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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

CONGRESSIONAL.

THE fifty-first Congress met at noon on December 2. When the Senate assembled the Senators from the new States of North and South Dakota and Washington were assigned seats. Several unimportant routine matters were disposed of and the Senate adjourned. At noon the House was called to order by Clerk Clark. The roll call showed 37 members present. Mr. Reed, of Maine, the Republican caucus nominee, was elected Speaker by a vote of 166 to 154 for Mr. Carlisle, the Democratic nominee. Mr. Henderson (Ill.) offered a resolution for the election of Edward McPherson, as clerk; A. J. Holmes, as sergeant-at-arms; H. C. Adams, as postmaster; James L. Wheat, as postmaster; and Rev. Charles R. Hamsdell, as chaplain of the House. The resolution was adopted except as to Mr. Hamsdell for chaplain. Rev. W. H. Milburn, the present chaplain, being re-elected by a vote of 128 to 151, several Republicans voting for him with the Democrats. After the members had drawn seats and the new officers qualified, a committee was appointed to wait on the President and the House adjourned.

THE Senate transacted no business on the 3d. Soon after assembling the President's message was received and read and the Senate adjourned. The House met and after the reading of the President's message the Speaker, under authority given by the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, appointed Messrs. Bayne, Hitt, Carter, Culbertson (Texas) and Cummings, as a committee on the centennial celebration. Adjourned until Thursday.

THE Senate on the 4th, after assigning new Senators from the States of North Dakota, South Dakota and Washington to their respective classes, by lot, proceeded to regular business and many bills and resolutions were introduced. On motion of Senator Hear the select committee on relations with Canada was continued for the present session. The Senate then proceeded to executive business and soon adjourned. The House was not in session.

IN the Senate on the 5th among the bills and resolutions introduced was one by Senator Voorhees in reference to tariff taxation, which provides for the collection of a sufficient amount of revenue to pay the expenses of the Government; for the taxation of all articles of luxury at a high rate and reducing the tax on the necessities of life, and for the curtailment and overthrow as far as possible of all monopolies by enlarging the free list. The Senate then adjourned until Monday. In the House a communication was read from H. P. Leedom, late sergeant-at-arms, announcing that his late cashier had absconded with a large sum of money and asking for a committee to investigate his (Leedom's) accounts, and a committee was appointed with full powers to act. The House adjourned until Monday.

WASHINGTON NOTES.
THE National Wool Growers' Association met in Washington on the 2d. The public debt statement showed a decrease during the month of November of \$4,869,672.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TRACY denies positively the current report that the new naval cruisers are extravagant coal consumers.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL SHIELDS, of the Interior Department, has decided that the act admitting the new States does not repeal all the pre-emption laws, but only that of 1841.

THE President has sent to the Senate as nominations a large number of recess appointments.

SECRETARY NOBLE has left Washington for his home in St. Louis on private business.

CONGRESSMAN BUTTERWORTH is preparing a general anti-adulteration bill, which will require that all articles made in imitation of well known articles be branded plainly.

SECRETARY WINDOM on the 5th received from four banks offers to surrender \$1,600,000 bonds. All of them were accepted.

SILCOTT, cashier of Sergeant-at-Arms Leedom, of the House of Representatives, has disappeared with \$75,000, money due Congressmen and others on salaries, etc. Leedom was under bond to make good his cashier's defalcations. The New York Post's Washington special says: "The President expects to be able to make a practical reorganization of the Supreme Court within about eighteen months. Just as Miller, Field and Bradley have signified their intention to retire within that time."

RECENT local elections throughout Massachusetts showed very little change politically. Most of the cities and towns voted on license or no license and were about equally divided on the issue.

GENERAL STEPHEN R. SMITH, one of the most prominent military men of Connecticut, died recently at New Haven.

THE Baltimore Board of Trade has passed resolutions opposing the granting of subsidies or bounties to foster American shipping interests.

THE McAuliffe-Daly fight at Boston ended in a draw at the end of the fifth round.

THE well known Monongahela Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., was burned on the 5th. Loss, about \$100,000. The 200 guests of the house had to make a rapid exit for life.

JOHN KENDAROOCH and Annie Chomo have been indicted for the murder of the woman's husband, a paralytic, who was found hanging to a bedpost in Potsdam, Pa., on November 27.

IT is stated in Portland, Me., that the Canadian Pacific railroad will soon construct a huge elevator and make other improvements at that place, which will be the eastern terminus of the road.

A correspondent of the New York Evening Post sends word that the Russian censor has forbidden the following New York newspapers circulating in Russia: The Evening Post, the Sun, the World, the Times and the Tribune. The New York Herald is allowed to enter Russia.

JUDGE PATTERSON, of New York, granted the petition of John J. Plunkett for absolute divorce from his wife, Mary H. Plunkett, the Christian Science healer who some time ago mated with A. Bentley Worthington, the bigamist.

ADELINA PATTI arrived at New York on the Teutonic on the 5th. She had two funny little dogs and Nicotini with her.

DURING a fire in the Francis Axe Company building, at Buffalo, N. Y., one workman was killed, several badly injured and one boy probably fatally burned. Loss on building small.

THE WEST.

CYRUS FILLMORE, brother of ex-President Fillmore, died at Lagrange, Ind., recently of typhoid fever, aged eighty-seven years. He was well known throughout the State and a prominent Democrat. His wife, who is eighty-five years old, is dangerously sick. They had been married over 64 years.

THE Western ash and door factory, Nineteenth and Wyoming streets, Kansas City, Mo., burned recently. The loss was about \$50,000.

BY the breaking of the rope of a cage in a coal mine near Steubenville, O., two boys were precipitated seventy-five feet and killed.

FIRE in Shell Lake, Wis., the other night destroyed one-half the business section of the town, causing \$35,000 loss.

IN Macon, Illiopolis, Clinton and other Central Illinois towns diphtheria is raging, and there are many deaths. The disease is not as a rule, however, of the worst form.

SECRETARY LESUEUR, of Missouri, has decided that social clubs must pay taxes. They can not be exempted under the church clause of the Constitution.

IT is reported in Chicago that a secret meeting of brass manufacturers from all parts of the country is being held there for the purpose of forming a trust.

THE Cherokee Legislature has agreed to a resolution for the appointment of a Commission to meet the United States Commission to consider the sale of the Cherokee Strip.

J. P. WILLIS, a deputy United States marshal, and City Marshal Morgan were both killed in a pistol encounter recently at Holden, Mo.

W. O. MARQUIS has filed the necessary papers contesting the office of Lieutenant-Governor of Ohio upon E. L. Lampton, who had a slim majority.

GEORGE W. LININGER, Republican candidate for mayor of Omaha, was defeated by Richard C. Cushing, Democrat, by a majority of between 1,100 and 1,300.

SQUIRE F. TAYLOR, son-in-law of Hon. Alex. Caldwell, ex-United States Senator, committed suicide at Leavenworth, Kan., recently by shooting himself through the right temple. He had been despondent lately, but nothing was known sufficient to account for his suicide.

SIX of the men arrested at Ardmore, I. T., charged with the train robbery near Beryyn, have been released by United States Commissioner Hoeker, at Purcell, having satisfactory proven an alibi.

THE coroner's jury was of the opinion that the many telegraph wires had much to do with preventing the rescue of the unfortunate persons who lost their lives in the burning of the Minneapolis Tribune building.

THE Miner House at East Tawas, Mich., took fire recently. Two charred bodies were found in the ruins.

Governor MILLETT, of South Dakota, says there are 600 families in Minor County who are starving to death. The Governor was soliciting aid for the destitute.

Mrs. SADIE MCCONKEY, of Dubuque, Iowa, has been awarded \$6,995 judgment against the Travelers' Accident Insurance Company on policies of her husband, who, while treasurer of White Pine County, Nevada, was shot and killed beside his safe.

AT Durango, four miles north of Dubuque, Iowa, a rear end collision occurred between two Kansas City trains. Conductor Berry, of the forward train, and Simon Hickey, of Dubuque, were killed. One engine and seven loaded cars were wrecked. The accident was caused by a switch being thrown prematurely.

NEAR Rolfe, Iowa, recently G. W. Marquette, a hardware man of that place, and William Kennedy were working a pump when the ground caved and Marquette fell into the well head foremost. His head struck against a jutting rock as he descended, scattering his brains over Kennedy. Kennedy was severely injured.

THE SOUTH.

THE executor of Frank M. Taylor, who died near Booneville, Ark., has unearthed \$7,000 in gold and \$3,000 in silver, which Taylor had concealed upon his premises before and during the war. Search is still progressing, Taylor being very wealthy.

SQUIRE DOWNEY, a colored man living near Frankfort, Ky., and his wife went to visit a neighbor, leaving their three small children in charge of the house. In their absence the house caught on fire and the children perished in the flames.

EWING WATTERSON, son of Henry Watterson, eloped and married Miss Jennie Black, of McMinnville, Tenn. Young Watterson's action is a surprise. He returned a year ago from an European tour and is now a traveling agent of the Wabash railroad.

FIRE in the depot of the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific railroad at Vicksburg destroyed \$50,000 worth of freight and a number of adjoining buildings.

THE Southern cotton crop aggregate is estimated at 7,124,000 bales. Texas leads with an increase of 313,000 bales over last year. Tennessee, North Carolina, Arkansas and South Carolina show decreases.

THE State Senate of Virginia has authorized the Governor to accept in the name of the commonwealth the statue of General Robert E. Lee, soon to be unveiled at Richmond.

THE boiler on the sugar plantation of a planter named Meredith exploded at Colfax, La., recently, killing six men and two women, all negroes, and wounding several others.

JEFFERSON DAVIS died at the house of his friend, J. U. Payne, at New Orleans on the 6th.

THE boiler in Governor Jackson's sawmill at Marion, Md., exploded recently. William Dennis, aged twenty-two years, was killed, and William Dixon probably fatally hurt. Richard Martin had a foot blown off and two or three others were seriously injured.

A RECEIVER has been appointed for the Kennesaw cotton mills at Marietta, Ga. The financial condition is not known.

DURING a trial in Judge Blanton's court room at Marshall, Tex., opposing lawyers got into a dispute and weapons were drawn. The result was that State Representative Alexander Pope was mortally wounded, dying the same day, and Senator W. H. Pope, his brother, was seriously wounded in two places. Another lawyer was also hurt.

THE trial of Moussa Bey, who was charged with committing murder, arson and pillage in Armenia, resulted in his acquittal.

GENERAL.

THE Sisters of the Visitation in Washington have sold their convent and academy property on Connecticut avenue to J. H. Flagler, of New York and Florida, for \$650,000. This property contains 114,579 square feet on Connecticut avenue, L, Seventeenth and De Sales streets, improved by the convent building, and it is understood that Mr. Flagler intends to erect a grand hotel on the site.

THE Salvation Army headquarters at London and adjoining property burned on the morning of the 3d.

THE platform of a theater at Wienchen in the province of Shantung, China, collapsed recently during a performance. Two hundred persons were killed.

THE reports of disturbances at Lisbon, Portugal, were false.

THE largest elephant in Barnum's show, now in London, fatally injured its keeper in a fit of rage the other day.

THE President of Nicaragua has approved the treaty forming a union of the five Republics of Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, San Salvador and Guatemala under the name of the United States of Central America.

WHITELAW REID, United States Minister to France and his wife have gone to the South of France and Italy on a month's tour.

THE bark Christian Schriver, from Buenos Ayres, reports that at the Delaware breakwater she passed nine dead bodies, eight of them the bodies of men floating on a life raft. The other was that of a woman floating near the raft with a life preserver around her.

AN English company is reported to have applied for a concession from France for a bridge across the English channel.

THE Kaiser has wired Stanley and Emin that he sympathizes with them and sends congratulations and welcomes them home. Mackinnon, the chairman of the Emin relief committee, was summoned to Windsor Castle by Queen Victoria, where he dined and slept.

EMIN PASHA had a serious accident at Bagamoyo the day after his arrival. Owing to his nearsightedness he mistook the height of a railing and fell twenty feet, fracturing his skull.

THE Brotherhood managers claim that they have signed all the base-ball players they need.

THE house of John Madden at Kingston, Ont., caught fire the other night and while he and his wife were trying to extinguish the flames their means of escape were cut off and both perished.

THE LATEST.

THE Chinese troops recently suffered a severe defeat from the savages on South Formosa, 300 or 400 of them having been killed.

RECENTLY a mob attacked the China inland and Methodist Episcopal missions at Nanking, China, and destroyed both chapels and an opium refuge and stoned the officials who attempted to interfere.

GENERAL FRANCIS W. PALFREY, the well known historian, died recently at Cannes, France, aged fifty-eight years. He was a Harvard graduate, a lawyer, and during the war a volunteer infantry officer, being made Brigadier-General of volunteers in 1865 for gallant conduct.

CONSUL DILLIER, of Florence, Italy, incloses to the State Department extracts from Bologna newspapers in which it is openly charged that horse meat is extensively used there in the manufacture of bologna sausages.

TWO children, Robert and George Lilly, aged six and four years respectively, were suffocated by smoke in the basement of the flat house 169 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, New York. They had been locked in by their mother while she was marketing and they set fire to the place while playing with matches.

IN down town circles at New York on the 6th it was rumored that a panic in money had broken out at Buenos Ayres, causing great excitement there and many large failures. The rumor could not be verified, but it was said many business houses had received cablegrams announcing the fact.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended December 5, numbered 316, compared with 249 the previous week. The corresponding week last year the figures were 305.

PRESIDENT HARRISON and party left Washington on the 6th for a trip to Chicago.

WILLIAM PETERS, secretary of a Cincinnati building and loan association, has confessed having embezzled \$15,000. He is now in jail.

CHARLES JOHNSON, colored, has been hanged at Gadsden, Ala., for the murder of a policeman in November, 1888.

CAPTAIN PLUNKETT, the notorious Irish constabulary leader of Cork, died in that city recently.

THE coal miners of Westphalia, Germany, propose to institute another strike to compel the masters to do justice to the men who organized the last strike.

A THIEVING OFFICIAL.

THE Cashier to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the National House of Representatives Absconded With \$72,000—Probably Gone to Join the Canadian Colony.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—From present appearances Edward Silcott, cashier of the sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, has fled, carrying off \$72,000 of the funds entrusted to his care.

Silcott was a trusted man who came here from Ohio, and was appointed by Mr. Leedom when that gentleman assumed office six years ago. He had good business qualifications and soon possessed himself of the unlimited confidence of his superior.

Last Saturday he notified Mr. Leedom that he was going to New York and would be back Saturday night. A message was received from him dated New York Monday morning saying that he had been detained but would return Monday night. A similar message reached his wife in this city.

As he did not appear Tuesday Mr. Leedom was fearful that he had been overtaken by some accident, but to satisfy rising suspicions began an investigation. The information that Silcott had drawn his bank balance deepened the suspicions and the inquiry was pursued. The enormous office safe could not be opened at the moment, as Silcott had the combination, but when an entrance was finally effected it was found that some \$30,000, set apart for the use of the paying teller was intact.

The next inquiry was made at the Treasury Department and Mr. Leedom was stunned by the result. He was informed that Silcott had called there Saturday and had drawn about \$72,000. It was possible for him to draw this large sum without exciting comment, as he had for a long time been charged with the duty of collecting the money with which the salaries of the Representatives are paid.

Silcott is under bonds in the sum of \$50,000, his bondsmen numbering about fifteen persons. This is, however, an indemnity bond given to the sergeant-at-arms and Mr. Leedom, who is himself bonded in the sum of \$50,000, is directly responsible for the shortage.

Mr. Leedom says that he would have trusted Silcott to any sum of money. Mr. Leedom says that it was within Silcott's power to carry off not less than \$150,000 instead of the \$72,000 which is missing. It was suggested by a person standing near that to have carried off the balance would have changed the nature of the crime from embezzlement to theft and have subjected the perpetrator to extradition, even in Canada, whither it is already rumored the missing man has fled.

It is stated that Mr. Leedom was victimized once before by the immediate predecessor of Silcott, but to an amount insignificant in comparison with his present loss.

JEFFERSON DAVIS DEAD.

Death of the Noted Confederate Leader—Sketch of His Life.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 6.—Jefferson Davis died at 12:45 o'clock this morning at the residence of his friend, J. U. Payne. From the beginning of his fatal illness Mr. Davis had insisted that his case was nearly or quite hopeless, though the dread of pain or fear of death never appeared to take the slightest hold upon his spirits, which were brave and even buoyant from the beginning of his attack. In vain did the doctors strive to impress upon him that his health was improving. He steadily insisted that there was no improvement, but with Christian resignation he was content to accept whatever Providence had in store for him.

After death the face of the deceased, though looking slightly emaciated, showed no trace of suffering, more nearly resembling that of a peaceful sleeper than of the dead.

BIOGRAPHICAL.
Jefferson Davis was born June 3, 1808, in that part of Christian County, Ky., which now forms Todd County, and soon after his birth his father removed to Mississippi and settled near Woodville, Wilkinson County. Jefferson Davis received an academical education, and was sent to Transylvania College, Kentucky, which he left in 1824, having been appointed by President Monroe a cadet in the Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in 1828.

In 1845 he was elected a Representative to Congress, and took his seat in December of that year. In August, 1847, he was appointed by the Governor of Mississippi United States Senator to fill a vacancy, and at the ensuing session of the State Legislature, January 11, 1848, was unanimously elected to the same office for the residue of the term, which expired March 4, 1851. In 1850 he was re-elected for the ensuing full term.

In September, 1851, he was nominated for Governor of Mississippi by the Democratic party in opposition to Henry S. Foote, the candidate of the Union party. He resigned his seat in the Senate on accepting the nomination, and was beaten in the election by a majority of 900 votes.

In 1853 he was appointed by President Pierce Secretary of War, which post he held until the inauguration of President Buchanan in 1857. On his retirement from the War Department he re-entered the Senate for the term ending March 4, 1863.

On February 4, 1862, the Confederate Congress met at Montgomery, organized a provisional Government for the seceded States, and on the 5th, by unanimous vote elected Jefferson Davis President of the Confederate States of America.

Emin Pasha Fatally Injured.
ZANZIBAR, Dec. 6.—After enduring the hardships of many years of residence in the interior of Africa and the fatigues and dangers of his journey to the sea it has been the fate of Emin Pasha to receive an injury which is likely to result in his death. The Pasha is very nearsighted and habitually wears glasses. Yesterday he attempted to go about his room without them and unconsciously walked out of a window, falling some distance to the ground, fracturing his skull and inflicting fatal injuries.

Portuguese Recognition.
LISBON, Dec. 8.—The Portuguese charge d'affaires at Rio de Janeiro has been instructed to maintain semi-official relations with the Provisional Government pending the recognition of the Republic by Portugal. This recognition will be given when a Constitution of the Republic shall have been definitely adopted.

Jeuits to Be Expelled.
LONDON, Dec. 8.—Rumors have reached here from Janeiro to the effect that the Jeuits are to be expelled from Brazil.

SALT TARIFFS.

The Kansas Railroad Commissioners Adj. Just the Rates.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 8.—The Railroad Commissioners have rendered their decision in the matter of the complaint of the Board of Trade and salt producers of Kingman of unfair discrimination in railroad rates on salt. The Board, after reviewing the facts in the case, say:

"We are of the opinion that the salt tariffs to local points need revision in the interest of all those concerned. But this involves so many adjustments, not only as it respects the salt interests, but as well those that concern the carriers, that its final consideration will be entered upon at another time, and further notice to parties in interest.

"Upon the complaint before us we find and decide that the rate on salt from Kingman, Anthony and Wellington should be the same to all Missouri river points as the rate on like commodities from Hutchinson, Nickerson and Sterling, and the board directs and orders that such rates be made uniform from all the points above named.

"The board also finds that the fuel used in the manufacture of salt is slack coal supplied from the coal mines of Southeastern Kansas. The cost of this per ton delivered at Wellington is \$2.45, and the freight rate is \$1.70; at Kingman, \$2.65, and the freight rate \$2; at Anthony \$2.75 per ton, and the freight rate \$2, and Hutchinson \$2.40 per ton and freight rate \$1.80. We think that in justice to so important an industry as the salt manufacture in this State a concession should be made on these rates as follows:

"Rate on coal slack to Wellington \$1.50 per ton and to all the other points of salt manufacture in the State \$1.50 per ton. And believing under existing circumstances that these rates would be fair and reasonable the board orders and directs that these rates on coal slack, together with uniform rates on salt to Missouri river points, be adopted and made effective upon all railroads operating to any of the points named by December 15, 1889."

KANSAS CENSUS.

Four Supervisors to Be Appointed and Their Districts Assigned.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 8.—Labor Commissioner Betton has received a communication from Robert P. Porter, Superintendent of Census, announcing that four supervisors will be appointed in Kansas to take the National census of 1890 in this State. For this purpose he has divided the State into four districts and each district will have a supervisor in direct charge. The make up of the districts is as follows:

First District—Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Butler, Chase, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Coffey, Cowley, Crawford, Elk, Greenwood, Labette, Lyon, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson and Woodson Counties.

Second District—Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Douglas, Franklin, Geary, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth, Marshall, Miami, Morris, Nemaha, Osage, Pottawatomie, Riley, Shawnee, Wabausee and Wyandotte Counties.

Third District—Cheyenne, Clay, Cloud, Decatur, Dickinson, Ellis, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Logan, Mitchell, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Rawlins, Republic, Rooks, Russell, Saline, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego, Wallace and Washington Counties.

Fourth District—Barbour, Barton, Clark, Comanche, Edwards, Finney, Ford, Garfield, Grant, Gage, Greeley, Hamilton, Kearney, Kingman, Kiowa, Lane, McPherson, Marion, Meade, Morton, Ness, Pawnee, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Rush, Scott, Sedgwick, Seward, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner and Wichita Counties.

MONEY SAVED.

What the Missouri State Board Has Saved to the People.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 8.—Mr. Downing, of the State Railroad Commission, says that a single decision of the Commission rendered in a coal case several months ago, in which this city was interested, saves to the city \$750,000 a year. The figures were given him by George H. Nettleton, who is one of the most thorough railroad accountants in the country. According to the decision the coal rate was reduced from 55 to 35 cents per ton. Mr. Downing claims that the State Railroad Commissioners have saved the people millions of dollars since the body was called into existence. As to the effect of Missouri river transportation upon freight rates he was not prepared to talk, but thought the importance of the enterprise has been greatly overrated. He said if it saved to merchants \$500,000 a year it would be a grand success.

The Australian System.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 8.—The Advertiser publishes letters from the mayors of Maine cities, county attorneys and prominent Republicans on the subject of ballot reform as applied to this State. All except four replies favor the adoption of the Australian system. The Advertiser says editorially: "Now that this system has operated successfully in Massachusetts, there can no longer be any doubt that the next Legislature in Maine will pass a similar law without serious opposition."

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TEXAS TRAGEDY.

A Prominent Attorney and Member of the Legislature Shot in a Crowded Court Room—Two Others Wounded.

MARSHALL, Tex., Dec. 7.—Twenty months ago ex-County Judge W. T. S. Keller entered suit for divorce against his wife, E. S. Keller. Judge Hazelwood, who was district judge at the time, entered a decree giving two of the children to each of the litigants. On November 29 application was made by the wife to Hon. J. S. Blanton, special judge in the case, for an order to restore to the wife the youngest daughter. The order was granted, and an officer was sent to San Angelo, the present residence of Judge Keller, for the child, which was brought back. With it came the father. Judge Blanton was ignorant of the order of Judge Hazelwood. Judge Blanton came down Thursday evening, and commenced yesterday morning to investigate the matter. The court opened at ten a. m. W. R. Greer and T. P. Young represented Judge Keller, and W. H. Pope, Alexander Pope and James Turner represented the wife. Mr. Greer addressed the court at length on behalf of his client. When he concluded W. H. Pope arose and made some remarks, at which Judge Keller took offense and replied to Mr. Pope in equally offensive language that so offended Pope that he grabbed a gold-headed cane that was lying on the desk in front and hurled it at Keller, who instantly drew his pistol and commenced firing.

About this time C. R. Weatherby, a relative and warm friend of Judge Keller, appeared upon the scene and with pistol in hand opened fire on Pope. The excitement at this time can be better imagined than described. Major James Turner fell early in the action, but on examination his wound proved to be only a flesh wound of the abdomen. W. H. Pope received a ball in the left shoulder and one through the fleshy part of the lower right arm. Three other bullets passed through his clothes. His wounds, though painful, are not considered fatal.

Alexander Pope was shot through the bowels. Keller and Weatherby were promptly arrested and placed in jail. Your correspondent was occupying a seat in the gallery of the court house while this bloody tragedy was being enacted. Many ladies were among the audience. The bar was full of lawyers and friends of the contending parties. Many took shelter behind desks and benches, while others fled. The women fled, screaming with horror at the terrible sight.

Hon. W. H. Pope is State Senator, while his brother, Alexander Pope, represented Harrison County in the Lower House.

State Representative Alexander Pope died last night at nine o'clock from the effects of his wound in the court house fight.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

The War Department Takes no Official Action Regarding the Death of Jefferson Davis.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The War Department has not been officially informed of the death of Jefferson Davis and has taken no action with respect to it. A large oil painting of the deceased hangs on the wall of the chief clerk's room, which immediately adjoins the office of the Secretary. It is surrounded by portraits of other ex-Secretaries, including Simon Cameron, General Schofield and Messrs. Floyd and Conrad. It bears the inscription, "Jefferson Davis, Secretary of War 1853-57, Pierce's Administration." There was no craze about the portrait and the flag over the building, which had always been half-masted on the death of an ex-Secretary, floated in a good breeze from its usual place at the top of the staff.

Secretary Proctor, seen yesterday morning and asked what course the department would pursue in regard to Mr. Davis' death, said: "I see no occasion for any action whatever. It would serve no good purpose that I can see. It is better to let the matter rest in oblivion, sleep if it will, and to relegate it to the past, than to do anything that would revive memories best forgotten."

OKLAHOMA.

A Bill Agreed Upon to Organize the Territory of Oklahoma.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Congressmen Springer, Mansur, Perkins, Struble, Peel, Baker and Allen have agreed upon the