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GEO. P. BEMIS, Agent,
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Nice lot on Sherman Avenue north of Nicholas street, $1,400.

Half lot on Cass, between 13th and 14th streets $1,000.

2 nice lots in Hartman's addition, $400 to $600.

Large number of acre lots in Gise's addition in North Omaha, $125 to $300 each.

Choice corner lot near 22nd and California streets, $1,500.

Several good lots in Nelson's addition, 150 to $350 each.

Choice lot in Thornell's addition, $750.

Several large lots in Bartlett's addition, 12 rods and 2½ acres each. Prices $700 to $2,000 each.

Several choice lots in Reed's first addition, $275 to $850 each.

Acre lot on Sherman avenue, (16th street), south of Poppleton's new residence, for $1,100.

2 large lots near 18th and Clark streets, 60 x 330 feet. Corner, $1,200; inside, $1,000.

3 large lots on Sherman avenue, (16th street), near Clark Street, $900 each

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22 nice and cheap lots, very near to the business part of the city, located a very few steps south of the Convent and St. Mary's avenue, and just south of and adjoining the ground of James M. Woolworth and W. J. Connell—these are cheap and very desirable, being so handy to business part of city, to new government depot, nail works, white lead works, U. P. depot, stock yards, packing houses, etc Call and get plat and full particulars. Price $275 to $350 and easy terms to those who build

GEO. P. BEMIS, Agent,
15th and Douglas Sts.

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2 choice corner lots near 24th and Farnham streets, 65x132 feet, $1,150 and $1,200, and very easy terms to purchasers who will improve.

Also 4 lots on 24th, between Farnham and Douglas streets, 950 to $1,000 each and long time.

$250 of the best business lots in Omaha for sale, located on every business street, $500 to $6,000 each.

Also very valuable store properties in almost every business block—$5,000 to $15,000 each

LAKE'S ADDITION.

40 choice residence lots in above addition, immediately north of and adjoining Poppleton's beautiful residence and grounds, and located on 18th 19th and 20th streets, $300 to $550 each and very easy terms to those who will build Call and examine plat and get full particulars.

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An acre on 18th street, 102 feet east frontage by 578 feet deep. This is just south of the Kilpatrick (Poppleton place. This is gilt-edge, call and get price and terms of BEMIS, Agent.

18 good lots, just north of and adjoining E. V. Smith's addition, and located between 20th and Saunders streets, at reasonable prices and long time to buyer who improve BEMIS, Agent.

HORBACH'S ADDITION.

53 lots in Horbach's first and second addition on 16th, 18th, 19th and 20th streets, between Nicholas, Paul, Sherman and Clark streets, very handy to U. P. Shops, smelting works, etc., ranging in prices from from $200 to $1,100 each, requiring only small payment down and long time at 7 per cent interest to those who will improve.

GEO. P. BEMIS,
15th and Douglas Street.

38 nice lots in Parker's addition, between Saunders and Pierce, King and Campbell's Sts., on Blonde street; 19 lots with south fronts and 16 with north frontage, only 6 blocks north of the turn-table (end street-car track) on Saunders street. Very low prices; $175 cash, or $200 on long time and 8 per cent interest to those who will build.

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$80,000 acres best selected lands in the state for sale by this agency. Call and get maps circulars and full particulars.

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DOMESTIC DOINGS.

Truth" Publishes a Retraction of the Morey-Chinese Letter.

The Wife of a Baltimore Merchant Decapitates Herself With a Razor.

Sprague's Lawyer's Will Soon Give a Spicy History of the Wayward Kate.

"Truth's" Retraction.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

NEW YORK, January 4—1 a. m.—The Morey-Chinese letter will to-morrow be pronounced a forgery by Truth, the journal which originally published the letter. The following is to be published as an open letter from Truth to James A. Garfield, repudiating the Morey letter, and declaring it a forgery:

To James A. Garfield, President-elect:

SIR—After searching investigations, in which we have spared neither time, energy or expense, we have traced the Morey letter to its origin, and ascertained that it is a forgery. Its acknowledgment is due to you from the journal where the letter first appeared. It is made voluntary and as an act of simple justice. For a while we believed it as valid and that you were the author of the letter. No bribe could tempt, nor threats intimidate us into making a contrary statement, but having ascertained our error, it is a gratification to us to give some prominence to this acknowledgement, and that we gave to the forged letter itself, and thereby make all amends in our power for the wrong, of which Truth was the unconscious instrument. Upon the instant that our investigations convinced us that the letter was spurious we privately informed you of our conclusion. At that time we were advised that the ends of justice might be impeded by a public avowal, such as we now make. That consideration no longer exists, and we do to-day what an observance of the principles upon which Truth was established, and by which it has been conducted, would have impelled us to do immediately upon the discovery that the letter was a forgery, and which nothing could then have prevented but a desire to fasten the guilt where it belongs. Truth published the letter in good faith, believing that you were its author. While we so believed, neither temptation, threats nor force could influence us to repudiate it. Likewise, having now satisfied ourselves of its spurious character, no false pride nor selfish motive of any kind can restrain us from announcing our conclusion, and thereby allaying the doubt that now exists respecting its authenticity. Respectifully yours,

TRUTH.

Getting at the Bottom Facts.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

NEW YORK, January 4—1 a. m.—A Columbus, O., special says: The Sprague divorce case is attracting no little attention here among the friends of Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague, and every move of the attorneys is watched with eager interest A prominent New York attorney, now in this city, is engaged in taking the depositions of old citizens, relative to the Sprague case. From the attention given to minor details in collecting evidence, quite a complete story of Miss Kate Chase's life will be again spread before the public.

A Devlish Deacon.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

CANTON, O., January 4—1 a. m.—Considerable excitement prevails here over the alleged outrage by Dr. William Spratt, of Malvern, a church deacon. It is charged that he was called to visit professionally a prominent sick lady, and on going to her room he locked the door, and muffling her cries, as the lady alleged, he brutally outraged her. He will have a hearing to-day and testimony will be produced to prove that he has outraged other parties.

Cut Her Own Head Off

Special Dispatch to THE BEE.

BALTIMORE, January 3—10 p. m.—Mrs. Evelyn Matthiessen, aged twenty-four years, wife of Christian Matthiessen, of the firm of Matthiessen & Jahn, ship brokers of this city, committed suicide at her boarding house Sunday by cutting her throat with her husband's razor, during his absence from the room. The deed was committed in front of a mirror, which was covered with blood from the severed arteries. All the arteries and windpipe were completely severed, and the head was held on to the body only by the muscles of the neck. Mrs. Matthiessen had been an inmate of the Mount Hope asylum for the insane, but was brought home about a week ago for the Christmas holidays, in the hope that the society of her husband and friends would restore her to sanity.

Pennsylvania Senatorship.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

HARRISBURG, Pa., January 3—10 p. m.—A most delightful state of confusion exists in this canvass for United States senator. Lines are being pulled on anybody who has the least influence over a legislature, and the fight is becoming desperate. Grow has braced his followers up by maintaining a bold front and insisting on his claim of ninety-five votes, sixty-one of which, he says, are pledged, but the opposition say that of the sixty-one he claims as instructed, a great many were instructed after their nomination, and have boldly asserted that they do not consider themselves bound.

Canadian News.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

MONTREAL, January 4—1 a. m.—The weather throughout Canada has been moderating for the past few days.

The municipal elections throughout the province of Ontario took place very quietly.

James Redpath is advertised to lecture here this week and trouble is feared, as his utterances in Ireland have stirred up a strong feeling against him here.

Shot a Burglar.

Special dispatch to The Bee.

BROCKTON, Mass., January 3—10 p. m.—As Warner Shaw, of Randolph, was passing his billiard and club room Sunday morning at 4 o'clock, he saw a light inside. Thinking his father was there, he unlocked the door and entered, calling his name. Not receiving an answer, he struck a match, when he perceived a man crouching in the corner. Asking him why he was there, and still receiving no answer, he grappled with the man, and subsequently shot him. He then went for assistance, and returning found the would-be robber to be Frank Boyle, dying on the floor. Boyle was removed to a hotel, but the physician failed to find the bullet, which had entered the left side of the back near the tenth rib. The wound will probably prove fatal. Boyle was taken to a hospital, is said to be very respectably connected. No blame is attached to Shaw.

CAPITAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The Howe Boom Subsiding.

He Will Never Get There.

Nance for Paddock? Not Much.

Correspondence of The Bee.

LINCOLN, Neb., January 3, 1881.—The senatorial question has taken a quiet rest, while the skirmishing for speaker of the house is occupying the time of all concerned. When Church Howe came here three weeks ago, it was with the air of a monarch. His haughty nose did not deign to lower its elevated point to salute the common herd of representatives and senators. He had 'em in his breeches pocket. Like Paddock, he was certain to get there on the first ballot. Like paddock again, his views of things have changed. One by one the members were approached with an air of proprietorship, and one by one the new members dropped a quantity of cold water upon the aspirations of the lordly corporation member from Nemaha. The majority on first ballot rapidly assumed the appearance of minority on first and every subsequent ballot. An urgent telegram went to Omaha for supplies and re-enforcements. A late freight train Saturday night brought General Thurston at the head of the reserve. They came upon a scene of defeat. Members who had been offered committees boldly asserted that they wanted no committees at the hands of Howe or Thurston. The Howe column has dwindled to a lower figure than was ever deemed possible by any of the managers. And to-day it may be announced as certain that the Honorable Church Howe cannot be speaker of the house. It may also be stated without fear of contradiction that he cannot be chairman of the railroad committee, and it is equally certain that he cannot be even the last named member upon that committee.

Here is the first gratifying index that the coming session of the legislature will not be exclusively a session for the benefit and protection of railroad interests at the expense of the state.

The last session was for the railroads. It is only fair that this one should be for the state. Alternate terms should satisfy anyone.

In the senate, too, there is a strong probability that E C Carns is not the entire senate; that the members will consider themselves perfectly competent to organize their own body, and select their own committees. He has already promised the chairmanship of various committees to different members, but the general idea seems to be that he cannot deliver the goods.

After the organization of the legislature is completed the senatorial fight will be reopened. It may be that Senator Paddock still believes he has the earnest and unqualified support of Governor Nance, but if so, he is the only man who tolerates such an idea. Nance is for Paddock. There is no question about that. But he is not for Paddock or any other person when it interferes with the rights and privileges of Governor Nance—and one of those rights he considers to be the privilege of signing his name "A. Nance, U. S. S.," if he can.

Governor Nance is for Paddock, but Nance has no vote. Governor Nance controls the positions of warden and deputy warden of the penitentiary, superintendent of the insane asylum, superintendent of the reform school, and several other nice little places of honor and profit, and each one of these positions will be expected to furnish a vote for Nance for United States senator. The gentleman from Beatrice claims to have been through one contest, and to be posted on every move, but he will wake up some fine morning and discover that every time a man lives some more, he learns some new things.

OCCASIONAL.

ELECTRIC BRIEFS.

Special Dispatches to The Bee.

A line of new freight steamers is to be established between New York and Philadelphia next month.

The Mississippi steamer "Plow Boy," belonging to the St. Louis and Memphis packet company, went down at Pendleton landing, Mo., Sunday. She was valued at $12,000.

The force of compositors on The Chicago Daily Telegraph have taken charge of that paper and propose to run it on the co-operation plan. It has been changed from an evening to a morning sheet, and will hereafter be democratic.

Mrs. Parnell, the mother of Charles Stuart Parnell, the Irish agitator, was taken suddenly ill on the Jersey City ferry boat Sunday morning. She was taken to the Windsor hotel and a physician summoned. She recovered sufficiently to proceed on her way to Newark, N. J., where she is now living.

The Cheyenne and Sioux Indians left Washington last night for their homes in company with their agents.

W. H. Oldshull, clerk in the St. James hotel, in Washington, told a reporter yesterday that he had been approached by Senator Christiancy's counsel, who offered him $500 in cash and a good government position if he would make affidavit as they instructed. He also said that if Christiancy and his counsel did not desist from abusing him he would expose the whole business. He thought Mrs. Christiancy to be an innocent and much abused woman.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last evening Barbara Groenthal, of New York, a girl 16 years old, was stabbed to death by her lover, James Walsh, in front of her employer's residence. About 9 o'clock a man was taken out of Gowanis canal, who proved to be Walsh. He admitted that he killed the girl.

A fire which at one time threatened to be very disastrous, broke out yesterday afternoon on the Bowery, New York city. The flames extended to 338 and 342, doing considerable damage. Total loss $65,000.

The weather moderated very much in New York city yesterday. The thermometer indicating 17 degrees at 3 a. m., 33 degrees at 3 p. m. and 25 degrees at midnight.

While Mr. Sheldon, a well known banker on Wall street, was dining with his family at 7 o'clock last evening, in Brooklyn, at his residence, a sneak thief entered his house, and stole jewelry and other articles valued at $60,000.

The jewelry store of Mrs. Rose Goodstein, Third avenue New York, was entered by burglars last night and four thousand dollars in jewelry and five hundred dollars in money carried off.

The municipal debt of Brooklyn is $12,960,000.

The Sprague-Latham-Chaffee equity suit has been postponed. Judge Lowell will decide in Boston to-day as to the date of postponement.

A decision was rendered in Baltimore yesterday adversely to George M. Pullman, in his suit against the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, endeavoring to restrain them using Pullman sleepers.

The republicans of the New York legislature, which will assemble in Albany to-morrow, met in caucus last night, and unanimously nominated Gen. Sharp for speaker.

At the close of the performance of Mrs. Scott-Siddons' troupe at Columbus, O., Saturday night, the sheriff of the county attached the baggage of the noted actress on a claim of $1440, preferred by Walter Eytinge, the actor.

In the New York senatorial race it is difficult to determine who will be successful. It is claimed on the one hand that Chauncey M. Depew will enter the caucus with fifty-seven votes. On the other hand the stalwarts are equally sanguine that the man of their choice will be Senator Conkling's colleague—Platt.

WASHINGTON.

THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

Special Dispatch to The Bee

WASHINGTON, January 4—10 p. m.—As stated in these dispatches some days ago, President Hayes will not fill the vacancy at the head of the navy department by a new appointment. He proposed to designate other members of the cabinet and bureau officers of the navy to run the navy department until Gen. Garfield can name a successor to Mr. Thompson. It has been decided by the attorney general that Mr. Ramsey cannot be designated as acting secretary of the navy. The president will make a new selection in a day or two. The attorney general will probably be the next man.

WALLACE'S MISSION.

Gen. Lew Wallace, governor of New Mexico, arrived here yesterday. His mission is to lay before congress the state of insubordination that exists in his territory. He will recommend the appointment of a special police force to act in conjunction with the civil authorities in resisting the inroads of organized bandits from Mexico, who have been terrorizing the southern part of New Mexico.

A BIG CLAIM.

WASHINGTON, January 4—1 a. m.—The celebrated Chauvin land case, involving the title to a tract of land in the heart of St. Louis, was to have been argued before the secretary of the interior yesterday on an appeal from the commissioner of the general land office, but owing to the non-arrival of the attorneys in the case, it was postponed until to-day. The decision of the commissioner was adverse to the claim.

BANK REPORTS.

WASHINGTON, January 4—1 a. m.—The comptroller of currency has called upon the national banks for a report of their condition at the close of business on Friday, December 31, 1880.

WOOD'S FUNDING BILL.

There is scarcely any more room for doubt that a refunding bill will be passed by the house early in the present month. While the bill reported by chairman Fernando Wood from the committee of ways and means may be amended in important particulars, its general form will probably be retained. Mr. Wood has been confined to his residence with rheumatism since the begining of the holiday recess. Although somewhat improved, he is not yet able to walk, and may be compelled to go to the house in the same manner that Alexander H. Stephens has adopted. Mr. Wood is confident of the passage of the funding bill as reported by him from the ways and means committee.

Indications.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE.

WASHINGTON, January 4, 1 a. m.—For the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Slowly rising temperature, falling barometer during the day, with southerly to westerly winds, and clear or partly cloudy weather.

Meteorological Report.

Month of December 1880.

Highest barometer, 29.263.

Lowest barometer, 29.547 inches.

Monthly range of barometer, 1.450 inhes.

Highest temperature, 51 degrees.

Lowest temperature, 14 degrees.

Greatest daily range of temperature, 33 degrees.

Least daily range of temperature, 3 degrees.

Mean minimum temperature, 26.1 degrees.

Mean maximum temperature, 36.4 degrees.

Mean daily range of temperature, 15.4 degrees.

Prevailing direction of wind, northwest.

Total movement of wind, 7264 miles.

Highest velocity of wind and direction, 37 miles, north.

Number of foggy days, none.

Number, of clear days, 5.

Number of fair days, 17.

Number of cloudy days on which no rain or snow fell, 1.

Number of cloudy days on which rain or snow fell, 8.

Total number of days on which rain or snow fell, 14.

Depth of unmelted snow on ground at end of month, 2 inches.

Dates of solar halos, 25th, 27th, 28th.

Dates of lunar halos, none.

Dates of frosts, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 28th.

L. M. DEY,
Signal Sargeant.

Omaha, January 1 1881

IRRITATED IRELAND.

England Sending Forward Every Available Redcoat Into Ireland.

Several Collisions Already Reported Between the Military and Peasantry.

The Land League Endeavor to Restrain the Exasperated People from Acts of Violence.

The Irish Question the All-Absorbing Topic in London Circles.

THE ALL-ABSORBING TOPIC.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

LONDON, January 3—10 p. m.—Conversation in London persistently returns to Ireland. The legislative powers of the executive government and of parliament are about, it is felt, to be tried to the utmost. It is said that Mr. Lefevre evidently believes that the government land bill will not and cannot be ready at the opening of parliament, and as he certainly had been in communication with Mr. Forster on the subject, considerable weight is attached to his words.

REPRESSIVE MEASURES.

It is announced that Mr. Forster is taking precautions against an uprising which is feared might take place in connection with the state trials, and Four Courts, Dublin, presents more the appearance of an armed barrack than of a seat of justice. Troops have been poured in, until there is now a military force in Ireland of over 40,000, and the constabulary numbers 14,000 men, equal in every respect to the finest troops. The land league is now straining every nerve to keep the people within bounds, as the presence of such large bodies of troops has exasperated them very much.

MAPPING OUT A POLICY.

The Irish members, of whom a good number are in London, are said to be deliberating as to the course they will pursue upon the opening of parliament All depends, however, upon the view of Mr. Parnell, and he is a man who keeps his counsel until the last.

MORE BOYCOTTING.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

DUBLIN, January 4—1 a. m.—Matterson & Coy, a firm of bacon curers, doing business at Limerick, have been "boycotted" because they bought some pigs from a relative of a man who was shot in November last, for supposed antagonism to the land league.

RIPON WILL QUIT INDIA.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE

LONDON, January 3—10 p. m.—The return of Lord Ripon from India, early in the spring, is now considered in official Indian circles as about inevitable. No fears are entertained of his ultimate recovery from the intermittent fever, to which he is now subject. But opinion based on private advices regards his prolonged sojourn in India as impossible, even if he never ventured beyond the region of a sanitary resort. Lord Ripon's resignation may be announced at any moment.

CHINA ARMING.

The Chinese government is completing its armaments, and several German manufacturers have received orders. The ship building firm of Volcan at Steten, has concluded contracts for the construction of several men-of-war, and the gun manufacturers of Mausen, at Oberhauf, and of Lowe, at Berlin, have been commissioned to provide the Chinese with weapons of the newest and best system. The Chinese government intend at the same time to form here a commission of officers who shall be intrusted with the minute inspection of all these arms before they are sent to China.

A NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

PANAMA, December 25.—Early on the morning of the 4th the Peruvian launch "Urcas," while on guard duty in the bay, was attacked by three torpedo launches. The "Urcas" worked in within range of the shore batteries. Then the "Husacar," "Angamas" and "Chacabuco," with three launches went over from the island, and the engagement became general. The "Husacar" received a shot from the batteries. The "Urcas" also succeeded in striking one of the torpedo launches, and the contest terminated. Three men were killed and two wounded on board the "Urcas." The Chilians are supposed to have suffered severely from the firing of the shore batteries.

ON TO LIMA.

Intelligence was received from Pisco and its vicinity is of the most meagre nature. The second division of the Chilian army, 4200 strong, commanded by Col. Sololoys, landed there on the 2d inst. The third corps, which will number 8000 men, is known to have been ready to embark at Arica, where it only awaited the arrival of the "Cochrane" with eight transports from Pisco. The departments of Tarrapaca and Arica have been almost left bare of troops in order to strengthen the invading army. The Chilians occupied Yca without resistance. The total force of the two divisions now landed is about 14,000 men, and with the third division will probably number 22,000, a force by no means sufficient to warrant their defeating the Peruvians in a battle in the vicinity of Lima. It is asserted that the Chilians do not intend leaving Pisco, but will adopt a waiting plan, and maintain the army at the expense of Peru, and either compel Pierola to attack them or come to terms. Chilian reports claim that the invading army will number 32,000 men, leaving 14,000 recruits and police to garrison the south of Peru and the coast line of Bolivia, and keep order in Chili It is anticipated that Ancon and Huaho will be blockaded directly, as the third division has been londed.

SUGAR FOR THE POPE.

Special dispatch to THE BEE.

PARIS, January 3—10 p. m.—In consequence of the declaration of the French government conveyed by the French ambassador to the vatican, it is understood that friendly relations will be re-established between the vatican and France, and that the papal nuncio at Paris has been instructed accordingly. The story is that the unpleasantness growing out of the enforcement of the March decrees is to be smoothed over, and there is an intimation that a revision of the condorat will follow, as the permanent basis of an improved state of feelings.

THE OARSMEN.

Special dispatch to The Bee.

LONDON, January 4—1 a. m.—Hanlan has much improved since he practiced Laycock's style of rowing with Ross. Laycock is very jubilant, and continues to improve daily. He has shortened his sculls, thus securing a longer reach forward.

CABLEGRAMS.

Special Dispatches to THE BEE.

Mr. Henry Moorehouse, a co-worker of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, died in London on New Year's day. From his youthful appearance he was called the "boy preacher."

The French radicals are preparing a demonstration for the funeral of Blanqui, the revolutionist, on Wednesday.

The Italian communist, Cipriuna, has been expelled from France.

The cardinal archbishop of Cambria is dead. Rev. Francis Requier was born in 1794, and created and declared a cardinal archbishop of Cambria in 1873. Cambria is a fortified town of France, department of Nord, situated on the Scheldt.

Two firms of London stock brokers alone have applied for one-half of the Northern Pacific $20,000,000 loan.

The king and queen of Italy have gone on a visit to Sicily.

A large and very excited meeting of students was held in Berlin yesterday, at which the Jews were severely denounced.

The police patrol at Headford, county Galway, nine miles southwest of Tuam, were fired upon by some unknown parties Sunday night.

The corporation of Dublin have petitioned the house of commons to make a radical change in the land laws.

It is reported that Fenians attempted to blow up the iron-clad "Lord Warden" at Queen's Ferry.

There are wild rumors afloat of Fenians designs on the volunteers armories in London. A Fenian scare is apparently developing itself.

Four Turkish iron clads have been ordered to Syria to convey troops to Thessaly.

THE HOWE-LING CREW.

A Short, Sharp, and Decisive Victory for the Anti's.

The Nemaha Nabob Nipped at the Very Outset.

Carns Secures the Appointing Power in the Caucus

The Contest for Offices.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE

LINCOLN, Neb., January 4—4 p. m.—The republican senate caucus last night held a long and exciting session and agreed upon the following officers for organization: President, J. B. Dinsmore of Clay county; secretary, Sherwood Burr of Filmore; first assistant secretary, J. Pemberton of Gage; second assistant, F. E. Smith of Boone; sergeant-at-arms, C. H. Gould of Lancaster; assistant sergeant-at-arms, L. J. Ryan of Saline.

The caucus by a vote of 13 to 10 agreed to grant Carns power to appoint committees, but there is liable to be a break on that question when it comes up for ratification in the full senate.

The republican house caucus was held at 11 o'clock this morning, and after an exciting contest resulted in the defeat of Church Howe for the speakership. He received only thirty out of seventy-one votes. J. H. Shedd, of Saunders county, was nominated for speaker. Both houses adjourned to 4 p. m. after appointing committees on credentials. The principal contest in the house will be over the clerks. Any other officers will be nominated without difficulty.

GUARDING THE ARMORIES.

The Spirit of Fenianism Marching on.

FENIAN SCARE.

Special dispatches to The Bee.

LONDON, January 4—4 p. m.—In view of the increasing Fenian excitement, the authorities having control of arms or any kind of stores which may be liable to tempt that organization, are taking especial pains to protect them from attack. A small arms factory in London has made arrangements for such protection and the buildings containing military stores are to be guarded with extra vigilance. Several mysterious fires broke out at the Liverpool docks last night and are attributed to Fenian agencies. The authorities are on the qui vive to prevent serious damage.

WILD RUMORS.

are in circulation of Fenian designs upon the armories in London in which are stored the arms of the volunteers. The Fenian scare is apparently developing throughout the country, and has already resulted in an order from the general commanding at York for the removal of the locks from the rifles in the volunteer armory in that city.

—Four of Sheriff Guy's boarders, United States prisoners, were taken down to Lincoln yesterday to be tried at the present term of the United States court. Two are charged with counterfeiting, and two with breaking into a postoffice.

A FRIGHTFUL FIRE.

By Which a Dozen or More Persons were Burned to Death.

Terrible Scenes Around a Blazing Tenement in New York.

Men, Women and Children Perish, in one Vast Seething Cauldron

Brave Work of the Firemen.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

NEW YORK, January 4—4 p. m.—A terribly fatal fire occurred this morning in a tenement house on the corner of Madison and James streets, in this city. One woman, a boy and five babies, were burned and suffocated, and four more are reported dead and burned, making eleven victims in all. The vicinity of the fire is thronged by an excited crowd. As the bodies of the victims were brought out from the building there was invariably

A WAIL OF ANGUISH,

which was joined in by hundreds of people. The discoverers of the fire were tardy in sending the alarm, and the building was wrapped in flames before the engines arrived. They soon got to work, and while some were attending to the hose, others were hunting for women and children, of which the building was known to be crowded. The people on the streets had become very dense and the firemen could scarcely work.

THE EXCITEMENT AND CONFUSION

was something terrible, and the groans and shrieks of women in the crowd as the charred remains of the dead were brought out were horrible. The firemen, police and citizens all united in attempting to rescue the suffering, but their work was of little avail, for out of fourteen people taken out, seven were dead, the others were badly injured, and several will probably die, as they had inhaled the fire. Two children were among the sufferers. The firemen carried out five children who were burned to a crisp. As the men carried the lifeless burdens to the streets the women screamed and fell in hysterics and the most hardened of the crowd shed tears as the bodies of the children were placed in the dead wagons. As nearly as can be ascertained at this time the

LIST OF CASUALTIES

is as follows:—One girl about six years partially suffocated; two boys, infants, partially suffocated and will probably die; a boy, James Cassidy, aged 13, badly burned in face and left hand and arm burned to a crisp, will probably die; a boy badly scalded about the legs and body; a boy badly burned about the face, and one arm burned to a crisp; a girl dead from suffocation; Kittie Sheridan, aged 21 years, burned about the arms, legs and face; a girl burned in the face and hands; a boy burned in the face and about the body; a woman, about 35 years old, body burned to a crisp; a child burned in the arm; a boy burned beyond recognition; a woman's body burned to a cinder and limbs burned off. An old woman, aged 60, named Mary Mulloon, jumped from a second-story window and broke her leg. On the third floor of the building a woman was seen to scream frantically for help, and as she was about to spring from the window she fell back overcome with the heat into the flames.

BRAVE FIREMEN.

As the fire spread it was a heart-rendering sight to hear the screams of the children in the building unable to escape. One fireman went in, and in spite of the intense heat, brought out two little children; another fireman brought out a third child, and these little ones only slightly burned, were taken to the hospital.

After the corpses of the children were placed in an ambulance, another body was found on the second floor, that of a boy apparently about fourteen years old. The poor little fellow was terribly burned about the face and life was extinct. A few minutes later another body was carried from the burning building. It was a woman and was the mother of some of the unfortunate victims. The children in Chambers street hospital are not badly burned, but are suffering from fright.

THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE

was the explosion of a gasoline machine which two plumbers were using to thaw out frozen water pipes directly under the stairway. The plumbers made their escape and have not been seen since.

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