COMMENTS

CONGRESSMAN'S

Government Ownership of Railways, Telegraphs, Telephones, Street Cars Electric Lights, Gas,

A Letter From Kem.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18, '92. Editor ALLI NCE-INDEPENDENT:

Find enclosed a clipping from an evening paper here to which I desire to call your attention, and by your permission, the attention of your readers.

It is worthy of more than passing notice because it bears directly upon questions of vital interest that are at issue in our own country today. Particularly do I commend this article to the attention of the average republicar politician of Nebraska who seems to have a "holly horror" of government control of railroads.

This article is particularly interest ing at this time for the reason that next week " come up in the house the famous (or rather infamous) Nidragua Canal scneme which means if successful, another robbery of the geople through the medium of boids. In short it means for the government to furnish the capital and stand befind a corporation while the corporation robs the people.

And the name of every man who votes for it should become a "hising and a by-word" among the people.

The next few days may determine whether we will put a check on this modern manner of highway robery the canal is a highway) or whether a new impetus shall be given it, and the robbers sent on their way rejicing. We should have the canal, bt the government should own and conrol it, and the whole people receive all the benefits to accrue therefrom.

Let me ask these fellows the cry paternalism every time any of the reforms advocated by the poplists are mentioned, what is this but laternalism of the worst kind? Te parent not only discriminates in faor of a very small number of his chiffren, but actually steals millions from the balance of the children andhards it over to the pets.

is stopping at the National Hotel. Mr. Lewelling is a native of Australia, between forty-five and fifty years of age, and a remarkably fine specimen of manhood as developed in the South Seas. Mr. Lewelling came to the United States to learn what he could about the manufacture of iron and steel, and has been in Birmingham and Pittsburg mong other places, and is particularly impressed with the immense plant at Homestead.

"It will be sometime," said he, "before we will have such a plant in Victoria. There is no steel manufactured at present in Australia, but it will not be a great while before the government will be making its own steel rails used mines are inexhaustible, coal is plentishould not manufacture our own steel, instead of sending to England for it.

PATERNALISM.

"It does not appear to be generally known among Americans that the rail-ways in Australia are owned and oparated by the different colonial governments. As far as that is concerned. however, I find Americans, as a rule. know very little about Australia. It would appear to me that the affairs of a continent larger in area than the United States and inhabited by the same race of people ought to be of some interest to you. We at the antipodes keep pretty, well posted on America. There is scarcely a schoolby but can call off the list of your our states and name your presidents from Washington down to Cleveland. I must admit there is one thing that is not fully understood, and I hope never will be. That is your politicswhat you term political machines.

"There are probably as many government employes in the colony of rough treatment from some quarter. Victoria alone as there are in whole United States," continued Mr. Lewelling after a ruminative pause. Besides building and operating the railways, the government manufactures all the rolling stock, runs the tramways or street cars, telegraph and telephone lines, water, gas and electrie light works, and is now preparing wn steel. We have a system in Vicoria requiring all those desiring employment under the government to pass an examination of some kindsome hing that will demonstrate their fitness or aptitude in some particular line. The examinations are competitive. There is no agitation among our people to transfer the railways from government control to corporate ownership. The first railway in Australia was built from Melbourne to Geeong in 1862. We now have more illes of railway in comparison with he population, than any other country in the world.

Eskimo women are boot and shoe makrs as well as tailors and mantuamakers. oots are made of sealskin throughout, or lise the legs of sealskin and the soles of doubts.

alrus skin. The first large quantity of American onges ever sent to European markets s recently shipped from Philadelphia. lot comprised 6,000 pounds each of o kinds of sponges from the Florida



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Crushed to Death.

railroad accident occurred at Perry station, about six miles west of Mo-Cook, at 5 o'clock this evening, which resulted in the instant death of Engineer Andrew Cummins and Fireman Baxter W. Goodrich, both of whom are recent arrivals from Red Cloud. where they were formerly in the employ of the B. & M. It seems that the engineer and fireman, with engine 135. were pulling the gravel train back to the gravel pit at Waunetta and were backing up, there being no turn table at Waunetta. At Perry station they encountered and run over some horses the animals going under the engine, which was thrown into the ditch, the tender on one side, the locomotive proper on the other side of the track. Both of the engine men were pinioned under the locomotive and were crushed to death.

Word was brought here by a horseman and the wrecker and crew quickly repaired to the scene. The work of releasing the dead men was prosecuted with vigor, the crushed and disfigured bodies being brought back to McCook at eight o'clock. Both of the unfortunate men have families living at Red Cloud, Mrs. Cummings having one child. The dead fireman's family consists of a wife and two children

Heavy Loss by Fire.

OMAHA, Dec. 28,-The Continental block, a four-story brick building located at Ffteenth and Douglas streets. was visited by fire at 9:45 last night and almost completely destroyed. Tho loss to building and contents will reach fully \$200,000. The immense carpet and furniture establishment of S. A. Orchard & Co., situated at 1414, Well, we shall see what re shall see.

If and 1418 Douglas street, occupying four floors, was completely gutted, started for the deer.

If a dollar's worth of goods being a gigantic hammer was pounding on the ship's bottom. The passengers will it is estimated, reach fully \$120. will, it is estimated, reach fully \$120,-000, of which \$95.000 is covered by insurance. The Continental Clothing company, occupying a frontage of sixty-six feet on both Douglass and Fifteenth streets and first and second floors of the building, suffered severely from fire, smoke and water.

Gets a Steady Job.

OMAHA, Dec. 28.—George Faust was yesterday sentenced to the penitentiary for life. The convicted murderer was taken before Judge Davis yesterday morning and asked if there was any reason why he should not be sentenced. He did not have anything to offer exon the government railways. Our iron cept a mild plea for leniency and the court passed upon the case ordering ful, and there is no reason why we his imprisonment in the penitentiary at Lincoln for life at hard labor. The prisoner, who has stood the ordeal of the trial with some show of nerve, broke down when the sertence was led from the court room and will be taken to the penitentiary in time to start in the new year in his new quar-

Held for Murder

FALLS CITY, Dec. 27 .- Edward Rumbaugh, who was shot by Michael Casey, jr., at a dance in Barada December 23, died of his wound Sunday evening. Yesterday Coroner Staven held an inquest and the jury found that young Casey should be held for murder. The sheriff arrested Casey today and the preliminary hearing was set for tomorrow. Casey claims that he acted entirely in self defense and his appearance shows that he received

A. O. U. W.

OVERTON, Neb., Dec. 28 .- Monday evening, December 26, the Overton lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: I. W. Wallace, master workman; C. H. Worthing, foreman; T. P. Black, overseer; James o mine its iron and coal and make its Pullen, recorder: H. T. Worthing, financier; E. O. Boardman, M. D., treasurer and medical examiner; Walter E. James, guide; J. W. Dunaway, inside watchman; John Henderson, outside watchman.

Was He Murdered?

ODELL, Dec. 28 .- Herman Thiessen. who was found dead in his house a few days ago, is supposed to have been murdered. A 38-caliber bulldog revolver with one chamber empty was found by his side, but a 22-calliber bullet was found to have passed through his heart. Evidence of a struggle at his well was also found, but who the murderer can be no one has the least idea. That he was murdered no one

There is something about the cedar logs that are now being exhumed in Cape May county, New Jersey, and that are said to have been buried for more than 2,000 years, that imparts a soft and melodious tone to a violin, and the logs are being cut up for the making of such instruments

McCook, Neb., Dec. 28.—An awful DANGERS OF THE SEA

AWFUL EXPERIENCES OF THE NORDLAND'S PASSENGERS.

AT THE MERCY OF STORMY BILLOWS

Her Machinery Breaks Down in Mid. Ocean and the Great Vessel Has Big Holes Pounded Through Her Into Which Water Rushes-Only the Bulkheads Between Passengers and Death.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 29 .- The steamship Nordland was towed into Queenstown harbor by the steamship Ohio at 7 o'clock last evening. All the passengers were on deck, waving hats and handkerchiefs and cheering. Anchor was dropped and the passengers were removed to shore by a tender.

All showed signs of the anxiety which they had suffered, and some of the elderly steerage passengers were hardly able to walk. Several women fell on their knees and cried the moment they were landed.

Frank Shea, a first cabin passenger now stopping at a Queenstown hotel, told his experience: "The first two days out of New York were fairish, although a part of the time a heavy

sea was running.
"Five or six of us were in the smoking room talking about how we should pass Christmas in Antwerp when there was a terrific crash and we were thrown from the seats into a heap on the floor. The vibration of the ship half dre and white from fear. We surrounded the captain and he told us the main shaft was broken but that there was no immediate reason for alarm. The other officers who were not busy below walked about among the passengers and encouraged all to believe that there was no danger. In a few minutes we learned that the engineers, at a great risk to their lives had found the broken shaft had smashed two stay plates. The bulkhead, however, had been kept tight. The vessel pitched and rolled terribly, so that we saw we could not trust to the boats in case the worst came.

"We were just becoming calmer when we saw the crew rushing through the steerage carrying bedding, mats and carpets to be stuffed into the tunnel box. We all knew then that at Brussels, left to-day on his return the water was coming in. Nobody slept that night. The women sat erving in the cabins and the men crowded the smoking room to play cards and talk over the situation. We were all passed and cried like a child. He was badly frightened. The vessel rolled terribly and with every roll came a tremendous thump, as if a piece of the shaft was loose and smashing things in the hold.

"Friday was uneventful. The tables were laid as usual, but few cared to eat. At 2 o'clock on Satutday morning, the lookout yelled: 'Light ahead.' Everybody turned out and listened eagerly for the next word. 'She's a steamer,' was the next call. We all shook hands and cheered, and many ran about shouting for joy. We all remained on deck the rest of the night, watching the Ohio's lights.

"The Ohio began towing us very slowly. The strain caused by the seas was too great, however and after five minutes the hawser broke. Before another hawser could be passed nine hours elapsed. The second hawser broke, as did also the third. On Sunday morning other hawsers were fixed, and as the weather had improved meantime, they held until we reached harbor."

BILL DALTON. His Appointment as a Deputy Marshal

Will Have to Be Explained. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. - Attorney-General Miller is disturbed by the report that Bill Dalton, a brother of the notorious outlaws, has been appointed a deputy United States marshal at Coffeyville, Kan. He said yesterday that the first intimation he had received in regard to the matter was when Senator Vest alluded to it in his speech in the senate last week. He had at once applied to the United States marshals in Kansas and the Indian territory for information on the subject, at the same time expressing his surprise and disapproval at such an appointment, but so far he had received no response from either

He explains that the department never interfered with the marshals in the appointment of their deputies unless there were special reasons for so doing, but indicated very clearly that he would not countenance the appointment of a man of Dalton's stamp. No further action will be taken until the two marshals have been heard from.

DEACON SEEKS DIVORCE. The Untavory Scandal Case Transferred From France to New York.

Erw York, Dec. 29.—Edward Parker Deacon who shot M. Abeille in the lotel Splendide, Cannes, France, because of intimacy with his wife, has, through Coudert Brothers, brought action in the supreme court for an absolute divorce from his wife, Florence Deacon, on the ground that Mrs. Deacon is now residing in France, Judge Lawrence has given permission that the summons be served by publication.

Teachers in Session.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 29.-Ex-President D. S. Pence of Wichita, called to order the thirtieth annual meeting of the Kansas teachers' association at Representative hall last evening. After several addresses President J. E. Klock of Leavenworth, spoke on "Over Crowded Courses of Study in Elementary Schools." Among those who read papers to-day was Carl Betz, instructor of physical culture in the Kansas City schools.

Industrial Legion Work Progressing. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29.-The Populist conference in session here was occupied this morning with plans for pushing the organization of the Industrial Legion. The fitness of candidates for state organizers was canvassed and some attention was paid to preparation of organizers' instructions. When the conference adjourned for dinner General Vandervoort said that practically all the state organizers are

Rock Island Men to Hold a Conference. CHICAGO, Dec. 29 .- Two delegates from the working agents and operators on each division of the Rock Island railroad will meet in conference this week in Chicago with Assistant Genness unhindered by the strike.

Governor-Elect Lewelling on Crutches. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 29.-Governorelect Lewelling arrived from Wichita this morning and is staying at the Chesterfield. He is on crutches, his

ankle still being sore on account of his fall last week. He has not decided whether he will remain in Topeka until his inauguration, but may go back to Wichita to-morrow. He was closeted with Mr. Close, his private secretary, all morning.

A Step Toward Bimetallism. Paris, Dec. 2.9-Prof. E. Benjamin

Andrews, president of Br wn university, one of the American delegates to the international moneta: / conference to New York. In a conversation prior to his departure he expr ssed himself as pleased with the monetary conference, which, he said, marked a step's advance in bimetallism.

Caring for the Chicago Poor. CHICAGO, Dec. 29 .- One of the pro-

visions of the will of Granville S. Ingraham is that a hospital be erected to cost perhaps \$250,000, certainly not less than \$100,000. There are no specific instructions beyond the mere direction that it be erected for the "sick poor" and that it be supervised by Mrs. Ingraham.

German Soldiers Too Prone to Shoot. Berlin, Dec. 29.—Orders have been given to army officers not to supply sentries with ball cartridges after the end of the present year. This step is taken in view of the much too frequent affrays between civilians and sentries in which the latter usually use their arms with fatal effects.

STRANGE APPOINTMENT. Bill Lipsey, Brother-in-Law of Henry Starr, a Deputy Marshal.

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Dec. 29 .- Following the appointment of Bill Dalton as deputy marshal comes the information that Bill Lipsey, brother-in-law of Henry Starr, the desperado, and brother of Sam Lipsey, who killed his man in the territory in the summer of 1891, has been appointed a deputy by Marshal Needles of Muskogee. Bill Lipsey himself has a most unsavory reputation, and some days ago he was heard in this city to say he did not blame Starr for killing Marshal Wilson.

A Child Burned to Death.

TRENTON, Mo., Dec. 29 .- Clara, the 4-year-old daughter of Lawrence Nichols, a coal miner, was burned to death at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The mother of the child stepped out to a neighbor's for a few minutes, leaving a pan of berries setting on the stove. When she returned the little one's clothing was all aslame, and in tearing them from her body, the mother was quite severely burned. Large pieces of burned flesh adhered to the shreds of clothing and the body and limbs of the little one were literally cooked, death resulting in a short

Improved engine practice has caused the adoption of a mechanical device for constant feed of fuel to the furnaces.

Likely to Build.

NELIGH, Neb., Dec. 29.—Dwight Hitchcock president of the Pueble & Duluth Railroad company. returned from New York Moaday, accompanied by R. G. Harvey, representative of a syndicate of eastern capitalists. The representaive business men of Neligh called on Mr. Harvey at the railway office this afternoon. Mr. Harvey stated that it was his intention to visit a number of points on the line to satisfy himself of its earning capacity and on his return to New York he and his associates would meet and determinine as to furnishing the capital agreed, As to the prospects Mr. Harvey declined to give an opinion at present, but said he had known Mr. Hitchcock for twenty-two years and had furnished capital to build roads in Indiana and Illinois of which Mr. Hitchcock was president and therefore felt that he could place a great deal of reliance on Mr. Hitchcock's statements. Mr. Harvey was shown over the proposed line and terminal facilities in this city.

Baggage Master Killed.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Dec. 29 .- Reports reached here yesterday of a bad wreck occurring on the Rock Island, locating the accident at this point. That a wreck occurred is true, but it happened near Troy. Kas., about 8 o'clock yesterday morning, and was a brother: head end collision between passenger "The co No. 16. going east, and fast freight No. 96. From the best information that can be learned the accident resulted in smashing both engines and wrecking a number of cars, entailing a heavy loss to the company. Dad Miles, an express messenger on 16, is reported killed outright and several others seriously injured. Just what carried the collision is not known, and did not wear the scapular which research No. 13 days here at 140 m. wrecking a number of cars, entailing Passenger No. 13, due here at 1:40 p. m., was reported nine hours late.

Nothing Unearthed.

W. F. Nickil of Stromsburg has been trying to have an inquest over the cant. Young Jimmy may or may not body of the man Zurosky, who lives into the Catholic church like all the down by the Platte river in this county, others and was educated at the Catholic church like all the county. and was burned to death a week ago olic university in Georgetown. Among last Sunday. The neighbors living members of the family, there never near there thought there had been foul was any doubt as to Mr. Blaine's replay and that Mr. Zurosky had been ligious views. We all knew he was a murdered, and notified the coroner who went down last Friday and learned that when Mr. Zurosky was buried they could not find his head. The coroner empanelled a jury and adthey had the body exhumed and found that both legs and one of the arms Leiters recently at a good figure. He were also gone. The jury brought in a verdict of accidental death, and the county pays the expenses.

Would Do It.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 29 .- Chris Mayes and Miss Annie Comstock have been engaged for some time and a few days ago the announcement was made lecting data for a speech on the anti-of their approaching marriage, which option bill. He will speak in support was to take place this week. Relatives objected, however, on account of convenes. The friends of the measure the youth of both prospective bride are elated over the fact very much. and groom, neither being out of their teens. , Tuesday evening that started, ostensibly, to attend a dance and have not yet returned. The impression prevails that they left on the Kansas City train for Missouri, where no hard hearted relatives could interfere with point about twelve miles west of Netheir plans.

Narrow Escape. Hastings, Dec. 29.—H. V. Scott, foreman of the car repair gang in the B. & M. yards, narrowly escaped being instantly killed last night while engaged in inspecting some freight cars, which had been in a small wreck on the Aurora branch, whose bumpers had been misplaced. A switch engine backed up and caught Mr. Scott between the cars, in a space of about four inches. The company physician who attended him says he will re-

Knocked Off the Track. LINCOLN, Dec. 29 .- While walking

on the Union Pacific track south of the penitentiary yesterday, Joe McGraw, aged 16, was struck by a train, throwing him from the track. He was picked up and brought to the city in an unconscious condition. Dr. Mitchell found his spine injured and a compound fracture of one arm. He is doing well and his friends have hopes of his recovery.

Took Him Back.

PLATTSMOUTH, Dec. 29.-George Little, wanted in Harrison county, Iowa, for shooting with intent to kill, was arrested in this city by Chief of Police Grace, and the sheriff of the same time. Harrison county took possession of the prisoner.

An English woman has patented a device by which a skirt may be elevated neatly and evenly all around by a simple tug at a band.

LATEST RUMORS AND SPECU-LATIONS OF POLITICIANS.

HERBERT TALKED OF FOR THE NAVY

Collins, Phelps, Carlisle, Blount, Tucker and Dickinson Seem to Be Favorite Names for the Cabinet Prophets to Conjure With-Other Late Washington News of General Interest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- One partial cabinet list presented by some of the prophets for consideration yesterday was ex-Minister Phelps for secretary of state, Morrison or Carlisle for secretary of the treasury, "Pat" Collins of Boston for secretary of war, Herbert for secretary of the navy, Dickinson for at-torney general and Blount of Georgia for postmaster general. The solid delegation of Alabama is in favor of Herbert becoming secretary of the navy, and his appointment would generally be approved by men in the South and by men in all sections who have served with him in congress. There is a strong belief, however, that Colonel Lamont has been selected for that place, and Herbert may get something

The selection of Collins as secretary of war would meet with general approval among Democrats, but it is likely that he might not accept anything but the attorney generalship. Con-cerning this place, however, there is a growing belief that it will go to Dickinson, in spite of the fact that he has declared that he does not want to go into the cabinet.

There are three Southern men of reputation prominently spoken of for for the attorney generalship. They are John Randolph Tucker of Virginia, Representative Culberson of Texas, who is regarded as one of the strongest men in the South, and ex-Representative Hammond of Georgia.

EX-SECRETARY BLAINE.

Ills Brother Robert Talks of James G.'s Religious Views.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-Robert Blaine, a brother of James G., employed in the bureau of animal industry, is given as authority for the following statement in regard to the visits of Cardinal Gibbons to his sick

"The cardinal would scarcely come without an invitation," said Robert Blaine, "and it would seem plain to the dullest that his visit could be for no business or political purposes. The truth is," continued Mr. Blaine's was put about his neck by our mother and it is there now. His children, too are and were members of the Catholic church. Mrs. Coppinger died a de-OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 20 .- Coroner vout Catholic, and Hattie Blaine is a constant and thorough communibe. I don't know. He was bay Catholic in belief, though, of course, busy as he was in politics, he seldom attended, and could not be called a 'good Catholie.'

Speaking of the ex-secretary's for-tune, Robert Blaine said: "My brother journed the trial until yesterday, when is not so wealthy as some think. He sold his Dupont Circle house to the was also offered \$110,000 for the place he lives in. He told me at the time of the Leiter sale that he supposed he was worth about \$850,000. There is a \$50,000 policy on his life."

Sherman Favors Anti-Option Bill.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Senator Sherman stated yesterday that he was colof the measure soon after congress

RAILROAD CROSSING WAR. Prospects Are Bright for an Exceed-

ingly Lively Contest.

NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 28 .- A lively scrimmage occurred yesterday at a vada, where the Kansas City, Nevada and Fort Smith railroad sought to cross the Missiouri, Kansas and Texas railroad.

Several legal proceedings have been begun by the two roads, and on Saturday night the local attorneys of the Kansas City road applied to Judge Stratton, of the circuit court, for an order restraining the Missouri, Kansas and Texas from interfering with the first named road in making a crossing.

Armed with the writ, Ceneral Manager Richard Gentry, accompanied by a deputy sheriff, left Nevada at 3 o'clock yesterday morning for the point where the two roads meet. The Kansas City road had 150 men at work running their line down to the Missouri, Kansas and Texas track. They shoved several box cars which the Missouri, Kansas and Texas had placed in the way to one side, and had torn up the Missouri, Kansas and Texas track when Division Roadmaster John Jamison of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, hove in sight with a special train and about thirty

hands. Mr. Jamison took in the situation quickly and ran his train down to the place where the Kansas City men were working like Turks, trying to get their crossing spiked down. Mr. Jamison was a little too quick for them, however, and he ran an engine down, knocking their crossing all to pieces and also ditching the engine at

The Kansas City people then fastened ropes around the ditched engine and by their own engines tried to pull it over the embankment, but the "Katy" men fastened ropes to the other side and ned them to trees so that it could not be budged.