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CURRENT COMMENT.

THE natural gas supply at Columbus, O., has been cut off, the supply being too weak.

BRISTOL will have a new coaling dock built at Avonmouth large enough to accommodate ocean steamers.

THE epidemic of la grippe in Louisiana, which has been prevalent since November 15, has about ended.

THE military reservation at Fort Gibton, I. T., has been transferred to the Interior Department for settlement.

M. FLOQUET has been re-elected President of the French Chamber of Deputies, receiving 289 out of 333 votes cast.

IT is reported that the Washburn-Moen Barbed Wire Company proposes to erect at Waukegan, Ill., shops for four thousand men.

A NUGGET of pure gold the size of a bean was found in the craw of a chicken near Burlington, Ia., and considerable gold fever has arisen.

ERASTUS WIMANS wants to drive a railway tunnel under New York bay from Staten to Long Island, and make Brooklyn a terminal point.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL MILLER has decided that the sugar bounties provided in the McKinley bill will not be legal on sugars produced prior to July 1 next.

THE President has nominated Henry H. Swan as United States Judge for the Eastern district of Michigan, to succeed Judge Brown, now on the Supreme Bench.

THE Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin has officially denied that he offered Prince Bismarck the Premiership of his Dukedom.

THE Indiana House passed a resolution criticising the census returns as grossly inaccurate, and representatives in Congress are instructed to take steps toward correcting such returns.

GEORGE C. BAKER, clerk in the United States appraiser's office at Philadelphia, has been arrested for complicity in frauds against the Government, in which Spreckles' sugar refinery was interested.

RECENTLY an interested crowd in New York watched ex-Mayor Grace destroy by fire $5,000,000 worth of South American railroad bonds, which had to be put out of the way to protect a big stock transfer.

FRANK P. DEMAREST, member of the New York Legislature, was arrested at Nyack, N. Y., recently, charged with misappropriating money and forging indorsements on checks. He refunded the money secured.

THE Irish Registrar-General in his report on the potato crop in Ireland announces that 780,901 acres of potatoes were planted in 1890, as against 787,234 acres in the preceding year, and that the yield had decreased 1,057,193 tons.

THE German Reichstag has rejected Herr Aur's proposal that the abolition of the tariff on cereals should be referred to a committee. Herr Richter's motion to abolish the tariff on cereals and cattle was also defeated by a vote of 21 to 16.

LIEUTENANT WILSON, of the Second artillery, has written a letter to his father, State Senator Wilson, of Ohio, in which he denounces in the severest terms the Government Indian agents. "These agents," he writes, "are a set of scoundrels, and the Indian Bureau is rotten from top to bottom."

COMMISSIONER HAY, of Wyoming, telegraphs Secretary Dickinson, of the World's Fair at Chicago, that the Governor has signed the bill appropriating $30,000 for Wyoming's exhibit at the Exposition of 1893. The Legislature of the young State of Wyoming is the first in the Union to make an appropriation for this purpose.

FRENCH physicians criticise Prof. Koch's report upon the ingredients of his famous lymph. They say that the report is incomplete and does not indicate the quanity of the dose or the substances composing the liquid. They add that the remedy is shrouded in mystery and the necessity of caution is unabated. They also say that the efficacy has not been shown and no patient treated according to the Koch system in France has been cured.

PRESIDENT BAKER, in his address to the members of the Chicago Board of Trade at the annual meeting, charged the Western Union Telegraph Company with fostering bucketshops and said that he believed the time was ripe for the members of the several exchanges whose relations were intimate and important to establish their own telegraph lines. A committee of five was appointed at the meeting to formulate such a plan as suggested by President Baker.

MISS LILLIAN OWEN, of Sol Smith Russell's company, who was journeying eastwards from San Francisco to wed Charles Kent, of Stuart Robson's company, died at Chicago recently after a short illness. Like Miss Emma Abbott, she was taken ill with pneumonia at Salt Lake, Utah, but had temporarily better fortune than the famous opera singer, begged to continue to travel until reaching Chicago. She had considerable reputation as a bright little soubrette. She was 24 years old.

SECRETARY PROCTOR has received a letter from General Ruger, dated St. Paul, January 1, in regard to the conduct of the Indian police taking part in the capture of Sitting Bull with a view to rewarding them for their services and also providing for the families of the policemen who were killed in that engagement. He says: "The conduct of these men is remarkable for fidelity as well as courage and some act of the Government in recognition of them would seem fit as to those directly concerned and expedient for the encouraging effect it would have upon all the Indians of the reservation who desire to conform to the new conditions of their lives."

THE new Japanese Minister to the United States, G. Tateno, who has just been presented to the President, is accompanied to this country by his wife, a five-year-old daughter, his private secretary and a law student. The Minister talks English fluently, and his wife and child are dressed in Western garb. Mr. Tateno's public career began in November, 1877, when he was appointed as an officer of the Imperial household. In 1878 he was a member of the commission appointed by the Imperial Government to receive General Grant, whom he met on his arrival from China and accompanied during his stay in the land of the Rising Sun. In 1889 the Minister accepted the Governorship of Osaka, one of the largest provinces in the Empire, and for ten years occupied that position.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESSIONAL.

AFTER routine business in the Senate on the 12th debate on the financial bill was resumed and Senator Allen (Wash.) spoke in favor of free coinage. Mr. Platt gave notice that at the earliest moment possible after disposing of the financial bill he would ask consideration of the copyright bill, and Mr. Paddock gave the same notice as to the pure food bill. Messrs Berry and Cockrell spoke in favor of free coinage and Mr. Allison took the floor, and the Senate adjourned....In the House Mr. Dockery, on a question of privilege, offered a resolution in regard to the committee on rules refusing to report his "silver pool" resolution, and directing the committee to report, which brought on a long political wrangle. The resolution was amended by appointing a committee of five to investigate the silver pool and adopted. The army appropriation bill was then considered until adjournment.

IN the Senate on the 13th Mr. Morgan gave notice of an amendment to the financial bill, abolishing the tax on State banks. The financial bill then came up and Mr. Sherman spoke for four hours against the bill. He argued that according to all historical parallels under the free coinage provision gold would go practically out of the country or would be held at its value abroad, compared with the value of silver bullion abroad. Mr. Aldrich also opposed the bill. Adjourned.....After disposing of several public buildings bills the House resumed consideration of the army appropriation bill, which occupied much time with but little accomplished. The report of the ballot box committee was laid before the House and the House adjourned.

WHEN the Senate met on the 14th consideration of the financial bill was resumed and Mr. Ingalls argued at length in favor of the bill as amended favorable to free coinage. The debate on Mr. Stewart's amendment (the free silver coinage feature) having closed, a vote was taken and it was adopted by 42 yeas to 34 nays; 26 Democrats and 16 Republicans voting in the affirmative and 27 Republicans and 3 Democrats in the negative. The amendment to strike out the provision for issuing $300,000,000 in two per cent. bonds to buy outstanding bonds was struck out. Mr. Vest then offered as a substitute for the bill a purely free coinage bill, which was agreed to and the bill then passed by 39 yeas to 27 nays. A motion to take up the elections bill resulted in a tie, 33 to 33, and the Vice-President voted in the affirmative. Adjourned....The army appropriation bill was further considered in the House and passed, and after considering for a time the District of Columbia bill the House adjourned.

IN the Senate on the 15th Mr. Manderson introduced a bill to establish a branch mint at Omaha. Mr. Morgan offered a concurrent resolution on the subject of the information or suggestion for a writ of prohibition in the Supreme Court in connection with the Behring sea dispute, which was referred. The elections bill was then taken up and Mr. Evarts spoke in favor of it. Mr. Pasco obtained the floor and the Senate adjourned.... In the House the free coinage bill was received from the Senate and Mr. Bland (Mo.) expressed the hope that early action would be taken. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Dingley, Payne, Rowell, Dockery and Oates a committee to investigate the silver pool. Mr. Dockery was excused and Mr. Poole (Ark.) appointed in his place. Adjourned.

PETITIONS were presented in the Senate on the 16th, among them petitions from fourteen different States against the passage of the elections bill. About a dozen private pension bills passed and the elections bill was taken up as unfinished business. Mr. Pasco spoke against the bill at much length, and at 6:10 o'clock Mr. Wolcott (Col.) moved to adjourn, which motion was defeated by a vote of 27 yeas too 31 nays. Then the fight commenced in earnest and was continued until 2 o'clock in the morning, at which hour there was no quorum and the Senate was still in session....In the House the District of Columbia bill was taken up, but all the speeches were on different subjects than the bill under consideration. At the evening session seventy two private pension bills passed.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THE Siecle, of Paris, announces that Mr. John Dillon, upon his arrival in France, will be chosen as leader of the Irish Parliamentary party.

BARON HAUSSMAN, the regenerator of Paris, is dead. He was born in 1809.

STANFORD has been re-elected Senator for California.

A RECEPTION to the diplomatic corps was given by the President and Mrs. Harrison on the 13th.

SECRETARY PROCTOR'S son is seriously ill at his father's residence in Washington and the family have been compelled to abandon their social engagements for the present.

MR. GLADSTONE has contributed £25 toward the Balfour Irish relief fund.

IT is said the British Government is behind the sealing suit brought against the United States in the Supreme Court, believing that Mr. Blaine can not establish his closed sea claims in his own country. The suit is a novel one and is offensively regarded by the State Department.

ACTRESS HERNDON has been divorced.

AT the Republican caucus at Concord, N. H., J. H. Gallenger was nominated for the United States Senate.

THE Indiana Legislature wants Congress to amend the Constitution so that United States Senators may be elected by popular vote.

BY action of the Republican caucuses of Illinois and New Hampshire Senators Farwell and Blair are retired.

AT the Republican caucus at Springfield, Ill., ex-Governor "Dick" Oglesby was nominated to succeed Senator Farwell in the United States Senate.

LIEUTENANT JAMES D. MANN, Seventh cavalry, died at Fort Riley, Kan. He was wounded in the battle at Wounded Knee creek December 29.

THE hostiles surrendered to General Miles at the Pine Ridge agency on the 15th.

JOHN W. ROOT, consulting architect of the World's Fair, is dead.

MR. CHARLES BRADLAUGH, member of the British Parliament for Northampton, the well known free thinker, is seriously ill.

COLONEL JOHN MCCAULL, the once great impressario, is now a hopeless invalid at his residence in Baltimore, Md. His lower limbs are partially paralyzed, his sight is dim, and at times he has scarcely the use of his mental faculties.

LEWIS LANDERS, who was with General Jackson at the battle of New Orleans, died in Limestone County, Tennessee, the other day, aged ninety-nine years. He was in fine health to the very last.

THE Pope has remonstrated with the Russian Government for its persecution of Catholics and for closing the Catholic churches in Vilna.

THE Earl of Devon is dead, aged 83.

MISCELLANEOUS.

AFTER nearly a year's fight the molders at Hoeflingshoff & Lane's foundry at Cincinnati have secured an advance in wages of 5 per cent.

CHARLES REEMS, Milton Gilmore, Grant Gray and Will Babcock were instantly killed by a train on the Lake Shore railroad a few miles east of Fremont, O. All the men were returning home from market. They were in a sled, which was demolished and the horses killed.

WHAT is said to be the heaviest damage suit ever begun in the Federal courts has been brought at Chicago by William Sturges, of New York, against John V. Farwell, Charles B. Farwell and Abner Taylor, the amount sought being placed at $1,250,000. The suit grows out of the building of the Texas State Capitol.

THE 1,000 striking miners at Blocton, Ala., have decided to go back to work at the old rate. It is thought the great strike is about over.

A. E. AMMIDOWN, the New York dry goods dealer, has filed a schedule stating that his liabilities were $607,706 and nominal assets $461,092, actual assets, however, being only $66,246. As most of the assets are pledged as collateral, the assignee will not receive more than $12,000.

THE Yakima Indians of Washington have been indulging in ghost dancing.

FIRE at Dallas, Tex., commencing in Hooper's liquor store, did $80,000 damage.

GRENADA, Miss., has been seriously damaged by fire, the east side of the square being consumed. Loss, $100,000.

Two men and two boys were killed by a car of rock running into them near Westport, N. Y., on Lake Champlain.

NINE persons were hurt by a collision on the Long Island rapid transit line near Denton station.

FIRES in New York early the other morning destroyed property to the value of $573,000.

A SCHOONER has arrived at San Pedro, Cal., with 2,200 sealskins on board, caught in open water.

THE locomotive works at Richmond, Va., have been burned. Loss, $125,000.

IN front of the Windsor Hotel at Denver, Col., Harley McCoy insulted Chief of Police Farley, when the latter drew a revolver and shot McCoy several times. McCoy returned the fire, killing Farley. McCoy was not expected to live.

THE prize fight at New Orleans between Fitzsimmons, of New Zealand, and Dempsey, of America, was won by Fitzsimmons somewhat easily in thirteen rounds.

THE Treasury Department has authorized the allowance of the usual draw back on nails made from imported material and used in connection with domestic lumber in manufactures of cases or boxes exported as covering for oil in tin cans.

THE Postmaster-General, after an investigation made by post-office inspectors of the trouble at Catherine, Ala., has issued an order abolishing the post-office at that place.

THE largest oatmeal mill owners in the country, in conference in Chicago, have virtually agreed on a plan of consolidation.

THREE earthquakes occurred on the 15th at Parral, in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico. The gallery of the convent of the Sacred Heart gave way, killing six persons and wounding nine.

CABLE communication with Chili has been cut off, it is believed by action of revolution and the censorship of the party in power.

AN American bobbin, spool and shuttle company has been organized at Portland, Me., with $2,000,000 paid up capital.

THE "black death" is reported raging in Siberia.

IN response to a petition to that effect, the telegraph operators on the line of the "Nickel Plate" road between Chicago and Cleveland have been granted an advance in wages of $5 per month.

JOHN C. HALL, who has always had the reputation of being one of the most careful and upright lawyers in San Francisco, is said to be a defaulter to the amount of more than $150,000. His downfall is due to gambling in stocks.

A DISPATCH from Sydney, N. S. W., states that Stevenson, of New Zealand, defeated Bubear, of England, in a sculling match rowed on the Paramatta river. The championship match will be contested on April 28 between McLean and Stanbury. The stakes are $1,000 a side.

THE Stoneboro Savings Bank and the Sandy Lake Savings Bank, of Greenville, Pa., both of which were largely managed by the same parties, have failed. The liabilities of the Stoneboro institution exceeds the assets, but the Sandy Lake concern claims to be able to pay its debts in full.

MRS. STEELE, wife of Governor Steele of Oklahoma, was seriously injured at Marion, Ind., by a fall on the icy pavement. There are apprehensions as to her recovery.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended January 15 numbered 411, compared with 403 the previous week and 336 the corresponding week of last year.

ANOTHER sensation has been sprung by Governor Hovey sending to the Indiana Legislature a special message charging Warden Murdock, of the Northern prison, with embezzling $40,000.

THE two warring factions of the Colorado Legislature have failed so far to reach an amicable settlement of their difficulties.

THE worst fire for years occurred recently in a four-story block in Rutland, Vt. Many valuable records and documents were destroyed.

THE Players' League has gone out of existence. The National League, Western Association and American Association are united in a National agreement.

WALLACE LETHERS, nephew of General Lew Wallace, fell from a window in St. Paul, Minn., and was killed. Many believe it was a suicide.

THE great Dobson carpet mills near Philadelphia have been destroyed by fire. Loss, $600,000.

THE recent disgraceful scenes in the Colorado House resulted in murder, Inspector of Police Hawley dying from the bullet wound inflicted by Doorkeeper McCoy.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

THE legislative day of the Senate of the 16th was continued until 6 p. m. of the 17th, when the elections bill was laid aside informally and adjournment was had until the 19th.

THREE Indian lads who ran away from the school at Anadarko, I. T., were frozen to death. The principal of the school fled, fearing the vengeance of the relatives of the boys.

GEORGE BANCROFT, the venerable historian, died at Washington on the 17th. He was born at Worcester, Mass., October 3, 1800.

THE alarm caused by the revolutionary outbreak in Entre Rios, Argentine Confederation, has subsided.

CLEARING house returns for the week ended January 17 showed an average increase of 7.2 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the increase was 7.3.

THE London Stock Exchange was buoyant during the week ended January 17. Money was abundant. The Paris Bourse was firm with an upward tendency. Berlin was irregular and rather dull.

WALLERIDGE'S hardware store, Buffalo, N. Y., burned recently. Loss, $225,000; insurance, $300,000.

A DISPATCH says that the revolt in Chili is spreading rapidly. The insurgents are very energetic and are said to be managing their campaign in a very skillful manner. They appear to be possessed of large resources and the issue, according to the dispatch, is very doubtful.

Two women were killed and several persons injured by a natural gas explosion at the Marvin Hotel, Findlay, O.

THE Senate has passed a bill appropriating $1,873,000 for the early completion of the improvement of the mouth of the Columbia river, Oregon, and $615,000 for the early completion of the canals and locks at the cascades of Columbia.

THE city council of Cincinnati has passed an ordinance to make it a misdemeanor to give hypnotic lectures.

THE legislative committee of the Minnesota Farmers' Alliance has decided to push a bill for a State Agricultural Bureau.

SEVEN thousand dollars worth of opium was seized at Oakland, Cal., on an express wagon.

SIR JAMES HANNEN has been appointed Lord Justice of the British Court of Appeals, to succeed Sir Barnes Peacock. He is best known to the world through his presidency of the Parnell Commission. He was born in London in 1821 and is a member of the Privy Council.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

Nebraska Legislature.

WHEN the Senate met on the 9th Lieutenant-Governor-elect Majors took his seat as presiding officer. A motion to recognize Lieutenant-Governor Majors under protest was lost by a vote of 10 to 13. At the afternoon session a resolution was adopted that the Secretary of State furnish each member with five daily papers or the equivalent in wrappers. Several bills were introduced, and the committee reported the number of officers to be chosen. Adjourned....The whole forenoon in the House was devoted to wrangling over the approval of the journal. The afternoon proceedings were equally uninteresting, except when a motion was made by Mr. Shrader that a committee be appointed to call on the Governor and inform him that the House is organized, and Mr. Sternsdorf wanted to know how many Governors there were. Without reaching any conclusion the House adjourned.

THE Senate held a brief session on the 10th and adjourned until Monday....The House was late assembling and then the pending motion at adjournment, to send a committee to the Governor, was taken up and indefinitely postponed. Mr. Brennan offered a resolution instructing the Governor to request the President to place the Indians under the military departments of the Government. Mr. Howe asked: "What Governor?" and the resolution was tabled. The House then adjourned.

THE Senate met at 3 o'clock on the 12th. The journal of Saturday was approved. A memorial to Congress was presented by Senator Stevens setting forth the needs of many counties in the State devastated by drought and asking an appropriation of $1,000,000 for the needy. It was read a first time. The approval of the journal of the joint session was deferred another day and the Senate adjourned....The House met at 4 o'clock and the Speaker announced the standing committees. A memorial was presented asking Congress to make an appropriation for the needy counties of the State. A resolution that a special committee draft a bill making an appropriation for the drought sufferers was adopted, the amount being fixed at $100,000. Bills were introduced and by unanimous consent the concurrent resolution fixing Tuesday, January 20, 1891, for hearing the contest on executive offices of the State was read the third time and adopted. Adjourned.

IN the Senate on the 13th routine business occupied much time. Senator Kuntz was appointed on behalf of the Senate, to act with two members of the House as a delegation to the irrigation convention to be held at McCook January 28. A resolution was adopted that it is the sense of the Senate that immediate action be taken to provide for the drought sufferers out of the State funds. Mr. Coulton introduced a bill repealing the bounty on the manufacture of sugar, and Mr. Shea a bill reducing the compensation of county officers. But little other business was transacted...The House indefinitely postponed the approval of the minutes of the joint session. A large number of bills were introduced. Several bills were read a second time and referred. At the afternoon session a gavel was presented to the Speaker on behalf of the people of Clay County. A motion prevailed that each member be furnished with five daily papers and wrappers and ten two-cent stamps. Modie and Reynolds were appointed a committee to attend the irrigation convention at McCook. Adjourned.

THE Senate on the 14th wrangled all day over the journal of the joint session. The Democrats and Republicans joined in efforts to have it corrected so as to recognize Lieutenant-Governor Meiklejohn as presiding officer, but were outvoted at all points by the Independent who finally carried the day and the Senate adjourned....In the House the Speaker announced the Judiciary Committee with Shrader, of Logan, as chairman. Many bills were introduced and by invitation Dr. Martin, of Kearney, addressed the House on the condition of the drought stricken region. At the afternoon session. Mr. Modie made a report that measures were being taken for immediate relief of drought sufferers. After the introduction of bills the House adjourned.

IN the Senate on the 15th much time was consumed in correcting the journal. Senator Switzer offered a resolution to expunge from the record the resolution of the joint session protesting against the action of the Supreme Court in ordering the Speaker to canvass the vote at the late election, but it was defeated by 17 to 14. A resolution was adopted authorizing the chair to appoint a committee on apportionment...In the House the Speaker announced the committees. Much time was occupied in discussing economy in the conduct of the House, the cutting down of the number of employes, and the question of relief for drought sufferers. In the afternoon session a resolution was adopted directing the State relief commission to procure supplies for drought sufferers through the State purchasing agent of the Alliance. After the introduction of bills the House adjourned.

Miscellaneous.

WILLIE MCDONOUGH, a tramp, was recently killed by the cars at Sidney.

THE farmers of Thayer County sowed more wheat last fall than any previous season for twenty years.

A CAR LOAD of corn and flour was recently shipped from Gretna to the sufferers of Western Nebraska.

MADISON school children had their vacation extended another week on account of the prevalence of diphtheria.

THE general merchandise store of W. H. Cline at Broken Bow has been closed by creditors. The liabilities are $20,000, with assets nominally the same.

THE widow of Ernest Feidler, who suicided near Platte Center recently, tried to burn herself to death a few days later. She was removed to the Columbus jail a raving maniac.

JUDGE COCHRAN, of Arapahoe, has declared that he will not confirm any real estate mortgage foreclosures where the mortgagor resides on the land and it is shown that failure of crops was the cause of non-payment.

A COMMITTEE apointed to examine the accounts of Pius Neff, who was treasurer of Dakota County for eight years, found them $236 short. He gave a ten-months' note for the amount and his bondsmen were discharged.

ONLY 346 votes were cast at the special election held in Norfolk on the question of issuing $15,000 bonds. The proposition was defeated, a majority voting for the bonds, but not the requisite two-thirds being secured.

IN accordance with the action of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, ex-Governor Thayer on the 15th surrendered possession of the executive department under protest. Governor Boyd took possession of the rooms.

JOHN SHEEDY, an old and wealthy resident of Lincoln, died the other night from the injuries received at the hands of an unknown assailant the night before. There was no clew to the murderer's identity. This was the second time in the past two months that Mr. Sheedy was assaulted.

HENRY CLEVELAND'S team ran away in Coleridge recently while his daughter was driving. She jumped out with a baby in her arms and a leg of the infant was broken at the thigh.

WHILE cutting timber near Beatrice the other day, Detrich Schroeder, a farmer, was killed by a tree falling upon him.

DIPTHERIA prevails in the eastern part of Harlan County.

IN nineteen counties women are superintendents of public instruction.

A FRACTIOUS horse reared and struck W. E. Gleason, who was leading it in Hoskins, Wayne County. The man was trampled on and dangerously injured.

STOCK is likely to suffer by the heavy fall of snow in Dundy County. The demand of destitute people for aid has greatly increased and the supply is not enough to go around.

THE house of William Davenport, south of Creighton, was totally destroyed by fire recently. Fully insured.

NEBRASKA CITY packed 55,000 hogs between November 1 and December 31, an increase of 9,000 for the corresponding term last year.

Two surveys for an irrigation ditch has been made by a company at Benkelman but nothing definite has been decided about digging it. A private ditch is being made but will accommodate only half a dozen farmers.

—Nothing makes a miser feel his impoverished condition so much as to travel a little and then come home there is much of the earth he can never get his claws on.—Rum's Horn.

BANCROFT DEAD.

Death of George Bancroft, the Historian, at an Advanced Age—His Work.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—George Bancroft, the venerable historian, died very suddenly Saturday evening.

It had been realized that Mr. Bancroft could hardly survive much longer the increasing infirmities incident to his extreme age, but he had been in cheerful spirits and apparently better health this year since his return from Newport than for several seasons past, so that his death was sudden and unexpected to all save the few intimate friends who knew of the attack of illness which carried him off. The end was quiet and peaceful and came after a period of unconsciousness lasting about twenty-four hours.

Mr. Bancroft for some years had been in the habit of spending about five months in Newport and passing the winter and colder season of the year in Washington. Two years ago he had a severe attack of sickness which kept him in bed for four or five weeks, and as he was then in his eighty-ninth year grave apprehensions were felt for his life. He recovered, however, though he was never after that as strong as he had formerly been. He came to this city from Newport last October. He was in fine health and spirits and had an excellent appetite and a good faculty for sleep until last week when he caught a slight cold. He had always lived carefully but generously and had said repeatedly within the last six weeks that he had never slept better nor had a better appetite. Notwithstanding his cold he continued to seek outdoor exercise every day until Thursday when he took to his bed as a matter of precaution.

Mr. Bancroft's illness was less than ten days. He failed rapidly Friday and became unconscious in the afternoon, in which state he remained until the end. His son, John C. Bancroft, who, with his wife, kept house for the historian, was with him in his last moments.

Mr. Bancroft was always fond of outdoor exercise, to which in a large measure he attributed his good health and prolonged life, and after he discontinued horseback riding he regularly walked about the city, attended by an old servant. He lived here in a large, old-fashioned double house on H street in a fashionable neighborhood, and his garden here, as at Newport, was filled with choice roses, in which flower he delighted. He regarded his life work as finished two years ago, and of late had done no literary work. During the last decade he had revised his great work, "The History of the United States," going over it in a severely critical style and eliminating the flowers of rhetoric in the early work. His last production was a history of the formation of the Constitution. He undertook to write a history of President Polk's administration, in whose Cabinet he served as Secretary of the Navy, but was compelled to abandon it.

George Bancroft was born in Worcester, Mass., October 3, 1800. He was a son of Rev. Aaron Bancroft. He was prepared for college at Exeter, N. H., graduated at Harvard when 17 years of age and went to Germany. At Gottingen, where he resided for two years, he studied German literature under Benecke, French and Italian literature under Artaud and Bunsen, Arabic, Hebrew and Scripture interpretation under Eichhorn, history under Planck and Heeren, natural history under Blumenback, Rome under Dissen, with whom he took a course of Greek philosophy.

FATAL GAS EXPLOSION.

An Explosion of Natural Gas at Findlay, O., Wrecks a Large Hotel, Killing and Injuring a Number of Persons.

FINDLAY, O., Jan. 19.—Yesterday an explosion of gas, which had collected in an old cistern under the dining room of the Marvin Hotel, the finest in Findlay, wrecked the rear wing of the building, killing one person, seriously injuring several others and causing a damage to the property of probably $25,000.

Kitty Walters, dining room girl, aged 19, was instantly killed.

The injured are: Ella Johnson, badly burned, probably fatally.

Katie Rooney, seriously burned about the face and will lose one eye.

Carrie McGraff, cut and badly burned.

Frank Poundstone, clerk, severely burned.

Frank B. Andrews, proprietor, slightly burned.

A. E. Marvin, owner of building, cut and burned.

The gas had been leaking for several days, but an attempt to find the leak proved unsuccessful. The parties hurt were all in the room and two plumbers were under the floor looking for the escape. A few minutes before the explosion the natural gas burner in the dining room stove was lighted and it is supposed the escaping gas ignited therefrom. The unfortunates were blown about the room in profusion, two or three being blown clear through the windows to the middle of the street. The floor of the entire dining room was raised and the plastering broken from the walls and ceiling. Every pane of glass in the building was broken and the four story building is badly wrecked.

The explosion took place just five minutes before the call for dinner would have been made, otherwise the room would have been filled and the loss of life would have been appalling. The proprietors of the hotel, Mr. Frank Andrews and brother, of Bradford, Pa., had been in charge of the Marvin House only since January 1.

One of the Boies.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 18.—President Polk, of the National Farmers' Alliance, has written Governor Boies a letter, warmly commending him for his bold and fearless utterances in behalf o the farmers of America made by him jn his speech at the recent banquet of the New York Tariff Reform Club, and also praising him for the ability with which his views were presented. This from the highest authority in the council of the farmers will cause a good deal of consternation among the Iowa representative editors and politicians who have been assailing Governor Boies for what President Polk commends him.

Proposed Commerce Law Amendments.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce has added some finishing touches to the pending bill to amend the Inter-State commerce law and amended the language of the third section relative to the establishing of through routes over connecting railways by substituting the following: "The facilities to be so afforded shall include the due and reasonable receiving, forwarding and delivering by one common carrier at the request of any other common carrier or shipper or consignee of through traffic at through rates of fare."

Collapse of New Tipperary.

DUBLIN, Jan. 18.—The news from New Tipperary is far from encouraging. Those who entered the fight there against the abuses of landlordism may be said to have surrendered after being unmercifully beaten by the enemy. The completeness of the victory gained by landlordism may be judged from the fact that all the stores in New Tipperary and all the stalls in the former business thoroughfare known as "O'Brien's Arcade," with the exception of three, are either permanently closed or in the hands of the bailiffs.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Men Who Will Shape Legislation For Nebraska.

SENATE.

Following are the Senate committees:

Judiciary—Collins, Beck, Poynter, Coulter, Kounta, Christofferson, Moore, Shumway, Schram.

Finance, Ways and Means—Coulter, Smith, Stevens, Collins, Mattes, Eggleston, Shumway.

Agriculture—Horn, Randall, Williams, Taylor, Starbuck, Van Houzen, Thomas.

Highways, Bridges and Ferries—Turner, Dysart, Taylor, Shea, Woods.

Accounts and Expenditures—Beck, Collins, Poynter, Coulter, Warner.

Military Affairs—Kountz, Warner, Day, Schram, Wilson.

Municipal Affairs—Moore, Michener, Dysart, Turner, Christofferson.

Public Lands and Buildings—Warner, Smith, Coulter, Collins, Day, Moore, Switzler.

Internal Improvements—Michener, Williams, Horn, Switzler, Starbuck.

School Lands and School Funds—Randall, Hill, Dysart, Thomas, Brown.

Federal Relations—Collins, Michener, Beck, Wilson, Christofferson.

Public Printing—Day, Stevens, Hill, Shea, Eggleston.

Enrolled and Engrossed Bills—Taylor, Kountz, Day, Horn, Woods, Switzler, Brown.

County and County Boundaries—Smith, Sanders, Kountz, Keiper, Starbuck.

Education—Shumway, Taylor, Stevens, Poynter, Shea.

Library—Shea, Collins, Sanders, Hill, Thomas.

Claims—Hill, Taylor, Turner, Wilson, Christofferson.

Banks and Currency—Coulter, Collins, Stevens, Shumway, Mattes.

Railroads—Stevens, Warner, Kountz, Poynter, Randall, Christofferson, Brown, Thomas, Wilson.

Miscellaneous Corporations—Dysart, Randall, Michener, Switzler, Woods.

State Prison—Dysart, Kountz, Randall, Eggleston, Christofferson.

University and Normal Schools—Stevens, Taylor, Day, Shea, Shumway.

Constitutional Amendments—Beck, Stevens, Kountz, Turner, Schram, Wilson, Keiper.

Public Charities—Switzler, Turner, Williams, Sanders, Woods.

Privileges and Elections—Poynter, Smith, Coulter, Schram, Thomas.

Live stock and Grazing—Randall, Warner, Dysart, Wilson, Van Houzen.

Miscellaneous subjects—Poynter, Stevens, Warner, Coulter, Van Houzen, Eggleston, Keiper.

Medical Legislation—Brown, Horn, Hill, Michener, Keiper.

Insane Hospital—Keiper, Hill, Williams.

Deaf, Dumb and Blind Hospital—Starbuck, Horn, Beck.

Reform School and Home for the Friendless—Smith, Beck, Moore.

Emigration—Mattes, Michener, Turner, Sanders, Eggleston.

Mines and Minerals—Wilson, Horn, Sanders, Williams, Mattes.

Manufacturers and Commerce—Christofferson, Warner, Smith, Dysart, Thomas.

Labor—Sanders, Michener, Day, Woods, Shea.

Revenue—Poynter, Coulter, Stevens, Mattes, Moore.

Rules—Poynter, Stevens, Turner, Van Houzen, Eggleston.

Soldiers' Home—Kountz, Smith, Coulter, Warner, Van Houzen.

Standing Committees—Stevens, Poynter, Horn, Warner, Beck, Schram, Thomas.

Industrial Home and Institute for Feeble Minded Youth—Williams, Collins, Turner, Brown, Starbuck.

HOUSE.

The House committees announced by the Speaker are as follows:

Judiciary—Schrader, Kruse, Carpenter, Taylor, McReynolds, Lomax, Herman, Gale, Watson, Capek, Cornish.

Employes—Herman, Gaffin, Lomax, White, Dobson, Capek, Stewart, McKesson, Wilson.

Rules—Speaker Elder, Schrader, Carpenter, Gaffin, Howe, McReynolds, Brennan.

Finance, Ways and Means—Nichols, Stevens, Soderman, Storms, Purnell, Gaffin, Stewart, Schrader, Cramb, Gillilan, Shrock.

Agriculture—Modie, Curtis, Scheip, Newberry, Johnson, Heath, Fee.

Roads and Bridges—Feichtinger, Lomax, Goddard, Olson, Dickerson, Vandeventer, Faxon.

Militia—Stevens of Platte, Purnell, Taylor, Dobson, Arno'd, Wilson, Ford, Huse, Severin.

Public Lands and Buildings—Dobson, Gillilan, Waldron, Williams of Franklin, Gossett, Krick, Kruse, Stewart, Williams, Clapp, Heath, Ritchie, Decker.

Internal Improvements—Bartholomew, Purnell, Stevens of Furnas, Ruggles, Gifford, Oakley, McKesson.

Federal Relations—Storms, Jones, Dunn, McCutchen, Porter, Breen.

Accounts and Expenditures—Waldron, Shrynck, Kruse, Stevens of Fillmore, Bartholomew, Porter, Frost, Pohlman.

Constitutional Amendments—Stevens of Furnas, Fulton, Rohan, Cargenter, Porter, Storms, Olcson, Schappell, Heath, Cornish, Hughes.

County Boundaries, County Seats and Township Organization—Williams of Franklin, Lomax, Fulton, Shrader, Krick, Henry, Curtis, Lamp, Vandeventer.

Railroads—McReynolds, Dunn, Stevens, Herman, Shrader, Porter, Mullen, Newberry, Gale, Vorhes, Gaffin, Taylor of Johnson, Storms, Cramb, Moan.

Privileges and Elections—Taylor of Johnson, Stevens of Furnas, Soderman, Rohan, Newberry, Scheip, Dunn, Vorhes, Ames, Cramb, Johnston.

Penitentiary—Stewart, Williams of Franklin, Dunn, Gunnet, Smith, Johnson, Modie, Felker, Pohlman.

Revenue and Taxation—Carpenter, Scott, Stevens of Fillmore, Johnson, Ruggles, Modie, Mullen, Nelson, Sternsdorff, Oakley, McKesson.

Labor—Herman, Williams of Franklin, Stebbins, Parker, Felton, Wilson, Hinkle, Cornish, Ford, Bertrand, Breen, Frost.

Apportionment—Scott, Howe, McReynolds, Herman, Storms, Henry, Johnson of Valley, Lomax, Jones, Stebbins, Gaffin, Taylor of Johnson, Frost, Schrader, White.

Benevolent Institutions—Ruggles, Gale, Riley, Wilson, Dickerson, Brennan, Oakley.

Fish Culture and Game—Watson, Gardner, Capek, Ford, Sternsdorff, Brennan, Huse, Felker, Bertrand, Breen.

Insurance—Dickerson, Fulton, Gale, Scheip, Taylor of Butler, Felton, Schlotfeldt, Ritchie, Ames.

Telegraph and Telephones—Curtis, Dunn, Krick, Riley, Smith, Flamme, Gerdes, Hinkle, Huse.

Medical Societies, Sunday Laws—Parker, Vorhes, Wilson, Riley, Werner, Nelson.

Fees and Salaries—Mullen, Fulton, Dickinson, Dobson, Carpenter, Fee, Heath, Ritchie, Johnston.

Soldiers' Home—Krick, Fulton, McCutchen, Smith, Wilson, Stevens, Rohan.

Insane Hospitals—Bredeson, Curtis, Wilson, Nichols, Voorhees, Jones, Bertrand, Alden.

Other Asylums—Dunn, Lomax, Scheip, Dobson, Stebbins, Ruggles, Goddard, Schlotfeldt, Albert.

Corporations—Goddard, Arnold, Rohan, Henrich, Herman, Schafpel, Hall.

Library—Lomax, Porter, Taylor, Henry, Gunnett, Capek, Sternsdorff.

Escape Frustrated.

WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 18.—In the cell in the jail occupied by the Oklahoma murderers, Maddox, Jacobs and Stanley, the sheriff discovered this morning a complete outfit of saws and keys, and thus nipped in the bud a proposed jail break, evidently aided from the outside.

At a meeting of representative operators of the Union Pacific system at Omaha, Neb., it was agreed to put a boycott on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, and that no freight or tickets should go via that line that could be routed any other way.

ENERGETIC FEMALES.

PHILADELPHIA has a female auctioneer.

DURING the past six months not less than 250 timber claims have been taken up in Washington by young women.

MRS. WILLIAM FERRY, who lives in the Simahoning mountains of Pennsylvania, has within the last three years killed three wildcats, three deer, three bears and a wild turkey.

A WALDO COUNTY (Me.) teacher not yet out of her teens beside her school duties finds