, and says they are "worse than dung, and we warn those who are demanding the death penalty for Valliant who followed the knife of Lauthier with a bomb thrown in the midst of your robber's cave, look out for your skins. That was merely a foretaste, messieurs. You who inwardly prefer surrender to being blown into shreds and into the air. Vive la Revolution, sociale. Vive la Anarchie."

#### HAS RIO FALLEN?

#### Contradictory Statements About the South American Troubles.

Pernambuco, Dec. 22.—Startling rumors have reached here from various sources which lead an air of credulity to them, that the insurgent fleet at Rio Janeiro after two days' desultory fighting made a determined attack in force on the city of Pernambuco, and captured the city. It is added that President Peixoto has resigned in favor of Admiral De Mello, and that Peixoto is a prisoner. Though this is the general rumor it is right to add that the people of Pernambuco do not credit it. The correspondent is unable to obtain a reply to messages sent south, and messages from the Associated Press correspondent at Rio are apparently interrupted, lending color to the belief that something extraordinary has happened.

A battle between the rebels and government forces was reported fought yesterday in the interior. Fifty government troops were said to have been killed.

#### Probably a Canard.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Neither in official nor diplomatic circles has word been received which confirms the rumors that Rio has fallen and Peixoto has resigned and is a prisoner. The belief among officials and diplomats is the rumors are premature, to say the least. No such information has been received from Captain Pickering, in command of the United States consular corps at Rio, and he is considered as showing that the Pernambuco rumors are not true.

The department officials don't believe the reports in ignorance of such important events as the overthrow of a government and the capture of its president.

Dr. Zeballos, the Argentine minister, says Buenos Ayres is the New York of South America and would undoubtedly know of such important results as are rumored in Brazil, and he has received no advice and doubts the report. He says Mello and Gama have no force strong enough to capture Rio, when Peixoto has 6,000 soldiers to repel an invasion.

The reports are probably based on the fact that the rebels have taken some outpost or part of the city.

#### It Wasn't Proved.

Edinburgh, Dec. 22.—The jury in the Monson trial this afternoon returned a verdict of "Not proven."

The judge's summing up was generally in favor of Monson. The jury retired at 3:52 p. m. and Monson was taken through the trap door to the cells. At 4:45 the jurors were again seated in their places and the prisoner reappeared. The judge put the usual question to the jury, after which the foreman arose and said in a clear voice: "Not proven on both issues." There was some applause in court and it was caught up outside the building, and the news spread, and a moment later three rousing cheers were heard from those who had attended the last day of the trial. The judge then dismissed the jury and Monson, after having cordially shaken hands with his lawyers, once more descended to the cell through the trap door in order to collect papers left there, and soon afterwards left the building by a back way, in order to avoid the crowd, driving away alone in a hansom cab.

#### The Maybrick Case.

London, Dec. 22.—In an interview with the solicitor of Baroness Roques the lawyer said fresh sensational evidence had been discovered in favor of Mrs. Maybrick. Baroness Roques' daughter, in prison for poisoning her husband, and that urgent means will be taken to induce the secretary of state for home affairs to open an independent inquiry into the case after the new developments. The newly

discovered evidence comes from the cabin of a steamer, N. S. ship, who has been away at sea. This captain declares he often saw Maybrick putting arsenic in his food. Maybrick declared that he must have something to keep him up and that he took enough to kill one unused to it.

#### Wilson Routed Them.

Capetown, Dec. 22.—All native reports from Bulawayo concur in the statement that Captain Wilson, by a determined attack, completely defeated the enemy. The Matabeles were soon in full flight. King Lobengula took to the bush, the wagon having stuck fast in heavy mud. He was closely pursued by Captain Wilson's party. Lobengula's brother, Mooto, yielded to the pursuing party with all his arms, his followers, and all cattle.

#### The King Fled.

Capetown, Dec. 22.—Natives who arrived at Bulawayo report that Captain Wilson and his thirty-five men, who were thought to have been massacred after falling into the Matabele ambush, defeated Lobengula's force on the brink of Shangani river, Dec. 4. Lobengula fled. Premier Rhodes announced that the natives are daily yielding guns and assegais in large numbers, and the Matabeles are submissively settling in small kraals.

#### Anarchists Arrested.

Madrid, Dec. 22.—A bomb exploded yesterday in the village of Soda. A drug store was wrecked, but nobody killed. An anarchist named Cermeno and his son have been arrested at Barcelona. It is believed they were implicated in the bomb outrage in the Liceo theatre and the attempt upon the life of General Campos.

Important documents were seized at their lodgings.

#### Mendoza Knows Nothing.

New York, Dec. 22.—Minister Mendoza said today: "We have received cablegrams from Rio this morning, but have no advice to confirm the report of Mello's triumph."

Mendoza's secretary stated the minister did not believe the report.

#### It Doubtless Is.

London, Dec. 22.—The reported capture of Rio by the insurgents' forces reached the city after the close of business hours. The Brazilian minister said the last cable message received from Rio was on Dec. 20, when the minister of marine said all was right.

#### Drought in the Argentine.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 22.—Drought in the Argentine Republic is causing serious damage to crops. Negotiations are proceeding for the conclusion of a commercial treaty between Argentine and Chile.

#### Thirty-six Have Died.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Of the 200 veteran soldiers poisoned by eating putrid meat recently at the annual banquets, 149 are still in a serious condition and thirty-six have died.

#### Anarchists Arrested.

Odessa, Dec. 22.—In consequence of the meetings held here by the French anarchists who praise the anarchist committed by Valliant, eleven men have been arrested and will be tried on the charge of inciting the people to commit outrages.

#### Cholera Increasing.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Cholera is increasing here. Sixteen cases are now in the hospital, and thirty-four new cases and eleven deaths from the disease were reported yesterday.

#### With Great Bravery.

Aden, Dec. 22.—The Italians lost three officers and several men during the battle with the dervishes near Fort Agordat. The Italian troops are said to have behaved with great bravery.

The Italians lost a captain, two lieutenants, a sergeant and a hundred men, and a thousand killed. Mohamed Ali, their leader, was among the slain. General Airmondoli was, at last account, in pursuit of the enemy.

#### Nine Months More.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The editor of the Socialist, already undergoing a sentence of two months, has been further sentenced to nine months' imprisonment on the charge of stirring up class hatred.

#### The King Gave Audience.

Rome, Dec. 22.—King Humbert gave audience to Colonel Barattieri, who is starting for Macedonia to resume command of the Italian troops at that point.

#### Firebug at Work.

Warsaw, Dec. 22.—The military commissariat stores were burned today. The loss is heavy. The fire is believed to have had an incendiary origin.

#### Have Accepted the Demands.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Freisinnige Zeitung pretends to know the Russian delegates have accepted the German demands in the commercial treaty negotiations.

#### IT IS A NOVEL PETITION.

#### Plant of the Employees of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City.

Toledo, Dec. 22.—A novel petition has been filed in the United States court by employees of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City railroad, which has been in the hands of a receiver since May 22. The petition asks the court to allow the employees to receive living wages from the company. It is represented that since the appointment of Receiver Callaway, wages have been systematically reduced, until at present it is impossible for them to provide for their families. This is the first action of the kind ever commenced, and the men say as the United States court would not allow the employees of the Ann Arbor road to strike last spring, they have appealed to it for justice, rather than take chances of losing a strike and being out of employment for the balance of the winter.

#### Harrison is Banquetted.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Some of the leading lights of oratory, literature, politics and journalism met ex-President Harrison this evening at the thirtieth annual festival of the New England society of Pennsylvania. The society's banquet board was spread at the Continental hotel. Preceding the banquet was an informal reception to the ex-president. Charles Emery Smith was toast-master. Harrison sat on the right and ex-Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, on the left. Harrison responded to the toast, "President of the United States," in a pleasant and graceful speech.

#### Tramps to be Whipped.

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 22.—The extreme opposite of Governor Lewelling's tramp policy is pursued by Mayor Terhune, who, owing to the number of recent tramp emigrations, has issued an order instructing the chief of police to furnish each night patrolman with a blacksnake whip. Every tramp will be whipped out of the city and whipped again if he returns.

### SHE WAS PALE AND IN FEAR OF HER LIFE.

#### Circumstances Under Which Mrs. Foy Testified Yesterday.

#### EVIDENCE AGAINST HER HUSBAND.

#### Alexander Sullivan Pays a Very Prominent Part.

#### A Crank Writes Threatening Letters to a Large Number of Prominent People—Electric Frauds Indictments—The Alleged Plot to Kidnap Baby Ruth—Would Send Greiv to Hades—A Big Bank Thief—Swindled Wannamaker.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Pale and evidently in great fear, Mrs. Andrew Foy appeared on the witness stand at the opening of the Coughlin trial this morning, with a policeman near to guard her against harm, which has been darkly threatened.

The defense objected to her testimony on the ground that evidence by a wife calculated to implicate her husband in a crime is incompetent.

The understanding was that she would tell of a series of meetings at her house, at which Coughlin was recognized by all as the leader, and that her husband afterwards confessed that at these meetings the plot was formed which led to Dr. Cronin's murder, and that her husband took part in the plot and was present shortly after the murder was committed.

Judge Cahill finally decided to admit Mrs. Foy's testimony, her evidence to be confined to what she saw and to what she said to any one of the conspirators.

The examination then proceeded amid the most profound attention on the part of the audience which filled the room, and with constant objections from the defense. Her story is in substance as follows:

She knew Coughlin, Martin Burke and Patrick Cronin, all of whom had been at her house. Coughlin appeared there first in March of April 1888. He visited her husband several times and they talked in whispers. During one of these visits she surprised her husband and Coughlin, the latter reading a letter about the time of the trial. "Remove him at all hazards, but use your discretion." Witness then told of two visits of Cronin, at which he and her husband had several conversations, always with the doors closed. Martin also visited her husband and talked with him in private. He came again on the night of May 1, 1889, two days after the Cronin murder.

This was bitterly fought by the defense, but the court decided to admit it, saying he would instruct the jury that it merely tended to show the conspiracy, but did not bear on Coughlin's murder.

Continuing, witness said Coughlin called on May 22 and asked for her husband. She told him she was afraid her husband had been arrested. Coughlin replied: "Oh, there's no proof against Andy, he's all right." "Remove him at all hazards," continued Mrs. Foy. "Coughlin, this is an awful thing to have done. Dr. Cronin will do you more harm dead than alive." "I need not be worried. There's no danger; but you will be taken care of anyway. Don't worry."

I asked him who was to take care of me and my little children.

"Oh," he said, "don't mind about that. Alexander Sullivan is a good friend of your husband and of mine, and he will take care of you."

The deep silence in court at this point was broken by the prosecuting attorney, who called attention to the fact that the witness had said that she had seen Sullivan among the spectators at this startling statement.

Witness continued: "Coughlin came once before that and told my husband what luck he had in fooling Captain Shaack and Schuttler about Dr. Cronin's body, and where they put it."

Witness said that Coughlin several times assured her that there was no danger of her husband being molested, and told her that if she would keep quiet she would be well taken care of. This was the direct examination and the cross-examination began, minutely into the details of the relations of Mrs. Foy with T. P. Cronin and the wife of the man with whom Cronin boarded.

The cross-examination of Mrs. Foy was continued throughout this afternoon session, and once losing command of her wit, she proved herself to be a person of more than average intelligence. All talk of her alleged insanity seems to have been abandoned. An unprejudiced observer would not think her other than sane. The damning evidence she gave grew stronger.

It was another instance of the case of Mrs. Hoelzel repeated for the benefit of the state. The story told by this witness was more effective by the efforts of the defense to break its force.

#### THE WORK OF CRANKS.

#### Two Sensational Letters Picked Up in Abilene, Kansas.

Abilene, Kans., Dec. 22.—Two letters picked up on the street here by a countryman were handed to the police. One was from Topeka, and dated December 19. It says: "We have conspired to make jobs of the White House business. We will take the old child first. We can get her all right. Mollie will get her and hand her over to us, and we will keep her until a reward is offered. It means thousands to us to get the child Ruth, and we will get her, too, in January. Address me in Chicago. We will go."

The other was of an earlier date from Minneapolis. It said: "We have conspired to make jobs of the White House and will send Grover to Hades when the bugle sounds. We will also get our \$20,000. Will start for the White House on Monday. We have never failed in our jobs in the houses of the gold bugs and Vanderbilts."

The police consider the letters the work of cranks. A queer acting individual who was around the city early in the week declaring that he will soon be rich, is supposed to be the recipient of them. He has gone east and has not been located.

#### A Big Bank Thief.

New York, Dec. 22.—S. L. Koeney, president of the defunct Commercial Bank, Brooklyn, was arrested this

morning on an indictment by the grand jury. He was admitted to bail.

He is charged with making false statements in regard to the condition of the bank, and with conspiring with the bank superintendent in closing the bank, the impairment of the capital would have been made good. The court reserved its action till next Tuesday.

#### The Search is Unavailing.

St. Louis, Dec. 22.—A special to the Republic from Abilene, Kansas: Up to tonight the police have found no trace of the recipient of the two letters which contained the outline of a plan to kidnap Ruth Cleveland, although they think they can identify him with the crank who was in Abilene early in the week. He talked wildly about property rights and said he would soon have his share. Little attention was paid to him and he went away as easily as he would have received from. On Wednesday, in one of his haunts, two letters were picked up, but not until late last night were arrested on suspicion. The letters are evidently written in all sincerity and had been through the mails, though the envelopes were torn so the address could not be read. That the crank referred to in the letters has been intimated cannot be doubted, but their ability to carry out the plot is problematical. The stranger, who it is pretty certain had the letters, was very careful to give no name, and the search for him seems to be unavailing up to today.

#### Tried to Hold Up a Train.

Kansas City, Dec. 22.—A special to the Times from Vinita, I. T.: An unsuccessful attempt was made this evening at Kellon, four miles north of here, to hold up the Missouri, Kansas & Texas train. The train was opened and the train sent upon a siding. The robbers were armed with revolvers and shotguns, and knowing there was a spring switch at the other end of the siding, they applied full steam and ran through. Finding they were foiled, the robbers, four in number, opened fire with guns. Fireman Charles Milne was shot in the face and killed. The train was stopped and the robbers mounted horses and rode away. The officers are in pursuit.

#### Were Clubbed to Death.

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—Near Winchester, O., the dead bodies of L. P. Ryan and wife, aged 81 and 75, were found at home. Wounds on the bodies showed they had been clubbed to death. Rescue Parker, colored, was arrested on suspicion. He confessed implicating his half-brother, Sam Johnson. Parker was hurried to jail to avoid the vengeance of a mob.

Johnson was the man who was the author of a lack of faith in the truth of that part of Parker's story implicating him.

#### Should Have a Medal.

St. Louis, Dec. 22.—A. H. Pittman, supposed to have held two conditions on him, Blum and Myers, last Saturday, today gave himself up to the St. Louis police. The story of the killing as told by him, is largely as surmised, and already published. He was enticed into the "Falloo" shop, an attempt made to snatch his pocket book. In the struggle he succeeded in getting his revolver out and shot both Pittman and a farmer, living near Chattanooga, Ill.

#### Cranks are Numerous.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A crank signing himself Don Jam, and writing from Passaic, N. J., during the four silver fight wrote numerous threatening letters to Vice-President Stevenson, Secretary Carlisle, Senator Sherman and others. Finally the matter grew so serious and it was found that he is a Polish anarchist, but the police failed to find him. Last Thursday the vice-president received another letter from him, from Baltimore, Md., and a police officer of that city has been called on to arrest him.

#### It Was Merely in Fun.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—James Bowers, a supposed crank, made a sensational attempt to bribe the Coughlin jury. While the jury, attended by several officers, was going from the court to the hotel, Bowers yelled, "We will make it worth \$100 to each of you to let that man free." He was about to call out something else when a policeman grabbed him and locked him up. Until today Bowers was employed before that and told my husband what luck he had in fooling Captain Shaack and Schuttler about Dr. Cronin's body, and where they put it."

#### Another Case of Shortage.

Omaha, Dec. 22.—Chris Graham, late bookkeeper of the German Savings bank, was arrested late this evening on eighteen different counts of embezzlement and sent to jail in default of bail. The exact amount of the shortage is not known, but it will reach several thousand. He tried to have the shortage settled by relatives, but failed.

#### Prendergast is Sane.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—A number of insanity experts testified in the Prendergast trial today that they believed the prisoner to be sane and responsible for his acts.

The state disposed of six expert witnesses today, and a strong effort will be made to get in all the evidence by tomorrow night.

#### Deficit in His Accounts.

New York, Dec. 22.—A big deficit in the accounts of Lewis A. Hill, paying teller of the suspended St. Nicholas bank, was found by the examiners. The shortage amounts to \$42,000. Hill was arrested at Newark, N. J., where he lives, and held for extradition on \$50,000 bail.

#### He Must Hang.

Denver, Dec. 22.—The supreme court has refused to reverse the decision of the district court in the case of Brads Moran, and sentenced him to hang at Canon City during the week beginning January 7. Moran murdered Nelson Anderson and Anna Peterson in July, 1891, for a few dollars.

#### Election Frauds Indictments.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—It is officially announced that the grand jury has turned in a large batch of indictments for election frauds. It is understood many are against prominent local politicians. A number of bench warrants are issued. Many prominent arrests are looked for.

#### By a Concealed Assassin.

Benton, Ill., Dec. 22.—Judge W. H. Williams was shot in the side this morning at Parrish, by a concealed assassin. The doctors say the injuries are fatal. Williams was a prominent Republican.

#### He Swindled Wannamaker.

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—S. H. Hart, who was president of the State Bank of Buckley, Wash., has been arrested here charged with embezzling \$30,000 of the funds of that bank. He is said to have swindled ex-Postmaster-General Wannamaker out of considerable money.

### BARELY ESCAPED WITH THEIR LIVES.

#### The Close Call of Thirty People Yesterday.

#### QUARTER OF A MILLION BURNED.

#### Fourteen Men are Killed at Homestead, Pennsylvania.