NOT READY TO REPORT.

Wolcott Defers Telling What Monetary Commission Did.

MEGOTIATIONS STILL PENDING.

Colorado Senator Says the Commission Will Continue to Work So Long as There In Prospect of Securing an International Conference Senate and House Agree to Send Relief to Klundike Miners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. - Wolcott (Colo.), chairman of the committee appointed by President McKinley to secure, if possible, the co-operation of foreign countries in an international conference on the silver question, said in the senate yesterday that the committee had not made a report to the president and it was uncertain when a report would be made. Negotiations for a bimetallic conference, he said, are still pending, but Mr. Wolcott assured the pate that the committee had no intention of prolonging its efforts beyond the year should no reasonable hope of success exist. Mr. Wolcott promised to explain fully the work of the commission in a speech to be delivered after the holiday

A resolution directing the secretary of war to send supplies to the Americans and other sufferers in the Klondike region was passed. Pritchard (N. C.), chairman of the civil service investigating committee, delivered a brief speech upon the execution of the civil service law as developed by his committee.

Mr. Pettigrew secured the adoption of a resolution directing the secretary of the interior to furnish the senate an stemized account of the receipts and expenditures of the Central Pacific railroad for each year from 1871 to 1867, the statement to show the subsidies paid to steamboat companies.

Mr. Cannon (Utah) offered and had passed a resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to furnish the senate the names of the revenue cutters employed on the coast of Florida to prevent filibustering expeditions; how many expeditions were thwarted, w hat vessels were captured, what armed expeditions taken, and by what authority of law the secretary of the treasury acted in the matter.

M'KENNA NOMINATION GOES OVER. Will Not Be Acted Upon Until After the Christmas Holidays.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The nomination of Attorney General McKenna to succeed Justice Field on the supreme bench will not be acted upon by the senate until after the Christmas holi-

The nomination was referred to the committee on judiciary in Thursday's executive session, but Senator Hoar, chairman of that committee, stated that he would not ask the committee to consider the nomination until after the reconvening of the senate in January. It does not appear that the delay in considering Mr. McKenna's nomination is due to opposition that is reported to exist against his confirmation so much as to the fact that the committee on judiciary habitually considers minations to the supreme bench with more deliberation than is exert of any other co the case of other nominations. The senate will adjourn on Saturday for the holidays, and action would be necessary in the two days left, and this action instead of being sufficient for mature deliberation, would be considered insufficient for even the most extraordinary nomination.

Appointments by the President. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The president today sent the following nominations to the senate :

Joseph McKenna of California, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States.

Charles G. Dawes of Illinois, to be comptroller of the currency.

Court of private land claims: Joseph R. Reed of Iowa, to be chief justice; William W. Murray of Tennessee, Thomas C. Fuller of North Carolina, Henry C. Strauss of Kansas and Wilbur F. Stone of Colorado; reappointments, their terms expiring Dec. 31, 1897.

Lewis Mills, United States attorney for the Southern district of Iowa. The president also sent the large num-

ber of appointments which were made during the recess of the senate and which have heretofore been announced.

Rouse Subcommittees on Public Buildings. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The following house subcommittees on public buildings and grounds, covering the consideration of such matters in congress for the various sections, have been appointed: General legislation, District of Columbia, states of Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Alabama, Messrs. Mercer (Neb.), Hicks (Pa.) and Bankhead (Ala.); California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Maine, Utah, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Wyoming, Georgia, Arizona and New Mexico, Messrs. Hilborn (Cal.), Bartholdt (Mo.), Burleigh (Me.), Bronssard (La.), Brantly (Ga.).

Bills by Nebraskans.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-Representative Maxwell introduced a bill approprinting \$15,000 for repairing and increasing the height of riprap work on the right bank of the Missouri river opposite South Sioux City, Neb. Repreresentative Strode presented a petition of the American Sugar Growers' society, urging consideration by congress of the Hawaiian annexation scheme.

Congress Votes Belief For Yukonites. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The house totay passed a bill appropriating \$175,000 for the relief of the people in the Yukon country. The senate also passed a joint resolution apprepriating \$250,000 for the relief of the Yukon miners. It will be many before either becomes a law for congress to get together on a com-

GAGE'S CURRENCY MEASURE. escetary of the Treasury Submits His

Financial Suggestions. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-Secretary Gage appeared today before the committee on banking and currency of the house of representatives to present a bill embodying his views for a revision of the currency, to explain and urge its provisions and to meet any objections used by the committee.

Mr. Gage said in the opening: The objects I have in mind in the series of provisions offered by me are four in

First-To commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard; remove so far as possible doubts and fears on that point and thus strengthen the condition of the United States at home and abroad.

Second-To strengthen the treasury in relation to its demand liabilities, in which are included greenbacks, treasury notes, the incidental obligation to maintain on a parity, through interchangeability with gold, so far as may be necessary, the present large volume of silver certificates and silver dollars. Third-To do this in such a way as not to contract the volume of circula-

tion in the hands of the people. Fourth-To take an initial step toward a system of bank note issues without the conditional deposit of publie bonds as security therefor.

If we prosper as a people the revenue of the government ought to be somewhat in advance of its expenditures, and the public debt of the United States gradually reduced, and finally extinguished. Looking at the question widely, from my best point of knowledge and experience. I feel that if these could be secured the condition of the government in its relation to the currency would be much safer and stronger than now, and that through the operation of national bank note currency the commercial and industrial interests of the United States would be greatly advantaged.

Mr. Gage's bill provides for establishing a separate division of issue and redemption and for the issue of low rate gold bonds, with which the greenbacks are gradually to be retired and national bank notes to be put in their place, and a provision for asset circulation within certain limits, amounting to about 75 per cent of the capital stock; the reduction to \$25,000 of the minimum capital of national banks; a reduction of one-half in the tax on bank note circulation, and the provision that circulation secured by government bonds shall be permitted up to the par value of the securities deposited.

BILL TO REGULATE DIVORCES. Object In View Is to Obtain Uniform Mar-

ringe Laws In All States. Washington, Dec. 17.-Representative Ray (N. Y.) has introduced a bill regulating absolute divorce and declaring marriages void in certain cases in the District of Columbia and the territories. The object is to make the divorce laws enacted by congress to conform to the laws of New York as the nighest grade of state codes and to install the proposed uniform marriages and divorce law to be obtained by constitutional amendments. But one cause for absolute divorce is allowedadultery—the innocent party may remission of remarriage may be granted for drunkenness, cruelty or desertion and marriage may be declared void in cases where a former partner is living, lunacy at marriage, matrimonial incapacity or lack of legal consent. The law is intended to cover cases in Okla-

Indorse a Pooling Measure.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The national board of trade adjourned after a three days session. The most important action of the closing session was the indorsement of a pooling measure which would place this question under the supervision of the interstate commerce commission. There was a strong sectional division on the question. The east for and the west against the measure. Mr. Elliott of Philadelphia read a paper in favor of the establisment of a permanent tariff commission. A resolution urging upon congress the creation of such a commission was adopted.

Chinese Memoralize Congress WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The Chinese Equal Rights league of America, com-

posed of about 9,000 Chinese residents of the United States, has submitted a memorial to congress in support of the bill to permit the naturalization of Americanized Chinese. McMillin Out For Senate.

Washington, Dec. 17.-Hon. Benton inquiries from representatives of Tennessee papers announced his candidacy for the senate before the state legislature in case an extra session was called by Shenandoah and Villisca. Governor Taylor.

Favor Educational Test Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-The house

committee on immigration has decided to make a favorable report on the educational test bill. This requires all immigrants on reaching here to be able to read or write the English or some other Introduced In the House.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The currency bill framed by the Secretary of the Treasury Gage was introduced in the house today by Chairman Walker, of the banking and currency committee, immediately after the hearing.

Gorman Not Going to New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Senator Gorman was at the Fifth Avenue hotel today and said there was no truth in the report that he intended to become a New Yorker and join Tammany Hall.

Original "George Harris" Dead. LEXINGTON, Ky. Dec. 17.—Lewis George Clark, 86 years old, the origi-nal "George Harris" of Harrist Beecher Stowe's famous novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," died here this afternoon.

FUTURE OF MAY WHEAT.

Agent of the Leiter Interest Predicts It Will Ee \$1.50.

EXPECTS A SHORTAGE IN SPRING.

At That Time the Highest Price In the Country Will Be at Minneapolis, Where Wheat Will Be Shipped on Actual Demand For Grinding -Leiter Interest Bought at Seventy Cents.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.-George B. French, the recognized agent of the Leiter interest in wheat, imparted a bit of information today which wheat speculators for many months have been anxious to today. know. He also ventured a prediction on the future of May wheat.

"Our wheat cost us very near 70 cents," said Mr. French, "and at that price we think we can afford to take it in, pay for it and see what it looks like. Our position, as we have said right along, is simply that of merchandisers. The line was bought including the transfers, at the price I name and our position is not that of the speculator. It s as if a straight line was drawn from 70 cents up to, say, \$1.10 as against the position of the speculator, who has bought and sold at the same prices, but who had bought and sold at so many intermediate points as to entirely change his position.

"In regard to the wheat situation at present, I will say that I thing speculators are watching the local conditions and entirely ignoring the legitimate position. As soon as the deficiency of supplies and the urgency of the demand become more apparent, I will not be a bit surprised to see May wheat at \$1.50 At that time the highest price in the country will be at Minneapolis-the millers' market. Wheat will be going to Minneapolis in the spring on actual demand for grinding, just as it has recently been coming to Chicago on an alleged corner. It is not improbable that many northwestern farmers will be coming here for seed wheat."

While Mr. French would give no information as to the size of the line of wheat which he represents, he said: We expect that all the wheat we have bought will be delivered to us."

MENACE TO FRUIT GROWING.

San Jose Pest Invades Iowa Orchards. Horticulturists Elect Officers.

DES MOINES, Dec. 17 .- Iowa's standing as a fruit producing state is threat- jury disagreed. ened with almost total destruction within the next few years, together with account of the startling disclosures as an immense property loss, according to to the conduct of this institution. reports made at yesterday's meeting of the State Horticultural society. The scale. It is found that the insect is mates than did the first. well established in Iowa, and spreading fast. Already it has done immense damage to orchards, and the long will the investigation continue.society concluded that unless its spread St. Paul Breeze. is checked at once, it will destroy the orcharding industry. Hon. Silas Wilson of Atlantic, president of the National Nurserymen's association, was its extermination.

The officers were elected as follows: berger, Harian.

THREE DIE IN A WRECK.

Collision on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Road Near Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 17.-Train No. 4 on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois road, which left Chicago at 8:40 last night, ran into an extra train near here at 5 o'clock this morning. Three employes jured, but none of the passengers were gathered in Chicago. And fully as hurt. The dead: ENGINEER J. D. RAUTSCH.

FIREMAN O. L. BREMER. FIREMAN C. F. DESLER. The injured: Engineer G. Foster. Mail Clerk W. F. Robb. Mail Clerk H. Cadwallader. Express Messenger C. E. Atchley. Both engines were badly wrecked; embankment, and the mail car smashed.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 17 .- The chiefs of the various departments of the Southwestern Iowa Firemen's association met in this city today and completed arrangements for holding the firemen's tournament in this place next McMillin of Tennessee, in response to August. The association comprises the departments in the following towns: Atlantie, Bedford, Clarinda, Creston, Corning, Hamburg, Malvern, Red Oak,

> Enormous Grain Receipts. at this port for the year will reach the Sterling Re 1 7 Co. Chicago or New York. enormous total of nearly 200,000,000 bushels, as against 154,000,000 in 1896 and 105,500,000 in 1895. The movement of ores and lumber have been heavier than last year and of the total of 89,137,511 feet, of lumber that was cleared from the Saginaw river, over 40,000,000 feet came to Tonowanda and Buffalo.

Coal Operators Fall to Sign.
Physicus Dec. 17.—Only 40 per of the operators of the Pittsburg district signed the uniformity agreement instead of the 95 per cent necessary to make the document binding, and it does not look as if the agreement will be enforced before the first of the year under existing conditions.

Anthracite Producers Control Output. NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- The anthracite producers have informally agreed to stand by the percentages of output for the various mining and railway companies which have been in force, with a few exceptions, since Jan. 31, 1896.

Publicly Excommunicated.

KANSAS CITY. Mo., Dec. 12.-A special from St. Joseph, Mo., says: Religious circles in this city were stirred up today by the public excommunication of Mrs. Charles Miller, formerly Miss Katherine Moriarity, her mother and all her relatives and Catholics who participated in her marriage ceremonies and the reception which foilowed, because the young woman was married by a Protestant minister.

The letter of excommunication from the Right Rev. Bishop Burke, and addressed to Rev. Father Newman, pastor of the cathedral congregation, was read at all the services in the cathedral

On Thursday of last week Miss Katharine Moriarity was married to Charles A. Miller at the First Presbyterian church.

Bishop Burke spoke of the publicity given to the wedding, and for that reason placed the bride's mother and all Catholics participating in the wedding under the ban of the church.

The Noteworthy Point.

The only noteworthy point in the whole recent affair of Satolli being Omaha Express and Delivery Co., made a Cardinal is the fact that every such officer in the Romish church is known as a Cardinal-Prince. The assumption of the Pope is that he is a temporal sovereign, and each cardinal is one of his princes claiming temporal authority. Why such officials should he permitted in our republic is beyond the comprehension of all patriotic citizens. Chief-Justice Taney took this position, and rightfully. Patriotic America will take it, as a whole, sooner or later. Roman Catholic religion, bad enough though it be, is one thing. Plotting and treasonable princes of a Roman temporal sovereignty are another.-Herald and Presbyter.

House of Good Shepherd Case Continued.

By mutual consent the case of Seline Clewett against the House of the Good Shepherd was continued until next month, when the case will be tried. This is the case wherein Miss Clewett sues this institution for \$20,000 for illegal detention. In the former trial the

The former trial was interesting or

It is more than likely that the new trial will expose more of the inhuman sideration of reports on the San Jose and outrageous treatment of its in-

Just so long as the jury is selected with a disagreement in view, just so

After a Priest.

Pat Grady of Abiline, Tex., tried to made chairman of a committee to se- shoot Father Dolje, a Catholic priest, cure legislative aid in exterminating for "alienating the affections of his the pest. Steps will be taken by the wife and destroying his home." Grady society to have every tree owner informed about the insect and means for was subsequently arrested on the charge of mailing indecent literature President, C. F. Gardner, Osage; vice to Mrs. Grady. When they legislate president, M. J. Wragg, Wankee; sec- against Spiritualism down there they retary and librarian, George H. Van can include Catholicism, because, like Houten, Lenox; treasurer, W. M. Bom- the former, it shows up an occasional pretender; or Covert can include this in his war on frauds .- Light of Truth.

Chicago's "Tough" Policemen.

If there was a "tough mug" absent from the brutal exhibition at Battery D last night, said t. m. was behind iron bars. Such another assemblage of unwere killed and a half dozen others in- desirable citizens has seldom been tough as any were the half-hundred policemen whom the people pay for performing duties as guardians of the peace.-Chicago Daily News.

Some coward sends us an unsigned letter calling our attention to the fight that occurred down in No. 1 engine the baggage car was thrown down an house. If you don't have enough courage to sign your name to a letter to us don't expect us to fight your battles.

> WE spent considerable time recently trying to find out just where the president stood on the financial and Cuban questions and when we were through we concluded he was in doubt as to his position himself.

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