Reorganization Measure.

Question that Caused Brownson to Resign May Be Definitely Settled by Congressional En-

actment.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2-A but whose passage, it is expected, will work many important changes in the personnel of the pavy and greatly increase its efficiency was introduced by Senator Hale, chairman of the senate committee on naval affairs. It proposes a settlement of the vexatious question as to whether the members of the staff corps shall have rank with the line officers, puts an end to the creation of bureaus by the secretary of the navy and gives a substantial raise in pay to every commanding officer and enlisted man of the navy and the marine corps.

There is an important section relating to the appointment of midshipmen to the line and staff corps, and also a provision calling for the retirement of officers of

The first section of the bill deals with she bureau question by granting authority to bureaus now existing to continue, to transact the business assigned them and requiring that all reports and recommendations shall be made direct to the secretary if the navy. There is then added the provision that "no permanent board of any kind shall be hereafter appointed by the Navy department, or continued in operation unless expressly provided for by law, but, from time to time, the secretary of the navy may convene boards for temporary service connected with the pending business of the department.

No Command for Staff. That part of the bill which relates to the assignment of line rank to officers of the various divisions of the staff corps contends that they shall in no instance tssume command of any vessel. It is as

The officers in the various staff corps of the navy shall hereafter have actual rank and title as now established for the staff corps of the army. Such officers of the staff corps of the navy shall at all times have the title and designation of their rank, and new commissions in accordance therewith shall be forthwith issued to them: Provided, that this provision shall in no case carry with it command over any vessel of the Navy department. I in no case carry with it command any vessel of the Navy department, such command shall be exercised only the officers.

Appointment of Midshipmen. A large section of the bill deals with the appointment of midshipmen to positions in the line and staff and reads as follows: That from the midshipmen who success-ulty complete the six years course at he naval academy appointments shall be

The bill makes provision for honorable diswith a proper certificate of graduation. July 1 of each year will be regarded as the beginning of the year for reckoning vacancies for the purpose of this act.

The bill provides that when an officer had been thirty years in the service, he may, upon application, in the discretion of forty consecutive years as a commissioned low: officer, he shall, if he makes application therefor to the president, be retired from active service and be placed upon the retired list.

The bill requires that any naval officer now or hereafter serving as a chief of a bureau of the Navy department, shall upon retirement have the rank, pay and allowances of such bureau chief. Under the bill the pay of all commissioned officers, warrant officers, midshipmen and pay cierks in the navy and marine corps is increased 25 per cent; noncommissioned officers mates and other petty officers, musicians and other enlisted persons in the navy and in the marine corps increased 40 per cent, this "pay" being exclusive of allowances and commutations.

HOUSE MEMBERS IN LOTTERY Draw for Choice of Rooms in the New Congressional Office Building.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.-A congressional lottery was conducted today in the house of representatives for rooms in the new office building of that body. Chairmen of committees had already been assigned quarters in the new building and today's drawing was participated in only by the 333 members who are not heads of committees.

Much amusement was created by several members insisting on a thorough understanding of how the drawing was to be conducted. This occasioned much confu-

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sion and led to inquiries of the speaker as to what business was before the house. Speaker Cannon finally shut off all dis cussion by directing the drawing to pro Chairman of Senate Committee Has a ceed. A blindfolded page drew from the hox marbles corresponding, with the numbers of the seats of the members. name of Representative Kitchen of Carolina was drawn first, and he selected from NO COMMAND FOR STAFF OFFICER the diagram in front of the speaker's desk What in his opinion was the choicest room available in the building. Upon the conclusion of the drawing, which consumed over two hours' time, the house adjourned.

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of a jury between the court's decree and its enforcement by contempt proceedings. It would mean long delay and greatly weaken the authority of the doort. I do not think that the permission to change the judge. however, would constitute citter serious de lay or injure the efficiency of the order while it may secure greater public confi dence in the justice of the court's action. The appearance of justice is almost as important as the existence of it to the ad ministration of courts Bincerely yours,

"WILLIAM H. TAFT."

WALSH SAYS BANK PROFITS Insists Investment in Bonds a Good Thing Financially

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The direct examination of John R. Walsh was resumed today. Attorney John S. Miller of Walsh's counsel recited a list of bonds of the Southern Inhad held at various dates as collateral for ventions to endorse it so it may go on loans, and elicited from the witness the the ballots as a party measure insuring its statement that he considered the transactions profitable to the bank. Asked regarding certain of the bonds which had disappeared from the list of holdings of the bank between July, 1904, and August, 1905, Mr. Watsh replied that they had been sold and that the bank had received for them all that they had cost, and had in the meantime been receiving interest accruing on

Mr. Walsh denied the truth of statements nade by C. M. Foreman, receiver of the Centralia & Chester railroad, who testified for the prosecution.

"Mr. Foreman has testified that you told im you wanted to get hold of the Wabash. Chester & Western railroad to complete the connections of the Illinois Southern road," said Attorney Miller. "Did you ever eay anything to him about wanting to get that road?"

"No. sir, I never said anything of the kind to Mr. Foreman or anybody else," was at the commissioner system and to the district judges. Mr. Walshis reply.

"Did you ever say anything about want-

year, and 9,725,426 for 1903. This counts could see the state law library. That they charge and one year's sea pay for those round bales as half bales. The number of ought to use the library more is manifest do not receive such appointments, round bales included is 179,391, for 196; in some of their decisions," Midshipmen may, upon their own applica-tion, be honorably discharged at the end of Island included is 73,628 bales for 1908 and the four years' course at the naval academy 54,275 for 1907 and 95,942 for 1906. The number of active ginneries for 1908 was 27.276. The distribution of the sea island cotton for 1908 by state is: Florida, 25,214; Georgia,

37,119; South Carolina, 11,285, There was ginned 9,284,070 bales to December 13 last. The number of bales president, be placed upon the retired ginned to January 1 in the various states Also that when an officer has served and the number of active ginnerles fol-

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ATTACK ON STRIKEBREAKERS Cars in Which They Arrive Set on Fire and Burned by Strikers.

PHILLIPSBURG, N. J., Jan. 8.-The importation of men to take the places of striking employes of the Standard Silk mill caused a lively disturbance here last night, and if a similar outbreak occurs the governor of New Jersey will be asked for military protection. A large number of strikebreakers were brought here from Philadelphia and Paterson, N. J., in troiley cars and while waiting to cross the Pennsylvania tracks they were attacked by a crowd of strikers and their sympathizers. The situation became so serious that desetives escorting the strikebreakers were forced to fire their revolvers into the air to scare the mob. The cars finally reached he mill, where the motormen deserted and the mob started the cars down the bill. At the bottom of the incline a car was set or fire and when firemen attempted to extinguish the flames someone cut the hose. The car was consumed. After this the strikers scattered.

Aside from the gathering of strikers on the streets the town presents its usual appearance today.

MINE OWNERS TO ORGANIZE



BAR VOTES FOR AMENDMENT

State Association Endorses More Supreme Judges and Salaries.

Wahoo Man Sein the Pace for Strong Fight and the Vote

JUDGE GOOD LEADS OPPOSITION

Stands Twenty-Nine to Nineteen.

C. C. Flansburg of Lincoln, president. George P. Costigan, jr., of Lincoln, secre A. G. Ellick of Omaha, treasurer. W. K. Wilcox, member of executive coun

Samuel Rinaker of Beatrice, John A Ehrhards of Stanton and William F. Gur-ley, vice presidents. The State Bar association by of 29 to 19 endorsed the proposed constitutional amendment providing for an increase of the number of judges of the supremu court from three to seven and for the inrease in their salaries to \$4,500. This action was taken after an animated discussion along partisan lines, republicans generally favoring the amendment and democrats

opposing 4 Th hostility of the democrats was based on the fact that the present amendment does not give the minority party representation and many of the members of the minority party declared they were willing to endure present conditions rather than to accept an amendment which did not provide that both parties should be repre sented.

The resolution which was finally adopted endorses the proposed amendment and asks the various political parties in their conadoption.

The association also endorsed the movenent of the American Bar association to ormulate a code of ethics for the profes-

Judge Good Leads Opposition. Judge B. F. Good of Wahoo led the atack on the constitutional amendment, did not provide for representation by the the following subjects: minority political party and would allow the governor, who appoints the four additional members of the court, to control that body for the next decade, under the present custom of re-electing judges for a second term.

"It has been urged that the majority party might aid in securing a non-partisan judiciary by naming one or two democrats, but the new primary law would prevent that."

C. C. Flansburg of Lincoln, took a shot practice of the judges of living away from Lincoln. He favored the amendment as an

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COTTON CROP FOR LAST YEAR Provided that the foregoing provisions limiting the increase in any fiscal year shall not apply to midshipmen who may have entered the naval academy prior to January 1, 1908.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The census line of bales of cotton ginned from the street of the naval academy prior to January 1, 1908, was by the secretary of the navy.

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Mr. Flansburg offered a resolution requesting the governor in making the appointments of the four additional judges, in case the amendment passes, to recognize the minority party by giving it representation

John R. Ehrhardt of Stanton opposed the amendment, declaring he would prefer to wait in order to secure a proper amendment. Judge E. Wakeley of Omaha opposed the amendment, declaring in favor of a nonpartisan bench and for a provision that the court might sit in two or three departments. He also favored a limitation on the right of appeal and an intermediate appellate court.

Publish All Proceedings.

At the beginning of the morning session it was decided to publish all the proceedings of previous years which have not already been put in print. The treasurer reported a balance of \$259.91 on hand and the dues for 1908 will increase the funds enough to enable this to be done.

Charles G. Ryan of Grand Island read the first paper at the morning session, his subject being, "The Ethical Side of the Case." He referred to popular criticism of judicial methods and favored taking a critical public into the confidence of the attorneys in an endeavor to enlighten the public mind on the meaning of what is termed "technicalities," instead of treating the critics of court methods with con-

Arthur C. Wakeley of Omaha read an address on "Influence of the Roman Law Upon the Common Law." He traced the effects of the various waves of influence from Rome during the Roman invasion of Great Britain upon the Briton's system of jurisprudence.

ADDRESS BY ROBERT C. SMITH Science of Pleading Progressing To-

ward Simplification. The annual address by Robert C. Smith of Montreal Thursday afternoon was the principal feature of the meeting. Smith was introduced to the members as one of the leaders of the bar of the Dominion of Canada. His address called out the largest attendance of any of the sessions and it was listened to by a large number of professional and business men. He spoke upon the subject, "Some Modern Tendencies." After referring to tendencies more or less technical in the legal profession, he continued:

MINE OWNERS TO ORGANIZE

Propose to Find Out if Possible the Cause of Accidents in Mines.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The West Virginia Mining company was formed as a permanent organization at a meeting here today of over sixty mine owners and promoters. Resolutions were adopted asking the West Virginia delegation in congress to urge legislation enabling the geological survey to ascertain the causes of recent mine explosions and apply remedies found necessary and pledging the operators to carry out remedial legislation regardless of cost.

Marie Cabill's Sneerss.

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The New York Sun. speaking of Marie Cabill's hit at Daly's. New York, last year, and: "Marrying Mary' makes good: a theatrical nevelty struck Broadway: a musical show that has a real plot." The charming star and "small' play will be seen at Boyd's, Jan. 19, 29 and 21.

tions in issue between the parties, but it is equally known to all that in the intricacy and subtlety of this schence that which was merely termal or incidental came to be regarded as sacramental, and it is within the recollection of some of us who cannot be truly called very old men that many a just cause was irravocably lost, and many an unjust cause was won upon mere technicalities, without their substantial merits being ever inquired into. Progress is everywhere now in the direction of simplifying pleading. The old forms are one by one being discarded. Only that is retained which serves some useful purpose of convenience and fairness. On the criminal side it is not so easy now to escape upon some miscrable technicality. It is only right and just that an accused person should know precisely what he is charged with, but that is all be has a right to in the indictment. This all means that we are to get below the surface, to regard the substance rather than the form, to seek for the real thing and not for the mere name. We are to preserve so much form as is necessary for orderly and logical arrangement, but the form is only the means—the end is the right and the truth.

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In a period when industrial conditions are nich that important questions must com-mually arise touching the relations of cap-al and labor, of producer and consumer; such that important questions must continually arise touching the relations of capital and labor, of producer and consumer; when the voice of the demagogue is proclaiming class antagonism; when interests that should meet in a spirit of conciliation and work together harmoniously for the country's progress are too often ranged one against the other in conflict and bitterness; when the law is looked to as the one and only remedy for all social and economic liss and the legislatures are besieged with demands for the passing of this law and that, how great the importance of such associations as these of scholarly and enlightened men who know how laws work, who are independent of popular election and of party control, who can discuss every measure freely and thoroughly and exert upon public opinion and upon parliaments the great influence which untrammelied thought and learning and experience are entitled to exercise. I may be too sanguine, but I hope for much from this influence.

MAHONEY ON POPULAR JUDICIARY Scores Practice of Criticising Judges and Court Decisions.

only features of the session Wednes day were the president's address by T. J. Mahoney and the reports of standing committees. President Mahoney spoke on the subject "A Popular Judiciary" and he scored the practice of criticising judges for judicial decisions which do not meet popular approval.

Judge S. P. Davidson of Tecumseli. chairman of the committee on legislation affecting the profession, referred in his placing his opposition on the grounds it report to the action of the legislature on

The passage of the law of descent and inheritance, doing away with dower and curtesy and giving the surviving husband or wife absolute fee title interest to property left by the decedent.

The passage of laws relating to the control of corporations which the report designates as "somewhat extreme" and suggests that the pendulum has swung too far for the interests of the property rights of the people.

of the people.

The joint resolution passed providing for a submission to the vote of the people of the constitutional amendment providing for seven judges of the supreme court and for increasing the salaries of supreme and

H. F. Good of Wahoo chairman of the committee on Judicial administration also

A report from the committee on legal education, signed by Judge W. G. Hastings, hat the statutory requirements for entrance to accepted law schools in Nebraska be raised from three to four years lude two years of college work.

Owing to the limited attendance yesterday these reports will be brought up for discussion at this morning's meeting. President Mahoney in his address declared the public and the press were both prone to criticize the courts for judicial decisions which did not meet with popular approval though they might be legally

"The press," he said, "is not an accurate critic of judicial action. Its writers are well trained in matters of govrnmental policy and are well fitted to discuss the merits of party issues, but they are not trained in the analysis of to their disparagement than to say they are not trained in medicine or surgery or any other branch of scientific knowl-

edge. Some of these criticisms, he said, while made without malice or purpose wrong, militate against the efficiency of the courts by impairing the confidence of

the public in the courts. "They also cultivate false notions as to the function of the courts," he con- is chief deputy sheriff of Jackson county tinued. the political branches of government and Namara and her mother, Mrs. Priscilla seek to make it responsible to the Snell decline to discuss the Snell will case, transitory changes of popular sentiment C. W. Webster, Mrs. McNamara's atrather than the settled will of the peo- torney, is out of the city today At the ple as expressed in their constitutions and valid legislative enactments. He also scored attorneys for falling at times to give support to the courts, de-

claring that toward no other department of the government is there greater need of maintaining public confidence. DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. A. Wilken.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Jan. 9.-(Special.)-Mrs. Wilken, one of the ploneer residents of Cass county, died at the home of her son of disease incident to old age.

was past 78 years of age and had been a resident of Cass county for twenty-five years. She came to this country from Gernany, and had made a host of friends Her husband died many years ago, and since that time she has made her home with her children, seven children surviving Christopher H. Conner.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Jan. 9.-Christopher H. Connor, former city comptroller, one of the best known democratic politicians western Wisconsin and a leader of the Bryan campaign in this section, died at Spokane, Wash., yesterday, aged 38. Mr. Connor had gone west for the benefit of his health.

John H. Reimere. SCHLESWIG. Ia., Jan. 9.-(Special.)-John H. Reimers, one of the most in fluential Germans of this locality, died Wednesday forenoon. He was county president of the Corn Belt Meat Producers' association, prominent in county politics and was a large land owner.

Death Due to Apoplexy. YANKTON, S. D., Jan. 9 .- (Special.) - The dden death of Mrs. 1. S. Day, wife of the engineer at the Western Portland Cement works, which event so startled her friends and the town here, has been found due to a stroke of apoplexy. The cause of death was at first a mystery, as Mrs. Day was found dying, in an alley close to the home of her friend, Mrs. J. Udy, on whom she often called when in town from the cement

works hamlet. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—William Bourne Nevin, 41 years of age, who until two years ago was a member of the New York Stock exchange committed suicide today by leaping in front of a subway train at Broadway and Beventy-ninth street. He suffered heavy financial losses during the last five months.

DECISION AGAINST CARTER

Former Army Officer Not Entitled to Funds Embezzled from Government.

TECHNICAL DEFENSE NO GOOD

Securities Seized to Amount of \$400,-000 Will Partly Reimburse Uncle Sam for \$2,250,000 Wrongfully Taken.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9 - Judge Kohlsnat in the United States circuit court rendered a decision this afternoon in favor of the gov ernment against Captain Oberlin M. Carter, former United States army engineer, charged with having embezzled \$700,000 of government funds through conspiracy with Contractors Greene and Gaynor, The court ruled that Carter was not en

titled to the \$400,000 in unregistered railroad bonds and other securities, traced by the government to safety deposit vaults and banks in various parts of the country Under the decision the government will retain these, and the famous case which resulted in the conviction of Captain Carter and of Greene and Gaynor and the im posing of penitentiary sentences, is brought to a close Several Suits Consolidated.

Funds of Captain Carter, which the gov ernment claims were proceeds of Carter's collusion with Greene and Gaynor, are tied up by suits pending in the federal courts of New York, New Jersey, West Virginia, Georgia and Illinois. By agreement all of these sults were consolidated and tried before Judge Kohlsast in the United States court at Chicago about a year ago. It is the claim of Carter that the funds in question were given him by his father-in-law, the late Robert W. Westcott of New York. The case grew out of the construction of certain river and harbor improvements on the coast of Georgia. The prosecutors contended that the army officer and the cor tractors defrauded the government in th sum of \$2,225,000, and that one-third of this amount, or about \$750,000, went to Captain Carter. Special Assistant to the United States Attorney General Marion was assigned to the prosecution of the cases, and after several years of work \$400,000 invested by Carter in various states was traced and seized. The hearing before Judge Kohlsnat extended over several weeks and scores of witnesses were examined.

Opinion of the Court. Judge Kohlsaat in his opinion said: It must be borne in mind that the transactions in this suit cover a period from December, 1891, to 1897, during which years a number of contracts were let, and that even though Carter was not in actual coneven though Carter was not in actual conspiracy with the contractors, yet if he knew of the vast profits and the prices allowed them on the earlier work, it was his duty to investigate thoroughly the situation and see to it that the government thereafter paid no more than was fair and just. Even negligence under such circumstances would have amounted to fraud. If, therefore, Carter was cognizant of the fact that the contractors were reaping abnormal profit from the 1892 work, and that Westcott was interested in that profit and was turning it over to him under any kind of cover as a part of his share of the said profit, he was false to his trust and should be held liable to make good to the government all the fruits of his fraudulent acts.

SUIT TO BREAK SNELL WILL of Illinois Millionaire Alleges His Father Was Improperly Influenced.

CLINTON, Ill., Jan. 9.-Testimony begun today in the suit instituted by Richard Snell, son of Colonel Snell, the late statements. He corrected the Brookings millionaire railroad builder, in the Dewitt statement, he said, for the reason that it county circuit court to break, the will gave the general public a wrong idea of the was read in his absence, recommending which cuts young Snell off with an an-

Sensationel statements were made today by counsel for the defense to the effect of high school work and ultimately to inthan \$300,000 upon women during the last ten years of his life, of which \$75,000 had gone to his alleged grand niece, Maybelle Snell of Kansas City, Mo., now Mrs. Mc

The defense stated that letters will be read to the jury that were found among Colonel Snell's possessions, indicating that society women had cajoled nearly a quarter of a million dollars from the late millionaire. Richard Snell, who is president of the

Dewitt County National bank, alleges that the terms of his father's will were the results of an "evil and wrongful influence. judicial pronouncements. This is no more exerted over his father by Maybelle Snell, now Mrs. McNamara. Colonel Snell made his fortune building railroads, including 800 miles of the

Illinois Central. During the civil war he

commanded the One Hundred and Seventh of regiment of Illinois volunteers. He died over a year ago at 90 years of age. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 9 .- Mrs. James V. McNamara, formerly Miss Maybelle Snell. was married last November. Her husband "They class the judiciary with and the couple live in this city. Mrs. Mc-C. W. Webster, Mrs. McNamara's at-

time of his client's marriage here he said: "We can easily show that Miss Snell has a perfect right to all the property that Colonel Snell left her and gave to her. As far as the proof of her relationship to Colonel Snell is concerned, we can prove that, too, without any difficulty. was in Bloomington last week. None of her relatives that I found denies that she

was the millionaire's great niece." Miss Snell was left \$1,200 a year by the Illinois millionaire, who was her great uncle. Besides this her relative gave her securities and deeded lands within the last four or five years amounting to not less than \$25,000. Thornton Snell, a grandson of the colonel and trustee of the estate, has instituted legal action to prevent Miss Snell from disposing of the property deeded to her previous to the millionaire's death.

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Municipal Ownership Precipitates a Warm Debate in Convention.

MITCHELL, S. D., Jan. 9 .- (Special Telegram.)-The municipal ownership of a telephone system precipitated a warm discus sion this morning in the convention of the Independent Telephone association. A paper on municipal ownership of telephones was presented by Mr. Redmon of Brookings, in which he showed the advantages of a city owning the system and presented the figures of surplus which Brookings had acquired in the last year's business as amounting to \$3,300, profits on the money invested. His paper was adversely discussed by several members and J. L. Zeitlow, president of the Dakota Central Telephone company of Aberdeen, took direct issue with Mr. Redmon on the matter of profits, declaring that it was a clear misstatement of fact. Mr. Zeitlow stated that he had received regular reports from the Brookings exchange for every month of the year just closed, showing all the circumstances of the business there, and declared that he had figured out the earnings of the company and that the system was now at an actual loss of \$800 or \$700, instead of the profits stated. Mr. Zeitlow declared that he stood ready to be cor rected if he was wrong, and urged the association to make an investigation of both alleged profits in the telephone business.

HOTELS.

A MODERN ANOMOLY

All the Comforts of Home Outside of Home

A VEXATIOUS PROBLEM SOLVED

The hotel problem in New York is nost important one, and its magnitude has been greatly increased during recent years by changed conditions of living. The hotel, once defined as "a house for the entertainment of travelers and strangers," is now becoming the permanent abode of thousands of well-to-do Americans. Many of these own fine residences, but frequently find it more comfortable and con venient to live in hotels where the manager takes upon himself all the cares and perplexities of housekeeping and gives his guests the unalloyed pleasures and blessings of home, together with a privacy not to be found in the most metropolitan houses. According to the Social Register more than nine thousand New York families live in hotels instead of houses, and the number is constantly increasing.

The first hotel in New York constructed in accordance with these modern ideas was the St. Regis. That it fills a longfelt want has been fully demonstrated by its wonderful success. But the St. Regis does not cater to the wants of the permanent home seeker alone. The very same features which make it so desirable for the person who lives here by the season or the year commend it to the man or woman who visits New York occasionally The St. Regis is homelike and inviting quietly, irrestibily, it has won its way, un til, with a large class of people, to speak of a New York hotel is to think immediately of the St. Regis. Here one obtains the best in the world in the way of comfort, food, service and safety, and at a cost no greater than at other first class hotels. Try it on your next visit to the

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