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SHE CLINGS TO LIFE

NO VERY MATERIAL CHANGE IN THE CONDITION OF MRS. WKINLEY.

STEADILY GROWS WEAKER,

BUT SHE MAY PROBABLY SURVIVE UNTIL THE RETURN OF THE PRESIDENT.

SAD SCENES AT PARTING HOUR.

At the Call of Duty McKinley Tears Himself From His Dying Mother's Bedside.

CANTON, O., Dec. 4.-A sadder scene was never witnessed than the leavetaking of President McKinley from his dying mother this afternoon. The carriage was early announced to convey him to the special car at the Pennsylvania depot awaiting the arrival of the regular eastbound train. But to stead. Before leaving the house he and other members of the family went to the bedside of the dying mother. He looked at her long, spoke to her lovingly and stopped and tenderly kissed her. There was no response, no move ment to indicate that she recognized her son. He remained in a stooping posture for some time, hoping that he might receive some sign that she knew or felt his presence. It did not come. With feeling of deepest emotion he at last left the room.

It was a strange coincidence that almost immediately following the departure of the president the mother should suffer a relapse. While yet in his home county and within an hour after he left the city, the illness of the after he left the city, the illness of the mother took a turn for the worse, and it was thought by the family that she John Kelly was evidently the only pashad suffered a second stroke of paraly- senger who saw the north-bound car sis, and such announcement was made The attending physician, however, declared it was not a second assault of the disease, but a relapse which for a time threatened to extinguish the faintly flickering flame of life. Once more however the rugged constitution of the aged woman withstood the assault. She rallied slightly, and ere long was back to the condition in which she had been for nearly twenty hours, a condition of quiet and seemingly restful sleep, but which, it was fully realized, was slowly burning out the vital spark of life. In that condition she was tonight. How long it might continue no one

GROWING WEAKER. It was not thought impossible that she could linger until the president had discharged the important duties which called him to Washington and had re-turned to his old home. That she was constantly growing weaker, was are parent to all. That she had lived s long was a great surprise to the watchers and the doctor. The attending physician again announced tonight that the The president left Canton at 2:05 o'clock this afternoon, Judge Day, assistant secretary of state, accompanying him in a special car. Shortly be fore the departure he held a confer

ence with the doctor who advised that Mr. McKinley carry out the original plan of leaving for Washington. He urged that the duties incumbent upon the nation's chief executive were such that it was absolutely necessary for him to be at the White house when congress assembles, and assured the president that no act of a loving son or any mortal could do anything for the aged mother, and that she would never again be able to recognize him or realize his presence or absence. His last words to the family were that he be telegraphed at every station along the route as to his mother's condition.

The president has definitely arranged to return to Canton Tuesday morning, leaving Washington Monday as soon as he has completed his duties in connection with the opening of congress. Mrs. McKinley will accompany him, as will McKinley will accompany him, as will also Mrs. Abner McKinley and her daughter, Miss Mabel, of New York. Mrs. McKinley was greatly shocked by the news of the illness when it reached the White house, Thursday morning, but it was not deemed advisable that she attempt the hasty trip. The near friends of the family are nearly all at the homestead, including the surviving children, several grandchildren and children, several grandchildren and Mrs. Abigail Osborne, Mrs. McKinley's sister and mother of William McKin-ley Osborne, consul general to Eng-land. She arrived last night, too late to receive a sign of recognition and is with the others to keep a close vigil. Miss Grace McKinley came from her

college and William Bowman and Stewart Duncan arrived late this evening. The last three are grandchildren.

Dr. Phillips left the McKinley house early this evening and unless collections. by reason of some change, may not again call before morning. The putient was resting quietly. The pulse and respiration were much improved, giving some reason to hope that she may

survive the night. List of Patents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—List of patents issued this week to Northwestern inventors, reported by Merwin, Lothrop & Johnson, patent attorneys, 910, 911 and 912 Pioneer Press building, St. Paul, Minn., and Washington, D. C.: Andrew J. and H. W. Cleland, Mankato, double grade grain cleaner; Herman G. Dittenbenner, Minneapolis, lever shield; James S. Ferguson, Minneapolis, acetylene gas generator: Lee H. Goodkind, H. M. Essington and H. E. Bartlett, St. Paul, button feeding apparatus for sewing machines; William C. Humphrey, Jamestown, N. D., dress and mud guard; Henry Klessner, Winthrop, and J. Schuch, Round Grove, cutter bar; Edward W. Simms, Fort Assinnibolne, Mont, track cleaner; Thomas H. Williams, Huron, S.-D., potato planter.

TROLLEY CARS TELESCOPED.

Three Men Killed and More Than a

Score Injured. DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 4.-Two suburban cars carrying some twenty pas-sengers and both running at a speed of twenty miles on hour, collided, on the Detroit & Oakland electric railroad at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The result was that three men were instantly killed and a score of persons injured,

killed and a score of persons injured, ten of them seriously.

The dead: John Savage, superintendent of the road; Charles M. Whitehead, motorman, John Kelly, of Detroit, book agent.

The injured: Frank McHugh, motorman, leg broken and internally injured; Louis Harneck, seriously bruised and internally injured; Mrs. John E. Doty, of Pontiac, two ribs broken and otherwise injured; aged mother of Mrs. John Doty, of Pontiac, badly crushed and leg broken; Maj. John Madden, of Leonard, legs and arms badly bruised; Peter Kemp, of Detroit, hole cut in leg and face cut; Mrs. F. H. Smith, of Detroit, legs and face badly bruised; Warner G. Codale, of Lapear, severely bruised; Mrs. Warner Goldale, face cut, body badly bruised; A. E. Robertson, of Walnut, Oakland county, leg badly cut, hand crushed and shoulders bruised; John Reigel, Pontiac, compound fracture of leg.

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A half dozen others were more or the very last possible moment the president remained at the old homehad passed an out-bound car at the switch two miles from Pontiac, the crew apparently being ignorant of the fact that another out-bound car was approaching them less than two miles distant, although it is claimed that they should have known it from orders sent from Birmingham. The weather was foggy and the rails slippery from the sleet which had been falling. The collision came near a gravel pit about midway between Pontiac and Birmingham, at the foot of two steep grades down which the fated cars ran at full speed. The impact was terrific. The cars were driven half through each other and crushed to pieces.

Supt. Savage was in the motorman's vestibule operating the outbound car. Both his legs were cut off and his dead body was frightfully mangled. Motorapproaching. He rushed tibule door and he and Motorman Whitehead were struggling together to get out of the door when the crash came. Both were killed. Kelly's head and shoulders were jammed out of the vestibule window and his neck was Whitehead's head was cut broken.

pen and his chest crushed.

Had it not been for the stout construction of the cars, both of which were new, it is doubtful whether any of their occupants would have escaped alive. As it was nearly all of the four-teen passengers in south-bound car suffered some injury. Some of the injured were taken to farm houses, others brought to city hospitals. The company officials are investigating as to the responsibility for the disaster and a coroner's jury has already been impanelled.

A RELIC OF THE PAST.

SURGICAL OPERATION FOR THE CURE OF PILES AND RECTAL DISEASES NO LONGER NECESSARY.

A Medical Discovery Which Will Change the Treatment of All Such Diseases.

It has long been thought not only by some physicians but by people in general that the common, painful and exceedingly annoying trouble, piles was practically incurable by any other means than a surgical operation and this belief has been the cause of years of needless suffering, because of the natural dread of surgical opera-

There are many salves, ointments and similar remedies on the market which afford some relief in cases of piles, put the Pyramid Pile Cure is the only preparation so far intro-duced that can be reliably depended upon to cure to stay cured, every form of itching, bleeding or protrud-

ing piles.
Mrs. M. C. Hinkley, of 601 Mississippit St., Indianapolis, was told by her physicians that nothing but a surgical operation costing between seven and eight hundred dollars, could cure her, as she had suffered for 15 years; yet even in such a case as hers the Pyramid Pile Cure accomplished a complete cure. She says:
"I knew an operation would be death to me and tried the Pyramid with very little hope and it is not to be wondered at that I am so enthusiastic in

Mr. D. E. Reed, of South Lyons, Mich., says: I would not take \$500 and be placed back where I was before I used the Pyramid Pile Cure, I suffered for years and it is now eighteen menths since I used it and not the slightest trace of the trouble has re-

The Pyramid Pile Cure is sold by nearly all druggists at 50 cents and \$1 per package, and, as it contains no opium, concaine or other poisonous drug, can be used with perfect safety. No one need suffer from piles in any form who will give this excellent remedy a trial. Send for book on cause and cure of piles, sent free by addressing Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall,

LOAN

NEW YORK BANKS HAVE NEARLY SIX HUNDRED MILLION DOL-LARS OUT.

HEAVY GAIN IN DEPOSITS.

THE AGGREGATE INCREASED BY SOME NINETY MILLIONS SINCE LAST MAY.

WEEKLY STATEMENT FAVORABLE.

With the Banks Buying Sterling Bills, the Outlook Is for Cheap Money Still.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.-The New York Financier says this week: The enormous balances which the New York banks have been accumulating for the past few months are shown in the clearing house statement for the week. Loans are now within \$2,300,000 of the \$600,000,000 mark, and deposits are \$666,278,600, which is one-third the total individual deposits reported by the 3,610 national banks of the United States Oct. 5 last. The rapid increases made by the banks since May last will be understood better when it is stated that the gain in deposits since that time has been \$90,000,000, and in loans more than \$89,000,000. Comparative figures show that \$50,000,000 of this increase in deposits and \$40,000,000 of the loans have been made by one bank, which holds at the present time over \$91,000,000 of net deposits.

The statement of the banks for the week is favorable. Loans show a continued increase, the expansion having been distributed among a larger num-

A half dozen others were more or less cut by broken glass and bruised. The exact cause of the accident is as yet in doubt. President Hendrie, of the Detroit & Oakland railway, said this evening that the responsibility for the disaster had not yet been fixed. According to the schedule, a car leaves each end, Detroit and Pontiac, every hour and there are three sidings along the road. Today the cars were behind statement, was \$1,166,300, but this, too, seems involved in special transactions. It is known that the banks received from the interior more than \$2,000,000 in excess of shipments, but since one bank alone increased its cash \$5,800,000, and the gains made by three amounted to \$8,500,000, it follows that the large majority of the banks have decreased their reserves. The statement, taken as a whole, proves the banks to be in strong condition. The larger institutions are buying sterling bills, and, as the Union Pacific deal has been financed without the first suggestion of disturbance, the outlook is for cheap money for some time to come.

NEW BUNKO GAME PLAYED.

South Dakota and Michigan Farmers Are Victimized.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The Chronicle says an inventive confidence man from the stockyards and a down-town phy sician who is alleged to be his accomplice were arrested yesterday for cleverly depriving Herman Klepstein, of Groton, S. D., and H. B. Van Patten, of Butler, Mich., of their money. The game was new and worked to perfec-

Klepstein arrived Monday morning with a load of stock, and after refresh ing himself he began a tour of the stockyards. He was accosted by a suave individual who offered his services in guiding him through the yards. Klepstein was glad to obtain such a guide, but at the same time he made up his mind that he would not allow any man to take advantage of him because he was from the country.

The two men spent some time in wandering about the yards. The guide proved to be a most interesting com-panon and the South Dakota man was charmed, though he could not at first entrely rid himself of suspicion. Dur-oing their sightseeing Klepstein happened to mention the name of Mont-gomery, Ward & Co., with whom he had done business from his native town and whom he intended to visit. He asked the gentlemanly fellow who was piloting him if he knew the firm's

address. When this question was asked the guide smilingly drew out a business card, saying: "Yes, I know their ad-dress, or ought to, as I am their stockyards agent, and look out for any of their patrons who come into the city this way." This statement relieved the mind of the stockman of all the misgivings he had felt before. Together the two started down town.

The new friend kept telling Klep-tein that he was not looking well, though the man insisted that he was feeling perfectly well. But the sup-posed agent was so solicitous that the posed agent was so solicitous that the stockman became frightened and they went to the office of Dr. F. M. Steward, in the Lakeside building. The doctor looked at Klepstein, and, as the latter says, advised him to submit to an operation. Klepstein finally yielded to the doctor, who placed him on his operating table and proceeded to hold an examination. A brief investigation brought the physician to the conclusion that Klepstein was seriously ill. When Klepstein got up the doctor

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The stockman objected to the payment of the bill, but the doctor insisted. The matter was ended by the turning over of a check for \$50 and the turning over of a pate for the remainder so signing of a note for the remainder, so Klepstein claims. The doctor wrote out a prescription, and at the drug store where it was filled the charges were \$3.75. Soon after the kind friend who had shown his interest in Klep-stein left him, promising to meet him at the store of which he was the

agent.

Klepstein was at the appointed place in the afternoon, but the agent failed to appear, and the inquiries convinced the firm that the farmer was the victim of the latest confidence game. De-tectives were at once sent out by the firm, and the guide was found to be Fred Englehart.

The experience of Van Patton was similar to that of Klepstein, though he was not such a heavy loser. He was examined by Dr. Steward and paid ome \$7 in cash, he claims, signing a for \$143.

Both men came to the Thirty-fifth street police station in the afternoon and warrants were taken out for the arrest of Englehart and Steward. The two men were arrested by Officers Connors and Wolff, and their case wi be heard this morning before Justic

More Money Needed. DES MOINES, Io., Dec. 4.—The report of the commissioners of Cherokee hospital for

the insane has been prepared, and will be submitted to the governor early next week. The commission will report the necessity for an appropriation of \$208,000 to finish the work on the institution, and put it in shape for occupancy. About \$279,000 has been extended on the superstructure to Dec. 1. Three other hospitals in the state and many county hospitals are in a crowded condition, and capacity of the new institution, 500 patients, will is intended for the use of patients from counties of the entire northwest section of the state.

HEAT-CURES A SPRAIN.

Injured Leg Is Baked in an Oven at a High Temperature.

a High Temperature.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 4.—E. B. Hinman, a sophomore in the University of California, has had his leg baked in an oven at a temperature of 300 degrees Fahrenheit, to cure a sprain. This, is 88, degrees higher than the temperature of boiling water, twice the heat at which meat is ordinarily roasted for the table. The sprain disapeared with wonderful rapidity. The injured limb was treated in a specially prepared apparatus, consisting of a copper cylinder resting on from supports, with a gas burper underneath. Hinman's leg was wrapped in absorbent cotton and placed in the cylinder, with non-conducting rubber bags closing the interior so that the heat could not escape. After three bakings the sprain was entirely cured.

KILLS THE PARASITE

SCIENCE POINTS OUT THE CAUSE OF DANDRUFF.

PROF. AUSTIN A LUCKY MAN.

Thousands of Western People Quit Scratching Their Heads Through His Aid.

HE MAY COME TO ST. PAUL.

It remains for a North Dakota man to make a discovery that will no doubt result in his name going down to posterity as one of the discoverers that have made this country famous.

It is said that Prof. J. H. Austin, of Grand Forks, N. D., has made a discovery which, judging from its importance, will rank with the greatest furnished, their publications are drop-discoveries of the age. After fifteen ped from the list, and all lines notiyears of patient and persevering experiments he has succeeded in producing a drug which belongs in the same category as the Keeley cure for the liquor habit, antifoxin for diphtheria The drug, which is a product chiefly of sort coal, with other ingredients, has the property of almost instantly curing dandruff, eczema and other affections of the scalp and

skin with one or two applications, by completely destroying the germs which produce the diseases. This remarkable



PROF. J. H. AUSTIN.

esult is accomplished without the slightest injury to the skin. Satisfied that his discovery would prove of in-estimable benefit to afflicted mankind, Prof. Austin has, during the past few weeks, treated more than 5,000 people with this wonderful discovery. Among this number have been many Twin City travelers and business men and physicians from all parts of the Red River valley.

ufacture will ere long reach huge dinensions, and the few weeks that have elapsed since he put the discovery on the market bears him out in the belief. At present seven men are engaged constantly in producing and putting up the medicine. It is guaranteed to stop the falling out of hair in ten days, and many of the physicians who have tried and tested it are prescribing it to patients thus afflicted. The discovery acts sure and certain by delines carried 135,400 tons. stroving the parasite which destroys the hair, and thus reaches the desired spot in a very short time. Mr. Austin instructs physicians and barbers in the use of the new drug. Prof. Austin is contemplating a visit to St. Paul.

NOVAK SENTENCED.

Hard Labor for Life the Penalty for His Crime

VINTON, Io., Dec. 4.—The motion for new trial in the case of Frank A. Nevak, convicted of murder in the second degree, was today overruled and the court passed sentence that he be confined to hard labor in the penitentiary at Anamora for the period of his natural life. The prisoner showed little emotion on the passing of the sentence and declared that he was innocent.

DEFENSE HAMPERED.

Luetgert Has No Money to Pay for Expert Testimony.

Expert Testimony.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The defense in the Leutgert case is likely to be greatly hampered in the matter of expert testimony. It came to light during the proceedings today that Prof. John H. Long, of the Northwestern university, has practically refused to have any connection with the present trial. Prof. Long was one of the prominent experts on the former trial, and did more work in the case than any other expert, with the possible exception of Dr. Riez. For his services on the former trial Prof. Long was paid \$300. In his researches he spent much more than this sum. According to the attorneys for the defense, there is no money available to recompense him for any further services. In addition to this, during the major portion of the former hearing it was vacation time in college, and Prof. Long had time to devote to scientific investigations. Owing to his college duties now he does not feel that he would be warranted, it is said, in neglecting work for which he is paid in the interest of other persons.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

by local applications, as they cannot each the diseased portion of There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies.

Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have by rumbling sound. inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be de-stroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the nucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by eatarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, Te. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

PLACING THE

TWIN CITY RAILROAD REPRESEN-TATIVES REVISE THE LIST OF STATE PAPERS

IN WHICH THEY DO BUSINESS.

NO MEDIUM ADMITTED WITHOUT THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF ROADS

AROUND THE LOCAL OFFICES.

Transcontinental Lines Will Begin to Prepare for Next Spring's Alaska Trade.

The Twin City Advertising association, consisting of the men who contract for what advertising the Twin City railroads do, met yesterday at the Ryan hotel, and now "Cal" Stone, of the St. Paul & Duluth, is president, and Moses Folsom, of the Great Northern, is secretary. The meeting was well attended, the following men representing the interests of their lines: C. R. Wilkinson, Burlington; J. P. Elmer, Great Western; W. H. Dixon, Milwaukee; W. A. Tucker, Omaha; Moses Folsom, Great Northern; Olin D. Wheeler, Northern Pacific; A. B. Cutts, Minneapolis & St. Louis; C. E. Stone, St. Paul & Duluth; Herman Brown, Wisconsin Central.

The list of mediums, comprising the Twin City dailies and some of the leading weeklies, etc., to the number of fifty, was carefully gone over, and it was decided that hereafter no new medium can be admitted to the charmed list save by a unanimous vote at one of the quarterly meetings, which are to be held the first Tuesdays in March, June, September and December. No publication will be at all considered unless it shall have been print-ed regularly for six months, and cases where publishers misuse transportation Several new publications were added to the list at the meeting yes-

TROUBLE IS IN STORE.

Serious Competition for the Transcontinental Roads.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—It is possible that, in the near future, the transcontinental roads will be compelled to meet the same trouble that has caused the roads between Chicago and Missouri river points to reduce their freight rates. The arrangements that the steamship companies have made between New York and the Gulf of Mexico ports and from there to San Exercises. Francisco with the Southern Pacific have proved so satisfactory to ship-pers that it is altogether likely that they will send much freight in that way if they are not afforded equal rates via the direct rail routes. Freight shipped by steamer from New York via Houston to San Fransisco, has been carried through in nine and

sides that the stand the Union Pacific will assume toward the passenger associations will have very much to do with the reorganization of the Transcontinental Passenger association and with the future of the Western Passenger association as well.

Gross earnings of seventy-nine roads for the month of November were \$9,-118,656, an increase of a trifle over 16 per cent over the aggregate earnings of the same roads for the same month

East-bound freight shipments for the week ending Dec. 2, amounted to 52,795 tons, compared with 44,661 tons last week and 72,166 tons the corresponding week last year. Divided among the different roads as follows: Michigan Central, 4,642 tons; Wabash, 4,444; Lake Shore, 6,903; Fort Wayne, 10,604; Panhandle, 8,068; Baltimore & Ohio, 3,604; Chicago & Grand Trunk, 4,085; Nickel Plate, 3,522; Chicago & Erie, 4,426; Big Four, 2,427. The Lake

CHRISTMAS EXCURSIONS.

Tickets From the Northwest to Canada on Sale.

Tomorrow, tickets for the annual ex-cursion business from the Northwest to points in the eastern end of Canadian dominion will be placed on sale at the usual reduced rate, and airrady the various interested lines have laid plans by which they hope to secure their share of the traffic.

The tickets which are good going from the 6th until the end of the present month, are good returning, for ninety days, and the rate of \$40 has been made for the round trip. The business is brought in from Canadian points by the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Soo lines and turned over to some of the Chicago turned over to some of the Chaago lines who, in turn, use the Grand Trunk and Wabash back to the east-ern Canadian points of destination. There is a hot scramble for the busi-ness each year, and the travelling passenger representatives are put to their best efforts to keep up with the keen comptition of their fellows.

UNION PACIFIC GOSSIP.

Mr. Winter Still the Favorite at

Omaha Headquarters. OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 4.-Gossip regarding the presidency of the reorgan-ized Union Pacific was very active in Omaha railway circles today. Thomas M. Orr, assistant secretary of the Union Pacific executive department, has been suddenly called to New York, but the reason for his unexpected trip cannot be learned here. While at Union Pacific headquarters it is still believed that Edwin W. Winter will be the next president. Those who have heralded the election of Horace G. Burt had their belief strengthened today when it was announced that on his recent visit here he made application for his former residence in this city, which he still owns. There is considerable anxiety at local headquarters of the Union Pa-cific, as it is believed that the coming of either Winter or Burt as president will immediately be followed by a number of official decapitations.

SALE OF BONDS.

Twenty Million Dollar Block Disposed of by Northwestern.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4-The Chicago & Northwestern railway has disposed of \$20,000,000 of 3½ per cent gold bonds, which are to be used for refunding purposes, being offered in exchange for bonds of the company maturing at early periods at fixed rates of exchange. The total issue of the new general mortgage, which matures in 1997, will

bonds maturing at various dates for retirement, of which the new issue is destined, amount to \$131,640,00.

NEED A SPRING TARIFF.

Transcontinental People to Prepare for Expected Business.

When the transcontinental people get together at the Planters' hotel in St. Louis this week there promises to be "2 hot time" in fact. The expected movement to the Pacific coast induced by the Alaskan gold discoveries has made the cross-country roads realize the need of some compact or agreement for the spring traffic. An effort will be made to reconstruct the old Transcontinental Passenger association, which the Canadian Pacific bursted so incontenently some time ago. Now come the C. P. again and at the outset threaten to smash everything by insisting not only upon being allowed a differential on Pacific coast business, which the Northern Pacific and Great Northern people say is out of the question, but that all favors granted the main line shall hold for the Soo Pacific branch. The Canadian road in substance asks that the old differential shall apply on Alaskan business and surface indications are that there will be a big howl.

Trains Delayed.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 4.—The railroads centering in Omaha report from six to eighteen inches of snow along their respective lines. There have been no blockades as yet, but all trains are from one to two hours late. In the southwestern part of the state, west of Alliance, on the Burlington, there is but little snow. The greatest fall is reported from the branch lines of the Union Pacific in the central part of the state north of Grand Island. The morning trains from Chicago were about an hour late. The express train of the Omaha road from St. Paul was an hour and a half late. The Union Pacific's afternoon train from the west was three hours late.

Railway Notes.

General Passenger Agent J. C. Pond, of he Wisconsin Central, was here yesterday the Wisconsin (from Milwaukee.

General Passenger Agent B. N. Austin, of the Baltimore & Ohio, who spent a day or two in St. Paul, left last night for Chicago. General Passenger Agent Whitney, of the Great Northern, is home from Chicago. Walter Wyand, passenger representative of the Michigan Central, leaves tonight for the North, on Canadian excursion business. North, on Canadian excursion business.

The executive committee of the Western Passenger association will, Tuesday, try to perpetuate the peace just patched up on St. Paul fares, and to that end will endeavor to bring into the association certain St. Paul lines now outside its charmed circle. "It is more than likely that to these smaller lines will be conceded a fixed percentage of the business as the only cement that will stick."

A regular meeting of the rate committee of the Western Joint Traffic association will be held Thursday in Chicago.

STILLWATER NEWS.

Prison City Has a Klondiker Who Refuses to Talk.

Refuses to Talk.

Thomas Barrett, who has spent many years in the West, and whose travels, it is said, carried him into Alaska and the famous Klondike country, returned home yesterday, looking rugged and healthy and seemingly able to withstand almost any kind of weather. A Globe correspondent found him at the home of his parents on West Myrtle street, spending the afternoon with his parents and other relatives. Mr. Barrett was asked for on account of his travels, particularly in so far as they relate to the new gold fields, but he refused to give up a word of information. He said he had nothing to say for publication, and wouldn't tell when he had left the Klondike country, or what he intended to do in the future.

One of the most important law suits in the Wahsington county district court for years is now on trial before Judge Crosby and a jury at the court house. It is the case of Dennis Boyle vs. the Cable Lumber company, of Davenport, lo., and is a test case to test the right of the Northwestern Boom and Dam company to charge a toil of 10 cents per thousand feet on all logs coming through the dam at Rutledge. Mr. Boyle logged for the Cable Lumber company, and when time came for a settlement the commany deducted 10 cents per thousand from the contract

York via Houston to San Fransisco, has been carried through in nine and ane-half days, which is fast enough for the average shippers and with lower rates this method of getting freight to the Pacific coast is bound to prove a strong competitor of the straight rail routes.

The Western Passenger men are watching the course of the Union Pacific with great interests and many of them admit that its course under the new management will for the next few months shape the course of its competitors. Some of the passenger men expect it to cut the rates and others are claiming that it will be handled in a conservative manner, the men of the latter opinion being in a decided majority. It is admitted on all sides that the stand the Union Pacific will assume toward the men of the latter opinion being in a decided majority. It is admitted on all sides that the stand the Union Pacific will assume toward the men of the latter opinion being in a decided majority. It is admitted on all sides that the stand the Union Pacific will assume the owner of the Cable Lumber company and when time came for a settlement the company deducted in the Cable Lumber company deducted in the Cable Lumber company deducted in the came for a settlement the company deducted in the came for a settlement the company deducted in the came for a settlement the company deducted in the came for a settlement the company deducted in the came for a settlement the company deducted in the came for a settlement the company deducted in the came for a settlement the company head charged them that much for the logs that came through. The sum involved in this case is about 322, but that is only a fraction of what the dam and boom company calms from other Sabut 2322, but that is only a fraction of what the dam and boom company calms from other Stillwater loggers who have operated on Kettle river for years and whose logs have come through the dam. A prominent logger stated yesterday that in the came for a settlement the company had charged them that much for the logs that musical programme has a surface for the occasion.

Miss Anna Nelson has returned from an extended visit at South Bend, Ind.

Miss Nellie Clough, of West Palm Brach, Fra., was a guest of Miss Ruth Dutcher during the week.

Miss Florence Bassett entertained the E. E. club Thursday afternoon.

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Mrs. J. C. O'Gorman has returned from Washburn, Wis. Mrs. C. G. Bauerman, of Lake City, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Warren dura guest of m. and derturde Mosler re-ing the week.

Misses Margie and Gerturde Mosler re-turned to Northfield on Monday, to attend Carlton college.

Rev. S. J. Kennedy will occupy the pulpit at the First Presbyterian church today.

The Married Ladies' Euchre club was en-tertained by Mrs. E. D. Buffington Wednesday afterpoon.

The Maried Lanes Buffington Wednesday afternoon.

The Parish Aid Society of the Episcopal Church, met with Mrs. W. H. Pratt Thursday afternoon.

The Byworth league gave a gramaphone entertainment at the Methodist church Friday evening. Refreshments were served.

Stillwater Lodge, B. P. O. E., will give two minstrel performances at the Grand operahouse on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and the rehearsais indicate that the performances will be fine. A number of young men in the city are assisting the Eiks. The reserved seat sale begins this morning and a part of the parquet will be reserved for the St. Paul contingent.

The North Hill and Stillwater Gun clubs have consolidated under the name of the Stillwater Gun club. The new club with have a membership of about thirty-five.

In the district court yesterday the jury in the case of Horace Voligny vs. the Stillwater Water company, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$500. The case will probably be appealed.

PRO-CUBAN SENTIMENT.

It Is Very Strong in Both the House and Senate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A special to the Herald from Washington says

Pro-Cuban sentiment is stronger in both houses of congress, but the disposition of many of the senators and representatives to delay action pending the trial by Spain of the new policies of the Sagasta ministry, and the influence of the administration and of the conservative leaders in both houses will be able to prevent any action These are the conclusions arrived at as the result of conversations with practically all of the senators and represent-atives who have arrived in Washing-ton. The men talked with represent all on the men taked with represent an parties and all shades of opinion, and their statements can be accepted as fairly indicating the feeling on the question. Out of twenty-eight senators seen, fourteen are against action of any kind by congress at this time. Six are in favor of action, but do not believe it is possible, and eight are unre-servedly in favor of immediate action Among the members of the house of representatives seen, the proportion of those in favor of action is rather larger than among the senators. This is accounted for in a large measure by the fact that a majority of those seen are Democrats and Populists who are opposed to the policy of the administration. It must be borne in mind. nowever, that the house of representatives is practically powerless to act in opposition to the will of the speaker and the party leaders if they are supported by a large percentage of the membership.

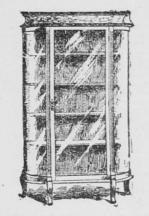
The speaker and Chairman Hitt, of the committee on foreign affairs, are opposed to action. The Republican majority of the committee is in accord with Mr. Hitt, and the speaker, backed up by this committee, can hold any Cuban resolution back indefinitely unless the pressure for action should be-come much stronger than it is at the present time.

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