## THE RUNAWAY BOY.

Wanst I sassed my pa, an' he
Won't stand that, an' he punished meNen when he was good that day.
I slipped out an rained away.
I took all my copper cents.
An climbed over our back fency
in the jimson weeds at greef l
Ever where all down the road.
Nen I an out there, an nea
I rained some—an rained a sia.
When I net a mis at hel
A bir cow at shoot her next
I went down a ball line has.
When a me an rained a sia.
When i met a mis at hel
A bir cow at shoot her next
I went down a ball line has.
Where was little six a callen.
An jumped an an saccerd me too
Nen I se uncare i past on' they.
An just bodied ever where.
An just bodied ever where.
An int y was nowed to be eat they.
An just bodied ever where.
An int y was nowed to be
I want i, but I'm frait to fry
To so back - 2 - An an by
Somepin' burts my thost inside—
An' I want my ma—an' cried.
Nen a grea' bi girl tome through
Where's a gate, an belied me who
Am I' an 'e'I tell where
My home s'nt she lis now my there.
But I couldn't ist but tell
What's my usine an 'se says 'Weil.''
An ist tooked me an un says
"She know where I live so grants"
"She know where I live so grants" An my mt, when she kissed me,
Kissed the big girl, too, an she
Kissed me-ef 1 p omise shore
I won't ran away no more'

James Whitcomb Riley.

## The Great Hesper.

BY PRANK BARRETT.

CHAPTER XVIII-CONTINUED. "Die! cursed dog. die." shouted Van Hoeck, with the frantic excitement of a man achieving at last the object of his life, as he attacked the upper rope with his knife. "Die, and know that all you cherish in the world shall be mine-wealth, and the woman you love. Die!"

And with that he severed the last rifle. strand, and I swept down through space. Clinging with desperate energy to the rope in my hands, I swung, cramping myself together in anticipation of a violent shock against the side of the precipice. little, so that the blow was less severe than I expected. I rebounded. and swung to and fro like a pendu- him by going along the ledge. lum in the pitchy darkness. For in order to get a firmer grasp upon the rope when I saw his intention of cutting it, I had dropped the torch, what it may. The shot he fired at which fell like a spark of a rocket into the depths below.

to pull myself hand over hand up the wet rope, for the slightest relaxation

"Dear, are you still there?" Lola called from above. "Yes," I replied.

can trust yourself to it." At the same time I felt the knotted

rope dangling against my shoulders. | wall. "Now," she called. It was not an instant too soon. 1

felt the wet rope slipping through followed us. Yet he could not stand my hands. Leaving go with one hand, I clutched out wildly for the chance succeeded in seizing it.

I got a cross-piece between my few moments. But that I might not the wet rope.
"Saved," I called out to her.

"Not for long," shouted Van Hoeck the snap of the spring as he closed

the breech-loader, and then the "click" as he cocked the piece. Would he shoot me or the girl? I

asked myself in that moment. He fired, and the ringing shot was

followed by a sharp cry of pain from above, and the cross piece on which more. She must have escaped, despite that cry, or she could not still have held on to the rope.

But terrible as these thoughts that passed through my mind in those brief moments were, they were banished from my mind by a yet more terrific appeal to my senses.

Following almost immediately upon the crack of the rifle and Lola's cry, a mass of rock, probably disintegrated by the frost, and started from its place by the reverberation of the shot, slid down the face of the precipice, hurled against a rock, and some moments after fell with a deep "pong" into the water below.

But as if this had been the keystone of the fabric that upheld the mighty weight of the enormous rock that covered the chasm, its fall was followed by the crumbling away and precipitation of others at intervals rapidly decreasing, their fall eventually becoming a continual downpour, marked now and then by a louder crash as some larger block gave way.

The roar of artillery, the peal of thunder, was not to be compared with the awful din as the great rock jerked downward as the quartz splintered and gave way under it. shattering and grinding the opposside as they hurtled down, tearing and splitting the very heart of the mountain as it seemed.

This fall was most violent at some distance away from us further down the ravine; only an occasional block. ground under the great mass as it jerked down, was shattered to pieces.

and fell in dust and rubble about us. The awful eruption had continued for some moments-scarcely so long as one might take to read this description-with increasing intersity. when suddenly, with an appalling crash, the great roof tilted up. I saw the earth slowly gap open above me, letting in the blinding sunlight; and then the upper lip of jagged rock reaching its highest elevation shot sidelong away, making visible the long strip of blue heaven between the towering peaks of the mountain.

One last "pong" as the rock wedged itself afresh lower down the precipice, and then all was still. The sight of the blue sky, the sense of relief, were too much for me. I trembled violently, and for a moment

I thought I must relinquish my hold. But a piteous ery from Lola nerved me to fresh effort.

I saw now the two cut ropes, and grasping one in each hand. I drew our eggegament: but we had not miself up, using the knotted rope as waited for that consent to let our stightly as I could; and so resently I serambled upon the ledge

Lola was lying upon the ground drawn against the rock round which she had passed the knotted cord. The ball had struck her and she had fallen, but the devoted girl had passed the noose round her body. time. I knelt beside her, and raised her head. She opened her beautiful eyes, and smiled, as she took my hand. She could do no more.

CHAPTER XIX.

"I knowed it must go one day. How fares it, pardner?" called Brace from the opposite ledge.

Looking across, I saw him sitting on the bowlder binding his arm with his neckcloth.

"Lola is hit. The villain has done his work," I said.

"He'll never do no more," Brace answered, pointing up the ledge. Van Hoeck had tried to escape

the way he came, after shooting Lola, and had got some distance along the ledge when the great rock opened and slid away.

He stood on the narrow path now -- a ghastly spectacle. A piece of quartz had struck him on the head; a thin stream of blood was trickling down his back. In one hand he held the Great Hesper: in the other he grasped his

But he dared not move from the position he had reached when the roof tilted up; for the light that burst in had blinded him once more. The sensitive retina had closed over the pupils, and the blank, sightless Happily, the rock above projected a eyes stared wildly round, incapable of seeing.

It was possible for Brace to reach

"Will you save him?" I asked. "Not I pardner," he replied. "I leave him to providence, be his end my poor youngster started the concern, and brought the whole thing What was I to do? I dared not try down. 'Tis God Almighty's judgement. Let it be."

Van Hoeck let the rifle slip from on my hold might allow the rope to his hand; how insignificant to us slip, and I should be lost assuredly. seemed the sound that came up from below, as the weapon struck a rock, after the mighty discord that had thundered in our ears, and yet to "Here is the rope-when I call you him how terribly significant!

We could see his hand quivering as he groped along the edge of the

In vain now he strained his eyes to see the ledge by which he had forever there.

He found a crevice for his fingers, knotted rope, and by the happiest and made a step forward; he advanced again, but the rock he put his foot on was a piece of debris that feet and I was comparatively safe, if had fallen upon the ledge. It rolled Lola had strength to hold on for a under his weight. He staggered back, swinging his arms in the vain tax her too greatly, I still grasped attempt to get an equilibrium, then will, honest." he shot forward, and fell headlong down, down down into the abyss.

I held my breath; it seemed from the opposite side, and I heard minutes before that hollow "pong" reached our ears, telling us that Van Hoeck was gone forever, and the Great Hesper with him.

There was cord, and to spare, in the colls. Weighing one end with a stone, I threw an end across to Brace, and when the ropes were I stood gave a little jerk, but no knotted, and a bridge once more formed, he crossed, and knelt down by me over poor Lola.

He examined her wound, and shook his head in silence; there was no

We made a mattress of the rugs on the smoothest part of the rock and attempted to lift her upon it. But the movement gave her pain, and she motioned us to desist. Then pointing upwards she made signs for us to leave her.

"Not while you are with us, my poor gel," said her father, with more tenderness than I had ever heard in his voice.

We had the flask, and some food in a wallet. We eat when we were hungry, seated beside Lola.

Then exhausted with fatigue, and the terrible strain we had been subjected to, we unconsciously fell asleep, with our backs resting against the rock. The last thing of which I was conscious was the pressing of Lola's lips upon my hand.

Brace touched my arm. "Pardner," he said, in a tone of we, "the Kid's gone."

I looked where I had seen her lying with her face to my hand. She was gone literally. There was a ing rocks, and bursting away huge little stain of blood upon the rockfragments that struck from side to a drop further on, another close to the edge of the platform. She had kept her promise-she had been good; and now the sufferings of her short life were ended.

"She knowed it was no good our waitin'-por little cuss.'

I felt something in my hand; opening it I found a ring I had bought for Lois. She had slipped it there before she went.

Sir Edmund and Edith came to San Diego in June, the loveliest season of that lovely land. The air from the sea tempered the sun's heat. The plantations were already burdened with fruit, everywhere there was a redolence of orangeblossom-"a very suggestive fragrance, my dear fellow." said the baronet, pressing my hand.

Edith was charmed with all she

.. Is this my home?" she asked. I turned to Sir Edmund.

"Well, we must go through the formality of looking at the books, my dear," said be.

I had no hesitation in showing them, and when he had seen the splendid results they already showed. he formally sanctioned a renewal of

hearts join in unconstrained deligat Our second engagement was happily longer than the first, but we were married the week after the vines were cleared.

Brace was at our wedding breakfast. When it was over, he took some of the flowers from the table, and so saved my life for the second and disappeared for some days. I knew how he had spent the brief holiday. If I had entertained any doubt, it would have been dispelled when, on his return, he took the old agreement from his pocket and pointed to the postscript:

"It is understood between the above partners that, in the event of a lucky find, the Kid shall not be forgotten."

And indeed in my wife I had found a dearer prize than any I had dreamed of when I signed the com-

THE END.

NAPOLEON AT PLAY.

Bonaparte "A Supremely Selfish and

Particularly Vulgar Little Man." The diary describing the journey of Napoleon to St. Helena appears in the Century. It gives more or less significant details of Bonaparte's conversations, and presenting the exile, says the New York Tribune, as a supremely selfish and particularly vulgar little man. During the first two months of his detention in the island he lived in a small detached building near the cottage of a Mr. Balcombe, who had two young daughters in their early teens. "These young ladies," says Mr. Glover, "in a few days occame perfeetly familiar, and the general seemed highly pleased with their naivete, particularly with that of the younger (a pretty girl, and a most complete romp when out of the sight of her father). He occasionally so completely laid aside his imperial dignity as to romp with these young ladies, who during sucn diversions as 'blind man's buff,' etc., called him by the familiar appellation of Boney; indeed the younger, who appeared his favorite, said anything and everything to him her lively imagination dictated, asking every possible question, and he answered without the slightest apparent reserve." There is not much trace of the grand, gloomy, and peculiar captive about this picture.

A Small Boy's Big Scheme.

"Gent'men," said a bright-eyed, dirty-faced boy about 10 years old, who invaded a lawyer's office. "I ain't beggin', but I'm out o' work an' I'm tryin' to borrow 'nough money to buy a gun."

"What do you want of a gun?" inquired one of the clerks. "Want to make a livin' wid it. don't want a 'xpensive gun. I know wher' I can git one fur a dollar naf, an' I'll pay it back in two weeks.

"How are you going to make a living with a cheap gun, my boy I'm "Killin' English sparrers. one o' de unempioyed, but I ain't got down to soup houses yit. I'll eat de

birds an' git two cents apiece fur de

heads See?" He got the dollar and a half.

Vocal Capacity.

Fine voices are seldom found in a country where fish or meat diet pre-vails. Those Italians who eat the most fish (those of Naples and Genoa) have few fine singers among them. The sweet voices are found in the Irish women of the country, and not of the towns. Norway is not a country of singers, because they eat too much fish; but Sweden is a country of grain and song. The carnivorous birds croak; grain-eating birds sing.

"Where ye going?" said one small boy to another.

"Ter the foot-ball game."

"So'm I My big brother's goin ter take me. "Humph. My big brother wouldn't

go to a foot-ball game.' "Wouldn't-go-to-a foot bail-game!" "Naw. My brother was in the

A Sad Preponderance.

He had just called at the residence of four young women, and every one had been "not at home."

"You mustn't get discouraged." said the friend in whom he was contiding. You'll get on in time. Like everything else society has its ins and outs. "Maybe it has. But I'm blest if 1

wouldn't like to come across something besides the 'outs' for a change.' in that direction.

As Good us an Alibi.

Judge, to dynamito suspect -What is your trade? Prisoner-I'm a dramatic author.

"Do you write American plays?" "Yes, your honor." "You are discharged. It is im possible that you would have anything to do with a plot"-Texas Siftings.

The Largest Prane Orehard.

A 8,000 acro prune orchard, which will be the largest in the world, will be set out in San Luis Obispo county. California, next spring. The prune day over the Chicago & Northwestern, orchard of Baron von Schroeder, in The Milwaukee line is blockaded and the same county, is the largest in existonce at present.

How Nice.

The following notice was posted up on a pleasure boat: "The chairs in the cabin are for ladies are seated."

NEARLY CAPTURED.

WEYLER HAS A NARROW ESCAPE.

The Captain General's Negro Body Guard Encounters Insurgents Ready for a Surprise in a Town and Suffer Severaly in the Ensuing Machete Conflict.

New York, Jan. 25,-A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: "Eighteen of Captain General Weyler's special escort of guides, a corps of Cuban negroes who enjoy the distinction of guarding the person of the captain general when he takes the field, have arrived here seriously wounded with machete thrusts. Several have since died. From their accounts it is clear that early on Tuesday morning the rebels under Aranguren and Arange made a startlingly bold and dashing attempt to capture the captain general, which was nearly crowned with success.

"General Weyler, who was marching surrounded by the column of Colonel Segura, entered the village of Quatro Camiros on Monday afternoon. Orders were at once given that all of the inhabitants should leave their homes within two hours. The village being descried, the torch was applied and all the houses, about 300 in number, were destroyed. The captait general then proceeded toward Copaste, sixteen kilometers further on the road to Guines. Copaste was reached after nightfall and a corps of guides was sent forward to recon-General Weyler, with the main Spanish column, under Colonel Segura, halted some distance outside the village. The insurgents, at the orders of their leaders, had concealed themselves in the houses in the town Their plans were evidently well laid, and it is quite probable they might have succeeded in capturing the desired prize, the Spanish commander And in any event, from their covert they could have inflicted great loss upon the Spanish column, as it entered the town unprepared for an ambush conceived under such unusual circumstances and in so bold a manner.

"Unfortunately for the fulfillment of the design of the insurgent leaders, while the Spanish scouts were engaged in the reconnoisance, the guns of some of the concealed rebels were accidentally discharged, giving the alarm to the royal troops. Before the Spanish advance guard recovered from its surprise the rebels, seeing that their plan had partially failed, rushed from their places of concealment and attacked the enemy with great fury, inflicting severe loss in their resistless onslaught. So bold, in fact, was the insurgent column that it pursued the rapidly retreating Spaniards to a point almost within range of the troops in General Weyler's main body and easily within the compass of a field glass, if the cap-taln general had cared to inspect the dispersal of his own soldiers.

"Captain General Weyler spent Wednesday night in Guenas and, according to official report received here, expected to enter Matanzas Thurs-

SENATE SENSATIONS.

Central American Republic Minister Ob-

jects to Nicaragua Canal. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The session of the Senate yesterday developed three distinct sensations. Most important of these was the presentation by Mr. Sherman of a letter from Minister Roderiguez, the representative of the Greater Republic of Central America (including Nicaragua), in effect protesting against the execution of the Nicaraguan canal project by the United States under the concession granted in 1587 to the Nicaraguan Canal company. As the bill for this purpose was about to be voted on by the Senate, the appearance of the letter created consternation among its

Mr. Morgan, its chief supporter, at once declared the letter was inspired by Great Britain, who sought to drive the United States from the isthmus by using the Central Americas as a catspaw. He asserted Minister Roderiguez had come here to execute such a plan, and that it was an open threat against American control of the canal. The debate was very carnest, and the letter made a profound impression on the struck a death blow to the canal pro-

ject proposed by the pending bill.

Earlier in the day the Senate unexpectedly found itself discussing the the treaty itself has been released, all discussion of it is restricted to executive sessions. Notwithstanding this rule the expressions were free and war. He's seen reg'lar battles, he full from Messrs. Sherman, Gray, Cullom, Lodge, Hoar, Stewart and others. The statements of these Senators were uniformly favorable to the high prinple of the treaty, the only qualification being that it should receive mature and dispassionate consideration.

Shortly after the session began Mr. Turple caused a preliminary flurry by criticising the reported agreement be tween Mr. Olney and Mr. Sherman by which no action was to be taken as to Cuba before March 4. Mr. Sherman emphatically denied that any such agreement had been made, and added he had not had a word with Mr. Olney

Mr. Turpie gave notice of a speech on the Cameron Cuban resolution on Monday. These three incidents relating to current foreign questions made the day's session of the most eventful in years.

Intense Cold in South Dakota CASSELTON, S. D., Jan. 25. - The thermometer is falling and is now 26 degrees below zero. Trains are all blocked and cuts filling in.

A South Dano: Blockade. HURON, S. D., Jan. 25 .- Because of Thursday night's wind, which solidly filled railroad cuts with snow, no trains were sent east or south yesterthe Great Northern has been under

General H. G. Thomas Dead. OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 25 .-General H. G. Thomas of Portland, Me., died here last night. He owned

the ladies. Gentlemen are requested the Oklahoma City waterworks and not to make use of them till the other large investments in the terri-

THE PLAGUE PRECAUTION

England Doing Everything Possible Bom-

bay in Bad Shape. London, Jan. 25 - In the House of Commons Lord George Hamilton, see president of the First National bank, retary of state for India, made a long will accept the treasury portfolio in statement on the measures taken by Mr. Mckinley's cabinet if it shall be the Indian government to cope with tendered to him, he having as much as the plague. He pointed out that there intimated this to friends, indicating was no epidemie except in Bombay, Karachi and Poonah. Experts, he admitted, predicted some increase of the plague in the winter, but the government was hopeful that the measures adopted were beginning to make a real impression upon the plague and that its decline might henceforth be noted. NEW YORK, Jan. 25. - Robert P. Ryan,

for fourteen years a resident of India, declares that the British government could not possibly be held responsible for the famine of plague and continues: "The native quarter of the city of Bombay is well conditioned for plague ravages. It includes the densely populated parts of Mazagon, Girgaum, Byculla and Parel. The entire section is badly venti-lated, badly drained and exposed to all the noxious vapors and stenches arising from the 'flats' or marshes, through which runs the famous open main drain of Bombay City. The natives, of many castes and creeds, huddle together by the thousands in hot and stuffy tenements or low thatched houses of lath and plaster. They literally 'stew in their with the open drains, own grease." often stagmant and pestiferous, before their very doors. The Hindoos, and more particularly the Jains, who abound, are fanatical in the matter of preserving all animal and insect life. As a consequence creeping things of all kinds exist in myriads, and scam-per at dusk around the bare legs of noneylenders busy over their greasy ledgers. Adjoining the Victoria and Prince's docks the grain merchants permit blue rock pigeons and rats to multiply by thousands, even to the detriment of their own grain bags, and these creatures are active agents in transmitting germs of disease. In native sections there are half a dozen or so notorious thoroughfares where the most flagrant European and Asiatic vice plants itself, and it is right here that the plague has centered. To burn down the greater portion of the native quarter of Bombay would be to per form an act of temporal as well as physical purification, despite the fact that such world famed places as Bhindy bazar and the Marwadi bazar would go too."

## LOUD BILL OBJECTIONS

Magazine Publishers Enter Protest-Their Committee Heard.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. - When the Senate committee on postoffices and post roads resumed its hearing on the Loud second class mail bill to-day, Or; ville J. Victor, chairman of the New the bill was to the interest of express companies and opposed to the interest of the public which demanded terest of the public which demanded to Payne, of Wisconsin, for a cabinet good and cheap literature. He called attention to the large amount of government matter carried free which would, he said, go far toward accounting for the postoffice department deficit and created a general laugh at the expense of the committee by reading a newspaper extract characterizing most of this matter as "congressional buncombe." John Elderkin of the New York Ledger, claimed that under the proposed law, such papers as the Ledger would be excluded from the privilege

matter.
S. S. McClure addressed himself especially to Senator Chandler's proposed amendments to the Loud bill. He asserted that the one referring to the distribution through the news agencies would have the effect of requiring publishers of magazines to organize their own system of distribution, and thus both increase the cost as well as decrease the circulation of their publications. Any addition to the cost would render it impossible to publish ten cent magazines. To advance the price of magazines to fifteen cents would be to cut the circulation in half. Senator Chandler said he did not propose to press his amendment.

of being entered as second class mail

SPANISH BOAT CAPTURED.

Insurgents Fire Upon and Take the Comets and Burn the Vessel.

KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 25. - The Span ish gunboat Cometa, one of the most powerful of the smaller Spanish vessels in Cuban waters, had been cruising near Cardenas to prevent the landing of fillibustering expeditions. For some time the boat had been accustomed to anchor at night off Sierra Morena. The place where the gunboat anchored was favorable for an attack from shore. The insurgents opened on the vessel with a twelve pound Hotchkiss gun. The vessel was struck several times and badly damaged by shells and while the crew was in confusion boats loaded with insurgents left the shore and the

Cometa was boarded.

A desperate hand to hand conflict took place on the deck of the gunboat. The Cubans used the machete with deadly effect and finally, after the Spanish commander and half his men had been killed, the survivors surrendered. The insurgents sent the prisoners ashore and then looted the vessel securing a great quantity of ammuni-tion, many cutlasses and pistols and a few rifles. Two cuick-firing cannon were also removed. The insurgents then fired the boat, which was soon burned to the water's edge.

The Senate Works on Private Bills. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 .- Saturday's sessions of the Senate are so unusual that there was a very meager attendance at the opening to-day. An agreement was reached at the outset that the day should be given to private pension and other minor bills on the calendar. After Mr. Allen had secured the passage of a probable collective and they beek to School from three to ten feet of snow for two the passage of a resolution calling for full in ormation as to the Union Pacific agreement, a number of bills on the private calendar were passed, among them one reclassifying the salaries of railway postal cletks. The classes are from one to ten and the pay from \$500 the morning in the blinds.

GAGE WILL ACCEPT

The Chicagoan Willing to Become Head

of the Treasury. Cate voo, Jan. 25.-Lyman J. Gage, that he would consider it the crowning honor of a successful life.

"I have not in any sense been a candidate for secretary of the treasury," said Mr. Gage. "I know that my name has been taken to Mr. McKinley and that he now has it under advisement, but the high office has not been tendered to me openly or secretly, and what is intended to be done hereafter

I do not know. The rumor first heard to-day, and which was current in Cleveland, embodied the hint that Mr. Gage's appointment would, in a measure, be due to his prominence in the ranks of the gold Democrats. Mr. Gage says he will not accept the portfolio if it is made on this condition. But there is good ground for the belief that it is not. Although Mr. Gage is generally considered a gold democrat, many look upon him as an Independent Republican. He voted for Cleveland in the Cieveland-Harrison campaign, and is a warm admirer of the retiring President.

GEN. STEVENSON DEAD.

A St. Louis Lawyer Who Had Raised the Seventh Missouri.

Sr. Louis, Mo., Jan. 25.—General John D. Stevenson died at his home here after a protracted illness. He was born in Staunton, Va., June 8, 1821. He served with distinction in the Mexican and civil wars. In the former he commanded company E of dragoons under Colonel H. W. Doniphan. At the breaking out of the latter he raised the Seventh Missouri reg-iment, and, for meritorious conduct, was made a major general of volun-teers in 1865. For services at Champion hill he was breveted brigadier general in the regular army, of which he had been commissioned colonel. He left the army in 1871 and practiced law in this city, holding a number of places of trust.

BURTON NOMINATED.

holce of Kansas Republicans to Succeed

Peffer-Nine Absent From Caucus. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 25.-J. Ralph Burton of Abilene last night received the caucus nomination for United States senator by the Republican members of the legislature. It required

but two ballots to secure the result. There had been some opposition to Mr. Burton during the day, and a number of Republican representatives held an informal meeting. They were anti-Burton men and they decided to remain away from the caucus. The absentees were Representatives Bacon, Brooke, Gates, Hackbusch, Hollenbeck, York committee of publishers, said Larimer, McCarty, McKeever, Seaton and Senator Sterne. The other forty-

position.

PEFFER'S ONLY MESSAGE.

A Mysterious Telegram the Sole Recognition of the Senator's Defeat. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 25.-W. A. Harris has received 200 or 300 telegrams and letters congratulating him upon his nomination for the United States senatorship by the Populist caucus. Some of these are from senators and repre-

sentatives in Congress. Mr. Harris has received no word from Senator Peffer, whom he will succeed. All that has been heard from Senator Peffer since the caucus was received by J. W. Morphy of the Topeka Advocate, a brief telegram of

mysterious meaning:
"Washington, D. C., Jan. 21, 1897.
To J. W. Morphy, Topeka:—The man
who has friends is not alone.—W. A. Peffer."

UNIVERSITY CUTS LIKELY. The Great Kansas School Will Get Com-

paratively Little. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 25.—The House ways and means committee is not disposed to give to the State university all it asks. The bill to grant appropriations to the institution includes \$100,-000 a year for current expenses, \$100,000 for the construction of a museum, \$65,000 for a laboratory and \$25,000 for shops. It is probable that all appropriations for new buildings will be cut out and only \$80,000 a year

granted for current expenses. JOHN MARTIN FOR CLERK.

The Ex-Kansas Senator the Compromise

in the Supreme Court Disagreement. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 25 .- Ex-United States Senator John Martin has been selected for clerk of the state supreme court. The judges had been trying to reach an agreement on this appointment for the past week and to-day threw aside all the names which had been considered before and offered the place to Mr. Martin. He will probably accept.

Divorces May Be Annulled. PERRY, Okla., Jan. 25.-Twenty or more suits will soon be filed here to annul divorce decrees granted here in the past three years, on the grounds that plaintiffs have failed to pay the court costs. Three hundred divorces have been granted here since the opening of the strip and one third of this number are behind in costs. It is said that the courts are with the officers in

the matter. Negro and White Girl Elope. MACON, Mo., Jan. 25 .- Jesse Gooding, a black negro, eloped from Schuyler county with Miss Annie Abbott, a white girl under age, and by false affi-

taken back to Schuyler county. The President Bunting.
WIDEWATER, Va., Jun. 25. —President Cleveland arrived here early this morn-