this action, but Chief Clerk Vorhees declared

Mr. Fow denounced the proceedings as an Mr. Fow denounced the proceedings as an unheard-of outrage.

The chief clerk announced that the returns of election officers were superceded by the decision of the Crawford county court.

The members then were sworn in and Caleb C. Thompson of Warren county was elected speaker over Walter E. Ritter of Lycoming, the democratic nominee.

After the members had been sworn in it was discovered that both Andrews and

was discovered that both Andrews and Highy had gathered with the crowd and both took the oath. Highy arrived first this morning and took possession of the seat assigned to the Crawford county member, Andrews will probably slip into his seat the first time Higby vacates it, and thus the

war promises to go on.

Charles Everson was formerly elected chief clerk. Both branches of the legislature, after effecting an organization, took a recess until 3 p. m. At that hour they reassembled and listened to the reading of Governor Pattison's message

CONTESTS IN KANSAS.

Populists Making a Determined Effort to

Unseat Republicans. TOPERA, Kan., Jan. 3.—The supreme court today heard arguments in the mandamus proceedings brought by the people's party central committee to compel the clerks of Coffey, Haskell, Jackson and Reno counties to issue certificates of election to the people's party candidates for election to the lower house from these districts.

The latter county is that in which the clerk of the county, by error, wrote in the name of Stubbs, the republican candidate, although Stubbs, the republican candidate, although the returns showed Rosenthal, populist, to have been elected by a large majority. It is generally believed that the supreme court will rectify this error and will order the clerk to issue a new certificate to Rosenthal. The Coffey county case is that in which the canvassing board decided a tie by drawing lots. Since then it has been ascertained that there was a mistake in the footing, and that the correct footing gives the populist that the correct footing gives the populist one majority. There seems no doubt but that the court will decide this case also in

favor of the populists.

The other two cases result from the failure of the legislature in redistricting the state to name the town of Holton as consti-tuting a part of the Jackson county district and the town of Nickersen as constituting a part of the Reno district. No one has any opinion to offer as to the decision of the court in these cases. The court took the cases under advisement and announced that decisions would be handed down tomorrow. If the populists win all four cases they will have a majority of the lower house, and will be able to organize that body.

If they win one, two or three of them the
democrats will hold the balance of power. while if they lose all the republicans will have a majority over all of one.

Upon the decision of these cases rests the selection of a United States senator and much of the legislation of the coming session. If the populists secure control of the lower house they will not only be enabled to name Senator Perkins' successor but they will have in their hands all branches of the state legislature.

IT LOOKS LIKE CASEY.

North Dakota's Present Senator Will Probanly Be Returned. BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 3 .- The chief interest in the session of the North Dakota which convened today, the contest for a suc-

United States Senator to Casey. The republicans have a clear majority and the result hinges on the decision of the party caucus. Caucuses for officers of both houses were held this morning, but opponents of Senator Casey hope to secure his defeat by preventing a caucus on the sena-It is alleged that some of them have made overtures to the democrats and called the attention of the matter to Cleveland. The latter, it is said, refused to have anything to do with it, saying the party could not afford to run the risk of being charged with corruption, and advising the election of as clean a representative as possible. The other candidates in-clude State Senator Worst, W. J. Anderson, Colonel Kingman and J. R. Smith. It seems The house today organized with George Walsh speaker, J. G. Hamilton chief clerk and a full set of officers as chosen by the

republican caucus this morning.

The republican senators, who have a majority of the upper house, in caucus today apportioned all the committees and notified Lieutenant Governor Wallace, who was elected by the democratic-populist fusionists, that if he would appoint the committees as named he would be permitted to do so without any show of friction. If he did not the republican senators would organize the senate without paying any attention to him. At noon the senate organized in ac-cordance with the action of the republican caucus. It is claimed that the election of officers of the houses is no indication of the strength of the senatorial candidates.

In his message Governor Shortridge recom mended amendment of the Australian ballot law and a new law for the taxation of elevator and railroad companies, but makes no

ORGANIZED BY REPUBLICANS.

Minnesota's Legislature Ready to Commenc

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 8.—The legislature met at noon and organized. W. E. Lee was chosen speaker of the house and A. Johnson, chief clerk, both republicans. Last year the combination of democrats and alliance men organized the senate. This year the republicans secured the adherence of three alliance men, formerly republicans and secured con-trol. Lieutenant Governor Clough from whom power to appoint committee was taken by the combination last year, will have the privilege restored this year. Senator E. H. Folsom was chosen secretary and the republicans filled the other offices. Governor Nelson was sworn in today, but his inauguration proper will not take place until tomorrow. Sr. Paul, Minn., Jan. 3.—A caucus of the

republican members of the legislature has been called for tomorrow night to select a United States senator to succeed Cushman A. Davis, whose term will expire March 4. There is no question as to the result. At each of the state conventions last year strong resolutions endorsing Senator Davis for re-election were adopted unanimously Nearly every republican legislative convention adopted similar resolutions, the great majority of the republican legislative candidates are pledged to support him and his candidacy was one of the chief issues in the Minnesota campaign, in which the republicans swept everything. The result of all this has been that there is practically no opposition to his re-election, and the joint caucus will undoubtedly decide in his favor by acclamation. There has been some talk by acclamation. There has been some talk to the contrary but it has been outside the members of the two houses, a poll of which shows a clear majority in each branen for the re-election of Senator Davis.

Montana Populists and Democrats Combine. HELENA, Mont., Jan. 3 .- Yesterday it was thought possible the democrats would organize a separate house, as they had withdrawn from the hall, but today they were all present, and, joining with the populists, elected Thomas Matthews, populist, speaker, and H. J. Winey, democrat, chief clerk. The details of the "combine" are unknown, but it gives the democrats a majority on joint ballot for United States senator.

Interest now centers in the democratic choice for senator, the leading candidates being Congressman Dixon, A. A. Clarke and ex-Governor Samuel T. Hauser. Nineteen votes are needed to nominate and that many are claimed for both Hauser and Clarke, but others estimate that the content of the c others estimate their strength at twelve or thirteen each. Dixon's strength is placed at

Senator Sanders is directing the republi-can forces. Unless there should appear a chance of republican success he will be given the honor of a nomination without op-nestion.

Democrats in Control in Delaware. DOVER, Del., Jan. 3.—Both houses of the general assembly organized this morning At 10:45 Clerk Dunn of the last house called the new members to order. A temporary or-ganization was formed and the members-

upon by the caucus last night were elected and installed. The senate was called to order at 11 o'clock and a temporary organization was formed and the new senators were sworn in permanent organization was then ef-d by the election of the caucus nom-

Governor Reynolds' message was then presented and read in both houses. It deals almost entirely with state affairs. He calls attention to the granger demand for taxation of investments and says if equality is one of the fundamental principles of taxa-tion, it seems unfair and inequitable that any class or species of property should be entirely exempt from the tax burden.

DEMOCRATS QUARRELING.

Hot Struggle Still on Among the Illinois Bourbon Legislators.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 3 .- The hotels are rowded with members of the legislature and prominent politicians, gathered here to witness an unusual event in this state, the assembling of a democratic legislature. The fight for the offices in the gift of the legislature grows hotter and some bad feeling has been engendered, particularly in the senate, where two democratic factions are striving for supremacy, which gives the control of the organization and the committee chairman ships. The caucuses of both parties of both houses are set for tonight. It is likely some of them will last till midnight. The house democrats

will name Clayton E. Craft for speaker and Caleb C. Johnson for temporary speaker. Probably Robert McKindley will be chosen chairman of the caucus. The clerkship of the house has been settled by compromise. R. W. Rose, register of the general land office under Cleveland, will be clerk.

One thing is certain, however. Miss Agnes O'Connell will be either postmistress

or first assistant.

The senate democratic caucus promises to result in much ill feeling. Opponents of Senator O'Connor's candidacy for president protem have been very active, and claim to have eighteen out of twenty-nine votes and he will probably be defeated, though his friends claim seventeen votes for him. The opposition will either combine on Senator Coppinger or Higbee. If successful it means new deal in the senate and elements which have heretofore controlled legislation will be

relegated to the rear. There is no serious rivalry for the empty honor of the caucus nomination for presi-dent pro tem among the republicans of the senate, but the candidates for the speaker-ship nomination are plenty, as that generally carries with it the leadership of the minority in the house and the dictating of the minory committee assignments.

Hawley of Kane county seems to be in the ad. Erickson of Cook is the only candidate for the republican caucus nomination for temporary speaker.

In the senate democratic caucus tonight an

attempt will be made to pass a resolution barring women from offices in that body. It is rumored that the friends of Colonel W. R. Morrison will attempt at the caucus tonight to have him endorsed for a position in Cleveland's cabinet.

Cockrell Will Be Returned. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 3,-The legislature of Missouri will meet tomorrow in biennial session, but without matters of great or general interest to come before it. The senate and house are both heavily democratic. Over the former Lieutenant Governor J. B. O'Meara will preside, while over the latter body T. W. Mabrey of Ripley county will be speaker, all opponents having withdrawn.

In the matter of the United States senatorship there is like of interest. The democrats are practically a unit in favor of Francis M. Cockrell. Among the republicans the tenor of the nomination. It is said that Chauncey I. Filley would like to have the caucus vote for the nomination.

Tennessee's Deadlock Broken NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 3.—Both houses of the legislature have not organized. The house has organized, but the senate has as yet only elected a speaker. After balloting tor C. W. Dismukes of Sumner as the caucus nominee for speaker. He will be elected tomorrow. The contest was a spirited one. Governor-elect Tearney is in bad health, and should he die during his term the speaker of the senate would be governor. Three candidates for United States senator are announced: Senator W. B. Bates, the present incumbent; John H. Savage and

ex-Governor R. L. Tayor. Divided the Honors in California.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 3.-The California legislature assembled today, the republicans organizing the senate by electing Senator R. B. Carpenter of Les Angeles president pro tem, and the democrats organizing the assembly with F. H. Gould of Merced as speaker and George Prentham of Santa Clara chief Governor Markham's address was not presented and no business was transacted

Oregon's Legislators at Work. PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3.—The organization of the senate was completed today by the election of the nominees of the democrat-

populist caucus. The appointment of com-mittees was also taken out of the hands of the republican lieutenant governor. A bill was introduced in the house to re-peal the Mormon test oath. This would admit all Mormons, not actually practicing polygamy, to the right of suffrage.

Vote of the Electoral College. New York, Jan. 3.—The Evening Post says: The settlement of the Oregon contest makes it possible to give an accurate count of the vote for president as it should be by the electoral college, and which will show: Total number of votes, 444; necessary to choice, 223; Cleveland, 276; Harrison, 144, and Weaver, 24. Cleveland's majority,

Connecticut's Legislature Adjourns. HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 3.—Both branches of the Connecticult legislature of 1891 today adjourned without date. A number of petiwere continued to the new general

NEWS OF YESTERDAY.

Memphis, Tenn., has been visited by a \$100,-Intense cold is prevalent throughout Europe, and much suffering is reported. Ellsworth Wyatt, the notorious outlaw and desperado, has escaped from the Guthrie, Okl.,

The State Federation of Labor of Kansas after adopting a series of resolutions and electing officers, adjourned. A mob at Lewiston, Idaino, took Albert Rob-eris, confined in the jail there for murder, from his cell and hanged him.

Louis Wagner shot and killed Miss Fannie Speer and then committed suicide in a Tere mont street, Boston, apartment house. At the caucus of house republicans of the Michigan legislature, W. A. Tatum of Kent county, was elected candidate for speaker. The senatorial committee to investigate in-ections disease has decided to recommend a marantine against Cuba in the early spring. Secretary Elkins will give instructions for an unusually large number of United States troops to assemble at Washington on March 4. George Jefferies, a Southern Pacific engineer, has been arrested in Oakland, Cal., for the murder of Miss Ames, the Nebraska girl who was killed at a small railway station.

A locomotive exploded near Francesville, Ind., killing W. W. McCarthy, the freman, and Harry Buck, head brakeman Con. Cavan-augh, the engineer, was severely scalded, but may live.

W. J. Priestly of Galveston, Tex., superintendent of the Galveston Bagging factory, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. the head with a pistol.

Kate Sheridan, maid to Princess Ruspoli, wife of a member of the Italian legation at Vashington, has been arrested in New York for stealing her mistress' jewels.

McCarthy, the supposed counterfeiter, who ded from West Superior, Wis., on the unearthing of extensive counterfeiting operations there a few days ago, has been captured at a small town near Grand Rapids, Mich.

Anton Duart, a Portuguese keeper of a way.

Anton Duart, a Portuguese keeper of a way-side resort near San Leandro, Cal., while suf-fering from delirium tremens, shot Antone Dias, his barkeeper through the shoulders, and Mrs. Dias twice through the lungs. He then committed suicide.

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WORK CUT OUT FOR CONGRESS

Matters of Importance Which Will Occupy the Time of the Senate and House

M'GARRAHAN'S CLAIM WILL BE ACTED ON

Senators Will Discuss the Anti-Option Bill and Senator McPherson's Resolution to Repeal the Sherman Silver Act-In the House,

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3. - The senator and representatives who go home during the holiday recess rarely hasten their return to the capitot, so there is likely to be a small attendance in both houses tomorrow, when congress will meet again, and the seats will probably not be filled before next week. In the senate there are indications of a

struggle for place between the anti-options bill, the bill for the repeal of the purchase of silver act, and quarantine and immigration suspension bills. The first business in order will be the Mc-

Garrahan bill, which comes up by unanimous consent in the morning hour. Senator Wilson of Iowa and others have speeches to deliver on this subject and they promise to occupy the morning hours during the week, much to the concern of the friends of "great claimant," who realize that bill caunot long be kept in its privileged condition to the exclusion of other

Anti-Option and Silver.

After the morning hour tomorrow the anti-After the morning hour tomorrow the antioption bill will probably be taken up for
further debate.
Senator McPherson, before the recess,
gave notice that he would call up his resolution to repeal the Sherman silver act promptly on the assembling of congress, and he can at least succeed in delivering a speech on the subject. More than that can hardly be expected at this time in view of the re-luctance of republican senators to move in

the matter until a settled line of policy is opted at the caucus soon to be held. The immigration committee is extremely anxious to take some action on the quarantine and suspension bills, and if Mr. Wash burn does not succeed in pushing his anti-option bill to a vote, the indications are that they will make a determined effort to displace that measure as the unfinished bus-iness. In this attempt they will have the support of some senators who fear the cholera, and others who fear the anti-options oill, or who want to get on with other bus-

Work in the House.

The only business of importance likely to be transacted this week in the house is the passage of the fortification appropriation bill, which is in charge of Mr. Breckinridge of Kentucky. There is but slight chance that a quorum will be present tomorrow and the appropriation bill may not be called until Thursday. The appropriation committee expect that there will be little if any general debate upon it, but that it will pass uring the day. Chairman Martin of the invalid pensions

committee will take the earliest opportunity to call up the private pension bills which are now on the calendar of unfinished business, but he will not do so until he is convinced that there is a quorum present to vote upon Altogether the remainder of the week

promises to be uneventful in congress.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT. Some Interesting Figures Issued by the

Treasury Department. Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—The public debt statement for December, owing to the intervention of a Sunday and a holiday, was not issued from the Treasury department until this afternoon. It shows that in the last month of the year there was a net decrease of the debt of the United States to all day the democratic senators, in caucus. | the amount of \$518,283. The items from upon the eighty-eighth ballot selected Sena- which this decrease was made up were as

Increase of interest-bearing debt, \$100; decrease of debt bearing no interest, \$671,176; decrease of debt on which interest has ceased, \$46,970; decrease of net cash in the treasury, \$1,236,330. On the 31st ultimo totals of these items were: Interest bearing debt, \$585,033,080; debt on which interest has ceased, \$2,385,045; debt bearing no inter-

est. \$377,106,627.

The total gold in the treasury December 31 The total gold in the treasury December 31 was \$238,359,801, against \$247,598,465 at the end of November. Silver increased from \$458,496,138 to \$462,369,518. Against these deposits there were outstanding \$141,347,889 gold certificates and \$325,783,504 silver cer-

The net cash balance (surplus) in the treasury at the end of the year was \$29,002,588. Of this amount \$16,061,915 was in national bank depositories and \$10,571,480 in subsidiary silver coin. The net cash balance November 30 was \$30,428,918.

The changes in the treasury and debt balances during the year 1891 are shown in the following statement:

Interest bearing debt	4,633.4
Total	\$97A,981.9
treasury \$599,467,016 Gold in treasury 238,359,801 Silver in treasury 462,369,518	\$577,143,2 278,846,1 416,976,3

Total cash in treasury 769,780,783 757,300,432 Net cash balance \$ 29,092,586 \$ 44,574,128

CHAIRMAN CARTER'S VIEWS

He Talks About Senatorial Contests in the Doubtful States.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—Chairman Carter of the republican national committee was at the capitol today. He was not communicative as to his mission, but it soon transpired that he was here under subpoena from the judiciary committee of the senate. A subcommittee of this committee, acting under authority conferred by the senate, has begun to take testimony in relation to charges made against Louis McComas, who was nominated to be judge of the supreme court of the District of Columbia. It appears that one of the allegations in the case is that Mr. McComas, while counsel for a man named Gibson, who was representing certain interests in the Yellowstone Park association, proposed to his client to influence the land office through the commissioner—then Mr. office through the commissioner—then Mr. Carter—if the necessary funds were forth-It is on this point that Mr. Carter appeared today before the subcommittee to give his testimony, which, it is understood, strongly negatives the implication that there was any wrong doing in the matter within his knowlester.

his knowledge. Talking about the probable outcome of the senatorial contests now beginning in the northwest, Mr. Carter said: "In my own state the result is still doubtful, but with the chances in favor of the democrats. You see the republicans have thirty-three members of the legislature; the democrats thirty-five and the populists three, and it requires thirty-six to elect. In order for us to suc-ceed, therefore, it will require our getting all the populist votes, whereas the demo-crats need but one. Under these circum-stances I am afraid we are heaten

stances I am afraid we are beaten.

'In Wyoming the democrats and populists together, have control of the lower branch of together, have control of the lower branch of the legislature, and there are two contested cases, which I suppose will be decided against the republicans, thus securing a ma-jority on joint ballot, which will probably be used to elect a democratic senator. In Cali-fornia the legislature is against us. In Kan-sas and Nebraska there is a chance that we will be able to elect our candidates. will be able to elect our candidates., but there is considerable doubt about it."

Bushnell's Mission to Panama Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—Some specula tion has been indulged in with regard to the mission of H. M. Bushnell of Nebraska, to Panama. Mr. Bushnell's mission has no relation, either remote or intimate, to the Panama canal concession, and it may be said that the state department has not the slightest idea of acquiring that concession for the United States, whether France relinquishes it or not. The facts in the case were told in a dispatch from Panama printed yesterday morning that Mr. Bushnell is

there simply as special commissioner to investigate the quarantine system of the isthmus and to arrange for the adoption of such regulations as would protect the health of the people there and, at the same time, not close the port unnecessarily to vessels from the United States.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Important Decklons Rendered by That Body Perding Cases. Washington, D. C. Jan. 3.—The supreme court today rendered a decision in the case

of the state of lows against the state of Illinois, to settle the boundary line-in the Mississippi river-between the two states. Nine bridges across the river between the states, and the suit was brought in order that each state might tax only those parts of the bridges that are within its boundaries. Iowa contends that the boundary runs through the middle of the main body of the river, regardless of the steamboat channel, and that measurements should be taken at the normal stage of the water. Illinois claimed that the jurisdiction of each state extended to the middle of the steamboat channel. In the opinion rendered today by Justice Field the court takes the Illinois view of the matter, holding that the true boundary is the middle of the main channel. The court has ordered that a commission of three designate the line on each bridge and determine same on the mans, Remanded for a New Trial.

Chalmer M. C. Prentice, a physician of Norwalk, O., while traveling on excursion tickets with his wife and other persons on the Lake Shore railroad to Chicago, purchased the return trip tickets of a number of passengers. The conductor learned of this, arrested Prentice just before reaching Chicago, subjecting him to violence and his wife to insult, and had Prentice locked upon charge of disorderly conduct, which harge was dismissed the next day for lack of appearance on the part of the conductor Prentice such the railroad company, which admitted that the arrest was wrong. The company, however, objected to the charge of the judge that the damages in the way of compensation might be awarded for the humiliation suffered and also exemplary damages as a punishment for the offense. Judgment for \$10,000 was brought in, but subsequently Prentice had it reduced to \$6,000. The railroad appealed notwithstanding Prentice's voluntary act, done probably to avert an appeal. In an opinion by Justice Gray, the supreme court today upheld the judge's charge, except as to exemplary damages, ruling that the railroad company canages, ruing that the railroad company cau-pany cannot be punished for the wanton and unauthorized act of its agent. There-fore remanded the case for a new trial, not knowing how much this factor entered into the verdict rendered.

Patent Right Infringement.

By a vote of 3 to 3 the United States s preme court today affirmed, by a divided court, the judgments of the lower court in the cross suits between William Shannon and Preston Bruner, both of Missouri, over the use by Bruner, without consent, of the reissued Schillinger patents for an improvereissued Schillinger patents for an approve-men in concrete pavements. The lower court decided in favor of the valid-ity of the Schilfinger patent and re-ferred the matter to a master for a report as to the amount of damages to be awarded. His report, which was ap-proved, gave only mental damages, on the proved, gave only nominal damages, on the ground that Brusse might have laid the pavements he put down by use of other means than those covered by the Schill-inger patent and that there were no special profits arising out of the use of the patent of Schillinger. Neither side was entirely satis-fied with the result, so that the matter came here with each side appealing. Justices Field, Harlan and Lumar did not sit in the

The Letter Carrier Cases.

Solicitor General Aldrich, for the government, made a motion to advance what are known as the letter carrier cases. The cases arise under an act of congress of March 24, 1888, "to limit the hours of letter carriers in cities, who shall be employed per day," a involve the questions whether a carrier entitled to count all work performed by him whether on the street or in delivering or collecting mails in making up mail for delivery in the post office, or in doing other postar service under direction of the postmaster, whether he is entitled pay for any time in excess of eight hours works any one day, even though he may work less than eight hours on some other day, and other questions important to the administration of the postoffice department. The cases came to the supreme court on appeals from the court of claims, where the decisions ere against the United States and in favor of the letter carriers. They affect a very large number, if not all the letter carriers throughout the United States, and a large sum of money is involved in the decision.

Property of Married Women. The court today, through Justice Field, rendered a decision in effect that in Ohio, part of the property of a married woman could not be charged in equity by contracts executed previous to the existence of that property. The case on which the decision was based was that of Joseph A. and William R. Ankney, appellants, against Clara M. and Joseph E. Hannon, and came to the supreme court on appeal from the United States circuit court for the southern district of Ohio. J. E. and Clara M. Hannon executed promissory notes at Xenia, O., which Hannon filed with the in-tention (as stated in writing on each note) of making them a charge upon her separate es-tate, both real and personal. Mrs. Hannon possessed a small amount of property at the time the notes were made and became possessed of more later. The suit to recover the amount of the notes sought to enjoin her after she had acquired a separate estate, but the supreme court today took the ground supreme court today that the said separate estate could not be

held accountable. "Silver Brick" Cases. The silver mine owners and others who are of the belief that silver is as good as gold and must be treated as money, have not yet abandoned their efforts to secure a decision from the courts that under the constitution the proper officers of the government must receive silver bullion and coin it into dollars without other charge than coinage cost for whoseever presents it to them. Ex-Attorney General Garland has been retained by them, and today he moved in the United States court to advance in the United States court to advance the case, which is popularly known as the "Silver Brick" case, and officially known as case No. 1079, the People of the United States ex. rel., George G. Merrick, appellants, against Charles W. Foster, secretary of the treasury. Merrick is a resident of Colorado, and seeks to compel the secretary of the creasury to receive a silver brick and coin it into dollars! for his benefit. He brought the action originally in the courts of the District of Columbia, and when mandamus was denied took an appeal to the sumus was denied took an appeal to the su preme court, and today had a motion made to advance the case hi order to secure a final decision from the educt of last resort.

Distinguished Invalids.

Washington, D. C. Jan. 3 .- The report that Mr. Blaine suffered another relapse yesterday and that his condition had again assumed an alarming aspect was not sus tained by inquiries made today. On account of his peculiar organic disease, Mr. Blaine, in his present weak condition, is susceptible to the slightest change of the weather. various changes have a depressing effect upon his spirits, but see of short duration. Mr. Blaine, it is said, appeared unusually bright this morning. The family share the belief of Dr. Johnson, that the ex-secretary is maintaining the steady improvement noted in his condition during the past week Senator Kenna continues critically ill and the gravest apprehensions are still felt. His family physician, Dr. Chilton, is constantly

Raised to the Presidential Class. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The following named posto! As, by reason of increased receipts, have been raised to the presidential ceipts, have been raised to the presidential class: McComb. Miss.; Tipton, Mo.; Westport, Mo.; Kalishpell, Mont.; Wakefield. Neb.; Northwood, N. D. This makes a total of ninety-six for the last quarter, which is the largest number advanced to the presidential class during the same period in the history of the postoffice department. The total number of presidential offices on January 1 was 3,319, a gain of 634 during the present administration.

Went Through the Bank. Fr. Dongs, Ia., Jan. 3.—[Special Telegram to Tue Bre.]—The report reached here to-

day that the Bank of Laurens had been held up on Monday. The cashier was alone in the bank at the time. Two men entered and with revolvers pointed at the banker proceeded to help themselves to all the cash in t ceeded to help themselves to all the cash is sight amounting to about \$500. The vault was locked and the robbers did not wait to attempt to get into it. No trace of the per petrators of the robbery has been found.

BLUFFING THE BOARD.

Mr. Hitchcock Transfers His Banter from Print to Prattle.

After doing considerable business of Fire

and Police commissioners last night the

members took up the work of a license board and set the following protested cases for hearing next Friday evening: E. Stuht, Murray & Cullingham, M. Kilgallon, F. Pinzenscham, Matt Reuland and M. Walenz. The proprietor of the World-Herald then addressed the board in regard to his protested cases. Mr. Hitchcock asked the board to lay down rules and regulations to be followed by the attorneys for both sides. He declared that he had not had fair play and impugned the motives of some members of the board in passing the resolution declarof the board in passing the resolution declar-ing Tun Brethe paper having the largest cir-culation. He said that the preliminary steps were taken in the interest of Tun Bre, when they asked for the circulation for three months instead of for the month of October, as had been the usual custom. Then refer-ring to the decision in the Fritz Miller case. Mr. Hitchcock said that it was immaterial Hitchcock said that it was immaterial whether the advertiser acted in good faith or not, and again accused the board of working in the interest of Tun Ben. He thought his rights had been trampled upon, and that the board owed an explanation of its actions to the making.

to the public. Mr. Rosewater said that he did not come Mr. Rosewater said that he did not come before the commissioners to impure their motions or to cust slurs upon them, but to make briefly a statement of facts. He was in New York when the board passed its resolution asking for bids from the newspapers and knew nothing about it until some time later. The action of the board had been the same as license boards elsewhere. He set forth the fact that The Morrison Bee and The Evening Bee were two separate and distinct papers, and two separate and distinct papers, and that the bid put in by THE BEE Publishing company had been strictly in accordance with the resolution asking for bids. Mention was made of the way in Herald was imposing on a few credulous peo ple by offering a guarantee, was nothing but a confidence played for the purpose of roping in people who were easily duped. To substantiate his statements regarding THE BEE circulation, Mr. Rosewater declared that THE EVENING BEE alone had a larger number of papers, delivered by carrier in the city of Omaha than the entire circulation of World-Herald, including their Sunday

"If this is not so I will forfeit \$5,000 and I will print the name and address of every abscriber in the paper every day for twenty lays to prove my assertion."

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Frank Hilditch, 617 South Thirteenth street; ther & Co., 1112 Harney street; Louis Dlubolo, 3002 Walnut street; Charles Weymuller, 1332 South Thirteenth street; M. Wollstein & Co., 522 South Thirteenth street; M. Wollstein & Co., 522 South Thirteenth street; 222 North Sixteenth street, 2224 Cuming street; Riley Bros., 1118 Farman street; C. Christoffersen, 414 South Tanth street; James Adams, 101 South Fourteeath street; Fred Fuller, 123 North Tweifth street; Julius Burster, 220 South Thirteenth street; John Boekhoff, 1210 Douglas screet; Leutz & Williams, 1418 Farman street; Erick Semler, 602 South Ninth street; Charles, Thies, 1534 South Thirteenth street; Ed Wittig, 1416 Farman street; Charles Pierson, 1321 Douglas street; Leonard Kirscht, 407 South Tenth street; Lonard Kirscht, 407 South Tenth street; John Wrede, 1924 South Twentieth street; Hans Shumann, 2923 Spaulding street; A. McCarthy, 124 North Tenth street; John Karasek, 102 South Tenth street; Henry Buser, 111 North Sixteenth street; William Young, 416 South Fifteenth street; John Gulk, 1814 Military avenue; Valentine Nock, 1308 Cassaireet.

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A meeting will be held at 5 p. m. today to grant more licenses.

BLOODY FIGHT IN KENTUCKY.

Fatal Termination of a Dispute Between Two Parties at Salversville. SALVERSVILLE, Ky., Jan. 3.—The broodiest fight in Magoffin county's history took place today about one mile from Salversville There were eight or ten of the county's best known citizens engaged on each side, armed with repeating rifles and heavy pistols, and the trouble, which had its inception in a trivial matter the day before, culminated in a pitched battle.

John Davis was killed by a pistol shot said to have been fired after he was disabled and

disarmed. W. E. Deskins, constable, was fatally wounded by a shot in the right hip, the ball ranging upward through the bowels. Monteville Deskins, a justice of the peace, has not been found since the fight, but he left a bloody trail on the snow through a woodland near the scene of the tragedy is supposed to be fatally wounded. The with which he is known to have been armed was found today in the woods.

Shepherd Cole, corner of the county, re-

ceived some fearful blows with a clubbed gun and may die.

Maurice Patrick was shot through the bowels and is expected at this writing to be

W. A. Patrick, brother of ex-Sheriff J. C. Patrick, received a rifle ball along the right side of his head, and was at first supposed to be dead, but he has rallied and physicians say he will live, if there is no concussion of the brain. Reports as to who is immediately respon-

sible for the terrible affair are conflicting, and it is not even known who fired the fatal

TO DIVIDE THE SPOILS. Iowa Democrats Meet at Des Moines to Arrange Federal Patronage.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 3 .- [Special Telegram to The Bee:]-A considerable number of leading democrats of the state were in the city today. A secret meeting of the state central committee was held this morning and this afternoon there was a general con-ference behind closed doors. The subject of of the distribution of offices under the Cleveand administration is supposed to be the Among those present were: John F.
Duncombe, Fort Dodge; Charles D.
Fullen, Fairfield; Judge Phelps, At
antic; J. J. Richardson, Davenport, antic; J. J. Richardson, Davenport; John C. Kelly, R. H. Brown and F. B. Robinson, Sioux City; Charles F. Chase, At-lantic; A. G. Sanders, Clinton; Hulton How-ard, Eleventh district; R. Stam, Fourth dis-trict; John Brown, Second district; J. J. Dunn, Third district; J. E. Seevers, Sixth district; E. W. Currie, Eighth district; T. J. Griggs, Spirit Lake; J. H. Steubenrauch, Pella; Senator Rich, Carroll; T. B. Riggs, Storm Lake; T. H. Ward, Primghar; W. E. Starkhouse, Davenport.

Starkhouse, Davenport. PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

R. C. Patterson left last night by the B & M. and the Santa Fe lines with a party of thirty-five bound for Houston, Tex. Mr. T. T. Armstrong of Kearney, one of the best known dry goods men of the state, is in the city on his way east on a business trip. At the Mercer: Senator A. S. Paddock, Beatrice; C. D. Miller, Chicago; John H. Keene, Spokane, Wash.; C. S. Royce and wife, Carson, Ia.; A. B. Young, Lincoln; G. E. Haskell, Fremont; J. T. Stanhope, Fre-mont; H. R. Spellman, Carrol, Ia.; Sol Blatcky, Shelby, Ia.

New York, Jan. 3.—[Special to The Ber.]
—Omaha: C. P. Vincent, Plaza; J. Bamburger, buying goods, Hotel Bartholdi.

Cattlemen Again Anxious to Continue Their Case in Wyoming.

SERIOUS TROUBLE NARROWLY AVOIDED

Johnson County's Sheriff and One of the Defendants Make a Gun Demonstration that Causes Serious Apprehensions for a Time.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 3 .- [Special - Tele cram to Tan Bug. |- The motion for a coninuance in the cattlemen's case was over ruled by Judge Scott today. The defend ants, however, were allowed to amend the affidavits attached to the original motion for continuance, and on this amend-ment the continuance asked for was granted on account of the absence of certain material witnesses. Coun-sel for the prosecution then arose and adsel for the prosecution then arose and ad mitted the testimony of the absent men, on of whom is in Dakota and the other in Ala-bama. The judge ordered the hearing of the case but the defendants wanted an ad-journment to Monday. Finally both sides agreed that the hearing of the case should

begin Thursday.

The case in already arousing much interest and many strangers are in the city to near it, among them a number of resident Johnson county, the scene of the invasion A collision took place between the sheriff of Johnsor county, alleged to be acting in com-plicity with the rustlers, and Hesse, one of the cattlemen on trial. No harm was done, though gans were drawn and things looked squally for a time.

EASILY WORKED THE BANK.

How a Smooth Young Man Secured a Thou

sand at Stromsberg.
STROMSBURG, Neb., Jan. 3.—[Special to Fue Bee.]—Some four weeks ago a stranger ame to Stormsburg and took board at the Park hotel. He was agreeable in conversation, a ready talker, brought some money with him, attended the Stromburgs normal university, was often seen at churce and in the meantime gained the confidence of all who became acquainted with him. This man T.W. Davidson, as he was known—which of course was an assumed name, presented a draft for \$1,000 to the Farmers and Mer chants bank on a St. Louis bank which was immediately cashed. Three hours later he left for Grand Island where all trace was lost. Word was sent to all the principal towns west of the Missouri river with a re-ward of \$200 for his apprehention and detention. The affair was very smoothly worked and is the talk of the town The Farmers and Merchants bank is owned by John Wilson & Sons, is in a pros perous condition, and this loss will not effect the standing of the bank in the least.

Result of an Overdose of Morphine. Schuyler. Neb., Jan. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee. |-The coroner's jury investigating the cause of the death of George T. Vandermuten has decided that it was the result of morphine poison. Sunday evening he procured laudanum, stating that not slept well for several nights. He and went to sleep, being found soon afterward in spasms. A physician was sent for, but was out of town and could not be recalled until too late. He was unconscious from the time of discovery till death. The empty laudanum bottle was found in an outhouse, 100 doses of the drug having been

Practiced Without a Diploma. HOOPER, Neb., Jan. 3 .- Special to THE Bee.]-D. L. Diarmond of Omaha, who has been stopping at the Wickwire for the past week, was arrested vesterday for non regis-tration. He has advertised quite freely in the county papers as an experienced dentist, but an investigation proved that he has no diploma. He was aware that detectives were on his track, but made no effort to get away

Overdrew His Account. Beatuice, Neb., Jan. 3.- Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- John W. Ellison was arrested at Wilber yesterday and brought here for issuing checks on banks at which he had n deposits. He was arraigned in police court this afternoon, found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs, to remain in the county fail for thirty days and make

good the fraudulent checks. SOUTH OMAILA.

Annual Election of the Officers of the Live Stock Exchange. At the annual election of officers of the Live Stock exchange, held yesterday, there were two tickets in the field, one called "regular," and the other headed "Business Men's ticket," The former was elected as follows: President, D. S. Parkhurst; vice president, W. B. Bell; board of directors, LeRoy Hough, W. I. Stephen, L. Gilchrist, J. G. Martin, E. M. Richardson; committee on arbitration, William Underwood, W. B. Wallwork, W. F. Denny, O. K. Paddock, A. Waggoner; committee of appeals, Levi Cox. J. S. Gosney, Richard Carey, W. B. Van Sant. T. E. Saunders.

City Council Meeting. The city council met last night with all members present except Bowley, and transacted routine business. Bills were allowed and warrants drawn on the various funds as

General fund, \$515.60; police fund, \$604.95; salary fund, \$520; fire and water fund, \$532.40; repair fund, \$110.21; engineer fund,

The special committee on library reported that the Board of Education would pay half the rent of rooms for library and reading room purposes. Ordinances 411, 449, and special ordinances 50 and 57 were read and referred to ordinance committee. Ordinance 450, relating to cleaning off sidewalks and penalty for violation, was passed under sus-pension of rules. A resolution passed by the Board of County Commissioners was read, offering to pay the city of South Omaha \$2,500 in full of all accounts between the ounty and city, and the same was accepted resolution. A warrant was ordered drawn in favor of

J. T. Clark for \$343.55 in payment for open ing street from Missouri avenue to Armoun street. The city council will sit us a board of equalization on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 19, 20 and 21. Chief of Police Brennan submitted his report for December which shows eighty-eight arrests.

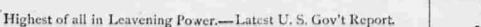
Onite an Important Capture. Detective Kelly of Chicago arrived in the city yesterday to take into custody Abe Trepuk, the man arrested by Captain Van Wie a few days ago. Officer Kelly will return to Chicago with his man as soon as he can secure requisition papers. Trepuk turns out to be quite an important personage in his way. To the charge of bur-glary is now added the crime of bigamy many times over, at least five wives having been heard from up to date. An examina tion of the contents of the prisoner's grip re-vealed all the paraphernalis of a profes-sional crook, including disguises of various kinds. He is a much wanted as well as numerously married man.

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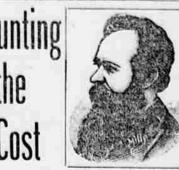


Mayor Tillbrook of McKeesport, Pa., had a Scrofula bunch under

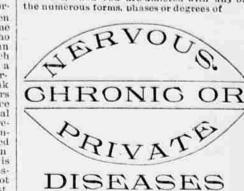
one ear which the physican lanced and then it became a running sore, and was followed by

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