

INCREASED CONSTERNATION

Answer Filed by a Railroad in a Famous Foreclosure Suit.

THE NICKEL PLATE MORTGAGE

Judge Cooley Accepts the Receivership of the Washab-Nickel Developments-Follow Judge Gresham's Decision.

Interesting For Bondholders.

Mr. Belmont of New York introduced the following bill, which was referred to the committee on foreign affairs: That the president be and is hereby authorized to appoint a commission to proceed to such places in the United States or elsewhere as may be designated by the secretary of the treasury to take testimony under the law of affirmation, in relation to the losses and injuries inflicted since the 21st of December, 1884, by the British authorities, imperial and colonial, upon citizens of the United States engaged in the fisheries on the northeast coast of British North America. Said commission shall everywhere have in respect to the administration of the oath of affirmation and the taking of testimony the same powers as a commissioner of the circuit court, and shall be paid the same fees as are provided for such commissioners of the circuit court, together with traveling expenses.

NOT A SQUALL.

The Manager of the American Opera Company Makes Denials.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 17.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—It is becoming evident that there is an organized attempt being made by parties in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, to defame the American Opera Company. Every day some new rumor, reflecting not only on the management of the institution, but on their financial standing, are circulated. This morning a paper here prints a New York dispatch purporting to give an interview with the principal dancers of the company, who were stated to have been discharged, when, as a matter of fact, they were engaged to perform at the Grand Opera House in New York. It is stated that malicious insinuations were sent out, both from New York and Chicago, to make the press, as a matter of justice, to make the following statements and statements: 1. Miss de Gillet, principal dancer, has not been dismissed. 2. Miss Carozzi, principal dancer, has not been dismissed. 3. Miss Vio, first dancer, has not been dismissed. 4. Miss de Gillet, Miss Carozzi and Miss Vio, all of whom are engaged to perform at the Grand Opera House in New York, have not been discharged. 5. The American Opera Company is not in financial straits. 6. The American Opera Company is not in financial straits. 7. The American Opera Company is not in financial straits. 8. The American Opera Company is not in financial straits. 9. The American Opera Company is not in financial straits. 10. The American Opera Company is not in financial straits.

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SHENANDOAH, Pa., Dec. 17.—Between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning people living along West Point street, in the northwestern section of this borough, were aroused by a creaking noise and the swaying of houses, resembling a series of successive shocks of earthquake. The sensation was produced by a cave-in which took down fully four acres of that section of town upon which stood upwards of fifty houses. The greatest alarm prevailed from 3 o'clock until after daylight. After the surface sank the houses swayed and rattled, and the frightened people, many of them with children in their arms, in search of places of safety, while the men who remained, their most portable property and conveniences, were returned to their homes. The surface settled from two to four feet, and damaged property to the extent of \$50,000. The cause of the cave-in is believed to be the robbery of the workings of the Kohinor colliery, which is located under that portion of the town.

Disensions in the Ranks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The local assemblies of the Knights of Labor of this city and Brooklyn, comprising district assembly No. 49, have been working in conjunction with the central labor unions of the two cities and have sent delegates to the central union meeting. It is said that disagreements have arisen as a result, and the leaders in district assembly No. 49 have been working to break up the connection. A proposition to withdraw the knights' delegates from the central union meeting was voted on and it was decided that eighty-five local assemblies voted in favor of withdrawing; forty-five opposed it, and twenty were non-committal. It is said that the majority of the knights will refuse to withdraw their delegates and will appeal to the general executive board.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Judge Cooley has notified Judge Gresham of his acceptance of the Washab receivership. He will be in Chicago Monday to file his nomination.

Freight Rates Advanced.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Following has just been made public: "By a vote of the joint committee it has been agreed to advance west bound rates to a basis of 35 cents on mid-class and 30 cents on fourth-class freight from Chicago to New York, taking effect Monday, December 27. Circulars will be issued to-day."

Forty-Ninth Congress.

Senate. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Petitions for a reduction of the tax on oleomargarine were presented by Messrs. Conger, Culom, Ingalls, Chase, Mitchell and Hoar and referred to the committee on agriculture. A bill was introduced by Mr. Morgan to regulate the fees and salaries of United States district attorneys in New Mexico and Arizona. Mr. Butler offered a preamble and resolution relating to the proposed sale of the St. Louis river to the United States and the desirability of maintaining the closest ties of friendship between the two countries, and providing for the appointment of a select committee of five senators to visit the places along the frontier and the City of Mexico, with the approval of the executive government, to inquire into and report upon any disturbances that may have occurred between the citizens of the two countries, with power to send for persons and papers and to employ a stenographer and such other persons as may be necessary and to sit during the recess of congress, and on the table and ordered printed.

On Motion of Mr. Allison it was ordered that the Senate adjourn to-day it is believed.

On Motion of Mr. Miller, and after a brief statement by him, the Senate took up and passed without debate the bill to amend the law in relation to the retirement and reinstatement of trade dollars.

On Motion of Mr. Conner, the House bill to amend the law in relation to the post-office department (passed by the House on the 9th inst.) was taken up and passed. It provides that letters carried by the post-office for free delivery at every incorporated city, village or borough containing a population of 50,000 within its corporate limits, may be so employed at every place containing a population of not less than 10,000 within its corporate limits, according to the last general census, or at any postoffice which produced a gross revenue for the preceding fiscal year of not less than \$10,000.

On Motion of Mr. Conner, the bill (passed by the House on the 9th inst.) authorizing the employment of mail messengers in the United States, was taken up and passed, and a conference asked.

Bills authorizing the construction of a bridge across the St. Louis river at the most accessible point between Mississippi and Wisconsin, and across the Mississippi river at Memphis, Tenn., were referred to the committee on commerce and passed.

The Senate then took up the unfinished business of yesterday, being a bill to repeal

FAIR WOMEN AND BRAVE MEN

First Annual Reunion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

THEIR BRILLIANT RECEPTION

The Norton Bennett-Lizard's Doom—Court Notes—The Abbott Engagement—Police Points—Other Local News.

The Loyal Legion.

The first anniversary of the organization of a commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion in Nebraska was celebrated in a royal manner at the Millard hotel last night. The legion, which was organized with thirty-six members, now numbers in its ranks over one hundred veteran army officers, the most of whom, together with their ladies, were participants in the festivities incident to their first annual reunion. Preparations for the event had been made upon an elaborate scale, and the interest felt in the meeting was manifested by the presence of nearly one hundred members of the order with their ladies, who entered the banquet hall at the Millard at 7 o'clock last night. The hall had been in the decorator's hands and presented a scene that challenged the admiration of the guests and gave especial inspiration to the male portion of the assembly. The wall was covered with immense flags that hung in graceful folds partially concealing the general room several stacks of muskets. On the tables were several miniature cannons that were not at all dangerous in appearance but added in completing the general design of the decorations. The tables were tastefully dressed and arranged in the form of a hallowed square. The following gentlemen and their ladies were seated at the banquet board: Lieutenant Abercrombie, Captain Allee, Lieutenant Ames, Colonel Bates, Lieutenant Beech, Lieutenant Bell, Lieutenant Bowen, Major Brock, Oliver Briggs, Captain Burt, Major C. Brown, Lieutenant Canfield, Lieutenant Clark, Major Clarkson, Colonel Amasa Cobb, Lieutenant Courtney, Captain Lee, Major Curtis, Major Dandy, Major Davis, John B. Dennis, Captain G. W. E. Dorsey, Lieutenant Dudley, Captain Ewen, Major France, Major Franklin, Colonel Frederick, Lieutenant Furr, Lieutenant General, Major Hall, Lieutenant Harwood, Major Hawkins, Captain Holmes, Captain Church Howe, Captain Humphrey, Captain James, Lieutenant Jones, Jesse, Captain Keefe, Major Kent, Colonel Livingston, Major Ludington, Captain Manchester, O. P. Mason, Surgeon Mercer, Lieutenant Merriman, Eysight, Michael, Captain Miller, General Montgomery, Colonel Montgomery, Captain Moore, Colonel Morrow, Major McBride, Lieutenant McKay, Major McFarlin, Lieutenant McKnight, Captain O'Brien, Captain O'Connell, Parker, Major Peabody, Charles A. Pierce, George A. Pritchett, Captain Quinn, Captain Rucker, Lieutenant Ramsey, George H. Sarson, Hon. Alvin Sargent, Colonel Sawyer, Captain Seelye, Captain Squires, Lieutenant Sturgis, Lieutenant Swobe, Major Terrell, Lieutenant Townsend, Captain Udo, Lieutenant Wallace, Lieutenant Wheeler, Whenton, Major Wilson, Lieutenant Henry H. Wright, Lieutenant William M. Wright, J. M. Thurston, E. Rosewater, F. R. Morsey, S. P. Rounds.

After an hour's address in the chair of the Legion the guests gave themselves up to a discussion of the following excellent menu which was served in courses:

- Blue Points. Green Turtle, au Queenell. Celery, Amontillado. Small Patties, au Salspice. Potent Canet. Young Turkey, Cranberry Sauce. Potatoes. Sweet Bread in Cases. French Peas. Pouch au Ambrosio. Chicken Salad. Shrimp Salad. Cardinal Punch. Leg of Venison, Currant Jelly. Mutton's Extra Dry. Boned Turkey Truffles. Game Pie. Gelatin of Hoar's Head. Paper Haddock. English Plum Pudding. Madeira Jelly. Macaroni. Grapes. Edam Cheese. Cafe Noir. Incidental to the banquet the Musical Union Orchestra rendered the following selections: Overture—"America".....Masse. Cornet Solo—"Liebe zum Volk".....Masse. Selection—"Idoloth".....Sullivan. Spanish Fantasia—"The Girl".....Masse. Musical Selection—"This and That".....Boettger. After the wants of the inner man had been met and exercised, the champagne had exercised its cooling influence, Commander W. C. Brown arose and in a brief speech welcomed the guests. He spoke of the objects of the organization and of the pleasure and profit that are derived from its membership. He spoke of the congenial spirits under such pleasant circumstances. He did not want to consume any time in needless words of welcome, but would introduce some of his comrades who had something of interest to divulge. He introduced Major General Morrow as a brave soldier and a general comrade who had rendered the guests with a paper on "What I Saw at Gettysburg."

GENERAL MORROW'S ADDRESS.

General Morrow arose and was greeted with a round of applause, in which the ladies joined heartily. The general said that so much had been written of the battle of Gettysburg, the greatest battle of the civil war, that he would refer to historical details, but would confine himself to the narration of incidents that came under his own observation. He was in the great fight that commenced on July 1, 1863, near Gettysburg, and witnessed the conflict of the armies whose combined forces numbered 170,000 men. He was taken a prisoner on the second day of the fight and observed much of the Confederate movements. For the first days they were content of success, and did not give up until after Longstreet's defeat. The next day the Federals, in intelligence and patriotism, and both sides were fighting to decide one thing, the fate of the world. The general referred feelingly to the death of General Reynolds, with whom he was intimately acquainted, and paid a tribute to his valor as a soldier and worth as a citizen and gentleman. He referred to the fearful fighting on the second day in which the Eleventh corps under General Howard did some of the bravest fighting of the war. By sheer force of numbers the first corps was driven back after having lost 6,000 of the 10,000 men with which they had gone into the fight. At this point the Eleventh corps was forced back and retreated through the town and reformed on Kulp's hill after having lost 4,000 men. The losses in the First and Eleventh corps were heavier than were sustained by any two corps in any fight during the war. To General O. O. Howard's sagacity in selecting Summary hill is due the final success of the Union army, which were enabled from this point to withstand the most determined assaults that were made by Lee's valiant men. The speaker also paid a fitting tribute to the able leadership of Gen. Doubleday. Following his personal reminiscence Gen. Morrow

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