OVER THE RIVER.

Governor Sherman Strongly Recommends Probibition.

And Sharply Alludes to the Lost Amendments,

Allison Receives a Unanimous Nomination.

for Business.

Various Happenings in the State and Its Capital.

THE IOWA LEGISLATURE RENOMINATION OF ALLISON. Special Dispatch to The Bee.

DES MOINES, January 15 .- At the republican caucus to-night Senator Allison catine, one from Boone and two from this 22d last, to examine the improvements was nominated for United States senator by acclamation. There was great enthusiasm. Merchant, of Cedar Rapids, was nominated for state binder on the fifth ballot; Roberts, of Fort Dodge, for state printer; Colonel Crosley, of Webster City, for warden of the Fort Madison penitentiary, and E. Martin, of Anamosa, was nominated for warden of the Anamosa penitentiary. All the nominations are equivalent to an election.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT. General Press Dispatches.

DES MOINES, January 15 -At a republican caucus of the legislature tonight Senator Allison was renominated for United States senate by acclamation. Every republican member in the legislalature was present and the nomination was made amid great enthusiasm by a rising vote and every one of the ninety-one members rose and voted in the affirmative. Prolonged and repeated cheers greeted the result. Senator Allison was sent for by a committee who soon returned, escorting him to the hall. He was received with great enthusiasm He was introduced by Governor Car-penter, the chairman, and addressed the convention in a short and eloquent speech. SENATE PROCEEDINGS

DES MOINES, Ia., January 15 .- The senate met at 10 this morning. The committee on credentials reported, and the senators were sworn in by Lieutenant Governor Manning. A permanent organization was then affected by electing the officers named by the republican caucus last night without opposition. Mr. Smith offered a concurrent resolu-tion fixing the time for canvassing the votes of the last election for state officers at 10 a. m. Wednesday. Adopted. Seats in the new senate chamber are to be assigned by lot. The house concurrent resolution for appointment of a inauguration was adopted. Senators Smith, Caldwell and Henderson were appointed. On assignment of seats Senators Rothert, Hemenway and Johnson were named. The governor's private secretary appeared with Governor Sherman's biennial message, which was or-dered read and referred. Adjourned.

WORK OF THE HOUSE. In the house no business of great importance was transacted. The remainder of the republican caucus nominees were elected and sworn in. Mr. Wolf. the new speaker, delivered a fine address an old man by the name of Netz. in which he returned thanks to the members for the high honor conferred upon him and called attention to the great here only to advise with their central danger of too much legislation. Change of law, he said, is always attended with inconveniencies of administration and any change not made by the people or based on evident necessity must be followed by evils commensurate with the magnitude of the charge. He made no reference te any of the subjects in which the public mind is at present interested and only pledged himself to do his duty to the best of his ability. Various committees were appointed to act in conjunction with the senate committees pre

paratory to getting the assembly in good working order. The reading of the governor's message came next. Elaborate preparations are being made for the inauguration of Governor Sherman, which will occur Thursday next.

GOVERNOR SHERMAN'S MESSAGE.

Governor Sherman sent in his biennial message to the legislature to-day. It makes eight columns of nonpare'l print. It strongly recommends the enactment of a prohibitory temperance law, refers pretty sharply to the supreme court de- kill Dukes and was prepared for it. cision overthrowing the amendment, and says it is the moral duty of every legis lator to vote for the declared will of the people of the state in favor of prohibi-It discusses the railroad question in a broad and earnest manner urging that railroads and the people have mutual interests to guard and should settle all controversies on a basis of mutual good-will and recommends that the board of railway commissioners be given power to enforce their decisions. It recommends the establishment sions. It recommends the establishment of a state board of charities and board of county treasury inspectors, who should examine the accounts of all county treasurers at least once a year. It rec emmends the building of an additions insane asylum, and a reformatory for women, and that the state print the books used in the common schools. Senator Allison left for Washington at

ten to-night. A MINER KILLED.

David Shears, a coal miner of Indian-ols, was instantly killed this morning. He was descending a shaft when a heavy door fell, striking him on the temple.

THE ORGANIZATION. THE WORK DONE AND COMING EVENTS.

Special Correspondence of THE BRE.

DES MOINES, Iowa, January 15 .- The members of the legislature are here on time. The first ression was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. It was one of the most quiet openings this state has seen for some time. The occasion of this was that the question of United States sens-

went down, calling the Twentieth Gen went down, calling the Twentieth General assembly together. Hon. Robert Smythe, of Polk county, was elected temporary speaker of the house. The main facts as to the organization of the house, and the settlement of the questions in regard to the different positions to be filled, I gave you in my dispatch Sunday morning. There seems to be no change whatever in regard to the position. Hon. John A. Kasson, member of con-Hon, John A. Kasson, member of con gress from this district is here, but that

has no significance whatever in connection with senatorial matters. Allison will be elected on the first ballot. Kasson is here because he is to deliver the The Hawkeye Legislature Ready dedication of our magnificent capitol building. Mr. Kasson was one of the staunchest friends Dos Moines had at the time the location of the new capitol building was before the legislature. did more than any one man in Iowa to secure its location in Des Moines, and it is very fitting that he should deliver the address at the time of its dedication. The inaugural ceremonies take place at the same time, and preparations on a grand scale are being nade to celebrate the occassion which has so much of interest centered in it. Four military companies, one from Mus-

> The weather promises to be very fine.
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> On Wednesday of this week the state organization of the W. C. T. U. will hold a meeting in the Grand Opera House, which will be addressed by Mrs. Willard, of Chicago, Mr. John Malian, of Muscatine; Mrs. Anna Malian, of Muscatine; Risher Husst and Dr. F. R. Hutshins. Bishop Hurst and Dr. E. R. Hutchins, pect that the first legislation on any subjest will be the repeal of the wine and beer clause, which will settle for a time mended, the committee says:
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> | State the list registration of any subject to a bill separate and distinct from the one embodying the general appropriation for rivers and harbors." at least the question of temperance which they here to influence members of the legislature on the temperance question. They consider that question settled and that the members do not dare, on the ground of party policy, to refuse to give the state prohibitory legislation of some

ant Governor Manning and other notable

personages. It will be Iowa's gala day.

kind. Yesterday morning at about 9 o'clock an explosion took place in the Equitable an explosion took place in the Equitable block which might have proved fatal if it Paul, with modifications suggested by had occurred a few moments later. The experience, seems to be adequate im-janitor of the Equitable block, a large provement of navigation and should in block just north of the post office owned by Polk & Hubble, smelled gas when he pushed rapidly to completion." in the vault was lighted as usual, works already in course of construction. and burned for more than an hour. At a few minutes past 9 o'clock the explosion took place and was terrific. Every obstruction is a south bar, which until broken out, one of the inside walls badly large plate glass in front of President Sherman's office was broken into thousands of pieces. Mr. Sherman's desk is at the window, and in ten minutes more he would have been at work at the desk, and probably would have been blown through the window, as the force was terrible. Two clerks were in the office,

A fire on Court avenue this morning destroyed a little building belonging to Prominent democrats from all parts of committee as to their work in the coming national campaign. It probably has no connection with the meeting of the

but no one was hurt.

legislature at all. CRIME AND CRIMINALS. A ROPE FOR FOUR BITS.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 15.—John Elfers, who killed Ben Haggerty because he would not pay him four bits, was hanged this morning.

THE NUTT TRIAL. PICCSBURG, January 15 .- A large the prosecution in the Nutt trial to-day.

John Messmore, 9 years old, said that on the afternoon of the day Dukes was killed he was playing with Willie Nutt shots were fired and when Uncle Steve went home he told Jim not to fail. Sheriff Hoover, of Fayett county, testified that Nutt told him that he had to

Thirty Injured.

WEITHERFORD, Tex., January 15.— The west bound Texas Pacific passenger train was wrecked this morning by broken rails, ten miles east of Weatherford. Details are meagre. It is known that fourteen people were injured. The train was running 25 miles an hour. Two coaches were thrown on their side. The sleepers kept the rails.

was killed outright.

Montana's Constitution.

MINNEAPOLIS, January 15.—The Tri-bune's special from Helens, Mont., says the constitutional convention met at neon. A list of delegates reported, embracing 18 republicans and 26 democrata.. W A. Clark, democrat, of Silver Bow county, was chosen permanent president. P. L. Van Cleve, secretary, and the necessary standing committees were appointed.

Bloodshed Imminent.

CASTROVILLE, Tex., January 15 .- Ten miles of the Strickland pasture fence located in the southern portion of Bandora county, has been cut. Popular feeling is running high and bloodshed is

A Warning to Saloon Men.

NEW YORK, January 15.-Alexander most conspicuous caterers and sporting a center depth of 30 feet, without regard men was convicted of violating the excise law by selling liquor within the ex-cepted hours, and was sentenced to the

RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

The Work Done and to be Done on the Mississippi.

The Senate Select Committee's Report.

ties.

Work.

A Separate and Distinct Bill for the

Appropriations. MISSISSIPPI IMPROVEMENT. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, January 15 .- The report of the select committee of the senate, appointed by resolution of February city, the best companies in the state will in progress on the Mississippi river and escort duty. The exercises occur at methods employed in making them, 2½ o'clock Thursday. In the evening the building will be lighted from basement to dome and a grand reception tendered by Governor Sherman, Lieuten-Walker. The report recites the meeting in Chicago, October 27th, beginning work at Rock Island and taking testi-

of this city, and others. The meeting is and the work done toward its improve-

"Your committee are persuaded that is uppermost just now. Next week Wednesday and Thursday the State Temperance Alliance, is here in full force. Both socities claim that in no sense are in its prosecution a uniform system must the work of improvement if worth doing be adopted and adhered to.

Your committee does not propose to suggest solutions of engineering prob-lems. It intends simply to guard the senate against the habit of legislation which tends to fritter away appropria-

tions in feeble desultory work' It adds: "The system now in use

In respect to the improvements of th went into the building. He hunted every place but could find no trace of it. When the booker of the Equitable Life committee reports that from St. Paul to Insurance company came in and opened the mouth of the St. Croix, the channel the vault at about 8 o'clock, the leak in has been depened nearly two feet. Still the gas was found to be there. The jet further results will be obtained from window in the company's office was 1879 impeded navigation for large boats there being only thirty inches of water, shattered and other damage done. The but since the improvement there are six feet at the lowest stages. From Reed's Landing to Alma the depth is increased to not less than four feet anywhere in low water, where formerly it was thirty inches to three feet. Other bars and shoals are treated at length.

The report says: "All completed works have given good results." The committee further says: "The improvement of Rock Island rapids by rock excavation and Des Moines rapids by means of a canal are too well known to need further mention." The comthe state are still here, but claim to be mittee recommends work on Rock Island harbor and Quincy bay by continued and sufficient appropriations made to insure

A good deal of space is devoted to the river between the mouth of the Illinois river and the mouth of the Ohio river. The width of the river between Cairo

and St. Louis is in some cases one and one-half miles, with a channel depth at low water of three and one-half to four feet. As further clearances are made there will be a further weakening of the banks and further detoriation of the navigable capacity of the river. The question therefore, seems to be not simnumber of witnesses were examined for ply whether the present navigation shall be improved, but whether such a

now exists shall be preserved. Of the works now in progress it says the chief plan of improvement adopted at the latter's house, and Jim Nutt by the engineer department is to protect and his uncle Steve were shooting at a the banks from erosion and confine all board against the carriage house. Several water in the bed of the river to a single waterway of moderate width. This plan involves two classes of works, viz: those required to contract the width of the river where it is now inordinately great,

and those required to close secondary arms or chutes. The object of the first class is to prevent further damage, and the second to deepen the present channel. The programme adopted for carrying out the olan is to first improve that part of the iver lying below St. Louis, the reasons given being that this part carries the greatest amount of commerce, that the channel depth above St. Louis compares f worably with that new found in the Mis-souri or Illinois and upper Mississippi rivers, and it is designed to make the improvement continuous, it being alleged that the greatest economy is thus to be obtained, that the improvement of one ection facilitates the improvement of the next, also that it is better that such obstacles as remain be confined to one portion of the river rather than distributed over all portions and it is better to work down the stream, because in this manner the channel becomes fixed as the mprovement advances out. Its approach to the works below being fixed, they can be properly designed to receive it, whereas to work up the stream leaves the channel free to approach in some way entirety different and unforeseen. A further reason why it is designed to

cause the river beyond it is permanently Of the results of jetty work the com mittee says "according to the interpreta-tion now put on the law there must be perhaps a slight increase in the number K. (Sandy) Spencer, one of New York's maintained a channel 26 feet wide having to width, through the jetties and into the gulf, and channel 26 feet in depth.

make St. Louis the initial point is be-

cause it is the base of supplies and be-

1879, at which time these depths were first obtained. The depths thus required have been maintained, except for about 70 days in all since July 8, 1879. There has been no deficiency since September 1, 1882, as your committee was informed by the government inspecting officer whose duty it is to report all deficiencies in quarter yearly certificates defining the locality and length of time they have ex-

The committee states that while it was in the vicinity of the jetties three large steamers passed out bound to foreign ports all heavily laden, one of them carrying the heaviest load of cotton ever taken to sea at one time, the cargo consisting of 150,000 bales of cotton and other freight equal in bulk to 3,000 bales

Passengers Burned to a Crisp in

The recommendations of the committee are brief. The report says the committee united with the commission in the recommendations made in the late report

to the secretary of war. In conclusion the report says: "Your ommittee has not deemed it within the province of their mission to pass upon the merits of the engineering plans now in process of execution on the Missisfurther benefits to be derived from them by general navigation, commerce and trade, it is recommended that \$100,000 beappropriated for the improvement of the river between Cairo and the mouth of the Illinois, and \$100,000 between the mouth of the Illinois and St. Paul, and for the improvement of the river between Cairo and the head passes,

such sums as have been named by the Mississippi river commission in its report to the secretary of war now before the senate as being necessary to the further in an instant was a mass of flames. So senate as being necessary to the further prosecution of the work going on in that river, a description follows of the ob-stacles to the navigation of this stretch further recommended that these as well of this city, and others. The meeting is and the work done toward its improve- as all future appropriations for the improvement, and which has received almost provement of the Mississippi be made unanimous approval by river men. In subject to a bill separate and distinct

MURRAY'S MESSAGE.

HE GIVES THE SAINTS SOME ADVICE.

Salt Lare, January 15.—Governor Murray in his message to the Utah legislature this afternoon referred to the present session of that body as being "one of extraordinary interest to the peo-ple of Utah and the country at large. The manner of conducting our elections in the future will be made dependent on the action we may take. Congress and the people of the country expect this legislature to write a code of laws as hall, while conserving the admitted local necessities of the terr tory, be an assurance of our fidelity to the nation and satisfy the exactions on questions in which Utah is regarded as not in harmony with other portions of our coun-It has been charged before the county by congress that the ecclessiastical power established by the territorial statutes and held by many as sovereign. congress, which is paid for its services by congressional appropriations from the ational treasury. I will gladly co-operate with you in passing laws that will retire Utah affairs from the halls of congress and forever bury out of sight the harge that the ecclesiastical power dictates the legislation in Utah.

The governor reviews the passage of the Edmunds act and said: "It was but a warning voice of the sovereignty of the government of the United States. leclares that the present condition of affairs could not longer continue in safety either to the United State or the people of Utah. Constitutional morality must prevail or the nation must fail. The governor asks for a repeal of chapter ive, complied laws of Utah, because unwarranted and dangerous powers were therein delegated to th great church corporation. The governor repeas the recommendations made to the last legislature that sheer justice demands the right of dower for w.f.hopd, that unjust discrimination, unrest and untold suffering follow its denial Every mayor was ordered to take formal possesenlightened argument wavers. It is denied in no state or territory except the highest bidder. In December, 1883, where something better is given. Th goveanor earnestly urges that this right be no longer withheld from the wives of this territory. He says: "The fact that there are no laws upon our statute books denouncing polygamy, bigamy, adultery. fornication, incest and illicit intercourse Utah. I trust the legislature will not

upon these offences." The governor recites the anti-polygamy act of congress passed in 1862, the arrest, trial and conviction of George Reynolds, get out of existence at once. The genthe polygamist, under said act and reminds the legislature that when this cel ebrated case reached the supreme court of the United States, that body decided theact under which the arrest and conviction took place was a constitutional enactment. In the light of this decision the governor declares the legislature will be unmindful and cruel to those whom they represent should they fail to pass final laws with effective measures for their execution. He asks for a repeal of the law incorporating a perpetual emigration fund, for the repeal of the whole system of emigrant laws which now places emigration under the direct charge of the church, and recommends the establishment of an emigrant bureau free from all ecclesiastic control; he also asks that every public school in the territory be conducted free from all sectarianism, which is not the case at present; that marriage be made a civil compact and valid only between one woman and one man.

The message is voluminous, and at tracts great attention and interest throughout the territbry.

The Whale Crop Failure. NEW BEDFOED, Mass., January 15. The past year was one of loss to those engaged in the whale fisheries, and the results are discouraging. Indications point to a steady decrease in the number of vessels sailing from Atlantic ports and

An Old Citizen Gone!

sailing from San Francisco

ALLENTOWN, PA., January 15 .- S. A. The navigable width must be maintained Bridges died last evening of dropsy, aged be the next speaker of the house, were both pratically settled before the gavel be maintained at 20 feet, from July 8, to 1855, and 1875 to 1878.

BURNED IN OIL.

A Horrible Calamity on a Pennsylvania Railroad.

A Waste Stream of Oil Fired by an Engine.

Trying to Escape.

The Terrible Struggle for Life by the Frantic Passengers.

AN OIL FIRE.

THE TERRIBLE DEATHS IT CAUSED.

BRADEORD, Pa., January 15 .- A tersippi river. In view, however, of the good work already done, and manifest results achieved and reasonable hopes of resulting in the death of several passengers and horrible injuries to others. A stream of waste oil was floating from a tank across the track when a passenger train from Wellsville for Bradford ran into it setting it on fire. The train was immediately enveloped in flames, the free trade as a means of improving our track for a distance of 100 yards being relations with England, France and the oil, which spread on the hurricane winds friend than myself, even though I someintense was the heat that the windows baggage car were converted into a seething, hissing fire. It was a terrible mowas so intense that the panic-stricken passengers were driven back and forced their way through the windows to the landing in the snow, A relief train with surgeons and cots were dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival a terrible sight pre-sented itself. The passenger coach and baggage car were smoking ruins, and the engine lay on its back, having turned a complete somersault. It definitely known that only

three passengers, all women, were burned to death. Mrs. L. C. Fair, of Virginia junction, was burned beyond recognition. Mrs Fair was a young woman, having been married two years. Her husband escaped by jumping through a window. Miss Katie Moran, of Allens, New York, was burned a most to a crisp and Miss Moran was found hanging out of the side of the coach window, grasping the sill. The other woman has not been identified, being badly burned. Professor Fought is not expected to live. Patric Sexton, the engineer, is terribly burned about the face and hands and would not permit the legislature to Mike Walsh, fireman, is horribly burned pass certain laws intended to be in harmony with the national law man jumped from the train and was in jumped from the train and was in jumped from the train and was in jumped internally. Jerry Denagon, brakeabout the face and arms. W. II. Beljured internally. Jerry Denagon, brakelegislature, deriving its existence from Heidricher, express messenger, has burned hands. George McCortney, newsboy, is horribly burned about the head and hands and is not expected to live. His hands are burned to a crisp. A. N. Carpenter, of Little Genesee, had his face and left hand burned. Jerry Haggerty, of Ceres, New York, was badly burned about the face and head. Mrs. Black, daughter and son, of Aiken, were burned about the head and hands. Mr. Black was most severely burned G. W. Van, wife and son, of Indianap olis, are burned. The boy is badly burned about the face and hands.

John Kafour, of Aiken, New York, is terribly burned about the face and hands

Chicago's Exposition Building. CHIEAGO, January 15 .- In December 882, the city council passed an ordi nance requiring the mayor to lease the lake front ground on which the exposition building stands, to the exposition company at \$10,000 per year, payable in advance, failing to accomplish this the son of the premises and rent them to the mayor made a formal demand on the exposition officers for the year's rental in advance. A meeting of the directors of the exposition was held to-day, at which it was resolved that "compliance with the demand of the city for a rental of \$10,000 would be fatal to the continas public offences, is not creditable to ued existence of the enterprise. The directors advise a meeting of stock fail to place the seal of condemnation holders to be held at an early day to finally act upon the subject. The directors also advise the stockholders to tear down the building, wind up affairs and eral impression prevails that the exposition building is in no immediate danger of being torn down. The building was the historic scene of Garfield's nomina tion. The next national republican convention will be held within its walls, perhaps, also, the next national demo

cratic convention. The Morton Statue. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., January 15 .- The city was full of visitors to-day to attend the ceremonies of unveiling the statue of the late Senator Morton. Speeches and other exercises were held in the English opera house, the oration of the day being delivered by ex-Secretary of the Navy The statue was unveiled at the conclusion of the exercises in the opera

The Maryland Senatorship.

BALTIMORE, January 15 .- The legislature to-day voted for a United States senator to succeed James Black Groome, whose term expires March 4, 1883. Out of a total joint vote of 117, necessary to an election 59, Groome (dem.) received 21, John M. Robinson (dem.) 24, Charle L. Westcott (rep.) 22 votes. The other votes were scattering.

Shaky Elevators NEW YORK, January 15 -It is rumored

on 'Change that several large grain house are in a shaky condition and one of the principal ones is only putting up half margins.

Reducing Wages.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., January 15 .- No. tices were posted in three mills of the e'l has accepted the presidency of the general. Private calendar. Social Manufacturing company, the Birmingham and Midland institute.

largest cotton corporation of Woonsocket, of a reduction of 12 per cent in wage to take effect February 1. The rubber works here and at Melville, employing 1,500 hands, began running on half time

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR EGYPT. LONDON, January 15.-The display of energy at Woolwich arsenal and the arrival there of immense stores, such as are required by an army on the march, has given rise to the belief that the Eng-lish cabinet has decided to dispatch reinforcements to the army in Egypt. A mountain battery with harness and pack raddles for camels was shipped to day,

CASTELAR CRITICISES THE KING. Madrid, January 15.—In the cham-ber of deputies to-day Castelar condemned King Alfonso's visit to Germany declaring it was inopportune betraying hostility to France. He charged the Sagasta ministry with becoming tools of Germany, and said when alliances were concluded they should be with England and the United States. He declared if the majority of the cortes opposed the projected reforms it would be at the risk of a revolution. Castelar was called to order for attacking the emperor of Germany.

CASTELLAR AND PREE TRADE.

LONDON, January 15 .- Castellar, in an interview, said: Like a majority of the Spanish republicans, I am favorable to covered with oil. It is believed that gas United States. These are our natural from the oil coming in contact with the friends. The English speaking race on fire box of the engine exploded, firing the both sides of the Atlantic have no better times dissent from their foreign policy.

Madrid, January 15.—At a banquet one-half the average rates existing in last evening to free trade leaders to celecracked and fell in. In less time than it brate the conclusion of commercial treatakes to write it a passenger coach and a ties between Spain and various countries, the ministers of foreign affairs, finance and interior were present. Great stress ment. The coach was filled, and there was laid upon the beneficial effect the was a rush for the doors, but the heat provisional treaty with America will have was laid upon the beneficial effect the upon Spanish trade.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

Paris, January 15.—Two attaches of the Chinese legation in Spain and the United States are visiting England and France, and The Figaro infers the visit is connected with the offer of the United ment was that after the failure of four States to mediate between France and China.

TURKISH CONTINGENTS. CAIRO, January 15 .- It is decided to raise Turkish contingents principally in Albania, which shall form the third brigade of the Egyptian army. The officers are English.

London, January 15.—A naval attache of the American legatian will visit the government dockyards at Portsmouth to make especial inquiry into machine MADE TO ORDER.

St. Petersburg, January 15.—It is stated officials have obtained possession of the letter in cipher found in the lodgings of a nihilist in London, who had ings of a nihilist in London, who had been closely communicating with the Irish malcontents. The letter, it is beieved, advised s the emperor of Germany and the Czar of All knew that the herds of this country Russia Disastrous Fires.

St. Louis, January 15.—Eight business houses, including some of the largest in the town, also several offices, were burned at Neosho, Mo., Sunday afternoon. The loss is estimated at over \$50,000; insured for \$25,000.

A fire at Seligman, Mo., on the same day destroyed \$25,000 worth of pro-

The War is Over.

CHICAGO, January 15 .- The trouble between the western lines and eastern or trunk lines on passenger business to the Missouri river, has been settled on the basis of the proposition of the western roads fixing the maximum commissions. Rates will be restored to morrow. The Burlington road, however, persists in a withdrawal from the Chicago and Kansas City agreements.

A New Telegraph Company. New York, January 15 .- A certificate f incorporation of the Standard Multiplex Telegraph company was filed to-day. The lines of the company will run from Boston to Portland, Me., Florida, Buffalo, Chicago and the Pacific coast. Capital stock, \$2,500,000.

A Terrible Temperance Lesson. PITTSBURG, January 14.—In attempting to lift a pot of hot soup from the stove last night, Mrs. Patrick Hannahan, in that. who was intoxicated, upset the contents

Two Children Suffocated. New York, January 15 .- Mrs. Mc-Donald, of Hamilton avenue, locked two children up while she took a third to school, and returning home found the

two children dead. They had lighted a fire on the floor and been suffocated. A Payneful Job.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, January 15 .- Henry B. Payne was elected United States senator to-day without opposition, the republicans of both houses voting blank.

A Generous Won and Dead MALDEN, Mass , January 15 .- Mrs. Thompson. Addresses were also delivered by ex-Senator McDonald and the effects of a fall four week ago. Dur Valeria Stone died this morning from ing the past few years she has given cel leges and schools for girls over \$400,000

OTTAWA, January 15 .- Application will be made to parliament for an act to incorporate a company to construct a tunnel under the St. Clair river for railroad pur-

poses from Sarnia to Pt. Huron. A Loss of \$150,000. Panama, January 15. — American dredge No. 2 is burned Loss \$150,000: uninsured. The fire is supposed to be

A Parade in Snow.

incendiary.

TRENTON, N. J., January 15 .- Governor About was inaugurated to-day. A snow storm interfered a little with the

Minister and President. LONDON, January 15 .- Minister Low-

Mr. Van Wyck's Railroad Rates Regu-

The Senate Discuss the Meat Question.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The House Talk of Improving the Mississippi.

A Flood of Pertinent Inquiries Poured In.

Bills Presented Covering a Multitude of Important Subjects.

FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS. SENATE.

WASHINGTON, January 15 .- In the senate this morning, a petition of citizens of Kansas was presented asking for a constitutional amendment granting wonan suffrage; also a petition of citizens of Minuesota, praying that colonies of families be allowed to lay out villages on public lands, in order to establish co-op-

erative industrial societies.

Mr. Logan (rep. Ill.) from the select committee on improvement of the Mississippi river presented its report. Or-

dered printed.
Mr. Van Wyck (reb. Neb.) introduced a bi'l providing that rates on the Union and Central Pacific roads be reduced to

Mr. Anthony's (rep. R. I.) resolution concerning the prohibition of the importation of healthful American meats was then considered.

Mr. Logan stated that for nearly four years our meats have been excluded from France and Germany and yet an examination by experts of all meats of the different countries, ours proved the best. He did not wish years of diplomacy to set the matter right, the only way to meet the difficulty was by excluding from the United States certain importations coming hither from the countries in question and thus give those countries to understand that while certain sound products of this country are excluded from their ports certain products of theirs will not

be permitted to enter our ports. Mr. Vest (dem. Mo.), thought the spirit of international comity would dictate an organization thorough, system of inspection so as to establish beyond a doubt the soundness of meats before

leaving this country. Mr. Ingalls (rep. Ind.) said the prohibition was on the theory that the meats were unhealthy and if proven to those declarations that the meats are sound were effected with pleuro pneumonia and it is impossible to tell by inspection of the preserved product whether it came from cured or diseased animals. If, as claimed, there are well authenticated cases in which injury has resulted from the use of our exported meats, Mr. In-

galls thought the people of foreign countries had a right to protect themselves. Mr. Logan stated that four years have elapsed since the exclusion began and if in that period we have not been able to convince those foreign countries that we are able to send sound meat, he would like to know how many years would be

necessary to produce that conviction.

Mr. McPherson (dem., N. J.), said in order to give the highest attainable evidence of the health of cattle, the cattle men of the United States had followed their animals with successive bills of health all the way through the United States to parts of Great Britain, but in

Mr. Logan, why should we hesitate to say to these countries while they refuse to take from us meats perfectly sound, we shall refuse to take from them adulterated wines and liquors, which do more harm than unsound meats? Is it because we have not the nerve to do it? He did not see why we should be so very mild-mannered. For his part while they exclude our sound meats, he would exclude their adulterated wines and other adulterated

Mr. Maxey (dem., Tex.) thought if the two and four years, scalding both so badly that they died. position was impregnable. If we have a system of official inspection reports, our inspectors asserting the soundness of meats would be something upon which to

base retaliatory measures.

The morning hour expired and the matter went over. An executive session. followed and the senate adjourned

These confirmations were made: Postnasters: P. O. Babceck, Monticello, Ia.; Benj. J. Kinsey, Harlan, Ia.; Jona-than Maxson, West Liberty, Ia.; Jas. De-Wolf, Vail, Ia.; Wm. Hooper, Walnut, Ia.; John R. Stebbins, Laporte City, Ia.; Thos. L. Stephens, Glenwood, Is.; Geo.

W. Cox, Virden, Ill. The senate in executive aession considered the Mexican treaty. No action was taken.

HOUSE.

Mr. Morrison, (dem. 111.), from the ways and means committee, reported back a resolution requesting the secretary of the treasury to furnish the house copies of the letters of collectors of internal revenue suspending the collection of taxes on whisky listed in September, October, November and December, 1880.
Also to inform the house whether the time for collecting the tax due on whisky listed in October, 1880, in the Allegheny district, Pennsylvanis, was suspended, and if so, by what authority. Adopted.

Mr. Cobb, (dem. Ind.), of the committee or public lands. tee on public lands, reported a bill declaring forfeited certain grants of land made to certain states in aid of the construction of railroads. Referred to the somm t ee of the whole.

Mr. Bayne, (rep. Penn.), from the committee on military affairs, reported a bill authorizing the president to appoint and retire elfred Pleasanton as major

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