

Supposed That the Crew Mutinied, Killed the Officers and Took to the Boats--The Men Known to Have

Been Dissatisfied.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.-The big ship Runic, which arrived from Liverpool. brought in a strange story of the sea. At 7 a. m., January 29, in latitude 44 minutes 50 seconds and longitude 43 minutes 46 seconds, she passed the derelict Norwegian ship Florida. The Florida was rolling about on the waves, changing her course with every shift of the wind. No sign of life could be seen on board. Her side lights were burning as if she had been lately abandoned. Where were her men? Where was her skipper? Desd-murdered, perhaps; at any rate the big ship, still flying the Norwegian flag at her forepeak, reeled about on the waves like a drunken man.

The Florida left Pascagoula on De cember 21, bound for Derdrecht. On January 3 she put into Ship Island and five days later cast anchor at Havana. There her captain reported that her crew were in a state of mutiny. The crew charged the skipper with inhu manity, and had threatened his life. The Norwegian consul prevailed upon some of the men to return to duty. Those who refused were put in irons and returned to the vessel. On Janu-ary 10 the Florida hoisted her big sails and the last seen of her by the people on the Havana piers she was heading straight for Norway.

Next comes the strange story of the manic. Perhaps down in the hold of the drifting vessel the ironed men were dying. It may have been that the crew of the ship took to the boats and left the captain to shift for himself. There is very little of the milk of human kindness in a mutinous crew. It is doubtless another tragedy of the sea, and the Florida will con tinue to veer and swing about the ocean until some day there will come a storm and she will go to the bottom, taking her tragic history with her. The vessel appeared to the Runic's officers to be seaworthy and there is no apparent reason why she should have been deserted, even had the crew mutinied. A broad deck is always more comfortable than a frail boat, and es pecially on the high seas.

Stories have been told of ships in the tropic seas which were suddenly in-vaded with the plague and entirely de-populated. Could this have happened with the Florida? It may have been, and yet there was no plague or fever in Havana.

Far more likely that some time in the midnight watches there were shouts and shots and trampling of feet and clanking of chains and running of blood, and then a great carnival of drunkenness and ruderless drifting. Then after all of this was over and the knowledge of their crime burst upon them, the mutineers loaded the boats with a great clattering of the davits, cursing and endless confusion, and rowed away over the sea, a gang of Eugene Arams fleeing from their crime. Such things may have been, Anger and hate might lead them to

court. After hearing the evidence Mrs. Osborne was formally remanded for a week without bail.

## THE GRANT MONUMENT.

A Mare's Nest That Will Startle the

Donators Promised. NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—There is every reason to predict the early dissolution of the squabbling organization known as the Grant Monument association. The latest row was started by the Cullis crowd when they tried to run things to suit themselves on Monday. Colonel Shepard was one of them, and he sprung a plan to postpone the awarding of bids for the construction of the granite base of the monument in order that his (the colonel's) crowd, which is the same as the Cullis crowd, might have time to control a majority of the votes. The colonel carried his point. Then the colonel introduced a resolution calling upon Governor Flower to resign as ex-officio member of the board of trustees. The members of the board not in the deal broke out with a big kick and a lively discussion followed without conclusion.

Some of the members of the board are opposed to the petty squabbles which have characterized the association for the last two months, but if Governor Flower resigns, the execu-tive committee. controlled by the Shepard and Cullus crowd, will have the appointment of his successor, and can do as they please. One of the members, who is for peace, says that a bill will be introduced in the legisla-

ture to wipe out the association. A gentleman formerly connected with the association says that since its organization six years ago the associa-tion has raised less than \$100,000 of the \$155,000 collected to build the monument. The present plans for the monument contemplate a structure to cos \$500,000. During the last six months scarcely \$10,000 has been raised, and most of this came from Sunday school entertainments and cheap shows.

A well known publisher, who has an unauthorized claim against the asso-ciation, has instructed his attorney to begin suit upon a matter leading into the very heart of the association, and has no hesitation in declaring that there is a "mare's nest" which will startle the donators to the fund and wind up the organization as it is at present.

## THAYER WAVERING.

## Great Pressure Brought to Bear on Him-

All Sorts of Rumors. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 5.—It is easily apparent that the continued suspense over what course Governor Thayer intends to pursue must be ended either today or Saturday. Monday morning

the governor leaves, according to his present plans, in company with other state officers, for Texas, where it is reported he will take active control over the affairs of the syndicate in which he is interested. Before he leaves he must place the reins of the state in someone's hands. He must either inform Governor Boyd that he is at liberty to take immediate possession, or call upon Lieutenant-Governor Tom Majors to assume control. If he turns the office over to Majors it will mean that he has decided to hang on to the last.

The Florida was registered at 1,264 tons and carried a crew of twenty-five Majors, it is said, is a Boyd man, and would immediately upon the departure of Thayer turn the office over to Boyd, unless it should have been stipulated originally of the said of the orders of his chief. There were all sorts of rumors floating around the state house. them were that Thayer would wait for a mandate. Others had it upon the best of authority that Thayer had wired Majors to come and take possession, while seemingly well-authenticated rumors pointed to an im-Ethel Osborne, who was arrested at mediate surrender to Boyd. One rumor Divers, yesterday, upon landing there from the Calaia storman changed in from the Calais steamer, charged' in connection with the famous Osborne- found. He left his office before noon Hargreaves stolen pearl case, with ob- and has not been seen since and no intaining the sum of £550 from Messrs formation could be obtained from his clerks. It was finally pretty trath-fully established that he had gone to the amount alleged to have been paid Omaha to have another conference to her for the stolen jewelry, was with his attorney, John L. Webster. Tom Majors came in from Omaha on the Guild hall court. The lord mayor the noon train to confer with Thayer, of London the Hon David Frans are but was unable to find him, the Guild hall court. The lord mayor of London, the Hon. David Evans, pre-sided. Mrs. Osborne, who was deadly pale and in a fainting condition, was escorted to a seat at the solicitor's table. At the opening of the court by the At the opening of the court by the Thayer realizes that lord mayor there was a long painful delay and much whispering to and by was determined to hang on as long as was determined to hang on as long as possible, but such influence has been brought to bear upon him that he is compelled to at least listen to it. It is likely that after his conference with Webster he will try and come to a de cision which will be announced either

# ALL GOING SOLID FOR HILL.

ator.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 8 -- Nine of the 128 assembly districts of the state have held conventions to select delegates to the democratic state convention to be held here on Washington's birthday. Chairman Murphy, of the state committee, had the conventions in his district held first. Following these was the Columbia county convention, where Colonel Samuel J. Tilden lives Conventions have been held in Chemung Schenectady, Rockland and Steuben counties. Essex county, too, has had its convention. These conventions are from different parts of the state and they show the way the democratic sen-timent is going. It is plain from the resolutions passed and the delegates elected at these conventions that the state convention will be substantially unanimous for Senator Hill for presi-dent and that the delegates will be of his choice. It will hardly be necessary for him to have a unit rule adopted to secure for himself the unanimous vote of the seventy-two delegates to the national convention from New York. The only county convention of the nine already held that is hostile to the senator is the Essex county convention, where Smith M. Weed controlled. Weed has been unfriendly to Senator Hill ever since Hill was chosen senator.

The democratic district convention to elect delegates to the state conven-tion was held at Nyack. The dele-gates elected are ironclad Hill men. Resolutions were unanimously passed indorsing Hill for president.

Democratic caucuses were held in every town and ward in Oneidacounty for the election of delegates to the as sembly district conventions. The Hill men carried the county by a large majority. In Utica two caucuses were in each ward, one by the Cleveheld land faction and one by the Hill fac-tion. The district conventions will be held Tuesday and will send Hill delegates to the state convention. At a convention of the Chemug

democrats at Horse Heads county resolutions were passed, amid enthusi-asm, reaffirming allegiance to and confidence in David B. Hill, and earnestly requesting the representatives of this state in the national convention to nominate him for president of the United States.

# THAYER GI ES UP THE SHIP

Governor Boyd Is Invited to Lincoln to

Take Charge. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 8. - The suspense is ended. Governor Thayer has bowed to the decision of the supreme court and the clamor of public opinion, and at 2 o'clock today James E Boyd is at liberty to step into the official apartments at the state capitol and sit down in the governor's chair without fear of anyone doubting his eligibility or citizenship.

Mr. Thayer's letter tendering the office to Governor Boyd is as follows:

STATE OF NEBRAMA, EXECUTIVE DEPART-MENS, LINCOLN, Feb. 7, 1892.-Governor James E. Boyd, Omaha, Neb., Sir: When I commenced proceedings a year ago to test your title to the office of governor, I did so in the belief that there was great in the belief that there was grea doubt in the public mind as to your citi-zenship and eligibility. I then took occa-sion to publicly say that as soon as your citizenship was established by the courts I would gladly surrender the office to you.

The contest was not one of personal strife, nor to satisfy any ambition of my own, but to comply with and uphold the constitution of the state. Now that the public press has announced that the high-est tribunal has declared under the constition and laws of our country and state your right to the office of governor, with-out awaiting the mandate of the court—as I am about to leave the state (on Monday) some weeksmost convenient for me to turn over the office to you at 2 o'clock p m. on that day (Monday), [Today] if it is your pleasure to accept the same at that time. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, JOHN M. THAYER.

## BLAINE WON'T RUN.

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for the Presidency. WASHINGTON, Fob. 8.-Secretary Blaine has written to Chairman Clarkson, of the republican national committee, stating that he is not a candidate for the presidency and that his name will not go before the republican national convention for nomination. The following letter was made public last night:

last night: WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 1892.-Hon. J. S., Clarkson, Chairman of the Republican National Committee: My Dear Sir-I am not a candidate for the pesidency, and my name will not go before the republican national convention for the nomination. I make this announcement in dúe season. To those who have tendered me their sup-port I owe sincere thanks and am most grateful for their confidence. They will, I am sure, make an earnest effort in the approaching contest, which is rendered especially important by reason of the in-dustrial and financial policies of the gov-ernment being at stake. A popular de-cision on these issues is of great moment and will be of far reaching consequence. Very sincerely yours. JAMES G. BLAINE.

Comment on the Letter. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.-The announcement that the secretary had written a letter withdrawing himself from the field of candidates, was known on the row and in the hotel lobbies within a very few minutes after its receipt by the United Press, its reporters being the first to convey the information. It created much excitement, notwith-standing the probability of its utterance had been discussed for the last forty-eight hours with renewed vigor and its appearance thereby discounted to some extent. Secretary Foster was seen by the United Press reporter and asked his opinion of the effect of the letter. He said he had been anticipating its appearance, but was sur-prised that it had come out now.

"It will result, I think," he said, "in President Harrison's renomination." "Will it open the field for other candidates or restrict it?"

"The field has always been an open one, but several gentlemen, to whom Secretary Blaine was a block, will

enter the race." "Will Ohio have a candidate?" "No."

"For whom will she be?"

"For Harrison. Ohio has always felt very friendly toward Blaine, but she has never supported him for the presidency, always having had, in contests where he enlivened, a candidate of her own. There will be no serious opposition to Harrison's nomination, I take it."

Secretary Tracy said: "I am not surprised. I have been expecting such a letter for some time. It points to Har-Mr. Tracy would not say that Mr. Blaine's health had anything to do with the present letter, nor would he make answer to the query: "Was not Blaine now stronger be-

fore the country than he ever was?" Secretary Noble said: "With Blaine

out of the fight, there . is no man of sufficient national importance to seriously contest the nomination of Mr. Harrrison. His administration has been fair, just and upright, regardless of sections or nationalities. He will be nominated unanimously and reelected."

Senator Cullom spoke with frankness: "I am not surprised," said he. "I had intimations of its coming from various sources, and indeed, from the secretary himself, but nothing definite.

"Will you enter the field for the nomination, senator?" "Yes, I have said to my friends that

having given Illinois nearly thirty years of earnest service, I would esteem t a great honor if the delegation to the national republican convention from Illinois would support me for the nomination. If I could be nominated, well and good; if not, the delegation would be free to support any good would be free to support man. I have said further, that I had no 'muck' to run that I had no 'muck' to run that I had no 'muck' to run sirous only of securing that which was best for the republican party and for the country. If any other man can get more votes than I can, I would be for If any other man can get him. But if you will permit me to say it, I think I would make a pretty good

over.

Mr. Falmer, of Illinois, submitted a re-solution for the election of senators by he people. Mr. Vance introduced a bill to prevent

Mr. Vance introduced a bill to prevent discrimination in taxation against circu-lating notes of state banks. Mr. Voorhees rose to a question of per-sonal privilege and denied with warmth a statement in a Philadelphia paper that he had made a bargain to help defeat the confirmation of Judge Dallas, of Pennsyl-vania, as ci cui judge if Messrs. Quay, Cameron and Higgins would help him de-feat Judge Woods. Wassium r. x Ech 3 - In the senate Mr.

WASHIN T N. Feb. 3.-In the senate, Mr. WASHIN T N, Feb. 3.—In the senate, and Sherman, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, presented an invitation from the German government asking the participation of the United States in the international art exhibition to be held in Munich from June 1 to October 1<sup>\*</sup> 1892. Accompanying the invitation was a letter from the state department recommending an appropriation of \$3,000 to en-able the department to organize a com-mission to secure a creditable representa-tion at Municu at the art exhibition. Referred to the committee on foreign rela-

tions. Mr. Dolph, of the committee on foreign relations, reported adversely a number of Chinese immigration restrictions and pro-hitory bills, and as a substitute therefor reported senate bill 510, continuing all existing laws prohibiting and restricting Chinese immigration for a period of ten

Mr. Kyle, of South Dakota, according to notice, called up his joint resolution pro-posing an amendment to the constitution of the United States making uniform the laws in regard to marriage and divorce, and read a prepared speech upon the ubject

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—In the senate to-day Mr. Brice introduced a bill for a mon-ument at Put-in bay to Commodore Perry and those who took part in the bat-tle of Lake Erie. Referred to the library

At 12:30, on motion of Mr. Hiscock, the senate went into executive session. When the doors were reopened the report con-firming Senator Call, of Florida, in his seat was taken up. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5-Upon the assem

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5-Upon the assem-bling of the house today the speaker stated that he was suffering from a sore throat and as the committees were to be cailed for reports, he would request one of the reading clerks to call them. Subse-quently Mr. McMillin took the chair. Mr. Fithian, of Illinois, offered a bill placing agricultural implements on the free list and asked that it be printed in the record, but the permission was denied.

record, but the permission was denied. The bill was referred to the committee on vays and means.

Mr. Beltzhoover, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on war claims, reported back from the committee the bill known as the Bridger raid claims bill, to authorize the payment of damages sustained by Pennsylvania from union and confederate troops during the war.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 .- In the senate today the vice-president submitted a num ber of executive documents. Petitions were presented by Mr. Cullom, of Illinois, Mr. Blackburn, of Kentucky and Mr. But-ler, of South Carolina, in favor of the passage of the bill prohibiting dealing in outcome. options.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 -- In the house, Mr. Morse, of Massachusetts, again arose this morning to a question of personal privi-lege and said he wanted to know why and lege and said he wanted to know why and by what right Mr. Hoar had gone to the printing office and procured the original manuscript of his (Morse's) remarks on Saturday, and said that his action was such as did not obtain between gentlemen. Mr. Hoar declined to reply at length and simply said: "I think the gentleman from Massachusetts has been advertised enough." A vote was taken on Mr. Bur-rows' amendment to allow the speaker to count a quorum, which was lost. Mr. Reed offered an amendment that when a call of the house and each member as he answered to his name shall vote on the

FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS. The senste: WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—In the senate the bill for a change in the location of the bridge at South St. Paul was passed The committee on elections reported that Mr. Dubois is entitled to his senate as senator from Itaho, and that Mr. Clagget is not entitled to his. As there will be a minority report the resolutions were laid

WASHINGTON, Feq. 8.- In the house to-day Mr. Boatner, of Louisiann, reported favorably from the committee on judiciary a bill to require judges of United States courts to give an opinion on questions of fact.

Mr. Raynor, of Maryland, from the comreported a bill to allow railroad commerce reported a bill to allow railroad companies to give special rates to commercia

travelers. The house in committee of the whole then proceeded to consider the Henderson resolution of inquiry regarding the ex-penditure for the world's fair, and the substitute of the committee on appropri-

substitute of the committee on appropri-ations. Mr. Henderson, of Iowa, explained his resolution and stated that the country would not sustain congress in making further appropriations unless it acted with wisdom and patriotism. He cited the salaries paid the variout official of the United States and said the salary paid to the director general was second only to that of the presidens. For one he did not propose to stand before the country willing to make such appropriations. He thought the commitsee on appropriations only had jur-iediction over the proceeding of the world's fair commission. His resolution did not seek to investigate the local corpora-tion. His judgment was that the appropriation committee should investigate. The world's fair committees should deal with local corporations. The debate assuming a wide range, it was finally agreed that a vote on the resolu-tion of inquiry should be taken at 4 o'clock. o'clock.

MANAGING A BABY.

## The Red-Faced Old Gentleman Made the Mistake of His Life.

As the Michigan Central train was coming to Detroit one day last week, says the Free Press of that city, there was a baby on board that cried for two straight hours. It was not a cry of teething or colic, but just the whining squall of an infant vixen that wasn't going to be suited anyhow. The pas-sengers on the car could neither sleep nor read, and at last a red-faced old gentleman turned to the mother and said:

"Madame, if you would stop trotting the life out of that young'un it would let up screaming." "I guess I know more about babies than you do,"

snapped the mother. "Well, all Pve got to say is I've raised eight and the whole caboodle of them never made as much noise as that one," he retorted. "Perhaps you would like to try your hand on this one. If you can stop him it's more than I can do."

"Give him to me, madame, and in ten minutes he'll be as quiet as a lamb. I've seen worse children many a time." He winked at the other passengers as he reached out his hands for the ba "Tootsey-wootsey tum," he urged, and the infant opened one eyes to look at him, while it stiffened like a poker, and

roared louder than ever. "If you will step into the next car so that it wont see you," said the obliging traveler, "I can hush him sooner. He'll

King, at St. John. N. B., and was originally called the Laura Fletcher. She is owned by Harsen & Abramson, of Porsgund, Norway.

## PEARLS OF GREAT PRICE.

### Mrs. Osborne Paying Dearly for the Har-Greaves Jewels,

LONDON, Feb. 5.-Mrs. Florence Spink & Sons, jewelers, of Bond street, brought up prisoner this morning in

the court. Apparently there was some hitch in the proceedings. Then it was reported that the treasury officials had decided not to prosecute on the charges referred to above, but to arraign her upon the more serious charge of perjury. As the time wore tomorrow or Saturday. on and on and nobody appeared for the treasury, the lord mayor became impatient and finally sent a messenger, bearing a warmly worded note, to the treasury department, asking the reason for the neglect of the treasury to send a representative to pre-sent the charge against Mrs. sent the charge against Mrs. Osborne and notifying the department that the prisoner would be dis-charged unless the treasury was promptly represented at the Guild hall. The result of the lord mayor's message to the treasury department was that an official from that branch of the government appeared at the Guild hall and announced that the treasury did not intend to offer any evidence against Mrs. Osborne. The lord mayor, so soon as he had recovered from state of dumbfoundedness in which he had been plunged by the announcement of the treasury's determination, discharged the prisoner, and she left the court room amidst applause from those who had gathered to witness her discomfiture.

The treasury's representative as questioned as to the eason for the unexpected Was reason step on the part of the government, but the official mentioned, refused to enlighten his questioners as to the reason his department had for refusing to press the false pre-tenses charge against Mra Osborne. Later in the day it transpired that

### SIR MORRELL MACKENZIE.

A Skilful Physician of Very Elastic Con-

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—The newspapers take various views of the late Sir Morrell Mackenzie, according as they favor or condemn his treatment of the late Emperor Frederick. There are but few words of approval, either in the press or in public, for the dead physi-cian, and the National Zeitung probably voices the prevalent sentiment when it says: "At Mackenzie's grave we will not say more than that he was a skilful physician of very elastic conscience.

## Tannery Damaged by Fire.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 5.-Barders Sons' tannery was damaged by fire this morning to the amount of \$30,000 The blaze started in the bark shed and spread rapidly. Insurance, about \$15,-000.

## Old Turf Man Killed.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 5.-General James F. Robinson, one of the best known turf men in the country, died here this morning. He has been presi-dent of the Kentucky Turf association

## Boyd Goes to Lincoln.

OMAHA, Feb. 8.-Governor James E. Boyd, in response to the letter of John Thayer, notifying him of his (Thayer's) desire to turn over the reins of office to him, departed for the state capital at 10 o'clock this morning. He was accompanied by Charles Ogden, chairman of the state central committee. his son-in-law, Ellas Bier-bower; his son, James E. Boyd, jr.; his daughter, Miss Margaret, and the correspondent of the United Press. To the latter Governor Boyd said he could give no fresh in-formation on the subject of his restoration. He expected to receive the office from Thayer at the appointed time, 2 p. m., and expected to take up the routine of duties without further sensational incident.

## Ceremony Next Monday.

Chairman Ogden, of the state demopratic committee, has issued the following:

Owing to the suddenness which has ac companied Governor Boyd's reinstate ment to the gubernatorial chair, the inaugural ceremonies will take place next Monday, February 15. All democratic clubs and citizens are cordially invited to attend. The various civil and military societies will meet at the Lincoln hotel at 2 o'clock p. m. and escort Governor Boyd to the capitol, where a reception will be held until 4. The organizations will then escort the governor back to the hotel, where at 9 p.m. a reception to citizens generally will be held.

Democratic State Committer, CHARLES ONDEN, Chairman. C. S. MONTGOMERY, Secretary.

REVENGED WITH A RAZOR.

Mrs. Travis Resented Interference When She Threw Her Child Into the Fit MILAN, Tenn., Feb. 8.-A horrible tragedy occurred in Carroll county. Charles Travis and wife have been living unhappily for some time. A few the wife pushed one of the days ago children into the fireplace, burning it badly. In his anger the husband kicked his wife out of doors. She She swore she would kill him, and last night while her husband was asleep, Mrs. Travis procured a razor and slashed his face and throat in a dozen places. Travis grappled with his wife and secured the razor. He was so weakened by loss of blood, however, that he died before help arrived. When the neighbors reached the house Mrs. Travis was found covered with blood and in the act of shooting herself with a revolver. It is believed she was in-same through brooding over domestic troubles

candidate." Senator Allison said he was somewhat surprised at the appearance of the letter just now. "I think it will have the effect of introducing a number of gentlemen into the arena of presidential possibilities "

"Will Iowa present a candidate?"

"Not that I am aware of. Iowa, I am sure, feels kindly disposed to President Harrison; indeed, I know of no hostility in our state against him." Representative J. C. Burows, of Mich-

igan, said: "That means Harrison's renomination by acclamation.'

#### Democratic Expressions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. - To get a democratic expression of opinion the United Press reporter sought Senator Brice. chairman of the democratic national committee. After reading the letter, he said: "That has all been discounted weeks and months. For eighteen months I have been satisfied that Secretary Blaine would not be the candidate, and for two or three months that opinion has been shared with me by many public men. For eighteen months President Harrison has been growing stronger and stronger with the republican party, and his renomination by accla-mation has been a certainty. That's mation has been a certainty. That's why they took the convention to a small town, because it is to be nothing more than a ratification meeting. The convention will be in session only three days. They have to stay there that time at least; it is their contract with Tom Lowry and he will hold them to it, and it will be over with. Now when there is a real convention to be held, like the democratic, we have to go to a big city to hold it."

Continuing in a serio-comic strain, the senator chairman said: "This letter shows the declining value of the republican nomination for president. To be declined five months in advance shows that its market value has been seriously affected. The republican convention will have its work all cut out long before it meets, while we are getting things in such a shape that no one can tell who will be the nominee at Chicago. Poor Clarkson, I am sorry for him. To be compelled to hold a tournament with no compe-tition. It is a very dull outlook for him."

answered to his name shall vote on the ed the passengers in chorus, "or give pending question."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—In the house the consideration of the report of the commitconsideration of the report of the commit-tee on rules was resumed, the pending amendment being one offered by Mr. Boat-ner. of Louisiana, striking out all of that part of the rules giving permission to at-tach riders to appropriation bills when in the interest of retrenchment in expenditures. In support of his position Mr. Boatner said he did not think the in-creased expenditures were dute to the in

public lands in excess of \$125 per acre on the promise of building rairoads. He would advise the democrats to give the western country a good liberal slice of the public money. They could not get a dem-ocrat in the white house on a chariot of reform with 5-cent nickel pieces for wheels.

Mr. Bland said the senate was an autocratic body and should not be allowed to dictate to the house in the matter of appropriations. The number of government officials should be curtailed. It was the duty of the house to reduce the expenditures of the last billion dollar congress. Taxation should be reduced and the two reforms should go hand in hand.

Mr. Butler (dem.) Iowa, supported the committee on rules and said that as the democratic party was charged to retrench-ment and reform, it should have such rules as would make this reduction in expenditures possible.

penditures possible. Mr. McKenna (rep), California, argued that the justification for putting money into the public treasury was to pay it out again for the public good. Mr. Price, (dem), Delaware, opposed the smeddment

Mr. Price, (dem), Delaware, opport the amendment The debate having assumed a wide range, and it being evident that the rest of the day would probably be consumed, Mr. Catchings, in charge of the report, moved the previous question on the pending amendment of Mr. Boatner and upon the whole

Boatner and upon the whole clause or amendment of the committe on rules. The previous question was ordered by 110 to 41. Bontner's amendment was lost, 55 to 119. The question recurring on the amendment it was adopted, thus pro-viding that no legislation would be reaviding that no legislation would be ger-mane on appropriation bills except such as retrenched expenditures. WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—In the house to-

resumed. Mr. Enloe, of Tennessee, moved an amendment that memorial sermoved an amendment that memorial ser-vices and eulogies take place on Sundays so as not to take up the time of the regular sessions There was considerable debate on this point. The amendment was re-jected, 159 to 91. Mr. O'Neill, democrat, of Missourt of 1

answered to his name shall vote on the pending question. Mr. McMillin opposed the amendment, as the effect of it would be to scure legislative action when the house was locked up. It was only intended to inten-sify the action of the last house and its ery minute. "Walky-walky, pet?" asked in a voice like a calliope; "hush, my dear, lie still and-murder! Won't somebody go after its mother?" But nobody would stir. They all wanted to see him manage that baby. When the conductor called "Detroit" and the train slowed into the depot a wild-eyed man, coatless and disheveled, was tear-The boother shid he did not think the in-recase in cierks, but to the large expendi-tures for pensions, public buildings and other national improvements. Mr. Bowers, of California, said the peo-ple in the west wanted congress to give them back the money they had paid for public lands in excess of \$125 per acree on the province of building radreade He in the train to the poken to the in-ing from one end of the train to the other, while the baby screamed over his shoulder. "I'll take him now," said a mild voice, and as its mother appeared that child stopped howling. I booked as if it had never shed a tear in looked as if it had never shed a tear in its life. But its volunteer nurse was a complete wreck.

## GREAT SAURIANS.

### Some Truths About the Biggest Reptiles Which Grow in the United State

"Did you ever see an alligator catch dies?" asked a naturalist of a Washing-ton Star writer. "I have watched the performance by the hour. The saurian lies on a muddy bank in the sun with his mouth open. Winged insects, attracted by the saliva of the beast, gather in swarms upon its tongue just as though it were a sheet of fly paper. as though it were a sheet of fly paper. When a number has collected it closes its jaws suddenly, and with a gulp the little torments have disappeared, affording at once revenge and an agreeable flavor. You have often heard, I dare say, of the little bird that enters the mouth of the crocodile without fear, in order to pluck therefrom certain parasites which the reptiles could not otherwise get rid of. That is a fact, although it failed to be recognized as such by science for a long time.

"On many occasions I have had op-portunities of observing alligators in pursuit of prey. They will eat meat in fowl to fishes. any shape, from water Sometimes they moor themselves by their tails to the shore, with mouths agape, and silently absorb shoals of mullet and other comparatively small WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—In the house to-day the senate bill to pay West Virginia \$151,075 under the direct tax law, wa-laid before the house. Mr. Wilson, of West Virginia, objected to immediate con-sideration, and the bill was referred The senate bill to create a fourth judi-cial district in Utah was passed. The consideration of the rules was then resumed. Mr. Enlow. of Tennesses they are thus floating only their eyes and the tip end of the nose are above the surface. Thus they are able to breathe and to see at the same time, without exposing themselves to any extent. A snap and all is over with the victim.