THE President of the Birmingham Liberal Association denied the truth of the rumor that John Bright intended to resign his seat in the English Parlia-

CURRENT COMMENT.

C. C. GEORGESON, of Denison, Texas, for several years Professor of Agricul ture and Horticulture at Bryan College, has been appointed to a professorship in the State College at Tokio, Japan, for which place he will leave as soon as his papers arrive.

A MEETING of the leading merchants was held at Boston recently to take action relative to the alleged under valuation of imported goods by custom officers at New York, by which importers at Boston and elsewhere were placed at a disadvantage, and a committee was appointed to aid the special committee of the United States Senate in its investigation into the subject.

A BOAT's crew of the whaling schooner Mary E. Simmons, of New Bedford, Mass., commanded by John P. Perrirra, third mate, was taken down by a whale near the Cape Verde Islands, on November 29. No trace of the boat or men could be found. Arthur Ward, of New Haven, was one of the crew. All the others belonged on the Cape Verde Islands and Western Islands.

THE Echo des Alpes publishes a summary of the fatal accidents that have occurred since 1859 in climbing the Swiss Alps. During this period there have been eighty such accidents, whereby one hundred and thirty-four persons lost their lives. Of these forty were guides or porters, eighty tourists, two monks of Mount St. Bernard, eleven were workmen journeying over the mountains, and one was a curiosity-

THE proclamation announcing the annexation of Burmah to the British Empire was received at Rangoon on the 1st. There was a grand parade in honor of the event, and a large concourse of natives gathered to hear the reading. England cedes to China part of Upper Burmah, in order to make the Chinese and Indian frontiers contiguous. India advocates an offensive and defensive alliance between China and India.

THE Secretary of the Treasury recently received a telegram from Captain Hooper, of the revenue steamer Rush, at San Francisco, stating that after consultation with Captain Healy, of the Corwin, he had decided to undertake the search for the missing whaler Amethyst. He also inquired if the cruise should be limited to the Aleutian Islands, or whether he should push northward, following the ice pack as it broke up in the spring. Secretary Zanning replied as follows: "Take the necessary supplies and proceed at once. Officers have been directed to report to you for duty immediately. Employ a surgeon and use your judgment as to the northern limit of the cruise."

WRILE out hunting the other day, Peter Hart, a farmer living near Albany, N. Y., discovered a letter secreted in a tree, which stated the writer, John Robert Smith, and his partner, Haley, had been engaged in a number of robberies, which had netted sixteen thousand dollars. While escaping through the Helderberg Hills the partners had quarreled and Smith murdered Haley and buried his body near by Smitten with remorse he buried the money and was about to drown himself in Warren's Lake. The letter was accompanied by a rude diagram showing where the body and money can be found, and Smith gives the latter to the finder. A large number of persons were reported engaged in a search for the bidden treasure.

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In view of the large number of defective, irregular and insufficient proofs presented in public land cases. Commissioner Sparks, of the General Land Office, has issued a circular to registers and receivers of land offices in which he directs that proofs must in all cases be to the satisfaction of registers and receivers, and that cross-examinations should be directed to a verification of the material facts in the case, and especially to the actual facts claimant's own use and occupation or for the use and benefit of others. Ready-made proofs, presented merely for pro forma acknowledgment and verification, cross-examination or evidence of identity, will not, it is stated, be considered such proofs as are required by law.

REPUBLICANS were reported becoming troublesome in the South of Spain. A band of revolutionists recently tried to destroy the railway bridge in the Cordenas Pass of the Sierra Moreno Mountains which separates La Mancoa from Andalusia. Fortunately, the wreckers were discovered while they were at work and five of them arrested. They had cut through the underpinning of the bridge, and the next train which aftempted to cross would have been wrecked. As it was, the damage was repaired just in time to save a heavily loaded passenger train from the North. This train contained a number of Southern members of the Cortes, who were returning from Madrid. It is supposed the outrage was attempted with the object of killing these Senators and Deputies, most of whom are Royalists. At Ciudad Real, a few miles north of the scene of this outrage, a number of persons are said to be imprisoned on suspicion of conspiring to of the free delivery bureau in the Post- Park Hill. Ont., at a depth of 175 feet. make a revolutionary rising.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. M. Brisson tendered the resignation the French Ministry to President Grevy on the 29th. It was thought that M. de Frey-

cinet would form a new cabinet. PROP. MAURICE RAHDEN has been appointed Mexican Consul at Kansas City. THE will of W. H. Vanderbilt has been

admitted to probate. MRS. GEORGE AUGUSTUS SALA died at Melbourne, Australia, recently. PRESIDENT CLEVELAND held the usual New Year's reception at Washington. Members

of the diplomatic corps, judges, Senators and Representatives, department officials and others were presented. GOVERNOR HILL was inaugurated at Al bany, N. Y., on the 1st. In his address he spoke extensively of the patriotic career of New York's first Governor, De Witt Clin-

ton, and the work of other Executives, THE King of Mombesa, Central Africa, has seized Bishop Harzington, who has been engaged in missionary services, and will probably put him to death. No reason i given for the King's action.

FITZBURGH LEE was inducted into office at Richmond Va., on the 1st. THE Walt Whitman fund in London amounts to £115. Among the subscribers are Rossetti, Louis Stevenson, Francis Darwin, Mr. Dowden and Henry James.

R. H. HARRIS, a prominent citizen of Lee County, Ala., and a member of the Alabama Legislature in 1880, committed suicide the other day by shooting with a pistol. Financial trouble caused the act.

T. D. SULLIVAN, the new Lord Mayor of Dublin, was formally installed in office on the 1st with much ceremony. The populace was very enthusiastic and turned out en masse in honor of the event. An immense procession, composed of artisans and laborers carrying green banners and bearing other emblems of a green color. was one of the features of the day's cele-

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ax Italian organ grinder, in New Orleans, recently, was leaning against a tele graph pole when a current of electricity ran down and struck him dead. Another organ grinder, who went to his friend's as- | that place. sistance, was seriously injured. It was had accidentally crossed the line, causing was possoned by members of his own tribe the fatal result.

of the Southern Pacific bridge across the reservation.

THERE was a lively scene in the French Chamber of Deputies on the 29th. Several members charged that an inaccurate record had been kept of the Tonquin credit. Shouts of "liar" and "swindler" were raised in all parts of the Chamber. The official record was voted to be correct. The uproar was repeated in the lobbies, and two duels were likely to result from the

A nor fourteen years old, while playing marbles on the ice on Archer's Lake, near Denver, recently, fell through and was

Many people were asphyxiated at Kingston, Ont., the other night, by a broken gas main which filled several houses with gas.

Two or three were fatally injured. THE convention called to consider the improvement of the Missouri met at Kansas

BRITISH troops recently attacked the Arabs near Kosch. A heavy engagement followed, resulting in the defeat of the Arabs and capture of their posttion. The British and Egyptian loss amounted to about fifty killed and wounded.

THE anthracite coal trade was reported greatly demoralized. Another cut has taken place.

THE London Standard says that the creditors of the King of Bavaria have united in a petition for the distraint of the goods and property of the Imperial household. Prince Leopold, uncle of the King and General-in-Chief of the Army, has forbidden the Bailiff of the State to take any action to carry out

the objects of the creditors. ONE of the boilers of the Gulf City Oil Works, at Mobile, Ala., expleded on the 29th, killing seven colored men and wounding fatally and seriously several others. An indignation meeting was held at Car son, Nev., the other day to protest against

the closing of the mint. Resolutions favoring free coinage of silver were adopted by armaments and railways. the meeting. THE President has approved the recom-

mendation of the Secretary of the Interior, that a portion of the money appropriated for the relief of the Indians be used to relieve the immediate and pressing needs of the Souppai Indians in Northern Arizona. These Indians are not suffering at present, but they will need help before the winter is 'two, is accused of embezzling \$75,000 be-

ment because of the alleged persecutions of | was found hiding. priests and the church in France.

THE Rangers who have been in pursuit of the hostiles have returned to Duncan, Ari. hostiles the Indian scouts refused to follow it and defied the officer in command to compel them to obey his orders. The chase had to be abandoned and the troops returned without accomplishing anything. An Orange mob recently attacked two of the released Riverhead (Newfoundland)

prisoners and fatally wounded them. There crowds were occupying the streets and a late annual congress held in that city. riot was anticipated. THE Kentucky Legislature convened at

Frankfort, Ky., on the 30th and elected the 3d. following officers: Speaker, Charles Offut, of residence, and whether the entry is of Bourbon County; Clerk of the House, have petitioned the powers to liberate the made or sought to be perfected for the Green Kellar, of Nicholas County; Door- island from Turkish domination. the Senate, Harry Glenn, of Carlisle.

Bishops approve it after considering it in darkness.

private sittings. Polish Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., against ber. whom charges of drunkenness were preferred before Bishop Phelan of the diocese. Church. It was said that his followers in foul of a man who gave him a sound thrashthe church were very much exasperated inc. over his removal, and threats of mobbing the episcopal residence have been made. PETER B. SWEENEY, notorious in the

New York. sheep from St. Louis to New York to 50 ber of cities. cents. This is a reduction from 45 and 80 A TERRIBLE cyclone passed over Villa

cents, respectively. facturer, is supposed to have drowned him- railroad depot was razed. No buildings self at Maysville, Ky. His hat and some escaped and many were unroofed. letters were found on the river bank. He

had been in poor health.

THE Postmaster General has requested ropes of alarm bells cut. The loss the resignation of W. B. Gurley, who has amounted to \$50,000. formany years filled the position of chief Puns petroleum has been struck near office Department.

BRIGHAM HAMPTON, convicted of con spiracy at Salt Lake, was sentenced to the maximum penalty under the law, one year in the county jail.

THE guards at the tombs of Garfield ant Grant were withdrawn at midnight on the 31st, by order of the Secretary of War. W. T. WARNER and J. Henry Work, in dicted for complicity with Ferd Ward, recently made a proposition to the Government to refund to the Marine Bank credit ors the amount charged in the indictment against them. Their offer was declined. EUGENE SCHERRER & Co., West India

lives were lost.

VALENTINE P. SNYDER, of New York, has been appointed Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, vice Langworthy, resigned. Mr. Snyder went to Washington in March last as Private Secretary to Secretary Manning, and since that time has held various positions in the Treasury Department.

THE Cork Steam Packet Company has declared a dividend of 21/2 per cent., which the directors stated was all that was warranted by the profits of the company during the past year. At the end of 1884 the company paid a dividend of five per cent. The difference in the profits of the two years is due to the boycotting of the line by the cattle dealers.

The shipping of New Brunswick has fallen off the past year 20,000 tons. The tonnage of vessels registered at St. John is the lowest since 1871. Thirty St. John vessels, valued at \$330,000, have been lost during the year and only twenty vessels added. With two or three exceptions all the ship yards in the province are idle.

WILKESBARRE, Pa , is excited over an unexpected coal discovery. Five Lebanon (Ky.) business houses were

burned the other day. EPHRAIM BEASLEY, a well-to-do farmer of Wilson County, Tenn., accidentally killed his son, aged six years. Mr. Beasley, who is very near-sighted, was chopping wood, when his son came in front of him and was struck by the ax, splitting his skull.

THE long strike of the river coal miners was declared virtually over. The miners of Walton, Hayes, Rusher and Munhall have returned to work at the 25% cent rate, and now almost 2,000 men are at work at

THERE was a rumor that Stone Calf, the supposed that a Brush electric light wire | Chevenne chief who died a short time ago, who were offended at the part he took in The story of the attempted blowing up | having the cattlemen removed from the

Rio Grande was denied by the railroad of THE Corry City (Pa.) flouring mills were destroyed by fire the other morning. The was equipped from top to bottom with the latest improved machinery for the roller process. The loss was \$75,000; insurance,

> THE fighting recently near Mier, Mexico, proves to have been a battle between a large band of smugglers and customs guards in which one smuggler was killed and several wounded. Customs officers captured a valuable lot of silks, laces and velvets. A TERRIBLE fire occurred in Detroit,

Mich., on the morning of the 1st. D. M. Ferry & Co.'s seed warehouse, White's theater and other buildings were destroyed, involving a loss of \$1,500,000. Captain Richard Philbert, of the fire department, was killed by a falling cornice. The insurance amounted to about \$500,000. Pasteur has undertaken, at his own

cost, to cure eleven persous, bitten by a mad wolf in a village in Western Russia. THE annual report of the police department shows that during the year 1885 26, 504 arrests were made in Baltimore.

THERE were 2.500 fires in New York in 1885, and the total loss was \$3,800,000, as against 2,400 fires, with a total loss of \$3,474,647 in 1884. The cost of 1,843 buildings protected during the year is \$54,-

Read & Cooley, of New York, has been dis-THE Edgar Thompson blast furnaces at Braddock, Pa., five in number, were closed down for an indefinite period on the 31st,

THE wholesale dry goods firm of Bates,

throwing out of employment 700 men. THE St. Petersburg Journal says that the negative result of the Balkan conference will prevent Russia from joining another

HERR KEUPP has united with an influential London syndicate in issuing a London loan of £35,000,000 to provide China with It is stated in Constantinople that Rus-

sia insists that Turkey shall fulfill the article in the Berlin treaty providing for the execution of religious reforms in Ar-

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

FRED FISHER, a young man of twentylonging to his employer, August Bern-THE Pope was reported about to issue an hauer, wholesale clothier, of New York. bricklayer. energetic protest to the French Govern- He was brought from Canada, where he

cated from St. Prokop's Church, Cleveland, O., recently. They threatened a dis-They report that while on the trail of the turbance, but were overawed by the police. Sixty cases of typhoid fever were reported on the 3d as existing in the Albany (N. Y.) penitentiary. The officials were reticent about the matter, but admitted that four of the inmates had died.

THE Secular Age, a Freethinking organ of Cleveland, O., accuses Colonel R. G. Ingersoll of keeping back certain funds belongwas great excitement in Harbor Grace and | ing to the local association received at the

EMPEROR WILLIAM celebrated his twentyfifth anniversary as King of Prussia on the

THE inhabitants of the Island of Crete

THE steamer W. D. Chipley sank in the Chattahootchee River near Savannah, Ga., THE Archbishop of Canterbury has im- the other night and two white male pasparted to the Bishops of the Church of Eng- sengers, three negro deck hands and a neland a scheme for church reform. Lord gro child, names unknown, were drowned. Salisbury will approve the measure if the | The vessel ran into the bank on account of

The public debt statement shows a de-FATHER LOBIETZEL, of the Penn avenue crease of \$9,000,940 for the month of Decem-

MANUEL DEL CAMPO, of the Chilian Legation, again made a nuisance of himself in has been suspended by the Roman Catholic | Washington on the 2d. This time he ran

CLEARING HOUSE returns for week ended January 2 showed an average increase of 12.9, compared with the corresponding week Tweed regime, returned the other day to of last year. The returns were not considered so satisfactory as for the few previous An order has been received from Com- weeks. In New York the increase was missioner Fink to reduce the rates on live | 16.8. Decreases were reported in a num-

Maria in the Argentine Republic December ANDREW T. Cox, a wealthy plow manu- 22, at one a. m., doing great damage. Toe

A DESPERATE attempt to burn down the town of Tarentum, Pa., was made early SECRETARY EDGE visited the farm of the other morning. The fire was first dis-Henry S. Rish, near West Willow, Pa., and covered in Esseler's livery stable on Gaines inspected the herd of cattle suffering from street. It soon spread to Rue & Jones' pleuro-pneumonia. One cow was killed grocery story, Zimmerman's shoe store and thirty-four inoculated. Other herds and Dr. Volzer's residence and all were in Pennsylvania were also reported in- destroyed. It was found that the safeguards against fire had been destroyed and the

There is great excitement over the dis-

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

AINSWORTH boils down its immediate needs to a creamery, court house, water works, a division station and another rail-

FRANK V. ADAMS, Private Secretary for Inspector Hall, in the military headquarters at Omaha, recently took morphine and died, because another young man declined to receive his extravagant gifts and to associate with him. Adams was well educated, and from one of the best and wealthiest families in New York, and merchants, of London, have become bankrupt. Liabilities, \$500,000; assets said to be | facts brought out at the inquest showed him to have been a young man totally THE propeller Pequot crushed into the void of truth, honesty or respect for himferryboat Alaska at New York recently. No | self or family. In order to save him from bad influences his family sent him to Texas some years ago, but he went deeper in crime. Securing good positions by his plausible manner and good education, be invariably abused every trust reposed in him. His extravagance led him to forgery for which he served a term in the Texas Penitentiary. After this a firm in Texas tried to help him and took him as a clerk, which deed he repaid by stealing \$1,600 and absconding. He turned up in Nebraska and commenced the same life, which he finally ended because his fast ways led his acquaintances, who knew nothing of his past history, to shun him.

P. F. Musphy, ex-Mayor of Omaha, died suddenly the other day. The doctor in attendance declared the cause of death was the result of eating chicken which had been frozen and then allowed to become partially decomposed. The other members of Mr. Murphy's family had similar attacks, but with no fatal result. In the eleven months just passed North

Bend shipped 380 car loads of stock, and eighty-seven car loads were received. House thieves are operating in Saline County. George Robinson reports the loss of a ten-year-old sorrel chesnut horse worth

several hundred dollars. THREE letter carriers were discharged from the Omaha post-office recently upon an order from Washington for making false charges against Postmaster Contant. A GERMAN named Kreigel, living near Chadron, was lately fined \$25 for shooting his neighbor's ponies that were trespassing on his premises.

A BRAKEMAN was thrown twenty-five feet and landed in a creek at Firth the other day by a sudden bumping of his train. THE house of John Burgess, in Fillmore

County, was destroyed by fire recently. causing a loss of \$1,000. W. H. Dolan, a brother of Senator Do-

lan, died suddenly at McCook the other As Omaha dispatch states that United States District Attorney Lamberson has building was a large three-story brick and received instructions from the Attorney General, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior, to commence civil and criminal proceedings against some eight or ten persons for illegal fencing of public lands. The plats in his hands show about 80,000 acres enclosed. Other cases are expected soon. The largest enclosure referred to in his instructions embraces more than 36.000 acres. In some of the cases civil proceedings were commenced some time ago. The present instructions are to commence criminal proceedings where fences are being maintained and have been maintained upon the public land since the act of February 25 making such enclosures unlawful and since the proclamation of President Cleveland. It is the intention of Mr Lambertson before instituting either criminal or civil proceedings to notify all such parties to remove

> OMARA's record of marriage licenes shows that 671 couples were licensed to marry during the past year. A TEMPERANCE wave struck Sterling re-

> their fences at once, otherwise he will be

compelled to proceed against them civilly

cently and 500 persons took the pledge. THERE are 306 taxpayers in Dakota County who paid \$40 and upwards for the year 1884. One firm paid \$8,435.58. One man \$512.50, another \$503.06.

THE extensive flouring mills at Salem, the largest in that section, were entirely destroyed by fire on Christmas day, together with 3.000 bushels of wheat and 50,000 pounds of flour. Loss \$25,000, with an insurance of \$10,000.

Miss Lucy Mantin, residing at Greenwood, was fatally injured recently by being thrown from her horse. Her foot caught in the stirrup and she was dragged some distance over rough ground. When assistance arrived it was discovered that her skull was broken and her face distig-

ured and lacerated beyond recognition. CALVIN BALL was recently thrown from his wagon near Juniata and dangerously

One of the gable ends of a large chimney of the chemical laboratory of the State University at Lincoln fell the other morning, crushing through the roof and carrying everything to the cellar, doing heavy damage and fatally injuring William Smith, a

THE Indian who made his escape recently from arrest for an attack on a lady school TWENTY-FIVE Poles were excommuni- teacher, near Valentine, has been re-ar-

A PARTY of thugs at Kearney recently plied a negro with whisky, got him drunk and then proceeded to do him up. He was

THE other evening the scholars of the Odell public schools gave an entertainment which consisted of eighty selections. It opened at seven o'clock, but the time of closing was not stated

RECENTLY Bartholomi Gydeski, who lives on Oak Creek, went to Elba with a load of grain. On his return, after night, and within two miles of home his wagon upset, where the next morning he was found pinioned to the ground by the box that rested across his neck. It is not known whether he was killed instantly or suffered the tortures of freezing and suffocation for bours.

Upon the prospects of the Northwestern Railroad building through Wahoo next season, real estate is on a boom in that town and has advanced already from delivered by Chancelor Lippincott, and reten to twenty-five per cent., according to marks made on the National Association.

Osceona's flouring mill is a success LON VAUGHAN, of Blair, who was crinpled for life at a target practice last full. has sued Julius Altschuler, the inaccent cause of his misfortune, for \$15,000 dam-

Tuz ice in the Loup and Platte !tivers also three spans of the Atchison & Nebraska Railroad bridge.

COMPLAINT has been filed against the Fro mont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley fin Iroad that it discriminates in rates on the various classes of freight, in favor of Friment and against Norfolk. Cartistie is the name of a new post-office get a fuller account of the fire this morn-

in Dawson County. The contract for boring an experimental well in the salt basin near Linco n has

pgt in an effective winter's work.

days imprisonment.

\$10,125. Holderer citizens have been invistigating the subjects of high prices for coal and low prices for grain, and insinuale that freight rates have much to do with the robberies, which had netted \$16,000. While matter. The Railroad Commissioners will escaping through the Helderberg Hills the be appealed to. It is said that stock thieves are Lecoming so numerous and familiar in Seward County that a vigilance committee could

THE LAST CALL Secretary Manning's Reasons for Calling a Bonds-Agricultural Statistics.

WASHINGTON, December 31.-Treasurer

Jordan said to-day that the Secretary of the Treasury was moved to issue yesterday a call for \$10,000,000 three per cent, bonds in order to prevent any uneasiness in business circles touching the present movement of gold to Europe, and to give assurance that the Treasury will use its gold to supply drafts made upon banks for export. It is not apprehended at the Treasury Department that the foreign exchange will long remain at the point at which profit invites the shipment of gold, but the department deemed it prudent to give notice by the call of bonds that the Treasury will do whatever is demanded by the public interest to prevent needless alarm and panie over the temporary advance in foreign exchange. This may be one of the causes that influenced the Secretary of the Treasury in issuing the call, but it is not the main cause. It was known several days ago, and before the export movement had set in, that a call of bonds was being considered, and it was stated in these dispatches last Wednesday night that a call would be made early in January. The fact is that the large and steadily accumulating cash balance in the Treasury made a call of bonds imperative, and the action of the Secretary was hastened by the discontent with his policy in this particular, which he and the President daily heard uttered by Congressmen, and which was finally voiced by Mr. Beck in his recent speech in the Senate. It is pretty certain that a call for bonds would have been made had Mr. Beck not made his speech, but it is doubtful if the call would have been issued until the condition of the Treasury after January 1 was ascertained. Upon that date nearly \$10,000,000 became due and payable for interest, and it was originally determined not to issue a call for bonds until there should be signs of the return to the Treasury of this January output, but the public agitation alluded to, and the steady accumulation of the Treasury balance, and the present movement of gold to Europe, combined to induce the Secretary togissue the call. Of the \$194,000,000 of 3 per cent. bonds now outstanding, the Treasury holds for the National banks \$144,000,000, so that of the bonds called fully seven-tenths will be surrendered for redemption by the banks, thus necessitating a substitution of other bonds for these surrendered, or a corresponding reduction in their circulating notes. Secretary Manning holds that the sinking fund requires for the current fiscal year about \$38,000,000. In conversation to-day the Secretary said that large an amount at one time and therefore he concluded to make a call now. This would indicate that the Secretary intends to giver in the Nation. dition to that issued yesterday between now and June 1. The condition of the Treasury at the close of business to-day, the last day of the month and the year, will show an improvement of several million dollars have exceeded the expenditures over \$8,-000,000, and it is likely that the debt statement, to be issued on Saturday, will show a reduction, "so called," of at least \$9,000,000.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS. Washington, December 31 .-- The estimates of the Statistician of the Department of Agriculture for the principal cereal crops of the year are completed, and the aggregate bushels are as follows, in round millions: Corn. 1.936,000,000: wheat, 357,000.-000; oats, 629,000,000. The area of corn is 73,000,000 acres: of wheat, 34,000,000; of oats, 23,000,000. The value of corn averages 33 cents per bushel, and makes an aggregate of \$635,000,000, \$5,000,000 less than the value of the last crop. The decrease in the product of wheat is 30 per cent, and only 17 per cent. in valuation, or \$275,000,000. The valuation of oats is \$180,000,000. The reduction in wheat is mostly in the valleys of the Ohio and in California. The States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas last year produced 170,000,000; this year 80,000,000, a reduction of 90,000,000 ushels. The production of all cereals is 53 bushels to each inhabitant, and the ag-

gregate volume is larger than any former WASBINGTON December 3L-Treasury officials express the opinion founded on the fact that the receipts have been very light during the month, while pension payments have been made to a considerable amount on account of last month, that the public debt statement will show an increase of nearly

\$2,000,000 during the current month. KANSAS EDUCATORS.

Close of the Session at Topeka-Papers

Topeka, Kan., December 31. - The third day's session of the State Teachers' Association began at nine a. m. yesterday and at once resolved itself into the several sections. In the common school section the first paper was on "Preparing Students for Citizenship," by F. W. Hiddleson. The next paper was on "Geography," and it was discussed to considerable length. Goodspeed, of Topeka, led the discussion, The next paper was on the subject of "Securing the Co-operation of Parents in Teaching," by Mrs. Nora D. Shawer, of Troy. In the college section the first paper read was on "Esthetics," by Frof. G. W. Spring. of Lawrence. The next paper was on "Practical Instruction in English," by Eurice A. Lyman. A paper on "Original Work on the Part of Students" was read by President Wood, of Ottaws, and discussed McVicar of Washburn College. normal section was opened by a talk by Dr. J. P. Williams of the State University on 'Mechanical Pedagogy." Miss Ida All- F. Evens, Sloup City. born of Baker University nex tread a paper on "What Is Teaching?" Prof. Tillotson read a paper on "Model Recitation." O. R. Marvin of the State University read an excellent paper on "Light, Warmth and Ventilation." The session was closed by Miss Emilie Kuhlman of the State Normal, with the subject "Kinder- Platt B. Walker, St. Paul completed their programmes in the fore- Thompson, was held. Resolutions of thanks were adopted and the closing session was held fast evening, at which time an address was that city. After this a few farewell speeches came charming won of earnest enthusiasm. and the association adjourned sine die.

Fire Raging. NASHVILLE, TENN., December 31 .- A telephone message has just been recived from Lebanon, Tenn., saving a disastrous fire has broken out in the center of the broke the other night, taking two spans of town, and asking for aid from this city, the Loup and one of the Platte bridges; Engines have been forwarded by special train. There is no telegraph office at Lebunon and telephone connection can not now be had, owing probably to the office being burned. Though the town is thirty miles distinctly seen, it will be impossible to

Probably a Fool Hunt.

ALBANY, N. Y., December 30,-While been awarded to a Chicago firm for out hunting yesterday, Peter Hart, a farm er living near Knowersville, discovered a writer, John Robert Smith and his partner. Haley, had been engaged in a number of partners had quarreled and Smith murdered Hariey and buried his body near by. Smitten with remorse he baried the money and was about to drown himself in Warren's Lake. The letter is accompanied by a ruddiagram showing where the body and money Axy boy caught riding on cars is the can be found, and Smith gives the latter w railroad yards in Blair is guaranteed thirty the firder.

THE BIG MUDDY.

Resolutions Adopted by the Missouri Rives Convention-The Next Place of Meeting.

Delegates to Washington. KANSAS CITY, Mo., December 31 .- At At nine o'clock, before the meeting of the

purpose of determining the place for the ext meeting of the Convention and other matters. Chairman Bolter presided. On motion of G. D. Baker, and after considerable discussion, Omaha was chosen as the place of the next meeting, which will be opened on the first Wednesday in September, 1886. The Secretary introduced a resolution, which was adopted, to assess the different cities and Boards of Trade on the Missouri River, from St. Louis to Fort Benton, for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses incurred by the Executive Committee in prosecuting the work in hand. The amount needed was estimated at \$1,500, and the Secretary was instructed to call for 25 per cent, of the amount immediately. A resolution was adopted instructing the Secretary to formuate a call for the Omaha Convention and to make the basis of representation the same as the Kansas City call, with the addition of ten delegates at large from each State and Territory, and to request the Governors of each State and Territory bordering on the Missouri River to appoint delegates in conformity thereto. The committee then adjourned to meet at the caff of the President.

THE RESOLUTIONS. After the preliminaries of the opening the first work in the order of business was the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was as follows:

To the President and Members of the Missouri River Vailey Convention: Your committee respectfully submit the following resolutions for your considera-

WHEREAS, In view of the fact that approprint one are being asked from Congress for the improvement of the great Western watercalled in the interest of the great Missouri River Valley; therefore, Resolved. That it is the earnest wish of the

people of the Missouri Valley in convention assembled at Kansas City, Mo., these 29th and 30th days of December, 1885, that Congress do at once appropriate for improveamount asked for by the Missouri Commission for the year ending June 30, 1867, in orsume their work as early in the spring as economy demands, and that we ask the Sen ators and He resentatives of the Missouri Valley in Congress that they make it their foremost business to secure such an immediate appropriation. Resorted. That this convention insist that a it would not be prudent to call bonds for so member of Congress from the Missouri Val-

ley be placed upon the House Committee for Rivers and Harbors, as an act of patent justice to the people of the valley of the largest lishment of the light house system from Kansas City to Fort Benton, and an adequate appropriation from Congress for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Resolved, That a committee consisting of Iwo members from each of the States of

over December 1. The receipts thus far Missouri, lowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Min nesota, and the Territories of Dakota and Montana, be appointed by the delegates present in this convention from the said States before Congress in the most effective man ner the demands of this convention as expressed in these resolutions. The names of said committee to be reported to this con vention before final adjourement, and that the respective Board of Trade in the Missouri Valley be requested to add one mem-Resolved, That It is the wish of this convention that the committee heretofore appointed co-operate with the Executive Comimprovement of Western

> the late convention at St. Paul, in all their offorts to secure the results they were charged and Congressmen from the Missouri and Mississippi Valleys to heartily unite in order to the improvement of Western and Northwestern water ways, and to demand such help from the National Government as the best before voting the appropriation of public money for other and less National objects. and for sections of our country which have hitherto been most favored by the distribu-

tion of Government assistance

water ways, and the committee appointed by

Resolved. That we view with surprise and needs of the Western water ways from he message of the President of the nited States, and that we, as repreatives of the people inhabiting entire Valleys of the Missouri and Misalshippi Rivers, eachestly three or the President to call the altention of Con these sections in the matter of international improvement, and we trust that this omis by a special message at a later day pass a law declaring the Kansas River navigable from Fort Riley to the mouth at Wyan-

dotte City. That all artifleial obstruct.or are puisances and as such must be removed ped ments to steamboats and vessels cours ing said river, and that in secondance with Inited States ong neer, an appropriation of properly adapt said Kanses River to the more

Renderd, That the attention of the Missouri River Commission is hereby respectfully River at a point nearly opposite Fort Leaven M ss worth, Kan, where the Federal Government fron bridge which spans the river is in it minent danger of losing its connection with the Missouri shore, thus destroying the most portant military post and the East. Respect-

D. H. MC, NTYRE, Chairman. R. B. WINDHAM, Secretary.

DELEGATES TO WASHINGTON, cess of filteen minutes for the purpose of selecting delegates to the meeting to be by Prof. Canfield. The meeting closed with held in Washington January next. On rea paper on "The Election System" by Prof. turning the following were reported as pro-The vided by the resolutions:

> Iowa-Judge James, Council Bluffs; F. Missouri-R. R. W. Hartwig, St. Joseph; W. H. Miller, Kansas City. Kansas-J. D. Barker, Girard; Dr. S. F. Nealy, Leavenworth Montana-T. C. Powers, Helena: T. A.

Nebraska-R. B. Windham, C. Hartman,

Minnesota-Colonel W. Crooks, St. Paul; garten Work." All the different sections | Dakot .- W. H. Beadle, Yankton; W. A hearty welcome was assured the delegations on their visit to Omaha at their

next meeting by Mr. Chase, ex-Mayor of The farewell remarks by Judge Cole, of St. Louis, were touching, and filled with a The convention then adjourned.

Rorribly Burned.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., December 31.-Dur- Fitzhugh Lee was inducted into office yestering the progress of a fire at the oil works day in the presence of the General Assemof Lombard, Ayres & Co., at Constable bly of Virginia gathered in juict controlling Hook this morning, Edward Johnson, aged in the House of Delegates, the galleries fifty-three years, captain of a schooner, was and every inch of available standing room horribly burned. A small boat belonging being occupied with interested speciators, to the schooner, which was lying near the including many ladies. The rotands and dock, went adrift and Johnson plunged in approaches thereto were also crowded with after it. A large quantity of oil, which people, all eagerly striving to gain admishad escaped from the tank upon the water, from here the light of the flames can be suddenly ignited and Johnson was coveloped in the flames. But for the supply having speedily burned out he would have perieled in the flames. A couple of workmen escued him as he was about to sink.

HANNIBAL, Mo., December 31 .- At Bluffs, Bi., last evening, Frank Bergman, a letter secreted in a tree, which stated the young German who had recently arrived in quest of Burmah would not be followed by this country, was drinking with some friends at the house of Herman Schemier, shown to be very much out in their calcu-About eight o'clock he sent a boy for more lations. To-day the Government will whisky, of which he drank a quart and started alone to the house of a friend, where he was making his home. He was found to-day lying in the corner of a fence in apparently a lifeless condition and takes home. A physician was summoned, who after an examination pronounced him dead. An inquest was held to-day and the verdlet

was: "Death from alcoholic poison and

THE NEW YEAR.

A Chapter on New Year Receptions Washington-A Gay Time at the White

WASHINGTON, January 2.- For the free 10:20 o'clock yesterday morning the Rivet time in several years New Year's day Improvement Convention met at the Board dawned clear and beautiful. The hear of Trade hall for the second day's session. frost was soon dissipated by the rising and and long before noon the temperature was Convention, the Executive Committee held a like that of a spring day. The occasion meeting in the Board of Trade Hall for the was observed here as in former years general calling. Business was suspended to a considerable extent, and all the examtive departments were closed. At the trance to the White House grounds to policemen kept back a crowd of coridlers who gazed with interest at the hand some equipages of the diplomatic management high officials of the Government and at a distinguished persons.

At eleven o'clock, to the accompanies of "Hall to the Chief" by the manner band, the Presidential party and peared in the reception room took their station in the bine per Mrs. Bayard leaned upon the arm of President; Secretary Bayard escented W .. Cleveland, and the remaining mention the Cabinet followed with their la Secretary Lamar being the only about Colonel Wilson preceded them and tenant Duvall, with Miss Bayard up the rear. The ladies stood in the on the President's right: Miss C ... Mrs. Bayard, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. W. and Mrs. Villas. Owing to a severe Mrs. Endicott was not present.

During the diplomatic reception retary of State stood at the left of the Piece dent to introduce the members of the bor eign Legations. Colonel Wilson, Colonel sioner of Public Buildings and tinstood between the President and Man-Cleveland and introduced the diplomata and their families to her. The former p countries were represented; Great Britain, Belgium, China, Australia Mexico, Russia, France, Switzerland, 1 a key, Spain, Peru, Costa Rica and Solvator the Netnerlands, Ecuador, Germany ma-United States of Colombia, Japan, N. and Sweden, the Argentine Harm Brazil, Denmark and Venezue a. All a members of the diplomatic corps, atthose who represent republics on t tinent, were in their court uniforms. Wh all of them had been presented the Wilson took Secretary Bayand's place in introduced all the other official coast as the members of each arrived before the President, while Lieutenant Daval of the army, made the introductions to Missilla

The reception of the members of the preme Court and the Court of Claims for lowed. Of the former there were present Chief Justice Walte and Justices has er. Fields and Strong, accompanied by the Justices were Judge Bancroft Luan

The Senators and Representatives by wives or other ladies with them. Mr. Kas Sherman was the only ex-Cabinet officer no

long line of army officers wended their was from the War Department across the war Although only forty officers are stationed tired officers reside in Washington and all who were able to be present were in line. Besides those from the different bureaus of the War Department, the has racks and Fort Myer, a number came over from Fort McHenry to pay their respects, Resolved, That we urge upon all Senators and the force was largely increased by the number on leave, who are stopping here temporarily. General Sheridan, of course headed the line, accompanied by his personal staff. Adjutant General Drum followed with the officers of the Adjutant General's department. Then in order came the officers of the corps of engineers, headed by Colonel McComb, retired; the signal corps, headed by General Harman cavairy, artiflery, infantry, medical corps and pay corps. There was no intermission be line of payal officers followed in the foot steps of army officers. It was headed by Admiral Porter, and by his side walked Ad miral Warden. Following came the differ ent Chiefs of Bureaus of the Navy De portment and many other naval officers prominence. In fact, like the arms, the

navy was represented by nearly every cer who is at present in Washington The new officials from the various de pertments were nearly all present. The Civil Service Commissioners, Edgerton Trenholm and Eaton, and Commissioner Education Eaton and Prof. Balrd, tollowed by Prof. Powell and all the heads of the specific departments led in this proce-si-Then followed all the heads of the departments who are Presidential at

pointees. Assistant Secretary Fairchald led the Treasury officials, The Mexican Veterans Association was well represented, the members numbering about sixty, filed in and poid their respects to the President. Following them came U oldest inhabitants, numbering about till Their appearance was venerable and pressive. The G. A. R. delegation lowed. The pleasant weather served by bring out one of the largest New Year's representations for many years. Members

were in line according to their posts and numbered about, 1,000 in all. The gates were not opened to the geneta public until after the Grand Army recent was completed. The crowd of walker zens was immense. It extended from the eastern gate in a solid mass far down the avenue, occupying the middle of the sime When the time arrived for the general " ception the gates were opened and the lost passed through the White House Notwithstanding the immense best of order and everything passed off smoothest possible manner. During the reception all the pariors except the east room were darkened and when the date mats, the army and navy and other officials entered the beautiful room the effect was most brilliant. The sun shone brighly through the southern windows and splendid landscape added no little to It is estimated that 6,000 people shook hands President. The President lowered the record of handshazing considerably. Ineight minutes he shook the hands of \$14

persons, or about thirty-four a minute. Lee Inaugurated. RICHMOND, VA., January 2.-Covernor sion to the hall, or to catch a glimpse of the new Governor as he passed. The inaugural ball and reception occurred at Armory Hell at tocist. Governor and Mrs. Lee occupied a civic at one abde of the hall and

were presented to the 1,500 present. Burmah Gebbled. Lordon, January 1.—Those who have predicted that General Prendergust's conits absorption into British India are now signalize the New Year by lasning a prociamation signed by Her Magesty, both as Queen of England and Empress of India, and addressed to the inhistitants of Great Britain and India, notifying them that the territories formerly governed by King Thebaw are no longer under his rule, but have become a part of Her Majesty's 'omain,