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OLD BOSS STRICKEN.

ALEXANDER SHEPHERD SEIZED WITH APOPLEXY IN MEXICO.

Once the Autocrat of Washington—Chosen Governor of the District of Columbia, He Transformed the Capitol From a City of Mud Banks Into One of Beauty.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 29.—Advices were received here direct from Batopilas, Mexico, that Alexander R. Shepherd, formerly of Washington, recently suffered a stroke of apoplexy and that his condition is serious.

Boss Shepherd went from Washington to Batopilas many years ago to recoup his fortune in mining. He made lucky strikes and is now worth several million dollars.

Batopilas is in the heart of the Sierra Madre, 235 miles from the nearest railway point.

Alexander R. Shepherd was born in Washington on Jan. 1, 1835. His parents were of Maryland stock. His father died when he was a boy, and when he was 13 years old he was obliged to quit school and help make a living for his mother. He was apprenticed to a carpenter and after several years went into the plumbing business.

His education was meager. He had great confidence in his own judgment, however, and knew how to manage men. He bought out his employer's plumbing business and built up a trade which brought him a large income that came into notice in 1862 at the beginning of the war as a member of a Washington military company known as the National Rifles.

When this company was disbanded, after three months' service, Shepherd was elected a member of the council in Washington. He devoted much of his time to politics, and by 1870 he was recognized as a political power.

Washington at this time was a city of swamps and mud banks. The national capital consisted of avenues and boulevards on paper. There was even talk of removing the city to the west to some place where there would be less malaria and fever.

It was necessary that some one should take charge of the work of improving the city. President Grant appointed Mr. Shepherd, the plumber, governor of the District and he reported to the president Washington had improvements of all kinds. The streets were torn up, unsightly buildings were removed, wide avenues were run through old estates, splendid public buildings were erected, a complete system of sewerage was introduced, and the city was improved.

The face of Washington was changed. The citizens were during all this time raising indignant protests against the lavish expenditure of money. They accused Boss Shepherd of corrupt methods.

They said that he and his ring spent but little of the money that was paid to it in his pocket. The tax rate was going up, and the citizens of Washington were denouncing Shepherd as a second Boss Tweed.

Half of the expense of improving Washington was paid by the national government and the other half by the taxpayers of the city. The administration stood by everything which Boss Shepherd did. He turned a deaf ear to every one who came to him with suggestions. He had his own idea of how Washington should be improved, and he held to it to the end. When he was finally deposed in 1874, he had spent \$40,000,000 and had left the city of Washington \$27,000,000 in debt.

Infant Dies of Delirium Tremens.

BUFFALO, Dec. 29.—The case of a child only 15 months old dying of acute alcoholism has been reported to the department of health. Another is seriously ill. The department in turn sent the case to Coroner Tucker, who made an investigation. The parents of the children are Poles with unpronounceable names living on Swan street. It developed at the investigation that, especially in the transportation of freight, the passenger business is languishing. After figuring on the matter for some time they have come to the conclusion that the long distance telephone is responsible. Business men are using it more and more, and the way it is cutting into our passenger business is a very serious matter to us.

Geologists Meet Here.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—The annual meeting of the Geological Society of America was held here, and the following officers were elected: President, John J. Stevenson, New York; first vice president, B. K. Emerson, Amherst, Mass.; second vice president, George M. Dawson, Ottawa, secretary, H. L. Fairchild, Rochester; treasurer, J. C. White, Morgantown, W. Va.; editor, J. T. Brown, Washington; librarian, H. P. Cushing, Cleveland; councilors, W. M. Davis, New York; Robert Ball, Boston; and M. E. Wadsworth, Houghton, Mich.

No Strike at Fall River.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 29.—The conference committee of the mill operatives was in session last night to decide upon the course of action to be taken in the proposed wage reduction. The manufacturers have refused the proposition to postpone the reduction in wages until March and also rejected a proposition to make the reduction 5% per cent and to hold a conference in March. The operatives must accept the reduction of 11.3 per cent, which takes effect on next Monday, or strike. It was decided not to strike at present.

DR EVANS' WILL.

Is In Such Bad Form That Doubts Are Raised as to Its Legality.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Mr. Rudolph Evans, the only surviving brother of the late Dr. Thomas W. Evans, the famous American dentist who died in Paris on Nov. 14, has arrived here with his wife and son.

It is learned from a reliable source that the original will of Dr. Evans, drawn up by Mr. Arthur E. Valois of New York, the attorney of the deceased, was so badly copied by Dr. Evans, who also amended it and added several codicils, that it is very doubtful if it is legal.

It also appears that Dr. Evans made two wills, one for the United States and another for France, which was sworn to by the translator, who demands \$5,000 francs for the translation, and, having found differences in the two wills, he refuses to deliver them until both are probated here. The United States will, however, insists that the wills be handed over for verification. This adds to the complications.

Mr. Rudolph Evans, who, if his brother died intestate, is entitled to half the fortune of the deceased, which, after all, only amounts to exactly \$4,000,000, only received \$100,000. Therefore he is determined to fight the will.

LEITER WANTS GOOD WHEAT.

Will Not Accept Any Grain Not Up to Contract.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Joseph Leiter has apparently won a victory in his fight with George A. Seaverns, the grain elevator owner, as to the quality of wheat to be delivered on Leiter's contracts.

Leiter's commission men, Alexander Geddes & Co., sent the steamer King last week to Seaverns' elevator, the Alton, to load with No. 2 red winter wheat. By the time 8,000 bushels of the steamer's cargo of 75,000 bushels had been spouted into its hold Leiter's private inspectors turned the wheat down. They declared it not up to contract.

Mr. Seaverns now offers to take the wheat out of the vessel and to give a different grade.

Leiter and his commission men say the big fight of the great wheat deal is now on and that they intend to get just the kind of wheat they bought and no poorer.

Dr. Bond In Court.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 29.—Dr. Elijah A. Bond, who is charged with murder in the second degree in causing the death of Grace Dearborn of Everett, Mass., by a criminal abortion, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Bond yesterday.

The defense introduced no testimony, and Judge Bond found probable cause, and bound the accused over to the next term of the superior court.

Civil Service Examination.

ALBANY, Dec. 29.—The state civil service commission announces that it will hold an examination for merit for the position of examiner in the examination department of the University of the State of New York on Jan. 26, 27 and 28. Candidates will be examined in English, German, French, Latin and Greek languages and literature.

One Lad Killed, Another Injured.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 29.—Peter Pluter, aged 5, was instantly killed on the railroad at Steelton, and his playmate, Henry Teupemaski, aged 9, was fatally injured. They were playing on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks when a freight train was passing and did not hear the approach of the Niagara express, which struck them.

Funakoshi Restores Home.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Among the passengers on the Orient bound for London, which left yesterday, was Mr. Funakoshi, Japanese consul at this port. Recently it was announced that he was about to leave for Washington to accept the secretaryship of the legation. Just as he was preparing to leave for Washington he received a cablegram recalling him to Tokyo, with instructions to hasten his return.

Elizabeth Woolworth Dead.

OMAHA, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Elizabeth Woolworth, wife of Hon. J. M. Woolworth, ex-president of the American Bar association, died at her home in this city. Mrs. Woolworth was the daughter of Moses Bradford Butterfield and a lineal descendant of William Bradford, first governor of Plymouth colony. She was born at Homer, N. Y., in 1836.

Where Is the Hilton Trophy?

ATLANTA, Dec. 29.—The Hilton trophy, which the Georgia rifle team won at Sea Girt last summer, has not arrived here. General Harries, commander of the District of Columbia militia, who then held it, declares that the trophy was shipped ten days ago and that the express company has delayed it. The company says it never received it.

Killed by a Tawn.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Charles Held had died from the results of a tawn. He arose from a chair, yawned and then sank to the floor bleeding. Bystanders hurried him to his home, and doctors were summoned; but, in spite of their efforts, Held died last night. He had captured some blood vessels.

Death of a Physician.

TURNERS FALLS, Mass., Dec. 29.—Dr. E. C. Coy, aged 65, died this morning after a short illness. He had practiced medicine here for the past 25 years and was a member of the Massachusetts Medical and Medico-Legal societies. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

Killed by His Son's Engine.

ST. HYACINTHE, Que., Dec. 29.—Antonio Goyette, aged 55, was run over and instantly killed at Richmond. A strange coincidence in connection with the affair is that the engineer of the engine that ran over the unfortunate man was Goyette's son.

READY NOW FOR WAR.

JAPANESE FLEET IN LINE WAITING FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

In Touch With British Squadron—Probability That the Cabinet Crisis in Japan Will Result in the Formation of a Coalition Ministry With a Vicious Foreign Policy.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says:

"It is reported that a Japanese fleet of over 20 warships is waiting near Goto Island, outside Nagasaki, fully equipped for war and only awaiting instructions. This includes the Yashima and the Fuji, two of the finest vessels in the Japanese navy, and the Chen Yuen, that was captured from China. The Japanese fleet, it is understood, is acting in close touch with the British squadron under Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, commander in chief on the China station.

Japan will certainly oppose a permanent Russian occupation of Port Arthur. The sudden dissolution of the Japanese diet was owing to the war preparations and not only awaiting instructions. The Japanese fleet will attempt to prevent the landing of re-enforcements from Odessa for the protection of the Russian transsiberian railway in Manchuria.

Another dispatch from Shanghai says the British fleet has anchored at Port Hamilton. It is reported that the Japanese fleet has also arrived at Port Hamilton.

A dispatch to The Times from Kobe, Japan, says the dissolution of the diet has greatly angered the political parties. It is probable that the Marquis Ito, former premier, and Count Okuma, a former foreign minister, will form a coalition ministry, with a vigorous foreign policy. The military party is eager for action. Extraordinary activity prevails at the military and naval depots, and warships are assembling at Nagasaki.

According to a letter which The Times publishes this morning from a correspondent at Tokyo, a cabinet crisis occurred in November, due to the refusal of the Progressists to vote an increase in the land tax, which is necessary owing to the deficits caused by the late war. Parliament would have expired next June, and the Progressists, with a general election in sight, did not desire to risk unpopularity by voting to increase taxation.

Count Okuma, however, the leader of the Progressists, left the foreign office, says the correspondent, with an enhanced reputation and next to Marquis Ito occupies the largest space in the field of the nation's vision.

The Times, commenting editorially upon the letter and its dispatches, says: "The advent of a cabinet led by two such statesmen as Marquis Ito and Count Okuma may be regarded as an event of great significance by the other powers."

The Paris correspondent of The Morning Post says:

"Russia has long been negotiating to raise a Chinese loan of \$5,000,000 in France to pay the indemnity and secure the Japanese evacuation of Wei Hai Wei. The negotiations were broken off owing to France insisting that the Bank of France should issue the loan and Russia desiring that the Russo-Chinese bank should take the lead. A certain coolness now exists between France and Russia."

Record Day in the Patent Office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Three hundred and seventy-five applications for patents were received at the patent office, the highest on record for any one day in the history of the office. The fact that the new law requiring persons who have made applications abroad for patents to file their applications in this country within seven months of the filing of the applications for foreign patents becomes operative on Jan. 1 is accountable for the rush. Heretofore applications could be filed at any time within the life of a patent issued in foreign countries.

Welcome the British Flag.

LAGOS, West Coast of Africa, Dec. 29.—Llesha and Berehara, important Bariba towns, have been occupied by the Lagos Hausas. The inhabitants are enthusiastic over the presence of the British flag. They feared an attack from French native troops, who are endeavoring to force themselves on the Bariba country and are devastating it.

Sentenced, but Still Free.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—An indication of the willingness of the Turkish government to oblige the United States minister at Constantinople, who has been pressing for the punishment of the murderers of the American bicyclist Lenz, is contained in a cablegram from Minister Angell received at the state department announcing that the murderers have been convicted and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment. These murderers, however, are at large, having escaped months ago into the Russian Caucasus, so that the Turkish government has prosecuted, condemned and sentenced them in their absence.

Sachse Acquitted of Murder.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 29.—The jury in the case of Herman Sachse, charged with murder in the first degree in the alleged shooting of Bertrand L. Hotchkiss at his home in Killingworth on Friday evening, Aug. 21, returned a verdict of not guilty last yesterday afternoon. The jury had been out exactly 72 hours. As they filed into their seats slowly each one of the 12 men was visibly nervous. Particularly was this true of W. R. McDonald, the foreman, who uttered "not guilty" almost inaudibly in response to the question of Clerk of the Court Vinal if they had reached a verdict.

Suicide in House of Correction.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 29.—James Dalton hanged himself in his cell door in the East Cambridge house of correction. Dalton was serving a three years' sentence for burglary. He was 30 years old.

DE LOME IS ANGRY.

American Relief, Not Intervention, He Says, and Dismisses Spain.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Mr. Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish Minister, expresses strong disapproval of reports that the relief measures adopted by the United States and co-operated in by Spain are a step toward intervention by this Government in the affairs of Cuba. The Minister characterizes such reports as an effort to mix politics with charity.

"This talk of intervention in certain quarters," he said, "has no other purpose than to embitter both countries and to divert the original essential purpose of relieving suffering. The extension of aid to the sufferers in Cuba is no more intervention than was the action of all the nations of the world, including Spain, to extend help to Chicago after the big fire."

Turning to a dispatch just received from Mr. Congosto, Secretary-General at Havana, the Minister proceeded, quoting in part from the dispatch:

"It is not true that the Spanish authorities in Cuba are not equal to the situation. Succor is being given abundantly, and relief committees are in regular operation. In two of the provinces—Puerto Principe and Santiago—there has been no concentration. Forty plantations are grinding sugar. Many of the reconcentrados who are reported to be suffering are in such condition through an unwillingness to work. The energy with which relief measures are being conducted in Havana is shown by a glance at the Havana papers every day, where there are long lists of charitable donations from private parties. The Spanish Government has remitted all duties on relief supplies sent to Cuba, so that for every dollar of supplies entering Cuba Spain adds a considerable percentage.

"American help will be received with the spirit in which it is given, and the American Government, as Secretary Sherman expressed in his recent letter, offers the well-known generosity of the American people in the same spirit that they have accepted foreign help in cases of public calamity."

TO DINE SECRETARY BLISS.

Protective Tariff League Will Honor Its Retiring President.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Appraiser Wilbur F. Wakeman has been in Washington making the final arrangements for a notable banquet which the American Protective Tariff League will give to Cornelius N. Bliss, Secretary of the Interior, and the retiring president of the Protective Tariff League.

The Waldorf-Astoria, in New York, has been engaged for the banquet, which will be one of the most remarkable affairs of the kind ever given in this country. It has been arranged that the dinner shall be purely and distinctively American, and that the menu shall be provided, the bill of fare not menu—will be printed in plain English, and on it will be found canvas-back duck, terrapin and all peculiarly American dishes. The wines and cigars will be of American production, and the attendance will be limited to patriotic Americans. It is expected that the entire cabinet will be present, and possibly the President.

Mr. Bliss was one of the organizers of the American Protective Tariff League and served as chairman of its executive committee until 1891, when he was elected president, which position he has occupied ever since. Mr. Bliss feels that, as Secretary of the Interior, he cannot consistently continue as president of the Tariff League, and has decided to resign that position. It is in recognition of his services to the cause of protection that this dinner will be given.

Speedy Trial for Eli Shaw.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 29.—Supreme Court Justice Garrison has ordered the Camden County Grand Jury to return the indictment against Eli Shaw at once, in order that he may have a speedy trial. Judge Justice has been informed of the action of the Court, protested against such an early date being set for the trial. He wanted a delay of at least a month in order to perfect his case.

On the Sea for 228 Days.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—After braving one of the heaviest storms encountered during her life on the ocean wave the British bark Nature has arrived here, 228 days from London. Forty per cent re-insurance has been paid. She was thought to be lost. The ship was loaded with cargo, and many of the cargo got adrift and leaked, filling the hold with dangerous gas.

Uncle Sam Too Sharp.

Washington, Dec. 29.—As a result of the orders issued by Secretary Gage and Assistant Secretary Spaulding during the past three days, the filibustering expedition planned to leave Florida for Cuba on Christmas night has been broken up. Extreme vigilance was exercised by the Government officials, and the filibusters found it impossible to get away.

Made a Stone Coffin for Himself.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 29.—Peter Ryan, a wealthy but eccentric citizen of Hopewell, who has had a stone coffin prepared for his burial many years, is dead, from blood poisoning, aged 87. Ryan had a fancy to rest in a grave that should be perfectly secure. He had two immense stone caskets hewn out, one for himself and one for his wife, and kept them on exhibition. His wife died some years ago. Her remains were sealed up in the stone sarcophagus, which was then sunk deep in the graveyard. His own coffin was placed beside her grave, and will now be used.

Exposition Company Chartered.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—The Philadelphia Exposition company was chartered yesterday to conduct a national exhibition of American manufactures in this city in October, 1898.

Another Son to Castillane.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Paris says that the young Countess Castillane, nee Gould, yesterday gave birth to a boy, her second son.

PRESIDENT DENIES IT.

NO TRUTH IN THE REPORTED OFFER OF MR GAGE.

Story Was Widespread—The Secretary's Alleged Purpose Was to Prevent Friction Between the President and the Administration—Not Alarm Over Attacks.

Washington, Dec. 29.—For several days rumors have been flying about Washington to the effect that at the Cabinet meeting last Friday Lyman J. Gage, the Secretary of the Treasury, had tendered his resignation to the President and that the latter had declined to accept it. Owing to the fact that Mr. Gage has been out of town, it has been impossible to get a statement from him in regard to the report, but a correspondent obtained from a Treasury Department official the following statement:

"Secretary Gage, I believe, did offer the President his resignation. It might be supposed that under the circumstances and in view of the attacks upon the President, the Secretary would have given the President, with whom he has always been on close terms of personal friendship, an opportunity to relieve himself from possible trouble with the Western Senators, who have lined themselves up in antagonism to him. This is just what I think he did by offering to resign.

"In declining to accept his resignation the President put an end to all the talk about the existence of friction between himself and his Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Gage will remain in the Cabinet, and the most cordial relations that have always existed between himself and the President will continue. Secretary Gage will take no back ward step; he will go right ahead and push his financial measure, and will stand by his guns and do everything in his power to bring about the adoption of his financial measure, which he believes will bring relief to the country, restore confidence and help business.

"The Secretary has been for some time the target for the attacks of certain Senators from free-silver States and of free-silver newspapers. He is willing to continue to stand up and take these attacks. They awake the opposition and do not hurt him."

Denied by Mr. McKinley.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Notwithstanding it was reported in Washington yesterday that Secretary Gage had called on the President on Saturday last and had offered to resign from the Cabinet, thereby removing any possible cause of friction between the Administration and Congress, after the Cabinet meeting last Friday, the President denied the story. Mr. McKinley never makes a statement in regard to a member of his official family, but contented himself with contradicting yesterday's reports.

The story, which was widespread, was to the effect that the criticism of the President by the free-silver States and of free-silver newspapers, which he was willing to continue to stand up and take these attacks. They awake the opposition and do not hurt him."

Murderer Paid Confession.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 29.—William Daly was arraigned in court yesterday on the charge of murdering William Doolan. He pleaded guilty and was held without bail for the grand jury. Before arraignment he made a full confession to City Marshal Worcester of his part in the affair. He said that after a scuffle between the two men he (Daly) procured a slaughtering knife. There was another dispute, and in a clinch he plunged the knife into Doolan's heart. He then dropped the knife and does not know what became of it. It is thought that Daly is slightly demented.

Gladiators' Birthday.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Today is the eighty-eighth anniversary of the birth of Mr. Gladstone. The Liberal organization, and friends and admirers generally, are showering congratulations upon the old statesman, who is spending the winter at Cannes, in the south of France. He is in good health.

Centenarian to Dance a Reel.

SOUTHOLD, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Nicholas McQuillan will be 100 years old on Jan. 1, and in honor of the event residents of this and neighboring villages will gather at the residence of Joseph Thompson, his nephew, to do honor to the occasion. Mr. McQuillan will dance a reel with his sister, who is 91 years old.

The Ketcham Will Case.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The legal fight between Mrs. Minnie Wallace Walkup Ketcham and the relatives of the late John D. Ketcham, her husband, over the well known clubman's estate, began in the probate court yesterday.

Wage Cut Restored.

BEAVER FALLS, Pa., Dec. 29.—The proprietors of the Mayor Brothers pottery, who had announced that they would reduce the wages of 1894 of 12 1/2 per cent, had been restored to them, thus making an advance of 14 1/2 per cent on their present wages, to date from Christmas day.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN CUBA.

Spaniards and Insurgents Both Suffering Heavy Losses in a Battle.

Havana, Dec. 29.—A fierce engagement between a Spanish column under Gen. Aguirre and a numerous rebel band is reported to have taken place in Santa Clara, with heavy losses on both sides. A Madrid dispatch says that the insurgent leader, Juan Rius Rivera, has been sent to the Montulch fortress in Barcelona. Rius Rivera said that he approved of the killing of Lieut.-Col. Ruiz, and added that if it had been in his power he would likewise have killed Gen. Pando when Pando invited him in his cell at the Cabafia fortress to accept autonomy as a condition for his release.

Consul-General Lee cabled to the Washington authorities, asking for provisions, medicines and medicines to be distributed among the reconcentrados. He says that great quantities of quinine and cod liver oil are needed.

The culvert near Minas, the first station east of this city on the United Railroads of Havana, was yesterday blown up with dynamite by the insurgents.

Spanish Tales of Successes.

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 29.—According to Spanish announcements, the combined operations undertaken by Gen. Aguirre, in the province of Santa Clara, have resulted in the capture of an insurgent camp and the loss of twenty men killed to the enemy, the Spanish troops losing nine killed and wounded.

Further Spanish reports say the Spanish troops have been engaged with the insurgent commander, Juan Rius Rivera, and have captured an insurgent captain and seven armed privates.

NEGRO MURDERER LYNCHED.

Confessed to Killing Two Men and Asked for Quick Justice.

Miner City, Miss., Dec. 29.—Joseph Hopkins, the negro who murdered two white men on Christmas Day at Glenford, a small inland town near this place, was captured by a posse at daylight yesterday morning on the James plantation, near Swan Lake. Hopkins concealed himself in a gin house, but was discovered by two negroes, who gave the alarm.

Hopkins fought like a demon before being taken into custody, and when arrested it was found the negro had been shot in three places. He was not fatally injured, however, and was taken to the scene of his terrible crime. Hopkins confessed his guilt, and did not plead for mercy, but begged his captors to make quick work of him, and little time was lost in carrying out the request. A rope was placed about the negro's neck, and he was hanged from the limb of a tree. The body was then riddled with bullets and left hanging. Hopkins' record is a bad one, many recent crimes being attributed to him.

Miss Murphy a Debutante.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Senator and Mrs. Edward Murphy opened their beautiful home, on Farragut square, last evening for the debut of their youngest daughter, Miss Jennie. The suite of drawing rooms and dining hall were profusely decorated with holly and mistletoe. Shortly before midnight an elaborate banquet was served.

The pretty debutante, who greatly resembles her elder sister, Mrs. Hugh Grant, was attired in white tulle, garlanded with pink roses, the low neck finished with a spray of buds. She stood by the side of her parents, who introduced each in turn as the throng of guests passed by.

Durrant's Plea Denied.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Late yesterday afternoon the Supreme Court, after having heard the case argued in chambers, denied the application of the attorneys for W. H. T. Durrant, the convicted murderer of Blanche Lamont, for a writ of habeas corpus.

It was contended by Durrant's counsel that Judge Baker erred in having fixed the date for the execution of their client within less than sixty days after the date upon which he was recommitted to custody of the warden of the State Prison. The Supreme Court, however, after hearing the points relied upon for reversal, denied the petition unanimously.

One of the Murderers Arrested.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 29.—Martin Conners was arrested at Ardmore yesterday, charged with being one of the gang that murdered Conductor Galloway on his car on Sunday night. He was identified by the motorman and by the three women who were in the car at the time. He denied having been in the neighborhood on the night of the murder. He put questions to the witnesses and endeavored to convince them that they were mistaken. He was committed for trial. Additional rewards have been offered for the detection of the murderer of Conductor Galloway. The total amount is now \$725.

Horton Law Violated.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Justice Woodcock in the Supreme Court, has handed down a decision on the legality of boxing as prescribed by the Horton law. The Justice holds that the spirit and intent of the law has been violated, and on the strength of such a conviction holds the boxers who were arrested in \$100 bonds to keep the peace for one year. The attorney for the defense at once applied for an appeal. The decision was the result of the issue of warrants for the arrest of three boxers who were about to engage in a contest by a committee of ministers.

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A STATUE OF IRVING.

TO BE ERECTED ON GRAND STREET, NEAR BANK.

Eliza Leavenworth, Waterbury's Well Known Citizen Will Erect the Statue at His Own Expense—It Will Be a Work of Art and Will Reflect Credit on the Donor as Well as Being an Lasting Ornament.

The big debate at the meeting of the board of aldermen Monday night on the need of a fence around the soldiers' monument, reported in detail in the Democrat, has reminded people that Waterbury has but one public monument, while in the opinions of those who have expressed themselves on the subject it should have at least half a dozen or more such ornaments in different parts of the city. But if all a reporter of this paper's efforts in the afternoon be true, a few of our public squares will soon be adorned with statues of men whose lives are familiar to all our residents, and whose works are household words not only in America, but in all parts of the world.

In conversation with a prominent citizen, "Democrat" reporter was informed that Eliza Leavenworth, one of Waterbury's best known and most respected residents, has the matter of placing a statue of Washington Irving at the junction of Grand and Bank street under consideration and that it was probable that in the near future a statue of this distinguished American poet, novelist and historian, would soon greet the eye of pedestrians in our public thoroughfares. What could add more to the appearance of things in that neighborhood than a statue of Irving's writings, which rise up and call him a great public benefactor. It would be the crowning act of a long and honorable life and would do more to perpetuate the memory of the donor among the people of Waterbury, than all the other honest, straightforward acts of his whole career.

If we are to have living on Grand street let us hope that we shall all see a statue of the author of "Rip Van Winkle" and the