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Montana Seeking Admission With Dakota-Postoffice Changes in Iowa and Nebraska-An Important Decision-Washington News.

Gen. Crook to be Removed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—[Special Telegram.]
—President Cleveland has decided to relieve Gen. Crook from his command in Arizona. Gen. Miles is to succeed him, and will prob ably receive his order within ten days. It is understood that Gen. Sheridan has been trying to prevent this, and he may yet be able to do so, as he believes that Gen. Crook has done everything that human power could do to capture the renegade Apaches. He thinks that no one could have done any better than Gen, Crook, and still considers that officer the ablest leader in Indian warfare in the United States army, but the pressure upon the president to make a change is very strong and comes from both the friends of Gen. Miles, who is anxious to try his hand at the job, and from the people of Arizona who have lost confidence in Crook, and have sent any amount of appeals to the president to relieve him, of both an official and private character. Gen. Sheridan says it is very easy to criticize a man who has been laboring under disadvantages, and thinks if Crook is let alone he will do all that is wanted.

A POLITICAL NEUTRALIZED. Governor Hauser, of Montana, who is now here, said in a conversation with your correspondent last night: "The one thing that is now attracting the most interest in Montana is the prospects for our admission into the union as a state. Although no formal application has yet been made the question will be brought up very soon. As we have now 126,00) inhabitants there can be no difficulty on the score of population. The difficulties in the way of admission now being experienced by Dakota have attracted the attention of citizens of our territory. As the republicans have a majority there, and as that is probably one reason why it cannot gain admission, a project has been formed to take advantage of that and gain admittance for our territory. South Dakota is republican, which fact is given as a reason for its failure to gain admittance. Montana is democratic, and would neutralize the effect of the other state. We think that by proposing as a compromise that the states be a limitted together there will be no difficulty experienced. Montana is growing rapidly, and within a year will have 150,000 inhabitants." POSTOPPICE CHANGES.

Conjectssions were lesued to day to the following lowd postmasters; James K. Blair, Cliffon; Amos P. Hall, Leonium: John Hart, Bradyville; Charles S. Pregrine, Brooks; Charles W. Winne, Carl; Earl S. Perry, Clemons: George Bleeknor, Clevels: Nichols O. Elson, Cilo; Elbridge Warner, Gambril; John D. Burns, Garden Grove; James W. Hibbs, Numa: Henry Coons, Peoria: Arthur S. Rabor, Wiota; John Y. Ernest, Yorkton; Clyde A. Davis, Armstrong; Alexander Noble, Blencoe; John 11. Walker, Crawfordsville; Charles W. Smith, chard W. G Buryan Thurton, Farmington; Martin Cooper Forest City: Martin P. Benson. Goshen: Alex. W. Clancy, James. Also for the following Nebraska postmasters: James L. Butes, Ida; David D. Houtz, Shubert; Jerome H. Daueer, Stockville; Cyrus M. Walworth, Loup City; John Wilson, Thatcher: H. S. Burch, Waco.

Thos. B. Quintan has been appointed postmaster at Covington, a newly established postoffice in Linn county, Iowa.

The name of the postoffice at Moaklar, Neb., has been changed to Hay Springs. An additional mail earrier has been al lowed for Sionx City, Iowa.

Judge Kinne, or Iowa, was at the postoffice department to-day after the scalps of some postmasters in his state. It is said but little success is being made in effecting

changes in Iowa postoffices, THINKS IT VERY IMPROBABLE. Senator Harrison was asked to-day what he thought of the compromise bill which is to be offered on the Dakota question, proposing to divide the territory on the one hundred and first meridian, which runs north and south just east of the Missouri river, throwing Bismarck in the western half, to be known as Lincoln territory, and making Aberdeen the capital of the eastern territory, which will retain the name of Dakota; also the statement that the western territory known as the Black Hills country, is the stronghold of democracy. "I don't believe," replied Senator Harrison, "that a territory can by any manner or means be carved out of Dakota which would be surely democratic. Nor do I believe the republicans in the senate would accept such a compromise. They want to dispose of the issue fairly and squarely as it now stands. But then I am glad to hear that the democrats are willing to entertain even a desire to compromise, and am glad to hear that they will A compromise, or anything they may submit on the subject, will receive the consideration of the republicans, and if it is sensible it will be accepted. However, a division north and south I do not consider sensible." Butler's resolution on the Dakota question will prob-

ably not come before the senate until next AN IMPORTANT DECISION. The best lawyers in congress say they consider the decision to-day of Chief Justice Waite, of the United States supreme court, confirming the acts of the railroad commission created by the state legislature of Missis sippi in March, 1884, determines the constitutionality of the problem involved in the Cullom, Reagan and other inter-state commerce bills. The strongest arguments made against these measures has been that they were unconstitutional; that neither the states nor the federal government could interfere with the operations of the railroads or other private property. The commission created by the state of Mississippi was given more authority and went further than has been proposed by any inter-state commerce bill. friends of the Cullom and Reagan bills believe the decision will materially assist them in securing the passage of an inter-state

commerce law. NO COMPROMISE POSSIBLE. George O. Jones of New York, chairman of the Greenback National committee, is here and says he has been busily engaged feeling the pulses of the leaders of both houses of congress, and that neither of the compromises proposed by the friends of the admin-Istration on the silver coinage question will be accepted; that there is a determination to consider no compromises, but to defeat the administration's financial policy without

giving any quarter. Senator Miller of California has been failing very rapidly during the past two or three days, and his death may be expected at any

Delegate Raymond, who died at his home in Fargo, Dak., yesterday, are in the city with Senator Sabin, who will probably adopt them, as he has no children of his own. Their ages are 6 and 5 respectively.

E. W. Simeral of Omaha is here.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS,
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—[Associated Press.]
The supreme court foliay rendered its desion upon the petition of Paymaster Gen-tal Joseph A. Smith, of the navy department, eral Joseph A. Smith of the navy department, that a writ of prohibition be issued restraining the secretary of the navy from further proceedings against him by court martial for offenses alleged to have been committed in connection with the administration of his functions as chief of a bureau of the navy department. The petition had been denied by the supreme court of the district of Columbia, and this judgment is affirmed by the supreme court of the United States.

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The court also rendered its decision in the cases known as the Mississippi railroad commission cases. The judgments of the circuit court from which these are appeals were reversed, and the causes are remanded. The railroads concerned are the Illinois Central, the Mobile & Ohio, and the New Orleans & North Eastern. The principle involved is the right of a state to pass laws controlling in certain respects railroads which extend into other states. The decision is favorable to the state control. e state control

The opinion rendered to-day, says: "The great purposes of the statute in question (which provides for a board of state railroad commissioners) is to tile a maximum of charges, and to regulate in some matters of charges, and to regulate in some matters of a police nature the use of railroads in the state. In its general scope it is constitutional, and it applies equally to persons or corporations owning or operating railroads in the state. When the commission has acted and proceedings are had to enforce what they have done, question may arise as to the validity of some of the various provisions which will be of the various provisions, which will be worthy of consideration, but we are unable to say that as a whole the statute is invalid." The court also rendered the following de-

cisions:
No. 73—Herman Presser, plaintiff, in error vs the state of Illinois, in error to the supreme court of illinois. The principal involved is the right of a state to prevent armed assemblages of its citizens and their parading as military of its citizens and their parading as military companies when not organized as such under the laws of the state or of the United States. The court affirms the judgment of the lower tribunal, holding that the state may prevent such assemblages. To deny this right, it says, would be to deny the right to disperse assemblages organized for sedition and treason; and the right to suppress armed mobs bent on riot and rapine.

Outside the delivery of this speech in favor of silver coinage. Senator Beck has received more letters than any other member of the senate. In fact, letters have come to him by

senate. In fact, letters have come to him by hundreds daily, all of them commending the position he has taken, and urging him to stand drim in support of the silver dollar. While the bulk of these letters have come from the south and west, not a few have been sent by residents of the east. Among the tributes of commendation that reached Senator Beek by mail during the holidays was one from the youngest daughter of Jeffer or Davis of Massagam II is a past little water older. youngest daughter of Jeffer on Dayls of Mississippi. It is a neat little water color painting, representing the silvery moon looking down through a sheen of silvery clouds on a prosperous landscape. Underneath was written in Miss Dayls' hand: "Diana's tribute to the champion of silver." CONGRESSIONAL FORECAST.

The most interesting and important feature of the present week in the house of representant, will be the announcement of the resentation of the various committees, which membership of the various committees, which will formulate the work to be done in the Forty-ninth congress. Throughout the honday recess Speaker Carlisle has been engaged in forming the committee, and to-day he occupied one of the rooms at the capitol, and denying himself to all callers, devoted himself to all callers, devoted himself to all callers. self to the completion of his task. Unless something unforeseen should happen the result of his labors will be announced to the house to-morrow immediately after the reading of the journal. Then, in obedience to the order of the house, the call of states for the introduction of bills and reso-lutions will be resumed at the point where it it was interrupted by adjournment for the holidays. The call will probably be not completed until late Wednesday afternoon. The 1004 bills introduced the day before the recess were introduced by eighty-nine members, an average of over eleven bills to each recoveristics. Should this average below representative. Should this average be kept

representative. Should this average be kept up nearly 3,000 additional measures will be referred on Tuesday and Wednesday to the newly appointed committees. The Hoar presidential succession bill lies upon the speaker's table, and though an at-tempt may be made to pass it by unanimous consent, it will in likelihood be referred to the committee having jurisdiction over its subject matter. Should this be done, the house will find itself on Thursday without any busi s before it, and an adjournment unti-nday will probably be taken to enable the committee to organize and to consider and

report proposed legislation.

The bill to fix the salaries of judges of the district courts, and of the resolution of inmiry with regard to the action of the author quiry with regard to the action of the authorities of Dakota, are unfinished business of the senate. The committees of that body are expected to begin work in earnest during the week, and it is expected that not much legislative work will be undertaken in the senate other than consideration of the two measures named. Probably a large part of the time of the senate will be spent with closed doors in an endeavor to dispose of accumulated nominations.

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MORE COMPLAINTS AGAINST SPARKS.

The state of California to-day filed with Secretary Lamar complaints against the general land office for not preparing patents for lands granted the state of California by congress, and subsequently confirmed to her in a special act, and approved to her by Secretary Browning in 1866, and certified to the state by Commissioner Joseph S. Wilson in the same year, and which Land Commissioner Sparks has recently decided may be still further contested by any one desiring to still further contested by any one desiring to

still further contested by any one desiring to claim them under other laws.

THE NEW YORK SUB-THEASURY.

It is said at the treasury department the president will probably nominate an assistant treasurer for New York city tomorrow or next day, with a view of having the new appointee, if he shall have been confirmed by the senate, assume charge of the sub-treasury next Monday. The count of monies and securities, which began this morning, will be continued until completion and it is honed a continued until completion and it is hoped a formal transfer of the office to Acton's suc-cessor can be made during its progress.

A VARIETY OF PROTESTS.

Hon. A. Boynton, member of the demo-cratic territorial committee of Dakota, has written a letter to Senator Harrison, chair-man of the committee on territories, "pro-testing against the action of the last legisla-ture of Dakota territory in appropriating the territorial revenues assessed morall counties. territorial revenues assessed upon all counties in that territory for the expenses of a con-vention composed of delegates from only a portion of the counties, and against the action of the convention held at Sioux Falls in the southeastern part of the territory, and the assumption of power of a so-called state legislature recently convened at Huron."

CAPITAL CGEANINGS.

The secretary of state has just received and ept to Ericcson, the distinguished inventor. the grand cross of the order of naval merit ently conferred on that gentleman by the late king of Spain.

The number of commissions issued to

fourth-class postmasters since the 4th of March last is 13,425, Jacob Frolich, of Little Rock, Ark., has been appointed chiefo f the mineral division of the renewal land office. of the general land office.

THOS. KEENE ILL. The Tragedian Suddenly, but Not

Seriously Affected. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 4.-Thomas W Keene, the actor, while attending a reception last night by the Order of Eiks, suffered a rupture of a small blood vessel in the head. He was taken to his hotel, and confined to his bed. He will not appear in Richard III to-night as advertised, but it is hoped that he will be able to fulfill his engagement for to-morrow night. He had a similar attack at

Iowa City two weeks ago. One of the attending physicians described he trouble, which was reported to be in the head, as motor paralysis, a form which some times affects pedestrians. He did not con-sider Keene's lilness alarming and expressed the opinion that he would be able to appear The two Ettle children of ex-Congressional to-morrow night.

STATE CAPITAL CONQUERED.

The Storm Gains in Strength and Blockades

all Roads West of Lincoln.

Monster Plows Fail to Pierce the Flakey Substance-Telegraph Ser-

vice Demoralized-Four Paid Firemen Appointed.

The Storm at Lincoln and Vicinity. Lincoln, Jan. 4 .- [Special Telegram.] The storm still rages in this locality with unabated fury, and is pronounced by railway men the worst they have ever encountered in Nebraska. It is general all over the state but at its worst between Lincoln and Red Cloud. The railways are blockaded; up to noon today not a wheel had moved from Lincoln since Sunday morning. West of Lincoln and on all branch roads both passenger and freight trains have been abandoned until the wind subsides so the tracks can be cleared. A train from the east managed to reach here to-day after a hard fight, but could not get any farther west. In town business is at a standstill. The streets are blockaded with drifts, and there are but few people abroad.

With the exception of one train from Omaha over the Burlington Sunday night, Lincoln's railway connection with the outside world has been entirely suspended for nearly thirty-six hours. All day Saturday and Sunday the Burlington people worked hard to keep the main line west of Lincoln clear, but were forced to give it up Sunday atternoon, leaving the east bound passenger at Harvard, The company is taking care of the passengers and has made them as comfortable as possible. All trains west of Lincoln have been discontinued until the storm is over. The track in many places is covered with drifts twenty feet deep and nearly a quarter of a mile long, and all the Burlington branches and the Union Pacific's Republican Valley road was blocked and traffic is at a

Train No. 1 on the Burlington, which started from Omaha Monday morning, drawn by two engines and preceded by a double header and snow plow, ran into a huge drift near Ashland about noon. Three hours later it was reported at Greenwood battling with another drift, and at 9 p. m. was stalled in a still worse bank of snow at Waverly. The snow is dry and the wind forces it into the cuts so completely that the great plows, which are calculated to cut throughdrifts fifteen hundred feet long at full speed can make no headway against it. In most cases the cuts will have to be shoveled by hand. Superintendent Thompson has sent out orders along the line to hire all the men that could be had and held them in readiness for work as soon as the wind subsides. When that will be is uncertain, as to-night, the third of the storm, it is still blowing flercely and without prospect of immediate abate-

ment. The telegraph companies have suffered as well as the railways. The Pacific Mutual suspended business Sunday owing to disabled wires. The Western Union and Burlington & Missouri having extra wires, are e2abled to get messages through in fair shaps.
Mayor Burr has appointed A. B. Hosman, Henry Fushia, Carr Kindle and E. M. asher members of the fire department at a monthly salary of \$50 each. George White sell is continued as driver and W. H. Newburg as fire warden for two years more. The rules by which the department will be governed are copied from those in use at Omaha.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 4 .- Special Telegram. --- A severe snow storm raged all Sunday night and the greater part of to-day. About ten inches of snow has failen and railway travel is somewhat impaired. Much damage has been done to telegraph lines. Up

The Storm in Iowa.

to 7 o'clock this evening the Western Union had no direct connection with Chicago, but was doing a limited business by way of Omaha. Nearly all the railroad telegraph lines were interrupted, and trains have been delayed, but have mostly been able to get through. The Des Moines and Fort Dodge railroad abandoned four trains in the forenoon, but sent out the express this afternoon. The Wabash and the Northwestern arrived two hours late. Other lines were delayed more or less. Much damage has been done in the country to trees and shrubbery by sleet.

An Alley's Unexplained Gap.e DES Motnes, Iowa, Jan. 4.- Special Tele gram. |-A portion of the alley west of the Kirkwood house, embracing a surface of about twenty feet in length and twelve wide, has given way suddenly and sunk about six feet in depth, carrying the pavement with it. A. team and loaded wagon had passsed through all right half an hour before, going directly over the pavement where the earth gave way. The depression extends four or five feet under the rear of the adjoining building. The cause of this singular phenomenon is supposed to have been occasioned by the sinking of loose earth in an old well or vault, though the existence of either of these causes is not known to the persons doing business in that locality.

Plague or Poison.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 4.- Special Felegram. |-Henry Hartman, a farmer living five miles north of Wapello, reports the sudden death of thirteen of his cattle within the past twenty-four hours. He is unable to tell whether it is a case of plague or poison, but from the symptoms the latter is thought probable.

The Storm at York. York, Neb., Jan. 4.- [Special Telegram.] -We are in the midst of a great storm. Snow began falling Friday night and it has been drifting ever since. No church services were held yesterday, only a few attempting to leave their home. Some drifts in town are eight feet deep. No trains are running to-day on this road.

Ben Hogan at Schuyler. SCHUYLER, Neb., Jan. 4 .- [Special Tele gram. |-Ben Hogan, the reformed pugilist, arrived here yesterday afternoon. He will begin a series of revival meetings this even ing, the weather permitting.

A General Store's Failure. HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 4-[Special]-D. B. Furry & Co., general stores of this city and Blue Hill, closed to-day on a bill of sale to the Exchange Bank of Hastings. Liabilities. \$16,000; nominal assets about the same.

BUSINESS TROUBLES. A Heavy Dry Goods Merchant in Hard

Lines. Sr. Louis, Jan. 4 .- A special from Hot Springs, Arkansas, to the Post-Dispatch, states that C. Lyon, a large dry goods mercount of that city, has failed. Attachments to the amount of \$22,000 have been levied upon his stock and other property, but it is stated that his liabilities largely exceed that amount. The assets cannot now be stated. owing to the confusion in which the creditors have found his accounts. Lyon left the city

some time ago and his whereabouts are un-

GRAVE IN THE LAKE.

A Wealthy Citizen of Chicago Found Drowned in Michigan's Waters. CHICAGO, Jan. 4.- Charles H. Curtis, aged 74 one of the oldest residents of Chicago, was found drowned in the lake near Thirtyseventh street yesterday. The dircumstances A TRACKLESS WASTE OF SNOW. are such that the police are in coubt whether his death is attributed to accident, suicide or foul play. His family, however, are of the opinion that he walked out on the pier, and being seized by a spell of dizziness to which e was subject, fell into the water and was drowned. Mr. Curtis came to Chicago in 1840, and was for a while a contractor on the Illinois and Michigan canal, aid afterwards Illinois and Michigan canal, and afterwards was in the meat market business for a number of years. He made a large fortune as a distiller, being interested for some years in the distilling business in Chicago, at St. Charles and at Quincy, Ill., and of late years he has not been in active business, but has made investments in various corporations. made investments in various corporations, Some of his recent investments have proved disastrous, and by a bank failure a few years ago he lost \$100,000, but that did not appear to distress him much. His friends say that he never allowed his money losses to depress him, for would he refer to them. He was described as being a refer to them. He was described as being a very generous man in a quitet way, having given away in one direction and another over \$250,000. He had a remarkably good constitution, and has enly been seriously ill on two occasions in all his life, although of late he had been rather feeble.

THE VISIBLE STATEMENT.

Grain in Sight and Store as Reported from Clicago. CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The following figures, taken from the offidal statement of the board of trade to be josted on 'Change tomorrow, show in bushes the amount of grain in sight in the United States and Canada on Saturday, January 2, aid the amount of decrease or increase over the preceding week. Wheat......58,232,190 Increase..........112,025
 Corn.
 7,950,543
 Increase
 915,663

 Oats.
 2,000,625
 Increase
 28,807

 Rye.
 755,484
 Decrease
 51,544

 Barley.
 2,214,928
 Decrease
 28,248
 Barley. The proportion of the above contained in Chicago elevators on the date named was: Wheat......14,586,648 Ootls 270,531 Rye 311,116 Barley 228,991

Elgin Dain Market. Chicago, Jan. 4.—Iner-Ocean special from Elgin, Ill.: Butter dul to-day and 5c lower

than last week. Regular sales, 15,840 pounds at 326/33c. There wasno inquiry for cheese and no regular sales.

THE CIGAR MAKERS.

Prospective Strike of the Weed Workers in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 .- [special Telegram.] The eigar makers metinsecret session Sunday evening, with delegates present representing 5,000 workers. They discussed the action of the Manufacurers' association in demanding a reduction of from 60 cents to \$1.40 a thousand, with i7 a thousand for common 43g inch eigars as i basis. The secretary of the meeting refused to give detailed information as to what was ione, but it is known ternational associationwill be asked to sancorder to keep prices on in all large cities and

Prisoners Escape from Jail.

CHARLESTON, W. VE. Jan. 4.-Last night excitement was arouse(here by five prisoners escaping from the county jail. When the night guard went into he jail to lock the prisoners in their cellsone prisoner knocked prisoners in their cellspine prisoner knocked tho guard, Dick Wyatt, down, and a general stampede followed. Upon reaching the jailward. Jailer Bowles was met and knocked down before he could fasten the outer rates. The prisoners who escaped are George and Richard Jeffery, brothers, who killed William Douglas; George Bearley, who killed Henry Moore: Louis Douglas, who killed Tom Teal last Christmas evening (all white). Lather Smith, a negro, who had been convicted and sentenced for who had been convicted and sentenced for three years to the peritentiary for grand larceny, also escaped. A reward is offered by Sheriff Ewart.

The Nailer's Strike CHICAGO, Jan. 4,-The strike at Maxwell Bros., box factory is spreading. This morn ing twenty-five men, who worked in the planing mill, refused to go to work. They say they have no special meetings of their own, but their action was based on sympathy for the striking nailers. Thirty-live non-union nailers went to work in the factory this morning. They were unmolested by the strikers contrary to expectation. The firm did not pay off the strikers on Saturday, but the went do not growly about it.

the men do not growl about it. Suicide of a Bereft Mother. LAMAR, Mo., Jan. 4.- Early yesterday morning this community was startled by the

intelligence that Mrs. Charles V. Appall, jr. had committed suicide by drowning in a well When the act was performed it is stated she was laboring under temporary insanity, as she had taken off all her clothes and thrown them into the well. She left no word or note as to the cause of her suicide, but it is believed that the death of her six months old child caused health deconventer. caused mental derangement. The Sunday Law in Chattanooga

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 4.—This city has been thrown into considerable excite ment by the announcement that saloonkeepers, against whom the Sunday law is being rigidly enforced, had sworn out nearly one hundred warrants against those engaged in all the trades and professions who do business on Sunday. The whisky men say they have been discriminated against, and pro-pose to test the law to its full scope. The warrants include newspaper publishers, livery men and street car company officials.

Contest for Speaker Ended. ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The contest for the republican nomination for speaker of the assembly closed at noon by the withdrawal of Mr. Erwin. At that hour Mr. Erwin invited Senator Husted to his rooms and in the presence of the seventeen members who have been supporting him announced his with-drawal, Mr. Husted responded briefly. The canvass to-night will nominate Husted for speaker and Chickering for clerk.

Pleuro Pneumonia in Pennsylvania. LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 4.-Fresh cases of pleuro pneumonia has been discovered on the farm of A. S. Frye, near Marsonville, this county. Twenty-five animals out of a herd of one hundred are affected. The state authorities have been notified.

The Injunction Continued. NEW YORK, Jan. 4.-Judge Andrews, in the supreme court to-day, gave a decision continuing the injunction restraining the Musical Mutual Protective union from enforcing a by-law so as to expel Theodore Thomas from membership because he employed a musician who was not a member of the union.

Landing on Furnished Certificates. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.-It is learned today that certificates, empowering the holder to land in the United States are being issued by the Chinese consul at Yokohama, Japan. Chinamen who arrived in the steamer Oceanic, December 19, were landed on one of these certificates, They are signed by Warren Green, United States consul general for Japan.

FOUND IN FORGERS' RETREAT

A Good Young Man Goes Wrong and Returns from Canada.

TWO YOUTHFUL "DARING DICKS"

Imbued With the Reading of Dime Novel Literature Rob an Obio Farm House-The Daily Record of Crime and Criminals.

A Bookkeeper's Downfall.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. [Special Telegram.]-Frederick Fishel, late confidential bookkeeper for August Bernheim & Bauer, dealers in clothes, is a prisoner at police headquarters charged with stealing \$75,000. On the 17th of September last, the day preceding the Day of Atonement, Bernheim called Fishel into his office and gave him a check for \$250, in accordance with a custom of the firm to give gifts to its employes on certain Jewish holidays. In handing Fishel the gift Bernheim mentioned that on the following Monday he proposed to have the books balanced. When Monday came Fishel was not at his desk. Expert accountants were called in. A brief inspection showed that Fishel had stolen large sums. Late in the day a letter was received from the missing bookkeeper, confessing in part his robberies. Private detectives were employed to find Fishel, but their labors were fruitless. Some time after his disappearance a second letter was received by the firm. In it he told a pitiful story about falling into temptation and resorting to desperate efforts to retrieve his fortune. This letter was postmarked Havana. Fishel was found at Hamilton, Ontario, Friday last, and willingly returned to this city. Johnson & Kirby, keepers of a well known gambling house, have also been arrested. Fishel lost to them \$20,000 at fare. A woman to whom the guilty man gave from \$30,000 to \$35,000 cannot be found. Six banks are involved in the matter, because they paid checks on Bernheim, Bauer & Co. which Fishel had secured by fraud. It is believed Fishel's thefts will largely exceed \$75,000 when the returns are all in. He will be arraigned this afternoon.

He was arraigned in court this afternoon to answer the indictment found against him by the grand jury for forgery. He said he did not wish to plead until he consulted his counsel. He was then committed to prison.

Dime Novel Deviltry.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.-A daring and unique robbery took place on the Harrison pike, just outside the city limits, at an early hour Sunday morning, the burglars being mere boys, who were masked and conducted themselves in regular dime novel style. Theodore Wolf lives in a small house a little apart from his neighbors. His wife, who was alone in the house, was abed and asleep. She was awakened by a knock at the door, accompanied by the summons, "Open this door, or mation as to what was tone, but it is known that definite action has been taken, looking to a repeal of the new ichedule, and the International association will be asked to sanction a strike. The cigir makers claim that they must maintain mices in New York in order to keep prices to in all large cities and that they are financially prepared to sustain 12,000 strikers.

New York, Jan. 4.—Sixteen firms in the Cigar Mannfacturers' isociation have notificated in the control of the collected one of the robbers. The woman detected the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man. She refused to give up the valuables, and one of the robbers the valuables, and one of the robbers. The woman detected the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man. She refused to give up the valuables, and one of the robbers. The woman detected the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man. She refused to give up the valuables, and one of the robbers. The woman detected the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man. She refused to give up the valuables, and one of the robbers. The woman detected the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man. She refused to give up the valuables, and one of the robbers. The woman detected the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man. She refused to give up the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man between the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man between the voice of the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man between the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man between the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man between the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man between the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man between the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man between the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man between the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man between the voice of a box attemption to speak like a man between the voice of a box attempting to speak like a man between the voice of a box attempting to s we'll break it down; we're robbers," and Cigar Mannfacturers' association have noti-ind their employes of a reduction in their wages of \$1 to \$3 per 1,00. been thoroughly rifled, the two youthful rob-bers made good their escape and have not yet been arrested, nor is the identity of either known to Mrs. Wolf. When Mr. Wolf returned, scarcely half an hour after the unique robbery had been committed, he found his wife nearly overcome with fear, and she has been dangerously fil ever since.

She Was Not Murdered. DETROIT, Jan. 4.-Developments in the Knoch murder case to-day are of a some-what startling character. The skull of the mother, who was said by the county physi-cian, at the post morten, to have been killed by a blow on the head, was brought to the city to-day and examined by a quartette of physicians. They declare that death resulted from pneumonia, and that the fractures which County Physician Owen found, were produced by himself in removing the top of the head to examine the brain. The two sons, Herman and Gustave, who were placed under arrest yesterday, have accordingly been

Betraved No Guilt. CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 4.—The colored man, Peter Hines, under arrest on suspicion of having killed the grocery keeper, Henry Kemper, last week, was taken to the grocery this morning and confronted with Miss Kem-per and Mr. Krietemier, the baker who has per and Mr. Kriefenner, the baker who had seen a negro there before the murder. Both are positive Hines is the same man they had seen in the grocery. Hines was then taken to Kemper's house, shown the dead man in his coffin, and asked there if he knew any-thing of the murder. He showed some feel-ing but made no confession.

A Peddler Murdered.

Sr. Louis, Jan. 4 .- A special to the Post Despatch from Little Rock, Ark., states that a peddler, named Spalding, from Indianap-olfs, Ind., has been murdered near Spring-field, Mo. He had several hundred dollars in his possession when he left Springfield, and his possession when he left Springheld, and it is supposed that he was murdered for hi

Murder at a Prayer Meeting. Inonton, Ohio, Jan. 4.—While a prayer meeting was in progress yesterday at Indian Run, Ky. Charles McAllister and Charles Martin became involved in a quarrel. Mc Allister stabbed Martin tatally and escaped.

Ohio's Legislature Organized. Columnus, Ohio, Jan. 4.—The Ohio legis lature met to-day, and organized both branches by selecting the caucus mominees for speaker of the house and president pro-tem of the senate—John Entrikin to the speakership, and Senator O'Neill to the presi-dency protein.

Failed for \$15,000. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 4. S. Rosen thal, dealer in liquors, has assigned. The liabilities are about \$15,000; assets unknown.

A Schooner Gone Ashore. ASTORIA, Oregon, Jan. 4.—A schooner, name unknown, was wrecked off Weather

Beach last night. One man was washed ashore. It is reported the captain and mate were drowned, the rest of the crew clinging to the rigging. The life saving crew at Cape Hancock has gone to the rescue.

A special from Cape Hancock says Capt. Harris and his crew have returned and report the fishing schooner Carrie Lake wrecked on Sand beach, about twelve miles north of the Sand beach, about twelve miles north of the Sand beach, about twelve noises north of the entrance to Columbia river. The crew of five men started ashore in a small boat and capsized on a sandbar, and washed off into deep water. Capt. John Elor, Mate Jamieson and the Chinese cook were drowned. The other two succeeded in getting back to the schooner and were taken off by the life saving crew. Heavy seas are breaking over the vessel, and she will go to pieces.

A Settlement Secured.

St. Louis, Jan. 4.- The National Station ers' board of trade have agreed to accept the ers' board of trade have agreed to accept the settlement of the affairs of the St. Louis Stationery and Book company upon the basis of 80 per cent, 20 per cent to be paid in cash and the remainder in six notes of 10 per cent cach, drawn at three, six, nine, twelve, fifteen, and eighteen months, indorsed by Hugh R. Hildreth. The attaching and mon-attaching creditors have already agreed to a settlement on this basis, and it seems probable that all the creditors will do the same, and that business will be continued e, and that business will be continued

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE. De Freyeinet Decides to Form the

New French Cabinet. PARIS, Jan. 4 .- M. De Freyeinet has conluded to form a new cabinet, and is now encaged in the task of selecting the mem-

De Freyeinet's programme includes reorm of the budget, reform of the administration, and the organization of a system of government in Annam and Tonquin, reducing the protectorate to the smallest neces

ducing the protectorate to the smallest necessary limits.

A dispatch from Tamatave, dated December 20, says: The treaty of peace between France and Madagascar, it is reported, exdest the territory to France, surrenders the northwest parts which France originally claimed, and gives the French government supremacy over the foreign relations of Madagascar.

Several members of the late ministry will accept portfolios in the cabinet of M. De Freycinet. It is probable that the only new ministers will be M. Constans, as minister of the interior, M. Spuller, as minister of the interior, and Gen. Davant, as minister of war.

Increasing Taxation. CALCUTTA, Jan. 4.—The Indian government has introduced a bill in the legislative council imposing a tax of 2 per cent on the incomes of all professional men and officials of all classes who have hitherto been exempt from income tax. The imposition of the tax is rendered in order to cover a desicit in the budget of £2,000,000, arising from expenditures caused by military preparations when it was thought there would be war with Russia, depreciation in the price of silver and the expenses incurred in building the Bolan Pass railway, and by the Burmese expedition.

The Government's Irish Measure.

LONDON, Jan. 4. The local government measure to be laid before parliament by the government, as drafted, gives to Ireland a nousehold franchise for electing county boards and for electing a central council. The proposition that the crown should have a right to nominate a part of the council was bandoned. The measure provides that ounty boards shall have control of the traffic a liquor, and that the central council shall abandoned. have a voice in appointing the magistracy.

Little Greece Speaks.

LONDON, Jan. 4. - The Greek government has sent a vigorous note to the powers, protesting against the union of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia. The note says Greece feels keenly the loss of thousands of Greek inhabitants involved by the union, and demands restoration of the boundary filed by the Berlin congress, adding that Greece continues her naval and military preparations in order to be ready to assert her rights if it should be necessary for her to do so.

at Constantinople has been abandoned, Russia refusing to guarantee the independence of the union of Bulgaria and Eastern Rou-

The Conference Abandoned.

AMONG THE RAILROADS. Rival Lines Contending for Disputed

Right of Way. Hownia, Mich., Jan. 4.—There is liable to be trouble here over the railroad war between the Toledo, Ann Arbor & Northern Michigan and the Detroit, Lansing & Northern railroads. There has been a dispute about the right of the former road to cross the latter's track in extending its line, and the ease was brought into court and appealed. It is now pending on appeal to the ancient court. Yesterday morning a force of about 150 gan employees were brought to the point of the projected crossing and began work, digging under the Lansing road. They made a cut, braced The workers were protected by an armed force, which left last night when the work was completed. This morning about 500 men were brought on the seene by the Lansing road people, and they will proceed to fill up the cut made under their road. There are 150 men on the ground in the interest of the Teledo & Ann Arbor road, and there may be violence before the cut is filled. The Lan-sing force is armed, but the Toledo men have

no arms to-day.

The Toledo & Ann Arbor force this after-noon drove the Lausing road people away.

The men then cut the telegraph wires of the Detroit, Lansing & Northern road, and tors up the track for half a mile in each direction. Traffic on the road between Genoa and Fow-lerville is now interrupted. What the next step will be is a matter of doubt. An annead by the Lansing people was made to Gov. Alger to day for assistance, but he declared he had no authority to call out the militia except at the respect of the sheriff, which has not yet been made.

The Rock Island's Extension.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.-11 was runnied ber yesterday that the Rock Island road had decided upon an important addition to its sys tem, namely, an extension of its main line into Kansas and the construction of short lines from Larkin to Atchison and St. Jo seph, so as to make river connections at those two points. To-day the report is confirmed two points. To-day the report is confirmed by a responsible official of the road. The number of miles of the new trunk line projected is about 400. The extension will be virtually a complete line, and in its charter, which places the cardial stock at \$15,020,000, the company is named Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska. The move is regarded as highly important, as it will bring the Rock island road into competition with all the big lines west of the Missouri.

The Wabash Road in Court. Sr. Louis, Jan. 4,-The master's report in the Wabash case, together with the form of decree of procedure and sale, was submitted in the United States court to-day before Judges Brown and Treat. The decree prosunges Brown and Treat. The decree provides for a transfer of the legal title, subject to the equities of all parties other than the collateral trust and general mortrage bondholders, whose interest is determined by decree. After some discussion the court adjourned until to-morrow, when the case will be brought up again. The Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gult ruitivad company entered an intervening petition in the Wabash case to-day, claiming \$10,337 on account of interchancing traffic.

Reducing Expenses.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 4.—The Grand Trunk and Canada Pacine railway companies have, it is reported, come to an agreement for lessening expenses in places where there are thekel agents representing each company.

AT LIGHTNING SPEED. A Sleepy City Invention to Revolutionize Railroad Travel. Sr. Louis, Jan. 4 .- A resident of this city

as tiled a caveat and applied for a patent for an invention by which passengers and freight may be taken on and discharged from rail way trains without stopping. If it proves what its model would indicate, it will be an important factor in the rapid transit problem. The working model shows the main track on a level and an elevated track in front of an elevated depot, with an inclined track leading to it. The idea is to start a train from one terminus and not stop or stacken speed until it reaches the other. At the same time passengers may be taken up and discharged at any station. As a train reaches a station on the main track the rear cars are switched off and run up the inclined plane to the elevated depot. At the same time another car runs down the other inclined plane, is caught by the other passing train, whirled onto the main track, and becomes part of the train. The passengers who desire to slop at the next station pass to the rear car, which is side-tracked as was the previous one. Another car load of passengers is taken on by a contrivance which are santomatically. When a train gets within a certain distance of a deput important factor in the rapid transit train gets within a certain distance of a depot it drops the car in waiting there which starts down the inclined plane just as the last car of the train is swiftled off and starts upon the other side.

WRECKS CAUSED BY WEATHER

Heavy Rains and Overflowing Creeks in Pennsylvania Regions.

A WEAKENED BRIDGE GIVES WAY.

A Train Goes to the Bottom of a Creek and Three Train Hands Missing -The Snow Storm Through-

out the Northwest.

Heavy Floods in Pennsylvania. Exponer M. Pa., Jan. 4. The heavy rains of

the past two days, and large quantities of snow on the timbered hills, have conspired to produce the most violent flood known in many years along the Drift Wood and Sinnamahoning creeks. Millions of logs have broken from their fastenings, and are going down their fasterings, and are going down the swollen rivers at a terrific rate. It is said the loss to lumbermen will approach \$3,000,000. At this place there is over two feet of water in many streets. Reports from Cameron state the greater part of that town is under water, and the residents are in great lear lest their houses be swept away. Many residences had to be vacated. A million feet of logs were torn loose and swept down Hunt's Run. Saw mills and dams in various places along the creeks are in in various places along the creeks are in imminent danger of being carried away. The water is well up in Drift Wood creek, where considerable damage has been done.

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Williamspour, Pa., Jan. 4.—Rain began falling here heavily all day and evening. The small streams are overflowing and the Susquehanna is rising fast, News received from points up the fiver report all the streams are high. A big flood is inevitable. Heavy land slides have occurred near Montgomery and other points east of here. Bridges have been washed away from over small streams, and travel on public roads is wholly interrupted. The reservoir of the Williamsport water works is nearly over flowed, and apprehensions of a break prevails.

Pittish ra, Jan. 3.—It has been raining here almost incessantly since Saturday night. Telegraphic communication with the east has been seriously interfered with. The wires on all routes are working hard and quite a number laye been prostrated by high winds. Harmsonthe, Pa., Jan. 4.—While a freight train on the Pennsylvania railway was crossing a bridge at Sherman's creek to night, one of the spans, weakened by high winds, gave way and precipitated the engine and eight cars into the stream. Five men went down with the wreck. Two of the crew succeeded in rescuing the engineer, who was badly hurt. A brakeman manned Tapit was gotten on shore and conveyed to the station at Dancannon where he died. The conductor of No. 1 is reported dead, and the freman and two brakemen missing.

Dawson, Pa., Jan. 4.—This morning a heavy wind storm unroofed Tyrone school house. A little child of D. S. Strickier's was buried in the debris, and when extricated was found to be badly larg about the head and lace. A boy of David Newcomer's had his skall fractured and is in a precarious condition. Several other children were more or less scratched and bruised. The greatest excitement prevailed for a time, as it was reported many had been killed.

The Blizzard at Chicago.

LONDON, Jan. 4.-The Balkan conference

The Blizzard at Chicago.

Curcago, Jan. 4.—The severe snow and sleet storm which has been raging throughout the northwest since Saturday has seriously interfered with the telegraph wires in all directions. All lines west of here are downand communication with the east is very unfowa, fast night reported a blizzard there. It has been snowing and blowing badly since Saturday. There was gus of the storm abating. Des Moines and Omaha also reported a heavy snow storm and a second dispatch reported the same through-out Minneson and Dabota. The cold wave flag is flying from the signal service building in Chicago

At Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.-A heavy snow storm visited Western Kansos yesterday. extending as far west as New Mexico, and still continues. Two trains are reported blockaded at Dodge City, and the tel graph lines are interrupted. The storm began with street and is accompanied by wind, which is drifting bully. A report from Colorado and New Mexico states that the storm is one of the most severe in several years. A light snow is falling here to-day. The temperature is mild.

At Kansas City.

Kansas Cirv, Jan. 4.-Overland trains are all delayed on account of the snow west of here. Trains were made up on the Sante Fe and Union Pacific in Western Kansas to bring in passengers from the blockaded through lines. The weather is growing colder here to-night.

SAND LOT ORATORY. Blatherskite Effusions Must Cease on

Rearney's Stamping Ground. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The city council o-night passed to print an order making it a misdemeanor, with a heavy penalty attached, to continue holding the sand lot meetings which have done so much to create talse impressions in the east by making it appear that the only persons in this city opposed to the Chinese were sand letters. Supervisor Farwell read a let-ter from Congressionan Morrow, in which the latter indicates the difficulties he has to 60counter in making the eastern people ander-stand that the real and substantial sentiment of the Pacific coast is anti-Chinese, and that the closes of the people of the coast to settle this question are coast to settle this question are neither incendiary or violent. Morrow points out it will be a hard matter to amend the existing restriction act unless the Pacific coast delegates are able to give assurance that the people engaged in this agitation will e content with legal methods in settlement

TRICKSTERS FOILED. Milwaukee's Common Council Re-

peals the Conduit Ordinance. MILWAUKEE, Jan. 4 .- The recently instituted suit, involving the franchise for a \$503,... 000 underground conduit system in this city, will likely be discontinued by reason of today's action of the city conneil in repealing he ordinance. The city believed the franthise would allow only the Dorsett patent, which is now being considered in New York and other large easiern cities, to be used. By alleged trickery the control of the company passed into the hands of partie who were about to adopt another system, as yet untried, which was the occasion of the suit as well as of to day's repeal by the council. Another ordinance will be passed specifying that the company shall use only the style of conduit originally intended by the council.

The Passengers All Saved.

COLUMBER, Ga., Jan. 4.—The steamer M. D. Chipley, which was sunk in the Chatfanooga river Saturday night, had a large quantity of miscellaneous freight and 306 bales of cotton. Many of the passengers chang to the cotton and parts of the wreck antil picked up by the steamer Na ad, which came along soon after the disaster.

Weather for To-day. Missouria Valley-Fair weather, flewly

daing temperature in northern portion; slight tall in temperature in southern portlon preceded by stationary temperature; north-erly wholes becoming variable. Dismissed the Petition.

ATLANTA. Cia., Jan. 4. To-day Podge Clark in the superior court dismissed the

tition of the liquor men for a mandamus compelling the ordinary to hear the contest over the probabilion election. The case will accept to the supreme court.