THE CITY.

IN GENERAL.

FANNY DAVENPORT is at the Palmer.

E. C. MACIER, of New York, is at the Pacific.

EDOUARD Remenyi, the violinist, is at the Pacific.

GEORGE B. BURCH, of Dubuque, is at the Pacific.

N. W. KITTSON, of St. Paul, is at the Sherman.

GEORGE B. DODGE, of Denver, is at the Sherman.

H. F. JENNINGS, of Boston, is at the Sherman.

WALKER ADAMS, of Davenport, Ia., is at the Pacific.

H. WENSTOCK, of Sacramento, Cal., is at the Palmer.

GILBERT PARKER, of Philadelphia, is at the Sherman.

H. E. W. CAMPBELL, of Cincinnati, is a guest of the Palmer.

MR. AND MRS. T. F. KING, of Washington, are at the Tremont.

STATE SENATOR N. D. KELLY, of Warsaw, Wis., is at the Tremont.

MR. AND MRS. H. E. STEDMAN, of Fort Collins, Colo., are at the Pacific.

DR. LYTTON FORBES, of London, England, is registered at the Palmer.

JOSEF PHILLIPS and wife, C. Sanson Murrina, and A. Hahn, of Mexico, are at the Palmer.

"MORALS, Politics, and Law" is the topic of Mr. Caverno's lecture at Hershey Hall at 1 p. m. to-day.

H. H. HAMMOND and family and S. P. Worthington, of London, England, are registered at the Tremont.

J. TRACY, of Cedar Rapids, President of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, is at the Pacific.

THE head of an unknown man was found yesterday morning by Officer McKinty lying between the rails of the Illinois Central Railroad. It appears to be that of an old man, and was so badly mutilated as to convey the impression that it had been on the dissecting table.

THE Rev. Frederick Courtney, Rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, delivered the second of his second series of lectures on "The Ten Commandments" yesterday afternoon in Farwell Hall before a large audience. The subject was "The Sanctity of Human Life," and the reverend gentleman succeeded in holding his hearers.

Saturday, Dr. Detmars, who for the past two or three years has been investigating the diseases of live stock in the West under instructions from the Agricultural Department at Washington, received instructions to proceed with his labors in reference to prophylactics against hog cholera, and after June 1 to take the field for experimental purposes. The letter of instructions implied that Le Due would continue at the head of the Department.

CORONER MATSON yesterday held an inquest at Undertaker Elton's, on Van Buren street, upon the remains of George Harness Bierce, 39 years of age, who committed suicide Saturday evening by taking strychnine, the particulars of which were given in Sunday's paper. The jury, after listening to all the evidence obtainable from Mr. Frank Bierce and others, brought in a verdict of death by suicide while suffering from a disease of the brain. The remains are to be sent to Cleveland to-day for interment.

A NEW feature of the Young Men's Christian Association work is the organization of a class in vocal music, with Prof. F. L. Robertshaw as teacher. The class was organized last Friday evening, ninety-five pupils joining at that time. No charge is made for tuition, and the class is open to ladies and gentlemen, whether members of the Association or not. The list will be closed one week from next Friday, so that all who wish to avail themselves of this splendid opportunity should be present next Friday evening. The Professor needs no introduction to the musical public of Chicago.

COL. H. M. Y AGRAMONTE, the old commander of the cavalry company which distinguished itself during the riots of '77, received his old comrades yesterday in Parlor O, Palmer House. The gallant Colonel left Chicago about three years ago, and since that time he has been in Utah, controlling the mining machinery in that district. He is here on a visit, and expects to leave to-day for the Territories. A large number of the members of his old company called on him yesterday, among them Messrs. E. A. Helm, A. T. S. Addison, A. W. Brinkwood, Edward Bell, Henry Barnard, and Lieut. W. S. Allen. They found the Colonel as talkative as ever, and he regaled them with tales of his thrilling experiences in the land of the Mormons. He expects to return to this city soon to take up his residence and spend the fortune he has made in the West.

LE BARON B. COLT, who has been nominated by President Garfield for the United States District Judgeship of Rhode Island in the place of Judge John P. Knowles, resigned, practiced law in this city for some years after the great fire in 1871, and was well known in social circles. The New Haven *Palladium* says he comes from a Connecticut family, his father having been Christopher Colt, of Hartford, a brother of Col. Samuel Colt, of revolver fame. He graduated at Yale in the class of '38. In ago is 65 years, and he has been but ten years at the Bar, his professional reputation is of the best. He is a member of the Rhode Island General Assembly, being elected from the Town of Bristol, and is now serving a second term. The *Journal* says of the appointment: "Mr. Colt has an excellent standing professionally, socially, and personally, and his friends anticipate for him an eminently satisfactory career on the Bench of the District Court."

NINETEENTH ILLINOIS.

The Nineteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry Veteran Club held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon at their club-room, No. 160 Randolph street, President J. E. S. Smith in the chair. The Club decided to decorate the graves of deceased comrades on Decoration-Day, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Comrade Joseph Skipsey presented the Club with a printed roster of the regiment, neatly framed, which was received with thanks, and ordered hung in the club-room. Comrade Nevans made a donation towards the library which the Club have started. Capt. D. F. Bremner said he would purchase the eight volumes of the reports of the Adjutant-General of Illinois and present them to the library of the Club. A committee was appointed to procure larger and more appropriate quarters for the Club.

Y. M. C. A.

The announcement through the press last week that the Rev. James Scott, of Glasgow, Scotland, would address a union meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and W. C. T. U. at Farwell Hall on Sunday evening called out an audience of nearly 800 people to listen to this able co-worker with the Moody and Sankey party now in successful progress at San Francisco; but owing, doubtless, to the snow blockade in Iowa, the gentleman had not, up to the hour of service, reported for duty. As he is on his way to the city and must arrive shortly, it will be announced through the press on what evenings he will be heard in behalf of the great religious revival on the Pacific Slope. If possible his services will be secured for next Sunday evening at Farwell Hall, but in event of failure to do so the Rev. Mr. Pope, of the Tremont Temple, will preach. The meeting last evening was ably addressed by Mr. A. Baxter, Secretary of the Citizens' Temperance League, and also briefly and tersely by Mrs. Carse; and a short after-meeting which followed was one of interest and profit to those who attended it.

THE LAND-LEAGUERS.

SIXTH WARD.

The Sixth Ward Land-League met in the basement of St. Pius' Church, on Paulina street, near Eighteenth, yesterday afternoon, J. W. Garvey in the chair.

After the reading of the minutes a warm discussion took place as to whether that portion referring to "Boycotting" the *Times* should be expunged or remain in the minutes. Those who took the side of allowing the minutes to remain as read referred in no complimentary terms to the editor of that paper, styling him an enemy of the Irish race and people, and also as one who, in the darkest days of this Republic, tried his best to aid the Rebels. One indignant speaker said he would never touch the paper save with a tongs, and it was a duty all Irishmen owed to it "Boycott" it.

It was claimed that a large number of politicians joined the League yesterday for the purpose of expunging from the minutes the proposed ostracism of the paper referred to, and several of these said they did not want to antagonize the paper, because it might some day take the right side of the Irish question.

The motion to expunge was finally carried by a close vote, and the subject was dropped.

Col. McClanahan then made an excellent address on the Irish question, full of sound advice, and warning his hearers against dissension in the cause they had so much at heart. He believed the remedy for Ireland's wrongs was to be attained through Parliamentary measures, and not by physical force.

After some routine business, the League adjourned.

SEVENTH WARD.

A meeting of the Seventh Ward Land League was held in the basement of the Holy Family school, on Morgan street, near Twelfth.

In consequence of the continued absence of the President, Joseph Dufty, from the meetings of the League, the office was declared vacant, and Mr. J. J. Curran was elected President.

A communication was received from the Tenth Ward League calling attention to the failure of the Buffalo Land-League Convention to do any good for the cause, and suggesting that the delegates to the Central League be instructed to canvass the matter of holding another Convention of broader scope, which would embrace delegations from all over the country.

After discussion, the matter was postponed for one week, to enable the members and delegates to the Central Club to post themselves as to the advisability of holding such a Convention.

Mr. James Duffy resigned as a delegate to the Central Club because of want of time to attend the meetings, and Mr. J. B. Ryan was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Secretary reported collections to the amount of $20, after which the Club adjourned.

THE LADIES.

The Ladies' Land League Club of the Tenth Ward met yesterday afternoon at 131 West Kinzie street. Mrs. W. B. Rigney was President, and Mrs. G. A. Bishop Secretary. The meeting was very fully attended, thirty-five members being present out of the whole number—thirty-seven. Several joined yesterday. "Why the Irish Should Pay No More Rent" is the subject of a paper that was read and discussed. Mrs. Bishop stated that the Club was succeeding beyond their expectations, much interest in it having been exhibited by the Irish ladies, and a respectable sum of money is already in the treasury.

TWELFTH WARD.

The Michael Davitt Club of the Twelfth Ward met last evening in Temperance Hall on West Lake near Seymour street. Mr. M. O'Sullivan presided. The meeting was fairly attended.

The Chairman of the delegation to the Central League reported that they had reorganized and elected new officers, who were to serve three months.

The Chairman then introduced A. L. Morrison, who made a telling speech on the Irish question, saying the present crisis would put the people to the test, and if they stopped now they had better not have commenced at all. The history of Ireland, the land confiscations, etc., were related at length. Gladstone had not fulfilled his promise, and Victoria was no better than her predecessors. The Irish should hold on to their land, and not enlist in the English service, and the Irish people here should not patronize British manufactures. Mr. Parnell was eulogized.

Maj. McCann made a brief address.

A communication was received from the Tenth Ward League asking the Club to favor a National Convention.

New delegates were elected to the Central League.

MILITARY NOTES.

THE Seventh New York cleared $90,540 by its fair, which was turned over to its armory fund.

COL. C. M. BRAZEE'S resignation has been returned to him, and he again assumes command of the Third Regiment.

CHARLES BONNEY, for a long time a member of Company H, First Regiment, has been appointed Commissary Sergeant of the regiment.

COMPANY H, First Regiment, will have a full-dress inspection at the armory next Wednesday evening. It will be conducted by Lieut.-Col. Knox.

CAPT. CHARLES S. DIEHL has requested that an election for Second-Lieutenant in Company H, First Regiment, be ordered for March 30. The request was made from the "Far West" over a month ago, but for some reason it never reached its destination.

THE Thirteenth New York has issued in pamphlet form a roll of honor, containing the names of all members who have attended drills regularly for six months. This would be a good scheme for some of our Illinois regiments and companies to adopt.

LACKEY'S ZOUAVES, an independent organization, are contemplating a "starring" tour through the principal Eastern cities during the coming summer. The First Regiment is agitating the question of organizing a battalion for the same sort of an expedition.

AT an election held by Company D, Sixth Battalion, Friday evening, March 4, to choose a Captain, vice Baker, resigned, First-Sergt. Edward P. Maher was elected to fill the position. Sergt. Maher has been connected with the company for nearly three years, and has proved an efficient and competent officer.

ACCORDING to a verbal order by Adjutant-General Hilliard to the Assistant Inspector-General of the First Brigade, Companies K and L of the Second regiment, H of the Sixth, and E of the First Cavalry,—recent organizations,—will not be mustered at the coming annual inspection unless each has its full quota of fifty men.

THE Wenona company, B of the Tenth Battalion, turned out a goodly number of men at inspection and muster Friday evening, despite the troubled state of the weather, and many of the young lady admirers of the boys were present. Capt. Patch thought he could easily have had twenty more had the weather been favorable.

THE Legislature at Springfield should lose no time in granting permission to Adjutant-General Hilliard to exchange some of the old refuse artillery for breech-loading Springfield muskets, or grant a sufficient appropriation to effect the same purpose. There are a number of good companies in the State who cannot drill the manual of arms because the tactics do not prescribe for the Enfield muzzle-loaders. If these troops were to be called into action, they would not be able to discharge their pieces more than twice a day, and then at great risk to themselves.

IN the military notes of last week complimentary mention was made of the Champaign company, and the opinion was ventured that the esprit de corps was such "that with competent management" the company might be made to master anything within the lids of the "blue-book." It would be hard to construe this assertion into an uncomplimentary allusion to the company, unless there was a determination to find fault; but it was done, and therefore it may be well to explain that nothing of the sort was thought of. The company having been advertised to this extent, it ought to be able to go "starring" throughout the season without costing it a cent in this direction.

CAPT. CHARLES S. DIEHL, of Company H, First Regiment Infantry, has just returned from an ink-winder's tour among the Indians in the vicinity of Fort Buford. According to his account, the weather was rather cool in that latitude, the thermometer sometimes going to 53 degrees below zero, and yet he was obliged often to travel in snow knee-deep. He joined Col. Iges' command as a "voluntary aid-de-camp," and as such participated in the fight with a band of Sioux Indians at Poplar Creek on the 24 of January, where eighteen warriors bit the dust. Col. Iges, in his official report to Adjt.-Gen. Drum, honorably mentions Capt. Diehl's name, together with that of Joseph A. Culbertson, a young resident of St. Paul, as wandering him about the battle. The only injury sustained by Capt. Diehl was a frozen nose, which, however, has not marred his good looks.

THE MUSTER.

Maj. Durand will inspect the Twelfth Battalion this week, as follows: Company B, Joliet, and also Battery C, Monday evening; Company G, Plainfield, Tuesday at 7 p. m.; Company A, Marseilles, Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.; Company D, Ottawa, Wednesday at 9 p. m.; Company C, Streator, Thursday at 8 p. m.; Company E, La Salle, Friday at 8 p. m.; and Company F, Sublette, Saturday at 7 p. m. The Chicago commands will be inspected next week, as follows: First Regiment, Monday at 8:30 p. m.; Second Regiment, Tuesday at 8:30 p. m.; Sixth Regiment, Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.; Battery D, Thursday at 7 p. m.; Sixteen Battalion, Thursday at 9 p. m.; First Cavalry, Friday at 8:30 p. m. The Third Regiment will be inspected during the week commencing Monday, March 28, as follows: Company G, Woodstock, Monday evening; Company H, Rockford, Tuesday evening; Company C, Freeport, Wednesday evening; Company H, Lena, Thursday evening; Company I, Galena, Friday evening; Company F, Rochelle, Saturday evening; Company A, Sycamore, Monday evening, April 4; Company K, Naperville, Tuesday, April 5, at 10 a. m.; Company D, Aurora, Tuesday evening; Company E, Elgin, Wednesday evening, April 6.

UNMILITARY CRITICISM.

The military critic of the *Champaign County Gazette* would do well to send another man the next time there is an inspection in that delightful burg, or the fine company located there will become discouraged. His remarks concerning the discipline of the members could not certainly be taken as complimentary, for he speaks of them as "passing opinions" upon the inspecting and other officers while standing at a "parade rest." It is to be hoped that the writer was mistaken upon this point, but the fourth paragraph of his criticism exposes the offeteness of some of the soldiers, mentioning them by name, who failed to catch their muskets properly when they were returned by the inspecting officer. The aforesaid critic furthermore expresses a desire to learn where the company got its training in regard to muskets, and adds: "From a personal experience, we can assure him that he fires thom back like a pitcher in a base-ball club." This is adding insult to injury, that an experienced ball-tosser should go forth to criticise a military inspection, and pass upon the same from such a standpoint. This was not a base-ball game, as a few who received the gun with both hands might have thought; and as for the training, for the information of the Champaign critic, the writer of this is authorized to state that the Inspector received it while officiating on the privates in the Federal army in 1863 and 1864. Had the critic been there at the time he would not need to ask the question, for he would have remembered his having been nearly knocked off his base by the returning weapon. In those days no soldier ever admitted that he was wounded in such a manner, for it would have been a confession of bungling weakness. Upon provides that the gun shall be "handed back," but the movement is so finical and unbecoming to a soldier that it is not regarded by half the inspecting officers of the service to-day, any more than is the gently lowering of the piece to the ground in the "order arms." The swift return of the musket in the former case insures the attention and wakefulness of the recruits, while a little motive-power attached to the latter movement insures a perfect "order," such as cannot be obtained by allowing the piece to slide gently to the ground. But the inspecting officer should adhere rigidly to Upton and forever all traditions, and there is no doubt that he will do so in the future.

A SICK PRIEST.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ELGIN, Ill., March 13.—The Rev. Father Carroll, of Chicago, has been sent to this parish by Archbishop Feehan to take charge during the Rev. Father Mackin's illness. The latter, parish-priest for two years past, has been very ill for several weeks, so that his life is despaired of. He will be taken to Mercy Hospital, Chicago, to-day for treatment.

Try the Shakers' Sarsaparilla.

CRIMINAL NEWS.

A Confidence Man's Game Broken Up by the Police of Hartford, Conn.

The Great Majority of His Victims Residents of the West.

Rather Unpleasant Termination of a Lawyer's Wool-Gathering Expedition.

Saturday's Proceedings in the Allen Murder Trial at Geneva, Ill.

An Alleged Manufacturer of Bogus Nickels Arrested in Grundy County, Iowa.

A Contractor's Paymaster in Alabama Robbed of a Large Sum of Money.

THE ALLEN MURDER TRIAL.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

GENEVA, Ill., March 12.—This morning the Court opened a little after 9 o'clock, and proceeded at once in receiving rebuttal testimony in the Allen murder trial. The first witness put on the stand was J. Ivor Montgomery. He said he was present when the deposition of Mrs. Thomas was taken for the Coroner's inquest. She said Will Thomas came home on the night of Feb. 14, 1880, at 11:40 o'clock. He was at the inquest when Will Thomas was sworn, and his testimony was reduced to writing and signed by him. Parts of the evidence taken before the inquest were then put in as evidence which do not correspond with the statements made by them on the stand during this trial.

Miss Nettie Thrawil said Thomas said to her, after being before the Coroner's jury, that, on the night of the murder, he was out until after 12 o'clock, and that he had been taken before the jury because on the night of the murder he wore an Ulster overcoat and a cap, and kept wild company, and was out late that night. While the witness was undergoing the cross-examination she became tangled on dates and fainted away, and had to be carried from the court-room, which caused quite a commotion among people present in the court.

By consent, the surrebuttal was commenced while the former witness was under treatment.

Charles Chambers said he lived in Sandwich last year, and was there on the night of the murder of Allen, Feb. 14, 1880, between 9 and 10 o'clock, and took a glass of beer with Buhlman, the man under arrest for perjury, and that Woodruff was not in the saloon on that night, as stated by Buhlman yesterday.

Henry Hennis lived in Saudwich at the time of the murder of Mr. Allen. The night of the murder he saw Chris Buhlman in his saloon between 8 and 9 o'clock. Woodruff was not in the saloon on that night, to the best of his knowledge. Why the witness knew Woodruff was not in the saloon was because he had been forbidden to enter, as he was a minor.

N. Scofield was in Hennis' saloon on the night of the murder, but did not see Woodruff there on that night.

Robert M. Allen, when put on the stand, said he was in Hennis' saloon on the night the murder occurred, but did not see Woodruff there.

J. Hayond also said he was in this saloon on the night of the murder, and Woodruff was not there.

C. Woodruff was on the stand for a moment, and said he had had two difficulties with Buhlman.

This closed the evidence for the defense, and they rested their case.

The Court adjourned until Monday.

The lady that fainted will be put on the stand that day to finish the cross-examination of the rebuttal, and a young man named Stinson, from Sandwich, will be put on the stand by the People.

Chris Buhlman, the man arrested last night for perjury in this case, was released this afternoon.

MILLER'S ATTEMPT TO GATHER WOOL.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Mich., March 12.—The arrest of ex-Assistant Prosecuting-Attorney Miller last night at New Baltimore has been the subject of much discussion here to-day. Miller was brought back here this morning, and was immediately surrounded by friends, who greeted him warmly, but were highly indignant that he should be suspected of conspiracy to defraud. Miller says that he went to New Baltimore as agent for a party, whom he declined to name, to ascertain the public sentiment in regard to a case which he was not at liberty to explain, and also in regard to a burglary case in which a sailor was concerned. on reaching New Baltimore, he learned that the only hotel was kept by a man named John Johr, who knew him by name. Wishing to preserve his incognito he assumed the name of George D. Hoffman. In working up his case at New Baltimore Miller said he had to come in contact with a low class of people, and, in order to "make himself solid," he professed to have been connected with the Burch swindle, that being the subject of conversation. In fact, he said he had a draft and papers. It so happened that John's wife was a cousin of Burch and Johr. She at once telegraphed to Detroit to procure Miller's arrest. As an evidence that he did not intend changing his name when he left Detroit, Mr. Miller stated that a letter was sent to him at New Baltimore in his own name. He declares that the first he knew of the swindle of $2,800 on Burch was last Saturday, three days after it occurred. Public sentiment exonerates Miller, but he is still in jail, in default of $1,800 bail. His examination has been set for Tuesday afternoon.

A CONFIDENCE GAME.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 12.—The Hartford Chief of Police, acting jointly with United States local officials, on Saturday last summarily checked a swindle upon which a fellow giving the name of W. H. Hall was realizing handsomely. He advertised in the newspapers throughout the country, and quite largely in the Western States, offering to hire men at $40 per month and expenses to distribute samples of soap. It was requested that stamps be sent for further information, and, in addition to pocketing these, Hall replied to applicants, requesting them to forward $1 for outfit. Many did so, and got no reply from Hall, who had no business, no goods, and no capital other than that used in advertising. Attention was called to his operations by the the extent of his mail, and investigation resulted in showing the fraudulent nature of his operations. Nearly 200 letters on hand, and all others coming, will be forwarded to the Dead-Letter Office to be returned to the writers. Hall was permitted to leave town without prosecution.

A SHOOTING EXPLAINED.

DETROIT, Mich., March 12.—The following explanation of the strange shooting affair which occurred at Williamston, in this State, on Wednesday night, has just come to hand: It seems that Dr. Lemin, who was shot at and narrowly escaped death by a man named Fairbanks, who went to Williamston for the express purpose, several years ago amputated an arm for Fairbanks, who now claims that the operation was unnecessary. He took this strange course as a matter of revenge. He is now in jail.

COUNTERFEITER ARRESTED.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 12.—William White was brought here yesterday from Grundy County, charged with making and passing counterfeit nickel coin. A large quantity was found in his possession, and also the dies for making it. The coin is made of lead and zinc, and is a poor imitation. He was bound over to the United States Grand Jury. Commissioner Park. Other parties are showing bogus nickels in the State, filled with leather, but the shovers cannot be traced out.

PAYMASTER ROBBED.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 13.—The Paymaster of the Muscle Shoals Improvements of Alabama, was robbed yesterday afternoon of $5,000 by three men. A telegram to the police officials gives a description of the men, who are mounted, but no particulars of the robbery.

DEATH OF A BURGLAR.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DUBUQUE, Ia., March 13.—The man Smith, who was accidentally killed at Epworth Saturday by the cars, turns out to be one of the gang who robbed the Warren Bank a short time ago.

THE PISTOL IN KENTUCKY.

CINCINNATI, O., March 12.—In Midway, Woodford County, Ky., Dan Dugun received three shots from a pistol held by John Conners yesterday, and is probably mortally wounded. Conners escaped. They were breaking hemp together, and renewed an old quarrel.

HANGED BY A MOB.

HOUDSMORO, Miss., March 13.—Ed Turney (colored), who grossly assaulted Mrs. Michael McIntosh March 6, was taken from Mississippi City Jail last night by a mob and hanged.

SHOT AND KILLED.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DUNDUQE, Ia., March 12.—Samuel Harker, formerly of this city, was shot and killed at Leadville to-day.

THE RAILROADS.

READING.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 12.—President Gowen's announced intention to stay away from the meeting of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company to-morrow will most effectually prevent the possibility of his displacement without an order of the Court. He admits that the opposition is stronger than himself, but he proposes to hold over until such time as the proxies which he holds will be valid for voting purposes. No shares can be voted upon unless they have been registered in the names of the holders for three months prior to the time of holding the annual election. Mr. Gowen holds proxies of 1,021 stockholders, owning 370,500 shares, the total amount being about 630,000. Of this total, however, 230,500 cannot be voted, having been transferred within three months, leaving only about 420,000 shares which can be voted. Mr. John C. Bullitt as attorney for Kidder, Peabody & Co., the agents of the McCalmont Brothers & Co., holds proxies for 216,000, a clear majority of the whole number entitled to vote, so that there is no question of the success of the McCalmont ticket headed by Mr. Bond. President Gowen, claiming that this is a special meeting at which no action can be taken without the representation of one-half the capital stock, will decline to recognize the proceedings as valid, and will therefore hold on until the courts pass upon the title of the newly-elected managers. He is in possession and cannot be put out in any event as long as there is any legal delay to which he can have recourse.

CHICAGO & DAKOTA.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 12.—Articles of incorporation of the Chicago & Dakota Railway Company were filed in the office of the Secretary of State yesterday. The proposed line, as set down in the articles of incorporation, is to start from a point on the Winona & St. Peter Railroad at or near Tracey Station, Lyon County, thence in a westerly direction to the State line in the County of Lincoln. The general offices of the company are to be located in Winona. The capital stock is fixed at $893,000, divided into 3,000 shares of $100 each. Five per cent is to be paid in at the time of subscription, and the remainder in installments as ordered by the Board of Directors, not exceeding 25 per cent at any one time. Exclusive of mortgages, the bonded indebtedness allowed to be incurred shall be $200,000. A Board of five Directors is to be elected annually on the first Thursday in June, the first Board being Marvin Hughitt of Chicago, Thomas Wilson and S. Sanborn of Winona, and M. M. Kirkman and J. B. Redfield of Chicago. Until their successors shall be elected Marvin Hughitt shall be President, J. B. Redfield Vice-President and Secretary, S. Sanborn Assistant Secretary, and M. M. Kirkman Treasurer.

APPOINTMENTS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

COLUMBUS, O., March 12.—Mr. William F. Black, for a number of years the private secretary to General-Manager D. W. Caldwell, of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railway, in this city, has been appointed Superintendent of the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad, with headquarters at Zanesville. Mr. Black succeeds Mr. C. C. Waite, who has been appointed Superintendent of the Little Miami Road, under the same management.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

TOLEDO, O., March 13.—The report telegraphed from here yesterday that General-Manager Woodford, of the Fort Wayne & Jackson Road, had been tendered the position of General Manager of the Canada Southern, is positively denied by a personal and close friend of that gentleman. The correspondent of THE TRIBUNE was called upon this evening and requested to make this denial, by one who speaks by authority. What Gen. Woodford said on this subject seems to have been misunderstood.

ON TO MEXICO.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 12.—A Dallas, Tex., special says: Advices received here from D. H. Hale, President, say that he has let the contract for the construction of the first twenty-five miles of the Chicago, Texas & Mexican Central Railroad to a syndicate known as the Chicago & Texas Construction Company, who will complete the road ready for the cars. The second section of twenty-five miles is to be let immediately. This fifty miles of work will be completed and the cars running by the 1st of next January. The Chicago Construction Company will build the road through to Mexico on the south, and to the line of the Choctaw Nation on the north, where connection will be made with the St. Louis & San Francisco line, which is now being extended southward.

LAKE ERIE & WESTERN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 13.—Those in position to know now express the belief that the much-talked-of extension of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad to St. Louis will not materialize this year, although it was understood some months ago that contracts had been made by which the track was to be laid to St. Louis by October next. General-Manager Waldron, of the Lake Erie & Western, stated to your correspondent that the projected road from Chicago to Buffalo might necessitate the postponement of the extension for another year. Surveying parties are still at work "blazing" a route, and the people along the line, particularly in Indiana, have voted liberal local aid toward the project.

APPOINTED TREASURER.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 13.—John Dougherty, for twenty years connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad, and for several years past Treasurer of the coal companies of the road, has resigned, and leaves for New York to-day to assume the position of Treasurer of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. Mr. Williams, a gentleman, also of the Pennsylvania Railroad, will at the same time assume the office of Assistant Treasurer.

OFFICIAL.

CINCINNATI, O., March 13.—D. W. Caldwell, General Manager of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad, says over his own signature, dated yesterday, that the transfer of E. A. Ford to the Pittsburg office of the Pennsylvania Railroad was a business necessity, and that no other changes will be made except transfers of the clerical force, and filling vacancies in cases of resignation, and that there is no intention to displace or discredit officers.

COLORADO ROADS.

DENVER, Colo., March 12.—Several hundred teams and men are working on the grade of the Denver, Western & Longmont. Contracts for bridges have been let, and work is being vigorously pushed. The report that work on the Denver, South & Western has been commenced was premature, there having been nothing done yet.

WILL NOT ATTEND.

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—The railroad managers have issued a circular announcing that they will not attend the meeting called for Monday. They have the opinion of their lawyers advising and sustaining this position. The attorneys claim that the meeting cannot be legal under the charter.

ITEMS.

The hearing of the application of the Texas Express Company for an order restraining the Gould Express Company from operating on the International and Texas & Pacific Railroads will come up before United States Judge McCormick on the 16th.

Sir Edward Watkin, the English railway manager, believes that the British traveling public will insist on the adoption of the American style of passenger-cars, which he calls "houses on wheels." The severe winter has also shown them how much the comfort of traveling is increased by the hot water pipe system of heating.

Mr. Jay Gould proposed to the people of Galveston that if they would subscribe $100,000 he would duplicate the sum from his own means, and they would at once establish a daily line of steamers to ply between Galveston and Vera Cruz, and to be operated in conjunction with the system of southwestern railroads owned by him. The proposition was accepted, and the line will be put in operation as soon as the steamers can be procured.

Col. J. W. Paramore, President of the Texas & St. Louis Narrow-Gauge Road, telegraphed the officials of the road in St. Louis last Friday that the bill had passed the Arkansas Legislature amending the railroad laws of the State so that a company operating a road in another State can pass through Arkansas without being required to obtain a separate Arkansas charter with another set of Directors. Had the law remained as it was before amended it would have upset all the plans for the eastern extension of the Texas & St. Louis Narrow-Gauge. Other companies that have Arkansas extensions are also much pleased that the Arkansas Legislature passed the bill. Being so near the close of the legislative session it was generally feared that the bill would not be reached.

A Portland dispatch says: "The Oregon Railway & Navigation Company are pushing work along their line beyond The Dalles. An immense transfer boat is being built at Celilo for the purpose of transferring cars of the Northern Pacific Railroad across the Snake River at Ainsworth. The boat will be 200 feet long, 36 feet beam, and 7 feet depth of hold. There will be two tracks capable of holding six cars each, and its carrying capacity will be twelve freight-cars each trip. Material for the boat is on the ground, and work is under headway, there being some fifty men employed. The boat will be ready for service by the 1st of May. Two large boats are also in course of construction at The Dalles,—one large scow, to be used by the engineers in working drills at the tunnels between The Dalles and the Cascades, and a huge wharf-boat to be put in use at the Company's landing. The latter is the largest boat of a like nature ever known, and will, upon completion, have cost the Company over $12,000. There will be room for storing 8,000 tons of freight and hold capacity for 12,000 tons. The Oregon Railway & Navigation Company are going to erect a large warehouse and increased dock facilities at Astoria, to cost from $6,000 to $10,000, which work will be commenced soon. Vice-President Oakes having heard various statements in regard to the condition of the road from Celilo to Blalocks, has made a trip to determine the condition from personal knowledge. He expressed himself entirely satisfied, and remarked that he found it better than he expected. The washouts have all been repaired. Mr. Oakes has made a requisition for thirty more locomotives from the East. Trains will be running clear through to Walla Walla by the middle of May."

AMUSEMENTS.

HOOLEY'S.

Hooley's Theatre was last night crowded to its utmost capacity, the occasion being the reappearance of Willie Edouin's company in "Dreams; or, Fun in a Photograph Gallery," certainly one of the cleverest and most mirth-provoking musical conceits yet written. Its lease of popularity will be much longer than the general run of such pieces if some of the members of the company do not spoil the drollery of their acting by over-elaboration. There is a tendency in this direction, particularly in the case of Mr. Kruger, the *Photographer*, and in some of Mr. Edouin's business in the early part of the second act. The piece needs no extended description now. It is a mixture of opera, comedy, burlesque, pantomime, and the entertainment is very clever with the exception of Miss Alice Atherton, whose place is fairly well filled by Miss Lillian Lancaster. the cast remains the same as formerly, including, of course, Mr. Edouin, whose exquisit bit of character acting in the first act cannot be too highly commended; Mr. Kruger, in full, in all things comical, capital burlesque of the photographic artist; Miss Lotta Belton, who is phenomenally gifted vocally—she sings with a well-trained tenor voice; Miss Annette Du Mare as a French maid acts with vivacity; Mr. Charles T. Powers, an Irish comedian, with a keen sense of humor not often in his business, and all things considered, a capital burlesque of the photographic artist; Miss Ida Shapely, who, with her sweet soprano voice, charms the audience. "Dreams" will be given every night during the week.

OTHER THEATRES.

The most important event this evening will be the reappearance of Miss Fanny Davenport at Haverly's Theatre. She will begin her engagement as *Camille*, a rôle which she will play here for the first time. "My Partner" was represented at this house yesterday evening for the last time before an audience fair in size. The engagement of "The Voyagers" at the Grand also terminated last night, and this evening the Harrisons will reintroduce their "Photos." It is said that this musical absurdity has been improved since its representation here. Little Alice in the *Marvelous and Original Curiosity Shop* will begin the second week of her engagement. Sprague's Georgia Minstrels will be seen at the Olympic. "A Terrible Test," a melodrama and variety, at the Academy of Music, and "The Convict's Daughter" will reopen the Desplaines Street Theatre to-night.

LOCAL POLITICS.

Declination of Ald. Swift.

The following correspondence explains itself:

CHICAGO, March 3, 1881.—*George B. Swift, Esq.*—DEAR SIR: The undersigned taxpayers and legal voters of the Eleventh Ward, being satisfied with the manner in which you have represented us in the Common Council during the past two years, respectfully and earnestly request that you permit the use of your name as a candidate for reelection.

Leonard Swett,	C. H. McArthur,
S. N. Wilcox,	Graeme Stewart,
A. J. Snell,	F. W. Lehmann,
A. B. Cook,	James A. Hair,
A. N. Reece,	C. H. George,
John Hoffman,	Samuel Parker,
C. R. Barton,	S. C. Storer,
J. J. Brown,	D. Brobston,
Dr. E. Ingals,	E. W. Darvey,
D. J. Avery,	E. E. Lee,
H. B. Chandler,	J. H. Clapp,
Dr. H. Webster Jones,	W. S. Minkler,
A. J. Stone,	C. L. Currier,
O. L. Mann,	Samuel Kerr,
T. G. Peters,	Andrew Smith,
N. S. Monnon,	Thomas Chalmers,
P. W. Palmer,	R. Smale,
George H. Mendsen,	D. W. Munn,
B. A. Eckhart,	O. C. De Wolf,
S. P. Dewey,	and over 500 others.

CHICAGO, March 12.—*To the Hon. Leonard Swett, S. N. Wilcox, A. J. Snell, A. B. Cook, John Hoffman, and others*—GENTLEMEN: While I highly appreciate your approbation and esteem, as expressed in your communication, I respectfully decline to be a candidate for reelection. Very truly yours, GEO. B. SWIFT.

EIGHTEENTH WARD.

The following is a list of the Republican Judges of the city and town election for the Eighteenth Ward, and the polling-place in each precinct, as authorized by the City Council:

First Precinct—Judges, Henry T. Thompson, Peter Almendinger. Poll at 240 Rush street.

Second—Judges, Charles Harpel, John Schuster, Jr. Poll at Turner Hall, North Clark street.

Third—Judge, P. P. Heywood, J. N. Maynard. Poll, corner of Wells street and Chicago avenue.

Fourth—Judges, John Hanke, Watson Griffith. Poll at No. 51 Wells street.

Fifth—Judges, William J. Kroger, Frederick Becker. Poll at No. 105 North Clark street.

Sixth—Judges, Freeman Conner, Reed W. Williams. Poll at No. 125 North Clark street.

Seventh—Judges, Andrew Nelson, George Casler. Poll at 193 North Clark street.

Eighth—George Webster, Charles Cloyes. Poll at corner of Pine and Leggett streets.

Ninth—Judges, L. L. Wadsworth, Walter G. Goodrich. Poll at Nos. 3 and 5 Rush street.

All the Judges above named should get their papers to-day from the City Clerk, so as to be prepared to register to-morrow morning.

BURGLARS ARRESTED.

George Brown, an accomplice of Henry, alias "Nigger" Jordan, in the recent burglary of a coal office at No. 109 West Ohio street, was yesterday captured by Officer Thomas Redden. Jordan is in the County Jail, on his way to the Penitentiary, and Brown is in default of suit. In attempting to escape from the police on the night of the burglary, the thieves dropped a box of tools belonging to S. E. Chase.

Early yesterday morning Officer O'Brien, of the West Twelfth Street Station, struck a trail of flour leading from some freight-cars on the