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By order of the county commissioners of Furnas county, Nebraska. Dated at Beaver City, Furnas county, Nebraska, the 19th day of November, A. D. 1880.

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December 13th, 1880. d-3-1m

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DOMESTIC DOINGS.

Canadian Troops to be Put on a War Footing

In Anticipation of a Fenian Dash Across the Border.

Mysterious Death of the Wife of a Wealthy New York Merchant.

Gotham Bound in the Icy Fetters of the Frost King.

Passenger Train on the Texas Pacific Goes Over a Bridge.

Funeral of Col. Stillson.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

NEW YORK, December 29—10 p. m.—The funeral of Col. B. Stillson, a journalist lately connected with The New York Herald, took place this morning from the residence of George Alfred Townsend. The burial service was read by Rev. Dr. Collyer, of the Unitarian church of the Messiah. Messrs. Whitelaw Reid, Thomas Connoly, Gen. McCook, Ivory Chamberlain, Montague Schuyler, W. C. Browaell, David C Crowley, John Elliott, Robert B. Roosevelt, Edward Howe and Mr. Barlow, were the pallbearers. The remains were taken to Piedmont, N. Y., the native town of Stillson, for interment. A large number of journalists attended the funeral.

From the Pacific Islands.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 29—10 p. m.—The Australian steamship "City of Melbourne," has just arrived, and among the batch of news she brings, the following items are the most important:

Captain Rower and four of the crew of the "Sand Fly," were massacred in the South Sea Islands. The natives of Rito surprised the boat's crew while in bathing. They pursued them into the woods or killed them in the water, mutilating the bodies of the slain and torturing those captured alive by roasting at the ashes.

Honolulu papers say if King Kalakaua takes a prolonged foreign trip, as proposed, a regency will be declared during his absence.

Railroad Smash Up.

Special Dispatches to The Bee.

ST. LOUIS, December 30—1 a. m.—A special from Dallas, Texas, says: A terrible wreck is reported to have occurred Tuesday on the Texas Pacific, at some isolated point between Dallas and Marshall, the details of which cannot be learned. It is reported that a passenger train went through a bridge, a large number of persons being killed and wounded, and the train nearly consumed by fire. There is much agitation over the matter in Texas and Pacific circles, officials and subordinates, however, declining to enlighten the representatives of the local or metropolitan press, but the remark that it is a bad one, comes from those claiming to be posted, but who have to keep mum. The reported accident was the excited topic of this city last night, many being anxious for the safety of traveling friends. Trains from the west are past due several hours, and it is not known when they will arrive, which adds to the mystery and intense interest. No further details are obtainable here.

Taking in the City.

Special Dispatch to The Bee

NEW YORK, December 30—1 a. m.—Many members of congress are in the city enjoying attractions presented in such profusion during the holiday season. It has grown to be fashionable among western and southern members to spend the annual recess here.

Badly Frozen.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

CHICAGO, December 30—1 a. m.—Two boys, Arthur Langlors and Henry Ducherin, each about 10 years old, were brought to the county hospital yesterday by the Catholic Christian brothers, both badly frozen. Langlors was sent by the brothers to work for a farmer named Pat Lawlor, near Manhattan, Ind. He says he was abused so by Lawlor that he ran away and slept several nights in an open field, where his feet were frozen. Both feet were cut off at the hospital yesterday morning. Ducherin lived with Billy O'Brien at Irvington, Ill., and had his feet frozen while herding cattle.

Arrest of a Bond Thief.

Special Dispatch to The Bee

QUEBEC, December 29—10 p. m.—A person calling himself J. H. Barton, arrived here yesterday, and during the day offered for sale a 1000-dollar United States bond. His actions were regarded with suspicion, and the American consul was communicated with. The latter immediately telegraphed to the treasury department at Washington, giving the number of the bond, and in reply was informed that the bond was one of a number recently stolen in New York. Barton was therefore arrested, and was to-day remanded for three days.

Preparing for Bloodshed.

Special dispatch to The Bee.

MONTREAL, December 29—10 p. m.—The volunteer officers here are asking the Canadian government to arm the force with the Martini-Henry instead of the Snyder rifle. It is also urged that the Montreal force should be brigaded. This is owing to the prevailing belief that in case of bloodshed in Ireland there will be the usual Fenian dash across the border, in which case our volunteers were at a disadvantage against the American Remington rifle, only armed with the Snyder.

Murder or Suicide?

Special Dispatch to The Bee

NEW YORK, December 30—1 a. m. The citizens of Hoboken were thrown into intense excitement over the mysterious death of Mrs. Sophia Friecker, wife of a wealthy tobacconist, doing business in this city. Both husband and wife are well known in German circles, and occupy prominent positions in Hoboken society. Mrs. Friecker was found strangled in her bath room, with suspicious circumstances surrounding her death. For some time she has been separated from her husband, and has been laboring under great mental depression. She is the mother of three very pretty children. The position of the body and the want of sufficient marks on her neck, led to the belief that she was murdered, and the cord attached to her neck after her death. Gerhardine Brede, a pretty young German girl servant in the family, and the husband of the dead woman, were placed under arrest, and locked up on the order of the coroner. Neighbors say that the couple lived very unhappily together previous to their separation, and had many desperate quarrels. The husband visited the house last night, and was also there during the greater part of the day. He says he did not see his wife. The servant states that she usually sleeps next to the wife's room, but that last night she was afraid to sleep in her room as usual, and took another apartment. The rope around the woman's neck had half a dozen knots tied at the back, and could not possibly have been so placed by a suicide. The dead woman had recently been to Europa at her husband's expense. The children had been under the charge of the girl Gerhardine. There is a report of intimacy between the husband and the servant, whom neighbors say is the cause of all the trouble. Friecker was interviewed at a late hour yesterday afternoon. He said: "My wife and I have not lived together for five months. We did not agree, and were always having trouble. I sent her to Europe last summer, and paid her expenses. I have seen her frequently since she came back. Every time I saw her we had trouble. She wanted to return and live with me. I told her we could not live happy. She threatened to kill herself several times if I did not live with her. She was of a jealous disposition, and accused me of things I did not do. I was at the house yesterday, but did not see her. I called to see the children. I received the news of her death at my New York office. The servant girl, who has had charge of the children, found her hanging in the bath room. I was afraid she would do something desperate."

The Frost King in New York.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

NEW YORK, December 30—1 a. m.—The snow which commenced falling last evening, continued up to midnight. The snow is very dry, and as it falls does not pack or melt, and thus the obstruction to traffic in the streets is very great. The trucks and street cars have doubled teams, but they are frequently blockaded. Incoming mails were considerably delayed, all being two hours behind the usual time. Down the bay all forenoon the atmosphere was fairly white with snow, and the weather was so thick that vessels outward bound hove to and anchored. Several steamships coming in did not venture further than Sandy Hook. The cold wave is rapidly approaching New York from the west, and shipmasters have been apprised of the same by the signal service.

Cock Fight.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

CHICAGO, December 30—1 a. m.—About two hundred of the short-haired fraternity of Chicago, Milwaukee and intermediate towns, went to Crystal Lake, on the Northwestern road, yesterday, and enjoyed a game cock fight. There were about fifty well trained birds, and there were several hard fought and interesting contests. Some $5000 changed hands.

Clinton, the Fraud.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

NEW YORK, December 29—4 p. m.—Charles Pelham Clinton, who is alleged to have been masquerading for several years as a British nobleman, has just been in court. Witnesses from Salt Lake City have identified him as the person called by requisition from the governor of Utah, charging him with forgery. The writ was dismissed, and he was handed over to officers, who will take him to the west for trial.

Heavy Loss by Fire.

Special dispatch to THE BEE.

NEW YORK, December 29.—4 p. m.—About two o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the large furniture factory of Brown & Bliss, at 336 Cherry street, extending through to Monroe street, and the establishment was entirely destroyed with three adjoining buildings on Cherry street, belonging to Mrs. E. Simpson, whose loss is $50,000. Brown & Bliss estimate their loss at $100,000, partly insured.

Harwood's Hardness.

Special Dispatches to THE BEE.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 29—4 p. m.—Nothing has been heard of N. S. Harwood since his flight. It is now firmly believed that he joined his wife at New Orleans and took a steamer for some foreign clime. It is known that they carried away at least $150,000 between them. Mr. A. T. Morse, a buyer for Harwood, made a statement that Harwood gave orders in September to buy all goods needed in all departments to last until January. October 1st orders were again given to buy heavily. These orders were repeated several times before the failure. Morse says he protested, as the departments were already overstocked, but Harwood said he was afraid of higher prices and freight pools, and would be responsible for the goods ordered. About this time goods began to arrive, which he (Morse) had not ordered, and he protested with Mr. Harwood, and asked if the buying had been taken out of his hands. Harwood called him aside and told him not to speak of it, as it would create suspicion among the clerks. Mr. D. Ingram, Harwood's New York buyer, has arrived here. He says he had an agreement with Harwood for a salary of $7,500 per annum, but that he was to draw only $3,000, leaving the remainder back until it amounted to $10,000, when he was to become a partner. He was in Europe and knew nothing about the failure or confessed judgment of $8,376 in his favor.

ELECTRIC BRIEFS.

Special Dispatches to The Bee.

In the police court of Cincinnati, yesterday, the case of John Sullivan, of Boston, and Prof. Donaldson, of Cleveland, charged with prize fighting, was dismissed, as the state failed to prove that the men had fought for a prize.

Accident on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad near Dover Tuesday night. Workmen were replacing a broken rail, and the engineer of the freight train did not see the signal light, and ditched his train. The fireman had his leg broken. Damage to the freight and train was very great.

John Ferguson, a noted rough of Detroit, was shot dead by his wife yesterday morning. They were married on Christmas day, but had lived as man and wife for seven years. She came from Pittsburg about four years ago and was there known as Margaret Hyer.

The Adams machine shops and foundry, at Marshall, Mich., burned Tuesday night. Loss $20,000. This is the second time Adams has been burned out.

Mrs Dorcas Burshfield, a widow, who lives in Francesco Ind., seven miles east of Princeton, shot Thomas Barchgeld, her brother in-law, with a revolver. The cause of the fracas was said to be too much whisky and a little jealousy.

Hard coal went up fifty cents per ton in Chicago yesterday. The weather has moderated, the mercury marking zero at 9 p. m.

A fire at Lansing, Mich., yesterday morning, consumed several small stores. The cold was so intense that the hose froze solid. Both steam engines were disabled, and several firemen frozen so as to be disabled from work.

The sale of season tickets in Chicago for the Barnhardt engagement, which begins January 10, closed yesterday, having netted about $7000. The first two rows in the parquette circle, and a number of seats in the orchestra are taken. The meagre sale of season tickets gives much disappointment.

Mercanans' block, a large three-story building, burned at Mystic River, Ct., last evening at 4 o'clock, and communicated to adjoining buildings. The weather was so intensely cold that the water froze in the hose, and stopped the streams. It is the most destructive conflagration that ever visited the village.

The report is officially denied that an advance in eastern freight rates will be made after the first of January. The schedule adopted last fall will be maintained until spring.

It was reported on Wall street, New York, yesterday, that a company of New York capitalists have inaugurated a scheme having for its object the building of a narrow-gauge railroad between Pittsburg and Chicago. Efforts to dispose of the stock thus far have been very successful.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—4 p. m.—District Attorney Phelps is improving and is considered out of danger.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 29.—Chancellor Runyon has refused a writ of error in the case of Margaret Meagerhoff and Frank Lammons, and they will hang on January 6th.

CHICAGO, December 29.—The thermometer touched 20 degrees below zero last night.

PHILADELPHIA, December 29.—A minority of the stockholders of the Reading road have called a meeting to endeavor to depose President Gowen.

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 29.—Snowden Langly was killed by Joshua Mizell, with a fur pound weight, last night. Mizell was a witness in a case against Langly, and his evidence did not suit the accused, who abused him, whereupon Mizell knocked him in the head.

CALIFORNIA, Mo., December 29.—Taylor McGirk, who has been insane, but was considered cured, shot his brother George to day, and the latter will probably die.

WASHINGTON.

MONKEYING WITH THE INDIANS.

Special Dispatch to The Bee

WASHINGTON, December 29—10 p. m.—Secretary Schurz had an hour and a half interview with the Cheyenny river Sioux this morning. After telling them that they should, if they desired to be like white men, attend to the business on which they came, Four Bear and Rattling Rib made talks, insisting on $7,000,000 as the price for the right of way. It was in vain that the secretary explained that that was more than it would cost to build and equip the road. They insisted that was the price their people had fixed on. The secretary showed them that the price offered—$5 per acre—was four times as much as paid to white men, but they still persisted in their demand, and said they would go home again and talk to their people. The secretary finally closed the interview summarily by telling them that if they persisted in so foolish a demand, it was no use to continue the talk. The Indians will probably confer among themselves, and ask another hearing in a day or two.

WHITTAKER GRANTED A COURT MARTIAL

It has been decided as the best means of disposing of the Whittaker case, to try Whittaker by court-martial. The court will be ordered from here in a few days, and will set at West Point.

The president has redesignated Secretary of War Ramsey to act as secretary of the navy, in addition to his other duties, for ten days after the expiration of his appointment as such, January 1.

It was rumored at the treasury department yesterday that Gen. Garfield had decided to invite Judge Porter, formerly first comptroller and governor of Indiana, to be secretary of the treasury. It seems to be pretty generally conceded that Gen. Garfield will offer the treasury portfolio to a western man.

Where the Gold and Silver Goes To.

Cleveland Leader.

The mint bureau authoritatively states that during the past seven years the mines of this country have produced about $280,000,000 of gold and $271,500,000 of silver. Of this production about 95½ per cent of gold and 60¾ per cent. of silver reached the mints and assay offices to be converted into coin or bars.

For some time in the past the director of the mint has been desirous to obtain correct information as to the actual uses of the domestic production of the precious metals. After his report for 1879 he mailed several thousands of circulars to all the manufacturers of jewelry, plate foil, chemicals and others consuming gold and silver asking for information. While many failed to furnish the information sought, yet enough returns have been made upon which to predicate an approximation to the amount used in the arts, sciences and manufactures. The total amounts reported were about $8,500,000 in gold and $3,500,000 in silver. Quite $2,500,000 of the gold was in United States coin, while only $500,000 was in silver coin. This small amount of silver coin used, in proportion to the gold, is accounted for by the fact that the intrinsic value of United States silver coin is nearly 10 per cent. less than its face value, while gold is the same in coin or bullion.

Basing an estimate upon the data obtained, the director assumes that the amount of domestic bullion used in the arts and manufactures during the last fiscal year was about $5,000,000 of gold, and $4,000,000 of silver, and that the total consumption in all forms was about $10,000,000 in gold, and $5,000,000 in silver. While this is simply an approximation, it will serve to show to what use the precious metals are applied beside coinage.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

New York Money and Stocks.

WALL STREET, December 29, 7 p. m.

MONEY—¾ per cent and interest, exchange, firm at $4.81@4.84.

GOVERNMENT.

First.			
U. S. 6's '81	1 04	U. S. 4's	1 15½
U. S. 5's	1 0¾	Currency 6's	1 30
U. S. 4½'s	1 11½	US 6's, '80	102⅝

STOCKS.

The following are the prices at 1 o'clock p. m.

Am U	72	L S	13⅛
Can S	72½	M & E	122½
C C C & I	9¾	K & T	4⅛
N W	128⅝	B & Q	130
St Paul	115	U S T	64½
R I	140	N Y C	136½
C & A	156½	O & M	37½
C & O	2¾	P M	53½
Pr ferred	3½	Reading	53½
Lack	102½	Quicksilver	13
D L & W	96½	Preferred	52
A & P Tel	52	I M	53½
Erie	43⅝	Omaha	48½
Preferred	84½	Preferred	1 0
St Joe	9½	U P	112
Preferred	19½	W U	79½
I C	126⅝	Wabash	42½
L & N	87	Preferred	88½
O & W	30½	C P	9⅝
N P	31⅝	N J C	89½
Preferred	61½	M C	127

Chicago Produce Market.

CHICAGO, December 29.

Wheat—Active and firmer at the early part of the session on January, but lower on longer options; January sold at 97c@97⅞; February, 97⅞@98⅝c; March, 98⅝@98½c; May, $1 03¾, closing at 97½@97⅝c for January; 97½@97⅞c for February; 98⅝@98½c for March; $1 03½@1 03¾ for May.

Corn—January sold at 35⅝@35⅞c; February, 37½@37⅝c; May, 41½c; June, 41½@41⅝c; July, 41⅞c, closing at 35⅝@35⅞c for January; 37½@37⅝c for February; 41⅝@41⅞c for May; 41½@41⅝c for June; 41⅞@41⅞c for July.

Oats—December, 30c; January, 30⅝@30½c; February, 30⅝@30⅞c; May, 35@35½; June, 34½@34½c.

Rye—December, 83½c bid; January, 83½c; February, 84⅝c.

Pork—Mess, December offered at $11 25; January sold at $12 57½@12 60; February, $12 75@12 77½; March, $12 92½@12 95; closing firm.

Lard—January sold at $8 50@8 52½ February, $8 62½@8 65; March, $8 72½@8 75.

Short Ribs—January, $6 45@6 50; February, $6 60@6 65; March, $6 72½@6 75.

Whisky—$1 11.

Chicago Live Stock Market

CHICAGO, December 29.

Hogs—Receipts 10,500.

Cattle—Active market for shippers, and local buyers purchasing to a liberal extent; prices ruled firm and steady at yesterday's quotations; prices ranged from $2 50@3 25 for common to good cows; $3 00@3 90 for bulls and butchers' steers; $4 40@4 60 for good shipping steers; $4 90@5 40 for choice to extra shipping steers; receipts 3200 head.

St. Louis Produce Market.

ST. LOUIS, December 29.

Flour—Dull and unchanged.

Wheat—Opened lower and advanced, but trading was light; No. 2 red winter, 96⅞@97½c for cash; 96½@97½c for January; $1 01 bid for February; $1 01½@1 03⅞ for March; $1 05@1 06 for May; No. 3, do, 94½c; No. 4 do, 87⅞c.

Corn—Opened lower and advanced slow; 37@37½c for cash; 37½@37⅝c for December; 38⅝c for January; 40c for April; 40⅝@41½c for May.

Oats—Slow; 29½c for cash; 30c for January; 31½c for February.

Rye—Dull at 82c bid.

Barley—Dull and unchanged.

Butter—Unchanged; dairy, 18@25.

Eggs—Unchanged at 32@33c.

Whisky—Steady at $1 11.

Pork—Firmer, $12 75 asked for cash; $12 55 for January; $12 75 for February.

Dry Salt Meats—$4 00@6 40@6 60 asked.

Bacon—Dull and unchanged.

Lard—Nominally $8 25.

Receipts—Flour, 3,000 bbls; wheat 8,000 bu.; corn, 26,000; oats, 3,000; barley, 8,000.

Shipments—Flour, 8,000 bbls; wheat, 28,000 bu; corn, 23,000; oats, 3000; rye, 1000.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, December 29.

Hogs—Active and higher; light, $4 20@4 40; mixed packing, $4 40@4 60; butchers' to fancy, $4 65@4 80; receipts, 3300 head; shipments, 550.

New York Produce Market.

NEW YORK, December 29.

Flour—Without decided change; very moderate export and home trade inquiry; round hoop Ohio, $4 15@5 00; choice do, $5 10@6 75; superfine western, $3 00@3 10; common to good extra do, $4 00@4 75; choice, do, do, $4 80@6 75; choice white wheat, $5 00@6 00.

Butter—Dull, unsettled and weak; Ohio 13@27c.

Cheese—Steady, 7@13½c for poor to fancy.

Eggs—Western, firm; 26@32c for fair to choice.

Wheat—Quiet; Chicago, $1 12@1 14; Milwaukee, $1 15@1 16; No. 2 red winter, $1 15½ for cash; $1 16 for January; $1 18½ for February; $1 20⅝ for March: sales 650,000 bu.

Corn—Quiet; No. 2, 57½@57½c; sales 50,000 bu.

Oats—Quiet.

Whisky—Nominal.

Pork—Nominal.

Lard—$9 00 asked for cash; $9 00 asked for December.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

The Seventh Ward.

Although the weather Tuesday night was exceedingly cold there were fifty or more persons present at the meeting held at No. 1 engine house, to discuss the question of dividing the Sixth ward and adding a seventh ward to the city. Hon. Joseph Redman presided, and H. T. Leavitt, deputy county clerk, acted as secretary of the meeting.

Speeches were made by a number of prominent citizens of the ward, some favoring the project of division, and others not fully decided. In order to create a new ward a special act of the legislature would be necessary and this would be the first move necessary. The ward has 1300 voters and it would seem, from the experience had during the recent election, that some relief is necessary to reduce the number of votes cast at the one poll.

A prominent citizen of the ward, who opposes the division, favors making this a city of the first class and electing a board of aldermen and city council. The ward could be divided into two election precincts.

Another meeting will be held at the same place on Thursday evening, to which everybody is invited.

Meetings at the Capital.

The county superintendents of schools of the state will meet in convention in Lincoln on the 9th of January. We presume that proper committees have made or will make all necessary arrangements, and that proper announcement will be made in due time.

The state press association meets on the 12th of January, as per announcement already made by the president. There will be more than the usual number of applications for membership besides the regular interesting routine of proceedings.

A Cool Bath.

As Homer Stull was en route home at a late hour Tuesday he was overtaken by an individual clad in the garb of summer, with linen coat, straw hat and open bressted shirt. He was minus gloves, overcoat and comforter, and wanted to know the way to the jail to obtain lodgings for the night. He was directed by the shortest route.

Real Estate Transfers.

Isaac Clegg and wife to Patrick W. Healy, w. d., lots 19 and 20, Omaha Building and Savings Association addition, Omaha—$150.

Henry H. Moore and wife to O. & S. W. R. R. Co., part lot 7 and lot 2, block 156, Omaha—$75.

Bruce Veiss and wife to Abbie J. Rollins; q. c. d., e. ½ lot 6, block 198½, Omaha—$1.

Abbie J. and Chas. F. Rollins to Nellie F. Veiss; q. c. d., e. ½ lot 6, block 198½, Omaha—$1.

Indications.

WASHINGTON, December 25, 1 a. m.—For the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Partly cloudy weather; southwest to northwest wind; rising temperature, and in the southern portions falling barometer; for the middle states, clear or fair weather; slight fall in temperature; rising barometer in the southern portions.

The Programme of Prayer.

The following is the programme for the week of prayer, beginning January 2nd, which will be generally observed in this city and elsewhere:

Jan. 2, Sun.—Christ the only hope of the lost world.

Jan 3 Mon.—Thanksgiving for the blessings, temporal and spiritual, of the last year, and prayer for their continuance. Ps. cxlvii; II, Cor., ix: 11.

Jan. 4, Tues.—Humiliation and confession on account of individual, social and national sins. Dan ix: 3 19.

Jan 5 Wed.—Prayer for the church of Christ, its unity and purity, its ministry; and for revivals of religion. Eph. iv: 1 15; Ps. lxxxv: 6-8.

Jan. 6, Thur.—Christian education; prayer for the family, Sunday schools, and all educational institutions, for Young Men's Christian associations, and for the press. Prov. iv: 1-13; Tim. iii: 14-17.

Jan. 7, Fri.—Prayer for the prevalence of justice, humanity and peace among all nations; for the suppression of intemperance and Sabbath desecration. Isa. lviii: 13-13; I Cor. ix: 25-27; Ps. lxvii: 1-7.

Jan. 8, Sat.—Prayer for christian missions and the conversion of the world to Christ. Isa iii

Sabbath school lesson—The song of Mary. Luke i; 46 56. Golden text: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. Luke i; 46 47. Commit verses 51 55

Jan. 9, Sunday theme—On the ministration of the Holy Spirit.

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The Attorney General of Ireland Rapidly Drying Up.

A Desperate Attempt to Unearth the "Crimes" of the Land League.

Excitement Around the Four Courts Unabated.

LANDLORD VS. TENANT.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

DUBLIN, December 29—4 p. m.—The excitement over the state trials of the imprisoned land leaguers continues unabated. The retirement of Justice May from the bench is unanimously commended, and is viewed with exultation by members of the league, and it is openly asserted that strong hints thrown out by his colleagues were largely responsible for his action.

All through the day numbers of prominent Irishmen poured into the city, and in evening the one topic of conversation among all classes was the prospects of the traversers and the influence of the trial upon the future of the mighty movement for popular rights.

Long before the time for the opening of the cause this morning the court room was crowded to suffocation. Every available portion of space was occupied and the places reserved for the reporters were partially surrendered to the public, who held tickets of admission. The scene when the crier announced the approach of the judge, was an impressive one. The floor of the court room was crowded with a mass of spectators, which overflowed into the lobbies, clung to the railings and filled the streets beyond. Among them were many of the most wealthy merchants and tradesmen of Dublin and numbers of members of the League prominent in its administration. The galleries were filled to overflowing with ladies, the front row, formerly reserved, having proved insufficient to meet the pressing demand for tickets. There was not a sound as the attorney general rose and continued his speech at the point where he left off yesterday. He argued that the proofs of a gigantic conspiracy against the government were overwhelming, and said that the only difficulty with the crown was in the rejection of evidence. He quoted further from short hand reports published in the newspapers, which he claimed indicated plainly the unlawful aims and seditious mean employed by the league. He was particularly severe on Brennan and Parnell.

There were several attempts at hissing which were promptly suppressed by the court officers, otherwise the best of order prevailed. The speech of the attorney general will probably not be concluded before adjournment to-day. It is not considered a powerful plea.

A SERIOUS COLLISION.

Special Dispatch to the Bee.

DUBLIN, December 29, 4 p. m.—A serious collision occurred last night between the soldiers of the British army stationed at Westport, Mayo county, and the civilians of that place. In the affray many of the people were wounded. The military, with fixed bayonets, surrounded them, and created great excitement among the populace. As soon as the news of the affair reached Castleton, which is ten miles northeast of Westport, the dragoons stationed there were ordered to saddle their horses and be ready for any emergency.

LOSS OF A FRENCH IRON CLAD.

Special Dispatch to the Bee

LONDON, December 29.—The French iron clad "Richelieu," while lying at Toulon, took fire and sunk this morning. The "Richelieu" belonged to the maritime division of Toulon and carried ten guns; had an armor 8½ inches thick at the water line and was about 8 000 tons. Many of the crew were injured in the fire, but no lives were reported lost.

GRINDING SLOWLY.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

DUBLIN, December 30—1 a. m.—In the state trial, the attorney-general, continuing his introductory address on behalf of the crown, criticized the object of the land league, and in illustration of his remarks quoted from speeches of Messrs. Parnell and Dillon. He also referred to the liberality with which American friends of the land league had supplied funds to enable it to carry its object. He further said that the object of the prosecution in bringing the traverers to trial was to suppress a species of tyranny which overwhelmed both rich and poor; which defied law, and had reduced Ireland to a state of anarchy. The attorney-general's voice was very weak, and his speech was not as effective as was expected. When the court adjourned the crowds which were waiting outside cheered Parnell and the other defendants, but public interest in the case seems to be diminishing. Very little or nothing of a dramatic character has thus far occurred in connection with it.

FUNERAL OF GEORGE ELIOT.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

LONDON, December 30—10 p. m.—George Eliot, the authoress, was buried to-day in Highgate cemetery. There was a great assemblage of literary men. The weather was wet.

GOWAN'S SUCCESS.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

LONDON, December 30—1 a. m.—It is now asserted by Mr. Gowan's friends that the meeting of the shareholders of the Reading road Thursday was a great success, unanimity in favor of Mr. Gowan prevailing throughout. Mr. Gowan's time has been to a very great extent occupied in receiving and paying social visits. Tuesday night Mr. John Henry Balestone, member of parliament for Davenport, and formerly member of the famous banking house of Jay Cook, McCullough & Co., and later of the reorganized firm of McCullough & Co., gave a grand dinner at the conservative club, 74 St. James street, in honor of Mr. Gower. Mr. Balestone is well known for his generous hospitality and the effusion of his personal manners, but on this occasion these traits in his character show forth most conspicuously. The banquet was a notable and brilliant success. There were forty guests, with the principal bankers, merchants, editors and lawyers of the metropolis well represented, besides several noblemen.

NO TIDINGS FROM THE "ATLANTIC."

Special dispatch to The Bee.

LONDON, December 29, 10 p. m.—In the matter of the official inquiry ordered in reference to the loss of the training ship "Atlantic," which left the West Indies for Portsmouth last summer, and was never afterwards heard of, the committee have reported that there was every reason to believe that the ship was sound and seaworthy when she sailed, but they are unable to state the cause of her loss. The commission deem it proper to mention, however, as a mere basis of conjecture, that severe storms prevailed at the time along the course she would have sailed.

CABLEGRAMS.

Special Dispatches to THE BEE.

The examination of an army corporal, charged with drilling the men in favor of Fenian organization, is in progress before magistrates of Limerick.

A Constantinople dispatch says the Turkish squadron at Crete has been strongly reinforced.

A dispatch from Cape Town says the Boers have captured Derby, and all those who refused to join the Boers were shot and the shops sacked.

The Dutch government has offered England its good offices in the settlement of its trouble in South Africa.

Three men have been arrested at Clonbar for complicity in the murder of Lord Mountmorris.

M. Blanqui, the French politician, is reported to be dying.

The government is making extraordinary military preparations in Dublin looking to a crisis in the event of the conviction of Mr. Parnell and his followers.

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