

THIRTEENTH YEAR.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Bland's and Dingley's Methods of Regulating the Currency.

The Man Who Explains "Why we Laugh" is Miffed.

Springer Feels Aggrieved Over the Committee Appointments.

The Preparation of Appropriation Bills and Other Matters.

CAPITAL NOTES.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—Mr. Buckner, chairman of the committee on banking and currency, is preparing a bill to introduce when congress reconvenes, providing for issuing treasury notes without the legal tender quality, to take the place of bank notes being out of circulation. The purpose is the same as that of the bill introduced by Buckner the first session of last congress. The proposition of Comptroller Knox to take off 1 per cent of the tax on circulation, and allow banks to issue on market value instead of par value, is not favored by the chairman of the banking and currency committee. Buckner says the plan of Knox was successful in avoiding contraction of the circulation of bank notes, it affords but temporary relief and in seven years from the present, when it becomes necessary to begin redeeming 41 per cent bonds, there will be a recurrence of the present trouble. The national bank system cannot live without a national debt, and as that debt is being wiped out gradually and certainly, Buckner is of opinion it is time to prepare for a permanent circulation. He is not favorably inclined to a removal of the tax on circulation, giving as a reason that while in eastern states where the interest is low circulation is not a valuable franchise of banks, but it is valuable and worth all the government asks in the western states. Buckner says the franchise is still more valuable because the rate of interest there is higher. The originator of the proposed measure is doubtful of securing any legislation upon the subject the present session, owing to the diverse opinion among members. Dingley, who heads the list of republican members of the committee on banking and currency says the most important question relating to national banks is that of providing for the stability of circulation. He thought but two plans proposed to this end were practicable. One was to provide for the issue of circulating notes to an amount equal to 90 per cent of the market value of bonds deposited to secure circulation. After a hasty examination of the list of members of the committee he said he was of opinion, that this plan is more likely to find favor with the committee. He would not venture an opinion as to the treatment the other plan he had in mind.

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ROADS AND RATES. Miles of Railway Built and Capital Invested During 1883.

An Effort to Stop the Cut in Rates to the Missouri.

The Tripartites to Meet in Council Bluffs To-day.

Hughitt will Try to Wring in the Northwestern.

RAILROAD MATTERS. THE YEAR'S RECORD.

CHICAGO, December 26.—The Railway Age in its next issue will publish a summary of railway building in the United States for the past twelve months. It shows 6,000 miles of main track laid at an approximate cost of \$165,000,000, making the total miles of railway in the country to date 120,000. The construction during 1882 was the largest in the history of the country, 11,000 miles, and the year before 9,700. The states and territories which lead in construction this year are as follows: Montana 413 miles, Dakota 409, Michigan 406, New York 375, Pennsylvania 330, Ohio 326, Mississippi 305, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, Nevada and Wyoming are the only states and territories in which no road was built.

A CONFERENCE CALLED. CHICAGO, December 26.—The statement in a telegram from New York that the St. Paul road had agreed to a settlement of the difficulty with the trunk lines on account of Commissioner Pierson's order allowing the Northwestern and Wabash reduced passenger rates from New York to Missouri river points, is contradicted here. It is supposed the dispatch grew out of a telegram from a passenger agent that road agreed to a temporary truce pending a conference. Commissioner Pierson is now in Cleveland, and will be here to-day or to-morrow. Telegrams were received from him to-day asking a conference with western connections of the trunk lines on the subject.

TO MEET IN COUNCIL BLUFFS. It is reported that Clark of the Union Pacific, Cable of the Rock Island, and Merrill of the St. Paul will meet in Council Bluffs to-morrow for the purpose of making final arrangements for putting the tripartite agreement into effect. Hughitt of the Northwestern left for that point to-day. This is believed to indicate the position of his road in regard to the agreement.

OVER IN IOWA. AN OLD SETTLER GONE. CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, December 26.—O. S. Bowling, with one exception the oldest settler in Iowa, died yesterday. He was an extensive landholder, and the owner of extensive additions to Cedar Rapids, died Christmas day, aged 71. He came to this region in 1838, took up a claim, and his property is now a part of the city on the west side.

TWO SUICIDES. A Vinton special to The Republican states that Charles Sowers, 25 years old, shot himself through the heart this morning. Cause, despondency. Also that Mrs. N. W. Auburn attempted suicide by cutting her throat. She will die. Cause, family trouble. Her husband is an inmate of an insane asylum.

A RAILWAY WORK. A freight train on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northwestern road was wrecked early this evening at Columbus Junction. Five cars went off the track and Mark Fisher was killed.

TRAILERS' MEETING. DES MOINES, Ia., December 26.—The state association of school teachers of Iowa met here to-day in annual meeting, which it continues three days. Acting President Klinefelter of Mason City is presiding. Some four hundred teachers are in attendance. Col. F. W. Harker, principal of the normal school of Chicago, delivered a fine address this afternoon, which was received with much favor. The address of welcome were delivered in the evening by Bishop Hurst, of Des Moines, and the response by President Pickard, of the state university. A lecture was given by Dr. S. N. Fellows, of the state university.

A Frightful Runaway. ST. LOUIS, December 26.—Mrs. Gen. Sherman and daughter Rachael had a narrow escape from death this afternoon. They had been attending Xavier church, corner of Ninth and Lucas avenues. They had just seated themselves in their buggy to go home when the horses became frightened and dashed madly up Lucas avenue until at Eleventh street they collided with a lamp post and awning. The ladies were taken from the wreck uninjured, but badly shocked and frightened. One horse had his back broken and was shot.

A Panic in a Theatre. ST. LOUIS, December 26.—During a matinee at the Standard theatre this evening smoke issued from behind the scenes in considerable volume and a cry of fire was raised. Women and children rushed for the doors with alarm, but the manager and employees succeeded in quieting the panic before anybody was hurt. The smoke came from the furnace as the result of a badly built fire.

A Heavy Failure. PROVIDENCE, R. I., December 26.—A. D. Smith & Co. have assigned with liabilities of over \$1,000,000, largely due to Providence banks. The firm operated two cotton mills in this city, two in Johnston, and one in Woonsocket, all 87,000 spindles. The failure involves the suspension of the Providence Steam Mill company, Great Manufacturing company, and Franklin Manufacturing company.

The Wrestlers. BOSTON, December 26.—A match for \$500 a side and the heavy-weight collar-and-elbow wrestling championship of the world, has been arranged between Duffur and McMahon.

The Blockade in New York. NEW YORK, December 26.—The storm has delayed all trains. Mails from the east were three hours late, while western mails had not been heard from up to 11. Those from the south are two and a half hours late. Pittsburgh mails were reported four hours behind. Travel in the city is subject to less interruption, many streets having been partially cleared of snow.

A Colored Convention. COLUMBUS, O., December 26.—The state convention of colored citizens convened to-day. There was a large attendance from all parts of the state. W. S. Thomson of Delaware, was made temporary chairman. He stated the object of the convention was to have the rights of colored people more restricted and Danville outrages show such a condition of affairs as to lead to organization for the protection of all rights belonging to citizens. The decision of the supreme court on the civil rights law was generally discussed. The forenoon was occupied in appointing committees on credentials and permanent organization. There was some contest over the make-up of the committee on resolutions.

Resolutions were adopted to petition the legislature to pass laws for their protection, to repeal the old statutes against them, to improve the facilities for education of colored youth, asking both state and national aid for colored schools, recommending operating among colored people by the formation of joint stock companies in business, thanking Senator Edmunds for his civil rights bill, Justice Harlan for his dissenting opinion and Speaker Keifer for his services, and recommending the appointment of a state committee of one from each congressional district to perfect a plan for the protection of colored citizens and organization throughout the state of equal rights leagues. The state committee was selected and it was voted to proceed with the permanent organization of the convention.

At the afternoon session a permanent organization was effected as follows: President, C. L. Maxwell, of Greene county; secretary, G. Comley, of Hamilton county. The convention continued in session until after midnight. At times the excitement over alleged race distinctions became very high and the most inflammatory speeches were made.

Cold Weather at Sea. NEW HAVEN, December 26.—The bark Mohawk from New York to Calcutta anchored at New Haven yesterday. All hands frost bitten and one man dead. Her master requested assistance. The frost bitten mariners taken to the hospital are all Japanese, and it is thought two will lose their feet. One was killed by falling on the deck Saturday night.

DEATH'S CARNIVAL.

Victims Supplied by the Bullet, the Rope and Accident.

Street Fights in the South Furnish Funeral Material.

Colorado Miners Overwhelmed by the Awful Avalanche.

The Negroes of Yazoo City do Some Needless Killing.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

LIVELY SHOOTING AND LYNCHING GALVESTON, TEXAS, December 26.—The News-McCade special says: Monday night at 11:30, Henry Pfeiffer, Wright McLamore and Thad McLamore were taken from a saloon here by fifty well armed masked men, carried into the street and hanged to a tree. Thad McLamore was under arrest at the time, having been taken early in the evening on the charge of burglary preferred by S. J. Walker, of this town. The other two happened to be present when the lynchers arrived. Pfeiffer was under indictment as a horse thief in this county. To-day six men, friends and relatives of those who came to town and picked a quarrel with Tom Bishop and George Milton, and a fight with shot guns and six-shooters ensued. Two of six-ten, Jack Bayley and Asa Bayley, were killed and the third, Haywood Bayley, badly wounded. The remaining three escaped. Willis Griffin, an estimable young citizen of McCade, while assisting Bishop and Bishop to defend themselves, was shot through the head and mortally wounded by Haywood Bayley. The five corpses, the two McLamores, two Bayleys and Pfeiffer, are lying in the market house yet unclaimed. It is thought friends will come to-night and the trouble will be renewed.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the inquest on the five corpses at McCade was still progressing, and Milton and Bishop, who were attacked in the streets by the friends of the one lynched, are under arrest. It is considered that they were perfectly justified in killing the two Bayley boys. Their bonds will probably be nominal. It is said that every good man in the county stands ready to go security. Willis Griffin shot through the head while helping Bishop and Milton, can live only a few hours. The brains are oozing through the skull. Haywood Bailey, who shot Griffin, is lying in jail dangerously wounded. Noble, the telegraph operator at McCade, has been on duty constantly without sleep 56 hours. Sheriff Jenkins and County Attorney Maynard were indefatigable, and regardless of the risk arrested Haywood and Mr. Stevens in their own homes.

It is learned this evening that during the street fight about a hundred shots were exchanged between a trio of citizens and a sextette of desperadoes, the result being that one citizen was mortally wounded and the other two unhurt. Two of the opposing party were killed and the remaining four wounded, one dangerously and one seriously and two slightly. Harley, one of the six thought to be wounded, is still at large. The excitement has entirely subsided.

THREE KILLED. HOUSTON, TEX., December 26.—This evening near Clear Creek an engine on the Galveston, Houston & Hamilton railroad collided with a hand car, killing two employes, names unknown, fatally bruising another named Henry Bentley, colored, and slightly injuring a contractor named E. F. Davis.

A YAZOO TRAGEDY. YAZOO CITY, MISS., December 26.—A terrible tragedy was enacted Monday night. John T. Posey, of the firm of Williams & Posey, a most estimable young man, highly respected, was insulted by John James, a negro brute, going off and getting some friends Posey returned to where James was last seen. Without warning the party fired and Nicholas were riddled with buckshot and instantly killed. A. C. Ellet was dangerously wounded, and Fritz Halderer slightly wounded. The negroes had organized, and under cover of intense darkness shot down the whites who were restrained from shooting because the streets were full of boys and men not connected with the difficulty. They have fired would, perhaps, have been to kill many innocent men and children. Only one of the negroes was apprehended. This city council at a meeting yesterday, the mayor presiding, resolved after investigating the causes leading to the tragedy, that the difficulty resulted from a personal altercation between Posey and James and that the friends of both parties were drawn into the conflict. Neither police nor special constables were called for. James was killed this morning by citizens while resisting arrest, he having first fired three times.

A NIGHT IN THE MOUNTAINS. DENVER, December 26.—Further particulars of Friday's terrible disaster at Virginia mine, near Ouzay, are just received by special messenger to Montrose. Immediately on receipt of the news, a party consisting of 31 left Ouzay, to bring in the dead. The journey to the mine was made in the face of great perils, as a great storm was raging. Four bodies for the wounded and improvised sleds for the bodies, the party started to return. When the Cumberland basin was reached a second snow slide descended, but being on the lookout all succeeded in reaching the edge of the avalanche before it struck them and thus escaped instant death. The sleds containing the four dead bodies, however, were carried 2000 feet down the mountain side and then hurled over a precipice five hundred feet high, where they must remain till spring. The party finally reached Ouzay nearly dead from exhaustion.

BURIED IN THE SNOW. ALMA, Col., December 26.—A snow slide occurred near Montezuma Monday which carried John Headstrom and John Abstrom and John Lang, three miners, and great stores of lumber. Lang and Abstrom and Lang were found dead, headstrom is still missing, and must have been killed.

JUMPED THE TRACK. SUNBURY, Penn., December 26.—Early this morning the Erie mail train jumped the track here, and crashed through several cars. Two passenger coaches were disabled and seven box cars smashed. Jos. Wheelan, fireman, was mortally wounded. The passengers escaped with bruises.

A NEW ORLEANS KILLING. NEW ORLEANS, December 26.—Wm. McCaffery, a prominent ward politician and assistant superintendent of markets, was shot and mortally wounded yesterday in a gambling saloon, by Dud Roman, one of the proprietors of the establishment. McCaffery died last night.

QUESTIONS HIS THIRST. CLEVELAND, O., December 26.—Henry Schroeder, son of a wealthy German, with half a dozen friends, at an early hour yesterday morning, attempted to break into George Osare's saloon for the purpose of getting drinks. Osare had previously refused to sell on the ground that they were drunk. On making the attack, Edward Eyring, brother-in-law of Osare, shot from a window and killed young Schroeder.

TEXAS DESPERADOES. SHERMAN, TEXAS, December 26.—The band of desperadoes terrorizing the north-west portion of this county, when raided sought the fastnesses of Red river bottom, killed an unoffending negro at Pottville Saturday and since have murdered a white man at Dexter in Cook county, where they also burned a church and school house. Deputy Sheriff May and Kelly with a posse of citizens left last evening to scour the brush. The parties guilty of the Pottville murder are known and will be readily identified.

ST. LOUIS CRIMES. ST. LOUIS, December 26.—D. C. Gibson, chief actor in the tragedy at his wife's boarding house Monday evening, died yesterday. John Buntinton is in a critical condition. James R. Jones was arrested yesterday for robbing the Perryville, (Kansas) post-office, a few nights ago of \$300 in money and \$200 in stamps.

ULYSSES GRANT IN JAIL. DALLAS, TEXAS, December 26.—Ulysses Grant, son of Jessie Grant, relative of Ex-President Grant, was arrested yesterday on the charge of burglarizing a house and purloining pistols which were afterwards sold. He was remanded in default of \$500 bail. This is a second time within a few months that he was arrested for stealing.

TWO KILLED, FIVE WOUNDED. ALLENDALE, S. C., December 26.—A street fight occurred on Christmas in which two persons were killed and five wounded. The circumstances are as follows: John Hudlett, marshal of the town, and his sons John and Tim, and grandsons Evan and Joyce Strange, had an altercation with Frank Weaver and Ciry Middleton, in which Strange was wounded. Returning from this fight, which was carried on until Weaver and Middleton got nearly out of town, they met L. B. and Frank O'bryan and Gus Allen returning from a dinner party, when one of the Strange boys insulted them, and a general fight ensued. Knives, pistols and revolvers being freely used, Evan Strange and Tom Hudlett were killed outright, the two John Hudletts severely wounded and the two O'bryans slightly.

A Fatal Ride. CLEVELAND, December 26.—John S. Anstie and two daughters were out sleighing yesterday afternoon near Bluffington and while crossing the Lake Erie & Western track were struck by an express and all killed.

Two Oil Men Drowned. MARIETTA, Ohio, December 26.—Edmund and Frank Long, two oil men of Bradford, Pa., were drowned in Duck creek yesterday while trying to reach Marietta in a skiff. The bodies have not been recovered.

Nine Persons Drowned. MADISON, Ind., December 26.—Information has just been received that a family named Bos, consisting of the parents and seven children, were drowned in the freshets in Hardin creek, Ky., Sunday night.

SNATCHED FROM THE BURNING. A SMALL FIRE AT KEARNEY. Special Dispatch to The Bee. KEARNEY, Neb., December 26.—A fire broke out in a tenant house located near the business portion of the city and belonging to P. W. Wilson. This and an adjoining house owned by W. L. Nash were rapidly consumed. The timely efforts of the fire department and numerous citizens prevented further conflagration. The fire is supposed to have originated from an explosion of a lamp of defective chimney, no one being in the house at the time. Loss estimated from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Insurance will nearly cover loss.

FIRE IN ST. LOUIS. ST. LOUIS, December 26.—The large flouring mill of George C. Thilener at Cape Girardeau, Mo., burned yesterday. Loss \$60,000; insured.

Another serious fire occurred between three and four o'clock Tuesday morning, totally destroying the furniture establishment of Neideringhaus, northwest corner of Tenth street and Franklin avenue. The value of the stock is \$90,000; insurance \$57,000; loss not ascertained. The house furnishing store of Charles Noid-ensinghaus, in the same building, was also burned. He values his stock and machinery at \$30,000, insured for \$20,000. Loss on building owned by the St. Louis stamping company, \$20,000. Warren and John Corgan, firemen, were nearly suffocated in the building and had to jump from the second story window to save their lives.

NEWS FROM ABROAD.

A Terrible Riot Raging in a Newfoundland Town.

A Ringleader of Russian Rioters Speedily Executed.

Bert Afraid the American Hog will Make Frenchmen Sick.

The Movements of the False Prophet in Egypt.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

A RUSSIAN RIOT. LIDA, December 26.—The workmen and officials of the railway works at this place engaged in a riot yesterday owing to exactness of the contractors. One official was killed, and several workmen injured. The ringleader of the rioters has been executed.

NO LIVES LOST. PARIS, December 26.—The report that many persons were killed or seriously injured by an accident to a railway train between Avrin court and Paris is incorrect. The train was thrown from the track, but only some freight cars and horse boxes were shattered.

AN ORANGE RIOT. ST. JOHNS, N. F., December 26.—The Orangemen's procession at Harbor Grace was attacked by a mob and three men instantly killed and several mortally wounded. The riot at this hour (8 p.m.) is not quelled. Detachments of infantry, cavalry and police are being dispatched by train and steamer to the scene.

A MATTER OF SALARY. PARIS, December 26.—The senate by a vote of 201 to 51 decided to re-establish the annual salary of the archbishop of Paris at 45,000 francs, the chamber of deputies having reduced it to 15,000.

THE FALSE PROPHET. CAIRO, December 26.—The latest advices received say that El Mahdi is still at El-Obeid.

BE FORMAL OR LEAVE. PARIS, December 26.—Von Montenfelf, governor of Alsace-Lorraine, has ordered the expulsion from Germany of two Frenchmen, one whom is General Grenvel, for violating the neutrality of a slight formality in certain official relations with the national authorities.

DUEM THREATENED. CAIRO, December 26.—Three thousand Arabs are reported threatening Duem.

PARNELL'S POLICY. LONDON, December 26.—Immediately after the Christmas holidays Parnell holds a series of conferences with his colleagues, relative to the extension and reorganization of the Irish party in Great Britain and Ireland, to arrange the policy of the party in the forthcoming session of parliament.

AFRAID OF AMERICAN HOGS. PARIS, December 26.—Paul Bert publishes a letter arguing that the fear of an outbreak of disease from the use of American pork is to the Chimerical. He quotes statements of Dalmer, inspector at Chicago, who certified that diseased and dying hogs passed his house daily, and that they were sold cheap and shipped to the Bismarck swamp.

PETERSBURG, Pa., December 26.—Proceedings have been instituted against the Diamond Stamp company, with the object of testing the company's right to sell lottery tickets in the state.

Suffocated by Coal Gas. TRENTON, N. J., December 26.—John H. Diehl, formerly collector of customs of Philadelphia, was found dead in bed at Delanco, Monday. Coal gas is believed to have been the cause.

Socialist Congress. BALTIMORE, Md., December 26.—The biennial session of the socialist labor congress opened to-day. It was called to order by Hugo Vogt, secretary of the national executive committee. Twenty sections or branch associations were represented by proxies.

Springer's Resignations. CINCINNATI, December 26.—The announcement is made that Reuben R. Springer, famous for gifts to the public, has bequeathed to the Cincinnati Art Museum his valuable art collections. It is also stated that he has given \$10,000 to the College of Music for new buildings.

A Hard Nut Cracked. MALONE, N. Y., December 26.—Wm. Hatfield, an escaped convict from Michigan, was arrested yesterday by Sheriff Stackwell. Hatfield stabbed the sheriff and also Allan Stackwell and wife. Hatfield was finally captured after being shot through the thigh. The sheriff and son are not dangerously hurt.

Miss Blanche Willis Howard, the writer of one of the best novels of the day, is described in a letter from Rome, as "a magnificent blonde of generous proportions, with charming eyes, of a hazel cast—such women as, one of her admirers recently remarked, men were once wont to fight for in the lists."

DYSPEPSIA

Does not cure of itself; it requires careful, persistent attention and a remedy that will assist nature to throw off the cause and tone up the digestive organs till they perform their duties wisely. Mrs. Howard, of Amherst, N. H., after trying many "cure cures" without benefit, found that

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hit the nail on the head and returned her to health. Among the various symptoms by the dyspepsia, are indigestion before or after eating, loss of appetite, irregularity of the bowels, wind or gas and pain in the stomach, heartburn, sour stomach, etc., causing mental depression, nervous irritability and sleeplessness. If you are discouraged by the good cheer that Howe's Sarsaparilla has cured thousands of people, you are not alone. It will cure you if you give it a fair chance. Beware of cheap imitations. Buy only the genuine. Sold by all druggists. Price, 25 cents per bottle. Sent by mail on receipt of the price. Prepared by Dr. J. C. Howe & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all druggists.