MYSTERY SOLVED.

One That Puzzled the Ohio Political Wiseacre.

"POUR PARLERS" OF THE LEADERS

Take Place at Cleveland and Give the Gos sips Much Worry-Conferences That Had for Their Object the Selection of the Delegates to the National Convention-Stories of Political Knife-Grinding Declared False-Politics in Illinois.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 28. - There was a mys serious gathering of politicians here yesterday. Early in the morning Charles L. Kurtz, chairman of the Republican state committee, dropped into town and registered at the Weddell House. He was soon followed by Colonel A. L. Conger. of Akron. Both are well-known friends of Senator-Elect Foraker, and it was at once supposed that they were here for a purpose. Kurtz flitted about most of the day, seeing several leading Republicans. He spent some time in the office of M. A. Hanna, who is recognized as the closest friend of McKinley The conference lastel for more than an hour. Last evening Kurtz was in conference with Colonel Myron T Herrick, also one of McKinley's supporters. When asked the purpose of his visit to Cleveland Kurtz declined to go into details. He said that he had been attending to some business

Met to Select Delegates-at-Large. It was learned from another source that his talk with Hanna was of a political nature; that in fact the make-up of the delegation at large from Ohlo to the St. Louis convention was considered. The choice of the delegates in the various districts was also discussed. "It was proposed," said this gentleman, "and practically settledso far as this preliminary conference can .skttle it-that M. A. Hanna and James H. Hoyt, of this city, and Senator-elect Foraker and General Bushnell will be the delegates at-large. There is no doubt that Ohio will be united for McKinley and the purpose now is to provide against future friction and conflicts between the two elements of the Republican party in the

Divided Between McKinley and Foraker, There seems to be no doubt that the conferences here were held with the full knowledge of both McKinley and Fornker, and that the meetings were arranged with their full consent. If the delegates-atlarge are agreed upon as suggested both McKinley and Foraker will have an equal representation, and the matter being settled in advance there can be no contest at state convention. Hanna was seen last evening. He said that he had re-ceived a call from Kurtz during the afternoon, and that they had discussed various matters connected with the candidacy of Governor McKinley, He declared that there was a perfect agreement between

Nobody Grinding His Knife.

"I want to say," said he, "that the stories about divisions in the ranks of the Ohio Republicans are the rankest nonsense. The party is united today as it was never united before and McKinley is stronger in the state than he has ever been. The people who are trying to create dissensions are simply making themselves ridiculous." It was stated last night that General Grosvenor was likely to be selec-ted as one of the delegates at-large, with Governor Bushnell, Senator-elect For-aker and Hanna. It is probable that the state convention will be held late in March or the first week in April. The exact time has not yet been agreed upon, al-though all the Republican leaders are said to favor an early convention.

PRAIRIE STATE REPUBLICANS.

Gather at Springfield to Hold a "Love Feast" and Talk Politics.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 28,-About 1,000 Re publicans are assembled in the city from every part of the state to attend the "love feast" in session today in Representative's feast" in session today in Representative's Martin Kingman, head of the firm of hall. There are about thirty-five avowed Kingman & Co., of Peoria, a heavy stock. on her head, sustaining a fracture of the candidates for nomination for the various state offices present. Senator Cullom, ex-Governors Fifer and Oglesby, and nearly all the prominent Republican politicians The candidates for governor-John R.

Tanner; Representative A. J. Hopkins, of Aurora; Dr. Joseph Robbins, of Quin-ey; Colonel Jonathan Merriam, of Atlanta; General James S. Martin, of Salem, and General Horace S. Clarke, of Mattoon-have opened headquarters at their adherents. Each speaks in a confi-

Chicago, Peoria, and Quiney have the largest delegations present. Peoria has a delegation of about 200 here, and she will make a desperate fight with Springfield to capture the state convention. The state central committee met last night at the Leland hotel and decided to call the "love feast" at 10 o'clock this morning. It was decided that it should be in the nature of an open committee meeting, with Chairdeliver the address of welcome.

Ex-Governors Fifer and Oglesby and Senator Cullom will be the first speakers, shaft and then the congressional districts will hell. be called and will be responded to by men named by the committee, one from each district, with a few exceptions, and em bracing all the candidates for governor except Tanner. This will conclude the meeting. Tonight the state central com-mittee will meet and will decide upon the date and place for holding the state con-

McKinley has hosts of followers here,
McKinley's portraits have been distributed all over the city. Senator Culiom is
making a desperate effort to stem the tide
in favor of the Ohio man. Tanner and
Culiom are hand-in-hand. There is talk of a combination of Fifer and Tom Reed

M'KINLEY, TANNER AND WOOD.

The Favorites of Richland County, Illa, for

President, Governor and Congress.

OLNEY, Jan. 28.—The Republican coun ty convention met in the Opera House state, congressional and senatorial conventions. Delerates to the state convention.

were instructed for John Tanner for governor. Delegates to the congressional convention to select delegates to the national convention were instructed for Aden Knoph as such delegate, and for Mc-Kinley. Delegates to the congressional convention were instructed for Benson Wood for the congressional candidate. Resolutions landstory of McKinley for president and John Tanner for governor were adopted.

Fusion in Kansas Not Probable.

TOPEKA, Jan. 28.—There has been a good deal of newspaper talk lately about fusion between the Democrats and Populists this year, with George W. Glick as the candi-date for governor. While such a combination is possible, it is not probable. Many of the Democratic leaders are opposed to any kind of a coalition with the Populists, claiming that it would result disastrously to their organization, as did the arrange ment of 1802. The Populist leaders also are opposed to fusion.

Woman Suffragists Elect Officers. WASHINGTON, Jan 28. - The woman suffrage convention has elected the following officers: President, Susan B. Anthony; vice president-at-large, Anna Howard Shaw; corresponding secretary, Rachael Foster Avery; treasurer, Harriet Taylor Upton. The session was devoted feared that the further exploration of the to speeches on the work done and how to wrecked mine will develop the bodies of prosocute it further. Part of the day was devoted to a call on Mrs. U. S. Grant in honor of her birthday.

The Populist Won't Come Down.

RUSTON, La., Jan. 28.-The Progressive Age, Populist organ, has a letter from A. B. Booth, who was nominated for governor by the Populist convention at Alexandria and pulied down by the committee of fifty, which says the action of the comstate to save the organization at any personal sacrifice.

FIERCE FIGHT BETWEEN NEIGHBORS.

Feud in Iowa Results in Two Dead Men-

Girl and the Men Wounded. JEFFERSON, Jan. 28 -As a result of a desperate fight at an early hour in the morning two men are dead, two men desare John Brown, Sr., shot in the face; George Fleck, shot through the back; Miss Titlie Brown, beaten with a club. Flecks broke into the Brown residence and opened fire with revolvers and shot-

young Fleck.
George Fleck, the 16-year-old son, en tered with a revolver in each hand and opened fire. One bullet struck Brown in the cheek and another passed through the elder Fleck's hand. A moment later Brown's eldest son, John, Jr., appeared, and young Fleck began pumping lead at him. One ball struck him in the breast just above the heart, and another tore a chunk of skin from his forchead.

Then Jim Brown, a 17-year-old son, entered, and sizing up the situation grabbed a stick of firewood and knocked both revolvers from young Fleck's hands. John, Jr., although dangerously wounded, reached one of the guns and planted a builet in young Fleck's back, he having turned to run. Jim followed and caught Fleck, and clubbed him over the head until he was unconscious.

HEAVY FAILURE IN ILLINOIS.

Marseilles Manufacturing Company Goes Under for \$200,000

GTTAWA, Jan 28.-The Marseilles Manufacturing company, the principal industry of the little city of Marseilles and cutting off escape that way. The frantic the largest agricultural implement facthe largest agricultural implement fac-tory in central Illinois, has failed for \$200. lowed by the boy ran to a second-story 600, its creditors being scattered from the front window, tied the baby in a blanket Mississippi over to the Atlantic seaboard, and let it down to the ground in safety. The assets of the concern will cover the liabilities at market rates, with \$50,000 to spare; but, at forced sale, the corporation could not make out a percentage at all equal to its liabilities. It has assigned to holder and creditor.

The company files a list of assets foot-

ing up \$252,000, of which \$132,000 is in was summoned from his work and is notes, accounts and stock on hand. The heaviest creditors are Kingman & Co., Peoria, \$25,000; Kelly, Maus & Co., Chi-cago, \$4,891; Ewart Manufacturing company, Chicago, \$5,736; State bank, of Ply-mouth, Wis., \$10,000; Grundy County nathe Leland hotel, which is crowded with Marseilles, \$5,000; Atlas National bank of Chicago, \$10,000; J. Adams, \$13,136; Andent manner, but Tanner seems to be drews Bros., Youngstown, O., \$1,634; American Hardwood Lumber company,

\$2,468; employes, \$1,175. Young Tough Kills Himself.

FITHIAN, Ilis., Jan. 28.-At Muncie, Ills., Blaine Lynch, a lad of 15 years, committed suicide by jumping into the coal shaft, which is 198 feet deep. He was instantly killed and horribly mangled. Friday night his father's store was ropbed and upon his father questioning him young Lynch acknowledged the deed and man T. H. Jamieson presiding. State young Lynch acknowledged the deed and Senator David T. Littler, of this city, will returned part of the money. He left a note at the top of the shaft saying: will find my body at the bottem of the shaft, and I will meet you skating in

West Virginia Family Quarrel.

BLUE FIELD, Jan. 28.-In a family quarrel at Kyle Mrs. Lizzie Savage was shot and instantly killed by Thomas Burns, her stepson. After the shooting Burns went to the barn and fired a bullet through his own breast, causing inpoison. It was with great difficulty that her life was saved.

The Gilded Man.

At the headwaters of the Orinoco the Spanish traditions located the land of El Dorado, "The Gilded Man," a potentate whose country was so rich in gold dust that he had his body anointed with oil and sprinkled with gold every morning, so that he shone in the sun as though gilded. It is a curious fact that yesterday and selected delegates to the the country in which tradition located this marvelous being has never been ex-

FIFTY-FOUR DEAD.

Heard in Wales.

FIRE-DAMP DOES ITS AWFUL WORK

Explosion Sets the Pit on Fire and Lin the Dark Gang ways with Corpses-Twen ty of the Victims Brought to the Surface and a Few Rescued Alive-Heroic Mother Fatally Hurt and Two Babes Cremated

of the town and vicinity of Tylorstown, | man treatment. which is situated near here, were terrified by a terrific reverberation yesterday which shook the whole town and caused people intervals all information that may be obto rush out of doors wondering whether they were being overwhelmed by an earthquake It was ascertained in a short time that the concussion was caused by an explosion in a neighboring colliery with the new Chicago federal building. disastrous consequences to life and property. The latest report places the number of dead at fifty-four, though it is

Little Hope for Any in the Pit.

The mining population of the locality knew all too quickly what the muffled, thunderous rumble of the explosion meant, and rushed to the mouth of the pit only to have their worst fears confirmed. The shaft was found to be entirely shattered, and it was evident that there was little hope that any of those in mittee was unwarranted, that he does not the pit could have survived the explosion. intend to come down, but will stump the The pit was found to have caught fire, and the hindrance that this caused to the work of the rescue parties added to the excitement and tension of feeling. It was only through braving the utmost peril that the living were able to prosecute their quest for the dead.

A Few Men Rescued Alive. The number of the dead removed grew from twelve to fifteen, and then twenty, morning two men are dead, two men desperately wounded, and a young lady ser-iously injured. The billed are Lehr iously injured. The killed are John ing and with it the number of bereaved Brown, Jr., and John Fleck. The injured families waiting at the surface. The work are John Brown, Sr., shot in the face; of exploration went steadily forward but under great difficulty. A few were taken out alive. Those who were engaged in the The trouble started over an old fend. The work of exploration and the few survivorwho were rescued tell terrible stories of John Brown and his two sons and | bodies they found or stumbled over, strewn daughter engaged the men, but had no fire- in all directions as they fell overcome by arms until a revolver was secured from fire-damp or hurled by the force of the

TWO LITTLE ONES CREMATED.

Their Mother Fatally Hurt After Heroic Efforts to Save Them.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 28 -Two bables dead and their mother dying is the result of a fire at the home of John Steele, a lamp chimney maker, on the south side Inst night The victims are: Mary Steele, aged 5 burned to death; Nora Steele, aged aged 27, fatally injured by jumping from second story window. About 9 o'clock at night, while Steele was at work in give the Turkish minister his passports. Hagan, Evans & Co's glass factory, the mother took her four children—Jenny, 7 years old; Mary, Nora and a 7-months-old

babe-upstairs to put them to bed.

The older ones were in bed and the baby her crib, playfully kicked over a stand on which stood a lamp. Johnny, who tells the story, says the lamp fell on the floor and exploded. His mother kicked it from the room down the stairs, and within a few moments the stairway was in flames,

She then saved Johnny in the same manner, and turned back to rescue the two little girls; but the rear portion of the dwelling was all in flames, and she was compelled to abandon them. In jumping skull and internal injuries, from the effects of which she will die. The father crazed with grief.

One Fatality Follows Another,

PITTSBURG, Jan. 28.-Miss Lula Kennedy, a stenographer, while on her way to take a train for her home at Crafton last tional bank, \$2,000; Manufacturers' bank evening, was struck by a Panhandle train of Racine, \$10,000; Percy E. Chappell, and instantly killed. Her body was Michigan, \$3,500; First National bank of thrown about fifty feet and was badly mangled. While the patrol wagon was conveying the remains to the morgue it the driver, John Quigg, and his assistant, Charles Fritz, violently to the ground. luigg was probably fatally hurt, and Fritz badly injured.

Antique Robbers Are Captured.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 - Some of the antiques stolen out of the Zeschille collection on Saturday night, and the two men who are suspected of stealing them, are on exhibition in the detective bureau at police headquarters. The prisoners are Ewald Schmoliz and Charles Lefebre. Schmoliz is a nephew of Richard Zeschilic, who appeti owns the collection. Lefebre is a saloon-arilla. keeper. Young Schmoliz was employed by his uncle as watchman over the collec-

Another of Our Bashi Bazouks.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. Jan 28.-Reuben Mosely, a young earpenter with a wooden leg, became frenzled with his sweetheart, Mollie Jones, on whom he was calling, stant death. As seen as his young wife saw the lifeless body she fainted, and after being revived went to the house and took breast with his iron-shod peg leg. The leg penetrated the woman's body almost to the other side, and caused immediate

> Should Hang High in the Near Future. BIRMINGHAM, Ala. Jan. 28 - At Swanse Blount county, Frank Jones, superinten sent of the Swanse Coal company mines, shot and fatally wounded his wife, a beautiful young woman 20 years of age. Jones was insanely jealous of his wife. Up to the latest report he had not been arrested. He is armed and defles any one to arrest him. Jones has heretofore stood high.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Rumble of the Fiend of the Pit Heard in Wales.

Ex-President George F. Magoun, of Iowa college, is very ill at his home in Grinnel, Ia., and is expected to live but a short time. He was the first president of Iowa college and served for twenty years. Yesterday was the Emperor William's birthday and he celebrated it by rousing

out the military garrison at Berlin very early in the morning. An agreement has been signed by Brazil

and Italy to leave their dispute about damages for Italians to arbitration. Turner, Ills., will hereafter be known as

West Chicago. Et Pittsburg.

Mrs Christina S. Hayner, of Janesville,
Wis., has been granted a divorce from
John G. Hayner on the ground of inhu-

British consuls throughout this country

tainable regarding the status and development of the Irish alliance. It is believed that Charles A. Coolidge,

s Chicago architect, will be appointed to draw the plans and specifications, etc., of Annie Osterlind was sent to the Cook county (Ilis) hospital, suffering with con-

she left the hospital voluntarily, and has been neither seen nor heard of since. Lighters are busily engaged in remov ing the cargo from the American liner St. Paul, ashore off Long Branch, N. J., in

sumption, June 14 last. Eleven days later

the hope that when empty she can be pulled off. The steamer Rustler picked up thirteen starving men in a rowboat in the north Pacific. The men were on the way from Seward City to Juneau and had not had food or water for two days. They acted

Mrs. Charles Beyers, 23 years old, wife f a butcher living at Washington Heights, a Chicago suburb, committed suicide by drinking carbolic neid. The woman had been married about a year.

A letter received at Boston from Harpoot, Armenia, says the destitution there s terrible, beyond all comparison, with

other places not yet heard from. John L Sullivan has decided to quit Boston and the stage "for good," he says. A Milwaukee brewer is going to fit up a nagnificent saloon for him in Chicago.

Dr. Walter Kempster, who was deposed from the head of the Milwaukee health department at the time of the small-pox epidemic and reinstated by the courts after a ong legal fight, has taken charge of the

Obituary: At McDonough, Ga, Hiram ester 128. At New York, John Ripley.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.-Senators Canon and Brown, from Utah were sworn in as senators and Cannon drew the long term. This makes the parties in the sen-ale stand: Republicans, 44; Democrats, 39; Populists, 6. The rest of the session was devoted to debate on the bond bill.
Lodge offered a "rider" to the silver bill
for a popular 3 per cent. loan, payable in
"coin," the proceeds to be used for const defenses. An executive session was held. The house spent the day debating the enate resolutions on Armenia, calling on 2, burned to death, Mrs. Jennie Steele, adopted it—143 to 26—after defeating saveral amendments, one of which by Hepburn of Iowa directed the president to

Couldn't Agree in a Murder Case. WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 28 - The jury in

the case of Mrs. Ira Leonard, charged with being an accessory to the murder of her Nora, lying in husband last November for \$5,000 life in surance, has disagreed and been dis-charged. Her former husband, Marion Williamson, who is charged with having been in the conspiracy with her was put on trial. He consented to the divorce of his wife shortly before she married Leonard last fall.

Medal of Honor for a Michigan Man. WASHINGTON, Jan. 88.-A medal of honor has been granted to Alonzo Woodruff, of Luther, Mich., late sergeant company L, Hatcher's Run, Va. Oct. 27, 1861. This officer saved a mounted comrade from capture, if not death, at the imminent side.

Potter Palmer to Succeed Runyon CHICAGO, Jan. 28.-A local paper says that Potter Palmer, a life-long Democrat. will, it is asserted, probably be named by President Cleveland as successor to Run-

his own life.

you as ambassador to Germany. Those Medals Are Ready at Last.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 -The treasury department has received from the manufacturers 119 cases containing 23,750 Columbian World's exposition bronze medals which were awarded to exhibitors. So was run down by a street car, throwing far as the department is concerned the medals are ready for delivery.

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struction that it will surprise no one to hear that the first invention of a horseless carriage in America was by a Marylander. It was almost a century ago. -Baltimore American.

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