## THE OMAHA DAILY BEE.

ELEVENTH YEAR.

OMAHA THURSDAY MORNING MAY 18, 1882.

## THE ROOM OF REFORMERS

That in Which the U. P. Attorney Issued His Checks on the Sly.

While Carns Roped in the Unwary to Secure Pledges of Profit.

He Hires a Hall in the "Commercial" to Farther the Plans Plans of His Masters,

And Dispenses the Wherewith to Live High From the Railroad Treasury.

Minute Details of the Attempt to Bribe a Member of the Legislature.

And the Equally Unsuccessfu Effort to Hush the Damnable Affair.

Van Wyck's Brief But Pointed Chal lenge to His Chief

Accuser

Special Correspondence of THE BES.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 17.-Mesars. yesterday and examined Mr. Robberts and Mr. Reynolds. The testimony adduced was conclusive as showing were giving me "fits," and that they were mad at him about something.

State whether you had any con-asked me something in regard to this session of the legislature. A. Yes,

Q. When and where? A. I think it was the night after the appointment | request and I talked to him. I told of the committees—possibly the night him I had nothing against him, as he after that—at the Commercial hotel. had always treated me well. Q. State the conversation? A. I can't give the conversation word for give. Mr. Carns came to my room, or else met me in the hall-I cannot state surely which-after 12 o'clock at night, and, I think, opened the door and said that he wanted to see me. He asked me to go with him. I started with him, he taking my arm. We walked around toward the stairway, when I asked him where he was going. He said: "To Thurston's room." I told him that I didn't want wanted. I said I didn't want to go to see Thurston. He urged me to go, and asked me how I stood on the rail- him and Reynolds couldn't be fixed him that I him and Reynolds couldn't be fixed him that I him and Reynolds couldn't be fixed him that I him and Reynolds couldn't be fixed him that I him and Reynolds couldn't be fixed him that I him and Reynolds couldn't be fixed him that I him and Reynolds couldn't be fixed him that I him and Reynolds couldn't be fixed him that I him and Reynolds couldn't be fixed him that I had a conversation with bir. Caris their interests I could get \$5,000. I in his power to crush me. He said I couldn't do that, as I couldn't down to the hotel with me, and there look my people in the face if I did it.

He said that they would abuse me to the depot, where he left me. anyway, and that if I took the money I could go home and build a house, as the ragged-asses would abuse me A. We were talking about the anyway. After telling Mr. Carns that ter between him and Reynolds. I didn't think I could do this, I said to him that I didn't think the company would do it anyway. He said that they would. I said, "How do you know, Carns?" He said, "Go with me now to Thurston's room, or to Church Howe's room, and they will

Thurston's. Q. What did you say to that? A. I and begged me to go along?

about it. Howe's room was opposite

pay you part of the money right

Q. This conversation occurred in the hallway? A. Yes, sir. Q. Did you have any other conver-sation with Mr. Carns afterward. A. Mr. Thurston about Carns and what Yes, sir. He came up again, either to my room or to the hall. Then we had a conversation something like conversation with Mr. Carns at the what we had before, he saying that I hotel? A. No, sir. had a chance to fix myself and was very foolish not to do it?

name the amount. Q. Did he insist upon going to Mr. Thurston to get the money? A. No.

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to railroads between these two inter-views? A. No, sir. I don't remember distinctly about that now. begin their labors. Dr. Miller will be given a benefit by his friend, John D. Howe, who is a member of the com-

no fight to make on the railroads.

to anyone during the session? A. Yes, stead of Lincoln

sir. I can give names if necessary.

Q. You made no charges? A. Yes sir, I did. I told Mr. Hill, the sheriff of Butler county, who is now in town, all about it, I also told the the treasurer of Butler county. They were both at home when I told them.

Stead of Lincoln.

An investigation has been started in the house to govern the general charges of bribery and corruption made in connection with the last session. Mr. Laughlin heads the computer of the purpose.

The committee on claims made a although I said nothing positively until some time after.

Q. Did you tell them that it was Mr. Carns? A. Yes sir, I did.
Q. Have you had any interview since that time with regard to that occurance with any of these gentlemen whom you have mentioned? A. Yes sir. On the 20th of March. I talked

with Mr. Carns about it at Omsha.

Q. How did this come about? A.
I received a telegram from Frank P.
Ireland March 1st, saying: "I want to see you on business of importance to yourself. Come at once. I cannot leave." I went to Omsha at once, and the see you on business of importance to yourself. Come at once. I cannot leave." I went to Omsha at once, and the see you on business of importance to yourself. Come at once, at once, and the see you of the sapportionment bills. No decision of the apportionment bills. No decision of the apportionment bills. No decision was reached.

Mr. Teff presented a communication from Senator Van Wyck asking that the investigation of the apportionment bills. and got there at noon. I saw Mr. Ireland at the Withnell house. I told him that I wanted to go home that evening, and would like to know what he wanted. He asked me to wait un-til he returned from Council Bluffs. He said that he had overheard a conversation which related to me, and he Perkins, Gere and Doane, of the had sent for me to tell me of it. He Carns investigating committee, met said that it was Carns and Thurston, that Carns was very willing to act as He heard them mention Dr. Collins, agent for the transportation of messages relative to the corrupt use of money. Between Robbert's testimony I said that if this was all he had to

and Thurston's affidavit, there is not say I would go home, as I did not care much opportunity left for Carns to for their talk. He then wanted me escape. The committee meeting was to go and see Carns, and well attended and elicited much inter- Thurston, as they were mad at him. well attended and elicited much interest. Below is given Mr. Robbert's
That evening I went back to the hotel
testimony. The evidence of Reynolds hinges chiefly on his personal relations to Carns, and bore but incidentally upon the main facts. He
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Mr. Robberts was sworn according to form and the examination proceeded as follows:

Q. What is your present official position? A. I am representative in the legislature from the Fifty-first district.

On A representation with Mr.

wasn't there, and a moment after Mr.

Ireland came down and we had another official and we register to see who occupied Room 89 and found that it was Carns' room and that he and Ireland were rooming together. In the merning the clerk spoke to me about a man named Spitts living at David, and said that Thurston had a collection against him, and asked me to go at the stranger suddenly drew a revolver with his left hand from another volver with his left hand from another proceeding to the muzzle to his ear and blew his brains out before the horrified policemen and Mayor Thompson could interfere.

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Q. Have you seen the charges that have been made against him. A. Yes, are, came in and said Thurston had a collection against him, and asked me to go to Thurston's office and see about it. Just then Dick Hall, Thurston's partner, came in and said Thurston had a collection against him, and asked me to go to Thurston's office and see about it. Just then Dick Hall, Thurston's partner, came in and said Thurston had a collection that a decision on this bill must affect their cases. The report of the communities that a decision on this bill must affect their cases. The report of the confirmation wanted to see me, and I went with him down to the office. There I met ticket from Hamilton to Chicago.

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Q.-What was the object of his wanting you to go to see him? A .- I word, but the substance of it I can don't know, except that this was the only matter spoken of.

Carns then left the room at Thurston's

Q. Was nothing said about the affidavit you made? A. Yes, sir; I think Mr. Thurston asked me about it, and I told him that asked me about it, and I told him that some parley, promised to call on James next time he went to New Ha-Q. Did he say anything showing ven. When he went James was in how he knew of the affidavit's existence?

A. I don't know whether he said anything about that or not. He said roads, and that I thought that only reasonable legislation should be taken on that subject. He then said that if I thought it could. He said further-I should use my influence as chair more that if I persisted in making man of the railroad committee in that public he would use every means

> Q. What was the subject of conver sation then? A. We were talking about this mat Q. Was anything said in that con-

> you and Carns at the hotel? A. Certainly. Q. Can you state the conversation?

> A. No, sir. He never denied the matter. We talked it over. Q. Can you give what was said? A

I wish to correct my affidavit | Carns said to me that he did it out of as far as it reflects on Church Howe, friendship to me; that I was a friend as I don't know whether he knew of his and he wished to do me a good turn. I don't remember the rest of the conversation.
Q. Was there nothing said in the

refused to go, and he took hold of me conversation between you and Thurston about this talk with Carns? A. I don't remember whether I told Thurston what Carns had said to me or not. he had said to me.

Q. Was anyone present at your

Q. What was Thurston doing here at the hotel at that time? A. I don't Q. Did he repeat his offer of \$5,000? know. I suppose he was attending to A. I so understood it? He didn't the interests of the company for which he is assistant attorney.

[Recess.]
After the committee reassembled, Q But the first time he came from in a few minutes, strengthening such Mr. Robberts completed his testimony Thurston to you? A. No, sir; he matters as had already been broughd only claimed to be representing out. Mr. Reynolds was then called Phurston,
Q. Had you seen Thurston before and briefly examined. He corroborated the testimony of Mr. Robberts Q. What length of time clapsed be-tween the two interviews? A. I can't tigation will be continued to-morrow,

distinctly about that now.

Howe, who is a member of the comconversation. Did you say nothing telegram to the doctor last evening: particular? A. I said I couldn't do it "You kindly invited me to come and wouldn't do it. I said that I had into court. Please come immediately before senate committee with wit-Q. You understood him to refer to nessos, If you have none, bring the first conversation when you talked together the second time? A. Yes, other will be received. Don't mis-Q. Did you ever repeat this matter son, did in 1881, and go to Utah in

I told Mr. Reynolds in regard to it! report to the house this morning ou the militia appropriations. The re-port was thoroughly ex-parte, and called forth bitter denunciation from Messrs. Holman and Ransom, and s loud protest from Moore of York, who introduced the resolution to investigate the claim.

The senate spent the forencon in discussion of the apportionment bills. No decision was reached.

tion from Senator Van Wyck asking

CRIMINAL NEWS.

PATAL PRACAS. COLUMBUS, O., March 17. - At Worthington, this county at noon, Adolphus Fuller shot and proba-bly fatally wounded Louis Fairber. Both are butchers and the trouble was about money matters.

A DEAD STRANGER. CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 17 .-D. McCowan found a stranger murdered this morning. His throat was cut from ear to ear. No clue.

SUICIDE. DETROIT, May 17 .- About twelve o'clock to-day the attention of Mayor Thompson and a policeman on Griswold street, front of Moffatt block was drawn by the sound of a pistol shot to a man near them.

THE MALLEY CASE. Naw Havan, Conn., May 16.— Benjamin J. Brady testified he had charge of a buse ball tent at West Haven and that he saw Jennie Cramer, Blanche Douglas and James Malley at the baseball ground between 8 and 9 o'clock the night before her body was found. Witness after-wards worked at Newton for Frederick King. King told him ex-Judge Blydenburg, Malley's counsel, had told him (King) if Brady would either leave the state or testify James Malley was not there, he could have \$3,000. Witness, after

jail and refused to see him. C. F. Payne, a bowling alley keeper, testified to selling a glass of beer to James Malley between eight to go there, and asked him what he that he got it from Mr. McCoon. I and twelve o'clock that Friday night

several witnesses testified to seeing James Malley, Jennie Cramer, Walter Malley and Blanche Douglas at West Haven Friday night. Detective Brower, who arrested Blanche at Lizzie Bundy's in New York, was on the stand when the court adjourned. The prosecution expect to show by wit-nesses that the Malleys had conspired with a vile prostitute and brought her to New Haven and palmed her off as a virtuous woman in order to over-come and ruin Jennie Cramer. The detective testified to finding Blanche versation about what occurred between in the house of Lizzie Bundy, and her admissions as to her disreputable life. Brower will be further examined to-

A Bad Treasurer.

National Associated Press.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 17.--The accounts of Adam Dunderee, excounty treasurer of Reading, show a total indebtedness of \$53,880 instead of \$20,000. The bondamen have been given until June 1st to settle.

Southern Lawlessness

NEW ORLEANS, May 17 .- On Monday morning a mob of two hundred raid d the St. Martinaville jail, removed Joseph E. Jenkins, who mur-dered his brother-in-law, Castill, from the ail, carried him to the scene of the murder and hung him. On their way they seized Azar (colored) out on bond charged with killing a young man. Azar was hung to the same tree. Great excitement prevails. The governor offers a reward of \$2,000 for the arrest and conviction of the persons engaged. On Monday W. Harrington killed

B. W. Phillips near Lexington, Miss. The cause of the quarrel was about some cattle.

Star Routers Disgorge

## NAILING THE THIEVES.

The First Important Step by Congress in the Interest of the People.

Railroad Land Grants Not Complied with to Revert to the Government,

The Result of Diligent Research by the Judiciary Committee of the House.

Congress Still Sampling Bonded Whisky and Bank Charters.

The Civil Engineers Take Time by the Forelook to Establish a Standard.

The Democrats Squirming From Dose of Their Own Medicine.

AN IMPORTANT MOVE N THE MATTER OF BAILBOAD LAN

GRANTS. Washington, May 17.—It will be remembered that Mr. Cobb of Indiana recently introduced a bill in the house providing for forfeiture of lands granted to railroads where the terms of the grant had not been complied with and the bill was referred plied with and the bill was referred to the judiciary committee. Under this the committee have made their first report to the house being in the case of the claim of the Catonnagon & Brule river railroad for lands held by certain parties in Michigan involving forfeiture of many million dollars. The committee's work has been strictly private. The

has been strictly private. The result of the action affects the value of all claims made, under the same head. The land in the case reported on was granted the company under an act of congress to aid in the compleconstructed during the term of years Senator Call offered a resolution inmentioned in the grant, but after the structing the pension committee to time expired the company constructed report a bill granting pensions to solits road, and, claiming land, attempted diers of Indian wars prior to 1845. to dispossess parties who had in the meantime possessed it under the usual method of gaining government

mittee favors the confirmation of the acts of the government officials granting lands to settlers and purchasers, and declares the claims of the railroad company wid, and recommends the parties of the bill.

The report discusses the questions involved at great length, and is the result of much labor on the part of the committee.

the committee. CAPITAL NOTES.

AN APPROPRIATION.

WASHINGTON, May 17 .- The house

committee this week.

THE RIGHT OF WAY. The house committee on Indian affairs have agreed to recommend concurrence in the senate amendments to the bill granting right of way through the Choctaw reservation to the St. Louis & SanFrancisco railroad.

NEW BANK.
The First National bank of Davenport, Iowa, capital \$100,000, is author-

IMMIGRATION. WASHINGTON, May 17.-The offireport places the total tmmigration for April at 104,274, ten thousand in excess of April last year.

STARVING INDIANS. Agent Llewellyn telegraphs the Indians office from Mescalero agency that, owing to the tailure of congress to appropriate subsistence, it will be necessary to transer the Indians at that agency to the war department to them remain on the reservation and starve.

Bonds redeemed under call to-day were \$2,893,350.

STANDARD TIME.

to-day a special committee on standard time reported through Sanford Fleming of Ottawa, chairman, that they had expressions of opinions on the question from every state in the Union and the British provinces. A number of railroad men and scientists have been heard from. The emphatic opinions received on several points all are in favor of the establishment of a comprehensive system of standard time as soon as practicable; ninety-seven per cent approved gen-erally of the scheme under consideration of the society, seven per cent were in favor of the four standard New York, May 17.—The United solved to take first step necessary for erers of Cavendish and Burke. a prime or zero meridin. With that when she arrives, end in view they seek the co-operation The United States marshals en

on Tests for Iron and Steel, by Captain Michvielis and President Gottlieb

of Christoni bridge works, THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

after adjoursment of the house, lasted for two hours. There was a strong feeling in opposition to the considera-tion of election cases before the appropriation bills were disposed of. Long

speeches were made by Randall, Car-lisle, Sparks, House, Kenna, Holman and other leading men. Various proposition were presented and discussed without any action. The following, by Mr. Kenna, was adopted:
RESOLVED, That the purposes as indicated by the republican majority to force a decision of the contested cases of Mackey against O'Connor upon evidence which was materially upon evidence which was materially altered by Mackey without notice to O'Connor or Dibble, present occupant of the seat, or their knowledge, which evidence, it has been openly charged, has been forged, and which been recently proved by sworn testimony in the federal court to have been forged, and eral court to have been forged, and the denial by said republican majority through its party vote in its committee to give an opportunity to Dibble, present contestee, that the evidence so altered by said Mackey be retaken in a manner and subject to all safe-guards as precribed by law for the as-certainment of truth, is a flagrant attempt to deny justice in said case, demanding as it shall receive

our condemnation. CONFIRMATIONS. The senate in executive session this afternoon confirmed the following nominations: Wm. A. Maury, assistant attorney general of the United States. Consuls—H. C Miller, of Minnesota, at Guayaquil; O. N. Tousley, of Minnesota, at Trieste; P. S. Corbet, United States marshal of the district of Nevada; James C. Jewell, surveyor of customs, Evans-ville, Ind.; A. J. Kaufman, collector of internal revenue, Ninth district of Pennsylvania. Postmasters — Louis C. Smith. at Slatington, Pa.; Amanda C. Sullivan, Pottsville; Geo. P. Humphrey, Sheyboygan, Mich.; Mor-ton L. Caidell, Hancock, Mich.

## CONGRESS

SENATE PROCEEDINGS. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17 .-

diers of Indian wars prior to 1845.

The whisky bond bill was discussed until 2 p. m., when it went over. The 5 per cent, land bill was taken up. land. These parties appealed to congress for power to perfect their title length by Senators Allison, Bayard, to the lands as already granted by Sherman, Blair, Hoar, Merrill, Hawgovernment officials. The bill was ley, Conger, Plumb and Saulsbury, vigorously opposed in the committee, and without coming to a conclusion not only by representatives of the Outonnagon & Brule River railroad, sion, and when the senate and

national bank charters was resumed, the democrats opposing. The house spent the entire afternoon on the

Shipherd National Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17 .- The house committee on foreign affairs were in secret session until 11:30. When the doors were opened the chairman told Shipherd the committee had decided to put the following question: "Will you furnish the were delivered by Mr. Taylor of Al-Washington, May 17.—The house committee on public buildings has agreed on the bill appropriating \$75,000 for a public building at Dayton, Ohio.

To be becamined by the foreign affairs of the will be examined by the foreign affairs of the committee with copies of all correspondence between yourself and any person or persons whomever, and all papers and other evidence in your possession tending to show what you attempted to do, to enforce the claim of the well attended.

Will you furnish the committee by Mr. Taylor of Allegheny county, Hon. Jamer E. Emerson of Beaver Falls, Charles Armstrong of Pittsburg, and Frank H. Heath, chairman of the greenback state executive committee. The convenience of the committee this week. Peruvian Company, or to induce the United States to enforce its claims

against Peru?" Shipherd answered emphatically that he would not. The committee went into executive session, and decided to discharge Shipherd until further orders.

Adjourned until to-morrow. SHIPHERD SQUEALS.

Shipherd has written a long letter to Chairman Williams, complaining away. The loss aggregates \$180,000, of his treatment by the committee by their permitting Blaine so wide a latitude, and summarily dismissing him without an opportunity of answering Blaine or correcting Blair's testimony. He notified the commit-tee that he is prepared to supply in effect, although not literally, all evi-dence called for and stated that this evidence includes an important letter from the president recently discovered in correspondence with official and keep them from starvation. He says and with the department of state through the consul. He subm.ts that the committee which has allowed its session to be made a vehicle of personal assault in the hearing of the whole At the convention of civil engineers is annexed an unquestionable duty.

The Presbyterians.

National Associated Press. Springfield, Ill., May 17.-A large number of delegates to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church which meets here to-morrow, have already arrived. Among the distinguished men now here are Rev. Dr Irenius, Prima of New York, and Rev. John L. Nevins, of Cheioo,

Seeking the Assassins.

meridan time for North America one States marshal, under orders from the hour apart; six per cent for two stand- state department, boarded the Cunard ard and three per cent for a contin-ental standard. The convention re-searched unsuccessfully for the murdtime reform, and the establishment of will also search the State of Indiana

Thurston.

Q. Had you seen Thurston before that?

A. I don't remember having seen Mr. Thurston before that.

Q. What length of time elapsed between the two interviews?

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Q. Do you remember whether you had anything in committee in regard.

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marshals will search the steamer In diana which is expected to morrow.

A WOLFE AT BAY.

He Turns Upon His Traducers and Shakes Them Up.

National Associated Press. SURBURY, Pa., May 17 .- An independent republican conference to elect delegates to the state convention, May 24, was largely attended. C. S. May 24, was largely attended. C. S. Wolfe was elected senatorial delegate and Col. John McClery, of Melton, and David Shuster, of Shamakin, representatives. Wolfe was called upon to define his position in the party, which he did in an hour's speech, vindicating himself from the charges brought against him. He flatly denied that there had been any

bargain with Cameron or his party and closed as follows. "I deprecate the action we will be obliged to take. I deprecate democratic ascendancy in the state, but all hope of peace is at end. Nothing is left but war, war against the spoils system and bosses. Let the future take care of itself. I have full confidence in the intelligence, wisdom and patriotism of the people. If they prove themselves able to overthrow the spoils system and bosses rule they can be relied upon to successfully meet any other evil that may confront

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. May 18.—A sensation has been created in political circles by the public withdrawal from the independent movement of the president of the select council, Smith, who was recently placed in that position as a representative reformer. In justification of his action he says he is satisfied with the ticket nomi-nated at Harrisburg last week and fears that opposition to it might give the state and nation into the hands of the democratic party.

OPENING THE CAMPAIGN.

Senator Cooper opened the republi-can headquarters this afternoon and will to-morrow isue an address to the republicans or the state urging the importance of organization. He emphatically denies the rumors of the for it. says the latter accepted the evening of the nomination. He says the canvass will be the most aggressive ever known in the state, and that Messrs. Beaver, every county in the state.

THE GREENBACKERS.

The city delegation to the greenback labor convention, which opens at Harrisburg to morrow, left to-night, instructed for the following ticket: For governor, Thomas A.

Armstrong, of Alleghany; lieutenant
governor, Robert Tomlinson, of
Berks; secretary of internal affairs, claim it will have the support of the Knights of Labor. If this is well founded and the Wolfe independents determine on aggressive cam-paign, it is believed the outlook for the republican ticket will be unfavor-able.

RAGBABY BALLY.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 17 .- A large and enthusiastic labor mass meeting was held this evening and was largely attended by delegates to the greenback labor convention, which strong of Pittsburg, and Frank H. Heath, chairman of the greenback

National Associated Press St. Joseph, May 17.—The loss by the fire at Stewartsville, Mo., is larger than at first supposed. Every business stand in the place with the exception of one small grocery is destroyed, Forty odd store buildings, together with the Independent office,

insurance 3,800.

Frightful Death The house this afternoon listened GREENFIELD, Mass., May 17 .- Fred Chamberlain, the widely known West Orange farmer, and his wife died yesterday from poison. Chamberlain in-aculated in his hands from guano with which he was fertilizing his lands. His wife was poisoned from dressing his sores. The affect was swift, their bodies being bloated and disfigured, and with difficulty coffined. They

were buried last night. Marino Intelligence.

NEW YORK, May 17 .- Sailed-The Servia and Ecin for Liverpool, the sity, patrolled the streets last night Labrador for Havre; arrived, the looking for disorderly students. They Wisconsin from L'verpool, Furnessia from Glasgow, Chateau Lecoville from Bordeaux, Dupy DeLorn from Marseilles.

BALTIMORE, May 17 .- Sailed-The PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—Sailed—The Switzerland for Antwerp.

Amsterdam, May 17.—Arrived—The Edam from New York.

GLASGOW, May 17.—Arrived—The Devonian from New York. BREMEN, May 17.—Arrived—The Mosel from New York; sailed, the Ohio for New York.

Copenhagen, May 15.—Sailed-The Hecla for New York. LIVERPOOL, May 17-Arrived-The England from New York; sailed, the Egypt for New York. HAMBURG, May 17.—Sailed—The Gilbert for New York, via. Havre.

London, May 17.—Sailed—The California and Denmark for New

BARTLETT'S BLUSTER.

The Omaha Representative Denounces the Workingmen.

In Connection with the Report of the Committee on the Militia Claim.

The Slocumb Apportionment Bill, Similar to the Burns Bill, Passes the House.

The Monopoly Chieftains on the Ground to Testify What They Don't Know About Carns.

Other Matters of Interest from the Scene of Legislative Wisdom.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

Lincoln, Neb., May 17.-There was quite an angry debate in the house this morning over the report on militia claims. Bartlett, of Douglas, reported back the bill with very severe censure on Omaha working men and fully sustaining Boyd, Nance, and the militia in everything, recommending

the entire militia claims be allowed. Holman, Ransom and Moore of York, protested against a one-sided report and Bartlett's failure to procure information from others than parties interested in the claims concerning the alleged riot and the necessity for

expenses. After a lengthy debate the house

adopted the committee report. The house after an hour's debate passed the Slocumb apportionment bill. This is the same as the Burns bill. Church Howe, Tom Kennard and other railroad strikers worked hard

The senate adjourned until to-mor-

Dr. Miller, Thurston, Kimball and Manager Clark arrived at noon to tes-Marshall, Greer and Davis will stump tify before the investigation commitspecial dispatch to Tan Bag.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 16. - The house

to-day passed the Burns bill to third reading by a large majority. It will not go through. Robberts testified before the Carns investigating committee to-day, and Maj. J. V. Pawderly, of Lackawanna; told the manner in which the tender congressman-at-large, J. W. Schuck-of money was made. He narrated ers, of Philadelphia. Leaders of the how he had gone to Thurston's office at Omaha by special request and had been asked to hush his affidavit. Reynolds testified as to knowledge of

Carns' crookedness. The investigation will be continued to morrow. The testimony damages Carns badly, as it shows that in any event he was willing to act as agent between buyer

and seller.

MILLER'S COLLAPSE. Special Dispatch to THE BEE. THE INVESTIGATION. LINCOLN, May 17 .- The two investigating committees met this afternoon and proceeded with the testimony in the Tefft case. Dr. Miller. Senator Van Wyck and others testified, but no case was developed fixing the charges. Miller refused to produce witnesses when called upon to do so. Senator Van Wyck was completely relieved from any doubt regarding the charges made against him, he being

fully exculpated. The Carns committee finished their labors practically, leaving the issue a question of veracity between Messrs. Robberts and Carns. Messrs. Kimball, Thurston and others testified.

to an eulogy by Bartlett, upon the deceased members.

Miners on a Strike-SALMVILLE, Ohio, May 17 .- Seven hundred miners are out on a strike for restoration of the 10 cents a ton cut-off of a few weeks ago. mines are owned mostly in Cleveland.

A Disorderly Student Shot.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 17.— President Telwell and Professors Pike and Moore of the State universoon saw a party of students appearing with a gate and ordered a halt, which the students failed to obey. As they ran Prof. Pike fired, a bullet striking a student named Asa Paine in the

Crops in Norrhwest.

CHICAGO, May 17.—The latest crop reports from the northwest fully con-firms previous estimates of the large increase of the wheat acreage in that section. The increase is greatest in Dakota, and ranges from 10 to 50 per cent, averaging 80 per cent. Northern Minnesota seeding is reported finished. In the southern part of the state the weather is fine and work is progressing rapidly and favorably. Throughout the whole state the weather is now dry and warm.

A New Railroad.