the nettles and save America and Europe from this great danger. In every country we see phases of the disintegration of monopoly; by poverty, by prostitution and crime, drink and lack of work. It costs less to pay schoolmasters than policemen. Fair treatment of the workingman and education of his children will solve these problems.

BADLY TREATED BY BARRIOS.

American Complains of the Action of Guatemalan Authorities.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The steamer Colon which has arrived from Panama and way points brought particulars of the outrage on William Henry Argall, an American citizen, by the Guatemalan government. Argall had the temerity to question the authorities of the Jefepolitico of Guatemala when the latter attempted to steal some land. Argall was thrown into prison for his audacity. While in the penitentiary he demanded to see the commandant and was brutally beaten by the officers in charge of the prison.

United States Minister Young heard of the outrage and demanded the release of his countryman. The president of the republic has been appealed to and he showed his contempt for Americans by postponing action and keeping Argall incarcerated for twelve days. At the end of that time the doors of Argall's dungeon were thrown open and he and his companions were permitted to walk forth into the open air. A complaint was formulated and sent on to Washington.

The result has been that the imprisonment of Argall has taken the shape of an international issue and Guatemala may yet be called upon to explain the indignity put on an American citizen.

Among the passengers on the Colon was a gentleman who has been in Guatemala for the past two months, and who while there was in a position to be thoroughly familiar with the workings of the government. He denounces the arrest and detention of Argall and his companions as an outrage. He declares that Americans are treated with the utmost contempt by President Barrios and his minions. Barrios, he says, has no use for Americans for the reason that they are too clever to be wheedled out of gold by that government.

Mexico's Coffee Exports.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 12.—Customs house statistics show that during the fiscal year just ended, the exports of coffee amounted to 7,500,000 pounds, which realized $1,180,000. The United States received the larger amount of the coffee exported. A large percentage of the present harvest season is in danger of being lost by the lack of labor.

War is Not Probable.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 12.—It is untrue that this government intends to prorogue congress so as to be ready in case it is necessary to declare war against Guatemala, which war is considered by sensible people here as improbable, as it is expected the differences will be settled diplomatically.

KILLED BY BURGLARS.

William H. Price, the Press Maker, Shot Down in His Own Home.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12.—Mr. William H. Price, a prominent business man and a member of the firm of Chandler & Price, residing at 124 Hawthorne avenue, was murdered by burglars at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

The burglars were found in the house by Mr. Price, who was aroused by the noise. He started to investigate, and when they found themselves discovered one of the robbers drew a revolver and shot Mr. Price. The shot took effect in the latter's breast and he fell where he stood. The robbers escaped. Mr. Price only lived a few minutes. The entire detective force is at work on the case but the burglars have not been captured.

MURDERED BY HIS EMPLOYES.

Illinois Farmer Killed in His Own Barn for His Worldly Treasure.

WHEATON, Ill., Dec. 12.—Edward Ott, a farmer, was murdered in his barn last evening by two employes, known only as Sam and Oscar. The murderers had been stopping at the farm about a week, having tramped their way to the place, where they applied for work. They struck Ott with a club, and then, alarmed by his noise, cut his throat. Robbery was the motive, the murderers threatening death to Ott's mother if she did not keep quiet while they searched the house. The robbers secured $65 and a watch.

Broke Into Two Stores and the Postoffice.

DANA, Ill., Dec. 12.—Tramps blew open the safe in a grocery store and broke into a hardware store and the postoffice here early this morning. The robbers secured but little booty.

NOT HILLMAN AFTER ALL.

Man Arrested in the Arizona Mountains Proved to Be L. B. Herndon.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 12.—The man who was arrested in the Huachaca mountains on Thanksgiving day in the belief that he was J. W. Hillman, charged with murdering a companion in the Buffalo mountains of Texas some years ago for the purpose of defrauding the insurance companies out of a large sum of money, is not the right party, and was released from custody at Tombstone, where he was held pending the arrival of extradition papers from the governor of Kansas.

The case excited much attention all over the territory, and the officers who had been hounding the supposed Hillman for months were confident that they had the right man and could not be shaken in their belief until yesterday, when two relatives of the real Hillman arrived from Kansas, and declared that the man under arrest was not their much sought for relative. The man whom the authorities have mistaken for J. W. Hillman is L. B. Herndon, formerly of Franklin county. He resembles in many respects the man wanted.

Life Sentence for Murder.

GUTHRIE, Okl., Dec. 12.—Henry W. Shoemaker, who with two companions murdered Edward Townsend in his store at Todd, twenty miles west of Hennessey, was found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to imprisonment for life. Shoemaker was a member of a gang of outlaws and killed Townsend in a holdup. Townsend was a thirty-second degree Mason and that organization offered $1,500 reward for the arrest of the murderers, in addition to $500 offered by Governor Renfrow.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

C. M. Friedberg, representing the White Navy tobacco, is a Barker guest.

F. E. and Barney Reynolds of New York City are registered at the Barker.

George L. Russell of the Chicago & Northwestern railway is registered at the Barker.

D. P. Kenogg of Crete, Neb., John E. Winter of Fremont and B. G. Spencer of Kansas City are at the Barker.

At the Mercer: W. R. Benedict, Chicago; J. R. Tencil, New York; Mrs. Williams, Chicago; C. W. Benninger, Era Mallory, Grand Island; M. C. Noyes, Chicago; C. S. Fosselman, New York; E. T. Frank, York; Jacob Kolf, St. Louis; J. McDonough, San Francisco; Henry Graff, jr., Chicago; John A. Dempster, Lincoln; C. Rushe and wife, Taylor, Neb.; G. A. Stewart, F. K. Dodd, New York.

Nebraskans in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—At Chicago hotels: Palmer House—J. C. Sharp, K. C. Morehouse, Omaha; J. N. Squire, Mrs. E. E. Hart, Council Bluffs; P. A. Foss, Crete. Brevoort House—W. B. Drummond, Omaha; A. V. Bauman, Frank Heim, Fremont. Briggs House—O. S. Pettis, Omaha. Tremont House—George Rieder, Grand Island; P. M. Compton, Council Bluffs. Saratoga—F. B. Norton, Siding; Ross L. Hammond, Harry Hammond, Fremont. Windsor—E. Stanley, C. F. Barnard, Omaha. Grand Pacific—O. J. King, Omaha; J. W. Lansing, F. D. Crim, Lincoln. Gere's—J. H. Creighton, W. L. Luce, Omaha. McCoy's—E. J. Sullivan, Omaha. Auditorium—J. N. Baldwin, Council Bluffs, Ia. Great Northern—W. Farnam Smith, Omaha.

PRESENT SYSTEM THE BEST

Lyman J. Gage Favors the Form of Bank Currency Now in Use.

LOW INTEREST BONDS FOR A BASIS

He Would Use These Bonds to Take Up and Destroy the Present National Currency—Banks Would Not Accept the Carlisle Plan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A letter was read from Lyman J. Gage, the prominent banker and financier of Chicago, at the opening of the hearing of the house committee on banking and currency today. Mr. Gage had been invited to appear before the committee, but as he was unable to come his views were briefly summarized by letter.

Referring to the recommendations of the president and secretary of the treasury, Mr. Gage said: "Agreeing with the criticisms made by these officers of the government as to the present weakness of our situation and the great desirability of separating the government from the direct responsibility of currency issues, I am persuaded that the country is not ready to accept their recommendations as to the methods proposed. In making any change the methods should be so simple that all can comprehend it, and it should be seen that the incidental effects would not be in any direction disturbing to trade, commerce or industry. I believe the Baltimore plan carries the true principles of a credit currency, but we cannot reach it by one step, and years may intervene before it can be realized. In the meantime the way for the government to step out of the currency business and place the burden of redemption on the banks is plain.

"Authorize the issue of $250,000,000 of 2½ per cent bonds payable at such time as congress may elect (twenty-five years desirable), to be offered to subscribers at par. Accept in payment United States legal tender notes or treasury notes, the same to be canceled.

"Amend the national bank act so that banks can obtain note issue to the face value of bonds deposited as security for circulation. Reduce the tax on circulating notes to one-half of 1 per cent.

HOW IT WOULD WORK.

"This done national bank notes would make good the vacuum caused by the retirement of government notes. In fact, there would be some expansion under it to be followed later by some contraction, although forced redemption of bank issues, if it be true, as some claim, that the volume of circulating medium in the United States is larger than can be maintained and that the outflow of gold is nature's method of equalizing things. If this be so, if contraction through the exportation of gold or by a retirement of a portion of the paper money be a logical sequence of our situation, then being safe from demands, the banks with circulation outstanding would be obliged to bring their issues within narrower limits. But all this would work itself out and need not be dwelt upon at length now.

"The problem is this—to take the government out of the note-issuing business.

"First, Without contracting the currency in the process.

"Second, Without inviting expansion.

"Secretary Carlisle's plan is in danger involved under this last suggestion. Were the above suggestions to receive serious consideration, there are some features of the national bank act that would require amendment in order to give note holders easier and cheaper access to the points of redemption than now exists. Redemption agents in cities should be restored—but these are details which I will pass by."

A letter was also read from Edward N. Gibbs, treasurer of the New York Life Insurance company, approving the national banking system with some modification.

George C. Butler of New Haven, Conn., then addressed the committee. He presented a currency plan differing somewhat from the secretary's and the Baltimore plan. Its features included note issues up to 8 per cent of a bank's capital; removal of the comptroller to New York, where he is to have control of the specie reserve made up of 25 per cent of notes issued. Mr. Butler's plan also proposed a board of bank officers in New York and presided over by the comptroller of the currency; also the erection of a suitable building in New York for the currency bureau.

Mr. Butler was questioned at great length by every member of the committee, showing exhaustive familiarity with practical banking. He said the requirement of Secretary Carlisle that all national banks guarantee the notes of each bank would nullify the law. Banks would not accept such unknown responsibility. There might be no real risk, owing to the safeguards provided by Mr. Carlisle, but boards of directors would never vote to accept the risk.

Mr. Butler and Horace White of New York were further questioned after the recess. Mr. Cornwall of Buffalo was expected to address the committee, but as he failed to put in an appearance the committee adjourned until tomorrow.

WILDER CLAIMS THE CREDIT.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 12.—The plan for a national bank currency based on a new issue of 2½ per cent bonds, published in the Associated press dispatches today as coming from Lyman J. Gage of Chicago, is identical in principle and almost identical in detail with the one proposed and published in the Capital here Tuesday by Edward Wilder, treasurer of the Atchison road. Mr. Wilder's plan suggested an issue of enough government bonds at 2 per cent, intsead of 2½ per cent, as proposed by Mr. Gage, to take up and cancel outstanding demand notes of the government. Mr. Wilder proposed that the banks should receive a dollar of notes for every dollar of greenbacks or Sherman notes presented to the treasury as payment for bonds, and that as fast as presented the outstanding government notes should be retired and cancelled.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 12.—Salt Lake bankers are taking much interest in the reports from Washington concerning the proposed legislation for the improvement of the national banking laws. A number of leading bank officials were interviewed today, including such banks as W. S. McCormick & Co., Salt Lake Valley Loan and Trust company, Wells-Fargo, Zion's Trust, National Bank of the Republic and the Commercial National. While no definite opinions were given as to what particular plan should be adopted, the expressions were uniformly in opposition to any plan so far proposed to congress, but in favor of some system looking to the more extended use of silver. Sentiment is rapidly growing in favor of calling a convention of Pacific coast bankers and business men, to be held here, for the purpose of formulating some definite western plan that can be recommended to congress.

WILSON IS FOR AGGRESSIVE ACTION.

Thinks the Present Congress Should Pass the "Pongun" Bills.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Mr. Wilson of West Virginia, chairman of the house committee on ways and means, believes the present should be an active session of congress. "The session," said he, "should not be a routine one, as the chances of retrieving democratic supremacy depend on a full and solid record of reform legislation. To do little or nothing except pass the appropriation bills and the lean list of measures said to have been agreed upon by some of our party leaders would justify the charge that the democratic party is incapable of affirmative and coherent policy. The country and the democratic party have a right to vote on the sub-tariff bills sent to the senate dealing with coal, iron ore, sugar, free alcohol, and barbed wire, and there are some amendments to the administrative parts of the tariff bill suggested by the treasury department that call for action. Our treaty and trade relations with Germany demand the repeal of the discriminating tax against German sugar and the protection of our own people against the trust calls for the repeal of the ⅛ cent protection on refined sugars.

Confirmations by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The senate in executive session today confirmed the following nominations: Postmasters: South Dakota—Frank M. Stover, Centerville. Iowa—Robert Barr, Adel; Robert Hufschmidt, Lansing; T. F. Kelly, Adair; Bayard T. Lindley, Panora; John F. Page, Mystic; Thomas H. Studebaker, McGregor; Homer L. Swafford, Hull. Idaho—H. C. Haver, Moscow. Nebraska—C. E. Summers, Geneva; C. D. Sayers, Chadron; Richard R. McMullin, Ponca; Joseph W. Dupin, Seward.

Also Archie M. Connor to be collector of customs for the district of North and South Dakota.

Bill to Restore the Duty on Cattle.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Representative Broderick of Kansas today introduced a bill restoring the McKinley rate of duty of $10 per head on cattle over one year old entering the United States, in place of the present ad valorem rate, amounting to about $2 per head. Mr. Broderick says a syndicate was recently formed in the west with the intention of purchasing 50,000 head of Mexican cattle and bringing them across the border. "Many of these cattle are diseased," he said, "their presence her cannot but result disastrously to the cattle in this country, hence my bill restoring a $10 rate.

JOCKEY KIDD FATALLY CRUSHED.

His Mount in the Steeplechase at Bay District Fell on Him.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—George F. Smith was the only first choice to win money today. Red Bird was the only long shot of the day, at 25 to 1. In the steeplechase The Coon and Currency fell at the third quarter. The Coon rolled over on Charles Kidd, his rider, crushing his chest. Kidd is badly, if not fatally, hurt. Summary:

First race, five furlongs, selling: Red Bird, 96, R. Isom (25 to 1), won; Sligo, 105, Carr (6 to 5), second; Gold Dust, 97, Anderson (50 to 1), third. Time: 1:07½. Silver Star, Girlee, Three Forks, Tampa and Queen Bee also ran.

Second race, six furlongs, selling: George F. Smith, 94, Jones (11 to 5), won; Realization, 103, Flynn (6 to 1), second; Normandie, 91, R. Isom (2 to 1), third. Time: 1:21. Carmel and Hymn also ran.

Third race, six furlongs: Adolph, 109, Carr (4 to 1), won; Modesto, 104, Cahill (2½ to 1), second; Lawyer, 109, Hill (2 to 1), third. Time: 1:24. Dick O'Malley, Coquette, Sue Abbott and Nipper also ran.

Fourth race, mile and a half, steeplechase: St. Brandon, 136, McCollough (8 to 5), won; April, 144, Gallitio (even), second; Northen, 141, Long (8 to 1), third. Time: 3:41. The Coon and Currency also ran.

Fifth race, six furlongs: Imp. Vigor, 90, Cockran (9 to 1), won; Charles A, 107, Carr (4 to 5), second; Wandering Nun, 104, Hinrichs (10 to 1), third. Time: 1:22. Grandee and St. Cecelia, illy, also ran.

Team Match at the Trap.

Frank Parmelee and Fred Montmorency shot George W. Loomis and J. C. Read a fifty live bird match on the grounds of the Bemis Park Gun club across the river yesterday afternoon. The match was for the price of the birds and a canvasback supper at McTague's. G. W. Speice of Columbus acted as referee and Parmelee and Montmorency won by a score of 83 to 70. The birds were a magnificent lot, ordered specially by Colonel Parmelee for the occasion, and puzzled the cracks of the hammerless exceedingly. The weather was all that could have been asked, but outside of Parmelee's work, who killed 47 out of 50, the shooting was poor. The conditions were thirty yards rise, fifty yards boundary, American association rules. The figure 1 stands for a kill with the first barrel, 2 for a kill with the second barrel, an x for dead out of bounds and a 0 for a miss. The score:

Parmelee—11012 21x12 11121 12221 11221 2x111 11212 21121 21111 12111—47.

Montmorency—20201 10111x 21122 02111 00101 21100 21011 20122 11011 11022—36.

Read—2210x 12012 11112 22210 10212 21110 21010 12011 10111 11000—37.

Loomis—22222 21102 x0210 (2202 022x2 x2212 20210 10111 022010 01210—33.

Results at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—Track slow. First race, six and a half furlongs: Miss Mamie (13 to 5) won, Dearest (3 to 1) second, Guard, (12 to 1) third. Time: 1:26¼.

Second race, seven furlongs: Ten Spring (even) won, Adahl (3 to 2) second, Wedgefield, (12 to 1) third. Time: 1:33½.

Third race, one mile, Young Arion (4 to 5) won, Nero (3 to 2) second, Mezzotint (15 to 1) third. Time: 1:46.

Fourth race, handicap, mile and a sixteenth: Remaud (5 to 2) won, Peytonia (5 to 1) second, Melody (3 to 2) third. Time: 1:54.

Fifth race, six and a half furlongs: Galen Brown (10 to 1) won, Bob Holman (11 to 5) second, Charlie B (7 to 1) third. Time: 1:25¼.

Henry Anxious to Meet Elliott.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—C. W. Henry of Webb City, Mo., a member of the Joplin Gun club, is desirous of matching himself against Champion J. A. R. Elliott for a 100-bird race, thirty yards rise, Hurlingham rules, for $500 or $1,000 a side. Elliott is now in New York.

No Ryan-Demosey Fight.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—The Ryan-Dempsey fight has been baanfloned.

FLOUR OUTPUT SMALL.

Minneapolis Mills Grind Less Than in Any Week Since the Strike.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—The Northwestern Miller says: Not since the July railroad strike was in progress has the Minneapolis flour output run down so low as last week. Only 154,225 barrels were ground, against 294,490 the week before. This week ten mills were in operation, grinding at the rate of about 15,000 barrels daily. Next week's output is uncertain, but prospects seen to favor a decrease, if there is any change. Business in flour last week was in keeping with the small output. Orders booked approximated 75,000 barrels. Sales were about all domestic and usually consisted of small car lot orders. Foreign trade has seldom been so dull.

A little more life was injected into the St. Louis flour trade the fore part of the week. Export sales were very gratifying. At least 15,000 sacks were sold by millers in Illinois. The slump in wheat later destroyed all chances of business from the other side, and the week closed tamely. Domestic sales of St. Louis mills continue satisfactory. The output of St. Louis mills was 39,900 barrels, 21,800 behind the previous week.

At Milwaukee the output was 31,846 barrels, against 41,920 the week before. The present week's figures are likely to be smaller. Business was very dull.

Superior-Duluth mills ground 48,150 barrels, against 105,053 barrels the week before. While the margin for millers in small at current prices, conditions are more favorable. Fair sales are reported in Michigan and Illinois. Foreign shipments were 2,505 barrels, compared with 29,829 the week before.

At Philadelphia flour was quiet and irregular. In North Dakota business since the close of the lakes has been satisfactory. A number of the valley of the Ohio mills have booked some new orders at a profit, but many reported business dull and discouraging. In Michigan the business was about the smallest on record. Some millers have trouble to get enough wheat.

Ocean Steerage Rates Will Go Up.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Private advices received here this morning give the information that the severe struggle for supremacy on immigrant ocean traffic between the allied continental steamship lines on the one side and the powerful British or rather the Liverpool lines on the other has been terminated by the formation of a pool between the lines interested. The war has been in progress for more than a year. Rates will be advanced.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Needles National bank of Needles, Cal., suspended yesterday.

Herbert Doggett, a prominent lawyer of Kansas City, committed suicide.

The president and Mrs. Cleveland have moved in from their country home.

The Panhandle Implement and Improvement company of Fort Worth has assigned.

General Kennedy, a convicted murderer at Chattanooga, was married in jail yesterday.

William Taylor was convicted at Richmond, Ky., yesterday of the murder of Magistrate Doty.

Miss Mary Stewart Sherman, daughter of Senator Sherman, was married at Washington yesterday to Ivers McCallum.

A sailing vessel went ashore near the Cape Mears lighthouse on the Oregon coast. The name of the vessel is unknown.

Senator Cameron has introduced a bill to amend the tariff law placing a duty of 5 cents per square yard on hemp and jute carpets.

Joseph P. Word of Central City, Colo., was acquitted of the charge of using the mails to further a fraudulent land scheme. His plea was insanity.

An unknown steamer, supposed to be the lighthouse tender Mansunita, has been sighted off Port Townsend, with a dismantled schooner in tow.

Senator Mitchell has introduced a bill abolishing the death penalty in the army and navy except for murder and desertion and mutiny in time of war.

Senator Peffer has introduced a bill giving United States attorneys power to institute proceedings under the anti-trust act independent of the direction of the attorney general.

TO SUCCEED CHIEF GALLIGAN

John Redell of Chicago Wants to Head Omaha's Fire Fighters.

RECOMMENDED BY CHRIS HARTMAN

Is Now in Omaha to Place His Application Before Fire and Police Commissioners—Board Makes a Contract for a New Engine.

John Redell of Chicago, who hopes to succeed Chief Galligan as chief of the Omaha fire department, arrived in the city yesterday, and is registered at the Merchants. He came from Chicago at the suggestion of Chris Hartman of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, who went to Chicago a few days ago to hold a conference with the insurance men there and to keep his eyes open for a man who would make a competent head for the Omaha department.

The Chicago papers of yesterday stated that Hartman was authorized to employ a new chief, and that on the recommendation of insurance men there and of Chief Swenie he had employed Mr. Redell, formerly in command of the first battalion of the Chicago department.

Mr. Hartman last evening said that he did not have authority to employ a new chief. He said that he went to Chicago on insurance business, and that while there he made very careful inquiry as to fire department equipment and management. Further than that he would say nothing.

Without the admission or the sanction of Mr. Hartman it may be stated, however, that there was an understanding between him and his colleagues that if he should recommend a man whom he thought fit to be chief this would have great weight with the board, and he will recommend Mr. Redell.

Mr. Redell could not be found at his hotel last evening after his presence in the city became known, but he had an interview with Chief Galligan yesterday afternoon at the latter's house. He said to Galligan that he was in the city to apply for the chieftancy of the Omaha department in case the position was to be given to a man not now connected with the department.

Mr. Redell, besides having command of the First battalion, was assistant marshal of the Chicago department, leaving the service two years ago. It is expected that he will meet with all the members of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners today, and that his application will be speedily acted on.

The fire and police commission held a called meeting last night, at which a contract for a new fire engine was entered into, the commissioners buying from the American Fire Engine company. This new machine costs $4,700 delivered. It is known as the Clapp & Jones engine, extra No. 1, and is the largest size made. It has a capacity for pumping 1,300 gallons of water per minute. It weighs 8,600 pounds, or 1,600 pounds more than the engines that are now in use in the city. This engine will be here within thirty days, or as soon as it can be turned out of the shops. The pumping capacity of the other engines in use in the city is 750 gallons per minute each. All of the commissioners concluded that one engine would do for the present, and consequently abandoned the proposition of putting in two additional steamers.

CANADIAN PACIFIC OBDURATE.

Determined to Yield Nothing from Its Demands for Differentials.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—The general meeting of the western roads was again adjourned this morning to allow the transcontinental lines to go on with their fight. It has been decided that instead of attempting to form the big association at one jump, the roads will take up a section of territory at a time. When matters can be got into working order in that section, and when it has been proven that the proposed agreement can be found to work, the other sections will be taken up. Then, after it has been shown that the agreement will be operative in all the sections in which it is proposed to divide the territory between Chicago and the Pacific coast, the association will be formed. The transcontinental lines were in session all day working with the Canadian Pacific, but there seems to be but little hope that they will reach an agreement with that line. The same old fight on the question of differentials goes on, and neither side appears to gain any advantage.

The lines of the Central Traffic association today sat down on the Christian Scientists in vigorous fashion, flatly refusing to grant special rates to their convention, to be held in Boston the latter part of this month.

In addition to the dates for harvest excursions which were adopted by the Central Traffic association lines some time ago, January 8 and February 5 were announced.

UNITED EVANGELICALS.

System of Arbitration Arranged to Settle Church Differences.

NAPERVILLE, Ill., Dec. 12.—Bishop Dubs presided at the conference of United Evangelical churches. Rudolph Debs and William Stanford were elected bishops. The committee on church trials reported that a trial between members should be an expedient of last resort, to be used only when other measures have failed. In case of business differences it is provided that five arbitrators should be appointed, two by each party, the four to choose the fifth. If a member refuse to submit to arbitration or to abide by the findings, it shall be considered a misdemeanor and dealt with accordingly. It was also made a misdemeanor to appeal to civil courts except in cases of administrators or executors when loss would be engendered by delay involved by arbitration. A board of publication was elected from the five districts of the church to have charge of the publishing interests of the church.

Extensive Swindling Operations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—J. H. Turner, a real estate dealer, has been arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses in two charges aggregating $20,000. It is said, however, that Turner's swindling operations will aggregate nearly half a million, with many victims. He is charged with selling and mortgaging property of which he is not the owner, and of selling the same land to several different purchasers. The land was invariably county property and Turner cleverly deceived his victims by elaborate scheming, including forged registration of signatures to deeds.

Movement to Divide California.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—Members of the Boards of Supervisors of the seven counties of southern California are holding a congress here. Resolutions have been introduced and it is claimed will be adopted by the congress urging a division of the state of California and the formation of the new state of Southern California. The rapid increase in population and the wealth and diversity of climate and productions of the soil between northern and southern counties of California, resulting in diversified interests, are urged in support of the movement.

North Pacific Theatrical Circuit.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—S. C. Heilig and E. W. Lester of Tacoma have leased the Marquam theater for a term of five years from February 1, when the lease of Al Hayman expires. Mr. Heilig and Mr. Lester have secured the Tacoma theater and expect to secure a lease of the Seattle theater. It is their intention to establish a North Pacific circuit, taking in Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Olympia, Victoria and Vancouver, B. C. They claim to have substantial backing.

Sudden Death of a Nebraska Banker.

FULLERTON, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Chauncey Wiltse, president of the First National bank of this city, died last night at his residence of heart failure and hemorrhage of the lungs.

M. Burdeau Dead.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—M. August Burdeau, president of the French Chamber of Deputies, died at 8 o'clock this morning.

Drank Tea from an Injurious Weed.

LINARES, Mex., Dec. 12.—Frank Warren, an American, and Jesus Guerrara, a Mexican sugar planter, arrived from the country south of here and report that a companion named George H. Lewis, a contractor of Kansas City, who was with them, became suddenly insane from drinking a tea made out of loco weed and jumped into the Rio Tigres and was drowned. Lewis had been in Mexico several months, and recently purchased an extensive coffee plantation near Tuxpan.

SAW FRAKER IN IOWA.

Witness Testifies He Saw the Missing Doctor Near Oskaloosa.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—William D. Donaldson, the strongest witness for the defense in the Fraker insurance case, created a sensation today when he testified he had seen the doctor on a railroad train in Iowa six days after the supposed drowning. Donaldson, who said he was a painter and decorator, declared Dr. Fraker, accompanied by Johnnie Edmonds, his protege, were traveling toward Oskaloosa, Ia., and during a conversation with the boy the latter admitted they were bound for Los Angeles. During his testimony Donaldson mentioned the fact the car was crowded. On cross-examination he stated the crowds were going to Oskaloosa to attend court that day. When the cross-examiner asked whether it was customary for Iowans to hold court on Sunday Donaldson showed much confusion and answered in the negative. It developed that the date in question, July 16, was Sunday.

A remarkable incident occurred here tonight in connection with the Fraker insurance case, and one which may prove a turning point in the famous trial. It will be remembered a Mrs. Russel, a school teacher at Perry Okl., who knew Dr. Fraker well, a year ago, declared she had seen the doctor in the territory. Detectives who followed up the trail, it now appears, traced the supposed doctor to Creston, Ia. He was thenfound to be Rev. Mr. Mason, the father of a large family. Tonight Mrs. Russel and Mr. Mason were suddenly brought face to face at the Midland hotel. Mrs. Russel immediately and positively identified Mason as being Dr. Fraker, and the man whom she had seen in the territory. Others who had intimately known the doctor admitted the remarkable resemblance between the two, but declared he was not the doctor.

Movements of Seagoing Vessels Dec. 12.

At New York—Arrived—Alecto, from London; Waestan, fro Antwerp; Teutonic, from Liverpool.

At Liverpool—Arrived—Majestic, from New York; Buena Ventura, from New Orleans.

At Glasgow—Arrived—Furnesia, from New York.

At London—Arrived—British Queen, from Boston.

At Hamburg—Arrived—Elberfield, from New Orleans.

Tried to Break Jail.

Harry Spencer, alias Harry Hoy, who is wanted in Leavenworth, Kan., for burglary, and William Banks, who is wanted in Chicago for several offenses, attempted to get out of the city jail yesterday afternoon. They were both in one cell and they succeeded in picking the lock with a piece of wire. Both were caught in the corridor by the turnkey.

Confessed to Burglary.

Bud Cox was arrested last night for burglarizing the saloon of Mrs. Dahlan on Chicago street between Tenth and Eleventh streets, October 19. Cox secured $1.50. He has confessed his guilt.

Chief Gall Dead.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 12.—The death of Gall, one of the noted Solux chiefs, is reported from Standing Rock agency. He was next to Sitting Bull in rank as chief.

Change in Management.

Thomas F. Boyd has retired from the management of Boyd's opera house and is succeeded by D. W. Haynes, formerly treasurer.

Missouri Rises Three Feet at Pierre.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 12.—A sudden rise of three feet in the Missouri river carried out the uontoon bridge.

A HARD-WORKING WOMAN

—sooner or later suffers from backache, nervous, worn-out feelings, or a sense of weight in the abdomen, dragging down sensations and dizziness. It will all come to an end with Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for it's woman's special tonic and nervine; it restores her strength, regulates and promotes all the natural functions and makes a new woman of her. Uterine debility, irregularity and inflammation are most often the cause of the extreme nervousness and irritability of some women—the medicine to cure it is the "Prescription" of Dr. Pierce. All the aches, pains and weaknesses of womanhood vanish where it is faithfully employed. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is therefore just the medicine for young girls just entering womanhood and for women at the critical "change of life."

DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION

CURES THE WORST CASES.

MRS. CLARK.

Mr. Homer Clark, of *No. 208 West 3d Street, Sioux City, Ia.*, writes: "My wife was troubled with female weakness, and ulcers of the uterus. She had been doctoring with every doctor of any good reputation, and had spent lots of money in hospitals, but to no purpose. She continued to get worse. She was greatly prejudiced against patent medicines, but as a last resort we tried a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. We had seen some of your advertisements, and Mr. Cummings, a west-side druggist, advised us to try a bottle. We tried it with the following results: The first bottle did her so much good that we bought another, and have continued until she has been cured."

Raymond's Diamond Gifts for Women—

Diamond Earrings.	Diamond Pendants.	Diamond Rings.
Diamond Brooches.	Diamond Lace Pins.	Diamond Czarines.
Diamond Hairpins.	Diamond Sleeve Links.	Diamond Chatelanes.
Diamond Dress Buttons.	Diamond Victorias.	Diamond Chemise Stud.
Diamond Garter Buckles	Diamond Scarf Pins.	Diamond Watches.
Diamond Bracelets.	Diamond Sword Pins.	Diamond Gleve Buttons.
Diamond Lockets.	Diamond Necklaces.	Diamond Cresents.

Open Evenings.

JEWELER. 15TH AND DOUGLAS ST. RAYMOND.

THE CHINA-JAP WAR.

A local crockery dealer, who is well posted on china, claims that the reason China went to pieces at Port Arthur is because of the lacking experience in Pekin'. Sing Long, the diplomat launderer of Cuming street, attributes the defeat to the fact that it takes a good many pieces of China to a set for a Jap to feast on. Secretary Gresham is trying to persuade the emperor to give some China to the Japs as a Christmas present in order to keep Shanghai from the b(p)ullets.

China makes a lovely Xmas present among the rich, but the non-rich must look to something more useful and less ornamental. A suit of dressy and warm clothes is the thing. Sensible and appreciative.

TheN ebraska has prepared a Xmas surprise—2 splendid suits—extraordinary values—a good deal better than we've ever done before.

A Five Dollar SUIT. — A Six Fifty SUIT.

The $5.00 one is really a $10.00 one. All wool to begin with, strong and service-rendering cheviot and tweed; Italian and wool lined, light, dark and blue, checked and mixed patterns—sack style.

The $6.50 one is a close companion to any $12.00 suit in Omaha—nobby, dressy and stylish—some 3-button cutaway sack (the newest cut), some one, and some 4-button sack. The fabric is blue diagonal cheviot, similar to richest merchant tailor garments—in appearance, at least—double warped farmer satin lining and finished in a manner becoming any first-class cloth.

A forerunner to Xmas—gilt-edge value No. 1—You'll hear of us in a few days again about other Xmas things. Watch our announcements.

Nebraska Clothing Co. Cor. DOUGLAS & 14TH STS.

AMUSEMENTS.

BOYD'S THREE NIGHTS STARTING TONIGHT.
THE TRIUMPH OF THE CENTURY,
JACOB LITT'S
IN OLD KENTUCKY
SALE OF SEATS NOW ON. MATINEE SATURDAY
GET YOUR MONEY READY.

Enthuse over the Funny Pickaninny Brass Band.
Be Thrilled by the Great Horse Race.
Night Prices—First floor, 75c and $1.00; balcony, 50c and 75c.
Matinee prices—First floor, 50c and 75c; balcony, 50c; admission, 25c.

Nebraska Ceramic Club
—SECOND ANNUAL EXHIBITION—
AND SALE.
Room 1, New York Life Building,
From December 11th to 15th.

AMUSEMENTS.

BOYD'S.
THREE NIGHTS, BEGINNING SUNDAY, DEC. 16
HOYT'S MUSICAL TRIFLE,
A TRIP TO CHINATOWN
In a New Dress, with all the ORIGINAL NEW YORK CAST, including
HARRY CONOR.
The sale opens Saturday morning at usual prices.

EMPIRE. WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY MATINEE, DEC. 16. POPULAR PRICES
GLEN MACDONOUGH'S Jolly, Side-Splitting Farce Comedy,
"THE PRODIGAL FATHER."
Third Year of its Triumphant Success.
A FARCE COMEDY IN THREE ACTS.
Matinees—Wednesday and Saturday.
Seats now on Sale at Box Office.

Christmas.

What is prettier for a Christmas present than a beautifully embroidered silk Japanese Mantel or Piano Scarf, or an Oriental Turkish Pillow?

We are this week offering an exquisite line of these goods at half their original cost.

Also an unlimited assortment of Brussels, Irish Point, Marie Antoinette and Louis XIV Lace Curtains.

An inspection will do you good.

See our Cord Portieres, now so popular.

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