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HENRY VILLARD

Here to Engineer a Great Consolidation Scheme.

SCHOOL BOOKS

Will Figure Extensively in the Speakership Fight.

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OPPOSED TO GREER.

The School Book Ring Issues a Circular Against the Wabasha Man.

He Opposed a Scheme of Theirs at the Last Session.

Merrill and Kiehle, as Usual, Hold Precisely Identical Views.

Neither Greer Nor Turrell Are Satisfactory to Certain People.

An attack on Hon. Allen J. Greer, one of the Republican candidates for speaker, appeared in yesterday's Minneapolis Tribune, the source of which that paper naively said was "the educational quarters of the state."

Whether this means State Superintendent Kiehle or the state school book ring cannot be stated exactly, the two being so nearly of one mind regarding a raid that is to be made on the state's school fund at the coming session.

It is well, however, that the school book ring has declared itself so early in the game. The people and the lawmakers will be in a manner prepared in advance. As is well known, the school book contract which the state has had with D. D. Merrill for so many years has at last expired by limitation and the coming legislature will be called upon to take action in the matter. That this contract has been a good thing for Mr. Merrill no one will deny, and so it is not at all strange that he and Supt. Kiehle are both emphatically in favor of some new arrangement that will give this book firm another long and fat contract.

Supt. Kiehle's annual report will recommend that the state furnish text books to all free of cost. This will be the burden of the state superintendent's report, which will devote much space to proving that the state "is rich enough to stand it."

And D. D. Merrill is even more firmly convinced than Supt. Kiehle that the state should go into the free text book business:

Is it any wonder under the circumstances that it is difficult to locate the source of the attack on Mr. Greer?

Are the "educational quarters of the state" located in the capitol or at the corner of St. Peter and Fifth streets, in the building occupied by the D. D. Merrill company?

These are questions to which Mr. Greer's friends will demand an answer in view of the following from yesterday's Tribune:

Upon another candidate, Mr. Greer, of Wabasha, there has appeared an attack, said to come from "the educational quarters of the state," whatever that may mean, charging on that candidate for speaker the defeat of the free text book bill of two years ago. The Tribune saw it in the form of a circular, said to have been prepared for circulation among the members of the legislature-elect from especially the southern part of the state. It is probable that the circular has its origin from the same source as the following publication in the Minneapolis School Education in its Thanksgiving number:

A friend of free books tells the Random Archer that the Stockwell bill of '91 was slaughtered in the education committee of the house. A certain representative, a member of the committee on education, had congressional aspirations. He also had the political tricksier's instincts. He saw in this opportunity for casting an anchor to windward in his district, so he passed word around among the adherents of private schools that such a bill was a gross injustice to them. The echo came back and he became the mouthpiece. He played all the variations on its stops, and gave himself out as the original promoter of educational justice. The free book movement was thereby strangled by the hands of him who should have been its friend.

Hon. Allen J. Greer is a graduate of the state university and was for some years a teacher in the public schools and at one time superintendent of the schools of Wabasha county. He is a friend of the public schools, as all who know him are aware. He may not be in favor of all the questionable jobs that are suggested in the name and ostensibly for the benefit of education, but if he is to be opposed for this the people who pay the taxes and who believe in the economical expenditure of their moneys should know it. In case the various rings and combinations keep up their fight on Allen Greer nothing can prevent his election. A few of the rings that are opposing him follow:

The school book ring,
The Pine land ring,
The iron ring.
The Davis ring.

And the same crowd is bitterly opposed to the election of Hon. O. B. Turrell.

Either Lee or Boggs will be satisfactory to all these combinations.

ALLEN IS SATISFIED.

North Dakota Is Booming in a Healthy Way.

Gen. Harrison Allen and Maj. Edwards, of the Fargo Forum, headed a North Dakota delegation in St. Paul yesterday. Gen. Allen left on an evening train for Chicago and the East, where he will remain for several weeks on business while Maj. Edwards will figure on the senatorial contest in North Dakota from the safe vantage ground of the Merchants' for the next few days. Gen. Allen is enthusiastic over the condition of things in North Dakota, and is not one of those who believes that North Dakota is sure to go to the demnition bow-wows because Farmer Shotridge was elected governor.

"The price of wheat is too low to make the farmers feel happy," said Gen. Allen, "but they are in good condition to feel so if we get a fair crop next year. The threshing was out of the way in good season, and a vast amount of plowing for next year's crop has been done—more than ever known before. You know the wet weather a year ago prevented plowing, and so had a bad influence on this year's crop. Both Fargo and Grand Forks are thriving. Business is good in both. In Fargo there is not an empty house, and a solid and conservative growth seems to be going on. Grand Forks is a beautiful town, with many blocks and buildings that would be a credit to any large city."

AFRAID OF NEGROES.

Why One Canadian Opposes Annexation.

TORONTO, Nov. 30.—The auditorium was well filled by persons who gathered to listen to an address by George R. Parkyt, of New Brunswick, on the "Imperial Federation." Touching on the question of political union with the United States, he said it was not a recognizable issue. The five millions of Canadians would never ally themselves with a nation containing 8,000,000 negroes, whose votes might at any time plunge them into trouble with the mother country.

PREVENTS A FREE BALLOT.

An Ohio Man Fighting the Australian Law.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 30.—Gov. McKinley is asked to prevent the secretary of state from issuing a commission to L. F. Ohleger, who was elected in the Stark-Wayne district to fill the unexpired term of John D. Warwick, deceased, as member of the present congress. W. P. Wasson, of Wooster, accompanied by his attorneys, appeared before the governor today and made the formal demand. He claims the Australian law, under which the election took place, is unconstitutional, because it prevents a free and untrammeled ballot. Electors cannot vote for any one they please, but must be bound by the decree of one of four parties. This is clearly unconstitutional according to his view. The governor referred the matter to the attorney general, but nothing can be done, and Mr. Wasson's only hope is to mandamus the secretary of state. He says he will take the case to the supreme court and fight it out.

OWED BY A MINISTER.

He Must Account for $200 of Church Funds.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 30.—During the past two days Rev. A. Weister, of Cleveland, formerly pastor of the First Swedish Baptist Church of McKeesport, has been before a church council charged with the misappropriation of church funds to the amount of $200, the money having come into his hands during his stay here and thus far remained unaccounted for in a manner satisfactory to the church society. The council has found that he is indebted to the church for the full amount, and that he must make formal apology to the church society.

MATING OF GIANTS.

Tall People, One a Minnesotan, to Marry.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 30.—A marriage in high life is the one scheduled to come off at the cathedral on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 4 p. m. The contracting parties are Col. Gilbert Unzale Redland, of Chippewawa, Mexico, seven feet, two inches in height and weighing 450 pounds, and Miss Emma Bossman, of Sauk Center, Minn., whose height is just two inches less than that of her intended. The groom is a grain grower and he has been very successful in business ventures. The couple have known each other for about two years.

CHICAGO A MECCA.

Tramps, Paupers, Cripples and Criminals of All Sorts Flocking to the Windy City.

Many Counties Making the City a Dumping Ground for Their Paupers.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Tramps, vagabonds, paupers, maimed and crippled beggars and sunken-eyed women with hungry children are flocking to Chicago in hundreds. Some of them are criminals by choice and some by direct necessity. They come—men, women and children—like the mighty vanguard of the sight-seeing army soon to visit the world's fair. No blare of trumpets heralds their approach. There is no gala-day parade for them. Like a deadly, infectious disease, they creep silently, insidiously into our midst. Every daybreak sees them getting closer to the heart of public morals and personal safety. Every road leading to Chicago is lined with them; they come in the night by railroad, steamboat and peddler's wagon. Fabulous stories of the opportunities which the world's fair year will offer have come to their ears, and they are hastening to the new El Dorado.

Chicago has become the veritable dumping ground for the offscourings of all humanity. It has been found that the commissioners of poor in other cities, realizing this fact, have been furnishing transportation to Chicago for many of their paupers. Ohio and Indiana are foremost in assisting the immigration of unprofitable citizens. Women of all ages and conditions—women tramps and women peddlers and beggars—are coming in unusual numbers.

Raised but one step above these are the small army of people who have come to Chicago expecting large wages and short hours. Disappointed in obtaining the employment they sought, they have rapidly spent all their money, and are seeking charity at the hands of the county and benevolent institutions. The Home of the Friendless is overcrowded with inmates. The county agent daily turns away many applicants who, owing to the lack of a fixed residence in Chicago, are entitled to no assistance. The police stations nightly accommodate numbers of semi-criminals who have no other place to sleep. The German benevolent societies are overcrowded with applicants, and can do no more.

In the opinion of the police the epidemic of crime which is now sweeping over the city is directly connected with the great influx of tramps and paupers. They have already begun to ply their nefarious calling. The advance of cold weather has doubtless been a further incentive. The records of all the police courts show a surprisingly large number of criminals whose faces are unknown in the Chicago rogues' gallery. There has, according to the statement of an old officer, never been so much trouble in identifying and recognizing thugs, pickpockets and highwaymen. They account for this by the fact that there is a steady immigration in large numbers of the criminal classes from other cities.

PURE INVENTION.

Pope Leo Effectually Stops a New York Rumor.

ROME, Nov. 30.—Telegrams from New York a few days ago announced that the United States government had declined the proposal for the appointment of an American legation to the Vatican. This rumor, which, as one can readily suppose, is an invention, has caused much displeasure at the Vatican, especially as the holy see has never since thought of such a proposal. The pope, when he read the announcement, said: "People suppose I have ideas never thought of. It appears as if they designed to embroil me with the good and great American people."

Blaine Up and About.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Ex-Secretary Blaine is gradually convalescing from his recent attack of illness. He is up and about the house every day and is rapidly regaining his strength.

SOUGHT BY A SHERIFF

Virginia Courts Get Out a Summons for the President-Elect.

Even the Sheriff Did Not Know What the Case Involved.

Twenty Ducks Brought to Bag by Mr. Cleveland's Aim.

Ex-Secretary Fairchild Said to Be Booked for the Cabinet.

EXMORE, Va., Nov. 30.—The chief incident of the day on Broadwater island was the arrival of Sheriff Samuel Jervis, for Northampton county, with a summons which he sought to serve upon President-elect Cleveland. He came over from the mainland at 2 o'clock, but was forced to wait until after the gunning party returned from their day's sport before presenting the document. The sheriff was seen by a reporter, but he was unable to furnish any information, except that the summons was to appear before the chancery court at Richmond, Va. He did not know what the case was involved. He stated that when the summons reached him for service at Cape Charles City, which is the county seat of this county, he regarded the whole affair as a practical joke. Upon writing the clerk of the court at Richmond he received an assurance that the document was genuine, and came to Exmore at noon for the purpose of carrying his instructions out. He could give no particulars on the subject.

Bagged Seventy Ducks.

The ducking party, which went out in the channel opposite High hotel, returned shortly after 4 o'clock, and reported excellent sport. Mr. Cleveland occupied the floating blind alone with George Doughty, who loaded his gun. He bagged nine brant, six red-heads and five butter-balls. Hargis picked up the game for Mr. Cleveland.

The telephone line connecting Cobb's island and Smith's island with Broadwater was completed today. This is a part of the life-saving station line which is being constructed along the Atlantic coast, from Lewes, Del., to Cape Charles, Va., connecting all stations between these points. Supt. Bolena, after two or three unsuccessful attempts, today laid the cable between Broadwater and Cobb's island, and it is now in good working order. It is expected that the station between Smith's island and Cape Charles will be completed within a few days, thus establishing direct communication between Broadwater and the outer world.

The programme tomorrow will be practically the same as today. So far as can be learned, no definite time has been determined for Mr. Cleveland's return North. From present indications, however, it seems probable that he may spend another Sunday upon Broadwater island.

The Facts in the Case.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 30.—A summons was issued by the clerk of the court today citing President-elect Cleveland to appear in court Monday in a chancery suit in connection with the state debt commission. The sheriff left today for Hog island to execute his mission. The facts in the case are: Willis B. Smith, a member of the Richmond bar, May 9, 1891, instituted suit in the chancery court against James M. Mason, T. F. Bayard, George S. Cole, George G. Williams, individually and as partners trading under the style of the Public Debt Adjustment company; F. P. Olcott, William L. Buel, Henry Bridges, C. E. Dickey Jr., Hugh R. Garden, John Gill, Grover Cleveland, E. J. Phelps, the Central Trust company, Brown, Shipley & Co., a London firm, whose individual names are unknown; the Mercantile Trust and Deposit company and the Planters' National Bank of Richmond, defendants. The process was made returnable in July. The object of the suit is to recover of the defendants the sum of $5,000 agreed by them to be paid the plaintiff for his services in connection with the Virginia debt question, said services being directed especially to their attempt, which has been successful, to compel the foreign council of bondholders to cease their litigation with the state and to unite the foreign-American bondholders, to attach any estate of the defendants in this state, and especially the 3½ per cent commission which will be due and payable on the Virginia bonds to the defendants or any of them, owing to their being deposited in any bank in this state, and especially the Planters' national bank of this city.

CABINET GOSSIP.

Fairchild Said to Be Booked for a Department.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—A morning paper says: Mr. Fairchild is to go into the cabinet again, and he will be the only member of the cabinet from the Empire state. Mr. Whitney will not go into the cabinet, and, while there has been talk that Col. Dan S. Lamont might be secretary of the interior, it is understood that he has not yet been able to see his way clear to abandoning his interests in this city.

"As a matter of fact," said a close friend of Mr. Whitney, "there has got to be a member of the cabinet from New England, Illinois and Wisconsin. These are doubtful states and have to be looked after. Ohio certainly deserves some encouragement and Indiana surely looks for a place. The South will want at least two cabinet positions, but will only get one, and I think Mr. Harrity will go into the cabinet from Pennsylvania. That about fills all the holes, yet the states between the Missouri and the Rocky mountains should have some recognition and so should the Pacific coast. In view of all this," concluded Mr. Whitney's friend, "I think the treasury portfolio the only one to go to the Empire State."

The mugwumps will be highly pleased to know that Mr. Fairchild is to be secretary of the treasury. He has acted with them in all their fights against Hill.

AN OFFICE FOR $10.

Alleged Influence Possessed by a Baltimore Woman.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Advertisements have been scattered all over the country since election day, calling attention to the fact that the change of administration means thousands of new appointments to positions paying from $800 to $2,500 yearly, and advising those persons eager for public office to write to the International Exchange, 843 Broadway, New York, for particulars. Persons who answered these advertisements received in reply a type-written letter signed L. E. Baldy, manager, describing the beauties of Washington city as a living place, and setting forth the strong influence the exchange had in procuring appointments. A visit to the office of the exchange disclosed the fact that L. E. Baldy was a woman, who said she was from Baltimore, but had lived in Washington. She told her visitor that she could place him in any of the departments in Washington, provided his politics were all right, and he paid her a certain sum for her trouble. Ten dollars was the sum Mrs. Baldy mentioned.

NOT BEFORE OCTOBER.

Congressmen Believe No Early Extra Session Will Be Called.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The belief is growing among congressmen and senators in this city that if an extra session is to be held at all it will not be called at the early part of the year 1893. Even those favoring an extra session are gradually forming the opinion that it will not begin sooner than Oct. 1 next, and will practically form a part of the regular session, which will open, according to law, on the first Monday in December.

Officeholders under the Republican senate are naturally somewhat anxious as to the political complexion of that body in the Fifty-third congress, and some of them are still figuring upon a possible Republican majority. They are claiming 43 Democrats and Populists and 45 Republicans. More reliable figures, however, appear to be 43 Democrats, 41 Republicans and 4 Populists, who will probably act with the Democrats.

ONE HARRISON ELECTOR.

The Result of a Typographical Error.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 30.—The state board of canvassing has completed its official count of the vote down to the legislative ticket. The count shows the election of nine Weaver electors by majorities averaging 4,387, and one Harrison elector by 900 majority. Cobbell, the defeated elector, was beaten on account of a typographical error in the certifications. The count shows the election of the entire People's party state ticket by majorities ranging from 3,800 to 8,600. On congressmen, five Populists are elected by majorities ranging from 1,500 to 6,000. The Republicans' majorities range from 83 in the case of Funston to 3,600 in the case of Broderick. Jerry Simpson's majority is 1,769. The count of the legisative ticket will be begun tomorrow.

HEALING THE BREACH.

Kansas Democrats Make an Effort to Get Together.

TOPEKA, Kas., Nov. 30.—Yesterday was the day set for the healing of the breach between the Democrats of Kansas. The straight-outs, who bolted the fusion ticket, held a meeting of all Democrats to discuss the party and incidentally to arrange a division of federal spoils. The fusion Democrats, comprising the regular state organization, did not attend the meeting. All those present were straight-outs. They discussed the outlook, and appointed a committee to visit the national Democratic leaders and urge that they be given a fair show at the patronage to be distributed in Kansas. They also passed a resolution recommending A. A. Harris, of Fort Scott, for election by the legislature to the United States senate.

CHANGED THEIR TUNE.

South Carolina Legislators to Repeal an Anti-Free Pass Law.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 30.—One of the war cries of the Tillman campaign in this state was, "Away with free passes on railroads," and the charge was made that the members of the legislature, state officers, etc., were "bamboozled" by the presentation of free passes, and that railroads had made them. When Tillman came into power the authorities used their own weapon against them, and secured the passage of a bill prohibiting the acceptance of free passes by legislators and state officers. Now their cry is, "Repeal the law, and on with free passes." The administration organ today sounded the cry, and Representative Duncan introduced such a bill in the house. The chances are that it will pass.

STEALING A SENATOR.

Wyoming Republicans Trying the Montana Game.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 30.—The final count of the Carbon county vote makes the legislature Republican on joint ballot, which will insure the election of a Republican to the senate unless the Democrats and Populists, who will control the lower house, unseat a number of the Republicans. This is likely, as the Democrats charge the Republicans with having stolen five members in Carbon county by means of false returns.

COLORADO'S VOTE.

Weaver Has 14,370 Plurality on Official Count.

DENVER, Nov. 30.—The canvass of the total vote of the state for presidential electors was completed this morning, and shows that Highley, the highest on the Populist ticket, had 14,370 plurality over Moffatt, the highest on the Republican ticket. The total vote of the state was 93,375, divided as follows: Populist-Democratic, 52,984; Republican, 38,614; Prohibition, 1,677.

Taking Time by the Forelock.

SANTA FE, N. M., Nov. 30.—The Democrats of New Mexico propose to take time by the forelock. They have already held a meeting to consider the question of territorial patronage that will, after March 4, be at the disposal of Mr. Cleveland. J. C. Albright, editor and proprietor of the Albuquerque Democrat, is prominently mentioned for governor of the territory.

Ohio's Final Figures.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 30.—The plurality of Harrison over Cleveland in Ohio as officially announced is 1,072. S. M. Taylor's plurality for secretary of state is 1,029. The vote of the presidential candidates is as follows: Harrison, 405,187; Cleveland, 404,115; Bidwell, 36,012; Weaver, 14,852.

Kolb Gives It Up.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 30.—There will be nothing to disturb the inauguration of Gov. Jones Thursday. Kolb says that he will not attempt to be sworn in, and that he will do nothing to bring himself before the people of the state in connection with the inauguration.

STORED EVERYWHERE

The Farmers of South Dakota Unable to Get Cars For Grain.

Wheat Being Piled Up in Warehouses, Vacant Stores and Residences.

A New York Playright Having Trouble to Secure a Divorce at Yankton.

Two-Year-Old Child Burned to Death--Other Northwest News.

Special to the Globe.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Nov. 30.—Reports from all points in the state indicate that the grain blockade is growing serious. There are at least 2,500,000 bushels of grain in elevators, and in many places warehouses, vacant stores and even residences are filled. The railroads do not seem to be able to cope with the blockade, and the railway commission fears that for the next three weeks, with good weather, the blockade will grow worse.

SOMEBODY IS FIBBING.

New York People Fighting Over a Divorce at Yankton.

Special to the Globe.

YANKTON, S. D., Nov. 30.—H. P. Winslow, a New York playwright, is here to obtain a divorce from his wife, who resides at No. 32 West Twenty-ninth street. He charges desertion. Today his wife, accompanied by her stepmother, her brother-in-law and her attorney, put in an appearance and will contest. They allege that it was Winslow who deserted, and that if the decree is granted they desire him to pay alimony and give the custody of the child to the wife. Mrs. Winslow, whose maiden name was Daisy E. Rowell, is desirous of resuming domestic relations.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

A Little One Meets a Horrible Fate.

Special to the Globe.

WASECA, Minn., Nov. 30.—A sad accident occurred in the family of H. Winner today, resulting in the death of their two-year-old son. The mother was washing, and while engaged in hanging out clothes in the yard the child's clothes caught fire, and when the mother got into the house he was enveloped in flames. In her excitement the mother picked the child up and rushed outdoors, where a high wind fanned the flames, and before the fire was put out the little one was so badly burned that he died in a very short while.

RAISED THE DEBT.

Strange but Successful Method of a Moorhead Preacher.

Special to the Globe.

MOORHEAD, Nov. 30.—Rev. F. N. Zabriskie, of Manhaset, N. Y., who has been filling the pulpit of the Presbyterian church of this city for the last two Sundays, accomplished a wonderful deed last Sunday morning. The church was in debt $679, and Mr. Zabriskie undertook to raise the money at the morning service. A large blackboard was placed in front of the church, and on the board the debt was stated in figures. These were placed in columns of six rows of figures, the highest being $50, the next $25, then $10, $5, $2 and $1. The whole, when added, amounted to the total debt. The minister made a touching appeal, and asked every one to subscribe, and, as the subscriptions were called off, the corresponding amounts on the blackboard were erased. The total amount subscribed was $701.

SOUTH DAKOTA LAWMAKERS.

What They Will Do a Topic of Interest.

PIERRE, S. D., Nov. 30.—Within a few weeks the South Dakota legislature will again be in session, and what it will do is now a topic of interest. One of the principal questions will be the resubmission of the prohibitory clause of the state constitution. The coal famine and grain blockades throughout the state at the present time may result in drastic legislation, although a strong effort will be made to prevent any interference with railroads, for fear of its interfering with developments in that line next year. There is a strong demand for changes in the revenue law, which will compel telegraph, telephone and express companies to bear a more equal share of the burden of taxation than they do under the law as it is at present. The Independents may also bring up the usury question again, but its day of importance is past.

Blaze at Wadena.

WADENA, Nov. 30.—At 5:30 this morning fire broke out in the back room of Herman Waldo's saloon, and before the department got to work the whole structure was ablaze. Primus & Nathe's saloon and Julius Zabel's building, occupied by Dr. C. E. Lum, as a drug store, also caught fire, and were totally destroyed. Nathe & Zelinski's harness shop received a close call, but escaped with only slight damage to the building and stock. Zabel had $500 insurance on his building, Lum $1,800 on stock and building, and Primus & Nathe only $700 on the building. The latter firm are the heaviest losers, as they had no insurance upon their stock, and their net losses will foot up about $1,500.

Anoka's Beets Sweet.

ANOKA, Nov. 30.—Today the Anoka Union publishes an extract of a letter from H. T. Oxnard, president of the Sugar Beet company, of Grand Island, Neb., in which he says that the beets sent from Anoka were tested and found to be of a high quality and contained much sugar. The farmers of Anoka who raised the beets will receive their pay for them soon.

Northfield's Gold Mine.

Special to the Globe.

NORTHFIELD, Minn., Nov. 30.—The Northfield gold mine is just at present the sole topic of conversation on the streets of this city. The find was made about a month ago, but was kept quiet till an assay of the lump of metal could be made. While grading for a new West side park a laborer named Campbell found a lump of stone of strange appearance, which he finally sold to a man named Crosby for $30. Crosby took the find to St. Paul, and it now appears he has about $1,000 worth of solid gold. The surrounding property is booming.

FOUND NOT GUILTY.

An Indited Engineer Gets Clear at Glenwood.

Special to the Globe.

GLENWOOD, Minn., Nov. 30.—I. C. Smith, the engineer on the Soo road who was indited by the grand jury this fall for manslaughter in the second degree, was tonight found not guilty, the jury being out only thirty minutes. Smith was the engineer of the train that on Oct. 26 last ran into a train at Thorston station, whereby five men lost their lives.

STARTED BY FRICTION.

Destruction by Fire of a Des Moines Manufacturing Industry.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 30.—The plant of the DesMoines WashPowder company was burned early this morning, involving a loss of $90,000 in machinery and building, fully covered by insurance. Friction between a large belt and a block of wood, strongly saturated with oil, caused the fire, which had made great headway before it was discovered.

LUMBER YARDS ABLAZE.

Large Fire Raging in Tacoma, With the Wind Blowing a Gale.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 30.—Fire is raging in the southern part of the city, with the wind blowing a gale. Hart's large saw mill is destroyed, and the fire has communicated to the lumber yards and surrounding buildings.

He Treated Voters.

Special to the Globe.

GRAND FORKS, S. D., Nov. 30.—Thomas Halvorson, legislative representative-elect of the Sixth district, is under arrest, charged with violating the prohibition law. At the hearing this evening numerous witnesses testified that Halvorson on election day carried a quart bottle of whisky and treated voters in front of the polls. No testimony was introduced for the defense. The court took the case under advisement, the question being whether "treating" is "giving away liquor," which the prohibition law makes unlawful.

Enlarging Stock Yards.

SIOUX CITY, Io., Nov. 30.—The Union Stock Yards company, of this city, has increased its capital stock from $2,250,000 to $3,000,000. Cudahy & Co. will take $400,000 of the new issue. The money raised by the new issue will be used in improving the yards and increasing the capacity of the stock yards company's beef house, which is operated by Edward Higginson.

Through the Ice.

Special to the Globe.

PARK RAPIDS, Minn., Nov. 30.—R. P. Grant, together with Oliver King and two other men from this place, broke through the ice on Crow Wing lake, some fifteen miles east of here, losing a span of horses and buggy. The men barely escaped with their own lives, and up to present writing the buggy has not been found.

Alfred Oleson Disappears.

Special to the Globe.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Nov. 30.—Alfred Oleson, a blacksmith, has been missing since Sunday. His wife fears foul play, as Oleson had $300 on his person, owed nothing and was not known to be in trouble. Oleson had intended to leave with his family Tuesday for a visit in Norway.

Has Three Wives.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Nov. 30.—After the issuing of the warrant for Nelson for alleged bigamy, it developed that two wives was not his limit. The woman who arrived yesterday says that there is still another wife besides herself and the girl he married here.

Olson-Bloomer.

Special to the Globe.

RED WING, Nov. 30.—Charles Olson, of this city, married at Stillwater this morning, Miss Alice L. Bloomer, of that place. Several from here attended the wedding.

Electric Light Plant Burned.

DEXTERNILLE, Wis., Nov. 30.—George Hiles' planing mill and the city's electric light plant burned this afternoon. Loss, $25,000; no insurance.

Reported a $40,000 Defalcation.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 30.—It is reported that the agent of the Bank of British Columbia at Nelson is a defaulter to the amount of $40,000.

Brisson's Hard Task.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—M. Brisson has not yet succeeded in forming a cabinet. He held a long conference today with M. Bourgeois, the minister of public instruction in M. Loubet's cabinet, and it now appears likely that M. Bourgeois will be the leading spirit of the new ministry.

TESTIMONY ALL IN.

The Coal Trust Committee Has No More Witnesses.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The subcommittee of the congressional interstate commerce committee resumed its investigation of the Reading coal combine this morning. Thomas Thadford, of Stokes & Thadford, was first called. He was followed by Thomas F. Torrey, the general sales agent of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Coal company; Simon Boerg, president of the New York, Susquehanna & Western road, and R. H. Williams, of Williams & Peters.

There being no other witness present, the committee adjourned sine die. Congressman Coombs said that the committee would hold no more sessions in New York, and would have to go to Washington, where they will go over the testimony and determine whether further hearings should be heard or not. If it is determined to have further hearings, sessions will be had in Washington and probably in other cities. Representative Coombs also said that the committee had endeavored to conduct the investigation fairly and not to serve any private ends.

BASELESS RUMORS

Of Jay Gould's Death Reach Wall Street.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Another report reached Wall street this afternoon that Jay Gould, who has been ill at his residence, at Forty-seventh and Fifth avenues, for some days, was dying. A subsequent rumor had it that he was dead. The market was slightly affected. The rumors were not generally believed. At Mr. Gould's home, 579 Fifth avenue, Eugene Calhoun, the butler, told the reporter that there was no foundation for the report.

INTO ONE BIG DEAL.

The Electric Light and Gas Works Interests to Be Consolidated.

That Is the Object of the Present Visit of Financier Villard.

A Gigantic Company With Heavy Capital to Be Formed.

Local Men to Control It and Villard to Withdraw.

The Edison Electric Light and Power Company of St. Paul and the St. Paul Gas Light company are to be consolidated and made into one gigantic local company with a capital of from $4,000,000 to $6,000,000.

This is the meaning of the visit of Henry Villard to the Saintly city at the present time. Mr. Villard is the president of the St. Paul Gas Light company and a large holder of stock in it. During the past few weeks interested parties have been soliciting subscriptions to the stock of the consolidated company, and many of the wealthiest local capitalists have subscribed for large blocks under the supervision of Crawford Livingston. When this movement reached the proper stage Mr. Villard was communicated with and promptly made his appearance in the city. During the past two days he has had many conferences with the officials of the two companies and with the capitalists who have taken stock in the new concern, and matters are well along toward the organization of the consolidated company. Thus far Mr. Villard has declined to be interviewed regarding the matter, giving as his excuse that he is in the city on "private business."

The offices of the St. Paul Gas Light company are located in the New York Life building and the works are located on Olive, corner Fourth; and Martin, corner Oxford, with an electric station on Washington street. The officers are: Henry Villard, president; Crawford Livingston, vice president and general manager; B. F. Ellison, secretary and treasurer. The offices and works of the Edison Electric Light and Power company of St. Paul are at the corner of College avenue and Cedar street. The officers are: Col. C. B. Lamborn, president; O. C. Greene, vice president, and George H. Finn, secretary, treasurer and general manager.

Both of these corporations are dividend payers and when consolidated are expected to do a great deal better than they have in the past. The talk that Mr. Villard is here for the purpose of making arrangements for a new electric line between the Twin Cities is wholly incorrect, as is another report which makes it appear that he is arranging a combination to control the electric light and gas plants from Superior to Seattle. The great promoter is and always has been a believer in consolidation. He does not believe in two companies doing business in a field that could be filled by one, and the movement toward the consolidation of these companies was suggested by him. He will not be in the official board of the new company even if he holds any of the stock. While an exact list of the new stockholders cannot be had a few of the larger ones with the amount of their subscriptions follow:

A. H. Wilder	$300,000
James J. Hill	200,000
John L. Merriam	150,000
Gov. W. R. Merriam	150,000

The stock of the new corporation will be held almost entirely by local capitalists, which, by the way, was one of the principal objects of the consolidation. Just how long it will take to complete the change cannot be stated, but everything was well along when Mr. Villard arrived on Tuesday, and the articles of incorporation of the new company will be filed in the course of the next two or three days. As soon as this is done Mr. Villard will return to New York, where, it is said, he will proceed to close out his interests in the Northern Pacific. The great financier has been accused of selling considerable Northern Pacific stock during the past two months, most of the stock certificates made out in his name having been transferred on the Philadelphia stock exchange as long ago as September. Whether Mr. Villard's withdrawal from the Northern Pacific means that he is to receive a portfolio from President Cleveland, or the German mission is known probably only to the president-elect and Mr. Villard. During the campaign that has just closed Mr. Cleveland had no more ardent and effective supporter than Mr. Villard. He was tireless in his devotion to the cause of Mr. Cleveland, and was not the least influential of the great trio composed of ex-Secretary Carl Schurz, Oswald Ottendorfer and Henry Villard. While the great railroad magnate has not been a politician, he realizes that his connection with the Northern Pacific or any other great land grant railway would prevent his appointment to a cabinet position, and possibly to a foreign post. This may explain the reasons which have led him to think of dropping out of the Northern Pacific.

There has been a great deal of talk connecting Mr. Villard's name with the mission to Germany. This appointment has been singled out because in that country Mr. Villard has lots of friends who have stood by him in the darkest hours of his tempestuous career. To go to their country as the representative of the United States would therefore be appreciated by him, and be a proper and honorable close to a wonderful career.

MUCH PROPERTY INVOLVED.

Titles to Valuable Los Angeles Realty Attacked.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Adelia Freeman, living in San Diego, has filed a suit here in which she sets up claim to $1,500,000 worth of property and makes sixty-two persons more or less prominent in the city, defendants. She claims to be the legitimate child of Gaston Oxart, a basque Frenchman who died in this city in 1888, leaving the property in question. After Oxart died, one Simon P. Gless appeared in court and offered for probate what purported to be the will of the deceased, in which the entire estate was devised to him. Mrs. Freeman was not then living with her father, and, though she attempted to secure a footing in court, failed to do so through the fault of her lawyer. Since the estate has been distributed, various pieces of the property have passed into the hands of people who have paid value for them, without any knowledge of this heir, and since none of them have held adverse possession for five years, if Mrs. Freeman wins her suit, they will all have to give up their property to her. The will did not mention Mrs. Freeman, and under the law in California, a child not mentioned in a will inherits just as though there is no will, and, since Mrs. Freeman is the only child, she will take everything. The estate embraces some of the most valuable business property on Spring street, the principal retail traffic street of this city.

MAY BE CALLED ON.

Amalgamated Men at Homestead May Strike Again.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., Nov. 30.—The Amalgamated association members of Homestead held a meeting to vote on the advisability of declaring the strike at the Carnegie mills on again. So few men have been taken back that the members think they should call their brethren out again, even if the strike is lost, and put the brand "black sheep" on the Homestead mills. About 400 men have been taken back since the strike was declared off, and most of these were laborers. Another meeting will be held tomorrow night, and definite action will be taken. Burgess Hollinghead has called a meeting of the citizens for tomorrow evening to investigate the destitution in the borough and arrange to distribute contributions to the needy.

WELCOMED HEARTILY.

Opening in New Orleans of the Convention in the Interest of the Nicaragua Canal.

Most of the Time Taken Up With Addresses of Welcome and Other Speeches.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 30.—The convention in the interest of the Nicaragua canal was opened here today in the Odd Fellows' hall by President Obendahl, of the board of trade. The hall was handsomely decorated with flowers and bunting. Distinguished representatives of every state in the Union were present. At 11 o'clock Gov. Foster, Acting Mayor Irwin Jamison, City Attorney O'Sullivan, Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer and George L. Converse, president of the convention, were led up the aisle to the platform by Capt. W. H. Benham, of the Louisiana field artillery, while the band played "Hail Columbia."

President Obendahl, in opening the convention, warmly welcomed the delegates from abroad. He stated that the canal was a work of much importance. Weak minds might doubt its practicability, but he was of the opinion that no work was too great for accomplishment for the genius of America. He closed by introducing Hon. George Converse as the president of the convention.

Mr. Converse called upon the Rev. Dr. Palmer to invoke the blessing of the Almighty on the work of the convention. During the prayer of the eminent divine the delegates stood with bowed heads. Hon. A. E. O'Sullivan, city attorney, delivered on behalf of the city of New Orleans an address of welcome. Gov. Foster was given a rousing ovation. He delivered an eloquent speech on the practicability and utility of the enterprise, and closed by paying a beautiful tribute to the people of the South, who, in union with the citizens of every state, breathe beneath the flag of freedom.

President Converse, in replying to the addresses of welcome, spoke for the balmy climate he had met here, the lovely flowers in bloom, sending their fragrance heavenward as a welcome to the delegates, many of whom had come from lands of snow. He described the rich benefits which this country would derive when the canal would be completed, and closed his remarks by stating that the United States should do it.

Mr. Smith, of the board of trade, was elected secretary of the convention. A committee composed of one representative from each state was appointed on credentials. A recess was then taken until 7 o'clock. When the convention reassembled the committee on credentials filed a report. According to the chairman there was no contest, and the official number of delegates present was fifty-two. The remainder of the session was devoted to speechmaking. Col. Estee, of the California delegation, delivered an eloquent address. He gave a detailed review of what has already been done, and made a strong appeal to the delegates to spare no efforts to push the work. At 10 o'clock the convention adjourned until tomorrow morning.

JAY GOULD ILL.

The Wizard of Wall Street Too Sick to Leave His Home.

Great Anxiety Over His Condition Among the Members of His Family.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The story reached Wall street that Jay Gould was dead. It was promptly denied, but it was admitted at his office that he was too sick to leave his house. Western Union, Manhattan, Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and other Gould stocks went down. When asked about the condition of his father, Edwin Gould said:

"Mr. Gould is confined to his b