W. R. WILLCOX



New York City's New Postmaster.

William R. Wilcox, the new postmaster, of New York city, was born in Smyrna, N. Y., in 1863, and, after he was graduated from the Normal School in Brockport, won honors in the University of Rochester. He served as principal in the Webster Academy and in the Spring Valley High School. With the small amount of money he had accumulated he came to New York and entered the Columbia Law School, from which he was graduated with high honors in 1899, and in the following year was admitted to the bar. Shortly thereafter he wrote several treatises on political and social economy and became interested in educational progress on the and social economy and became interested in educational progress on the East Side of New York city. In a short time he was known as an active member of the Union League Club and of the New York Bar Associaand took a wide interest in advancing clean politics inside the Republican organization.

His participation in active politics dates from his nomination for representative in the Thirteenth Congressional district, where he made the race against O. H. P. Belmont. The district was then overwhelmingly Demo-cratic and the nomination of a Republican was little more than a matter down the Democratic vote so substantially that he amazed his friends as well as his opponents. His activities in other directions outside of politics attracted attention, and after his defeat he was kept in view. After Low

attracted attention, and after his defeat he was kept in view. After Low was elected, Mayor, Mr. Wilcox was appointed Park Commissioner.

In his new office he more than justified the soundness of Mayor Low's judgment. He took a deep personal interest in maintaining the public breathing spots and in adding to their beauty and attractiveness. In this he was aided by a natural love of botanical research. During his term of office he caused to be improved and laid the foundation for the improvement of many hundreds of acres of public grounds that came under his during light.

EXPRESS CAR ROBBED

AND MESSENGER SHOT.

Safe Containing \$200,000.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 5.-A Wells-

Fargo express car on an Atchison, To-

peka and Santa Fe overland passenger

train, westbound, was entered early to-

day somewhere between Needles and

Daggett, and Evan O. Roberts, express

messenger, was shot and probably fa-

The way safe was rifled, but the

main safe, said to contain \$200,000 in

pension money, was not robbed, so far

as known. Officers of the express com-

pany say the robber secured about \$400

and that the main safe was not open-

til the train reached Daggett. Con-

ductor Hawes opened the door of the

express car at Daggett and found Mes-

senger Roberts lying on the floor, semi-

conscious. The contents of the rifled

Roberts was so seriously wounded

that he was unable to tell much about

the robbery. He said that he had dis-

covered some one on the blind baggage

car shortly after the train left Needles

and had been about to open the door,

when a man, whom he took to be a

negro, broke open the door and enter-

ed. Before the messenger could draw

his revolver the bandit opened fire,

wounding Roberts, probably mortal-

The bandit is believed to be one of

a number of negro tramps lately no-

Word was received late to-day that

a colored tramp had been arrested

at Barstow, charged with the robbery.

Put an Extra Week In to the Gin-

ners' Report.

a well-known railroad man, who

furnished a ginners' report to the De-

partment of Agriculture from one of

the South Carolina districts, takes is-

sue with the recent bureau report on

Mr. Mixson says that the reports

made from the country were inclusive

of Nov. 20, while the bureau says it's

figures show cotton ginned to Nov. 14.

He argues that the putting of this

extra week into the report makes the

Mr. Mixson argues generally and

forcibly that the government estimate is far in excess of real conditions.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 5 .- Cracks-

men entered the Fort Worth postoffice

at the stock yard to-day, blew open

the safe with dynamite and rifled it,

securing \$160 in cash and \$80 in stamps. Nine registered letters were

A POSTOFFICE SAFE.

CRACKSMEN CRACKED

Augusta, Dec. 5.-R. M. Mixon,

ticed around Daggett.

SAYS GOVERNMENT

the cotton crop.

too much.

safe were scattered about the car.

tally wounded.

REPULSED JAPS WITH GREAT LOSS Lone Robber Did Not Open Main

A STORY TOLD AT MUKDEN

HAS IT THAT TURNING MOVEMENT WAS DEFEATED.

Details Are Given Circumstantially, but the Story Is Not Officially Confirmed-Effort of the Japanese Was to Turn the Flank of Gen. Rennenkampff-Rennenkampff Ambushed the Japanese-Their Losses Reported as Heavy.

Mukden, Dec. 5.-There is a persistent rumor that the force of Japanese sent to turn Gen. Rennenkampff's flank, has been repulsed with great

The story is not yet officially congreat circumstantiality. It is stated that Gen, Rennenkampff, who knew the movement was maturing, awaited the Japanese at the mouth of a captured pass and that the Japanese turning force threw themselves unsuspectingly into the ambuscade, where, after the fight, the Russians collected 500 Japanese corpses.

It is added that there are 1,000 more Japanese corpses which it has been impossible to collect owing to the fire of the Japanese. This does not include the Japanese loss in wounded.

The Russian loss, according to this account, was only thirty or forty men.

JAPANESE ATTACKED; REPULSED WITH LOSS.

Mukden, Dec. 5 .- The night of Dec. 2 the Japanese began a heavy artillery fire on Putiloff (Lone Tree) Hill, paving the way for an infantry attack. The Russian artillery answered vigorously for several hours and then slackened. The Japanese, imagining the Russian fire had been silenced, flung themselves in masses against the trenches, where they were allowed to come within close range and then were met with withering volleys and counter charge with the bayonet. The Japanese fled, having sustained enormous

A Cossack expedition which was sent the night of Dec. 2 to capture a Japanese battery on the Russian right flank was only partially successful. The Cossacks wiped out the Japanese sentries, killed the gunners and got possession of the battery, but were unable to remove the guns, owing to the rapid arrival of Japanese reinforcements. An attack by the Japanese on Pou-

tiloff Hill on Dec. 3 was probably due in part to a wish to distract attention from sapper operations on a neighboring hill near the village of Shakhe; but these operations were discovered and repulsed and the Jersesses of the same of the sa from sapper operations on a neighborand repulsed and the Japanese experts.

APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE

METHODISTS GET

PREACHERS WHOM

FOR THE CONFERENCE OF SOUTH GEORGIA.

Last Night the Appointments Were Announced at McRae by Bishop Duncan as the Crowning Feature of the Conference-Large Sum Was Raised for the Erection of a Chapel in Cuba-Sessions of the Last Day.

McRae, Ga., Dec. 5 .- At 7 o'clock, long before the hour for the reading of the appointments, the large auditorium of the South Georgia College was filled to overflowing. Many of the ministers did without their supper, coming lirectly from the afternoon session to the

college before the arrival of the Bishop. A number of old time hymns were sung by the audience. After devotional exercises, the minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved. A resolution thanking the citizens of Mc-Rae and Helena for their kind hospitality, the churches, the banks and the press was unanimously passed.

A telegram from Bishop Candler, who is at present holding the North Carolina conference, asking the South Georgia Conference to give \$5,000 for the erection of a chapel in Soladad, Cuba, to be used by Rev. Harry Barlwell, formerly of this conference, caused Rev. W. C. Lovett to take up a collection from every section of the auditorium. Subscriptions were given ranging from \$5 to \$50. A feature of the collection was subscriptions from different classes in Weslevan Female College and the South Georgia College. Some one in the audience brought down the house by giving \$5 for Rev. W. A. 'Huckabee's ten children.

When \$1,000 was raised, a hat collection was taken, after which the audience joined in singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," as for the free will offerings.

Rev. Bascom Anthony's baby boy went forward and gave \$10. Before leaving the stage the Bishop placed his hands on the little boy's head in

Announced Appointments.

Before announcing the appointments, the Bishop said: "Sometimes I hear some of the brethren say 'I am going up to receive my disappointment.' Though this, he said, in a spirit of RIGHT ACKNOWLEDGED TO pleasantry, is unworthy of any true minister. Exhorting the ministers to receive the appointments in the spirit of God, the announcements were made as follows:

Savannah District. T. D. Ellis, presiding elder; Trinity, Guyton Fisher, J. A. Smith, assistant; Wesley Monumental, O. B. Chester; Grace, E. F. Morgan; Epworth, J. P. Tyson; Eden Mission, C. W. Jordan; Guyton, G. D. Moses; Springfield, J. D. Mathews; Oliver Mission, J. D. Mathews; Rocky Ford Mission, N. S. Kemp; Millen, W. G. Allaben; Millen Mission S. H. Bryan; Midville, H. J. Graves; Habersham Mission, J. P. Bross; esboro, R. Kerr; Mt. Zion, Claude S. Bridges; Sylvania, J. E. Seals; Mc-S. Bridges; Sylvania, J. E. Seals; Mc-Bridge, M. M. McDonnell; Girard, J. M. Rustin; Hinesville, J. N. Hudson; Tay-lor's Creek, C. M. Littlejohn; Bryan Mission, T. E. Pharr.

North Macon District. B. Anthony, presiding elder; Mulberry, W. N. Ainsworth; Vineville, J. H. Scruggs; East Macon, T. M. Christain; Jeffersonville, P. W. Ellis; Allentown Mission, William Kitchens; Gordon C. W. Chrystope to be expelled. town Mission, William Kitchens; Gordon, C. W. Curry, one to be supplied; G. H. Walker; Ivirton and Mission, S. W. Brown; Washington Mission, H. Stevens; Sandersville, W. Langston; Tennille, Walter Anthony; Warthen, T. C. Gardner; Avera, J. P. Dell; Matthews, C. A. Norton; Louisville, W. W. Seals; Wadley, R. M. Allison; Bartow, J. N. Peacock; Davisboro and New Hope, J. G. Christian; Riddleville Mis-Hope, J. G. Christian: Riddleville Mission, Aaron Kelley; Wesleyan Christian Advocate, W. C. Lovett, editor; agent Orphans' Home, W. A. Huckabee; professor Wesleyan Female College, C. R. Jenkins.

South Macon District. J. B. Johnstone, presiding elder; First Street, J. M. Glenn; Second Street and Mission, J. M. Bass; Centenary, M. A. Morgan, Bibb circuit, J. D. Harrison; Bonaire, L. A. Unadilla and Snow circuit, J. W. der; Vienna circuit, B. E. Whittington; Pinehurst circuit, T. R. McMichael; Hawkinsville, J. H. Mather; Fort Valley, T. G. Lang; Marshallville, T. W. Darley; Montezuma, L. J. Ballard, FIGURED TOO HIGH. W. Darley; Montezuma, E. J. Ballard, Oglethorpe and Liberty, A. Lester; Macon County Mission, W. S. Johnson; Knoxville and Roberta, G. W. Childres; Perry and Providence, T. E. Davenport; Byron circuit, W. Lane; missionaries to Cuba, E. E. Clements and H. R. Bardwell. and H. B. Bardwell.

Columbus District. J. O. A. Cook, presiding elder; Columbus St. Luke, T. Copeland; Columbus, St. Paul, J. W. Shoaff; Coumbus, Broad Street and North High-ands, I. F. Griffith, and supply, W Lamberth: Columbus, Rose Hill, T T. Thompson; Columbus, East High-lands, Leon O. Lewis; Cataula, W. T. Clarke; Hamilton Mission, E. E. Gard-ner; Midland, G. A. Davis; Waverly Hall, W. T. Steward; Geneva Mission, J. W. Bridges; Talhotton J. W. Bridges; Talbotton, F. McCul-ough; Talbot, W. C. Glenn; Butler , J. S. Lewis; Reynolds, J. Bethel, R. M. Ross; Buens estimate something over 600,000 bales Vista, W. D. McGregor; Marion Mis-slon, A. H. Bozeman; Cusseta, H. L. missionary to Cuba, G. N. MacDonnell,

American district: W. F. Smith, presiding elder; Ameri-cus and mission; J. P. Wardlaw, S. F. Turner; Sumpter circuit, J. W. Con-nors; Ellaville circuit, W. K. Dennis; Smithvale circuit, E. M. Overby; Bron-Smithvale circuit, E. M. Overby; Bron-wood circuit, J. C. Parker; Parrott Mission, W. C. Wade; Richland cir-cuit, M. F. Beals; Stewart circuit, Olean L. Evans; Springville and Georgetown, G. W. Thomas; Fort Gaines circuit, J. S. Funderburk; Daw-son, O. F. Cook; Cuthbert, J. A. son, O. F. Cook; Cuthbert, J. A. Thomas; Plains circuit, T. I. Nease;

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GREENE AND GAYNOR GIVE MOODY A TEXT.

Thinks That Bench Warrants Should Be Served in Any District.

Washington, Dec. 5 .- Attorney General W. H. Moody in his annual report to Congress recommends the enactment of a law which will provide in substance that where an indictment is duly returned to a court of the United States, the judge of that court may, in his discretion, issue a bench warrant for the arrest of the defendants wherever they may be found within the ter-ritorial limits of the United States. The Attorney General explains that nuch embarrassment in the adminis-

much embarrassment in the administration of the law has arisen from the inability of the United States to bring an offender to the place and the court whereby the constitution and laws the accusation against him must be tried.

Mr. Moody cites a number of cases under the present law in which justice has been defeated or greatly delayed and large expense unnecessarily incurred by the government.

curred by the government.

Among these cases is that of the co-defendants with Capt. Oberlin M. co-defendants with Capt. Oberlin M. Carter in the Savannah harbor improvement frauds. Mr. Moody outlines the proceedings and says that only after a delay of twenty-six months did the United States reach the point where, under the law, they were permitted to take men charged with a grave crime to the place provided by the constitution for their vided by the constitution rial. Then the two defendants whos presence was most desired fled the country, and although persistent and continued effort for their recovery has been made, they are still at large. Un-til they shall be apprehended, it has been deemed undesirable to proceed with the trial of the other defendants upon the indictment.

FIRE IN A GARAGE.

Ten Men Were Injured and Auto mobiles Destroyed.

New York, Dec. 5 .- Ten persons were njured and \$250,000 worth of property destroyed, as the result of explosions caused by a spark leaping from a gasoline machine on which a chauffeur was working in an automobile garage on West Thirty-ninth street to-day.

Forty automobiles were destroyed or badly damaged, and so rapid was the progress of the fire that men workng in the second story of the buildfrom Whom all Blessings Flow," as ing had no opportunity to escape by an expression of joy and thanksgiving way of the stairways and were forced to leap from the windows.

The spark which started the fire

communicated with a tank, holding 100 gallons of gasoline. There were forty-five automobiles in the building, but the dense smoke prevented the rescue of a majority of them.

The 100 gallon tank exploded soon after the fire started and spread the flames to other tanks, and in a short time there were ten distinct explosions, filing the building with are and smoke. The garage was practically destroyed.

Important and Long-Pending Case Decided by Judge Locke.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 5.-An im portant decision, ending a suit pending in the United States court for over ten years past, was made by Judge Locke to-day when a decree was entered in the case of Theodore Dalcour et al. vs. the United States. The suit is for 3,100,-•)0 acres of land in Franklin and Washington counties, known as the Forbes purchase. The claim of complainants was based on an old Spanish grant, and the decree entered to-day is in their favor and establishes their patent as valid.

The United States are directed to issue patents to complainants for all said lands.

An appeal in the case will be taken by the United States.

GERMAN WARSHIP TO VISIT SAVANNAH.

The Bremen Is Expected to Reach This Port Feb. 20.

Atlanta, Dec. 5.-The German warship Bremen will visit Savannah on Feb. 20 next, and remain there a week.

Gov. Terrell to-day received a letter from Secretary of State John Hay stating this fact, and asking the Governor to see that the usual courtesies were extended. Gov. Terrell today wrote a letter to Mayor Myers, calling attention to the letter from the Secretary of State and requesting him to call upon the officers of the Bremen when she arrives there. Adjutant General Harris will write a similar letter to H. S. Colding, of the Georgia Naval Battalion.

THE BOONE LETTERS CAME BACK IN MAIL

They Are of Importance in the Swayne Investigation.

Washington, Dec. 5.-The Boone letters, which were introduced by the prosecution against Judge Charles Swayne and mysteriously disappeared, have been recovered by the House Judiciary Committee through the mail.

It was stated by a member of the committee that the letters had been inadvertently mixed with some other papers and when discovered were re-

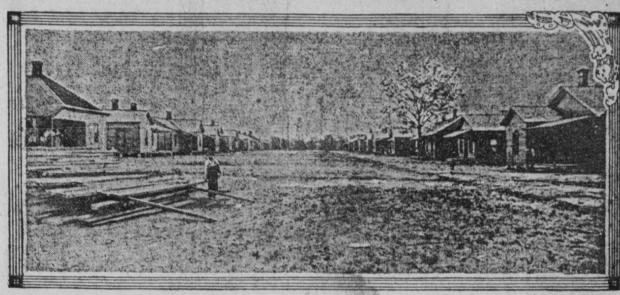
TWO MEN KILLED IN FIGHT ABOUT A DOG.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 5 .- Deputy Sheriff McCamey of Anderson county, and a man named Massingill, are dead as a result of a fight over a dog. The officer's wife was the only witness to the tragedy.

Wanted in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 5,-The Council to-night unamimosly adopt ed a resolution appointing a committee of fifteen to go to Washington and in mond on his contemplated Southern

STREET SCENE IN ZIEGLER, ILL.



The Leiters Mining Town That Is Defended by Fire of Machine Guns.

TWO NOTES BEAR CARNEGIE'S NAME

INDORSED BY C. L. CHADWICK.

ONE IS FOR \$250,000 AND THE OTH-ER FOR \$500,000.

Best Authority States That There Are Such Notes-United States Attorney Has the Smaller Note, and the Other Is in the Deposit Box of President Beckwith of the Oberlin Bank-Beckwith and

Spear Are Under Bond of \$10,000. Cleveland, O., Dec. 5 .- There were umerous new angles developed to-Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick and the troubles of the closed Citizens' National Bank of Oberlin, O.

President C. T. Beckwith and Cashtution were brought here from Oberlin by United States Marshal Chandler and a deputy shortly before noon. The bank officials were later arraigned before United States Commissioner men over to the grand jury, which

meets in February next. Spear was shortly afterward releas-3.100,000 FLORIDA ACRES. ed on a bond. Late this evening Present Beckwith secured bondsmen and the aged banker was given his free- Bank of Oberlin, O.

Ahe They Forgeries?.

That the Oberlin bank, or President Beckwith, really possessed notes for \$250,000 and \$509,000 respectively, with the name of Andrew Car negie signed therto, is known as a definite fact. Whether these notes are forgeries is yet to be shown. This is stated on the authority of United States District Attorney Sullivan and a very prominent banker of Cleveland.

District Attorney Sullivan declared to-day that he had the note for \$250,-000 with Mr. Carnegie's signature in his possession and that it bore the name of Andrew Carnegie and was indorsed by C. L. Chadwick.

A widely known banker, who requested that his name not be used, stated positively that he had seen the \$500,000 note signed, "Andrew Carnegie." This banker said he was not familiar enough with Mr. Carnegie's signature to state positively whether the signature was genuine or a forgery.

Loeser Qualified as Receiver. Receiver Nathan Loeser filed his

bond to-day, thus making him the legal custodian of all property owned by Mrs. Chadwick. It is stated that the approval of Mr.

Loeser's bond ties up absolutely all of Mrs. Chadwick's property, and not a dollar of her debts can be paid out of | genuine? the proceeds of her estate. All creditors, it is said, must share alike, This is supposed to apply to the Newton claims, if there is an attempt to pay it out of any money that may be due to she placed before us. But we said that

Emil Chadwick, son of Mrs. C. L. Chadwick, arrived here from New York to-day, and at once went to his mother's home at the corner of Euclid and Genessee avenues. The young man was deeply depressed. He refused to talk for publication. Those Two Big Notes

The two notes bearing the signature

of Andrew Carnegie were found among the assets of the Citizens' National Bank at Oberlin. According to the best obtainable information, these notes are for \$250,000 and \$500,000, respectively. The note for \$250,000, it is stated, bears the date of Jan. 7, 1904, and reads as follows:

"One year after date, I promise to pay to C. L. Chadwick or order \$250,-000, with interest at 5 per cent.

(Signed.) "Andrew Carnegie." This note is indorsed on the back by C. L. Chadwick,

The note for \$500,000 is said to be in the safe deposit box of President Beckwith at Oberlin, and the key is in his possession.

Must Produce the Notes.

Subpeonas were issued to-day against Beckwith and Spear and also Receiver Lyons, of the Oberlin Bank, by Comnissioner Starck, directing them to produce at the hearing before the grand jury all notes and collaterals in their possession or belonging to the bank,

"that purport to be signed by Andrew LAST SESSION OF 000 and \$500,000 respectively.

They are also ordered to bring into court, "all checks and notes that bear the name of C. L. Chadwick, or Cassie L. Chadwick, either as payee, maker or indorser."

"I WAS A DUPE OR FOOL," BECKWITH DECLARED.

He Told the Story of the Notes Which Aggregate \$1,250,000.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 5 .- Seated in the office of the United States District Attorney this afternoon, President C. T. Beckwith of the failed Citizens' National Bank of Oberlin, made a confession regarding the bank's transactions with Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick. Mr. Beckwith said:

"I am either an awful dupe or a day in connection with the affairs of terrible fool. I gress there is no doubt about my being a fool. I know I have done wrong, and although crushed to the earth myself, I do not propose to be made a scapegoat to shield the sins of others. The truth is that ier Frank Spear of the Oberlin insti- others also must be called to the bar to answer for their part in this terrible affair, and one of those whose answer must be had is Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick."

The banker spoke in broken sen Starek. Both pleaded not guilty and his eyes. His acquaintance with Mrs. tences, and tears were streaming from waived a preliminary hearing. Commissioner Starek fixed the bail at \$10.
000 in each case and bound the two look at the client loaned Mrs. Chadwick began three years ago. The attorneys for Herbert D. Newton, the Brookline, Mass., banker, have stated that their client loaned Mrs. Chadwick Senator Bacon did not received. money only after a note signed, "Andrew Carnegie," had been indorsed by the president and cashier of a national bank. The men who indorsed the note were President Beckwith and Cashier Spear of the Citizens' National e Citizens' National

Relating this matter, Banker Beck-with continued his story of the bank's ransactions with Mrs. Chadwick as

ollows: Another for \$500,000.

"Yes, we indorsed the note in addition to one other note for \$500,000, but never for the purpose for which they were used."
"Do you mean to say that there are

two \$500,000 notes in addition to the note for \$250,000?" was asked Mr. Beckwith.

"Yes, notes aggregating \$1,250,000." "It has not been generally stood that there were two notes for

\$500,000," was suggested.
"I know it, I know it; but the notes exist just the same," said Mr. Beck-with. "One of them is in the hands of the receiver and the other ought to be in the hands of Mrs. Chadwick. If she has disposed of it, she has don something which she swore she would not do. So please make it plain notes which bear our indorsement were never to be used by Mrs. Chadwick for the purpose of raising money, and she knew it."

Said He Was Carnegie's Attorney. "Mr. Beckwith, to correct wrong impression would it not be wise for you to state how Mrs. Chadwick induced you to place your signature upon the note?"

"My God, I would like to if I thought it would make it clear. To tell the story would be to tell the tale of torture and transactions covering a period of over a year. I cannot tell the story before I go on the witness

stand. I must seek advice."
"Did you have the slightest suspicion that the notes carrying the 'In heaven's name, how could we have had suspicion? Mrs. Chadwick swore to both of us and one or more witnesses that she personally saw Mr.

we must be sure. How are we to know? The answer came in less than two days when a New York attorney appeared in Oberlin, who said he the attorney of Mr. Carnegie the attorney of Mr. Carnegie-special agent. He vouched for correctness of the claims made Mrs. Chadwick. In every way we at engaged in a legitimate business tran-

Said Securities Were Locked Up. "How about the attest held by Ira Reynolds; did you see him?" Mr. Beck-

th was asked. 'Yes, many times, and what did we understand? We understood every word that everything was all right and that genuine securities were locked up in the vaults of the Wade Park Bank. I don't know now. Why don's somebody find out; that is the question; why don't somebody find out?

time I came to know Mrs. Chadwick in a business way. It was something over a year ago that I learned that W. S. Fay and Henry Wurst of had had some dealings with Mrs. Chad wick. They were known as shrewd business men. I began to inquire, for, as a business man, I wanted to exert every effort to turn an honest dollar. I guess my inquirles reached the ears of Mrs. Chadwick. At any rate, she came to Oberlin, and it was there the thing began. I began looking for legitimate business, Mrs. Chadwick? Well, you must judge for yourself. A second interview, and I made a small loan. It was promptly met. In addi-tion, we secured considerable spiendid

"From there on the story lead into

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58TH CONGRESS

HAS NOW BEEN LAUNCHED.

NO BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED ON THE OPENING DAY.

Differences Left to the Arbitrament of the People on Nov. S. Many Floral Gifts for the Members-Proceedings of Both Houses.

By R. M. Larner. Washington, Dec. 5.-A spirit of good feeling prevailed at the Capitol to-day, in spite of the wretched weather and some unpleasant recollections of the late election. Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate mingled freely and laughed and joked over

what happened Nov. 8. The floral offerings in the Senate chamber were beautiful. Conspicuous for their size and exceptional beauty were the decorations on Senator Tillman's desk, consisting of a large basket of white chrysanthemums and American Beauties. Senator Latimer also received a basket of pink roses

Senator Bacon did not receive floral gifts, but he and Senator Clay were cordially greeted by their associates

on both sides of the chamber. equally attractive, and the fraternal spirit correspondingly liberal on both sides of the chamber. Only a few of the Democrats from New York city were remembered with floral gifts, but the Republican side was a veritable

flower garden. The members of the South Carolina and Georgia delegation, with a few exceptions, were on hand when the roll was called, and the absentees are on their way here.

Sessions Were Brief.

With the Senate in session thirteen minutes and the House fifty-three min-utes, the last session of the Fifty-eighth Congress was assembled to-day. The time of both bodies was devoted entirely to the usual formalities attended by scenes familiar but always interesting. There were the greetings between members, the great floral display and the hundreds of visitors with beautifully gowned women pre-dominating. Corridors, committee rooms and cloak rooms were thronged.

The bustle extended even to the floors of the chambers, although no weighty legislative problems awaited solution.

The gavels of Senator Frye, president pro tem of the Senate, and Speaker Cannon, of the House, fell exactly at Cannon, of the House, fell exactly at 12 o'clock. The opening prayers were made by the chaplains, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D., in the Senate, and Rev. H. N. Couden in the House.

In both the Senate and the House the committees were appointed to wait on the President and inform him that Congress was ready to receive any communication he had to send. Resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Senators Hoar of Massachusetts, and Quay of Pennsylvania, were adopted by both houses and the adjourn-ments were further tributes to their

usual first day routine was the adop-tion of a resolution in the House extending until Jan. 5, 1905, the time in which the Merchant Marine Commission may make its report.

NEARLY ALL SENATORS WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

Warmly Applauded Vice President-Elect Fairbanks.

Washington, Dec. 5 .- The Senate convened promptly at noon to-day. The first senator in his seat was Platt of New York. Long before 12 o'clock the galleries were filled, but the buzz of conversation ceased abruptly when President Pro Tem. Frye's gavel fell. Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D., chaplain of the Senate, offered prayer, which was listened to by nearly every

senator. Two seats had been vacated by death, those of Senators Hoar of Massachusetts and Quay of Pennsylvania. Their successors, Senators-elect Crane of Massachusetts and Knox of Penn-

sylvania attended the session. The floral decorations were equal to those of any session in the history of the Senate. Many desks were overflowing with the offerings, and the Sei ate force was occupied from 11 until 12 o'clock in arranging them so sena-

ors could take their seats. When Senator Fairbanks, the Vice President-elect, entered the chamber, he was greeted warmly by many on his colleagues. The visitors applauded ois entrance with cheers and hand-

Senator Allison made the usual for-

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