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TEN CENTS A WEEK. 5 O'CLOCK TOPEKA, KANSAS, TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 23, 1894. TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

SOLDIERY COMING.

Florida Militiamen Reach Jacksonville Today.

The Pugilists Friends Preparing for Them.

TO SET UP DRINKS

And Get on the Tender Side of the "Melish."

Work Resumed on the Duval Club's Arena.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 23.—There will be a spectacular feature in the record of pugilism in Jacksonville today, before the sun goes down.

Nearly half the militiamen of the state of Florida will arrive in the city today, and the bright uniforms and shining guns of the citizen soldiers will interest the population at large and delight the colored contingent in particular. This will concentrate the entire second battalion of the state troops.

A letter was received in this city from a distant point, saying that a convivial reception of one of the detachments of militia would surely gratify the men of that command, and it was not unlikely that they might stack guns on the street corner in order to respond without being hampered.

It was more than indicated that if the reception thus tendered to the brave soldiers should cover the courtesies to the Mitchell contest, those troops might at least, in the glow of reciprocation, forget to return to their guns. Thus, as the purpose of the writer was stated, so much of threatened interference might be with ease and slight expense be disposed of.

Sheriff Broward says this morning it was conceived that an injunction of the court might prove to be an instrument of some consequence, even worthy of his official, if not his personal, consideration. He makes this double-edged statement: Either it has two edges or the worthy sheriff has not a scimiter-edged conception; probably, however, he is a diplomat of whom the value has not yet fully impressed itself upon the people at large.

This is the substance of what he says today: "I want to tell you that this fight won't take place in Duval county, but if the judge in the court today thinks the governor is wrong, and an injunction is right, why then that's all I have got to say about it."

The manner of the official was that of a man who was willing to admit that he might be stopped without being bottled up.

The argument upon the bill praying for an injunction was called in the circuit court before Judge Call and the arguments of both sides are being presented. The judge is understood to be of a determination to grant the injunction prayed for if the argument presented can convince him that such a contest as is indicated in the articles of agreement is not illegal.

Judicial Decision Must be Had.

The fact is, however, that Judge Call will be led to a decision upon exactly the point for the adjudication of which the Duval Athletic club has all the time contended, that is, that judicial voice shall be had upon the case and the merits of the case. The judge will not render a decision today. He may have a decision ready by tomorrow afternoon; again he may say to the club people that he needs more time to reach a determination.

Should this last situation be reached it will become necessary for the club to defer the contest until the decision is rendered. This it might be that Thursday and much of Friday night will pass before this legal point is settled. Then, if decided in favor of the club, the fight may take place upon Saturday. The interim would incidentally have made it possible for several thousand more people to arrive in Jacksonville to witness the contest. It is not, however, the purpose of the club as a whole to defer this contest, if it is possible not to defer.

It is within the range of possibilities, however, that Corbett and Mitchell before this shall have appeared in print, may have signified their willingness that the fight should go over until Saturday. The end of the legal steps now laid out will not have been reached should the decision of the judge be unfavorable to the club and the contest. There is another and possibly still another link in the anchor chain which the club has cast out.

Today Perhaps the Last of Training.

It is possible that this may be the last day of the pugilists at their training quarters. If it should be in the "books" that the men are to fight Thursday, and in the woods, the people of St. Augustine or Mayport may arise to discover that the fighting contrabands have moved on during the night without leaving evidence or trace of their objective point.

If there has been damage to the ligaments or tendons in Mitchell's anatomy, as has been somewhat sensationally reported, the difficulty is in one of his ankles, and is the result of a feature of his training, which has involved his tramping up the stairs of the lighthouse at Anastasia Island from five to eight times daily. This exercise is like that of the jumping of the rope, and the ball of the foot being probably strained in some slight degree and possibly the tendons of the ankle have been in some measure involved.

Mitchell's substitute of stair climbing is so nearly like rope jumping that the difficulties resulting to many other athletes in the use of a rope, may have been in a lesser degree occasioned by his work on the light house stairs.

States Attorney Pardridge has received a telegram from Attorney General Lamar stating that he would be in Jacksonville tomorrow.

Other Suits.

The civil proceedings begun on behalf of City Judge Gibbons and Claus Meyer of this city against Brady, Corbett and President Harmon of the Mayport railway for occupying cottages belonging to the plaintiffs without permission, will not, it is thought, cut any figure whatever.

Papers were served on President Harmon and a deputy sheriff went to Mayport on the morning train to serve them on the defendants. Meyer and Gibbons claim $5,000 and $1,250 damages respectively, both suits charging trespass. The cases will come up for trial in the circuit court and the defendants will have some time in which to file their answer.

WORK ON ARENA RESUMED.

The Managers of the Texas Fight Seem to be Confident.

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 23.—Work was suddenly resumed this evening upon the East Jacksonville arena by the Duval Athletic club. Workers and a force sufficient to complete it soon threw the ground.

In addition to the extension of the Western Union wires necessary to bring made and before night all the instruments will be "cut in." This action, after the work had been supposedly permanently stopped, is causing any amount of talk and seems to indicate that the club has the highest trump still to be played and is only waiting the last trick to play it.

Off for Jacksonville.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—"Pony" Moore, Jack Dempsey, "Brooklyn" Jimmy Carroll, John Eckhardt, F. J. O'Donlon, Clarence McCormick, Mattie Clune, Jhes Sheehan, A. M. Cipperman of Philadelphia, Parson Davies and Joe Choynski have left for the Jacksonville fight. Their train was made up of ten cars. A party of Philadelphians joined the train at the Quaker City. Fifty sports also started by another route.

WILL IT BE PUT OFF.

Proposition Made to Postpone Corbett-Mitchell Fight to Saturday.

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 23.—The Duval Athletic club has made a proposition to Corbett and Mitchell to fight on Saturday, instead of Thursday. Corbett has accepted. It is not thought that Mitchell will.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

Doings of the Upper House of the National Legislature.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—At the opening of the session of the house this morning on motion of J. T. Wise, the president's veto of the New York & New Jersey bridge bill was referred to the committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

A minutes later when the house went into committee of the whole to resume the consideration of the tariff bill, Mr. Oates (Dem., Ala.) called attention to the peculiar complication that had arisen owing to the failure of the committee yesterday to complete the consideration of the sugar schedule. It comes over as unfinished business, while by special arrangement made last Saturday, today was set aside for the consideration of the coal and iron ore schedule.

Some discussion followed as to the parliamentary status, and it was finally decided by unanimous consent to go ahead with the vote on the sugar schedule, and after that was disposed of, to take up coal and iron.

The pending question was the Robertson amendment imposing a duty on raw sugar and increasing the duty on refined sugar as amended by Mr. Warner, placing both raw and refined sugar on the free list. The confusion entailed by these two incongruous amendments had first to be straightened out.

Mr. Dingley claimed that the Warner amendment was utterly inconsistent with the Robertson amendment and should be considered as a substitute.

Mr. Roberts took issue with him, maintaining that the effect of Mr. Warner's amendment simply was to place refined sugar on the free list, leaving so much of his amendment as imposed a duty upon sugar below 16 Dutch standard unaffected.

IN THE SENATE.

Resolution Opposing the Annexation of Hawaii Come Up.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—In the senate this morning Mr. Turpie, Democrat, Indiana, from the committee on foreign relations, reported favorably the following resolution:

Resolved, That from the facts and papers laid before the senate it is unwise and inexpedient under the existing conditions to consider at this time any project of annexation of the Hawaiian islands to the United States; that the provisional government therein having been duly recognized, the highest international interest requires that it shall pursue its own line of policy; foreign intervention in the political affairs of those islands would be regarded as an act unfriendly to the government of the United States.

"It is declared by the committee on foreign relations," said Senator Turpie, "to ask immediate consideration of the session. It is the unanimous expression of the committee, save the dissent of the senator from Oregon (Mr. Dolph) to the first clause. I am also directed to say that this resolution has no relation to the special investigation now being made by the committee."

"I object to the present consideration of the resolution," said Senator Teller of Colorado. "It has not yet been printed."

"Whenever that resolution comes up," added Senator Mills (Dem., Texas), "I shall ask for a division on the question."

"As this resolution may bring up considerable criticism," repeated Senator Teller, "it ought first to be printed."

Senator Turpie made another appeal, but Senator Teller insisted, and the resolution went over under the rules.

A bill for an American commission at the Antwerp, Belgium, international exposition was presented by Senator Manderson (Rep., Neb.).

POWDERLY NOT DOING IT.

Sovereign Says the Ex-Leader is Not Trying to Oust Him.

DES MOINES, Jan. 23.—General Master Workman Sovereign says there is no truth in the published reports of united efforts being made by Powderly friends to oust him from office and reinstate Powderly.

He says there were no unlawful irregularities in his election.

FIRST BLIZZARD.

It Comes Today and Will Stay Awhile.

Mercury Falls Nearly to Zero and Going Down.

LIGHT SNOW REPORTED

It Extends Over the Greater Part of Kansas.

The Storm in Other Parts of the West.

This has been the worst day of the season and a complete surprise to the weather bureau officials.

The indications of yesterday were that it would be warmer this evening; instead of that, it was warmer this morning.

At 7 o'clock the standard thermometer at the government weather bureau at the Columbian building registered 7 degrees above zero, and since that time it has been growing steadily colder. A regular blizzard has been raging with a slight fall of snow since 8 o'clock.

At one o'clock this afternoon when Officer Jennings went up to the thermometer shelter, the government weather regulator said it was three degrees above zero and an examination of the map showed colder weather may be looked for tomorrow.

Sergeant Jennings says while the storm is general all over the state it is much the worst in the eastern portion.

Advices received at the office of the superintendent of the Santa Fe telegraph service, say that a light snow storm is falling throughout the state today.

The weather has been cold and in western Kansas a strong wind accompanies the storm.

The snow, however, is not heavy enough to delay traffic and all of the trains have been on time today.

THE BLIZZARD ELSEWHERE.

It Seems to Be a Mild-Mannered One in Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 23.—Dispatches from different points in Kansas state that a mild mannered and rather well behaved blizzard is in progress in that state. Snow began falling last night and continues today, but it is very light and offers no serious obstruction to travel.

The velocity of the wind is not great. In the western part of the state the thermometer shows a record of about ten degrees above zero, but in the eastern portion, the mercury reaches a higher mark.

Traffic Blocked at Omaha.

OMAHA, Jan. 23.—A blizzard has been blowing all day and is increasing in force this afternoon. The thermometer this morning registered six below, and at 1 o'clock it had fallen to sixteen degrees under zero. Street cars are running very irregularly and railroad traffic has been greatly retarded.

In Iowa.

DES MOINES, Jan. 23.—One of the worst blizzards seen in Iowa for years is in progress. Street cars here are blockaded, all trains are behind time. Snow has been falling all day with no prospect of a let up. The thermometer is at zero.

DOES HIS PART.

The President Signs the Bill Providing For the Dam.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The president has signed the following bills:

To amend an act granting the Arkansas Pass Harbor company the right to improve Arkansas pass.

To amend an act relative to the inspection of iron or steel boiler plates.

To amend an act authorizing the New Orleans, Natchez & Ft. Scott railroad company to construct two bridges across Bouff river, Louisiana.

To authorize the construction and maintenance of a dam across the Kansas river, within Shawnee county, Kansas.

Granting certain lands to Arizona.

Extending the time for the construction of the Kansaw railway.

For the establishment of a light and fog signal station near Butler Flats, New Bedford, Mass.

To amend an act so as to require original receipts for deposits of postmasters to be sent to the auditor of the treasury for the postoffice department.

THE MAN CAPTURED

Who Perpetrated the Outrage at Marbut Hill, Missouri.

AURORA, Mo., Jan. 23.—The negro arrested at Springfield on suspicion of being the Marbut Hill ravisher, passed through here this afternoon on a freight car in charge of Constable Berry, en route to the home of the injured Jacquin girl for identification. A large crowd is following, and if identified, his fate is sealed.

TOO BRUTAL FOR MEXICO.

Bull Fights Are All Right, But Prize Fights Are Inhuman.

MEXICO CITY, January 23.—President Diaz would not permit the Corbett-Mitchell fight to take place in Mexico. He made this statement yesterday to a member of the organization which was formed to pull off prize fights in this country.

Owing to the prospects of the fight not taking place in Florida, it was thought proper to get the consent of President Diaz to have the contest occur here if an offer should be accepted. President Diaz stated, however, that if the sport is too brutal to be given in the United States, it cannot be given in Mexico.

Childs Still Improving.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23.—Mr. Childs' condition this morning shows a slight improvement over that reported last night. His nurse states that while Mr. Childs is still a pretty sick man, there is no cause for alarm.

THE JURY DRAWN

For the February Term of the U. S. Circuit Court.

The jury for the February term of the United States circuit court was drawn yesterday and on the 6th of February, Judge Alfred S. Thomas of South Dakota will convene the court in special session, to dispose of all cases upon the docket of the court.

George F. Sharitt, clerk of the court, says that he has heard from Mr. Thomas and he can remain here as long as may be necessary to hear every case and the attorneys have been notified to have their cases ready for trial.

The Hillmon insurance case will come up for trial and Judge Thomas will hear it; the case will probably take at least ten days in hearing the evidence and will be the most important of any case heard at this session.

In the list of the petit jury there is no resident of Topeka, but they will come from all parts of this district of the United States court.

The list of jurors is as follows:

J. G. Beymer, Florence; J. M. Watson, Frankfort; James Turner, Clyde; David Dobson, Abilene; J. C. Chase, Holton; S. H. Dodge, Beloit; S. Hollister, Atchison; Thomas Block, Burlingame; John Stevenson, Salina; Cyrus Allen, Junction City; R. T. McCamish, Vance; A. E. True, Vera; L. Cochran, Cottonwood Falls; H. S. F. Davis, Strong City; G. B. Falconer, Minneapolis; R. E. Cable, Kansas City, Kas.; L. S. Burdick, Padona; Richard Moorehead, Sabetha; M. L. Duncan, Blue Rapids; John Sims, Council Grove; R. C. Baldwin, Colby; Geo. F. Guy, Riley; W. D. Jenkins, Troy; J. L. Jennings, Elmont; Eli Fowler, Emporia; J. K. Torrey, Clay Center; Benjamin Baker, Lincoln; C. P. Cochran, Atchison; J. B. Pierce, Westmoreland; M. F. Mansfield, Marion.

ENGLISH VIEW OF TALMAGE

Is There Any Connection Between Resignation and Falling Receipts?

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Standard in commenting on Dr. Talmage's announcement of his intention to resign from the pastorate of the Brooklyn tabernacle, says that he is without serious rival in his peculiar line of oratory, and that his usefulness has never been impaired by a passing scandal. It adds that when he retires from the Tabernacle pulpit it will will be a difficult thing to replace him.

The Chronicle commenting on the same subject says: "Are we to suppose that there is any connection between the resignation of Dr. Talmage and the falling receipts of his Tabernacle? Dr. Talmage has been an eminently sensational preacher, and may be after 25 years of over-charged rhetoric, the people of Brooklyn think they have had enough for their money.

The American pulpit of today however, is strong and influential enough to dispense with the peculiar methods which Mr. Talmage has adopted."

SUGAR STOCKS GO DOWN.

Action of the House Yesterday Causes a Drop on the Stock Exchange.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—An exciting time in the sugar pool was to be expected on the stock exchange this morning in view of the action of the house yesterday, abolishing the sugar bounty system and placing refined sugar on the free list. The strong close of yesterday merely tended to increase the volume of the offerings at the opening of business. The first sale was a block of 8,000 shares of sugar common at 79, a break of 2¾ per cent and then amid excitement, the price went down in one per cent jumps to 76, where a halt was called in the downward rush.

TODAY'S TELEGRAPH TIPS.

The Imperial porcelain and glass works at St. Petersburg, together with their valuable machinery and models, have been burned.

The decision in the South Carolina Palmetto trade mark case has been delayed by the adjournment of the district court of appeals until the first Monday in February.

Senator Palmer, of Illinois, has settled the long controversy over the Springfield, Ills., postoffice by recommending Reuben Ridgley, formerly chairman of the county committee.

Judge Wallace's decision in the New England receivership has been announced. He appointed Thomas C. Platt, of New York, and Marsden J. Perry, of Providence, R. I., joint receivers for the road.

It is semi-officially stated that in the United States district court at New York Judge Wallace will appoint T. C. Platt permanent receiver of the New York & New England railroad.

The National Brickmakers' association was called to order at Chicago this afternoon. Ex-Congressman Ruer, of St. Louis, delivered the annual address and reports were submitted by the secretary and treasurer.

Salvador Franch, the anarchist who confessed to being the author of the Liceo theater outrage at Barcelona, is recovering from the wound which he inflicted upon himself with a pistol under the right arm at the time.

The proposed coalition cabinet in Servia has been abandoned and the king has charged M. Arkimovies to form a liberal ministry. It is understood that M. Arkimovies is meeting with serious obstacles in carrying out the task imposed upon him by the king.

A terrible battle between William and Crockett Mize, on the one side, and two brothers named Daniels, on the other, occurred in Polk county, Ark., yesterday. The fight occurred at the home of the Daniels brothers, over a debt which the Mize brothers claimed Daniels owed them. The men were all moonshiners. The Mize boys were instantly killed and one of the Daniels boys so badly wounded that he has since died.

Suspects Coming to America.

DUBLIN, Jan. 23.—Nolan and Mears, the two men arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of Reed, and who were discharged owing to the failure to connect them with the crime, have sailed for America.

H. H. Wallace, one of the prominent farmers of Mission township, was seriously hurt this morning in a runaway.

TREASURERS HERE.

Only Eleven in Attendance, All from Western Kansas.

The Subject of Salaries Proves Interesting.

OUGHT TO BE HIGHER

Says Treasurer Rodgers of Shawnee County.

The Meeting of the Association Adjourns Tonight.

Western Kansas would get the prize, if prizes were offered for the best attendance on the annual meeting of the State Treasurer's association.

Eastern Kansas is simply not "in it" in attendance and only eleven treasurers are here at all who are in session at the county clerk's office.

The first business this afternoon was to accept a box of cigars from George W. Crane, and after the members had lighted the weeds the discussion of the objects of their assemblage was begun.

County Treasurer Rodgers of Shawnee county, said that they were the poorest paid men of any public officials.

He said that if they worked as hard in any other business they would make twice as much money.

The same opinion prevailed and they all thought that something ought to be done, and at once, to increase their salaries.

Other matters pertaining to their offices were discussed, and after being in session several hours an adjournment was taken.

The county treasurers in attendance at today's meeting are D. R. Johnson of Johnson, J. L. Henderson of Franklin, G. D. Nelson of Allen, S. Boree of Barton, J. A. Geaning of Wichita, J. H. Doran of Sedgwick, J. S. Wilkins of Cowley, Mark Tully of Montgomery, J. T. Alexander of Marion, J. P. Hiner of Miami and A. K. Rodgers of Shawnee. The officers of the association are: Mark Tully of Montgomery county, president, and Alfred Cox of Douglass county, secretary.

THE INCOME TAX.

A Lively Discussion Likely to Take Place on Amendments.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—A spirited contest over the income tax position is likely to take place this week, as a result of the formal presentation of the complete internal revenue bill. While this measure was held in its committee its friends on the floor of the house were powerless to push it as an amendment to the tariff bill, but now that it is about to emerge from the committee, steps will be at once taken to have it considered as an amendment to the Wilson bill.

A caucus to bring about this result may, or may not be held, but the income tax men have prepared themselves for either emergency. As yet no call for a caucus has been circulated. Should a caucus be called, the income tax men are confident of commanding a majority for making the tax bill a rider on the Wilson bill. If however, the caucus is not called, the income tax amendment will be offered by Representative Hall, of Missouri, who has been active in framing the measure. Mr. Hall has been instrumental in preventing any arrangement of special hours in such a way as would shut out the income tax amendment during the present week. He has hoped to get two days for arguing the measure, but it is doubtful if so much time will be given when so many other amendments are pressing.

The report has been circulated that Speaker Crisp would rule out the income tax proposition as not a germane amendment to the Wilson bill. This report is unfounded, however. Mr. Crisp is not in the chair during the tariff debate, as Mr. Richardson of Tennessee is serving as chairman of the committee of the whole. Yet Speaker Crisp quickly disposed of the report when called to his attention by pointing out that the special rule of the tariff debate made the income tax amendment perfectly germane.

CIVILIANS FOR AGENTS.

Representative Pickler Says Army Officers Are Too Severe.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—A spirited contest over the recently established system of detailing army officers to officiate as Indian agents is on foot in the house committee on Indian affairs, and may be transferred to the floor. Representative Pickler of South Dakota, has precipitated the fight by a bill stipulating that none but civilians shall be appointed to these posts. Every member of the committee is enlisted for or against the new system, its adherents contending that army officers are better qualified to deal with the Indians, less subject to improper influences and their service saves a special salary list.

The opponents of the plan declare that the army officers are disposed to be arbitrary and harsh, lack business experience and that the army is not designated for such service. If the Pickler bill fails of endorsement by the committee, its supporters threaten to attach an amendment excluding army officers from eligibility to the Indian clause of the appropriations bill.

CAN IT PAY ITS INTEREST?

General Agent of the Colorado Midland Makes a Sudden Trip to Chicago.

DENVER, Jan. 23.—The sudden departure of H. Coffran, general agent of the Colorado Midland road for Chicago, has led to comment as to the future of the company. The half yearly interest on $4,885,000 of the company's bonds, amounting to $100,000, falls due February 1st. It is expected that an extension will be asked for by the Santa Fe within the next few days.

Girls, all about them; nice girls, coarse girls, "get there" girls, at the First M. E. church tonight.

POPULIST INCOME TAX.

Mr. Pence of Colorado Will Offer a Graduated Tax as Substitute.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Representative Pence, (Pop., Colo.) on behalf of the Populist element in congress, will offer an amendment to the income tax bill, when it is under consideration in the house. The amendment he proposes does not change the phraseology of the bill as reported, but instead of a general 2 per cent tax on incomes, it provides for a graduated tax as follows: $2,500 to $10,000, one per cent; $10,000 to $30,000, two per cent; $30,000 to $60,000, three per cent; $60,000 to $100,000, four per cent; over $100,000, 5 per cent.

Mr. Pence says: "The third party platform called for a graduated income tax. From a political standpoint, therefore, we would have been justified in offering our graduated plan first. But we prefer to carry some for the income tax even if we don't get our own plan of graduated scale. For that reason we will wait for the Democratic income tax amendment and will then offer them our substitute. If they drop it, well and good, if not, we will help them carry their plan."

PETER'S PENCE SHORT.

The Pope Has to Fall Back on His Reserve Fund.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Rome says that the monthly deficit of 100 francs in Peter's pence fund will be balanced by drawing upon the reserve which the pope has kept in the name of himself and the trustees since the losses by Polchi's injudicious investment. The decrease in the revenue is largely due to the fact that the French royalists have lessened their subscriptions. The increasing donations from America, however, will enable the Holy See to tide the corner, and the pope intends to abolish several costly sinecures.

ENJOINING THE BONDS.

Senator Allen Can't Act as Counsel for Knights of Labor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Senator Allen (Pop., Neb.) says his duties as senator will not permit his acting as chief counsel for the Knights of Labor in their effort to enjoin the issuance bonds, but that he has advised the selection of Judge Cole of Iowa as principal attorney and will assist him. He advises against an effort to enjoin the issuance of the bonds and suggests that an injunction be asked for against their payment when issued.

REINHART AND ENGLISH.

Britishers Don't Complain of American Railroads but of Trickery.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Financial News in commenting upon interviews with Messrs. Sage and Reinhart on its article entitled "American Robberies," says that their statements about the financial depressions are beside the mark.

All that is required is a plain answer to its plain question, whether Reinhart purposely misled its New York correspondent, whom he declared that the Atchison interest would be paid.

It is not so much the misfortunes of the American railways that English investors complain about, but it is the trickery of which they are made victims by men who ought to act in a straightforward manner.

TALMAGE'S CHURCH.

Trustees Trying to Get It Out of Debt by Public Aid.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 23.—The trustees of the Brooklyn Tabernacle are trying to devise a way of clearing the church of its debts. The ten cents admission plan has been abandoned, and it has been decided to issue an appeal to the public for aid. Six of the trustees have subscribed sums aggregating $6,500.

The trustees feel confident that Dr. Talmage can be induced to remain if the debts are cleared.

MEXICO AFTER TERRITORY

Talk of Annexing the Islands of the California Archipelago.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 23.—A movement is on foot in Mexico to annex a portion of what is commonly considered to be Southern California to the republic. It is claimed that the relinquishment of the California archipelago off the coast of Southern California has never been made, either by Spain or Mexico to the United States. The islands to which the claim is made are those of Santa Catarina, Santa Rosa and Santa Cenoa.

The government of the federal district of Mexico has completed the deal by which bull fighting is to be renewed in this city. The concessionary is the city council. The city council will contract with some individual for a percentage of the profits, probably Colonel Pate, the Penon racing commissionaire.

Damages For Settlers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The senate committee on public lands has authorized Senator Pettigrew to prepare a bill for presentation at the next meeting of the committee, looking to the payment of damages to settlers who were driven out of Sequoia Yosemite national parks by the order of the secretary of the interior when those parks were established.

Iowa Coal Miners Strike.

DES MOINES, Jan. 23.—The miners in ten of the largest mines in this district, numbering about 900, are idle today. They are out on a strike. The difference between the operators and miners is but five cents per ton. The strike is not general, as three operators have agree to pay the price demanded, and the miners are at work in those mines.

Ex-Treasurer Nolan Enfranchised.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 23.—Governor Stone yesterday formally restored to all the rights of citizenship Edward T. Nolan, the defaulting state treasurer of Missouri, who, on the 21st inst., completed a two year's sentence in the state prison.

Sicily Must Economize.

PALERMO, Jan. 23.—Gen. Morra di Lavriano has addressed a circular to the Sicilian prefects enjoining the utmost economy in their communal expenses, the adoption of measures to improve the condition of the peasants and the institution of an inquiry into the methods of levying communal taxes.