

JOHN H. CANAN & Co., of Altoona, Pa., the largest lumber and builders' supplies firm in central Pennsylvania, assigned, on the 8th, for the benefit of creditors.

In consequence of the receipt of a peremptory British note the sultan of Turkey issued an irade, on the 10th, ordering that the expulsion of Armenians from Constantinople be stopped.

Forty representatives of sewer pipe manufacturers (about all there are in the country) met in Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 8th, to form an organization to establish prices and abolish competition.

LUIGI PALMI, the Italian meteorologist, died, on the 10th, aged 89 years. He was born at Faechio, Benevento, April 22, 1807. For several years he was director of the Vesuvius observatory.

The London board of trade returns for August show that imports decreased £2,116,000 and exports decreased £180,000 during the month, as compared with those for the corresponding month of 1895.

The state department was advised, on the 8th, of the death of John R. Gorman, United States consul at Matamoras, Mexico. No details were given. Mr. Gorman was appointed from Georgia. His remains will be brought home.

GEN. BALDISSERA, commanding the Italian forces in Africa, has been ordered to return to Massawah at once, in consequence of the activity of King Menelek, who, with a large army of Abyssinians, is resuming warlike operations.

COUNTY TREASURER BLOSSER, of Gallopis, O., who is soon to retire from office, is short \$5,000. The fact became publicly known, on the 9th, and created no little sensation. The treasurer claims that a package containing \$5,000 was stolen from his office one day recently.

The promised reduction in the size of the docket of the supreme court of the United States as a result of the passage of the act creating circuit courts of appeal, seems to be realized. At the present rate of progress the court will have caught up with its work in the year 1900.

The steamer Bermuda, noted for its filibustering exploits, arrived at New York, on the 10th, in charge of treasury department officers. The Bermuda's name will be changed to Laura May and she will be put under the American flag as soon as the necessary bill has been passed by congress.

On the 10th the directors of the Bank of England advanced the bank's rate of discount from 2 per cent. to 2 1/2 per cent. This is the first time that the bank has increased its discount rate since February 22, 1894. The action of the bank was unexpected, and was regarded as a precautionary measure.

ISAAC CARL, of New York, a guest of the Wandell family at Allendale, N. J., was shot down in cold blood, on the 7th, by Wm. Doling, who has been a coachman in the service of the family for 19 years. Carl was killed and Doling, failing in an attempt to murder Frank Wandell, took his own life.

TWENTY-FOUR anarchists have been arrested in Barcelona, Spain in connection with the throwing of a bomb into a crowd of people who were witnessing the passing of a procession in honor of the festival of the Corpus Christi, on the night of the 7th, when eight persons were killed and thirty or more injured.

The treasury department, on the 11th, relieved the New Orleans banks by transferring from them New York to New Orleans, by telegraph, \$900,000. Three bank failures which had occurred within ten days left the solvent banks short of funds, and they found it necessary to draw on reserve deposits in New York banks.

JACOB SCHEINFURTH, the self-declared "Christ," who has maintained a "heaven" near Rockford, Ill., for several years past, and who has large numbers of misguided people among his followers, was married in Minneapolis, Minn., on the 9th, to Mary Ann Tuttle, one of his most prominent "angels," as the women of the "heaven" are termed.

A PRIVATE dispatch received in London, on the 10th, from Constantinople, confirmed the rumor recently current that the Powers are seriously considering the question of deposing the sultan. It was added that important developments were expected from the probable action of the Sheikh-Ul-Islam, whose fiat is necessary for the legal removal of the caliph.

An Armenian bomb factory was discovered by the Turkish police, on the 10th, located underneath the Armenian church near the Kaissim Pasha cemetery in Constantinople. From the factory a long tunnel had been excavated in the direction of the government powder magazine, the intention obviously having been to undermine the magazine and blow it up.

A BOARD consisting of Commander Dennis W. Mullan, commandant, Naval Constructor D. W. Taylor and Civil Engineer George W. Mackay, met at Pensacola navy yard, on the 9th, to appraise the sectional iron dock, built 20 years ago for the government, but which has never been used by the navy. It is not expected to bring, at public sale, as much as the value of the scrap iron in it, although it cost the government nearly a million dollars.

Calendar for September 1896 showing days of the week and dates from 1 to 30.

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

COSCORRO, Cuba, is in ruins, and another step has been taken toward the ultimate expulsion of Spanish troops from the island. The forces of Rosa and Pena have laid waste the entire heart of the town, leaving the occupants of the forts in a precarious position.

The Smithsonian institution at Washington celebrated, on the 7th, 50 years of existence. While there was no public demonstration, the regents ordered an issue of a valuable work containing the achievements and history of the great seat of science.

REV. PHILIP P. PHELPS, D. D., one of the most prominent clergymen of the Reformed (Dutch) church, died, on the 6th, at the residence of his sister in Albany, N. Y.

On the 7th, Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Carlisle left Washington for a short sojourn at Bar Harbor, Me., as the guests of Comptroller and Mrs. Bowler.

EX-UNITED STATES SENATOR HENRY B. PAYNE, of Cleveland, O., who recently suffered a stroke of paralysis, has been unconscious most of the time since. Little hope is entertained for his recovery. He is nearly 59 years old, and one of the wealthiest men in Ohio.

The twenty-ninth annual Trades' Union congress of Great Britain opened its sessions at the assembly rooms, George street, Edinburgh, on the 7th, with about 360 delegates in attendance.

PARTIAL returns from the election in Arkansas, on the 7th, indicate the success of the democratic ticket by a majority in the neighborhood of 65,000.

The Consolidated street railway of Fort Wayne, Ind., was thrown into the hands of receivers, on the 8th, on motion of the president, John J. Shepard, and Director F. DeHass Robison, of Cleveland. The M. J. Degnon Construction Co. filed a lien of \$86,000 against the property. J. H. Bass and M. S. Robison, director and general manager, respectively, were named as receivers.

L. W. ASHLEY & SONS, a large plug tobacco manufacturing firm of Mount Airy, N. C., have assigned. A mercantile firm in which they are interested, at the same place, has also failed. The assets and liabilities have not been given out.

The czar and zarina arrived at Kiel on the 8th. Their majesties were received at the station by Prince Henry of Prussia, and his wife, Princess Irene.

J. T. SCHARFF, the Chinese agent at the port of New York, arrested seven Chinamen, on the 9th, at the Grand Central station, charged with having violated the Chinese exclusion act by coming to this country from Canada on fraudulent permits.

HON. HENRY B. PAYNE, ex-United States senator, died at his home in Cleveland, O., on the 9th, as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained a few days previous. He was 90 years of age.

TWO MEN on Ward's Island, New York harbor, on the night of the 8th, saw a big balloon, in the basket of which was an unknown man, burst into flames and then drop into Hell Gate, near Nigger rock. A strong tide was running, and the balloon was smashed against the rocks.

The stockholders of the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo railroad have authorized the issuing of \$30,000,000 in bonds to replace existing bonds and cover outstanding indebtedness of all kinds; the bonds to be secured by a general mortgage covering all the property of the company.

OFFICIAL advices from Manila, on the 9th, said that the Philippine island rebels, who were entrenched at Cavite, had retreated to the interior, burning the houses along their line of march.

The body of R. R. Taylor, a wealthy attorney of Bloomfield, Ind., was found in his buggy near Clay City on the 9th. A bullet hole was discovered in his head, and his hands were bound behind him.

The great St. Louis exposition was opened for its thirteenth annual season of 40 days, on the evening of the 9th, in the presence of an audience outnumbering that of any previous opening night. The musical program was rendered by Gilmore's band, under the direction of Victor Herbert, and a feature of the exercises was the presentation of a life-size memorial picture of Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore, done in cathedral glass, by Mr. Charles Balmer.

As a preliminary to the celebration, at Cleveland, O., of the anniversary of Commodore Perry's victory on Lake Erie in 1813 the marble statue of the naval hero in Wade park, first erected in 1861, was decorated, on the 9th, with flowers. There were appropriate ceremonies. Ex-Senator Butler, of South Carolina, a nephew of Perry, made the address.

HON. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, on the 9th, gave out his formal letter of acceptance of the nomination for the presidency of the United States tendered him by the Democratic national convention held at Chicago. Mr. Bryan declares that he fully indorses every plank in the Chicago platform.

LI HUNG CHANG'S special train over the Canadian Pacific reached Winnipeg, Man., on the 9th. The morning was spent at Rat Portage and Kooenawatin, where the Lake-of-the-Woods flouring mill was inspected. The stay there was very brief.

HON. GARRETT A. HOBART, on the 9th, sent to Chairman Fairbanks of the notification committee of the Republican national convention his formal letter of acceptance of the vice-presidential nomination.

The city of Paris was visited by a tornado, on the 10th, which did immense damage to buildings, trees and vehicles on the streets. Many persons, mostly cabdrivers, were injured and some lives were lost. The west end of the city escaped, while the severest damage was experienced along the River Seine.

The president, on the 10th, granted a full pardon to Oscar E. Hill, sentenced in Utah, three years ago, to ten years' imprisonment for making false entries in the books of a national bank, of which he was cashier. The pardon is granted by the president "solely out of pity for the convict's aged mother," recently widowed.

EX-GOV. JOHN YOUNG BROWN, of Kentucky, while trying to board a Fourth avenue street car at the Louisville Southern crossing in Louisville, on the 10th, slipped and fell to the ground, breaking his lame right leg, his right arm and collar bone.

CHARLES BRYAN, cashier of the Detroit (Mich.) customhouse, is alleged to be short \$3,000 in his accounts, as a result of dealing in wheat options. Special treasury agents are examining his accounts.

FIVE vessels were wrecked at Point Judith, R. I., during the storm of the 9th, and it is believed that all hands were saved. The wind at one time reached a velocity of 80 miles an hour at Point Judith.

A SLIGHT shock of earthquake was felt at Grand Tower, Ill., at 6:25 o'clock on the morning of the 10th. It came from a northwesterly direction, and lasted 30 seconds.

M. GUGGENHEIM'S SONS shipped 173,000 ounces of silver; J. W. Seligman & Co., 65,000 ounces; Handy & Harmon, 50,000 ounces; Heidebach, Ickelheimer & Co., 50,000 ounces; Fuller & Wilson, 40,000 ounces; Lewisohn Bros., 20,000 ounces, and Zimmerman & Forsyth, 50,000 ounces and 30,000 Mexican dollars to Europe, on the steamer Campana, which sailed on the 12th.

TWO MEN were arrested in San Francisco, on the 11th, charged with attempting to rob the First national bank of Los Angeles, Cal. Their names are Fred Jones and Jack McCarthy, said to be two of the most dangerous criminals ever turned loose on a community.

DAN DAVIS and George Lynch were instantly killed by an explosion in the press room of the Ohio Powder Co.'s works at Youngstown, O., on the 11th. The cause of the explosion is unknown. The men were burned beyond recognition.

ON the 11th Senator Donelson Caffery left the New Orleans for Louisville, Ky., to notify Gen. John M. Palmer, of Illinois, of his selection as candidate for president of the United States on the National democratic ticket.

The post office department has denied the privileges of the mails to Merwin Swarts, of Baker City, Ore., for violation of the postal regulations.

On the 11th Comptroller Eckels appointed E. D. Edgerton receiver of the First national bank of Helena, Mont.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

The Plymouth (Eng.) Mercury, of the 11th, claims to have reliable information that a massacre of the Armenians remaining in Constantinople is fixed to occur in ten days or two weeks. It says that Armenians already deported have been murdered by wholesale, the ships on which they were sent out of the country having chutes, from which the victims were shot into the water and drowned in batches.

CAPT. MURPHY of the steamer Lau raga was arrested in Wilmington, Del., on the 12th, by United States Marshal Lannan, on the charge of organizing a military expedition against Spain. The charge was preferred by the Spanish consul in Philadelphia. Murphy furnished \$1,000 bonds for a hearing.

AMONG the passengers who sailed from Queenstown, on the 13th, for New York, on the Cunard liner Lucania, was the Dynamiter Whitehead, who was recently released from Portland prison after serving 13 years of a life sentence. His friends had subscribed an amount of money sufficient to start him in business in the United States.

By the collapse of a bridge on the Arcata & Mad River railroad near Eureka, Cal., on the 13th, an accommodation train was precipitated into the bed of the creek below. Four persons were killed outright and a number of others seriously and some fatally injured.

AMONG the passengers arriving at New York on the 12th, on the Umbria, from Liverpool, was Miss Clara Barton, the representative of the Red Cross society, just returned from the scene of the Armenian troubles.

SERMONS against the misuse of the sultan and the massacre of his Christian subjects were preached, on the 12th, in London, Liverpool and elsewhere in Great Britain.

CAPT. GEN. WEXLER cabled from Havana to Madrid that 51 insurgents who had been confined in the Cabana fortress and Morro castle were shot on the 13th.

An official dispatch from Manila, on the 13th, stated that the chief leaders of the insurrection in Corvite had been shot.

The funeral of the late ex-Senator Henry B. Payne, at the family residence, in Cleveland, O., on the 13th, was largely attended.

MRS. WILLIAM VYBERG and her daughter, aged 20, were drowned at Dubuque, Ia., on the 13th, while attempting to ford a swollen creek.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

President Jesse to the Students.

In an address to the students of the University of Missouri, President Jesse said: "I intend to devote more of my time to social duties. Come to my home, gentlemen, whenever you feel inclined, and I will be glad to entertain you, but I have one request to make: when you come, don't talk university affairs or politics. Gentlemen, I beseech you to refrain from discussing political questions. You can not afford to do so, and thus forget your studies. There is one thing I wish to emphasize: I do not wish to see students congregated in group on the campus discussing the financial question. I request the faculty to set a good example, and refrain from talking politics. As far as voting is concerned, I wish to encourage you. I intend to vote myself according to my honest convictions, and I will gladly excuse any students who wish to go home to vote, no matter at what distance they live."

Mistaken for a Burglar and Killed. George Agnew, 14 years old, of Stockton, who was visiting relatives in Springfield, was killed the other night by Mrs. A. R. Lee, who mistook him for a burglar. Mrs. Lee was the boy's cousin. He slept in a room adjoining hers. The husband was away from home, and Mrs. Lee kept a loaded shotgun in her room.

During the night the boy arose, either to get a drink, or in his sleep, and went into the kitchen. Mrs. Lee heard him and called to know who was there, but received no answer. She thought it was a burglar, and fired a full load of large shot into the boy's face. The coroner's jury exonerated her. She is prostrated with grief.

Ex-Confederates' Home Plans. The committee appointed at the twelfth annual reunion of confederates at Liberty to draft articles of incorporation for the ex-confederate home at Higginsville met in St. Joseph. New articles of incorporation were drawn up by the committee and presented to the court for a decree. The charter is to be amended so that a sum sufficient to maintain the home may be raised. There are two plans, one to raise \$10,000 a year for ten years, and the other to raise \$100,000 for a permanent fund.

Result of an Embezzlement. Several weeks ago Michael Heiserer and Miss Lillie Proffitt eloped and were married, says a dispatch sent from Benton. The other night the bridegroom took morphine, administered by himself, with suicidal intent. His folks were opposed to the match and had not been reconciled, and it is supposed this so preyed on his mind that he took the poison, from the effects of which he died. He was a son of Vincent Heiserer, who was for many years treasurer of Scott county.

Three-Year Certificates for Teachers. State Superintendent J. R. Kirk has issued three-year third-grade teachers' state certificates to the following: J. A. Lowe, Jericho; L. C. Sherry, Cainsville; Mary L. Stephens and Mary W. Atkins, Independence, and Anna Douglas, Kansas City. These certificates are the results of the teachers' examination held in St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, in connection with the examination of medical students. Out of 19 teachers examined five certificates were granted.

For Entrance to Medical Colleges. Twenty persons presented themselves to the proper authorities for examination for entrance to the medical colleges of the state, and of that number less than one-half succeeded in passing. As a result of this requirement of the state board of health Prof. Kirk states that some of the professors and the Kansas City medical colleges, told him their attendance would be cut down one-half.

Accidentally Killed. Daniel T. Cabberry, aged 16, was accidentally killed by his companion, William Davis, while returning home from a hunt, near Louisiana. The boys were walking on the St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwestern railroad track, and Davis, who had thrown his gun across his shoulders, struck the hammy, lodging the entire load in Cabberry's head, and literally blowing it into atoms.

Stocking Streams With Fish. The distribution of fish from the United States hatchery at Neosho is underway. Car No. 2, with Capt. Lamson in charge, recently placed 15,000 yearling trout in the stream south of Neosho crossed by the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railroad, and 13,000 in streams crossed by the Memphis route between Springfield and Mountain View.

Hog Cholera in Central Missouri. From reports received by the state board of agriculture, it seems that the ravages of hog cholera in the central section of Missouri are more disastrous at present than for many years; so bad, in fact, that the board has appointed a special inspector to visit the infected regions and endeavor to find some means to check the spread of the disease.

Mr. Crittenden Coming Home. Ex-Gov. Thomas T. Crittenden, of Missouri, consul-general to Mexico, has left the City of Mexico on a two months' leave of absence, which will be spent in visits to Kansas City and St. Louis.

Died on a Train. Mrs. Cora Adams, of Clark, Randolph county, en route from Colorado Springs, Col., where she had been in quest of health, died on a Santa Fe train at Pittsburg, Kas.

Followed George Taylor's Plan. William Bond and Charles Delph escaped from the Carrollton jail during the night in precisely the same manner that George Taylor escaped.

A Boy's Sentence Commuted. Gov. Stone has commuted the sentence of Charles Turner, aged 16, from two years in the penitentiary to the reform school at Boonville.

MISSOURI METHODISTS.

The Appointments Made at the Annual Meeting of the Missouri Conference of Methodist Church, South, Held at Hannibal.

Following appointments were made at the annual meeting of the Missouri conference of the Methodist church, south, held at Hannibal:

Mexico District—R. H. Cooper, presiding elder, Mexico; E. Marvin; Fulton, W. A. Hanna; Moberly, B. W. Fleider; Montgomery, J. E. McGee; Mexico circuit, H. D. Stipple; Auxvase circuit, E. W. Reynolds; Sturgeon circuit, S. H. Miland; Madison circuit, W. B. Lewellen; Centralia circuit, W. C. Rice; Halls circuit, B. J. Willis; Cedar City circuit, J. C. Carney; Ham's Prairie circuit, J. S. Rucker; Redville circuit, W. A. Whitman; Wells-ville circuit, J. T. Kinsey; Fulton circuit, B. O. White.

Gallatin District—Z. M. Williams, presiding elder, Gallatin, Thomas Penn; Jamesport, L. P. Nash; Linville, E. L. Rutledge; Albany, S. H. Mealing; Edenburg circuit, W. G. Shaeffer; Jamison circuit, M. F. Brown; Union Star circuit, J. E. Keller; Pattersonburg circuit, J. H. Glandville; Breckenridge circuit, C. T. McAnally; Spring Hill circuit, C. H. Wimberly; Ravenwood circuit, L. M. Jones; H. C. Kirby; Linville circuit, J. O. Whitmer; Jamesport circuit, W. D. Neale; Denver circuit, to be supplied; Eagleville circuit, E. A. Allen; Mayville circuit, T. S. Wheeler; McFall circuit, W. A. Chapman; New Hampton, S. H. Renfro.

St. Charles District—J. A. Wallis, presiding elder, St. Charles, G. W. Penn; Louisiana, Robert White; Clarksville circuit, J. M. Mason; Mechanicsville circuit, J. L. Taylor; O'Fallon circuit, W. T. Reedy; Jonesburg circuit, W. O. Medley; Warrenton circuit, S. O. Moss; New Florence circuit, J. T. McDonald; Troy circuit, J. S. Frazier; Briscoe circuit, D. B. Farwell; Bowling Green circuit, H. A. Whiteside; Winfield circuit, H. L. Cobb; Ladonia and Perry circuit, T. P. Middleton; Center circuit, J. S. Bowles; Santa Fe circuit, J. L. Weatherford; Kolia circuit, W. D. Bush; Elsbey circuit, W. S. Rooker; Vandalia circuit, W. H. Younger.

Hannibal District—C. Grimes, presiding elder, Park (Hannibal), J. H. Jackson; Arch Street (Hannibal), G. E. Tangany; Palmyra, A. B. Culbertson; Monroe, O. B. Holday; Kahoka, S. E. Rothwell; Canton, W. B. Wheeler; Palmyra circuit, L. T. Fawkes; Labelle circuit, H. D. Thompson; New London, Oakwood, Robert Melvill; Lewiston circuit, C. G. Hill; Monroe circuit, J. A. Mitchell; Shelbyville circuit, J. D. Hunt; Novato circuit, W. C. Maggart; Hunnewell circuit, D. B. Sipp; Wayland circuit, J. T. Wyatt; Monticello circuit, A. S. Bowles; Saverton circuit, E. D. Spratz; Rutledge circuit, G. D. Wright; Maywood circuit, J. H. Bishop.

Chillicothe District—J. H. Snarr, presiding elder, Chillicothe, J. M. O'Bryan; Carrollton, R. C. Howell; Brunswick, J. O. Edmondson; Northboro, R. C. O'Horvorton; Chillicothe circuit, H. H. Hubert; Northboro circuit, C. W. Hurley; Hale circuit, C. K. Shilling; DeWitt circuit, L. F. Parker; Triplett circuit, J. M. Settle; Humphrey circuit, supplied by G. W. Linn; Linn circuit, J. S. Smith; Milan circuit, M. L. Allshouse; Green Castle circuit, J. R. Kincaid; Harris circuit, W. A. Smith; Browning circuit, C. O. Lewis; Bogard circuit, J. C. Kinard; Brainerd circuit, N. P. Mathews; Okonema circuit, Marvin Moore.

Plattsburg District—E. K. Miller, presiding elder, Plattsburg, J. A. Mumpower; Richmond, W. F. McMurray; Cameron, E. C. Swann; Osborn circuit, J. M. Sinton; Platte City circuit, M. L. Gray; Hays, J. M. Demery; Richmond circuit, supplied by W. A. Youngman; Millville circuit, H. W. Edgerton circuit, J. H. Hagar; Parkville circuit, J. L. Mefford; Kingston circuit, supplied by J. W. Stodd; Lawson circuit, H. C. Garrett; Perry circuit, R. E. Curand; Cowgill circuit, D. M. Patterson; Cameron circuit, J. H. McMurray; Polo circuit, J. D. Shook; Grayson circuit, T. G. Petre; Lathrop circuit, D. M. Stewart; Excelsior Springs circuit, E. L. Kendrick; Kearney circuit, L. S. Wagner.

Fayette District—J. R. A. Vaughn, presiding elder, Fayette, T. E. Sharp; Columbia, W. F. Peckard; Glasgow, W. B. Roper; Huntsville, H. H. Johnson; Fayette circuit, L. B. Siefeloff; Glasgow circuit, Y. H. Baker; Keytesville circuit, J. T. Gose; Salsburg, H. L. Day; Union circuit, H. P. Leeper; Armstrong circuit, John Holland; Higgs circuit, to be supplied; Franklin circuit, G. W. Nollan; Rocheport circuit, J. A. Greening; Ashland circuit, G. A. Lenhoff; Dalton circuit, S. W. Johnson.

St. Joseph District—J. S. Pritchett, presiding elder, St. Joseph, Francis, Frank Sites; Hundley church, W. B. Whitlender; Olive Street, J. J. Watts; Centenary, J. B. Parnell; Gooding, M. F. Crow; North St. Joseph, J. T. Winstead; Dearborn circuit, D. P. Bone; Rushville circuit, J. T. Moreman; Hamburg circuit, J. P. Goodberry; Fairfax circuit, S. C. Niekirk; Mound City circuit, H. R. Shackelford; Forest City and Craig circuit, to be supplied by T. R. Gray; Skidmore circuit, J. M. Rogers; Elmo circuit, E. E. Bestwick; Maryville, S. B. Cressap; Barnard circuit, F. A. Bryan; Galford circuit, L. B. Madison; Savannah, T. H. Swenstrom.

Macon District—John Anderson, presiding elder, Macon, G. M. Gibson; Shelbina, G. J. Warren; Kirksville, M. C. Hardin; Brookfield, A. C. Browning; Queen City circuit, R. M. Sameron; Edina circuit, H. M. Meyer; Branshears circuit, supplied by T. B. Reagan; Lepta circuit, R. Wilkinson; Atlanta, L. C. Magart; Marcelline and Bucklin circuits, J. R. Rice; Callao circuit, J. M. Baker; Clarence circuit, A. B. Bailey; Shelbina circuit, J. W. Ranssey; Paris circuit, E. M. Capp; Lanken circuit, E. C. Morgan; Memphis, A. F. Smith; Excelsior circuit, J. R. Campbell; Memphis circuit, C. A. Sherman; Wyandotte circuit, G. W. Crane.

The report of the statistical secretary was read and adopted, as follows: Local preachers, 17; members, 4,017; infants baptized, 49; adults baptized, 239; contributed for foreign missions, \$6,677; domestic missions, \$5,296; church extension, \$2,585; support of presiding elders, \$10,336; preachers in charge, \$2,356; for support of bishops, \$1,702.3; value of church edifices, \$21,050; number of societies, 506; churches, 48; number of parsonages, 119; valuation, \$134,845.

The joint board reported the trust fund same as last year, so far as assets were concerned. Amount of money on hand, \$1,957.83. Report of joint board received for conference claimants, \$6,759; for bishop's fund, \$667.05; checks for supernannated preachers, widows and orphans were distributed.

Temporarily Embarrassed. FORT WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 9.—The Consolidated street railway of Fort Wayne was thrown into the hands of receivers yesterday on motion of the president, John J. Shepard, and Director F. DeHass Robison, of Cleveland. The M. J. Degnon Construction Co. filed a lien of \$86,000 against the property. J. H. Bass and M. S. Robison, director and general manager respectively, are named as receivers. The embarrassment is but temporary, and the company will pay 100 cents on the dollar.

Ordered to Return to Massawah. ROME, Sept. 9.—Gen. Baldissera, commanding the Italian forces in Africa, has been ordered to return to Massawah at once, in consequence of the activity of King Menelek, who, with a large army of Abyssinians, is resuming warlike operations.

Will Appoint a Receiver. WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Comptroller of the Currency Eckels said this morning that he would place the failed national bank of Helena, Mont., in the hands of a receiver, and he will appoint within a day or two.

DUN'S COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

Better Prospects and Relief from Monetary Anxiety Fail to Bring Increase in Trade.—A Growing Belief that a General Upward Movement in Prices Will Attend the Replenishment of Dealers' Stocks this Fall.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade to-day, say:

Better prospects and relief from monetary anxiety do not yet bring larger demands for finished products, though large buying of pig iron, wool, leather, hides, cotton and other materials continue to show a growing belief that a general upward movement in prices will come with the replenishment of dealers' stocks this fall. Most prices are extremely low, so that nothing more than an ordinary demand would advance them. But bank failures at New Orleans cause temporary hesitation; crop returns indicate disappointment in some cotton and some spring wheat states; prices of corn and oats make it unprofitable to sell at present; the number of manufacturing works and mines in operation does not gain, but rather decreases; reductions of wages are somewhat numerous, occasionally resisted by strikes, and all these conditions diminish for a time the buying power of the people. While many think general improvement cannot come until the election has removed political uncertainties, others expect soon to see the result anticipated in trade.

The weekly output of pig iron decreased 26,578 tons in August to 130,500 tons, against 217,300 in November, a shrinkage of 40 per cent. Other works still have stopped since September began. Unsold stocks increased 62,068 tons in August, exclusive of those accumulating in the hands of great steel companies.

Sales of wool for the week have about equaled the normal consumption for the first time in several months, not because manufacturers have more work, for no gain is seen in the line of output. The buying is mainly speculative, based on the belief that prices must advance.

No considerable decrease appears in the enormous stock of print cloths, although the output has been reduced about half for two months, and a fifth of the year's production remains in the hands of makers, but they have advanced the price three-sixteenths during the week.

For other goods there is a better demand, and manufacturers have advanced prices because of the rising cost of material, the average for all cottons having risen 5.3 per cent. since August 6, but stocks of many kinds are large.

The Financial Chronicle's annual report, issued yesterday, makes the last crop of cotton yield 7,162,473 bales, the consumption north and south 2,695,810, and the exports 4,712,912 during the year. No account of southern mill stocks is attempted, and it is estimated is yet given of the crop now coming forward. Accounts of disappointing returns in spring wheat states are numerous, but it is difficult to reconcile short estimates with the heavy marketing at low prices. Corn is almost wholly out of danger, and the yield is generally expected to be the largest, as the price here is the lowest ever known.

Stocks grew steadily stronger till Thursday, although railroad earnings are not stimulating. The tide of gold imports still runs strongly this way, further engagements lifting the aggregate to \$28,620,000, of which \$23,172,050 have arrived. The prospect led the Bank of England to raise its discount rate from 2 to 2 1/2 per cent., and some selling on foreign account followed in stocks.

The New Orleans bank failures were followed by unusual offerings of cotton bills and the interior demand for money also increased, the net outgo being \$3,350,000.

Liabilities in commercial failures for the first week of September were \$1,095,590, against \$2,157,751 last year, \$1,538,539 in 1894 and \$3,319,088 in 1893. The failures for the week have been 315 in the United States, against 187 last year and 47 in Canada, against 34 last year.

AN ARMENIAN BOMB FACTORY

Discovered Under a Church Near the Kaissim Pasha Cemetery. CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 12.—An Armenian bomb factory was discovered by the police Thursday, located underneath the Armenian church near the Kaissim Pasha cemetery. From the factory a long tunnel had been excavated in the direction of a government powder magazine, the intention obviously having been to undermine the magazine and blow it up.

The government officials are urging the foreign residents of the city to sign a memorial thanking the sultan for the protection his majesty has afforded them. A number of Englishmen consulted Sir Philip Currie, the British ambassador, as to the advisability of signing the memorial and were advised by the ambassador to tear up the document and throw the pieces into the faces of the officials that presented them.

The mosques were placarded on Wednesday with an appeal to the government on the part of a number of army officers that they receive their arrears of pay without delay, otherwise the officers must help themselves.

GEN. MILES' DOG

Came Near Being the Cause of Serious Injury to His Master.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Sept. 12.—Maj.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., narrowly escaped serious injury