

VERY LATEST WAGE WORKERS.

Bradstreet Reports 800,000 Idle in the Country.

Accidents in Various Parts of the Country.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Telegrams to Bradstreet, from 119 cities, show that at the present time there are 800,000 idle men in the country.

Suicide in New York.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—L. H. Marshtaler, a wealthy retired dry goods merchant, was found dead this morning in one of his vacant flats, having shot himself.

Fly Wheel Breaks.
DES MOINES, Dec. 23.—The fly wheel at the electric railway plant burst this morning. The building was much damaged, but no one was injured.

Cave in at Carnegie's Works.
HOMESTEAD, Pa., Dec. 23.—A cave in occurred at Carnegie's plant this morning. One man was killed and three seriously injured.

Small Pox in Joliet.
JOLIET, Dec. 23.—A small pox epidemic exists here. The city council appropriated \$1,000 last night to build a pest house.

Reunion of German Soldiers.
PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—On Jan. 1 a meeting will be held in Pittsburg to arrange for a reunion of the German soldiers in the United States, to be held in Pittsburg next August. It will last five days and 10,000 German soldiers and 50,000 visitors are expected to be present.

Bomb Explodes with Little Damage.
MADRID, Dec. 23.—A bomb charged with dynamite was exploded in the village of Sola, near Corran. A drug store was wrecked by the explosion, but nobody was killed.

Will Not Reduce the Puddling Scale.
PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—President Garland, of the Amalgamated Association, laughed when told that the Shenango and Mahoning Valley manufacturers were going to reduce the puddling scale to \$3.75 or \$3.50 per ton. He said the report was nonsense.

Crucified by an Epileptic Fit.
MARSHALL, Ill., Dec. 23.—Rufus Weaver, aged 15, has been burned to death. The boy went into the woods, built a fire and was taken with an epileptic fit and fell into the fire. When found by his father he was burned to a crisp.

The Fire in the Minook Mine.
MINOOK, Ill., Dec. 23.—The disastrous fire in the Minook coal mine is still smoldering. It is believed that it will require at least a week to extinguish it. No deaths have resulted from the fire.

Hogged White Worth \$30,000.
MILWAUKEE, Dec. 23.—Barbara Kraucher, who with her husband owns property estimated at \$30,000, has been fined \$25 for hogging.

Illinois Short-horn Breeders.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 23.—The Illinois Short-horn Breeders' Association elected Emory Clark, Kankakee, president; J. H. Pickett, Chicago, secretary; D. W. Smith, Springfield, treasurer, and removed the headquarters to Springfield.

Understood Human Nature.
Editor *Basco Eagle*—Go a little easy on Colonel Gore this week. In fact, I think we'd better try to er—smooth matters over somewhat.

Assistant—Has he made any threats?
Editor—No. He hasn't said a word. That's what worries me.—New York Weekly.

Then the Other Fellow Dropped Out.
Highwayman—Hold up your hands. What have you got?
Jack Potts (leveling a brace of self cockers)—Two sixes.—Truth.

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Tariff Talk Tabooed Until After the Holidays.

WILSON HIES AWAY TO SOLITUDE,

And the Decree of Death on the Man Who Violates the Gag Declared by Breckinridge—Senators Will at Once Begin to Investigate Our Relations with Hawaii—Stevenson Discourses Pleasantly on the Pilgrims—Judge Long's Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—"It will mean a death sentence if any person talks tariff until after the 1st of January," said Representative Breckinridge, of the ways and means committee. The committee has adjourned for a week and there will be nothing to say and nothing will be done during that time. Chairman Wilson has gone away for a few days and will probably escape any tariff suggestions. He has taken occasion to keep his retreat from the knowledge of a large number of people. While there will be no meeting of the committee, the sub-committee on internal revenue will probably continue at work and will have a bill ready to submit when the committee meets again. There is an evident purpose to hurry the tariff bill through when the house reassembles. It is probable that the session will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning and last until 6 at night during the consideration of the bill. Many people are arguing that the bill be passed at an early date so that business affairs may be adjusted to the new conditions. Several Democratic members of the house who signed the call for a caucus on the tariff bill do not believe that it will now be held.

Our Little Puzzle in Hawaii.
The senate committee on foreign relations will immediately begin the work of investigating the irregularity of the diplomatic relations between this country and the Hawaiian government, as authorized by the resolution of Morgan, chairman of that committee. The resolution, as it passed the senate, authorizes the committee to send for persons and papers, and it is the purpose to investigate the subject as fully as is possible under the scope of the resolution and as the regular duties of the members of the committee will permit. There are several residents of Hawaii now in the city, and it is the purpose of the committee to secure their testimony as soon as possible and before they leave here, consequently the committee will sit during the holidays, probably beginning next Tuesday or Wednesday.

STEVENSON ON THE PILGRIMS.

Being a Westerner, He Feels Himself Entitled to "Branch."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Vice President Stevenson was the leading orator at the annual banquet held here to commemorate "Forefathers Day." He responded to the toast, "Sons of the Pilgrims in the Nation." In facetious terms he referred to the fact that he came from the west—almost within hailing distance of the "extremely unpretentious city of Chicago." He was a westerner, a poor Scotch-Irishman at best, and neither a pilgrim nor the descendant of a pilgrim. He said he was like the colored brother who wanted a license to exhort, but not to preach, as he said, "If I had a license to preach I got to take a text, but if I just have license to exhort, I can branch."

Stevenson added: "In the early days of its history Illinois was the common ground where met the Kentuckian and the New Englander. Fidelity to truth compels me observe that their meetings were not always of a strictly religious character. In one respect, however, the descendants of the pilgrims bear a striking resemblance to those of Scotch-Irish and Cavalier ancestry. I refer to their readiness at all times and under all circumstances to accept positions of trust or responsibility and of profit. You do well to celebrate Forefathers Day. The story of the pilgrims is one which can ever grow old. That the pilgrims were men of deep religious convictions, of living faith, is attested by the churches, charitable institutions, seminaries, and great universities which have followed the path of New England emigration to the western limits of the continent.

"In the mart, at the bar, in pulpit and in hall of legislation, the influence of the Puritan has been all-powerful. How, in the vast area stretching westward from the Alleghenies to the ocean, their hands have aided in carrying out new states, in establishing upon permanent foundations the public defenses; in developing the great natural resources and causing—as if by magic—cities to spring into being, can be told only by the historian. Lying in the future pathway of our republic may be perils as great as any that have in the past menaced our free institutions. May we not abide in the belief that whatever dangers the future may disclose, inspired by the memories of the past, nerved by the faith that no tie nor circumstance can abate, the men with whom Plymouth rock is the sibyl's word will stand the bulwark of all that we hold most dear in our government, its institutions and its laws."

THE LONG PENSION CASE IS UP.
Involving the Question of Lochren's Right to Suspend Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The first attempt to get a judicial determination of the legal right of the commissioner of pensions to suspend a pensioner from the rolls came up before Justice Bradley, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia. It is brought in the form of an application by Charles E. Long, a justice of the supreme court of Michigan, for a mandamus to compel Commissioner Lochren to restore him to his full rating at \$75 per month.

Justice Bradley issued an order on the commissioner to show cause why the mandamus should not issue and the matter was argued by counsel. Commissioner Lochren and ex-commissioner Tanner were present and the legal array included Mr. E. B. Whitney, assistant attorney general, representing the government, and Mr. Thomas S. Hopkins, of Washington, and Mr. F. A. Baker, of Detroit, representing Judge Long.

Hopkins opened for the petitioner. He spoke of the legal aspects of the case and then vigorously attacked the pension policy of Commissioner Lochren and President Cleveland, asserting that the first adminis-

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 - Mufflers from 12c to \$2.48 each.
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 - Table covers from 69c to \$8 each.
 - Linen table cloths and napkins from \$4.45 to \$15 a set.
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