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TACOMA CRIES WATER

The Washington Metropolis Is Congealed to an Alarm-in Extent.

Much Hardship Is Expected Unless There Is a Thaw Very Soon.

Pettigrew Gives $500 for the Enforcement of Prohibition in South Dakota.

Several Families Are Suffering From Trichiniasis Near Brownsdale.

Special to the Globe.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 4.—There is a fresh water famine here, and the situation is becoming alarming. Water pipes are frozen all over the city, and it is said the mains are in the same condition. Only two boats are running on the sound, and they use salt water condensers. Unless the weather moderates in a very few days, a great deal of hardship will be experienced in some of the smaller towns.

ENFORCING PROHIBITION.

Senator Pettigrew Gives $500 to Squeeze Saloonkeepers.

Special to the Globe.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 4.—Not a saloon in South Dakota has yet closed its doors on account of the prohibition enactment, a part of the state constitution. Best legal opinions agree that no way is laid out to close the saloons and stop the traffic until the legislature, which convenes in this city on the 7th inst., has passed suitable laws to restrict the sale of liquor, and even then it is argued that ninety days must elapse before the law can be enforced by reason of all liquor licenses having been renewed Jan. 1, to extend one quarter. Attorney General Dollard has rendered an opinion covering the above points, and under it no attempt is or will be made to close the saloons until the legislature has passed on the question. The governor's message, now prepared, it is said, will take strong grounds against saloon interests, with recommendations for most stringent legislation to prohibit the liquor traffic. Senator R. F. Pettigrew has contributed $500 to the fund being raised by the South Dakota Enforcement league for the purpose of prosecuting violators of the prohibition law. This draft was sent to Rev. William Fielder, president of the league. A canvass among nearly 100 legislators here this afternoon on their way to Pierre, disclosed the fact that nearly all favor the immediate passage of a stringent prohibition law, more vigorous even than the Iowa, Kansas or North Dakota laws.

Dying of Trichiniosis.

Special to the Globe.

BROWNSDALE, Minn., Jan. 4.—Six families, all German, in the town of Waltham, adjoining Brownsdale, on the North, are down with trichiniosis. Mrs. Speik is dead, and between twenty and thirty others are in various stages of the disease. Drs. Gerry, of Brownsdale, and Allens, of Austin, have had charge. It is thought that nearly all will die.

Death of Chaplain Norton.

Special to the Globe.

NORTHFIELD, Jan. 4.—At 9 o'clock last evening occurred the death of Rev. William W. Norton, at his home in this city, from kidney trouble. Mr. Norton had been ill but a few days, and his death was a surprise to his large circle of friends. Mr. Norton was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., in 1820. After entering the ministry he had charge of a church for eleven years in that state. In 1868 he located in New Richmond, Wis., and afterwards preached a few years in Alexandria, this state, coming to Northfield in 1884. During the war he was chaplain of the Fifty-fourth regiment, New York volunteers, and at the time of his death was chaplain of Heywood post, G. A.R., of this place. Mr. Norton was editor of the Northfield Independent during its first year. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Big Contract for Steel Plates.

Special to the Globe

DULUTH, Jan. 4.—Capt. McDougall closed a contract with the Carnegie Iron and Steel company to-day for 5,000 tons of steel plates. The specifications call for various thicknesses of plate, and the first shipment will be made from Pittsburg Monday. The contract amounts to nearly $300,000, and is one of the largest orders ever given for steel plates in America, and may be supplemented by a further order for 4,000 additional tons. The steel already contracted for must all be delivered in Duluth before July 1, 1890, and will enter into the construction of Nos. 105 to 110, inclusive. Cap. McDougall has ordered the necessary machinery to increase the productive capacity of his shipyard fully 50 per cent.

Arrested for Running Away.

Special to the Globe.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 4.—Bayard Handy, who says he worked recently as a sketch artist on the St. Paul Pioneer Press, was arrested this afternoon for absconding. He was employed in drawing and preparing programmes for Morgan & Cusick, proprietors of Clarendon Hall. He had collected much money in advertisements on programmes and left Morgan & Cusick in the lurch to the extent of $45, besides owing the Mining Journal office $80 and Bickell & Swinson, job printers, $58. He left town this morning for Anaconda. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest and he was captured in Anaconda late this afternoon.

Make a Ridiculous Claim.

ELKADOR, Io., Jan. 4.—A whisky riot occurred here yesterday afternoon. A search has been made under the prohibition law, and the officers were about leaving town when they were fired upon by a crowd of drunken hoodlums, who had followed them with a wagon. Several shots were returned by the constable, but as far as known no one was injured. The instigators of the riot urged that any penalty inflicted by the court upon the rioters where personal violence was done by them will be pardoned by the Democratic governor, Mr. Boies, when he assumes the duties of the office.

Must Lower the Mains.

Special to the Globe.

ANOKA, Minn., Jan. 4.—The city council last night refused to accept the water works and electric light plant for the reason that the pipe had not been laid to the contract depth. The plant is in other respects as good as any in the state. This will be quite a blow to E. T. Sykes, the proprietor of the plant, as it will require the lowering of over six miles of water mains.

TOMAHAWK'S ATTORNEY

Is Warned Not to Turn Up at Fort Pierre.

Special to the Globe.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 5.—Citizens of Fort Pierre have issued a public notice warning H. E. Dewey, the attorney who is prosecuting the Indian, Black Tomahawk's right to posession of the townsite of Fort Pierre to mind his own business and let the case alone, and that if he ever goes across the river on this or any other business, he may expect to be severely dealt with bodily. The notice is something in a nature of a white cap warning, and Dewey is preparing for his own defense and safety. Black Tomahawk, who is something of a chief, it is understood will insist on his alleged rights, and as his band, called the Two Kettle Sioux, numbers some 200 bucks, he seems to have good backing. The soldier's stationed at Fort Pierre, are protecting the workmen building Black Tomahawk's house.

Wedded in the Far West.

Special to the Globe.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 4.—The marriage of Miss Laura Campbell and William Balcom took place Tuesday evening at the Campbell residence, Rev. Mr. Glover officiating. The bride and groom were attended by Miss Jocelyn Foulk and Cass Barlow, of Portland. The bride and groom left on the morning boat for an extended trip to the East, stopping at Winona, Minn., the home of the groom.

Contained Its Own Obituary.

Special to the Globe.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Jan. 4.—The Evening Star, the new daily which was first issued on the 2d inst., contained its own obituary to-day. The reason assigned for suspension is a falling out between the Star Publishing company and the owner of the plant, understood to be ex-Gov. Ordway. The star was to have been an organ for the ex-governor in his future race for the senate.

Ministers and Salvationists.

Special to the Globe.

RED WING, Jan. 4.—The Red Wing Ministerial association last evening petitioned the city council to change the ordinance under which the Salvation army has been arrested, so as to permit that organization to carry on its work as desired. By unanimous vote the petition was tabled.

Shot Away His Face.

Special to the Globe.

FERGUS FALLS, Minn., Jan. 4.—Lucius Bon, the fourteen-year-old son of S. P. Bon, accidentally shot himself yesterday afternoon, dying almost instantly. He took a gun to go out, and had hardly closed the door when a report was heard and the boy found dying. The charge entered under his chin, carrying away the side of his face and head.

Hanged in His Barn.

Special to the Globe

HERON LAKE, Minn., Jan. 4.—Ole Stomme, an old resident of this place, committed suicide by hanging. He ate dinner apparently in his usual good spirits. At 3:30 he was discovered by a neighbor hanging in his barn. He was about fifty-five years of age and in poor financial circumstances.

Kicked to Death.

Special to the Globe.

SLAYTON, Jan. 4.—Marshal Wilkinson, a boy of eleven years, was kicked by a horse yesterday, from the effects of which he died last night.

Depot Burned.

Special to the Globe.

MORRIS, Jan. 4.—About 4 o'clock this morning the Minneapolis & Manitoba depot was consumed by fire, destroying all the books and freight contained therein.

Gen. Greene Dead.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 4.—Gen. B. H. Greene, ex-surveyor general of Montana, formerly of Louisiana, where he held many important positions in the engineer service of the state, died to-day.

HEARD AT MILWAUKEE.

Jan. 7 Set as the Date of the West-Bound Cut.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 4.—Passenger rates to the Northwest will be reduced next Tuesday, Jan. 7, to correspond to the east-bound cut rate inaugurated last Wednesday. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Wisconsin Central have both given notice that they will apply the cut rate west-bound on the day mentioned, in order to meet the rates of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, which line is responsible for this phase of the passenger war. The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy is a member of the President association, and the fact that a line bound by the "Gentlemen's agreement" has begun a slashing of rates will cause some complications. General Passenger Agent Eustis sent out notice from Chicago to all interested lines this morning, announcing that on the 7th the Burlington will "put into effect the following limited rates: From Chicago to St. Paul and Minneapolis, first class, $9; second class, $7; points North of the two points mentioned above being proportionally affected. This notice is sent you at 9:30 o'clock in order that you may have ample time to take like action if you see fit." The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul at once gave notice of a similar reduction, making the $9 and $7 rates apply from Milwaukee as well as from Chicago, to St. Paul. Unless the whole rate war fizzles out and comes to an unexpected end, the cut is certain to extend to Wisconsin river points within a few days.

THE FUN CONTINUES

And the Burlington Makes Another Eastern Cut.

The passenger rate war continues apace. The Soo road yesterday issued a notice by which it will meet the Burlington cut on fares to eastern points. They quote a $23.40 first-class, and $20 second-class fare to Montreal, and to other eastern points a proportionate reduction. Mr. Kenyon, of the Burlington, further announced yesterday that the through second-class rate to New York, on and after the 7th, would be $21. The present rate is $24. Mr. Kenyon claims that the steamship agencies have secretly been making the lower rate. The other Chicago lines have not yet shown their hand in the latest phase of the rate imbroglio.

Leopold Is Ill.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 4.—King Leopold is ill, and is confined to his room.

THE GIRL SUSPECTED.

Miss Purcell, the Pretty Typewriter, May Have Taken Mrs. Kniffen's Life.

Her Relations With Dr. Kniffen Said to Have Been Too Intimate.

Kansas People Driven Crazy by the Performances at a Religious Revival.

Colored People Claim to Have Been Maltreated on the Carolina Border.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 4.—The mystery surrounding the murder of Mrs. Kniffen is not yet cleared up. Miss Emma Purcell, the pretty young typewriter, is, however, practically a prisoner, and grave suspicion rests upon her. The police have altogether dropped the burglar theory. It has been learned that Miss Purcell was not unconscious when she was found. The conclusion has been reached that Mrs. Kniffen's death has been caused by a powerful anæsthetic administered in a heavy dose, and not by strangulation. Miss Purcell will have a hard time to prove that she is as innocent as she claims, but the motive is lacking, except it is found in the rumor that there existed between Miss Purcell and Dr. Kniffen a relationship which was at least unlawful.

CRAZY WITH ENTHUSIASM.

Result of a Revival Near High Prairie, Kan.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 4.—The vicinity of High Prairie, ten miles from the city, has lately been the scene of a religious revival that has greatly excited the people of that community. In some instances persons have gone crazy with enthusiasm. Word was received here yesterday of two cases of insanity, and the insane persons came near losing their lives. During the revival about two weeks ago, a brother and sister, Frank and Minnie Boland, became so enthusiastic and excited over religion that they lost their reason. They were living alone and no one noticed their condition. Thursday evening a couple of persons passing Boland's house noticed smoke issuing from it. On gaining entrance they found a well-kindled fire on the floor of one of the rooms, with brother and sister in an almost nude condition, singing religious songs and dancing around it, seemingly getting ready for cremation. The fire was finally put out and the brother and sister overpowered. When questioned about the fire, Minnie replied that the Lord had made the fire and they would not put it out. Late yesterday afternoon they were placed in the jail, where they will remain until a method of treatment for their case has been decided upon.

WOMEN MALTREATED.

Story of a Terrible Crime on the Carolina Border.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 4.—An outrage which is now the subject of controversy between the authorities of North and South Carolina is reported from Spartanburg county, S. C., near the North Carolina line. A Spartanburg correspondent tells the story as follows: Early in the summer, an old colored women and a daughter named Mary Wilkinson (the mother of six or seven children) came to this county and were engaged as laborers on the place of J. J. Cadwell, near Fair Forest. They were very poor and, it is said, had been a charge on the parish in Rutherford county, N. C., where the oldest son, about twelve years old had been bound out, by the commissioners to Newton Miller. The mother, with one daughter, it is said, returned to North Carolina went to Miller's and took her son against the protests of Mrs. Miller, and in the fracas threatened to stab rs. Miller if she tried to keep the child and she brought the boy to this county. Some time in May last, Newton Miller and four other white men came into county and proceeded to Fair Forest. At dark they went to Mr. Caldwell's place. Mrs. Caldwell and her sister being alone, and learning the object of the men's visit, forbade them from disturbing the woman and children at night, and requested them to wait at least until her son came. "D—n her son; let's take them now," was the reply. The party thereupon proceeded to the colored woman's house, broke down the door and created a great disturbance, the women and children screaming for help. The old woman and her daughter were knocked down with a gun, the latter being sat upon and tied and the woman and children were carried to the road. The cries of the negroes aroused the neighborhood, and a number of people came out to learn the cause, but the party were armed with guns and pistols, and halted all who tried to approach them. Mary Wilkerson, her daughter and son were placed in the wagon, and the party drove rapidly away. To the piteous cries of the mother for her children, one of the party said: "Yes, —— you, I'll make you cry more pitifully than that when I get you in Rutherford jail to-morrow." The negroes were driven rapidly, under cover of night, some fifteen or twenty miles across the line, the boy being taken back to Miller's custody, and Mary Wilkerson and daughter lodged in jail at Rutherford, where they were kept some six months before being brought to trial. The mother and daughter were convicted of assault, given the alternative of six months more in jail or to leave the state. They, of course, chose the latter, and returned to Spartanburg to join the rest of the family. The matter has been referred to the governor and attorney general, who are now engaged in an investigation. A demand will doubtless be made upon the governor of North Carolina for the apprehension and delivery to the authorities of this state of the perpetrators of the outrage.

Mary Anderson's Engagement.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Manager Sanger, of the Broadway theater, says that he knows nothing more about the Mary Anderson engagement than that she is booked to succeed Sarah Bernhardt Oct. 28, under Mr. Abbey's management.

Mrs. Southworth Slowly Dying.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Hanna B. Southworth, who shot and killed Stephen Pettus last November, is sinking very rapidly. This morning Dr. Chetwood, the city prison physician, said his patient had failed considerably during the night, and her death might occur at any moment. Her chances for rallying were less than one in a thousand. Mrs. Southworth's condition is so critical that in the opinion of Dr. Chetwood it would be dangerous to remove her to a hospital, as was at first intended. Aside from acute bronchitis and chronic disorders, Mrs. Southworth is suffering from heart failure. Her blood is as thin as water. "She has been dying ever since she has been in the Tombs," said Dr. Chetwood.

Ward Needed No Writ.

BUFFALO, Jan. 4.—In the near-by town of Leon live John E. Ward and Miss Georgia Seeley. They were in love with each other, but Georgia's parents were not in love with John. They kept the twain apart as much as possible. One day last week the young man secured a writ requiring the parents to show cause why they should not release their daughter from the restraints they had placed upon her. While the hearing was in progress the two managed to slip out of court unobserved, and were quickly made one. The legal proceedings were abruptly terminated.

Fight Over a Woman.

DES MOINES, Io., Jan. 4.—At Moulton yesterday in a quarrel over a young woman a man named Messenger fatally stabbed another man named Hendron, in the side. Friends of the combatants rushed in and took up the quarrel and soon twenty-five persons, men and women, were engaged in a deadly struggle. Knives and pistols were freely brandished and clubs used. One man was laid out senseless and many others were terribly beaten and cut. The whole crowd will be arrested.

Emma Stockman in Sidney.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—A private letter from Sidney, Australia, says that Emma Stockman, the actress, formerly the wife of John W. Norton, the St. Louis manager, is playing at a theater in that city under her maiden name. It will be recollected that she eloped from St. Louis with Henry W. Moore, then managing editor of the Post-Dispatch. Mr. Norton recently procured a divorce from her.

Six Short of a Quorum.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 4.—The Democratic joint convention met at noon today with thirty members present—six short of a quorum. It then adjourned till Monday noon. The Democrats claim they will yet heal their differences and elect two senators.

Now Miss Chester Flopes.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—An evening paper says that Clara Chester, who recently figured in the Lederer-Newcombe affair as the wife of the former, has eloped with Max Clayton, a popular theatrical agent.

Nellie Bly on the Fly.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Nellie Bly arrived in Yokohama yesterday. She expects to reach San Francisco Jan. 20.

FOR BALLOT REFORM.

Gov. Hill Hopes the Legislature Will Pass A Good Bill.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Gov. Hill finished his annual message to the legislature this evening. It contains about 20,000 words—about one-third its original size. Much space is devoted to ballot reform and to reapportionment of the election districts of the state. Regarding ballot reform Gov. Hill says that he has never been opposed to it, in fact, he believes in it. He reviews the two bills known as the Linson bill and the Saxton bill, and points out the errors in both. He finds some errors and many good points. The Linson bill is the better of the two because, unlike the Saxton bill, it is not entirely for the intelligent and educated voters. He affirms his belief in the secret ballot law. He hopes that the legislature will send him a good law for approval.

ST. LOUIS HOPEFUL.

A Delegation on the Lookout for Congressional Votes.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 4.—The committee consisting of Gov. David R. Francis, ex-Lieut. Gov. E. O. Stanard and Col. Charles H. Jones, chairman of the executive committee, who were recently appointed to present the claims of St. Louis as the proper site for the world's fair before the senate committee, left here for Washington to-night in a special car on the Vandalia railway. They were accompanied by a large delegation of representative citizens of St. Louis and of the state, who will devote themselves to the work of convincing congressmen that St. Louis is the best place to hold the great exposition of the nation.

A Music House Fails.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.—The W. F. Shaw Music Publishing company, of which Joseph G. Ditman, the missing bank president, is a large stockholder, made an assignment to-day to the Central Saving Fund Safe Deposit and Trust company. No statement of assets or liabilities can be obtained.

Failure in Gloves.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Mattson & Aepple, manufacturers of gloves at 168 Market street, made an assignment to-day. The assets and liabilities are said to be about $80,000 each.

The Grady Monument.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 4.—The Grady monument fund now amounts to $75,000.

KILLED WITH A HAMMER.

Terrible Deed of a Man Crazed With Liquor.

HAVERHILL, N. H., Jan. 4.—Stephen La Plant, a Frenchman, whose home is in Benton, has been spending a few days with his son's family at Center Haverhill. To-day his son, accompanied by the mother of the children, went to Warren, leaving La Plant and wife in charge. There were four children, the two eldest were skating, leaving the others, along with La Plant and his wife. There was some dispute in regard to the children, when La Plant left the room, returning with a hammer, with which he dealt the boy unmercifully and heavy blows on the skull, scattering the blood upon the ceiling and the floor. The girl, interrupting, engaged his attention, and, drawing a knife, he cut her, and also dealt heavy blows with the hammer until she fell to the floor insensible. At this point a passerby was attracted by the noise, and La Plant was seized while in the act of murderously assaulting his wife, whose life, doubtless, he would also have taken. Officer Weeden, of this place, was summoned and had the murderer in jail here at 8 o'clock. La Plant talks freely and says he meant to kill the children. He was addicted to the use of liquor, and in all probability was under its influence when the crimes were committed. The boy was instantly killed. The girl will die.

MANY RAGING RIVERS

Heavy Rains in the Southwest Seriously Affect the Moving of Trains.

The Black River of Arkansas Threatens to Leave Its Banks for Miles.

Six Persons Smothered to Death Beneath a California Avalanche.

One Hundred and Eighty Families Reported Starving in Newfoundland.

NEWPORT, Ark., Jan. 4.—The rapid rise in the White and Black rivers since Wednesday is causing great uneasiness. The White river marks twenty-five feet above low water, and is rising at the rate of one inch an hour. All the low bottoms are filling up rapidly, and fears are entertained that much valuable stock in the canebrakes will be lost, as the rise came so suddenly their owners had no time to get them up. The Black river is also rising fast, and, if it continues until morning, will be out of its banks for miles. It is reported that two colored men have been drowned.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 4.—For the past forty-eight hours rain has been pouring in torrents all over Texas, and nearly every railroad has suffered from washouts. All trains on the Arkansas Pass railroad were abandoned yesterday. On the Trinity & Sabine there are two washouts and two engines in the ditch. The water is over the tracks of the Southern Pacific and the Houston & Texas Central in several places, but no damage has yet resulted. The Cotton Belt road has run no trains between Corsicana and Texarkana for forty-eight hours and there are several bad washouts. Fears are entertained that, as the rivers and streams are still rising, much damage will result. There was a water spout on the Houston, East & West Texas Thursday. At Chink, a small sawmill station, eighty miles from here, three loaded cars were turned over the track, which had been washed out. Stacks of lumber floated off on the same road near Corrigan, where another large stretch of track is washed out. No trains have arrived or departed on this road for two days. It is still threatening, and railroad men are apprehensive of more serious trouble.

PIEDMONT, Mo., Jan. 4.—The heaviest rains have prevailed in this section. Black river is higher than it has been for fifteen years, and covers all the the bottom lands on either side to a depth of from 4 to 10 feet. Every farm is entirely inundated, fences washed away and much stock destroyed.

THE ONLY SURVIVOR

Tells the Story of the Capsizing of a Fishing Boat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The man who was seen clinging to the rocks at Point Bonito light house, at the northern side of the Golden Gate, last evening, was taken off several hours later by the crew of the tug boat which was sent to his assistance. He proved to be Antonio Nicholas, a Russian fisherman. He had been on the rocks six hours and was nearly exhausted when rescued. He said that he and four companions were returning home in a fishing boat late yesterday, and when off Point Bonito the boat capsized. His comrades were all drowned, he he succeeded in reaching the rocks, where he remained until taken off. One of the men drowned was George Mitchell, a Russian; the other three were Greeks, names unknown.

Many Families Starving.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 4.—The steamer Harlow, which arrived last night from the west coast of Newfoundland, reports that, while at Bonne Bay, a messenger arrived from Flower's Cove, straits of Belle Isle, informing the government that about 180 families were in a starving condition, and that unless some relief reached them death would certainly occur from starvation. A steamer was dispatched, but owing to ice she failed to reach the destitute harbor. There is yet a possibility of reaching the place via the west coast

UNDER AN AVALANCHE.

Six Persons Killed in a Western Snow Slide.

SIERRA CITY, Cal., Jan. 4.—A fatal and destructive snow slide occurred here yesterday, by which six woman and a boy were killed. Two other people may die, and several houses and the Catholic church were wrecked. The slide commenced at the Sierra Juttes flume, and swept with terrific force down the valley, carrying everything in its path before it. Stout trees were snapped off at the ground like pine sticks. Several people had narrow escapes from death, as the slide came without the slightest warning. It is believed that a Chinaman and a little girl are still buried in the mass of snow and debris. Fears are entertained that another slide may occurr at any moment, and the people are in a great state of anxiety. As soon as possible after the slide yesterday a number of men began the work of digging out the unfortunates who had been caught in it, and in a few hours had taken out the bodies of Mrs. Rich, her two daughters and a son; Miss Ryan, of Downieville, and Mrs. I. T. Mooney, with her daughter, Mith Ethel Langton. The two last named were still breathing when removed from the snow, but efforts at resuscitation proved unavailing. The search for others is still going on and it is feared that more than now known may have been swept out of existence in the avalanche.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 4.—Telegraphic reports to the offices of the Southern Pacific company state that the fall of snow on the Sierra Nevada mountains, on the line of the Central Pacific railroad, is unprecedented. At Summit there is sixteen feet on the level and twelve at Emigrant Cap. With their huge rotary plows the road has been in general successfully kept open for travel this winter. Eastern trains are now due for the past two days and it is thought they will reach here to-morrow.

Killed by a Harrow.

WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 4.—S. T. Kellogg and wife, near Sedgewick City, twenty miles North, were killed yesterday by a runaway team. Where the roads crossed was a large harrow, turned teeth upward, and the runaway team, reaching the crossing, turned abruptly, throwing Kellogg, with his head hitting a piece of timber of the harrow. His wife was thrown on top and was pierced by many of the teeth. One entered her head and caused instant death.

HAM, THE HERMIT.

He Is Burned to Death in a Delaware Hovel.

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 4.—The body of Levin Meredith, an aged hermit, was found yesterday in a miserable hovel on a lonely country road, several miles from this city. He had been burned to death, evidently during a stroke of paralysis. Near the body was found an old clay pipe filled with ashes. It is supposed that while the hermit was smoking he was seized with paralysis and the fire from the pipe ignited his clothing. Meredith was known as "Ham, the Hermit." No one knew where he came from or anything of his early life. He lived alone in the hovel, and his food was herbs, roots and wild flowers, which he gathered at night. He was never seen in the day. Children were, however, his delight, and frequently his hovel was filled with young ones, to whom he told marvelous stories of his early life, when he said he was a seaman.

QUARTER OF A MILLION.

That Is Approximately What Was Taken in at the Auditorium.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The season of Italian opera which closed at the Auditorium this afternoon was the most memorable in the history of amusements in Chicago. Since the dedication of the magnificent opera house four weeks ago there have been twenty-one performances, and the gross receipts of these and the dedication ceremonies amount to exactly $232,954. It is believed that these figures beat any record in the history of amusements in this country. The evenness of the attendance during the entire season has been very different from anything ever known here before, and while it has varied on the different nights to the extent of a thousand or so, yet at no performance has the attendance been under three thousand people. The receipts for the last week were the largest of the four. Patti appeared this afternoon in the "Barber of Seville" in the farewell performance, and the audience that greeted her was the largest of the season, fully two thousand people being turned away from the doors, unable to gain admittance. The company left to-night at 10 o'clock for the City of Mexico, and will open a three weeks' season there Saturday, Jan. 11.

A CONCILIATORY POLICY.

Canadians Will Not Insist on Much on the Fisheries.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 4.—The session of parliament which opens on the 16th instant, it is understood, will be a lively one. A resolution will be introduced to abolish French as an official language in the Canadian Northwest. The Orangemen will seek to secure incorporation, but will have to count on the opposition of all the Roman Catholic members of parliament. The house will at an early date consider the fishery question and probably map out the future policy of the government in regard to American fishing in Canadian waters. There was a disposition to revert to the treaty of 1818, but Sir Charles Tupper objected to such a course. This may result in the modification of the government's policy. Sir Charles seeks to pursue a conciliatory policy, in view of the unsettled state of the Behring sea question and the fact that British interests there are largely involved.

BOOTH'S LAST LETTER.

"A Confederate Doing Duty on His Own Responsibility."

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 4.—The Dispatch will publish to-morrow a letter written by J. Wilkes Booth on the day he assasinated President Lincoln. Its publication is said to have been suppressed by the government in 1865. In his opening he foreshadows that terrible deed which he accomplished, when he says: "Right or wrong, God judge not man, for be my motive good or bad, of one thing I am sure, the lasting condemnation of the North. I love peace more than life." He then discusses secession and, singularly enough, the race problem, which is now confronting the country. He says: "This country was formed for the white man, not for the black." He concludes by signing himself "A Confederate doing duty on his own responsibility."

THE WHIPPING POST.

An Attempt to Have It Revived in Virginia.

BALTIMORE, Va., Jan. 4.—A proposition was made in the Virginia house of delegates yesterday to revive whipping as a mode of punishment for petty thieves. Mr. Downing, the member of that body from Clarke county, introduced a bill providing for the infliction of stripes as a punishment for petit larceny. The bill limits the number of these to twenty in any one day, and says that not over twenty-nine—the number given under the ante-bellum regime—shall be given for any one offense. The whipping post existed in Virginia as recently as 1879, and was the mode of punishment inflicted for petty thefts. As it was naturally in bad odor with the negroes, Mahone saw that its repeal would be a strong issue with that race. The law was repealed soon after he had the power to do so. It is this law that Mr. Downing seeks to have revived.

La Champagne Delayed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—As the La Champagne, of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantic was about to leave this port for Havre this morning at 4 o'clock, a slight fire broke out in her cargo of cotton. Some of the female passengers became frightened and insisted on leaving the vessel, but the majority remained on board while the city fire department were mastering the flames. The damage done was about $500. The vessel has been delayed.

Stricken With Apoplexy.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Joshua C. Knickerbocker, judge of the probate court, was stricken with apoplexy at the Calumet club to-night. At midnight his death was momentarily expected. The judge was playing a game of cards when the stroke came. He was carried unconscious to one of the bed rooms, where he remained in a stupor. The judge was born in 1837, and is serving his third consecutive term on the probate bench.

Possible, Not Probable.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 4.—Cardinal Gibbons was seen this afternoon at his residence. He carefully read the dispatch from Milwaukee, in regard to Archbishop Ireland, and said: "I have heard nothing of this, not even a rumor. Archbishop Ireland is a fine and talented gentleman. The thing is possible, but not very probable."

PORTUGAL IN PERIL.

Indiscreet Subjects of Carlos Haul Down the Flag of Britain.

And Now the Brawny Lion of Albion Will Be Heard to Roar.

The Tories Hope to Make Political Capital Out of the O'Shea Case.

A Part of the Plan Is to Present Capt. O'Shea With a Safe Seat.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The government has received intelligence of the safety of Mr. Johnston, British consul at Mozambique, who is traveling in the interior of Africa and who is charged by Portuguese papers with having intrigued with the natives against the Portuguese in the territory along the Shire river. Mr. Johnston has pacified the Karangos and subsidized Kotakota, and has by treaty secured Western Nyassa to the British. The Portuguese reached Katungas, where the remaining Makololos, trusting to British protection, refused to surrender the British flags that had been presented to them when called upon to do so by the Portuguese commander. The Portuguese thereupon again searched the steamers and compelled them to lower their ensigns. Fighting in Africa is believed to be certain. The African Lakes company, of Glasgow, has telegrams from its agent of the same tenor as our report, adding that the Portuguese crossed the river Puf, boarded the company's steamer and hauled down the British flag.

CHEAP POLITICAL CAPITAL

To Be Made of the O'Shea-Parnell Case.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—R. A. Hudson, who has taken the place of Mr. Schnadhorst, the Liberal caucus king, during the latter's absence on a voyage to the Cape for the benefit of his health, said to-day in an interview: "There is no doubt that the suit of Capt. O'Shea for divorce from his wife, making Mr. Parnell co-respondent, was brought for a double purpose. One object is to help the London Times out of its dilemma in the Parnell case; but the more important is to use the case as a trump electioneering card by the Tories in an early appeal to the country. For the past month there have been rumors that if the report of the special commission was markedly unfavorable to the Parnellite party, Lord Salisbury would at once dissolve parliament and go the country. This rumor was, of course, based on the consideration, generally admitted in Tory as well as in Liberal circles, that the longer the dissolution is deferred the more gound the government will lose in the country. Recently, however, the Tory managers learned through some source that the report of the special commission would not be quite so damaging to Mr. Parnell and his party as they had expected, hence some other plan must be adopted to check the rapid growth of home rule among the constituencies. Capt. O'Shea has, since his escapade in parliament as a Parnellite, desired to re-enter parliament on the Tory benches, believing that his presence there would annoy such men as the Healys, Sexton, and others who so bitterly opposed his selection when Mr. Parnell anounced him as a candidate for an Irish state. A few of the Tory managers consulted with O'Shea and it is understood that the doughty captain was offered a safe Tory seat, besides other emoluments, if he succeeded in blackening Mr. Parnell's character. It is also learned that an attempt will be made to hold the divorce trial back until the special commissioners' report is fairly before parliament; then the case will be called, and when O'Shea's side of the suit has been heard and widely published a dissolution of parliament will follow. The Tory managers fully believe that this will be such a trump electioneering card that they will ride into parliament with a safe working majority without the aid of the dissident Liberals. In fact, so confident are they of the success of their scheme that they have actually notified Mr. Chamberlain that they want Tories picked out for both the Birmingham seats, one being that of Jesse Collins, Mr. Chamberlain's good man Friday.

BRAZIL AT PEACE.

Rumors of Dissensions Wholly Without Foundations.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—On the steamer Alliance, which arrived to-day from Brazil, was Walter Wright, one of the Brazilian republican leaders. He is stopping at the Gilsey house. Mr. Wright is a tall, handsome man of thirty-five. He was born in England, but has lived most all his life in Santos. He said that everything is going on as usual in Brazil. All the natives and citizens have sworn allegiance to the republican government. He had no doubt but that exchange would resume its old rate shortly. Mr. Wright said he had merely come to New York on a pleasure trip to rest after the excitement attending upon the revolution. After a tour through the country he will retire to Brazil. "I never would have left Brazil," he said, "had not all been peaceful and in a settled condition." The Alliance left Brazil on the 11th of December and Para twelve days later. Capt. Beers said that the people at both places seemed quite happy under the new government. He dined with Senor Barboza, minister of finance under the new government, and the latter expressed himself as delighted with the condition of every class of society. An outbreak now, he thought, was simply out of the question.

Prof. Mueller Dead.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Prof. Wilhelm Conrad Herman Mueller, the German philologist, died to-day at Goettingen.

Hearld as a Confidence Man.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4. — Frank Hearld, the pugilist, and Fred Mason, an old-time confidence man, were arrested, charged with working the confidence game on the Washington express. Bound Brook route, while en route from Trenton to this city. A farmer who went through to Washington is said to have been robbed of $375, and another gentleman yielded up $250. Their plan of operations was to start a game of cards and induce outsiders to join in. Two confederates, who left the train before it reached the city, worked with them and helped to victimize the two gentlemen above mentioned. Hearld and Mason were held in heavy bail.

EDUCATING THE YOUNG.

The Amateurs Will Get a Chance in the National League.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—"No matter what may be the outcome of the injunction suits now pending," said President Young, of the National league, today, "it will be the future policy of the league to work in as many young players as possible and educate them up to the league standard. It will not do to permit the brotherhood, or any similar organization of players, to gain the mastery, or imagine that they have the league at their mercy; and that events of the past week have justified the directors of the league in their determination to pursue this course. Already there are upon my books applications from upwards of 300 players located in all parts of the United States, who are anxious to enlist under the league banner, and many of them will undoubtedly prove decided acquisitions to our ranks. Injunction proceedings will be inaugurated Tuesday at Philadelphia and New York simultaneously, and by the end of next week the league will know just how it stands concerning the members of the brotherhood. There are in all about 125 players concerned in the movement, and if it should be determined by the courts that we cannot compel them to play under our management, the National league will simply draw on our reserve material and let the fight go on."

NO CHOICE THIS TIME.

Arrangements for the Second Paulsen-McCormick Race.

The second race of the championship series between Axel Paulsen and Hugh J. McCormick will occur next Thursday night at the Palace rink, Minneapolis. This race will be five miles and will decide whether a third race will be skated or not. The arrangements will be better next Thursday night than they were on New Year's, as the track will be roped in and no one allowed on the ice until after the race. McCormick is confident of winning and so are his friends, who are giving odds on him with but very few takers. Both men are in training and will undoubtedly be in condition to skate the race of their lives.

Last night Joseph Donoghue, the amateur, skated five miles against time in the Palace rink, Frank and Hugh McCormick held time, and will make an affidavit that the time Donoghue made is correct. The first mile was made in 3.10; second, 7.02; third, 10.08; fifth, 17.08.

Clifton Entries.

CLIFTON, N. J., Jan. 4.—The following entries are expected to start in Monday's races:

First race, five-eighths of a mile—Romanie, 126; Hemlock, 122; Nugget, 122; Lottie Thomas, 121; Mulligan, 119; Bradburn, 119; Banhope, 119; Monte Cristo, 119; Miracle, 119; Peril, 124; Thad Rowe, 117