

AND NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT.

VOL. III. KANSAS AND OHIO

A Census Bulletin Showing How the Farmers of Ohio and Kansas are Becoming Tenants.

How Long it will Take to Wipe Out the Last Independent Farmer-What it Means.

"Misery loves company," but in general it does not want the company to be any worse off than itself. Kansas farmers found out some time ago that their farms were rapidly slipping out of their hands, and that a large percentage of them were becoming renters. Because Kansas farmers made a clear statement of these facts, because they possibly spoke the truth a little too loud—at least so as to be heard to the Atlantic seaboard-they were denominated "calamity howlers." It ought to be remembered in this connection that Kansas is very frank, possibly a little demonstrative, and whether she enjoys unusual blessings, or suffers unusual ad-versity, she lets all the world know it. Further, she is very observing of her own condition, and with a quick intelligence she detects variations in her fortunes long before slower people become aware of more marked charges in their conditions. Indeed, it has required a Kansas man to find out and direct attention to the fact that in this matter of the ownership of the farms the situation

is even worse in Ohio than in Kansas. At the request of Senator Peffer, the Census Bureau has prepared a table making a comparison between agricultural conditions in Kansas and in Ohio. Ten selected counties are considered, and the conclusion is that the farmers of Kansas are better off than those of Ohio. The table is as follows:

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It must be noticed here that of the total number of farmers in these ten counties of Kansas 33.25 per cent are renters, while 37.10 per cent of the farmers in ten Ohio counties are renters

But here is another point for consid-

THE ELECTRIC COMBINE. The Westinghouse Company Makes

Deal That Means Fight. CHICAGO, May 3.-When the Thomson-Houston Electric company reached out a few weeks ago and absorbed all its most powerful rivals in this country, the Westinghouse company was ignored. It was thought to be too weak to form a

factor in the combine. The Westing-house company has formed a rival com-bine and will open a litter fight on the Thomson-Houston aggregation. The great Siemnes-Halske firm of Berlin, Paris and London has joined hands with the Wastinghouse groud All the rule. the Westinghouse crowd. All the valu-able patents held by this company and the services of its best electricians will be at the disposal of the new company. Branch offices are to be opened in all the larger cities in this country. The prin-cipal offices will probably be in Chicago. Benjamin Harrison, president of the United States, is credited with being a large shareholder in the Westinghouse concern, and the statement was made that a number of his political friends

were also interested in the affairs of the new company. Among these are Stephen B. Elkins, secretary of war, and a number of others equally as strong.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Bryan's Free Binding Twine Bill Passed by the House-Proceedings in

the Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 3 .- Being suspen sion day several important bills were passed under suspension of the rules, including the bill to place binding twine on the free list, which was called up by Mr. Bryan of Nebraska, who rather surprised the Republicans by bringing the bill before the house in this way. Among the other measures passed were: A bill to encourage American ship building, which authorizes a regis-ter to vessels of the United States to such foreign built steamships of 8,000 said to have opposed. tons and over sailing in an established

line from any port within the United States, of which not less than 90 per TROY, N. Y., May 3 .- The Cleveland cent. of the foreign capital was owned by citizens of the United States; grant-ing a pension of \$8 per month to the sur-vivors of the Black Hawk, Creek, Cherokee and Seminole wars; to ratify and confirm an agreement with the Indians residing on the Colville reservation in the state of Washington; appropriating \$150,000 to carry out the stipulations regarding the Bering sea treaty; appro-priating \$100,000 to establish a military post at or near Helena; to provide for post at of near melena; to provide for the permanent preservation and custody of the records of the volunteer armies and athorizing the president to appoint a proper person as chief of the record and pension division with rank of colonel. The house then continued the discussion of the dividementic and consular bill

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Senate. WASHINGTON, May 3 .- The senate laid

LINCOLN, NEB., THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1892.

THE OUTLOOK IN ILLINOIS

Cullom Will Probably Head a Delegation in Favor of Harrison.

GORMAN'S BOOM GROWING.

He Is Second Choice in the South and Has Similar Hopes in the West-Cleveland Making Inroads on Hill's Strongholds-Political News.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., May 3 .- The Republican state convention meets today. As far as the governorship is concerned Fifer's renomination is generally conceded by all but his competitors and their friends. Hunt has withdrawn with grace, and it is believed that Collins will withdraw. For lieutenant governor the present incumbent, Ray, seems practically sure of the nomination, although Carter of Quincy and Fowler of Williamson are also in the race. Secretary of State Pearson will doubtless be renominated by acclamation. Senator

Bassett of Peoria and Coroner Hertz of Chicago are lively competitors for the state treasurership. As to the presidential question, that friends of Senator Cullom, seconded by the office holders of the administration,

are generally in favor of a delegation to the national convention headed by Cullom himself and instructed to vote for the renomination of Harrison. They will, however, be strong in their opposition to a delegation being instructed for any presidental candidate, and there are indications that the selection of Cullom to head the delegation will be vigorously contested by the friends of Governor Fifer, whose renomination Cullom is

Grover and David.

movement, which is rapidly developing in this strong Hill city, is causing alarm among Hill's followers. Cleveland is developing strength among the rank and Saturday of the Cleveland Democrats was enthusiastic, and, judging from the was enturisantic, and, judging from the character of the men who participated in it, they mean what they say. They will certainly make deep inroads into the Hill ranks. The Hill-Murphy organ of this city, The Observer, is much alarmed over the movement. It says:

men who met in conference at the Troy land, but we would remind them that when they attempt to throw cold water on

of the diplomatic and consular bill. the candidacy of David B. Hill they should select some solid Democratic tim-ber for their purpose. No half-baked

NO REDUCTION IN RATES. SCENE AT A CHURCH. Ferdinand Schultee, a Religious Crank. Creates an Unplessant Diversion. CHICAGO, May 3.-The people who

worship at St. Anne's Catholic church were treated to something a little out of the ordinary. Services were over and the people were discussing an eloquent OFFICIALS OUT OF JOBS. sermon by Rev. Father Reynolds, when

CHICAGO, May 3 .- The demands of

sermon by Rev. Father Reynolds, when suddenly a colored man, wearing the garb of a priest, a long black gown and crucifix, with a peculiar shaped hat, surmounted by a cross, walked to the sidewalk in front of the church, and in a lond voice said that he was David and consequently a son of God. He at once commenced a sermon, saying that he had been sent there to save the people of the church from the torments of hell, that they must listen and do as he bid them, for his word was law. The harrangue was cut short when a police officer pushed his way through the crowd and seized the man. Protesting vigorously against such treatment, he was sent to the Englewood police station. There he gave his name as Ferdinand Schultee. He insisted that he had been created for the purpose of bringing man and woman the purpose of bringing man and woman to a proper realization of things.

NEBRASKA AT THE FAIR.

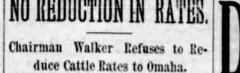
Description of the Building Selected by the State World's Columbian Ex-

position Commissioners. OMAHA, May 3 .- Architect Henry Voss has completed the drawings for the Nebraska building at the world's Columbian exposition, and has received from Supervising Architect Burnham the Supervising Architect Burnham the complimentary notification that his drawings are among the best that have been submitted. The building is purely classic in style, 100 feet long by 60 feet deep and two stories or 40 feet high. It will occupy the center of terraced grounds on one of the best corners, with three sides open and the lake in the rear. It will present a store finish and on each

It will present a store finish and on each end are handsome porticos supported by four corinthian columns. In the carved gables of these will appear the legend "United States, Nebraska, 1893." Three fine doors on each side furnish the modes of entrance and exit.

file of Democrats here. The conference floor provides for a large exhibition noor provides for a large exhibition room, a reception room, general and private offices for the commissioners, toilet rooms and two broad stairways leading to the upper floor. The second floor is similar to it having an exhibi-tion room, ladies' parlors, reading room and a smoking room. The whole in-terior will be finished in chaste classi-cal simplicity and when provided with cal simplicity and when provided with the necessary lights and filled with the varied agricultural and horticultural ex-

hibits which the state is able to furnish it will prove one of the most attractive of the state buildings. The cost of completing the building according to the designs will exceed the 510 000 approx



The Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Absorbed by the Northern Pacific-Iowa Roads Will Transfer Their Own

Freight-Spetters Make Trouble.

Omaha dealers for a reduction in cattle rates to that city from Indian Territory points were denied by the Western Traffic commissioners. At present, all cattle from that territory, except via the City, and the local rate, of \$20,00 a car, Kansas City to Omaha, is charged. The petitioners wanted this differintial against them reduced to \$12. Chairman Walker for the commissioners, cays the reduction would affect the Rock Island only slightly, but would reduce the tariffs of the Santa Fe, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, Missouri Pacific and other roads \$7.50 a car from all Indian Terri-tory points. Moreover, Kansas City would oppose the reduction and might stir up a row. Again this subject in reference to rates to Omaha from Texas is pending before the executive committee of the Southwestern Railway and Steamship association, and to grant a reduction from the Indian

Officials Out of Jobs.

ST. PAUL, May 8 .- The Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern has been merged into the Pacific division of the Northern Pacific system. The road runs from Seattle north to the boundary line and has 170 miles of track. Although this road was acquired by the Northern Pacific company some time ago it has never been consolidated with the main system, but has been operated as an in-dependent line. The consolidation has caused certain changes in the management and working force of the road. The majority of the officials of the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern found their old occupations gone. Until the consolidation took place the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern continued to pressure a full complement of offices and possess a full complement of offices and officers. With the absorption of the road these offices were necessarily abolished.

> Spotters Likely to Make Trouble. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 8.-There is trouble brewing on the St. Joe and Council Bluffs road, as a result of spots, who have just co

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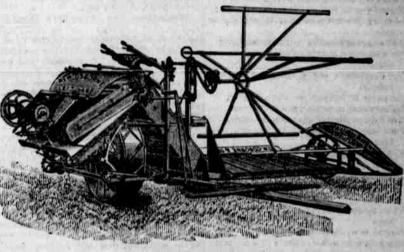
Alliance.

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BECAUSE all its parts are steel and malleable iron, thus insuring four times the strength at half the weight of cast iron.

BECAUSE its chain drive, front cut and straight pitman apply their power rect. No lost motion

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Territory might embarrass the above executive committee.

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Percentage of renters in ten Kansas counties, 1890.....

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Here is the like table for Ohio Percentage of renters in ten Ohio counties, 1890. Percentage of renters in ten Ohio counties, 1880. Increase of percentage in Ohio in ten

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years. 12.14 If it be a sured that these rates of increase of rents will continue, it requires but little arithmetic to calculate the time at which the independent lating, happily tilling his own acces, will have disappeared from both Ohio and Kansas. Thus in 1890, about three-both Ohio were honor demands." The old soldiers are time at which the independent farmer, renters, and the increase of the number incensed. of renters in ten years was about oneeighth of the entire number. At this rate the year 1940 will see the last of the happy farmers of Ohio. In Kanses we do everything a little more rapidly than they are done in Ohio, and while in Kansas about two-thirds of the farmers are yet living on their own farms. yet we are seeing over one fifth of the entire number displaced in ten years. So that only about thirty-three years will be required to reduce the last independent farmer to a renter, or in about 192° the landlord will demand his share five years ago. Officers are after him. of the product of every Kansas farmer's That the American farmers shall toil be reduced to a tenant class in a very few years uninterrupted operations of the causes which have produced the above changes shown by the census report is indisputable. A contemplation of that part of the wees of Ireland which results directly from the tenant system is sufficient answer to every question as to how much the tendency to the tenant system in this country is to be deplored.

No attempt is here made to name the causes or point out the cure for the tendency. It is the part of statesmanship to discover the one and to provide the other. So widespread amovement cannot be accidental. Those who say the farmer is to blame for it are simply begging the question. It has been the pride of the patriotic American citizen that our institutions were so fashioned in the interest of the common people as to be a bar to the deplorable endencies of all history, and yet unless tatesman-shipshall exert itself to discover and apply a remedy for the marvelous re-cent growth of the landlord and tenant system, we shall be compelles to admit that at least a part of our bogsting has been vain.-Kansas Farmer.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEF

The plumbers of Chicago and St. Paul are on a strike for higher viges and shorter hours.

Massachusetts and Connecticut quarry men have struck for shorter haus and increased wages.

Millie Price Dow, the act is, has commenced snit in a Denve Colo., court for an absolute divorce finn her husband.

Holley, Attempted to outrage M. Belle Holley. He was arrested and is now in jail. A lynching is threatened. Masked men took L

negro murderer, from the count ail at Edzabethtown, N. C., and hange him from a limb of a tree.

The government has compenced action in the Pennsylvania supreme court to restrain the several memory of the sugar trust from completing arrangements to form the combine.

Two hundred men on the Kettucky Central and Louisville and Na hville roads at Cincinnati, O., including transfer hands, switchmen, yardmen, s men and laborers, have struck d stion account of a reduction in wages from City, \$1.35 to \$1.25.

aside the conference report on the 13.33 Chinese exclusion bill and gave the floor candidate can fill the bill against one of to Mr. Kyle, of South Dakota, who delivered a speech on the silver question.

Old Soldiers Incensed. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 3. - The invi-

tation to Dr. Wyeth, who wrote the Century Camp Morton article, alleged to misrepresent the treatment of rebel prisoners in this city, to address the State Medical society, has aroused great indignation among the Grand Army men. George H. Chapman post adopted

Suit Brings on a Shot.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., May 3 .- William Randolph shot J. J. Maddox. The bullet passed through the right arm. After shooting Maddox, Randolph went home, got on his horse, and rode down Washington street at a breakneck speed, flourishing a big revolver and firing at random. Maddox is the Republican nomince for representative. Tnesday he sued Randolph on a note. Randolph served a term in the penitentiary about

Fire Record, CINCINNATI, May 3 .- The Crane Lumber company's stable, Kloke's saloon and Co., was burned, entailing a loss of \$30,000; fully covered by insurance. CARSON, Nev., May 3 .- The Eureka

quartz mill on the Carson river was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000. Mobbed an Umpire.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 3.-When the

ball game was over here an indignant crowd who had hissed the umpire, Wilson, for his decisions, rushed on him and mobbed him. He showed fight, but was severely beaten and would have been killed had not the police protected him. The mob followed him to his hotel and threatened his life. Excite ment runs high.

Found Drowned.

NEW ULM, Minn., May 8 .- Louis Schmelz, sheriff of Brown county, was found dead in the Minnesota river, about three miles below New Ulm. He had been missing for several days. On Thursday his overcoat was found hanging to a tree near the place, where he was drowned. For several weeks Schmelz had been despondent.

Paige Pleads Guilty.

CLEVELAND, May 3 .- Ralph K. Paige, treasurer of the Painesville bank that failed recently, pleaded guilty before Judge Hamilton, to having forged two notes of \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively. He was then remanded to juil and will be sentenced to the penitentiary in a

few days. Parsons Acquitted.

WEST PLAINS, Mo., May 3.-Theodore Parsons, who has been on trial in the Howell county circuit court for the alleged killing of an old man and his son in Shannon county, a year ago, was ac-quitted. Both sides made a stubborn

fight. He was immediately arrested on an old indictment for arson. Iowa Guard's New Officers.

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 3. - The Iowa National guard elected the following colonels: First regiment, F. H. Mahin: Clinton; Second, P. W. McManus, Davenport; Third, C. W. Mount Shenandoah; Fourth, C. E. Foster, Sioux

the calibre which is furnished in the per son of the rockribbed statesman from

Chemung. Gorman's Boom Growing.

BALTIMORE, May 3 .- The Gorman movement is growing rapidly, said a friend of the senator, who recently returned from a political missionary tour in the south. If not the first he will be the second choice of every southern dele-

gation, said the missionary, with the same chances in many of the western delegations. Eugene Higgins, the notorious lobbyist and machine worker whom Cleveland, at Gorman's solicitation made appointment clerk in the treasury department, and thereby raised the indignation of his mugwump friends, recently disappeared from his old haunts, and it is learned that he has gone out west in company with two other lieutenants of Gorman to do missionary work for the senator. Higgins is a good talker and Gorman can depend upon him.

College Republicans. ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 3 .- The con-

vention and banquet of the college Re-

publicans of the country. to be held here on the 17th inst., under the auspices of the University of Michigan Republican ber company's stable, Kleke's saloon and dwelling, Smith's dwelling and saloon, Dugan's planing mill and over 500,000 feet of lumber belonging to Crane & cated their acceptance of the invitation to be present and speak are the following: Governor William McKinley of Ohio, Hon. John M. Thurston of Omaha, General Russell A, Alger, Hon, J. S. Clarkson, Hon. M. M. Estee of Califor-

nia and Congressman Burrows of Michigan.

Harrison's Strength.

special says that according to a tab of delegates to the Minneapolis convention kept at administration headquarters, 225 delegates have already been instructed for Harrison. This is one more than enough to nominate him on the first ballot, not to mention the large number of uninstructed delegates who,

it is known, will vote for him. The Actors' Fund Fair. NEW YORK, May 3 .- A fair for the

Madison Square Garden. Veteran Comedian Joseph Jefferson opened the fair officially. A. M. Palmer made a brief address on the work and objects of the fund. Jefferson and Booth then made addresses. It is said that fully 10,000

people visited the Garden. The sales were \$11,800.

Bound to Crush the Combine. TRENTON, N. J., May 3.-The attorney general, under the direction of the governor, is searching for the best means of crushing the Reading combine. If no law can be found to met the case a special session of the legislature will probably be called to enact one.

No Design to Evade the Modus. OTTAWA, Ont., May 3,-The customs department knows nothing of the alleged design of a number of British

Columbian sealers to register under foreign flags to evade the provisions of the modus vivendi. Baron Fava Starts for America.

ROME, May 3.-Baron Fava, Italian minister to the United States, has started on his way to Washington. He will be a passenger on the steamer Normania. which leaves Southampton on May 7.

priation by nearly \$5,000. A Bogus Detective.

OTTUMWA, Ia., May 3.-Van Buren county farmers very much want an unknown character who has been posing as

a United States detective. Thomas Robb is a prominent farmer in that county, and Saturday when he drove home from Keosauqua, a stranger accosted him at his house, saking him if he had a daughter named Bertha. On being answered in the affirmative he said he desired to see her, and both men went inside the Robb house. The stranger then announced himself a United States detective, declaring he must see the girl alone, as he wanted her to sign certain papers. Robb refused the demand, whereupon the alleged detective declared the girl was wanted for passing counterfeit money, and he

had a warrent for her arrest. The father proposed to protect the girl, and the detective flourished a revolver and endeavored to make the father and daughter captive by a pair of handcuffs. Failing in this he left with his team of

horses, saying he would go to Keosau-qua for assistance. The officers at that place were notified of the affair by Mr. Robb, and are searching for the strange with a posse of vigilantes. He is yet at large. It has been ascertained that he endeavored to arrest the daughter of another farmer on the same pretext.

The Carrizo Mountain Expedition. SANTA FE, N. M., May 3 .- Preparations are being made at Fort Wingate for the expedition which will start May 10 to accompany the commission to examine the Carrizo mountain country and amine the Carrizo mountain country and to report on its character, whether or not it contains mineral and section field when the parishioner made no renot it contains mineral and precions ores, and, if so, to treat with the Navajos for its transfer to sistance.

the United States. The commission con-

sists of Brigadier General McCook, com-NEW YORK, May 3.-A Washington manding the department of Ari Ari special disbursing agent. Mr. J. H. Hammond of San Francisce has resigned as a member of the commission, and his place will be filled in a few days. The escort will consist of Captain J. Mc-ing as would justify the appointment of a receiver. There was no evidence that the road would be better operated by a re-the complainant. as a member of the commission, and his cavalry and Troop L, Second cavalry. This latter is an Indian troop. and will be used chiefly for courier duty. Six weeks' rations and camp equipage will be taken along, and the expedition is exbenefit of the actors' fund opened in June 25.

A Defaulter Caught.

city about a year ago, and who has since been as completely hidden as if swallowed up by the earth, was heard from a few days since in the role of a pencil peddler along the corridors of the leading hotels in San Jose, Cal. He was a defaulter for about \$3,000, but as this amount was made good by the bondsmen, who were his relatives, and inasmuch as he is an old man and a cripple, it was thought there would be no prosecution. A constable in Salinos City, Monterey county, Cal., however, wired here that he had made the arrest, and he was instructed by the sheriff of Adams county to hold the prisoner. A requisition was obtained from Governor Fifer and an officer started for the fugitive from justice.

Striking Sedalia Prisoners.

SEDALIA, Mo., May 3. - Seventeen prisoners confined in the city calaboose went on a strike against breaking rock in the work house, and are still holding out. Marshal Delong is determined that he will bring them to time, and a pirates. diet of plain bread and water will be dished out to them until they make an unconditional surrender.

over the entire system. In consequence three conductors were dropped from the pay rolls the past four days and some half dozen more will go this week. The Burlington people are dropping them out quietly to avoid creating talk. Will Transfer Their Own Freight. COUNCIL BLUEFS, Is., May 3 .- Iowa trunk lines, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, and Chicago, Milwankee and St. Paul railways, have canceled their

freight transfer contracts with the Union Pacific railroad, having decided that it will be advantageous to transfer their own freight instead of turning it over to the latter road. Clark's Successor. Sr. Louis, May 3.-It has been given

out that George C. Smith, assistant general manager of the Missouri Pacific railroad, will succeed S. H. H. Clark, first vice president and generel manager when the latter resigns, which he will do in a few days, to take charge of the Union Pacific system as president.

DRIVEN OUT OF CHURCH

Father Tracy Wields a Revolver for a Queer Reason.

PHILADELPHIA, May 3 .- Father Tracy drove Matthew Gaynor out of St. Paul's

Roman Catholic church at Burlington because Gaynor permitted his daughter to receive attentions from a Protestant. When Gaynor refused to leave the church the priest produced a revolver

Receiver Refused.

DUBUQUE, Ia., May 3 .- Judge Shiras of the United States court, denied the application of the Thompson-Houston company for a receiver for the Dubuque Electric Railway, Light and Power company. The Judge said that the complainant had not made such a showceiver than it is now. The complainants will make another application with an amended petition.

Des Moines Seeks a Great Race.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 3 .- Final arrangements for the August meeting of QUINCY, Ills., May 3.-The defaulting the Des Moines Driving Park association Adams county supervisor, who left this were made. There will be \$60,000 in purses. Allerton, Delmarch and Palo Alto will trot for a \$10,000 purse. Arion and Stamboul will also be secured if money can induce them to come. progressive futurity stake of \$10,000 for 1894 was decided upon.

A Tail-End Collision.

GUTHRIE, O. T., May 3.-One freight rain ran into the rear of a cattle train near Britton, O. T. Conductor Nathan Robinson of Arkansas City, Kan., was killed and Fireman William Brown inin jured. Half a dozen cars of cattle were demolished and a great number of animals killed

Looted by Pirates.

GIBRALTAR, May 3.-A Spanish sailing vessel bound for Alhuclemas, a Spanish prison settlement in the Mediterranean, becalmed off the coast of Morocco, was boarded and looted by a number of

Fire Losses at Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Man., May 3 .- The loss by fire is \$125,000. Four blocks were burned over.

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te Give Away a Fortune. CIVIL SERVICE REFORM. Flagrant Abuse of the Law Reporte

From Kentucky-A Bill to Protect the Silver Industry-The Telephone Contest Ended.

WASHINGTON, May 3 .- Of the 14,000 bills introduced in the last house about one-half were private pension or claim bills. Of the 8,500 introduced so far in vate pension bills. The enormous increase in recent years in this kind of logislation is due to the activity of the Washington claim agents, who solicit this kind of business from all parts of the country. Some of these agents have grown enormously wealthy. One of them who started in as a poor clerk, and afterwards became a claim agent, is now rated to be worth over a million dollars, and is said to be receipt of an income of \$2,500 a week. But if the resolution before the senate in regard to the payment to the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations for their interest in certain land goes through Congress it will make million-

aires of three other claim agents. The amount involved in the claim is \$10,-000,000 and the three claim agents will get 25 per cent of the amount, or a fee of \$2,500,000. The Choctaw nation are the richest agricultural people on the face of the globe within the area that they inhabit. They are intelligent and well educated and have shown themselves thoroughly able to look after their own interests. It may well be asked why they have agreed It may

WILL PAY FOR A PRESENT Why Choctaw Indians Are Willing explains it easily enough by saying that the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations do not own this land, and recognizing that they can we'l afford to pay a fee of \$2,500, 000 to get \$7,500,000 which does not beiong to them. That is the whole story.

MONITORS VERSUS BATTLESHIPS-

A Repetition of Last Year's Fight by the Advocates of Each.

WASHINGTON, May 3 .- A repetition of last year's fight between the advocates respectively of the monitor and the battleship may be looked for in the senate during the present week when the navy appropriation bill comes up for consideration. Senators Chandler and the present house 5,000 are claim or pri- McPherson will champion the monitor type even more earnestly than they did last year. These two Senators have recently made a personal inspection of the Miantonomoh at New York, and after talking with the of-ficers have become convinced that the monitor type is the ideal coast defender. They will argue that the versel has met every condition contemplated by the designers and that the system which it represents should be definitely decided upon as the standard coast defenders.

Continuation of Yesterday's Wrangle Over Seats.

OMAHA, May 8 .- The Methodist conference consumed most of its time in . continuation of yesterday's wrangle over seats. The presiding officers broke three gavels in attempting to preserve order, but the confusion only ceased temporari-ly and then broke out afresh. The read-ing of the address from the bishops went over until tomorrow on account of the disorder.