SUICIDED WITH A SHOTGUN.

Desperate Deed of a Prominent Citizen of Buffalo County.

CAUSED BY FINANCIAL TROUBLES

Reported Acquittal of the Indian Murderers of the Benjamin Boy—Other News From Nebraska Towns.

Blew His Head Off.

RAVENNA, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—James Hervert, living eight miles southeast of this city, suicided yesterday by blowing the whole top of his head off with a shotgun. Hervert was an old resident, and has for a number of years been a very influential man in the Bohemian colony which he located in this county about eight years ago. He was supposed to be a man of considerable wealth, owning a section of land in one body well stocked with cattle and horses. It has recently been the subject of comment, however, that he was heavily involved in debt, and yesterday Mr. Curtis of this place went to his farm armed with the necessary papers and demanded possession of a threshing machine to liquidate a debt. Hervert surrendered the property without objection, passed comment upon the state of the weather, turned around and entered his house. A few minutes later the report of a gun was heard in an unfrequented room. Mrs. Hervert immediately made an investigation and her agonized shrieks soon brought others who discovered Hervert's body lying across a barrel with his head blown almost entirely off his shoulders. Brains and pieces of bone with matted hair adhering, were found in all parts of the room. Immediately in front of the body was an ordinary shotgun with its butt resting in a barrel of bran, maintaining the same position as when discharged. Within an hour after W. G. Hyer, manager of the Chicago lumber company's yard, accompanied by Attorney John Mellette, C. H. Cass, editor of the News, and F. W. Hallick, arrived at Hervert's house, Mr. Hyer intending to secure a claim of $500 for his company, but instead viewed the mutilated remains of the unfortunate man. Hervert was a leading member of the C. S. P. S. A. Bohemian lodge of this place, and the funeral took place today under the direction of that order.

Another Cry from Creighton.

CREIGHTON, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special to THE BEE.]—George L. Jameson of Hay Springs has received his commission as postmaster of Creighton. The appointment of Mr. Jameson, who is not and never has been a citizen here, has been accomplished against the individual and combined efforts of almost all of the business men of the city. The remonstrance presented to Postmaster General Wanamaker, as mentioned in last Saturday morning's BEE, was but one of many similar documents. In each case, however, as in this, Congressman Dorsey, prompted by one Brooks, a neighboring farmer, has succeeded in "fixing the matter up" to his own, if not to the satisfaction of several hundred patrons of the office.

The latest phase of the case appears in the form of a petition asking Jameson to resign. The paper sets forth as reasons, or at least as incentives for his so doing, that he has received his commission at the hands of parties who are well known enemies of this city; that he is not the choice of the patrons of the office or of any portion of them, and that there are other aspirants for the position who are the choice of at least a part of the citizens. In a few hours the paper received the almost unanimous signature of the business men. Mr. Jameson has failed as yet to put in an appearance and it is not known what action, if any, he will take. The presentation of the petition will at least serve the purpose of placing the gentleman strictly upon his merits. The feeling is growing that the action of Representative Dorsey in forcing upon the city as postmaster an almost entire stranger and non-resident is an insult and an outrage.

Nebraska City Wants the Road.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special to THE BEE.]—At a special meeting of the board of trade last evening it was decided to make a big effort toward inducing the Rock Island to build its road into Nebraska City. A committee of rustlers was appointed to present the matter to the Rock Island people, and all financial aid to induce the road to come was practically guaranteed. If work and money will do it Nebraska City will secure that road.

An effort will also be made to have a branch of the Missouri Pacific built from this city to Talmage to connect with the Crete branch of that road.

The board of trade also put itself on record last night in an effort to regulate newspapers in regard to what matter shall be published. One member of the board, whose work in behalf of the city could be summed up in an iota, succeeded in getting a motion passed by the board censuring all newspapers and the Omaha papers in particular, for publishing sensational news from Nebraska City, as it would hurt the good name of the town. A committee was appointed to consult with all the correspondents and managers of Omaha papers and request the suppression of sensational news from Nebraska City. The truth of news sent from this city was not questioned, but its sensational nature might hurt the city. A few narrow minded members of the board even went so far as to threaten to "stop the papers" if the sensational news items were not suppressed.

They Were All Dead.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A most pathetic incident in connection with the Johnstown disaster reached its climax last week and was related to your correspondent by a friend of the parties concerned, a gentleman and his wife who live on a homestead a few miles out of North Platte. This gentleman formerly lived with his father on a farm just out of Johnstown. In the fall of 1888 he left Johnstown and came to Nebraska for the purpose of looking up a homestead that he might have a farm of his own, and finally found his way to North Platte. After looking around a few days he filed on the homestead which he now occupies, and returned to Johnstown to spend the winter and to make arrangements for his marriage and return to Nebraska in the spring. About a week before the great flood he married Miss Emily Theral. Her home was in Johnstown, her father being a laborer in one of the mills there. They were respectable people but illiterate, Emily and a younger sister being the only ones in the family of nine that could read or write. An hour after the wedding they boarded a train bound for their future home, and four days thereafter they reached their homestead, taking up their quarters at a neighbor's until a house could be built. They were very busy and very happy, and nearly three months went by before Emily wrote to her parents. Her father had lately married a second wife, and for that or some other reason there was no correspondence between them. In the meantime not a word of the great calamity had reached this young couple who had lived so many years in Johnstown. They took no paper themselves, and if their neighbors did they were too illiterate and indifferent to care for the news of the day, not dreaming of the terrible interest it had for them. Not hearing from her parents after two or three months' waiting, Emily wrote again to the young sister, asking her to write and give her news of the family. Yet a third letter was written, and, after months of weary waiting, the now thoroughly alarmed girl wrote to a lady friend who was at her wedding for news of her family. Saturday she came to town with her husband to ask once again and for the last time the oft repeated question, "any letter?" At last. Her husband handed her the reply so anxiously looked for. She opened it and found her own letter, on the back of which her friend had written. It was not long, but it conveyed a world of information to the poor creature who had waited and watched and wondered for so many weary months. The letter was evidently written by one unaccustomed to wield the pen, but it told of the awful flood, the widespread desolation and the dreadful loss of life. And in conclusion she added: "You ask me about your people; it brakes my hart to tell you they are all ded."

Dairymen in Convention.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The second day of the state dairy convention has been a profitable and interesting one. The attendance has been greater than at any of the former meetings of the association, and the farmers in this community are determined to profit by the meeting and are constant in their attendance.

The morning session was taken up in the discussion of grass and pasture and how to develop them. George A. Abbott of this city read a paper on grasses, which provoked much profitable discussion. C. L. Gabrielson of Iowa read a paper on pastures and how to make them, which was well received and contained many valuable hints to the dairyman.

This afternoon was taken up in the discussion of the question of feeding cows and the economy of dairymen. Mr. Samuel Lichty of this city led the discussion of the former subject and J. H. Rushton of Fairmont led the discussion on the latter subject. Mrs. G. A. Slayton of Salem read a paper on the labor of making butter on the farm and William Sutton of Table Rock discussed the oil test.

The evening session was a repetition of last night's session. A musical and literary programme had been prepared by the local committee for the entertainment of the dairymen. After the entertainment closed the association went into business session. The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Believing that the present system of awarding premiums on butter and cheese at our state fairs, viz: giving one first premium, one second premium, one third premium and one fourth premium on the different classes is unjust to the greater number of exhibitors and prevents many from competing; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Nebraska dairymen's association, in convention assembled, do hereby recommend to the Nebraska state board of agriculture, that in future they adopt Dexter's pro rata system in awarding premiums on dairy products to be exhibited.

Resolutions of respect to deceased members of the association were adopted. The remainder of the business session was taken up in discussing some proposed amendments to the constitution. Tomorrow will be the last meeting of the association.

One of the Prisoners Recaptured.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Nathan Merrill, one of the prisoners who broke jail here last night, was captured this afternoon by two boys, Emmet Hillman, aged eighteen, and Albert Brassfield, aged fifteen, went to Simons Siding to get a couple of horses left there by the sheriff last night. They inquired along the road for the prisoners that escaped and found at one house where a stranger had eaten dinner. They went from there to the railroad near the siding and waited to see if the man would come along. A freight train was coming toward them, and as it was going slow up a grade the man came out from the side of the road and climbed on the side of a box car. The boys rode their horses down to a crossing and got one on each side of the train, and as the train came by Emmet Hillman ordered the man to get down and having a gun in his hands the man got down and was brought in here this evening, very much the worse for his journey.

Merrill was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary about a week ago for stealing a mule and had not yet been taken to Lincoln by Sheriff Brassfield. No trace has been found of the other two that escaped.

Santee and Ponca Indians.

NIOBRARA, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Major Charles Hill, agent of the Santee and Ponca Indians, passed through town yesterday on his way to the Sioux Indian reservation in Nebraska. THE BEE correspondent interviewed him on the subject of locating the Poncas and some of the unborn Santees on the reservation before it was declared open to settlement. He said that there was an inclination for the Indians to settle near Swift Bear's camp, opposite Chelsea, north of Holt county. In all there will be about one hundred claims selected, and under the treaty the Indians must take them in severalty within six months after the president has declared the lands open to settlement. He has been directed by the Indian department to proceed with the Indians and select such lands as they may see fit.

Attempted Highway Robbery.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A dastardly attempt at highway robbery was made last night upon an old German farmer named Straub, living south of this place. A few rods this side of the Platte river bridge he was suddenly assaulted by two tramps and badly beaten. Exasperated at finding nothing of value about his person the tramps drove off with the team, leaving him in the road. A neighbor driving past an hour later found him and took him to his home, where his recovery is doubtful. The team was found this morning near Phillips, the tramps having evidently boarded the B. & M. train. Owing to his condition Mr. Straub is unable to give any description of his assailants, and they are by this time safe from pursuit.

Roadmaster Bankson Killed.

CAMBRIDGE, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Andy Bankson, roadmaster on the B. & M., while attempting to board the front end of the caboose on the 4:10 west-bound through freight here this afternoon, missed his footing and fell under the wheels, receiving fatal injuries. The company's examining surgeon was on the train and together with our home physicians gave him every possible attention, but he died at about 8 o'clock. His remains were taken in charge by the Odd Fellows, of which he was a member. He was twenty-eight years of age and unmarried.

Kearney's Court House Contract.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The contract to complete the court house and grounds was let this afternoon to T. W. Scott of this city for $40,768. The work must be completed by August 1 of next year, the contractor paying a forfeit of $100 per day for each day he runs over time in completing the work. This will reduce the price of the building to $38,000.

Indian Murderers Acquitted.

PENDER, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special to THE BEE.]—News has just been received here that the Indians, charged with the murder of Jimmie Benjamin, have been acquitted at Wayne, and the excitement here in consequence thereof is intense and it is believed that this section would prove a very unhealthy one for the prisoners should they happen around about now.

Beatrice Believes in Art.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The art loan exhibition will be opened in the Elmore block, in this city tomorrow. The projectors of the enterprise are Beatrice ladies and from present indications the affair promises to be a brilliant success. The exhibition is to be free and will continue over the holidays.

Street Railway Improvement.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Arrangements are about completed for the formation of a stock company to build a new line of street railway from the center of the city out Court street to the eastern limits of the city.

He's Still in Jail.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Murderer James Toohey did not break jail here as reported, although he had a good chance. None of the the prisoners who escaped have been retaken.

A Horse Trainer Injured.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—G. C. Claw, a horse trainer for R. L. Scott, was struck on the right knee by a horse while hitching up this evening and the cap broken. It is a serious wound.

A Union of Old Hearts.

GRANT, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Charles Gaslinew and Mrs. P. Graves were married here today. The groom is just seventy and the bride fifty six.

IOWA SHERIFFS IN SESSION.

Fifth Annual Convention of the State Association.

SEVERAL REFORMS SUGGESTED.

A Constitution Adopted and Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year—A Colored Wife Murderer Sentenced.

The Sheriffs.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The fifth annual convention of the Iowa sheriffs' association was began here today. The sheriffs adopted a constitution and elected the following officers: President, Sheriff Jones of Cass county; vice presidents, Sheriff Loomis of Polk county and Sheriff Brown of Grundy county; secretary, Sheriff Adams of Webster county.

The convention prepared a petition to the legislature requesting the state to provide a pension for the dependent families of any person who might lose his life or be permanently disabled while assisting a sheriff in the discharge of public duty. The recent killing of one assistant of this kind occasioned the action. There was a general discussion of the need of uniform laws in regard to compensation of sheriffs, some sheriffs reporting that they had difficulty in getting their accounts allowed by supervisors.

The city marshals of Iowa are also in session here, and tomorrow they will meet in joint convention with the sheriffs.

An Avaricious Ghost.

WEST UNION, Ia., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Paul Hill, an old resident of this place and over seventy years of age, was called to Pennsylvania by the spirit of his former wife through a medium. Taking this earthly partner with him they went to Hope Bottom, wherever that may be, and he was induced to leave his wife and live with his spirit affinity. The medium got his money, $3,000, his wife came back and his eyes are now opened to the fraud. He will try to recover the money. It is said that his wife's spirit wanted some apples, which he purchased, and gave to the medium 200 barrels. Silk dresses and other material things were offered the ghost and appropriated by the woman of flesh until he is penniless. Mr. Hill has been an ardent supporter of Christian science until it is believed his mind is turned.

He Was Weary of Life.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 18.—Charles Convay, a young man from Rochester, Minn., came here today to see his cousin and fiance, who is near death with consumption. This evening he went out into the yard back of the house and a few minutes later two shots were heard. Officers rushed in and found Convay lying there with two bullet wounds in his body. He claimed that some person shot and robbed him, but as no one was seen running away, and he had a smoking revolver in his pocket, it is believed that he attempted suicide on account of the expected death of his betrothed. He is not likely to recover.

Will Vote for Allison.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Senator Hanchett of Bremer county, the independent republican whose vote is so important on several issues, was in town today. He intimated that he should vote for Senator Allison, notwithstanding the democrats' report that he would not, but on the question of prohibition he said plainly that he would vote for any reasonable license law and for the repeal of prohibition. He has been quoted as favoring no change in the law.

An Omaha Lawyer in Trouble.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The case of John Randall, formerly of the Davenport bar, and now a member of the law firm of Miller, Dick & Randall of Omaha, was disposed of today. The defendant was suspended from practice for thirty days. He was charged with extorting money, with accepting money from saloonkeepers on condition that he would withdraw suits commenced against them under the prohibition law.

Miss Look Acquitted.

MONTEZUMA, Ia., Dec. 18.—Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The case of the state against Miss Flora Look, the young lady who shot and killed the member of the charivari party who was serenading her grandfather, was given to a jury at noon today. The jury stayed out thirty minutes and reported not guilty. The verdict gives general satisfaction.

A Wife Murderer Sentenced.

OSKALOOSA, Ia., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—David Martin, the old colored wife murderer who pleaded guilty, was sentenced today to the penitentiary for life and was taken to Fort Madison this evening. The crime was committed less than three weeks ago.

Fatal Runaway Accident.

WATERLOO, Ia., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—William Halleday, an aged and prominent citizen of this city, and one of the early settlers of this county, was instantly killed this morning. His team ran away and he was thrown out, striking on his head and breaking his neck.

Killed by a Cable Car.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Jimmy Clarke, the nine-year-old son of C. J. Clarke, while on his was to school this morning was run over and instantly killed by a cable car. The lad was horribly mangled.

The Trotting Horse Breeders.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 18.—The annual meeting of the Iowa association of trotting horse breeders was held here today. H. B. Allen of Waterloo was elected president and W. C. Blake of Cedar Rapids secretary and treasurer.

Burglars at Sioux City.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The hat store of Stuart & MacCurdy was burglarized last night to the extent of $900 worth of seal and fine fur goods.

Highly Pleased.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Kansas City excursionists returned home early this morning and are highly elated over the courtesies extended them en route and at the cities they visited, which took expression in the form of ringing resolutions of thanks to all who contributed to the pleasure of the event.

Tearing Down Imperial Emblems.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The steamer Cyril arrived from Brazilian ports today. She reports that at Corea business is going on just as before the revolution. The citizens are tearing down all emblems and coats of arms having any connection with the imperial party. All the streets which bore names allied to royalty were changed to conform with republican ideas.

Business Troubles.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Meade, Van Boekelen & Co., dealers in California fruits, failed today; liabilities, $250,000 to $275,000; assets much loss. The store was closed on judgments aggregating $60,000. The company was weakened a year ago by the failure of George W. Meade, the millionaire California fruit and lime man. It is said that the business, though large, was very badly managed.

Henri Rochefort Sick.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Henri Rochefort is dangerously ill in this city.

In the Maelstrom.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—It is understood that at the meeting of the distillers' and cattle feeders' trust at Peoria the application of Freiburg & Workman of this city, who have held aloof from the trust for two years, will be presented for membership. It is understood the distillers will continue in operation.

Labouchere Ventilating the Scandal.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Preliminary to his demand in parliament when that body shall assemble that the government take official cognizance of the West End club scandals, Labouchere has published in Truth a scorching review of the infamy, which is the most thorough exhibit of the rottenness of a certain class of the English aristocracy that any journal has yet dared to place before its readers. While of course no names are mentioned, the readers cannot fail to recognize the persons most likely to be called to account. One poor implicated, Labouchere asserts, has already tacitly admitted his guilt by not only leaving the country, but by seeking congenial associations in the service of the sultan of Turkey.

Miners in Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 18.—The convention of the miners of Indiana and northern Illinois, Ohio, western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, whose coal goes to the western and northwestern markets and who are members of the Progressive Union of Miners and Mine Laborers, sat today. The object of the convention is to consider and determine the policy by and through which the interests of miners and mine laborers will be better protected and wages advanced during the coming year.

Put on Three-Quarters Time.

READING, Pa., Dec. 18.—The railroad company today posted notices that the miners and laborers in all the collieries throughout the Schuylkill region be put on three-quarters time after next Monday, to continue indefinitely. The wages of 20,000 men and boys are effected.

Ended the Charivari.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 18.—A few days ago Martin Phillips was married and moved with his bride to Lopez Island. Last night a large crowd surrounded his house and harrassed the occupants with a charivari. After repeatedly warning the crowd to desist Phillips took a double barreled shotgun and fired, fatally wounding two young men named John Hall and John Graham.

The Death Record.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Wilhelm von Gewitched, the German historian, is dead.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 18.—David Bidwell, one of the oldest and best known theatrical managers in the country, died tonight.

Prohibition Passes in North Dakota.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 18.—The iron-clad prohibition measure passed both houses of the legislature today.

Brotherhood Players Expelled.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Brotherhood Baseball league tonight expelled Glasscock, Clarkson, Denny, Miller, Beckley, McKean, Beattie, Buckley, Clements, Gleason, Schriver, Sommers, Mulvey and Dechanty.

Melville Stone Returns.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Melville E. Stone, formerly editor of the Chicago News, arrived from Europe today.

Minneapolis Rothschilds Fail.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 18.—The Rothschilds' clothing house assigned yesterday. Liabilities, about $40,000; assets, $20,000.

Pat Hunt Hanged.

PARIS, Ky., Dec. 18.—Pat Hunt was hanged here this morning.

Killed by a Former Secretary.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Emil Roux, one of the directors of the prefecture of the Seine, was murdered today by M. Regad, his former secretary. The murderer had a grievance and could get no redress.

A Special Legislature.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 18.—Governor Wilson called a special legislature to convene the third week in January. Among the matters to be settled is the Flemming-Goff contest for the governorship.

The Fire Record.

ST. LAWRENCE, Dec. 18.—Eight business houses burned here last night; loss, $20,000; insurance, $6,000.

Fatal Cartridge Explosion.

BUFFALO, Dec. 18.—While two men were loading blank cartridges in the arsenal this afternoon 400 cartridges accidentally exploded. Both men were terribly burned and may die.

Murdered By an Ex-Convict.

COLFAX, Wash., Dec. 18.—Thomas Click, a young farmer, was murdered this morning by Blankton, an ex-convict and desperado. There is a guard now over Blankton, but the chances are that he will be lynched.

Wilhelm's Got the Earache.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The emperor's ear is troublesome again. It has recently grown worse. He is under treatment all the time and is in constant pain.

Young Peoples' Meeting.

A union meeting of the Young Peoples' societies of the United Presbyterian societies of the city will be held in the First United Presbyterian church this evening at 8 o'clock.

The Use of Coffee.

It is asserted by men of high professional ability that when the system needs stimulant nothing equals a cup of fresh coffee, says the Epicure. Those who desire to rescue the drunkard from his cups will find no better substitute for spirits than strong, new-made coffee, without milk or sugar. Two ounces of coffee, or one-eighth of a pound, to one pint of boiling water makes a first-class beverage, but the water must be boiling, not merely hot. Bitterness comes from boiling it too long.

If the coffee required for breakfast be put in a graniteize kettle over night and a pint of cold water poured over it, it can be heated to the boiling point and then set back to prevent further ebullition, when it will be found that, while its strength is extracted, its delicate aroma is preserved. As our country consumes nearly ten pounds of coffee per capita it is a pity not to have it made in the best manner.

It is asserted by those who have tried it that malaria and epidemics are avoided by those who drink a cup of hot coffee before venturing into the mountain air. Burned on hot coals it is a disinfectant for a sick room. By some of our best physicians it is considered a specific in typhoid fever.

Iceland is Not a Land of Ice.

If the name of this island means land of ice, as no doubt is the case, then the name is misleading; for, excepting the great ice streams in the interior of the isle called glaciers, there is otherwise very little ice in it. The harbors are open nearly the whole year, and the climate is milder than that of Norway. Sometimes the northern and eastern coasts are blocked up with ice which has drifted before the wind from Greenland, but this happens only about once every ten years. Then, perhaps, the island is an ice land; but in any other sense the title is an unfortunate blunder.

An old farmer couple brought in two $1,000 United States bonds to an Adrian, Mich., banker, which they had been ignorantly hoarding since the second year after the war, and until the cashier told them they had been called in in 1874 they supposed they had been bearing interest all the while. Then the bank man consoled them with the statement that the interest on $2,000 for fifteen years at 3 per cent would have amounted to $900 if the bonds had been cashed and the money put into the bank.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS

A Resolution Offered Recognizing the Brazilian Republic.

LAID OVER FOR TODAY'S SESSION

The House Offers a Reward of $5,000 for the Arrest of Silcott—More Than One Thousand Bills Introduced.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Mr. Sherman from the committee on foreign relations reported a joint resolution extending to March 1, 1890, the time of the international maritime conference. Passed.

Mr. Hiscock from the committee on the quadro-centennial celebration committee reported a resolution authorizing the committee to employ a stenographer and to have the hearings before it reported and printed. It stated that the intention of the committee was to give hearings to the advocates of the various locations proposed as sites for the exposition. Referred.

Mr. Morgan offered the following resolution, which was read and laid over until tomorrow:

Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that the United States congratulates the people of Brazil on their just and peaceful assumption of the powers, duties and responsibilities of self-government based upon the consent of the governed as expressed in their repudiation of monarchial rule and in their recent adoption of a republican form of government and that the United States of Brazil is by this act recognized as a lawful and rightful government, and that the said republic is of right entitled to exercise and enjoy international comity and all the benefits of the laws of nations as a sovereign power and the benefit of all rights, privileges and advantages under the existing treaties that were concluded between the United States of America and the late empire of Brazil, and that this declaration by the United States of America shall be notified to the states of Brazil by the president, and that the president by his proclamation shall require the people and government of the United States and of the several states and all persons in authority therein, to recognize the flag of the United States of Brazil as the flag of a free, sovereign and independent state.

Mr. Plumb offered an amendment similar to that of the last session, to the Pacific railroad refunding bill. Referred. He also introduced a bill to give jurisdiction in certain pension cases to the district courts of the United States. Referred.

Mr. Coke offered a resolution calling on the attorney general for information as to the attack on Justice Field in California and the killing of David S. Terry by Deputy Marshal Nagle. Laid over till tomorrow. After an executive session the senate adjourned.

House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Mr. McKinley of Ohio, from the committee on ways and means, reported a concurrent resolution for a holiday recess from December 21 until January 6. Agreed to.

The speaker having laid before the house a message from the president recommending that the limit of the international marine conference be extended for two months, Mr. Hitt of Illinois introduced a joint resolution extending that authority until March 1, 1890, which was passed.

On motion of Rowell of Illinois the committee on elections was granted leave to sit during the session of the house.

McKinley, from the committe on rules, reported a resolution for an immediate roll call of the states for the introduction and reference of bills. Adopted. Before this order was carried out Mr. Payne, from the Silcott committee, reported a resolution authorizing the sergeant-at-arms to offer a reward of $5,000 for the arrest and delivery to the marshal of the District of Columbia of C. E. Silcott, the absconding cashier, the reward to be paid out of the contingent fund of the house. Adopted.

Under the call of the states the following bills were introduced and referred:

To reduce the tobacco tax; to regulate immigration and to amend the naturalization laws; also to prohibit aliens from acquiring title to lands in the United States; to secure the forfeiture of all unearned land grants; to provide a graduated income tax; to prevent the contraction of the currency; to repeal all laws requiring the accumulation of gold; for the redemption of treasury notes; for the free coinage of silver; to permit the president to veto separate items in general appropriation bills.

By Mr. Hitt—To promote commercial union with Canada.

By Mr. Lawler—To pay Colonel John George Ryan $100,000 damages. (He was arrested charged with being John Surratt); also appropriating $800,000 to repair the post-office building at Chicago; also to place letter carriers who have served twenty years on the retired list on half pay; also remove the tax of 2 cents a pound on oleomargarine.

By Mr. Wike—Declaring it to be the sense of the house that the committee on ways and means should report at an early day a plan and rate of taxation by which $130,000,000 shall be raised annually on incomes and salaries in excess of $5,000.

By Mr. Holman—To preserve the purity of the electoral franchise.

By Mr. Henderson of Iowa—To declare unlawful trusts and combinations in restraint of trade and production.

By Mr. Conger—Defining lard, and imposing a tax on the manufacture, sale, importation or exportation of compound lard.

By Mr. Anderson of Kansas—To create a postal telegraph.

By Mr. Perkins of Kansas—To open to homestead settlement certain portions of the Indian territory.

By Mr. Turner of Kansas—To shorten to three years the period required in homesteading public lands.

By Mr. Morse of Massachusetts—To repeal the interstate commerce law.

By Mr. Dockery of Missouri—To ascertain the amount of indebtedness of the farmers of the United States and the percentage of farmers who are tenants; also to enlarge the free list and equalize taxation.

By Mr. Frank of Missouri—For the location of the world's fair at St. Louis.

By Mr. Spinola—For the retirement of John C. Fremont with the rank of major general.

By Mr. Ewart of North Carolina—For the total repeal of the internal revenue laws.

By Mr. Butterworth—For full reciprocity between the United States and Canada; also to regulate the manufacture and sale of counterfeit or compound lard.

By Mr. Grosvenor—To provide for an increase of the pension to minor children; also to make the minimum rate of the pension $8 per month.

By Mr. E. B. Taylor—To restore the former rate of duty on imported wool.

By Mr. Enloe—To prohibit gambling contracts in agricultural and other products; also a resolution calling on the secretary of the interior for information in regard to the Tanner investigation.

By various delegates—For the admission into the union of Idaho, New Mexico and Wyoming.

Among the bills introduced for the erection of public buildings were the following: At Bloomington, Galesburg, Sterling and Aurora, Ill.; Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, Burlington, Fort Dodge and Davenport, Ia.; Grand Island, Kearney, Norfolk, Beatrice and Hastings, Neb.; Sioux Falls, Yankton and Aberdeen, S. D.; Eau Claire, Manitowoc, Green Bay, Sheboygan and Racine, Wis.

The number of bills introduced under the call was 1,064. Many of these are duplicates, if not in language as least in the subject matter of their provisions.

The deaths of James Laird of Nebraska, S. S. Cox of New York, N. W. Nutting of New York and R. W. Townshend of Illinois were announced to the house, which, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourned until Friday.

Military Order of America.

WASHINGON, Dec. 18.—Representative Wheeler of Alabama today introduced a bill to incorporate the Military Order of America. The bill proposes the incorporation of a society which is to bring together in fraternal and beneficent association, non-sectarian and non-political, those who were engaged in the war of the rebellion. The order is to have a building in Washington to be used as a memorial building and a military and naval museum and library wherein will be deposited copies of all government publications. Provision will be made for the interment in the court of this building of the mortal remains of the "Great Commander Grant" and the erection of a suitable monument to his memory and to all other soldiers, sailors and marines who served during the war.

Nebraska Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Pensions granted Nebraskans: Original invalid—Albert Washburn, Shelton; Thomas N. Gosnell, Chapman; Charles Davis, Inman; George Abernethy, Elk Creek; David E. Bart, Beloit; Justus Dunn, Chadron. Increase—Thomas L. Chambers, Norden; Barden Bank, Johnstown; Norman D. Thompson, Table Rock; William Haltendingham, Omaha; Hanson Hasness, Humboldt; Moses C. Davis, Humboldt; John W. Woods, Aurora. Reissue—Earl B. Slawson, Denton; Adam Cosner, Clarke.

More Chop House Crooks.

Al Peterson and Charles Roby, two "hashers," are in jail at the central station awaiting trial today for larceny. The pair are from Sioux City and were taken out of a box car by the police. The two men got in the car at Sioux City on Monday and were sealed up by the agent. When they reached Omaha they were tired and hungry and made a big noise, which attracted attention.

The Butchers' License.

The butchers who are opposed to the ordinance compelling them to pay a license of $100 a year met at Kessler's hall last night. Dennis Foster presided. A committee was appointed to secure signers protesting against a license, and the meeting adjourned until next Friday evening.

Eighth Ward Republicans.

A meeting of the Eighth Ward Republican club will be held at Twenty-fourth and Cuming tomorrow night for the purpose of organizing a social society, and for settling the expenses incurred in the recent campaign.

Zimmerman's Bottles.

Gottleib Zimmerman, the proprietor of the Faust bottling works, has lots of trouble with his beer bottles. He has just finished a litigation regarding the cases confiscated by the police in the various houses of ill-fame, and yesterday he caused the arrest of W. Richter, charging him with stealing seven bottles of the value of 75 cents.

He Forged a Check.

Thomas Johnson is a young man who represented to Frank Mead that he had money in the bank, and induced him to cash a check for $5. When the document was presented the cashier pronounced it worthless. Mead swore out a warrant for his arrest yesterday afternoon.

Darlington Discharged.

Ed. Darlington was tried in police court yesterday afternoon charged with robbing the City hotel of three silver watches to the value of $20, a diamond pin of the value of $45 and a gold watch valued at $15. The defendant was discharged for lack of evidence.

Postal Promotions.

H. H. Truesdall of Fremont was yesterday appointed a postal clerk and will run between Schuyler and Plattsmouth.

COLONEL SHEPARD'S OFFER.

A Million Dollars to the Sultan of Turkey to Become a Christian.

In course of time the world may realize, says the New York Times, the scope of that good man, Colonel Elliott F. Shepard, editor, manipulator of stage company stock, religious crusader and politician.

The latest revelation concerning the notorious moralist is to the effect that he once had the idea of converting to the Christian faith no less a person than the Sultan of Turkey, and that not by the sword, as the crusaders of old sought to effect their purpose, but with the jingle of good American dollars, some of them having in time gone by belonged to William H. Vanderbilt.

One beauty about this incident in the colonel's career is its absolute truthfulness, which is more than can be said of some things told of public and historical characters like Mr. Shepard.

It seems that when the colonel was abroad some four or five years ago he visited Constantinople, and there he was entertained by the wife of a pasha. The official was a German holding high rank in the Turkish army, and of course both he and his wife were christians. The pious colonel studied the Turkish character and the Moslem creed at length, and his tender heart bled at the thought that so many human beings knew not the blessings of his religion. Consequently on his return to this country he put in practice a plan that had suggested itself on the way over.

He wrote to the pasha's wife requesting her to inform his majesty the sultan—dearly the colonel loves these words—that he, Colonel Shepard, would present him, the sultan, with $1,000,000 in cash if he would embrace Christianity.

"Embrace" was the word the colonel used, and, considering his well advertised reputation for morality and modesty, it would seem that he might have employed a term less susceptible of a double significance. In his letter Mr. Shepard gives as his reason for writing to the lady in question the fact that her husband was close to the sultan, and consequently could easily find an opportunity to make the proposition.

On his return to this country Colonel Shepard conveyed the idea to his friends that while his reception in all Europe was enthusiastic, it was in Turkey alone that he made what theatrical people term a "hit." "Had this been the case, however, he would have known," said a prominent Turkish traveler yesterday, "that a Christian, no matter how high his rank, would never be able to approach the sultan on anything like intimate terms. And the pasha, to whose wife the colonel's letter was written, never speaks to his imperial master except in relation to the stables, for his duties are connected with the sultan's horses."

When the pasha's wife received the letter her amusement was unbounded, and she told about it with great glee at a public reception. Not so her husband, the general. He looked at the matter in an entirely different light. What, ask Mohammed's vice gerent to forsake his creed? The very idea caused a cold perspiration to break out on his forehead and sent floating through his mind visions of the bowstring, the sack and the cool waters of the Bosphorus.

Yesterday a reporter of the Times asked the Turkish traveler already referred to what would have resulted had the pasha transmitted the colonel's message to the sultan. "Why," was the reply, "the thing is absurd on the face of it, but for the sake of argument suppose that the offer had been made to the sultan. The pasha would have been dismissed instantly, and would have been wonderfully fortunate had that been the end of it."

It is not known whether Colonel Shepard had a certified check for $1,000,000 made out in the event of the impecunious sultan's willingness to "embrace" christianity.

The spiked helmet is showing above the horizon in Luxemburg. Herr Krupp has just bought fifty acres in the little country and is going to set up a foundry there. Luxemburg will soon be a Prussian province.

THE TORREY BANKRUPT BILL.

Omaha Business Men Strongly Urge Its Passage.

THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Steps Taken to Provide Liberally for the Wants of the South Dakota Farmers—An Important Meeting.

The Board of Trade.

A meeting was held in the board of trade rooms last night in response to a call issued to business men and citizens generally to discuss the Torrey bankrupt bill.

The attendance was composed principally of members of the board of trade.

The report of the committee appointed to consider the bill and report upon the advisability of recommending its passage, was presented. The following resolution was read:

Whereas, An almost universal demand for the enactment of a uniform bankrupt law has come from all parts of the United States, and,

Whereas, A national convention of the representatives of the commercial bodies, which held its first session in St. Louis on February 28 and March 1, and the second session at Minneapolis on September 3 and 4, 1889, has unanimously adopted and recommended for passage by the congress of the United States the bill known as the Torrey bankrupt bill, and

Whereas, It is apparent that the bankrupt law of Great Britain, which went into effect on January 1, 1883, has, through its wise and beneficient provisions, grown greatly in favor with both the creditor and debtor classes of that country, and the principles embodied therein are generally the same as those embodied in the Torrey bill, and

Whereas, We believe a general bankrupt law to be a measure that would have a salutary effect upon business, we would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the early enactment of the Torrey bankrupt law will enable creditors to compel an unreserved showing and surrender of assets, and prevent injurious preferences and facilitate just