JAMES G. BLAINE'S CONDITION

Evidence that His Busy Life Has Nearly Reached Its Close.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PHYSICIANS

While Immediate Dissolution is Not Feared, It is Stated that the Ex-Secretary is Beyond Recovery-Latest from the Sick Room.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19 .- At 9 o'clock this morning a reporter who called at the Blaine residence was told that the ex-secretary was awake and his condition was no worse than yesterday afternoon. The physicians had not yet visited him. The statement given out that he was no worse seemed to preclude the possibility that he showed any marked improvement. Later in the morning it was stated at the Blaine mansion by one of the attendants that Blaine passed s fairly good night and was a little better this morning.

Better Than for Many Days.

Representative Boutelle of Maine spent about half an hour with the Blaine family this morning. On leaving the house he said to the group of newspaper men gathered about that Mr. Blaine's condition was decidedly better than at any time during the past few days.

"I did not see the patient," he said, "but was assured by Mrs. Blaine and the other members of the family that the reports in regard to Mr. Blaine's condition were exaggerated. While he is still in a very weak condition there is no fear of an immediate

This statement was substantiated by the conduct of Mrs. Damrosch, who during the forencen seemed in a pleasant frame of mind while entertaining visitors who called to inquire about her father's condition. All the physicians left the house after the is-suance of the 11 o'clock bulletin, and up to 2 o'clock none of them had returned. At that hour, in response to an inquiry from an As-sociated press reporter. Mrs. Blaine sent down word that the patient was passing a very comfortable afternoon and that the members of the family apprehended no immediate danger. She requested that the statement that Mr. Blaine had had another hemorrhage be denied.

Dr. Looms returned to New York on the non train. Dr. Loomis is regarded as one of the leading specialists in New York City on the subject of Bright's disease and lung troubles. He has never attended Mr. Blaine before, and, in fact, is said never to have

Mr. Blaine slept fairly well during the night. His sleep was a natural one, and when he awoke this morning he seemed to be much stronger from the rest. He sat up in bed for a little while and was able to converse with those about him. It was not permitted him, however, to talk as much as he desired. All were careful that he should not overexert himself. He still feels but little pain and is cheerful. His mental powers

Anxious Crowds.

All day long the street in front of the house was lined with people, and every one who passed seemed anxious to know the condition of the ex-secretary. All eyes were turned on the big red brick house which has been the home of so many prominent people and which for years has been known as the Blaine mandon. The gradient that describes the sion. The carriages that drove up to the front door the people followed, and the people who came out were all objects of curious interest to the passers-by. It has been so since early morning. It would be difficult to enumerate the

names of those prominent in official and social Washington who called to make inquiries about the illustrious patient. Early the department clerks and others going to their daily work went out of their paths to see the old mansion on Lafavette square. and there stopped and gathered in little knots here and there, eagerly seeking information of the statesman's condition, ex pressing gratification at the news of his im-

President Harrison manifests the deepest interest and greatest concern in the condition of his former secretary of state, and frequent are the inquiries sent from the white house to Mr. Blaine's residence. All day Mr. Blaine hovered very close to

the line separating life from death and it was realized that if any further complica-tions set in there was little hope for him. grounds for any real hope. Mr. Blaine may live for some days. He may live for even a longer period. The disease from which he is suffering is such that a week is not a long period in its progress, but he will never again be a well man. He may die at any time. The physicians themselves admit may occur. Little change for the better is

All members of the Blaine family are now here. Mr. James G. Blaine, ir., and Miss Hattle Blaine were both summened home, and Mrs. Emmons Blaine, the widow of Mr. Blaine's son, has also joined the bousehold It is understood that they all realize Mr

From an Intimate Friend.

One of Mr. Blaine's intimate friends said One of Mr. Blaine's intimate friends said today that he entertained no hope whatever, nor did the doctors. The family, he said, were reluctant to give up hope, but at the same time they realized that death might come at any time. Some of the intimate friends of Mr. Blaine, he said, have known for a week past that Mr. Blaine was in a critical condition and that the end might be expected soon. He said that even the family expected soon. He said that even the family have been forced to accept the worst, and that it was for this reason, a day or two ago the absent members were communicated with. Mr. Blaine's present condition, the of an attack which he has had several time before. This time the attack was very much more severe than the others, and he was, by no means, in a condition to withstand it a

The original trouble with Mr. Blaine ac-cording to this friend, is due to his ex-haustive labors and the manner in which he has been drawing on the future and exhausting his vitality. He has been working unde high pressure until his whole system is out and undermined. Growing out of this exhaustive physical state have arised com-plications. The weakest parts were natications. The weakest parts were nat-rally the first to be affected and the first local trouble was with the kidneys. The at tacks from which he has suffered from time time are understood to have been due to kidney disease, and each attack has left his more susceptible to cold and prostration from overwork. The progress of the disease has been steady, though retarded as much as possible by siciliful medical treatment. The gentleman said that he had discussed the situation with the physicians and from what he had learned from them he was con-vinced that there was no longer any possibility of recovery. He felt that the end was very near; that it might come at any hour or might be delayed for days.

Rumor of Mr. Blaine's Death.

The rumor that Mr. Blaine was dead was ourrent about the streets last evening and by 10 o'clock there was quite a crowd in front of the house anxious for news. It was an illustration of Mr. Blaine's wonderful popularity with the people. Expressions of deepest regret were heard on all sides, and great relief was felt when these rumors of death were denied.

Almost the first news that reached Presiont Harrison last night came by telephone.

was to the effect that Mr. Blaine was ead. He asked his secretary if the news ald be authenticated. Mr. Haiford replied could be authenticated. Mr. Haiford replied that it had come over the wire and that he supposed it might be true. The president at once prepared to leave the house, and in tempany with Mr. Halford hurried across the avenue to Mr. Blaine's house. He

seemed to be very much relieved at the information which he there received.

Though the senate was only in session a few minutes today, the serious illness of ex-Secretary Blaine was a topic of general discussion. On all sides of the chamber surprise was expressed that the fact of Mr. Blaine's true condition had been concealed so long. Democrats joined with republicans in expressions of grief and sympathy for the family of the distinguished statesman and diplomat, whose end is considered near. In opening the senate with prayer this In opening the senate with prayer this morning Chaplain Butler referred in a touching manner to Mr. Blaine, and invoked the aid of Providence in his behalf.

Report from His Doctor. "Mr. Blaine maintains this evening the hold he secured this morning, when his condition showed a slight improvement," was the reply of Dr. J. W. Johnson, Mr. Blaine's physician, when asked how his patient was at 9 o'clock tonight.
Dr. Hyatt, the consulting physician who

was present, concurred in the statement. They had just come from the sick room, where they held a fifteen minutes' consulta-

tion.
"Mr. Blaine is still in full possession of his
"Mr. Blaine is still in full possession of his faculties," continued Dr. Johnson, "and while very weak, he is, neverthless, as cheerful after the trying ordeal of yesterday as could be expected. He converses as freely as he is permitted and partakes regularly of nourishment. It is impossible to state how long Mr. Blaine is likely to survive. Speculation on such a subject would simply be nousense. I don't think Mr. Blaine is in any

danger of dying tonight, further than that I do not care to state."

A friend of the family said that Mr. Blaine was liable to a recurrence of the heart failure at any time, and that the heart failure at any time, and that the family have been warned to prepare for the "When," continued the gentleman, "the physicians state that Mr. Blaine is better,

they simply mean that he is alive and that is about the true state of his condition. Condials of a stimulating nature and liquid nourishment are given him at short inter-vals and these alone keep him alive. He lies helpless on his bed and cannot change his posture without the aid of his attendants. Mr. Blaine may not live twelve hours, and he may survive three or four days, but I

At Midnight.

"Mr. Blaine is resting easily", said Dr Johnson, his physician, at midnight, in reply to a question. Very much to my gratifica-tion I found him awake and apparently cheerful. He had partaken of nour-ishment throughout the evening and the family was also more cheerful. Dr. Loomis' speedy return to New York is evidence that we do not consider Mr. Blaine in any immediate danger. This last call of mine was not originally intended, but as I was out with my family making social calls at a rather late hour I thought I would call in and sec Mr. Blaine before thring. During my stay he conversed w me at considerable length, and I shall be greatly surprised if my services are needed at any time during the night."

Expecting the Worst. Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—The Journal says: The Journal is informed by one whose information comes directly from the most intimate friend of Mr. Blaine, that whatever reports were sent out, the relations and friends of Mr. Blaine were told more than two months ago that he could not survive the winter, if, indeed, the year. His family was prepared then, and is prepared now, for the and

Hoping for the Best. Augusta, Me., Dec. 19.-Hon. J. H. Manley received the following dispatch relative to

Mr. Blaine: A marked improvement, but do not think it will be lasting. We hope for the best.

Harriet S. Blaine.

PROF. BRIGGS CONCLUDES

Proceedings Yesterday in His Trial Before the New York Presbytery.

New York, Dec. 19.—Rev. Dr. Charles A. Briggs finished his three days' speech before the Presbyterian court to-day. Several times Dr. Briggs was applaeded, but that the closing moments of the session were against him was plainly evident, and he was flushed with chagrin at the result of a vote of his people, which he had depended on, an appeal from the ruling of the moderator.

Prof. Briggs resumed his arguments at 4. soon proceeding to charge 5, and then to charge 6. The essence of the latter charge is that the accused has declared that sanctification is not complete at death, which is contrary to the standards of the church which teach that "the souls of believers are at their death at once made perfect in heli-

The defendant said there was no proof of fered for this essential doctrine in the charge. He had declared for progressive sanctification and argued at length to show there was a middle state, and that sanctifiention could never be complete until the day of resurrection. The invariable statement of the New Testament is that the second advent of Jesus Christ is the goal of sanctifi-

At the conclusion of Dr. Briggs' argument, there was a slight applicase and as it husbed venerable Dr. Sutton rose and asked Dr. Briggs if he meant to assert that all who ied must pass through a middle state. Dr. Briggs said he would not hesitate to

nswer, but the moderator ruled that the ime for asking such questions had passed. Dr. Briggs said that he felt it due him to have the question decided then how much more time the prosecuting committee would ask for, acting under the rule of the book of discipline, the prosecuting was not allowed testimony and argument in rebuttal. He demanded that the prosecution should not be permitted to bring in new matter that was prepared months ago and held for its

Dr Cook, speaking for the prosecution, said they thought they could conclude their reply by Wednesday evening. The committee would just on the usages of the courts, which allowed the complainant in all actions, oth ceremonial and civil, to open and lose the proceedings. The moderators so

Briggs recommenced to speak, but with a sharp cap of the gavel the moderator said: "Dr. Briggs, you are out of order; you have had your say, and if the ruling is obetionable you can appeal."

Dr. Briggs flushed and said in load tones:

Then I do appeal." Then I do appeal."

The vote was taken and the majorator was sustained by an overwhelming vote, which met with applause. prosecution will commence its reply

DESITNEY SURRENDERED.

tomorrow.

One of the Alleged Poisoners Gives Himself _ Up to the Officers.

Pittsucac, Pa., Dec., 19.—This evening District Deputy Workman Dempsey called at the alderman's office and surrendered He was released on \$2,500 bail. He strongly asserts his innocence and says he will have no trouble in proving it. Davidson has not yet been arrested. Patrick Gallagher is still missing though the prosecuting counsel does not seem alarmed over that, but is willing to wait until it is necessary to produce him and the impression prevails that Gallagher can be produced when wanted. It is said that informations will also be made against two of the Homestead advisory committee for complicity in the crime.

The attorneys for Carnegie state that they have subpoended twenty five witnesses and all nonunion men who were made ill by partaking of the poisoned food. An official that the men now under arrest were only the tools of the leaders who instigated the pola-

CAPTURED A NEBRASKA CROOK.

Amasa Hall, Wanted at Lincoln, Arrested in

California. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. to .- Amasa Hall, an matern crook, was arrested here yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Alter, after a desperate fight. Hall is wanted for robbery at the Lincoln, Neb., postoffice.

MADE ITS ANNUAL REPORT

What the Interstate Commerce Commission Has Been Doing for the Past Year.

SUGGESTIONS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW

Effects of Recent Judicial Decisions Upon the Work of the Commission-Some Needed Changes Which Experience Has Disclosed.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.-The report of the Interstate Commerce commission for the year ending November 30, 1892, was today transmitted to congress. It opens with a review of the reasons which induced the passage of the act to regulate commerce, which are given in view of results realized in administering the act and the necessity for amendments which experience has disclosed. It states that the commission is gratified at being able to add that many railroad managers of the highest standing now concede the necessity of government regulation and avow themselves in favor of further enactments that will make the regulation effective.

The interstate commerce law, although the outgrowth of an aroused and determined public sentiment, was a compromise between divergent theories and conflicting interests but those who contrast the practices which obtained prior to the law with methods and conditions now existing, will have no doubt of the practical value of the statute in correcting public sentiment, restraining injustice and enforcing reasonable charges and equal treatment. So far from condemning a public regulation, experience has established its importance and intensified its necessity, and the various respects in which the law has failed to meet public expectation demonstrate the utility of government supervision. It is not too much to say that judicial interpretation has limited the meaning of the law and ascribed to it an intent not contemplated when it was passed. But the effect of these decisions has been greatly exaggerated; the judicial construction has not invalidated the essential features of the statute nor condemned the general principle on which it is founded; and only in respect to appliances provided for carrying its main purpose into effect has the law been weakened by the judgment of courts. The original act, passed nearly six years ago was, in measure, experimental, but only two amending acts have been adopted and it is surprising that so much has been accomplished with so little aid in the form of needed amendment.

Work of the Commission. The work of the commission is set forth at length, including the interesting statement that there are now on file with the commis-sion 850,000 tariff schedules; also a review of the hearings and investigations and the cases disposed of during the year. Concluding thus, the report says: "The

character of the proceedings before the com-mission indicates that the main causes of complaint arise from discriminations and preferences in rates and facilities, and not from rates unreasonable in themselves."

At the request of the senate committee on finance, the commission during the past year directed its auditor to collect statistics showing changes in rates from the earliest period for which it was possible to obtain data to the present time. These statistics, which will be included in the report of that com-mittee on the subject of prices and wages. show a material decline in rates and classifications and prescribed rates, which appears universal, and the commission thinks the minimum has not yet been reached.

Under the head of proceedings in United States courts, it describes cases in the courts which grew out of cases decided and investihave been reported from time to time as

The late opinion of Justice Brewer in the circuit court of appeals, deciding a long and short haui case, is discussed and the dictum of opinion that the total joint rate of two roads is over an independent line from the lines formed by either road, and not to be considered in determining the local rate of either road and, therefore, may be even less than the intermediate or local rate, is shown to be without foundation, either in the debates in congress, the practice of carriers since the law was passed, or the rulings of the commission, which nevertheless, are cited in that opinion as supporting a new heory. To protect all intermediate locali-ies and interests from the disastrous effects of this judicial interpretation congress is earnestly urged to take such immediate action as will give legislative construction to the word "line" in the statute

Amendments Recommended. Several amendments recommended by the

commission for the purpose of strengthening the law are discussed, especially those growing out or the decision of the supreme court that the provisions of section 84 of the Re vised Statutes, granting immunity to wit-nesses required to testify concerning illegal acts in which they have participated, are not broad enough to meet the safeguards guaranteed to such a witness by the constitution: and Judge Gresham's recent decision that congress cannot constitutionally require the federal courts to use their process to compel the production of testimony before a

DEMOCRATS IN SESSION.

Their National Association of Clubs Will Continue at Work.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The execu tive committee of the National Association of Democratic Clubs held a meeting at the Ebbitt house today. The committee organized by the election of Hon. William L. Wilson as chairman and Mr. Lawrence Gardner as secretary. The committee determined to continue its headquarters at Washington. With a view to continuing the work begun last year, the committee decided to authorize the appointment of a subcommittee to take charge of the "special" work in the states and territories.

Hon William L. Wilson was appointed chairman of the subcommittee, with power to appoint his associates. Much of the success of the late election is attributed to the

A subcommittee was appointed, consisting of the president, Hon. Chauncey F. Black, Chairman Wilson and Secretary Gardner, to transact such business as will be presented to them when the executive committee is not in session. Also a finance committee to make arrangements for collecting funds to carry on the educational work of

the association.

Ex-Attorney General Garland today moved in the United States supreme court to advance the case of Alexander F. Smith against Eddy B. Townsend. The determina-tion of this case will affect the title to a large part of the most valuable lands in Okin Its decision rests on the construction to be given the words "enter upon and occupying," as appear in the act of March 2 1889 opening Oklahoma to settlement. The for advancement avers that 50 per cent of the homestead claims in Oklahoma are now under contest and that \$5 per cent ese contests turn upon the construction of the language of the act named.

In the Supreme Court.

The important case of Henry Yesler, plaintiff in error, vs the Board of Harbor Line Commissioners of the State of Washington, involving harbor rights of great value along the water front of Seattle, was today dis-missed by the United States Supreme Court for want of jurisdiction. Yesler is the owner of the wharf property at Seattle, and sought, by writ of prohibition, to restrain the State Board of Harbor Line Commissioners from changing the harbor lines, it being the pur-pose of the commission to so locate the York.

harbor lines that they would include within them Yesler's property.

Today the supreme court straightened out a complication in the new circuit court of appeals for the Ohio and Indiana circuit by designating Chief Justice Fuller to temporary duty in the Seventh circuit, to which Justice Harlan is permanently assigned.

Washington Notes. In order to overcome the recent decision of Judge Gresham in the United States circuit dudge Gresnam in the United States circuit court for the northern district of Illinois, claiming unconstitutional that part of the interstate commerce law which gives the commission authority to compel witnesses to answer questions, Mr. Wise of Virginia, chairman of the committee of the interstate and forces of the committee of the interstate chairman of the committee of the interstate and foreign commerce, today introduced a bill defining the authority of the commission in the matter. The bill is generally similar to that introduced last week by Senator Cullom for the same purpose.

General Schoffeld today received a dispatch from General Frank Wheaton, commanding the department of Texas, confirming the reports of the record visible Grazik

ing the reports of the recent raid by Graza's band along the Rio Grande. General Whea-ton states that he has cavalry in hot pursuit of the fugitives. Additional troops are asked for. General Schoffend today ordered three troops from the Seventh cavalry at Fort Riley, Kans., to proceed at once to the

ene of action.
There is little reason to doubt that the e president will soon issue an order extend-g the civil-service-law- and rules so as to include all letter carriers and clerks in free delivery postoffices. These offices now number 601 and give employment to about 11,200 carriers and 9,300 clerks making 20,500 in all. General Rosecrans continues to improve The general hopes to leave the city for southern California next week.

EULOGIZED SENATOR GIBSON.

Services in the Senate in Memory of the Deceased Member from Louislana.
Washington, D. C. Dec. 19.—The attendance of senators this morning was very small, not more than forty being in the chamber when the opening prayer was

offered by Chaplain Butler. The desk and chair recently occupied by by Mr. Gibson of Louisiana were draped in black, and his death last Thursday, as well as the alarming illness of Mr. Blaine, was feelingly reflected in these sentences in the chaplain's prayer:

"Have merey upon us, as we again stand in the shadow of death, thrown upon this chamber. Regard in mercy Thy servant to whose sick bed so many eyes and hearts are now turned. We thank Thee for his long and useful life. If it pleaseth Thee, spare that life and restore and strengthen it and give peace to him and to us, who watch so tenderly in this time of sickness.

As soon as Thursday's journal had been read, Mr. Gorman, democrat, of Maryland, arose and announced the death of Senator Gibson in these words: "At the request of the senator from Louisiana, Mr. White, who is now engaged in rendering affectionate service to his colleague, it is made my business today to announce to the senate the death of Hon. Randall Lee Gibson, the senior senator from the state of Louisiana. After a lingering illness he expired peacefully at Hot Springs, Ark., on Thursday last, I cannot make this announcement without expressing some of the sorrow which this intelligence

some of the sorrow which this intelligence has brought to the senate.
"Senator Gibson cad a very high place in the estimation and a fections of his associates in this body. His post personal worth and his eminent public Farvices had made their impression on our senses and judgment. We feel and deplore the unspeakable loss within able loss whice the senate, his state and the country bear in his death. His inestimable value as a senator and a man is well known to all of us. His death is a profound affliction to us, and a serious bereavement to his personal friends and the country. He was a great and a good man. His mental faculties and his moral qualities were of a very high order. It is not too much to say that his love for Louis

He has left to his countrymen the example of a useful, honorable and patriotic life; and he has left to us, his survivors here, the memory of a friendship unaltered by re-Mr. Gorman closed by offering the usual resolutions expressive of the senate's pro-found sorrow at the death of Mr. Gibson, and for the appointment of a committee to attend the funeral at Lexington, Ky.

embraced in its patriotism the whole union

The resolutions were adopted, the commit-tee announced as Messrs. White, democrat, Louisiana; Butler, democrat, of South Carolina: Gordon, democrat, of Georgia Pettigrew, republican, of South Dakota, and Shoup, republican, of Idaho, and the senate as a further mark of respect, adjourned until

In the house today it was manifest that the Christmas holidays were rapidly approaching. The unoccupied seats far outnumbered those that were occupied, but in the cloak room there were little gro members chatting, smoking and relating

This being suspension day, there came up from the last session a bill for the relief of W. L. Williams of Baltimore, the inventor of the spindle-shaped ship. There was quite an opposition manifested. The fight, indeed, was between the Winans and the inventors of the whaleback vessels. The latter were successful. The bill required a two-thirds vote and stood: Yeas, 27; nays, 75; so the motion to pass the bill was lost.

Mr. Wilson, democrat, of Missouri, called

up the senate bill increasing the pension of ensioners of the Mexican war from \$8 to \$12 month. The bill was passed. Mr. Culberson, democrat, of Texas, moved

Mr. Culberson, democrat, of Texas, moved of the superior the circuit and district the jurisdiction of the circuit and district courts of the United States. The bill pro-hibits suits in United States courts by or against corporations, except to the courts of legal domicile of the corporation, in cases where jurisdiction depends upon the citizenof the parties. The motion was

The house then adjourned.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. - A meeting of the republican senttors' steering committee was held today for the purpose of hearing statements from the western senators whose seats are likely to be contested by democrats, as to the condition of affairs in their respective states. Among those who spoke were Senators Felton of California, Casey of North Dakota and Warren of Wyoming Each of these gentlemen went into the details of the situation during and since the

late election. It is the opinion of the committee that the steering will be of no particular interest to them at present. There was no representative from Nebraska present.

Another Arrest in the Homestead Case. PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 19.—District Attorney Burleigh made information today before Alderman McMasters charging H. F. Dempsey. district master workman of the Knights of Labor, and J. O. Davidson and Patrick Gallagher with felonious assault and battery and administering poison. The men are imand administering poison. The men are applicated in the alleged poisoning conspiracy at Homestead. According to the confessions of Davidson and Gallagher, who were cooks at the mill. Dempsey furnished the poison to the at the mill. Dempsey furnished the poison which they placed in the food given to the nonunion men. Warrants were Issued

Movements of Ocean Steamers. At Fire Island-Arrived-Columbia, from

At Amsterdam-Arrived - La Campina, from New York.

At Copenhagen—Arrived — Gothia, from At Lizard-Signaled-England, from New

At Prawle Point—Signaled—Greece, from Scilly Islands - Passed - Scandia, from ew York for Hamburg. At Gibraltar-Arrived-Werra, from New

Nebraska Candidates for Postmaster in Solemn Session at Lincoln.

WHAT THE DEMOCRATIC EDITORS WANT

Unterrifled Molders of Public Opinion Exclude Republican Reporters and Then Pass Some Resolutions Officers Elected for the Year.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 19.—[Special Telegram to Tun Ben]—Lincoln tenight contains the most extensive aggregation of candidates for postmusterships that has assembled in Nebraska since Cleveland's first election eight years ago. The Democratic Editorial association of Nebraska met at the old Capitol hotel in this city at 8 o'clock this

J. W. Barnhart, the vice president of the

association, called the meeting to order and Secretary Hall of Grand Island called the roll, which revealed the presence of the following members: B. F. Davis, Columbus Telegram; F. S. Hassler, Pawnee Press; R. B. Wahlquist, Hastings Democrat; C. M. Hubner, Nebraska City News; John F. Sherman, Wahoo Democrat; E. J. Hall, Grand man, Waldo Democrat; E. J. Hall, Grand
Island Democrat; N. H. Parks, Scotia Herald; E. A. Coombs, Geneva Democrat; C. W. Allen, Chadron Sun; C.
W. Poole, Tecumseh Journal; M. C.
Harrington, Mason City Transcript;
M. G. Morrow, Stanton Democrat; C. D.
Casper, David City Press; J. W. Barnhart,
Auburn Herald; E. Reed, Arapahoe Mivror;
C. J. Bowlby, Crete Democrat; C. W. Sher. Auburn Herald; E. Reed, Arapahoe Mieror; C. J. Bowlby, Crete Democrat; C. W. Sherman, Plattsmouth Journal; W. H. Korns, Tekamah Herald; J. F. Richthart, South Omaha Tribune; Edgar Howard, Pappillion Times; A. G. Parks, Norfoik Herald; G. B. Wilber, South Sioux City Argus; C. F. Sharts, Humboldt Enterprise; E. W. Hurlbut, Aurora Sun; W. H. Weeks, Scribner News; R. D. Scott, Battle Creek Enterprise; F. M. Broome, Alliance, Express; A. prise; F. M. Broome, Alliance Express; A. W. Jackson, Ord Democrat; J. O. Calhoun, Lincoln Herald, and C. T. Bawalt, York

It was then suggested that the solemnity of the proceedings might be disturbed by the presence of the reporters of the republican press, and they were courteously but none the less firmly requested to retire. The bedroom doors were then closed and the de liberations commenced.

Proceedings of the Meeting.

As the meeting was designed primarily to reorganize the association the first thing done after the doors were closed was to strike from the membership rolls the names of those who had deserted the party and over to the independents. The weeding out process having been satisfactorily accomplished the association proceeded to elect the following permanent officers for the ensuing year: President, D. F. Davis of the Columbus Telegram; first vice president, Fred Hassler of the Pawnee Press; second vice president, J. F. Richter of the South Omaha Tribune; third vice president, A. A. Parks of the Norfolk Herald; fourth vice president, C. J. Bowlby of the Crete Demorat, fifth vice president, I. Greenbes of crat; fifth vice president, J. L. Greenlee of the Blue Hill Leader; sixth vice president, N. H. Park of the Greeley Herald; secre-tary, E. J. Hall of the Grand Island Demo-crat; treasurer, C. M. Hubner of the Ne-braska City News.

the president, secretary, treasurer and Edgar Howard of the Papillion Times and E. W. Hurlbut of the Aurora Sun.

A general discussion of methods and measures then ensued, and after a pretty thorough understanding had been reached a committee on resolutions was appointed as follows: C. J. Bowlby, J. D. Calhoun, C. D. Casper and Edgar Howard. The deliberations of the committee resulted in the adop

tion of the following resolutions. We disapprove of the supreme court pass-ing upon the qualifications of members of the

ing upon the qualifications of members of the legislature, a co-ordinate and equal branch of the state government.

We are opposed to any political alliance with the republican party on any question or under any circumstances.

We are in favor of a union between all opponents of protective tariffs and force bills.

We favor a reduction of railroad, express, telegraph and telephone charges.

We favor din the event that the democrats shall have a majority in the senate in the next congress) a special session of that body at the earliest practical date.

We take pride and pleasure in calling public attention to the efficient and economical administration of the public institutions of our state by Governor Boyd and his appointees.

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Among those who came in late were: C. Cass, Rayenna News; D. L. Machamer, linden Democrat; J. W. Tanner, Fullerton;

H. E. Metzger, Aurora Sun; J. L. Greeniee Blue Hill Leader.
The association adjourned, to meet at Columbus the day preceding the meeting of the State Editorial association.

SENT BY WIRE.

New York State Disposes of Murderer Fred McGulre.

Sing Sing, N. Y., Dec. 19.-Fred McGuire was electrocuted in prison this morning. McGuire was a farm hand employed by Noah Gregory at Middletown, N. Y., and the crime for which he paid the penalty was the brutal murder of his employer's wife for the purpose of securing \$100 known to be in the nouse. He first shot her and then stamped on her head, crushing it like an egg shell. Bloody bootprints on the door step led to his

arrest and conviction.

The execution was the most successful yet. performed in Sing Sing. There were only two applications of the electrodes and the second only as a precautionary measure, as electrodes was applied gave no signs of burn ing and the witnesses detected no odor of burning flesh, as in provious executions.

McGuire died in twelve seconds.

Drs. Irving, Abbott and Sheehan per-formed the autopsy on the body of McGuire and found he died from an electric shock. The brain and all the other organs were found to be in a normal condition and not scratch or burn was found on McGuire body. There was no discoloration of the skin. The doctors declare the elec-

The body was shipped away this afternoon. It will be buried tenight.

Ghastly Contents of a Nebraska Grain Car

Causes a Sensation.

Tolebo, O., Dec. 19 .- | Special Tele-

gram to THE BEE.]-The murdered body of a

EVIDENCE OF MURDER

man was found this evening at the Wabash elevator on a pile of corn in a Wabash freight cav. An injury to the brain of some kind had produced death. The body was covered with boards. All the man's pockets were turned inside out. The man was about 35 years of age, had a red mustache, sandy hair, weighed 158 pounds and was well dressed, in dark clothes. He had evidently been dead several days. The ear arrived this afternoon and the body was found when

the car inspector made his rounds.

Granted Temporary Alimony

Yankton, S. D., Dec. 19.—[Special Tele-

the First judicial circuit today rendered a

decision on the application of Mrs. Datay

shipped from Saronville, Neb. The

Wabash received the car December 17, at Chapin, III It was loaded and originally amenable to the law. Judge Vandevanter closed with an able argument, after which both motions were is holding the body until information can be obtained from these points.

> Elgin Butter Market. Hagry, Ill., Dec. 19 .- Butter steady at 30

MAPPED THE PARTY'S POLICY mony on her side of the case in New York City and \$50 attorney's fees. Mrs. Winslow, who has been in South Dakota for three weeks, has returned to New York.

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS. Treasurer Foerstel of St. Louis Deposed-His

Son Commits Suicide. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19.—Deposed, a short age in his accounts of \$63,020.16; his son dead, a suicide, with absolute ruin staring him in the face, Michael J. Foerstel, until tonight city treasurer of St. Louis, is one of the most miserable of men.

An investigation of his affairs, precipitated by the events to be related, resulted in the discovery of the shortage and the immediate removal of the treasurer by Acting Mayor C. W. Waldridge, and the appointment, as temporary successor, of Charles Parsons, the best known banker in the city, who immediately grave the required bond of \$500,000 and assumed the position.

It was but little after dawn this morning when suicide added its dark intimations to the cloud of charges, counter charges, denials and half-suppressed scandal which have been hanging over the office of the treasurer of the city of St. Louis for weeks Edward Foorstel, first assistant, and son

of Major Foerstel, treasurer of the city, at 8 o'clock this morning shot himself, the ball passing through the brain, lodging under the skin on the left side, and causing a fatal wound. For weeks past stories of peculiar doings

in the treasurer's office have been affoat. There have been suits brought against the treasurer by money lenders, notorious for their usurious charges; assertions regarding real estate deals of the treasurer and his son and allegations of using city money by some one who recouped the treasury previous to the regular examinations by borrowing from the shylocks, who at last sued the treasurer himself on notes which he declares to be Fortunately for the city, prompt discovery

of the blaze enabled its quick control, with the destruction, so far as known, of only some old papers and furniture. Immediately upon the controlling of the fire the police were placed in charge of the city treasurer's office until the proper officers could make an Late tonight the investigation of the city

treasurer's accounts was completed, his books being checked with those of the comp-troller and the banks holding city deposits. As a result of this searching inquiry an embezzlement of \$63,020.16 was discovered and the action already noted taken. In this the action already noted taken. In this phase of the affair, but little except sympathy for ex-Treasurer Foerstel is heard. It is settled by the inquiry that he personally is innocent of wrong-doing. His son sunk the whole sum in frantic real estate deals, the extent of which it will take weeks to unravel. But the father is a broken hearted man who suffers manishment for the san's man, who suffers punishment for the son's wrong-doing.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Dennis E. Sibley of Chicago Fails for Many Thousands-Other Failures.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—Dennis E. Sibley, one of the oldest and best known Board of Trade dealers was forced to make an assignment today for the benefit of his creditors. Sibley's liabilities will reach \$248,-223.02. His assets are undetermined. It is thought they will reach about \$70,000, but possibly may reach \$90,000.

Mr. Sibley had been buying corn heavily Mr. Sibley had been buying corn heavily for December delivery in New York, expecting that when navigation closed freight rates would go up and with them the price of corn and ether cereals. Accordingly he was caught with 6,000,000 bushels of corn when the roads cut freight rates and the bottom fell out of the maker. Beauth of Tradecorn research that the company will solicit a bushely of cach kind of grain grown in the state from each farmer and a small exhibit of each kind will be placed in this disability of each kind will be placed in this the market. Board of Trade men assign the glass building. As there are about 500,000 failure to an attempt by Sibley to corner the farmers in the state the grain, when market, but such an attempt is Sibley. When the drop came his margins began to pile up and the endeavor to cover

them forced him into bankruptey. By the failure a list of over forty Chicago Board of Trade men are caught for sums yarying from \$25,000 to \$1,000. Logan & Co., Worthing & Worthing, Kennett & Hopkins and G. G. Moore are among the heaviest

Sibley has been operating on the board for over twenty years. The firm was once Eldredge & Sibley, but of late he has been dealing alone. Until a short time ago he was president of the Sibley Elevator company. Mr. Sibley's credit has always been A 1, and he was always considered a wealthy man until within a few days. Both his attorneys and Mr Sibley thought he would be able to pass the crisis. Some of his heavy creditors became anxious for the payment of their claims, and several he suits have lately been brought against h Not quite two weeks ago Logan & Co. of the Board of Trade brought an ment suit in the supreme co \$21,000. It was for money due corn transactions, which caused the failure. The firm of Loran & Co. is probably the heaviest creditors, there being due then \$25,000. Following this suit the other credi tors began pressing him, which caused his

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The failure of the American Wood Paper company is reported today. The company's mills are at Manyunk and Spring City, Pa., and its headquarters are at Providence.
CREEDE, Colo., Dec. 19.—The Miners and
Merchants Exchange bank failed today.

The liabilities are \$20,000, with assets double that amount. The officials assert that all claims will be paid in full.

WYOMING'S ELECTION RETURNS.

Questions Concerning the Canvas Before the State Supreme Court.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 19 .- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |- In the supreme court this morning arguments were heard on the motion to strike out certain portions of the petition for a writ of mandamus in the election cases. The portions that were desired stricken out were those relating to Hanna precinct in Carbon county. The defendant's claimed that it did not come under the jurisdiction of the state canvassing board further than was indicated in the re turns of Clerk Ress of that count question to be decided, as stated b Van Devanter, who opened for the defend-ants, was how the returns should be

He argued that though the performance of an act could be ordered by a court, yet in such a case as this, it was on a plane with the canvassing board, which could not go behind the returns. The court had no right to make inquiry about any precinct such as Hanna Perefore the allegations contained in the pe

tition regarding that precinct should be A. C. Campbell, opposing, responded that the rule in such cases was that even when immaterial matter was contained in a peti-tion it would not be struck out unless preju-

dicial to the other side. T. M. Patterson of Denver followed with a few remarks on the amending of the petition so as to recognize some one as governor as in order to have a logal canvass. He then spoke directly on the merits of the case. He argued that the plain intent of the law was to include the two justices as well as the clerk in the returning board, as an evidence of this intention all three were made equally

taken under advisement. The state canvass ing board met today, but could do nothing It will adjourn from day to day pending the decision of the court. gram to THE BEE. | -Judge E. G. Smith of

When the question now involved is settled by the court, the matter will come up on its merits, and the election or nonelection of the two democratic legislators from Carbon Edna Winslow for temporary allmony in the case of divorce pending against her, brought by her husband, Herbert Half Winslow, the playwright. The court grants Mrs. Winslow \$50 per month for the support of herself and child, \$100 for the expenses of taking testiwill be finally adjudicated by this

TOO GAY WITH THE GIRLS

Rev. George Baxter of Knoxville, Ia., to

Have a Church Trial. ENGAGED TO A NUMBER OF HIS FLOCK

Fast Horses Also Altracted Part of the Attention of the Sporty Divine-His Course Will Be Thor-

oughly Aired.

Drs Morses, Ia., Dec. 19.-[Special Telegram to Tue Bre. | - About forty ministers of Presbyterian faith will meet in this city tomorrow to try the case of Rev. George W. Baxter of Knoxville, Ia., who has caused considerable gossip by his alleged scandalous conduct. The charges against him are that he takes too much interest in fast horses, in fact engages in horse racing himself. It is also said the he pays entirely too much attention to the females of his congregation, having become engaged to Miss Snodgrass while at the same time being engaged to marry several other ladies elsowhere and paying attentions to other young ladies in Knoxville.

A select committee of the church at Knox-A select committee of the church at Knox-ville completed a secret investigation of the case Saturday and will report to the presby-tery here. The presbytery while in session here will also take upother matters of inter-est to the church.

Important Iowa Decision.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 19.-[Special Tele- o gram to THE BEE. |-Judge Conrad today handed down an opinion sustaining the law passed by the last legislature, "To establish a board of park commissioners in certain cities of the first-class," under which this city elected a board as provided, who proceeded to carry out the provisions of the law. Tracts of grounds were settled in different parts of the city for fine parks and bonds authorized to the amount of \$300,000 to pay for them, the taxation being increased

thereby I mill on each dollar of assessed value of property in the city for interest on the bonds and expenses of the board.

Action was recently brought by opponents of the law to enjoin the purchase of the of the law to enjoin the purchase of the land chosen for the parks and the issuance of the bonds and collection of the tax. Judge Courad decides in substance that the park commissioner is a corporation equal to a school board and that its acts are indepen-dent of the city council and that any debt created by the park commission is indepen-dent of and cannot come within the limits of indebtedness beyond which the city council deat of and cannot come within the limits of indebtedness beyond which the city council is enjoined, as was claimed by the plainting in this case. He holds that the law is con-stitutional and the acts of the board are therefore legal. The same law is applicable to Sioux City, the only other city in the state coming under the definition of "first-class."

Iowa's Grain Exhibit.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 19.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-A company called the Young Exhibit company, composed of George N. Young and E. M. Denny of Des Moines. and John Jackson of Harlan, has been formed for the purpose of making the Iowa grain exhibit at the World's fair. For this privilege they have paid the Iowa Columbian commission \$5,000, and it is their intention to build gathered at a central point, will aggregate an enormous amount, most of which the company will probably sell to re... burse itself for the outlay. The company will also publish a directory containing the name of each

Iowa Wheelmen in Convention DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 19.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. | - The lows branch of the

League of American Wheelman met in state convention this evening with a good attendance from all parts. Resolutions were adopted calling on congress for legislation looking to improvement of the roads of the country in the interest of the farmers and all others who use them. Other business of interest to wheelmen was transacted. Delegates to the national convention at Chicago were selected and also to the lowa good roads convention to meet in Des Moines

next month. Issued a Second Call.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 19.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- Seven operators on the Des Moines Valley division of the Rock Island railway went out last night in response to the second call of the railway elegraphers. Superintendent Gilmore left books of the men who refused to come back and to lock up such stations until a substitute can be secured. Many more applications are in already than there were vacancies from the movement last night, and no serious trouble is anticipated.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 19.- Special Telegram to THE BEE.] -A man named Price, aged 80 years, was killed at Colfax yesterday by a vicious mule. While the rest of the family was at church, the old man went to the barn, and it is supposed that in passing in front of the animal it grabbed him by the face with its mouth, terribly erushing t into an almost unrecognizable mass. The old man fell under the mule's feet and was tramped and kicked to death. vas found by his relatives after their return

from church.

Smasking Church Windows. FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 19.- |Special Telegram to The Bend-Church people here are

indignant over the malicious or insane smashing of church windows that has been going on lately. Within four days the costly strained glass windows of the Catholic, Presbyterian, Congregational and Lutherar the city, have been shattered by stones thrown from the outside. There is not the slightest clew to the criminals. Bold Thieves Captured.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 19.- [Special to

Tug Beg.1-Three Danes, Andrew Berg,

Charles Erchenback and Peter Mickleson,

were detected and arrested last night in the et of robbing the lumber sheds of C. H. Deur. They had driven a team into the Deur. They had driven a team into the yards and began loading at about 7:30 in the evening, when they were taken. All are here in custody awaiting preliminary exam-

He Was Temporarily Insane. confidential clerk of Superintendent Riser of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, resigned Saturday and suicided by shooting. The coroner's jury today rendered a verdict of suicide during a temporary aberration of

mind. He had no apparent cause for deed. His parents live at Cedar Rapids. Montana's Contested Election Case.

THELENA, Mont., Dec 19 .- The democrate

gained a point in the Box Elder case today. Republicans had anticipated getting a peremtory writ of mandamus compelling the Chouteau county canvassing board to issue a certificate of election to Leech (republican), member of the lower house of legislature. Instead the court overruled the demurrer of the republicans to democrats. This will probably bring the case down to a trial of facts before the court and delay final decision until after the legislature meets, two weeks from now. weeks from now.