

THE UTAH COMMISSION. CAREFUL AND VALUABLE WORK.

The Conviction of Clawson Will Probably Have a Restraining Influence Upon Young Mormons.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The report of the Utah Commission, ex-Secretary of War Ramsey, chairman, was made public to-day. The commission says that their duties have been faithfully and successfully performed with results showing that at the recent election for delegates to Congress and other actions of county officials had under supervision, all polygamists were excluded from voting and holding office in Utah. The delegates-elect to Congress, John T. Caine, is a Mormon, but does not now and never has lived in polygamy, is therefore eligible under the law. The report shows that for a year or more after the efforts to enforce the law were initiated, polygamy teachings from pulpits were rarely heard. There were observable indications that the practice of polygamy might measurably decline, but during the present year there appears to have been a polygamy revival. The institution is boldly and defiantly defended by spiritual teachers and plural marriages are reported on the increase. Three-fourths of the Mormon adults, male and female, have never entered into polygamy relation, yet every orthodox Mormon and every member in good standing in the church believes in polygamy. As an illustration of the "Oneness" of faith among Mormons respecting polygamy attention is called to the important polygamy case recently tried in Salt Lake City, where every Mormon on the jury panel, in answer to the question "Do you believe it right for man to have more than one living and undivorced wife at the same time?" answered unhesitatingly "Yes sir." The trial of this case caused a profound sensation throughout the territory. The defendant, Rudger Clawson, son of the bishop, and his two wives belonged to the better class of Mormon society, although his polygamic marriage had been notorious in the community for months, no direct evidence was disclosed until given by his second wife after short imprisonment for contempt of court, for refusing to testify. All the other witnesses were examined, and there were many, including the immediate relatives of the parties, the president and other high officers of the church. Every one, except the second wife, disclaimed all knowledge of the marriage. Clawson was convicted. Before the sentence was passed he declared judgment should not be passed against him because the laws of his country were in conflict with the laws of God. "The constitution," he said, "expressly states that Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, and anti-polygamy laws were designed to operate against such marriages and were therefore unconstitutional." This view expressed by Clawson, the report says, is in conformity with the uniform sentiment of all Mormon people, but while this is the case, many Mormons are reluctant to enter into polygamic relations. So the trial and conviction of Clawson will probably have a restraining influence upon young Mormons. The commission urges a vigorous enforcement of the present laws of Government, but while this is the case, who are wonderfully superstitious fanatics, devoted to religion and the sudden overthrow of polygamy as a result of the enforcement of the present anti-polygamy laws is not to be expected. They recommend additional legislation in the nature of amendments to existing laws which they think will greatly strengthen the hands of both the commission and the courts. They express the opinion that it is not unlikely that the federal government will finally find it necessary to take into its own hands all power in Utah.

BUZZARD-HUNTING.

Abandoned by the Pennsylvania Posse—Abe's Brother Seen.

LANCASTER, Dec. 2.—The posse in pursuit of the Buzzard gang of thieves on the Welsh mountains abandoned their search late last night. No trace has been discovered of Abe Buzzard since Saturday's flight, and it is believed he has either left the vicinity or is in hiding with friends. For the first time in several weeks no robberies were reported this morning from the eastern section of the county.

READING, Pa., Dec. 2.—A correspondent has had an interview with Mart Buzzard, Abe's brother, on the Welsh mountains. Mart says Abe is in hiding, and that his wife and children affirm that he is trying to be honest, that Philadelphia and New York thieves are doing the stealing, and that Abe is getting desperate, and will kill some one before he is taken.

Was the Doctor Drunk?

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TELEGRAM. ALLBRIAN, Dec. 2.—The trial of the People vs. Dr. George Palmer, of Salem, who is charged with administering medicine of a poisonous nature while under the influence of liquor, was begun to-day. The testimony for the people is all in. Two witness swore that neither the doctor nor the woman's husband were under the influence of liquor at the time the poison was administered. The poison was subnitrate of bismuth.

A Heavy Verdict.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 2.—This morning the jury in the case of Engineer John Fitzsimmons against the Pennsylvania railroad for injuries received by him, returned a verdict in favor of Fitzsimmons for \$27,323. Shortly after the accident which made Fitzsimmons a cripple for life, the company offered him \$18,000 to settle, which he refused, and brought suit asking for \$30,000 damages. The case was tried here last summer. Fitzsimmons securing a verdict for \$28,000. The company immediately asked for a new trial, which resulted as above.

An Absent Defendant.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 1.—Thos. B. Conant, secretary of the A. & W. S. Car Company, manufacturers of railway supplies, is missing, and is alleged to be a defaulter to the amount of \$2,800. Conant disappeared several days ago, and it is thought has gone to Chicago.

Boston Boxers.

BOSTON, Dec. 1.—Eighteen thousand people witnessed the Burke-Kilrain five-round glove fight to-night. It was a good fight and a great deal of hard hitting was done, but ended in a draw. Burke is generally considered to be the best boxer, but so probably.

HOW HOLCOMB CHOKED

When Asked About the Thirty-Eight Calibre Revolver.

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 2.—In the Holcomb trial to-day Detective Harris was put on the stand and produced the statement made and signed by Holcomb at the famous interview in his (Harris's) room. It was read to the jury. Sheriff Winney confirmed Harris's testimony as to Holcomb becoming choked and drinking from the wash-pitcher when he was asked about the 38-calibre revolver he had up north. Knew Holcomb well and never saw him choke before. James White, the father of the dead Henry White, one of the victims of the Crouch house tragedy, and his son had lived at Crouch's for two years before his marriage to Eunice Crouch. He was 30 years old, and Eunice was 23 at the time of the murder, and had been married two years. Witness saw Holcomb take a bundle which he (witness) thought was mortgages, and a leather pocket-book from the Crouch house the day following the tragedy. Holcomb had said there was a coolness between himself and Henry. Ella Shannon was sworn. She said she came to Holcomb's to work one week after the tragedy to pick up all the clothes she could find and wash them; found a pair of pants, a fine shirt, an undershirt and a pair of drawers behind the chest in the room where Judd and Foy slept. All were stained with blood. The pants were a pair she had seen Judd wear. There was blood on both knees of the pants, and it seemed to be spattered on the fine shirt. She said she also found a pair of fine boots covered with mud. Judd and Foy came and did the clothing up in an old coat, and took it away. At the close of the morning hour Miss Shannon was still on the stand.

Particular Burglars.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TELEGRAM. ALLEGAN, Dec. 2.—The general store of Frank B. Watson, of Monterey, this county, was burglarized last night and goods were taken valued at \$600. The burglars gained an entrance to the building by chopping through the back door. They had a team and wagon waiting outside which they loaded with the most expensive goods, leaving the cheaper grades untouched. No clue to the identity of the parties or the direction in which they went has been obtained, but as there is no night train from Monterey it is thought they are not many miles away and that they will be caught.

Montreal's Coming Carnival.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 2.—It has been decided to hold a winter carnival during the week beginning January 26. A committee is busy in preparing attractions. The ice palace will be larger, loftier and more elaborate. The curlers will provide matches and the Victoria skating club is to give two of their renowned fancy dress entertainments. The ball will be the season's society event of Montreal. French citizens are taking a great interest in the carnival. Among the novelties promised by them is a railway across the St. Lawrence river to St. Helene Island, where an Indian village is sprung up with braves, squaws and papooses.

The Irish-Americans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—At a meeting of the Committee on Organization of Irish-American Independents at the Astor House this afternoon, it was decided to continue the Assembly—district organization under the name of the Irish-American Protective Union. An address was issued vindicating the course of the Irish-American independent voters at the late election, denouncing the English free-trade theories which have triumphed in this election and urging voters to trust with office, in the future, no man who is identified, or in sympathy with the Cobden Club.

A Millionaire in Prison.

MONTREAL, Dec. 2.—Alexander Buntin, vice president of the insolvent Exchange Bank, was sentenced to-day at the criminal assizes to ten days' imprisonment for having obtained undue preference over other creditors by withdrawing \$10,000 after the bank's suspension. Buntin is a millionaire merchant of this city, proprietor of the largest paper mill in Canada, vice president of the Canada shipping line of ocean steamers and director of numerous other public companies. Similar prosecutions are spoken of against the other directors.

Against Annexation.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 2.—The Board of Trade at its adjourned meeting this afternoon refused to adopt the resolution disavowing annexation sentiment on the part of the Board. A resolution was adopted declaring that confederation has been an injury to the Maritime Provinces, calling on governments, boards of trade of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to demand better terms of the Dominion government.

Diaz's Cabinet.

CITY OF MEXICO via Galveston, Dec. 2.—President Diaz has appointed the following Cabinet: Minister of Foreign Relations, Senor Ignacio Mariscal, now Minister to England; Minister of War, General Pedro Hinojosa; Minister of Justice, Senor Jonquin Baranda; Minister of the Treasury, Senor Manuel Dublan; Minister of the Interior, Senor Manuel Romero Rubio; Minister of Public Works, not yet appointed.

Mr. Blaine at Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—Blaine and party, including James G. Blaine, Jr., Miss Dodge, Miss Sherman and Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, left for New York at 1 o'clock this afternoon via Providence. R. L. Blaine is in excellent health and spirits. While here he talked freely to friends on the late campaign.

France.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—The Chamber of Deputies, to-day, by a vote of 267 to 259, adopted M. Floquet's amendment providing for the election of Senators by universal suffrage under the *Scrutin de liste* system. This is a defeat for the government.

Election Bets Didn't Save Him.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—R. A. Whitcomb, wholesale dealer in hats at Providence, R. I., made an assignment to-day. He was estimated to be worth about seventy-five thousand dollars.

A Bank "Busted."

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The Farmers' National Bank at Bushkill, Ill., has suspended. The bank was organized in 1871, and has a paid-up capital of \$25,000.

WASHINGTON MATTERS.

BOTH THE HOUSES IN SESSION.

But Thirteen Senators Present—The Late Senator Anthony's Successor—Indian Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—In the Senate to-day there were but thirteen Senators present at the opening prayer, but the absentees gradually filed in.

The oath was administered to W. P. Sheffield as Senator from Rhode Island in place of Senator Anthony, deceased.

Mr. Vest introduced a resolution directing the Committee on Indian Affairs to inquire what leases of land in the Indian Territories for grazing or other purposes had been executed by Indian tribes, and to whom. He said he had information that over 300,000 acres had been leased, and that these leases had been obtained by corruption, fraud and violence. He would be prepared to give the chairman of the committee names and dates.

Mr. Daves, as chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, said the facts referred to by Mr. Vest had been brought to the attention of the committee, which had endeavored to secure an examination by a joint committee of both houses, but had been unable to accomplish that result. The committee had been unable themselves to visit the Indian Territory during the vacation, owing to the Senate imposing upon them the duty of visiting California.

The House.

Mr. Wilson (La.) presented the credentials of H. G. Sweet, elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John A. Kasson, and he was sworn in.

Mr. Follett (O.) offered a long preamble and alleging unlawful interference in the recent election in Ohio by U. S. deputy marshals, and resolutions directing the Committee on Expenditures in the department of justice, of which Mr. Springer, of Illinois, is chairman, to make a thorough and exhaustive investigation of the subject.

Mr. Keifer (O.) made the point of order that a resolution to investigate the conduct of U. S. officers was not a privileged question and that the resolutions were not in order at that time.

WHAT MR. HOUSEMAN SAYS.

No Appropriation for the Grand River to be Expected.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The House River and Harbor Committee held a meeting this morning, when it was decided to report the River and Harbor bill to the House by January 15.

Mr. Houseman says he has not received the report of the engineers on the improvement of Grand river, but does not think he will ask anything for that stream this year. The usual appropriations, he says, will be made, however, for improvements at Muskegon, Grand Haven, Whitehall and other important points in the State.

The commissioners have recommended river and harbor appropriations of \$34,000, but the River and Harbor Committee will endeavor to limit the amount of their demands to \$8,000. They may have practically agreed to, and they do not wish any delegations to appear before them.

An adverse report was this morning ordered by the House Committee on Commerce on the memorial from the National Association of Fire Engineers, asking for the appointment of a commission to investigate the enormous loss of life and property by fire.

The Educational Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Representative Willis, of Kentucky, in conversation with a United Press reporter, to-day, said that he felt quite sure that the educational bill which passed the Senate last session would be taken up at an early day in the House. With this object in view, a meeting of friends of the measure will be held within a day or so.

Aspires to the Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Gov. Crittenden, of Missouri, is here. He is putting in vigorous work to get the support of his Congressional friends for the Interior portfolio in Cleveland's Cabinet. The Governor is probably doomed to disappointment, as members of the delegation from his own State are against his aspirations.

A CANADIAN SENSATION.

SERIOUS CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST THE SECRETARY OF STATE. OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—A bomb-shell has been thrown into the Conservative camp in the shape of a memorial to Sir John McDonald, signed by twenty-six Conservative members of the House of Commons from Quebec, insisting upon an immediate removal of Secretary of State Chapleau from the Dominion cabinet. Chapleau was formerly Premier of Quebec. He is charged with bringing the province hopelessly into debt by his management. It is understood that the charges against Chapleau are such as to demand a parliamentary investigation.

Rough on Breeze.

In his sermon at the Church of Our Father Sunday night Rev. Dr. R. I. Rexford, of Detroit, alluded to the local newspaper war and said: "A man gives a contract that for two years he will not engage in publishing a newspaper in Detroit, but in less than three months he comes before the people violating an obligation that is sacred and asks for public patronage. Through some legal quibble he may be able to accomplish his purpose, but it will be at the expense of a rule devoid of honor, integrity and manhood. Such an enterprise has its inception in fraud, and should be denounced, much less patronized, by everyone who respects integrity and moral obligation."

Germany.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—The Reichstag Committee on Budget rejected Prince Bismarck's proposal to maintain a German consul at Cape Town.

NOTED PEOPLE.

John Kelly has recovered from his bronchial attack.

George Augustus Sola is announced to sail for America Dec. 26.

It is said that General Logan will write a book when his Senatorial career is ended.

The Abbe Latit will shortly appear in concert in Paris in aid of the Austro-Hungarian fund.

The Prince of Wales's favorite pet is a big white Esquimaux sled-dog, given to him by the Emperor of Russia.

Robert J. Barrette has severed his connection with the Burlington Railway, and will make his home permanently at Ardmore, Pa.

HER MAJESTY'S NAVY.

The Ministry Determined to Maintain Its Pre-eminence.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Sir Thomas Brassey, K. C. B., one of the junior Lords of admiralty, made a statement in the House of Commons to-night of the government's intentions in regard to strengthening the navy. The proposals include the expenditure of \$15,425,000 for additional iron-clads, cruisers and torpedo boats \$4,125,000 for the defence of coasting stations, \$8,000,000 for additions to the ordnance equipment. The statement was well received.

Lord Northbrook, in the House of Lords, made a similar statement of the government's policy. He was very emphatic in declaring that the Ministry were resolved to maintain England's naval supremacy.

The Horticulturists.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 2.—At last night's session of the State Horticultural Society, there was a good attendance of well-known and enthusiastic fruit growers. The event of the evening was the address on Savage Horticulture by Prof. J. Beal Steere, of this city.

To-day's session was opened by prayer, by Rev. Mr. Lightfoot. Some interesting discussions were brought out by the questions found in the query box. It seemed to be the opinion of some of the best fruit growers that it was better in planting an orchard to buy trees from recognized houses than to plant one's own growing of young trees. The grafting business was also aired a little and an interesting discussion was opened on the question of what caused the "curl" in peach tree leaves. The old question of chess in wheat was argued over.

Dead at Dedham.

DEDHAM, Mass., Dec. 1.—Frederick D. Klemm, aged 60, died last night. He was expelled from Heidelberg for fighting a duel, and at the time of the students' rebellion, was put in jail, from which he and several others were released by Carl Schurz, who came to the prison in the guise of an organ-grinder. He had acquired a comfortable fortune by hotel-keeping.

The Nile Troops.

CAIRO, Dec. 2.—The troops advancing up the Nile are ready to proceed at once from Handak to Debbeh.

New Articles of Association.

The Articles of Association of the Belknap Wagon and Sleigh Company were filed yesterday with the County Clerk. The capital of the company is limited to \$35,000, divided into 1,400 shares of \$25 each. The purpose of the corporation is for manufacturing, repairing and sale of all kinds of wagons, carts, trucks, sleighs, logging appliances and implements, and other articles, and of doing all such acts and business as shall be incidental thereto. The term of its existence is fixed at thirty years. The names of the stockholders, all residents of Grand Rapids, with the number of shares held by each is as follows: Chas. E. Belknap, 1,300 shares; Herbert P. Belknap, 20; W. D. Stevens, 180. The business of this company shall be conducted and its office located in the city of Grand Rapids, and its affairs shall be conducted by a board of three directors. The capital stock was paid in full at the time of its organization in cash and property at cash value.

The Hotel Registers.

AT THE MORTON.—Theo. Carr, Detroit; Geo. E. Breck, Paw Paw; E. J. Ensign, Detroit; J. J. McMahon, New York; G. H. Reeder, Big Rapids, Mich.; D. M. Jenkins, Boston; R. D. Barker, Muskegon; M. H. Livingston, New York; Capt. Geo. Clogau, Milwaukee; S. H. Lasey, Montague; W. L. Hunter, Kalamazoo; L. J. Hadwell, Lawrence, Mass.; O. E. Tiffany, Buffalo.

AT THE EAGLE.—R. C. McBride, New York; T. J. Kaufman, Louisville, Ky.; O. H. Pohe, Richmond, Va.; W. M. Conner, Rochester, N. D.; Randall, New Buffalo; T. D. Barker, Kalamazoo; G. C. Bruce, Chicago; W. S. Beardslee, Hersey; John Spoon, Spoonville; R. Turk, Elgin, Ills.

AT SWERT'S.—Edward Walker, Louisville; D. E. Hand, Y. J. McGuire, Cleveland; D. M. Baker, Adrian; W. M. Conner, Rochester; R. C. Baxter, Jackson; J. L. Bradish, Detroit; H. M. Lewis, Ionia; J. M. Ballou, Osego; R. B. Lindley, Bailey; R. Goodrich, Traverse City; Jas. Mackison, Cadillac.

Monthly Mortuary Report.

There were seventeen deaths in the city during the month of November. Three were children under one year, two between one year and five years, one between five and ten years, seven from fifty to eighty years. The diseases were as follows: Three of heart disease, two each of cancer and meningitis, and one each of dysentery, pyemia, scarfula, consumption, apoplexy, convulsions, enteritis, and diseases of liver. There was one suicide and the cause of one death is unknown.

Who Scatter Smiles.

The pedestrians, who wear grey uniforms and who carry leather pouches filled with every kind of information relating to happiness or misery, have distributed and collected mail matter in this city as follows, during the month of November:

Registered letters delivered 1,162
Mail letters delivered 20,511
Mail parcels delivered 28,353
Local letters delivered 84,879
Local postal cards delivered 18,891
Newspapers, etc., delivered 147,228
Letters returned to office 68
Letters collected 120,820
Postal cards collected 54,130
Newspapers, etc., collected 17,438

Prof. Eggers's on "Lessing."

Professor Eggers's lectures are evidently becoming more popular and better appreciated as the course continues, judging from the increasing audiences, and the close attention given by those present. Last evening the attendance was more numerous than at any previous lecture, though it is doubtful if the subject, "Lessing," proved as interesting to many as some other German authors the Professor has discussed this season. Prof. Eggers's next lecture will be on "Schiller," two weeks from last evening.

BRAND-LEMAN CASE.

MR. LEMAN DECLARED ELECTED.

Gov. Hamilton Gives His Decision in Eight Thousand Words—He Declares There Was a Forgery.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—A dispatch from Springfield says that Gov. Hamilton, in a decision of 8,000 words, awards the certificate to Lemman (Rep.). This makes the legislature a tie.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—It is reported this morning that United States District Attorney Tut-hill has prepared a report in the Lemman-Brand case to be presented to Judge Blodgett, declaring that over 200 ballots were taken from the box and an equal number of fraudulent ones substituted; but that the federal court has no jurisdiction in the matter, as the fraud was in connection with a State office, and urging that the State authorities take up the case and bring the guilty parties to justice.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 2.—Governor Hamilton, in his decision on the Brand-Lemman case to-day, in issuing a certificate of election to Lemman as State Senator from the Sixth District, gives a long opinion in writing in which he gives the full history of the case as shown by the evidence. The evidence, he says, is sufficient to convince even a jury in a capital crime that a bare-faced forgery was committed in the returns to the County Clerk of the vote from the Second Precinct of the Eighteenth Ward of Chicago. The Governor fully discusses the law and evidence, and claims the right as Governor to construe the law relating to his own duties without interference from any branch of the Government. He closes by declaring that the returns showing Brand elected was a forgery, and that Lemman was elected. He ordered the Secretary of State to put him on the roll of State Senators.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Lights of London" Close—"Siberia" To-Night—Aime Next.

Considering the number of opportunities to see the piece here the audience, a fairly good sized one, was indeed a reliable test of the drawing power of the play. The applause was liberal, and indicated that the play gave good satisfaction. The scenery worked smoothly. To one who is a regular attendant at the theater the constant repetition of the same selections by the orchestra is excruciating. The selection played between the fifth and sixth acts last night was the same as played the night before, and it drags worse than a dirge. Solemn, snail-like music is out of place in a theater. Though there was a program of the music on the bill it was entirely ignored. Try to have most of your music, Miles, in regard to time, on the "Jolanthe" and "Beggars Students" order and the orchestra will continue to add to the good reputation it has achieved, and become a standard popular feature at the theater.

"SIBERIA."

"Siberia," one of the most exciting dramas of the present age, will open a season of four nights at Powers's Opera House to-night. The subjoined referring to the leading people in the cast, is clipped from an exchange:

The manner in which the play was put upon the stage last night reflects the highest credit upon both the company and the production. The cast was a strong one. Nicolai Vayoff, in the very ably represented by Mr. Atkins Lawrence, an actor of no ordinary ability, and the support throughout was excellent. Michael Troisky was admirably presented by Mr. C. M. Daly, an excellent comedian, who was a great favorite in Toronto twenty years ago.

Mlle. Aimee.

Mlle. Aimee, who has gained a world-wide reputation as an opera bouffe artist, will make her first appearance in this city next week, playing at Redmond's Grand Monday and Tuesday evenings. The Washington Republic commented on her appearance in that city as follows:

Mlle. Aimee appeared at the National Theater last week, and her presence was appreciated by the public. If it were not for the triteness of the thing, I would say, all who did not go to see her missed a great treat. The play "Mandy" represented by Mr. Atkins Lawrence, an actor of no ordinary ability, and the support throughout was excellent. Michael Troisky was admirably presented by Mr. C. M. Daly, an excellent comedian, who was a great favorite in Toronto twenty years ago.

A Flood of Literature.

F. M. Carroll received about half a ton of literature yesterday, all descriptive of the great exhibition which will open at New Orleans this month. It consists of maps of the city, descriptions of the different routes leading thereto, premium lists and illustrations of the different exposition buildings. Mr. Carroll received a letter from the Director-General complimenting him for the work he had done in behalf of the exposition here in Michigan. He claims that he could do a great deal more, but the Commissioners won't allow his claim and he is money out of pocket for his pains. He has a lot of pamphlets on hand, but cannot distribute them as he can no longer afford to pay postage out of his own pocket.

Valley City Lodge, R. A. M.

At the annual meeting of Valley City Lodge, No. 96, R. A. M., held at Mascout Hill last evening, the following officers were elected: Worshipful Master, George W. La Bour; Senior Warden, James Rawson; Junior Warden, E. L. Bowering; Treasurer, Ed. D. Benedict; Secretary, J. N. Davis; Senior Deacon, E. A. Vetter; Junior Deacon, Wm. H. R. Smith, Jr. The Worshipful Master appointed the following officers and committee: Tyler, Ira W. Evans; Stewards, J. A. Sherrick, James Hansen; Finance Committee, E. H. Fooks, E. E. Wanser, F. Leblanc; Organist, Frank W. Tidball.

A NEW YORK FIRE.

A Threatening Conflagration in the Great Metropolis.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—At 6 o'clock this evening a fire which for some time caused the greatest excitement and alarm, broke out in the Demarest Studio building, 4 and 6 West One hundred and forty-first street. The building is five stories high. The ground floor is occupied by the Goodwin Gas stove meter company and the Lewis Velveteen Company. The upper floors were occupied by the Ladies' Art Association and a number of offices. The flames spread with alarming rapidity, cutting off escape from the stairs of persons in the upper part, and at one time it was feared a number of persons would lose their lives. The fire department was promptly on hand and several ladies were rescued. A number of others escaped by the roof to an adjoining building. The losses on the stock and building is \$10,000, but is covered by insurance in local companies.

Hog Cholera.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 2.—The hog cholera is making serious inroads in swine herds of this county. Over five hundred hogs have died and thousands are affected. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, and will be very much more unless the disease is checked. The health board is trying to enforce quarantine.

That Desperate Doctor.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 2.—Dr. Maxwell, who poisoned his three children and tried to kill himself, sprang upon the turkey and nearly choked him to death before help arrived. Later in the day he made a violent attack on the sheriff. He is now heavily ironed. The jail physicians say he is shamming insanity.

TRADE AND FINANCE.

Grand Rapids.

TELEGRAM OFFICE, Dec. 1. Wheat—Corn, 56c; Oats, 25c; Rye, 57c; Barley, 52c; Beans, 60c; Peas, 55c; Potatoes, 15c; Apples, 10c; Butter, 20c; Eggs, 18c; Lard, 12c; Sugar, 10c; Coffee, 15c; Tea, 12c; Rice, 10c; Flour, 10c; Meal, 10c; Soap, 10c; Candles, 10c; Paper, 10c; Stationery, 10c; Printing, 10c; Advertising, 10c; Real Estate, 10c; Insurance, 10c; Loans, 10c; Bonds, 10c; Stocks, 10c; Commodities, 10c; Miscellaneous, 10c.

THE STOCKS.

New York.

In Wall street money closed easy at 1 1/2 per cent; Exchange closed firm and higher; posted rates were advanced to 4.8 1/2; actual rates 4.80; (60 days), and 4.8 1/2; (60 days) for demand. Governments closed firm; currency 6 1/2; 126 bid; 4's coupons, 12 1/2 bid; 4 1/2's coupons 11 1/2 bid. Pacific railroad bonds closed as follows: Union Pacific first bonds, 112 1/2 to 113; land grant bonds, 106 1/2 to 107 1/2; sinking fund 117 1/2 to 118 1/2; Central, 110 1/2 to 111. The stock market continues to be manipulated to a great extent and to-day the cliques in various leading speculative frequently showed their hand in the numerous and inexplicable fluctuations of their pet stocks. There is evidently but little legitimate trading as yet, both elements apparently awaiting the adjustment of the New York Central, West Shore war and the railroad troubles in the West. At the opening this morning there was an interval of weakness. The whole list, with but few exceptions, declining fractionally. This was more than recovered by midday, under the leadership of the Lake Shore and the Gold stocks, which developed considerable activity and strength, without apparent cause other than manipulation. At noon prices were up 1/4 to 1 1/2 per cent, but the advance brought out renewed offerings, and during the remainder of the day the selling continued with but little interruption, causing a reaction to about the lowest figures, at which the market closed. The decline ranged from 1/4 to 2 per cent, and with but few exceptions extended to the entire list. There was a dearth of news or rumors of any kind, leaving a tendency to effect values, and as far as could be learned the fluctuations for the most part were the result of fictitious transactions. The specialties were dull and featureless. The sales amounted to \$40,125 shares.

GRAIN MARKETS.

New York.

WHEAT—Options in fair demand and irregular, closing firm at about 1/4 to 1/2 cent advance. Spot wheat steady and without change. Spot sales of ungraded winter red 67 1/2; No. 2 ungraded red 66 1/2; No. 2 white state, 65 1/2; No. 3 red winter, December 65 1/2; No. 3 white state, 64 1/2; No. 2 mixed do 64 1/2; No. 3 mixed do 63 1/2.