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WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

DOMESTIC.

TWO MORE victims of the Tiffin disaster have been traced.

THE Chicago Drug and Chemical company has failed for $78,000.

THOMAS MURPHY was burned to death in a fire at Portsmouth, O.

NEW JERSEY legislature was again the scene of lively times Wednesday.

H. PAINE HARRIS and wife celebrated their golden wedding at Champaign, Ill.

A GENERAL strike of miners is threatened in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania.

ALICE OATS, the famous opera singer, is dead.

HON. JOHN MARTIN was inaugurated Governer of Kansas for the second term Monday at Topeka.

IKE BRUMFIELD, a negro, was hanged by a mob at Osyka, Miss., Monday.

HARRISON MCCURRY killed Sam Johnson in a quarrel at Hartwell, Ga., Monday

MRS. FRED RATH of Wooster, O., died Monday from wounds inflicted by her husband with a knife Saturday.

THE constables attached the curtain of the Cleveland (O.) Theater Monday night, and ordered it kept down. It was run up and kept up during the entire play, the scenery being changed in full view of the applauding audience. When the curtain was rising the officers grabbed and attempted to hold it down, but let go when they had been carried dangling some ten feet into the air.

C. H. BARBER, a merchant of Florence, S. C., ran a piece of lead in a pencil into his eye about a year ago. The lead was removed after two months, but it had poisoned the brain and he died Sunday.

NEW YORK is threatened with a coal famine.

JACKSON'S day was observed in a royal manner at Columbus, Ohio, Senator Thurman spoke.

WASHINGTON.

THE Mormon lobby has assumed proportions in anticipation of the discussions of the Tucker bill. It is the most formidable lobby that has so far made its appearance here this session. The Mormons are attempting to prevent any legislation at all. The Tucker bill is by far more sweeping in its provisions than is the Edmunds bill in the Senate. There is hardly a doubt that the bill will pass. Tucker proposes making a great effort to pass it, and is willing to round up the climax of his honorable Congressional career by bringing about this needed piece of legislation.

CONGRESSMAN MATSON, Chairman of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, together with Gen. Bragg, will lead the opposition of the bill granting a pension to Mrs. Logan. The impression now prevails that the bill will not get through without considerable of a fight. The same opposition will be made to the passage of the bill for the benefit of Mrs. Blair.

THE disposition of this congress to deal generously with the widows of distinguished generals encouraged the friends of the late Gen. James Shields, of Missouri, to hope for the success of the proposition they have pending. It is not the intention to ask any increase of pension for Mrs. Shields, but a bill for the purchase of his swords has been reported favorably. This bill is now well upon the calandar, and will be reached probably in a few days. Congressman Hale, of Missouri, is the author of it, and from a canvass he has made he feels assured that it will pass. The sum appropriated is $10,000, and this is to buy and put in possession of the government two swords which were given Gen. Shields by the states of South Carolina and Illinois in commemoration of his distinguished services in the Mexican war. The swords are heavily jeweled. That presented by South Carolina is said to be the finest piece of work of its kind in existence in this country. The cost of the two swords, Congressman Hale says, was about $25,000. They are now kept in the vault of the bank at Carrollton and as Mrs. Shields' resources are limited, and are insufficient to give the children of the General that education she desires, she will gladly transfer the costly souvenirs to the government.

MRS. CLEVELAND gave a grand rosebud lunch yesterday afternoon, at which were many prominent young ladies.

A NATURAL-GAS explosion at Pittsburg, Pa., severely burned the chief of the fire department and several assistants.

FREDERICK J. EUSTIS of Boston, husband of an actress, tried to shoot his wife at the entrance to a Philadelphia theatre.

IN the oleomargarine tests at Washington it is declared that the samples from St. Louis are about the worst of the lot.

GRANVILLE PREWETT was hanged at Montcello, Ky., for the murder of William Buck and his sister at that place in August last.

A MISSOURI PACIFIC train was wrecked at Denbar, Neb., and Engineer James DeWitt of Wyandotte, Kas., was killed and several other persons injured.

B SCHAFF, who committed suicide in jail at Cincinnati, left a letter addressed to the chief of police, detailing his history and signing himself Waldemar, Earl of Durkheim.

SUPERINTENDENT of Public Instruction W. E. Coleman is opposed to the teaching of any other language but the English, in the public schools of this state, and says that the teaching of any other language is a violation of the law. He says in Cole, Osage, Gasconade and St. Louis the law is violated in this respect. The law defines its studies for the common schools and teacher's certificates show in what studies they have been examined.

SENATOR VEST to-day introduced an amendment to the sundry civil bill proposing an appropriation of $80,000 for the purpose of repairing the old Custom house and Post-office building in St. Louis, and providing offices for the Government officers on duty in that city.

MR. EBENEZER HENDERSON, the newly appointed Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, reported for duty Monday.

COL. PRATHER and associates are doing faithful missionary work at Washington in the interest of the bridge bill.

NOMINATIONS were considered in open session at Jefferson City Wednesday executive sessions being abondoned.

RUMOR says Justice Carter of the Supreme Court will resign shortly.

CONGRESSMAN HATCH is hard at work on his bill to establish an agriculture Bureau branch of the government, and have the head of it a member of the Cabinet.

CONGRESSMAN AIKEN of South Carolina, on account of sickness, has never been able to leave his home, and consequently he has never taken the oath and cannot draw his salary. This morning there was presented to the House the oath of office, having been administered by a South Carolina magistrate which the House showed a disposition not to accept, it being the first time a case of this kind was ever known, and it puzzled the body what to do with it. The matter referred to the Judiciary Committee, but what will be done with it is a question.

IN the House to-day Libby of Virginia introduced a bill appropriating $5,000 for the purchase of the Nelson House at Yorktown. The house was built by Nelson, who was Governor of Virginia and General under Washington at the siege of Yorktown. The house was occupied by the British officers. Nelson directed his gunners to demolish the house. He paid a guinea for every shot that struck it during the siege.

FOREIGN.

FRAULEIN KRAMME, and actress, attempted suicide at Berlin.

IT is rumored that Russia contemplates a descent upon upon Norway.

LORD IDDESLEIGH died suddenly Wednesday, in London, of heart disease.

PRINCE BISMARCK'S speech in the reichstag produced a deep impression in Paris.

ZANKOFF'S mission to Turkey, which was to have himself reinstated in Bulgaria, it is said will fail.

THE Skinners company offers to sell its Irish estates to its tenants.

THE Journal de St. Petersburg scouts the idea of Prince Alexander returning to Bulgaria as ruler.

FIFTY-SIX rioters were sentenced at Dublin to terms of imprisonment ranging from twelve to eighteen months.

ALEXANDRESCO, who attempted to assasinate M. Bratians at Bucharest, was sentenced to lwenty years penal servitude.

EMPEROR WILLIAM wrote a feeling letter expressing his feeling toward the army on the occasion of the eightieth anniversary of his entrance into the military service.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE Jan. 7.

Bills—to settle claims when made in defense of the United States; appropriating $30,000 to the order of Erskine S. Allen, who was inventor of the Springfield rifle; inter-state commerce bill was discussed at length.

HOUSE.

Bill passed regarding sale of Sac and Fox Indian lands in Kansas; Mr. Hatch brought np his bureau of agriculture bill; at the evening session the House passed forty-two pension bills.

SENATE Jan. 10.

At noon the interstate commerce bill was taken up, and Senator Beck made a long speech; Senate committee made a favorable report on bill to establish two land offices, at Akron and Stirling, Colo. Petitions—Cameron, for reduction of internal taxes; Evarts, from No 9 Chamber of Commerce, amending interstate commerce bill; Vance, repeal of internal revenue laws.

HOUSE.

The Speaker laid before the House of Representativas a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in reply to a resolution asking for the interpretation of the tariff law respecting the duties on fish. Referred.

SENATE Jan. 11.

War telegraph operators will get relief, as Senator Mitchell introduced a bill to that end; a bill to grant the Manitoba R. R. right of way through Indian Territory read; bill to reimburse victims of the late Freeman's bank; bill for relief of Nebraska and Kansas settlers, and was passed and $25,000 was granted.

The salary of commissioner of labor was increased from $4,000 to $5 000. The idea is to establish a department of labor and agriculture, and the commissioner is to be a cabinet officer. Ruite a discussion followed on the cattle contageon bill, in which Hatch, McMillan, Morgan, Butterworth and others took part. A running debate followed.

HOUSE.

Bills—a school of instruction for cavalry; river and harbor bill referred back; nutilary post to be established near Denver; a bill prohibiting the appointment of funeral committes for deceased members to go outside of Washington at Goverment expense; house considered bill to erect a $500,000 public building at Charleston; quite a debate ensued and the bill passed.

SENATE Jan. 12.

Bill passed extending twelve months the time for filing French spoilation claims—Appropriation proposed of $5,000,000 for construction of coast defences—Consideration ad libitum of the interstate commerce bill, and, after an executive session, adjourned.

HOUSE.

Conferences appointed on allotment of lands in severality to Indians—An additional circuit judge provided for Massachusetts—Edmunds' anti-polygamy act and Tucker substitute considered, and the substitute passed without division—Adjourned.

In the Pen.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 6.—Dan Moriarity, in the charge of a Pinkerton detective, arrived from Kansas City this morning. He tells the same story about his connection with the robbery as before, except that he adds that when he wrote to Wittrock refusing to have anything to do with the scheme, the latter answered him that there was absolutely no danger, as he had the messenger "fixed" all right. He emphatically denies having "squealed." It is supposed that he will not be prosecuted and that he was brought here to testify in the coming trial against Fotheringham.

The Adams express robbers, Frederick Wittrock, W. W. Haight and Thomas Weaver, were taken to the penitentiary at Jefferson City by an earlier train than was expected, but notwithstanding a large crowd congregated at the railway station to see them off. As the train pulled out a number of United States express employes joined in giving three cheers for "Jim Cumings."

The trip to Jefferson City was uneventful and after the usual preliminaries at the penitentiary the prisoners were placed in separate cells. They will be put to work in a day or two.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 6.—The train robbers, Fred Wittrock, William W. Haight and Thomas Weaver, were brought up from St. Louis to-day and placed in the penitentiary. They excited more interest than the legislature as the story of Wittrock's bold performance and his escape in a leaky skiff had been rehearsed in various shapes and with some additions. Coming up on the train, the trio was very cheerful, singing and laughing most of the time. They weakened a little when introduced within the walls of their future home and looked remorsefully subdued as they were ushered to their cells by William Ryan, the Glendale train robber, now like themselves under sentence, but who occupies the position of assistant turnkey in the penitentiary. Wittrock and Haight will be cell mates, being placed in the south side of hall B in cell No. 148. Weaver is in the north side of hall B in cell No. 119. Haight will be known on the penitentiary records as No. 6100, Weaver as 6101 and Wittrock as 6102. They are not yet detailed for work.

A Horrible Suicide.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Jan. 7.—A *Courier-Journal* Morgantown, Butler county, Ky., special gives the revolting details of the suicide of S. M. Sterritt. Sterritt was a man about 40 years of age. He had just married. His mother and sister objected to the match and refused to allow him to bring his bride to their home. He told them if he could not live there he would not live anywhere, and went to his room and secured a razor but was prevented from using it by his brother.

He then left, vowing that he would carry out his purpose. Friends who had learned of his state of mind followed him on horseback. One of them came up with him at a point in sight of the house where he had left his bride of twenty-four hours. Sterritt called out to him not to approach him, and, before his pursuer could prevent, seized his chin whiskers and at the same time raising his neck and slashing across it several times with a razor. Sterritt then walked about 200 yards and dropped dead.

THE INQUEST.

Identifying the Victims of the Tiffin Train Wreck.

Death From Coal Gas—A Disastrous Wreck—Death From an Exploded Boiler, Etc.

Identifying the Victims.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 10.—The testimony before Coroner Lepper in the inquest over the Baltimore & Ohio wreck this forenoon at Tiffin, O., was principally aimed at the identification of the persons who perished by relics picked up at the scene of the disaster. The names of T. O. Pemberton, of Payne, O., Frank Bowman, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., and David Ober, of Oberlin, Pa., are added to the list of killed already given.

J. E. Rankin, special detective for the Baltimore & Ohio, was called as a witness, but nothing could be gotten out of him.

Robert Chamberlain, the Republic undertaker, who took charge of the bodies of the victims, testified that he took eleven bodies from the wreck and it is certain that thirteen persons perished.

Alfred Tompkins, of Republic, also testified, corroborating the evidence of Chamberlain. He said that the workmen, in clearing up the wreck, paid no attention to the charred remains, which were shoveled off the track with other debris. "It seemed," he said, "that they wanted to get rid of the bodies as soon as possible and try and cover up all they could."

The list of the killed is now given as follows:

PASSENGERS.

David Ober, Oberlin, Pa.
Frank Bowman, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
John S. Gartner, Mechanicsville, Iowa.
M. H. Parks, Washington, D. C.
Joseph Postlethwaite, and his two sons, Spencer and Henry, Martinburg, W. Va.
T. O. Pemberton, Payne, O.

TRAINMEN.

William Fredericks, fireman passenger engine.
W. S. Pierce, express messenger, Wheeling, W. Va.
J. M. Francis and F. Irwin, Blackhand, O., linemen.

This accounts for twelve. It is believed that the body found behind the tender was that of a tramp. It is suspected that J. L. Beutly, of Bloomington, Ill., was on the train and perished in the flames. The inquest will be continued to-morrow.

Down an Embankment.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Jan 10.—The Indianapolis & Vincennes passenger train leaving here to-night was thrown from the track about three miles from the city, by a broken rail. The train was running at a high rate of speed and all the coaches left the track, rolling down an embankment. There were about seventy-five passengers aboard, nearly all of whom were more or less injured, but no one was killed. Among the injured are:

S. J. Allen, Lyons, leg broken and bruised about the head.

John Quackenbush, Sheridan, leg broken.

The injuries received by the other passengers were not of a serious character. A wrecking train was sent out and the injured brought to this city, where they received medical treatment, under the directions of the officers of the railway company.

A Sad Death

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The 16-year-old daughter of the Rev. Dr. John R. Paxton, pastor of the Forty-second Street Presbyterian church, met a very sad death on Sunday night. The young lady had been suffering from curvature of the spine and on the recommendation of the family physician an apparatus with loops to go under the chin and pulleys and braces was put up in the house. With the aid of her maid Miss Paxton took daily exercise on this machine.

Sunday night, after leaving her father down stairs, she attempted to go through the exercise unaided. One of the ropes accidentally slipped from the chin to the throat and strangled her to death. When her father was about to retire he noticed the light in her room and he called to her to say good night. Receiving no response he entered the room and found his daughter a corpse.

Poisoned by Gas.

ORTONVILLE, MINN., Jan. 10.—A discovery was made to-day when the neighbors, seeing no one stirring about the residence of James King, forced an entrance and found Mr. and Mrs. King in bed, apparently dead and the house full of coal gas. Everything possible was done to bring the unfortunates back to life, and in the case of Mr. King with partial success. Mrs. King was found quite dead. Mr. King may rally and recover. King was well-to-do.

A Disastrous Wreck.

STAUNTON, VA., Jan. 10.—A disastrous wreck occurred on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad this evening. A through freight train, running at the rate of forty miles an hour, collided with a way freight at Brands Station. Both trains were completely wrecked. Charles Malls, engineer; Joseph Newman, brakeman, and George Howell, fireman, were severely hurt, the latter dangerously.

An Exploded Boiler.

DENNISON, O., Jan. 10.—The boiler of a Panhandle locomotive blew up just as it started across the Gnadenbutten bridge. The engineer, fireman and conductor were on the engine but escaped without serious injury. The cause of the accident is not known, as there was plenty of water. The engine is a total wreck.

Hemmed in by Fire.

HARTFORD, CONN., Jan. 9.—The most serious fire which has occurred in Hartford for years broke out at noon to day in the dry goods store of G. O. Sawyer & Co and secured great headway before the frozen hydrants could be thawed. It burned till after 6 o'clock and completely ruined the block of three stores, of which G. O. Sawyer & Co.'s store was the central.

About an hour and a half after the fire started the firemen found in the rear of Sawyer's store the dead body of Thomas R. Laughton, clerk of the fire board and one of the editorial staff of the *Times*. He had evidently gone into the store when the fire first started and been unable to get out. Just after the fire was seen there was an explosion and the glass front of the store was thrown into the street, and it is supposed that finding his chance of escape by the front of the store cut off, he ran to the rear of the building. The back windows were all protected by heavy iron bars and his body was found directly under one of these windows, where he had been suffocated. He had broken the glass and vainly tried to tear a way through the bars.

The burned block belonged to Averill & Tate, and was valued at $15,000, and the insurance was about $10,000. Sawyer & Co. lose $75,000; insurance $59,500, in twenty-three companies. Jacobs & Forbes, in the south store of the block, lose $20,000; insurance, $10,000. Isaac Kashmann, in the north store of the block, loses $10,000, insurance $3,500. A building owned by the estate of G. Fox was damaged $20,000; insurance $30,000. G. Fox & Co., the occupants of the latter building, had an insurance of $50,000 on their stock, which was badly damaged by water. Mrs. Hollister, who lived over Kashmann's store, suffered a loss of $35,000, which is covered by insurance.

Fotheringham Case.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7.—In the criminal court today, counsel for Fotheringham applied for a reduction of his client's bail. He was indicted on two charges, that of grand larceny and that of receiving stolen property. Cour fixed the bail in each case at $800. The original amount was $20,000, $10,000 in each case.

HITHER AND THITHER.

A Washington special to *The New York News* says: It is hinted that the names of congressmen holding 'calls' on Union Pacific will soon be published, and there is much alarm in certain circles. It is rumored that over $2,000,000 can be traced to members as having been paid by the railroad to secure the passage of the funding bill. One congressman is said to have received $250,000. The lobbyist Sherril paid out over $500,000 the week before he died.

The body of William Earl was found hanging to a rafter in one of his barns in Union county, New Jersey, recently He was well known throughout the state as the proprietor of large cider mills, which were established by his father. For several months past Earl has met with reverses which, it is supposed, unsettled his mind.

A Denver dispatch says the convention of district assembly No. 82, Knights of Labor, embracing every town on the line of the Union Pacific railroad, indorsed General Master Workman Powderly's action in the settlement of the Southwestern strike. The convention pronounced Mr. Powderly one of the greatest statesmen of the age, and pledged its members to stand by him in his work.

The French minister of commerce announces that for the first time in history wheat of excellent quality and superior weight has been exported by Russia from the Caucasus. Large cargos have been sent from the ports of Poti and Batoum.

In the federal court at St. Louis, on a plea of guilty, Joseph H. White was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for counterfeiting Brazilian bank notes.

George Keck, for many years assistant superintendent of the infirmary at Akron, Ohio, has been arrested for criminal intimacy with an insane inmate. He intends to retaliate by a statement that the bodies of deceased paupers are regularly sold to a medical college in Cleveland.

The comptroller of the currency feels compelled to take action upon the matter of called bonds owned by the national banks, as he has $3,998,400 of matured 3 per cents deposited to secure circulation.

The Prince of Wales will preside at the meeting of lords lieutenants, mayors, and other public officials from all parts of the kingdom to discuss the proposal to establish an imperial institute.

The marquis of Queensbury is 42 years of age. He was married on Feb. 26, 1866, to Sybil, daughter of Alfred Montgomery, Esq., by whom he has had four sons and one daughter.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road has secured a right of way into Kansas City from the north, in addition to entrance over the belt line on the south.

The marquis of Queensbury has not lived with his wife for twelve years, but has kept under his roof a woman whose presence there forms the basis of a suit for divorce on the ground of adulterty.

A man claiming to be the perpetrator of the recent dynamite outrage on a cable road in San Francisco has written to a newspaper in that city that the responsible parties are members of an organization formed in Chicago directly after the Haymarket explosion.

James F. Joy, in reviewing the events of the past month along the Wabash lines of railway, expresses the opinion that all plans of the purchasing committee have failed and that the "system" will be broken up.

Miss Ollie Brown, of Middletown, New York, has been sent to an insane asylum, the result of slanderous reports circulated by John W. Baird. She attempted suicide with a pocket-knife.

Four young men were hanged at Sydney, New South Wales, for brutal assault on a girl of 16 years, whom they had decoyed into a suburb.

The secretary of the treasury has given a special agency to Herbert F. Beecher, of Washington territory, a son of the Brooklyn divine.

The Burlington road has during the past year expended $500,000 in improvements on the Hannibal and St. Joseph leased line.

The British government refuses the privilege to parade with arms to the Gate City guard, of Atlanta, Georgia, which planned a tour of Europe.

The duke of Sunderland and party have arriven in Charleston, to take a yacht cruise to Cuba.

New York is threatened with a famine in fuel, on account of a strike of coal-heavers in New Jersey.

The ignition of flour dust caused the wreck of a mill at Carberry, Manitoba, valued at $35,000.

Burglars who took $700 from the grocery store of Padburg & Brother, St. Louis, overlooked a package of $1,090 in currency.

John Roach, the famous ship builder, is kept in bed under the influence of anyodynes. His physicians regard his cancer as likely to cause his death this month.

Assignments have been made by Edward Marchessaw, owner of a rice-mill at New Orleans, and Ames, Beattie & Co., furniture dealers, at Memphis.

A receiver has been appointed by a London court for the Monarch Steamship company, against which corporation three petitions for a declaration of bankruptcy had been filed.

Lord Lansdowne, governor general of Canada, admits having received from Lord Salisbury an inquiry whether he would join the government, to which he replied that he was not prepared to sever so abruptly his connection with the Dominion.

Benjamin F. Brooks, a leading member of the Boston bar, expired very suddenly from apoplexy.

Three members of the Salvation army at Sedalia, Missouri, were heavily fined for a brutal assault upon a country lad who attempted to escort home a female soldier at the close of a service.

Frederick Raine, consul general at Berlin, has informed the state department that American citizens suffer great annoyance in Europe unless equipped with passports.

Slight shocks of earthquake are still a matter of daily occurrence at Summerville, South Carolina.

The District Attorney's Resignation.

District Attorney Bliss of St. Louis was notified Saturday that his resignation had been accepted provided his successor should qualify for the office. He will, accordingly, remain until Mr. Bashaw, or some one else, receives his commision and is fully ready to take possession. On Tuesday morning Mr. Bliss will leave for California, where he will probably spend some time. Mrs. Bliss' health has been very poor, and it is with the object of benefiting her that the trip will be made. It may be, therefore, that his successor may step into Mr. Bliss' shoes during the latter's absence

Mr. Bliss has already refusdd to act as special counsel in the matter, and there is no doubt now that Cols. J. O. Broadhead and D. P. Dyer will be selected to assist the District Attorney in bringing to justice the perpetrators of fraud at the recent election. The appointments have not yet been made, but it is expected they will be announced in a short time. Col. Dyer has been appointed special sounsel in the cases.

A Millstone Burst.

DETROIT, Jan. 7.—A *Free Press* special from Fowlerville says: "The stone in the feed mill of Alton Perkins, of this place, burst at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Louis Perkins, aged 12, was killed instantly, and Lee Mann and Charles Hopkins were severely injured."

JOHN ROACH DEAD.

The Great Ship Builder Passes Away to Another Shore.

Death of a Pioneer of St. Joseph—A Venerable Judge Drops Dead.

John Roach at Rest.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—John Roach, the great ship builder, died at 8 o'clock this morning. A cancerous growth had eaten its way into the side of his neck, below the angle of the jaw, involving the large arteries, which became liable to rupture at any moment.

He was in great pain all day yesterday, and to give relief large doses of morphine were injected, and he was unconscious most of the time. In the few clear moments he had he spoke to his son Garrett, who was with him all the time, and remained with his father during the night, occupying a seat beside the bed and helping the nurses who applied soothing poultices and renewed the injections of morphine every time the patient awakened.

Only a few intimate friends of the family were admitted to the house yesterday, but nobody other than the nurses and physicians were allowed to see him. The family remained up with him until 1 o'clock this morning, when they retired, with the exception of Garrett, who remained on watch with the nurses.

Dr. Taylor called at 5 o'clock this morning, detected the approach of death, and at once informed the family that Mr. Roach had only a few hours to live. The dying man sank slowly. He lost consciousness about 7:30, and his end was unmarked by a struggle.

In the room surrounding the couch were Mrs. William F. McPherson of Philadelphia, Garret N. Roach, John B. Roach, Stephen W. Roach, Miss Emiline Roach, John Walton, a nephew, Mrs. Roach and three grandchildren.

The date of the funeral has not been decided upon. It will take place from St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church corner of Twenty-second street and Fourth avenue, of which he was a member. The interment will be in the family plot at Greenwood cemetery.

John Roach was born in Ireland. He came to this country when 16 years old, but finding no employment in New York he crossed over into New Jersey in search of a man who worked for his father in the old country. He found him at the Howell works, sixty miles from Jersey City, and procured work in the same establishment, which was owned by James Allaire. Three years from his beginning life in the United States he had accumulated $1,500, and leaving the balance of his savings in the hands of Mr. Allaire, he took a small amount of cash and started for the west with the intention of buying land. Mr. Allaire's failure in business killed this project and left the young man under the necessity of working as a laborer in order to live. He returned to New York, and shortly afterward—he was a married man by this time—set up in business, in which he prospered for awhile but was afterward financially ruined by the explosion of a boiler. He started afresh and became the owner of the foundry in which were built the largest engines ever constructed in the United States up to that time. After a few years he bought out the Morgan iron works, the Neptune, the Franklin forge and the Allaire works. In November, 1871, he also bought the shipyards at Chester, Pa., owned by Rainer & Sons, and since that time he had built many fine steamships.

Mr. Roach was a strong protectionist in his views, and was a strenuous advocate of congressional subsidies looking to the restoration of the strength and prestige of the United States commercial marine. He was a strong republican and worked industriously for his party, circulating tracts written by himself under a fictitious name.

The story of the trouble between John Roach and Secretary Whitney over the acceptance of the dispatch boat Dolphin during the summer of 1885 is familiar to all readers. In July of that year an honorable assignment followed. The blow broke the heart which had been so strong, and tears blotted the assignment paper as he signed his name and hurried away to his summer home.

Captain Blackiston at Rest.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 10.—Captain Ebenezer Blackiston, one of the pioneers of St. Joseph, having come here nearly forty years ago, died to-day at West Plains. He was largely interested in real estate of the city and in mines in Colorado and Arizona. He was a prominent mason, and is supposed to leave between $500,000 and $700,000. He left a family of five children, four of whom are married.

A Venerable Judge Drops Dead.

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 10.—Judge John S. Rogers, justice of the circuit court of Cook county, was paying a bill in a dry goods store on State street this afternoon when he suddenly fell to the floor in an apoplectic fit, gave two or three gasps and was dead.

Judge Rogers was born in Glasgow, Ky., December 28, 1818. In July, 1870, he was elected to the circuit bench of Cook county and has continued in the office since. He leaves a wife and children.

DOTS AND DASHES.

While John Hallstrumb, aged 32, was examining a pistol at his home in Brooklyn Sunday evening, the weapon was accidently discharged. The bullet passed through the forefinger of his right hand and entered the left eye of his 6-year old daughter, Mary Ann, killing her instantly.

Advices from Vienna say that the influence exercised by Prince Bismarck is having the effect of smoothing the relations between Austria and Russia.

It is reported that German residents in Belgium have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to join their respective army corps, and in the meantime to notify their government of any change of residence.

In consequence of the closing of Peruvian ports against vessels from Chili, the wheat supply from that country has ceased, and in order to meet the demand for wheat, the municipalities have bee authorized to take steps to have the necessary supply brought from California.

Paris advices state Mathilde Marl, 18 years of age, and Miss Romaxo, aged 16, Polish art students, were found suffocated on a bed in a hotel in that city Sunday. On the floor lay the dead body of a man. Letters addressed to relatives were found which indicate that all three committed suicide.

A case on trial in the federal court at St. Paul will force a decision as to whether an Indian can bring a legal action to determine his property rights or is simply a ward of the interior department.

For the express purpose of dissipating rumors that he intends to return to Bulgaria, Prince Alexander of Battenberg is about to take a proionged tour in Egypt.

The governor of Indiana reports the total debt of that state at $6,006,000. The insane hospital consumes about one-fourth the entire revenue of the state.

A Mystery Cleared Up.

HANNIBAL, Mo., Jan. 6.—On the morning of July 25, 1884, the dead body of Judson C. Armstrong, a prominent farmer of Bates county, was found on the Chicago and Alton railroad track near Odessa. It had been run over by a train and was horribly mangled.

The coroner's investigation of the tragedy developed no satisfactory explanation of the manner or means of death, but suspicions existed that he had met with foul play.

The mystery of two years was solved Wednesday by the death-bed confession of a convicted train robber in the Missouri penitentiary, who revealed the story of the crime, confessing that he had robbed Armstrong of several hundred dollars, murdered him, and then to divert suspicion, placed the dead body on the track, where it was run over and crushed.

This is the story as it came from Warden Marmaduke to J. M. Armstrong, the murdered man's brother in this city.

Lawrence's Big Blaze.

LAWRENCE, KAN., Jan. 9.—The fire which started at midnight burned fiercely until daybreak this morning, and only stopped then because practically the entire block in which it had originated had been reduced to ashes.

The fire brigade was entirely unable to do anything toward staying the progress of the flames, though the men one and all worked like heroes. Lack of water, however, prevented any effective action, and about all they could do was to assist in the removal of goods from threatened buildings. Luckily for Lawrence there was no wind and the blaze was not carried even across the four streets forming the burning block. While the fire was at its height a barrel of gasoline in Siler's grocery basement exploded causing much excitement, but doing no damage. It is said that it was heard over a mile away. To add to the general discomfort the mercury in the thermometers indicated 20 degrees below zero and the hose was badly frozen up several times, the tiny streams obtainable not having power to prevent such mishaps.

The fire smoldered all day in the ruins and was viewed by hundreds of persons. No damage was done, however, after daybreak.

There are many conjectures as to the cause of the conflagration but nothing positive can be obtained. The generally accepted theory is that fire was left in a stove and blazed up so that it communicated to surrounding woodwork.

The loss is variously estimated at from $150,000 to $200,000, and is more likely to fall over the former than under the latter figure. The insurance so far as known is only $51,000.

The principal loser is Mr. Kahnweiler, whose stock was valued at $55,000, on which the insurance was $35,000.

George Falley lost almost everything. His stock and furniture, amounting to $26,000, was insured for only $1,000.

Mr. Siler, proprieter of the Phœnix grocery, lost everything. His stock was valued at $2,000 and he had no insurance.

The grocery of James Montgomery was a total loss, the key being in the hands of the sheriff who had just issued an attachment against it. The loss is estimated at $2,500; insurance unknown.

Straffron's drug store was damaged to the extent of $800, and Weideman's shoe store and Kelley's barber shop were also slightly damaged.

Nothing was saved from the Salvation army hall. The building occupied by James Montgomery was owned by F. Deichman and was valued at $4,500; insurance $2,500. The McCollough block worth $15 000 and is nearly covered by the insurance. The buildings occupied by George Falley and C. W. Straffon were owned by Jacob House. They cost $11,000 and are fully covered by insurance.

Robbed by a Priest.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Rev. Father Stumpe, pastor of St. Ann's church in the northern part of this city, has disappeared with a large amount of money raised by the church for the purpose of erecting a new building. Five years ago, after winning the confidence of his parishioners, he announced that he proposed to collect funds to build a church, and money flowed in, some of it in the form of special donations and the rest at the regular Sunday collections. The trustees permitted him to act as receiver and cashier, but toward the latter part of last year grew uneasy, as unpleasant rumons flitted through the neighborhood that he was spending a good deal of money. Shortly after this the trustees waited on Father Stumpe in a body and demanded the accounts, to which the priest replied that he had accounted to the bishop and that was sufficient.

Philip Pregenzer, the president of the board, was called west on business and Father Stumpe made a tour among his parishioners, bade them a tearful farewell, sent in his resignation to the bishop and vanished. Before he left he gave it out that he was going to Europe on a pilgrimage.

President Pregenzer returned from the west and found the priest gone. He at once began an active search for the account books of the fund, but they are still missing. Days passed, and recently the trustees took the congregation into their confidence. Father J. Andrew Zeigler, the present pastor, assisted by the trustees, prepared a financial statement and mailed it to the flock. It is brief but pithy. It is in German and starts with the announcement that Father Stumpe left no cash behind him—"No cash" being printed in capitals. What he did leave is concisely stated as a mortgage on the church for $10,000, back water taxes for $614.50, a $900 assessment for a sewer, personal bills for $202, and other items for $402.60.

Death of a Famous Man.

Robert Reams a well-known citizen of the Indian Territory, died at the Cleveland House in Hot Springs Sunday night, of typhoid fever. His remains have been embalmed and will be sent to Washington City, where his mother resides, for burial. Deceased is a brother of the famous sculpturess Vennie Reams, formerly of Washington, but now Mrs. Hoxie, of Alabama; also of Mrs. Berry Fuller, of Washington. His mother will meet his remains at St. Louis on Monday morning. His wife and children live near Caddo, I. T., but none of his family were with him, and can not now reach there in time to see his remains. Bob Reams has been a noted character in the Indian Territory for more than twenty years, and has been an adopted citizen of the Choctaw tribe for a much longer period. Hs was a man of nerve, and added a huge feather to his cap a few years ago by killing Ben Jones, the worst desperado the Indian Territory ever produced, at McAllister. Jones had for years been the terror of that section and was in the habit of riding into the little towns out there and making the inhabitants take to the woods. On the day he met his death he went to McAllister for the avowed purpose of killing Reams, but the latter got in the first shot and saved his own life. He was never punished, the general verdict being that he had performed a righteous act.

Murdered by a Youth.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 6.—James E. Nowlan, arrested in connection with the Codman murder this morning, made a full confession. He said that he was the only one concerned in the murder, and the other prisoner was discharged.

Nowlan says that he killed young Codman at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning by stabbing him in the back of the neck with a carving knife. The deed was done in Codman's stables. Later in the day he cut the clothes off the body, chopped the left leg and the right arm off and started with the corpse on his sleigh for the country. At the spot in Lexington where the head was found he dropped the head in the middle of the road and threw an arm out. He returned to Somerville by going through the Waltham byroad to Boston and he reached Somerville at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Nowlan says that he killed Codman for his money, expecting to secure about $600, but that he got only $25. The police had brought the crime home to him before he confessed.

Nowlan is a handsome young fellow, a little over 17 years old, and is very intelligent-looking. He is one of four brothers who live in Somerville. While nothing really bad is known of them, they have the reputation of being hotblooded and wild. The father of the family, it is stated, hanged himself in the penitentiary in the provinces.

A National Organization of Lawyers.

At the annual meeting of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia, held Tuesday; steps were taken to open a correspondence with the various Bar Associations of the country to ascertain the feasibility of holding an annual convention of delegates from these bodies to consider matters of general interest to the profession. It is thought that such annual gatherings of representative members of the bar would be very useful in aiding to make the laws of the different states simple and more harmonious. The legal profession is almost, if not quite, the only body of professional men who have no such national organization.

LOAD LIFTED.

The Mortgage Paid on the Wittrock Homestead.

LEAVENWORTH, KAN., January 10.—The instrument which was the indirect cause of the great Jim Cummings robbery is recorded on page 33 of the mortgage book of 1885 at the Register of Deeds office. It covers some five pages of the volume and contains two separate mortgages. Stripped of all legal verbiage, it is about as follows: "On the 1st day of January, 1885, Eliza Wittrock, a single woman, mortgaged to the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., for the sum of $1,700, lots 7 and 8, in block 26, proper, for five years, payable at the office of Jarvis Conkling & Co., Kansas City, Mo. The rate of interest is 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the 1st days of January and July; the interest to be 12 per cent per annum after maturity of mortgage." The second indenture is a mortgage for $225 to Jarvis Conkling & Co., on the same time. The object of this is to pay the commission of Jarvis Conkling & Co. for negotiating the loan. These mortgages are the cause assigned by Wittrock for committing the 'Frisco robbery, and they were paid to-day through a loan agency at Kansas City, the money, it is alleged, having been sent her by the Adams Express Company, as promised.

Some few facts have now come to light about Moriarity and the entire gang. Moriarity, when he came back, gave his mother $500, and afterward offered $700 to a man with the instruction to "keep it until this thing blows over." A rumor that has reached great circulation here is that at the time of the robbery, a young man named Morton was waiting on the daughter of Mrs. Mast, mother of Mrs. Haight. Humor says that a few days after the robbery Miss Mast informed Morton of the particulars of the robbery, and he went immediately to St. Louis and gave the matter to Pinkerton who gave him $1,000. However, Morton denies this.

To-day Henry Jansen, agent of Emma Moore, received a letter from her in which she says that she does not want him to think that she had any connection with the robbery; that telegraphed reports of her connection with the case are entirely false.

Cora Lee Admitted to Bail.

SPRINGFIELD, MO., Jan. 7.—In the circuit court here to-day the case of Cora Lee, indicted as one of the murderers of Sarah Graham, October 1, 1885, was called before Judge Bland, but on motion of the state a continuance was granted until the next May term, on the claim that one important witness was absent. Cora Lee was then admitted to bail in the sum of $7,000.

A Big Snow Storm.

ATCHISON, KAS., Jan. 7.