

MIMIC AND REAL TRAGEDY.

Washington Has a Startling Sensation in an Opera House.

A SPECTATOR BECOMES INSANE.

Annie Horton, a Great-Granddaughter of Calhoun, Sees a Scene Which Causes Her to Become a Maniac.

She Shot Her Lover.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—There was a sensation at the Alhambra Grand opera house to-night, while Clara Morris was playing "L'Article 47."

The scene in the auditorium recalled the famous shooting case that occurred in this city some six or seven years ago. Miss Morris produced "L'Article 47" at Baltimore and elsewhere very recently, and those who witnessed her performance will recall the scene at the end of the first act, where Miss Morris as Cora, the Creole, fired and won by an ocean voyage, becomes exasperated by the petty jealousies of her lover, George Duhamel, and advises him of her determination to break with him. In a moment of frenzy Duhamel, after endeavoring to induce Cora to retract her words, picks up a pistol and shoots, the bullet striking Cora in the left cheek, disfiguring her for life.

Seated almost in the center of the balcony was Annie Horton, great-granddaughter of John C. Calhoun and who is now employed in the postoffice department. This young woman is the same that in 1880 went to the treasury department, where George Morgan, son of Senator Morgan, of Alabama, had a desk, and after calling him out into the street emptied the contents of a five-shooter at him.

The shooting in the play evidently recalled to her mind this circumstance, for when Miss Morris fell to the stage, the poor young woman sprang to her feet and gave a scream that went piercing through the structure with startling effect. She then fell forward and buried her face in her hands and began to moan, and call on her great-grandfather's pitiable name.

As the curtain fell, the ushers rushed down to the young girl and tried to quiet her, but she would not be comforted. Finally the policemen had to remove Miss Horton from the theater by force. When she reached the street she sat down on the steps and exclaimed that President Cleveland would never be re-elected and that she was going to shoot Senator Morgan, of Alabama, the father of the young man she shot. Finally the patrol wagon arrived and she was taken to the station. The physicians pronounced her insane. The scene on the stage had been too much for her.

Miss Horton also tried to shoot ex-Secretary Folger once while he was at work in his office at the treasury.

Stewart on Silver.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Senator Stewart, of Nevada, made a powerful plea to-day for the silver interests of the country, and for the coinage on the standard bi-metallic basis. His speech, which was listened to with earnest interest by the senate and crowded galleries, bristled with weighty facts and sterling arguments. He denounced the cabal which had combined to discredit silver, to enhance the price of gold, and pointed out the danger which would result from the conversion to monometallism. The assertion made by the senate that 20 per cent of the gold produced in the United States was the result of the reduction of silver bullion was heard with surprise by many present. Senator Stewart's idea of raising the currency and for converting the treasury is likely to gain a number of converts before the session closes. After the speech Mr. Stewart was warmly congratulated by many of his colleagues, among whom were Senators Stanford, Hearst and Spooner.

Postal Changes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The following Nebraska postmasters were appointed to-day: James Kirman, Clifton, Holt county; Vice John W. McMillan, resigned; Harvey M. Smeethers, Laramie, Gage county; Vice William J. Dunham, resigned. The president to-day sent to the senate the following Nebraska nominations: Postmasters—Lawrence A. Ryan, Falls City; Donald Macquinn, Nebraska City; Mary O'Sullivan, West Point; William J. Hubbard, Valentine; John J. Galbraith, Albion; Charles J. Harrison, Wahoo; William J. Keller, Sutton; Charles C. Ellis, Sterling; Constantine V. Gallagher, Omaha; Charles E. Durland, Norfolk; George W. Nelson, Hebron; Lafayette Myers, Grand Island; Charles A. Hanning, Cambridge; Cyrus M. Walling, Lehigh; Robert J. Patton, Ogallala; William H. Cockey, Geneva; Jacob Galley, Nelson.

The following named fourth-class post-offices will be established in the presidential case January 1, next: Newton, Ill.; Waverly, Ill.; Winchester, Ill.; Orange City, Ia.; Culbertson, Wis.; South Omaha, Neb.; Kearney, Wis.

Reducing Revenue Expenses.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The plan devised by Assistant Secretary Maynard, and approved by Secretary Fairchild, for a reduction of the expense of collecting customs revenues, will be put into effect on the 1st of January next. In speaking of the subject to-day Judge Maynard said: "There are now 130 collection districts in the United States. In 64 of these the revenues are much less than the expenses. For instance, in the district of New York the total collections do not exceed \$50,000, while the expenditures aggregate \$60,000. In the other 215 districts the total collections are less than \$20,000 and the expenditures amount to \$22,000. The expenditures of these offices will be reduced by \$1,000,000 annually by the consolidation of several instances. Orders for these changes take effect with the beginning of the new year have already been issued.

Pensions for Westerners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—An increase of pension was to-day granted to E. H. Kenaston, of Ainsworth, Neb., and pensions were granted to Lewis as follows: Mexican war—Catherine, widow of Ephraim Stoneifer, Blatstown. Original pension \$100 per month. Increase \$100 per month. Original pension \$100 per month. Increase \$100 per month. Original pension \$100 per month. Increase \$100 per month.

Bills Introduced.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The bill introduced by Senator Cole to-day to limit the jurisdiction of the United States courts provides that circuit and district courts of the United States shall not take original cognizance of any suit of a civil nature between corporations organized under the laws of any state and citizen of any state in which the corporation at the time of the action may have been carrying on any business, except in cases arising under patent or copyright laws.

Senator Butler to-day introduced a bill to

license railway conductors engaged in interstate commerce.

It provides that no railroad shall employ any person as a railway conductor or train engineer in interstate commerce unless the person is licensed as provided by the act. It provides for a chief examiner, who shall have the power to examine and to constitute a national board of examiners, which shall establish all necessary regulations. There are a number of specifications as to the eligibility of applicants. The bill was framed by the National Association of Railway Conductors.

The Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—At the postmasters' convention this morning one delegate from each state represented was appointed as a national committee. A committee was drafted and to take charge of a bill to be presented to congress, was appointed. The convention then adjourned, subject to the call of the national committee.

Mitkiewicz' Concessions Revoked.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Denby, American minister to China, has written a letter to Secretary Hayard saying that whatever concessions have been made to the Barker-Mitkiewicz syndicate have since been revoked by the Chinese government.

National Capital Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Sir Thomas H. Gratton Esmond and Arthur O'Connor, M. P., called at the white house to-day in company with Representative Collins, of Massachusetts and Michigan, Nebraska, for the purpose of paying their respects to President Cleveland.

The house committee on elections at its first meeting to-day resolved to take up the bill to amend the laws relating to the election and notices to be issued to the contestants or their attorneys to appear before the committee at its next meeting when the time for beginning the election of the case will be filed. The committee adjourned to next Tuesday.

The senate committee on commerce to-day appointed Messrs. Cannon, Vest, Cole, Cullum and Palmer as a sub-committee, to whom shall be referred all executive nominations which may require an investigation.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Among the papers laid before the senate was a communication from Italian residents in Washington, proposing to present to the United States a marble bust of Garibaldi. Referred to committee on library.

The following bills were introduced by call and referred to the committee on interstate commerce: A bill to amend United States judges and courts from authorizing the borrowing of money by the receivers of railroads and other corporations beyond the amount of their annual net income.

To prohibit the appointment of such receivers without evidence of the financial condition of the company.

The attorney general is directed to investigate the patent, and if invalid and null and void, to commence such suit promptly, to have the patent cancelled, or its use by the patentee discontinued if under him, perpetually enjoined.

After the introduction of a number of bills the senate took up the bill introduced by Senator Morgan, of Alabama, for the issue of coin certificates to circulate as money, and was addressed by that senator in support of the bill, which was referred to the committee on finance.

The senate then went into executive session, and adjourned soon after until Monday.

SUICIDED WHILE INSANE.

Sad Death of a Young Man at Laramie, Wyo.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—A. B. Borman, a young man aged twenty, committed suicide last night by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. Borman came to Laramie last winter from Lincoln, Ia. While coming through Nebraska his train was delayed three days by a snow storm and Borman suffered severely from cold and loss of sleep. When he arrived at Laramie he was met by Marshal Gustave Schmitzer, his uncle, and was found to be in an almost helpless condition mentally and physically. He was taken to Mr. Schmitzer's ranch and gradually regained his mental faculties, and was believed to have fully recovered.

He subsequently worked in the Union Pacific shops at Laramie and quit work a few days ago, intending to pass the winter at his uncle's ranch. Yesterday he made preparations to leave town, purchasing a complete outfit of clothing, etc. Shortly after retiring he was awakened by a shot which struck him in the head, the blood streaming from a gaping wound in the temple. An inquest was held to-day, at which it was ascertained that the shot was produced. It is thought that it occurred during a fit of temporary insanity.

CAUSED BY CARDS.

Fatal Stabbing Affray in a Saloon at St. Joe.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Charles Edwards, night telegraph operator at the union depot, in a quarrel over a game of cards in a saloon on Fourth street this afternoon, stabbed Charles Kirk, a brakeman on the St. Joseph, Grand Island & Western road, in the neck, making a gash six inches in length. The left part of Kirk's head is paralyzed and he cannot recover.

A Bloody Election.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 15.—Advises just received from Jamaica in the southern part of the state of Tamaulipas, Mexico, state there was much trouble there and riot during the election, Sunday. At each of the polls there was a pitched battle and the ballot boxes were overturned or destroyed. Eight men were wounded and several wounded. The result is that the old mayor shall hold over for another year.

Stage Robbery.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The stage running between Little Rock and Carrollton, Ark., was stopped on the ordinary trip yesterday near Halfway station, by two men, who robbed the four occupants of \$60 and two gold watches.

Death of Governor Bodwell.

HOLLOWELL, Me., Dec. 15.—Governor Bodwell died this morning, after a long illness. His death was caused by congestion of the lungs, resulting from exposure and over work. Governor Bodwell's death was very sudden and unexpected. He was on the road to-day at 8 o'clock, and entered upon his official duties as chief magistrate of the state.

Barn Burned.

GENEVA, Neb., Dec. 15.—The fine barn of Charles Burton, two miles from town, was burned to the ground with contents yesterday, causing a loss of \$5,000, fully insured. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Copper in Vermont.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Dec. 15.—Geographical surveys working in this section found rich outcrop of copper in the vicinity of Stamford, Vt., which they are developing.

CARLISLE ROUNDLY CURSED.

House Tariff Reformers Howling Mad at the Speaker.

RANDALL'S SUCCESS THE REASON.

The Intention to Retain the Pennsylvania in the Appropriations Chairmanship Causes Gnashing of Teeth.

A Dull Day in the Senate.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 313 FIFTH STREET, DECEMBER 15, 1887.

Congress was unproductive of any actual results to-day. The house was not in session, it having adjourned on Tuesday to Friday. The senate was flooded with state petitions and bills, and then Mr. Stewart, of Nevada, spoke in support of his bill for the deposit of gold and silver in the treasury, and the secretary of the treasury, Mr. Caldwell, in reply, announced the cessation of gold and silver coinage. The senate had a seven-minute secret session for the reference to the committee of the recess nominations received from the president to-day and then adjourned to Monday. When the house meets to-morrow the speaker is expected to announce the committee on rules. The other committees will not, in all probability, be named till January.

HOWLING AT SPEAKER CARLISLE.

If it were not for the committee patronage at the disposal of Speaker Carlisle he would find himself to-night the most thoroughly abused man in Washington. The tariff reformers in the house are howling mad because they have learned fully that the speaker intends to retain the chairmanship of the committee on appropriations to Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania. To-night the Bee correspondent was told by one of the most prominent southern senators that all the pressure that could possibly be drummed up was brought to bear on Mr. Carlisle during the summer and this fall to get him to appoint a tariff reformer to the place which Mr. Randall has filled for four years. The speaker has not until now made known his determination to continue Mr. Randall in this position. The tariff reformers declare that their work will be absolutely futile so long as Mr. Randall is permitted to occupy the single position in the house outside of the speaker's chair, which gives him so much control of legislation, and which reformers are unable to comprehend why the speaker does not give the chairmanship of the appropriation committee to a man in accord with the party in its efforts to lower the tariff. There is a good deal of half-suppressed cursing to-night, and if the free traders in the house were not begging for committee positions, they would open their mouths and speak for what they term a lack of backbone. The friends of Mr. Randall say that the speaker knows too much to depose the head of the committee on appropriations and that if he did so more than thirty democratic members of the house would refuse to go into caucus and would act with the republicans or independently.

EVILS ENVOYS.

Sir Thomas Henry Gratton Esmond and Hon. Arthur O'Connor, envoys of the Irish National Land League, arrived in the city this morning and immediately became the recipients of marked attention from the most prominent legislators of the capital. The reputation of their mission, no less than the high character and standing of the gentlemen, and the enthusiastic reception which they have received everywhere during their trip throughout the country, were no doubt responsible for the marked attention which they have been received to-day. Early this morning Congressman John A. McShane, of Nebraska, and Patrick Collins, of Massachusetts, met Messrs. Esmond and O'Connor and drove them in a hansom equipage to the white house for the purpose of presenting their credentials to the president. Upon their arrival at the executive mansion they were found that the cabinet was in session, but on sending in their cards, with a note from one of the envoys, they were admitted and were shown into the private library and were seated before Mr. Cleveland entered by the door leading to the cabinet room. There was a very cordial and devoted chiefly to inquiries by the president as to their impressions of the country over which they had passed. The visit was very agreeable to the envoys, and they were accompanied by the president's secretary, who was highly delighted with the Captain and his wife, and they were warmly received during the day from the most prominent statesmen and political leaders of the country without respect to party.

OFF FOR HOME.

The delegation from the Omaha freight bureau, consisting of Messrs. Bennett, Griffiths, Gibbon and Euclid Martin, left this afternoon for New York, en route to Omaha, before their departure they expressed themselves as satisfied with the result of their mission to Washington insofar as it had assured an investigation into existing conditions interstate transportation at Omaha. The commission will undoubtedly give full consideration to the claim of Omaha wholesalers that their business is being seriously injured by the discrimination of the Massachusetts, in favor of Chicago when the final hearing is held at Omaha next month. The facts shall warrant it. It is stated in the near future.

POST TRADES.

William Caldwell, of Cherry Creek, Nebraska, is to be prosecuted for cutting timber on public lands in that county. Mr. Caldwell was arrested by the U. S. marshal, secretary of the interior to-day sent to the attorney general a report made by Special Agent C. E. Bowman, dated September 15th last, and containing testimony in the case. The secretary of the interior requests the attorney general to make up the case against Caldwell, and send it to the United States district attorney in Nebraska, with directions to institute criminal suit against Caldwell for cutting and removing the timber explained of and civil suit against J. M. Thatcher, to whom the wood was sold for its value at the rate per cord paid to Caldwell if an examination of the facts shall warrant it. It is stated in the letter of the secretary of the interior to the attorney general that the saw logs taken accounted 30,000 feet board measure. It is stated that about one hundred and fifty cords, the saw logs being of pine and the wood pine and oak. The logs, he states, were sawed into whole and sold to various parties and the wood was sold to J. M. Thatcher, post trader at Fort Nebraska, who had the contract to furnish wood for the garrison there. The land

PUTTING UP THE GALLOWS.

Alice Waterman's Murderer to Execute His Crime To-day.

STILL FEIGNING TO BE INSANE.

Robert Perigo Convicted of Murder—Death of an Old Day-Porter Citizen—Supreme Court Decisions.

Preparing to Execute Bellows.

CHARLES CITY, Ia., Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—To-morrow will be a gala day for the usually quiet and peaceful town of Charles City. Chester Bellows, the murderer of his niece, Miss Alice Waterman, is to suffer the penalty of death on the gallows. He is in the custody of Sheriff Clark and Deputies Barton and Collins. He arrived from Anamosa at 2 p. m. to-day and was conveyed, in a closed carriage, to the jail. Quite a crowd gathered at the depot in the hope of catching a glimpse of Bellows, but he was rushed through, hurried off to the jail and chained in his cell.

On Monday an effort was made by Judge Reinger to secure a commutation of sentence through a petition, but even Bellows' nearest friends refused to sign it. All is now in readiness for the execution. A high board fence surrounds the gallows and outside of it a guard will be stationed to keep back the crowd.

All day long the cracks in the jail fence have been eagerly sought by people eager to get a glimpse, even, of the gallows.

After the execution they will be taken down and shipped to West Union, where they will be used in hanging Smith on the 5th of January. Smith's execution will take place at 9 o'clock inside the jail.

All is quiet except the occasional moans from Bellows, who is still playing the insanity dodge. The death watch was put on at noon to-day and will remain on duty all night. The execution will probably take place shortly after 10 o'clock.

Arrangements for the execution of Chester Bellows in this city to-morrow for the murder of Alice Waterman, on July 8, 1886, are all complete. The scaffold is in the yard just east of the jail building and is a pattern of the one used in Chicago when the anarchists were hung.

The execution will take place before noon to-morrow and will be in the presence of but few spectators. Bellows was brought here from Anamosa this morning. He has been confined in the penitentiary since November, 1886, when he was found guilty. He says very little and does not seem to care very much for his future. His actions all seem to be calculated to raise the question of his sanity and to delay the execution as long as possible. He has forgotten the day and month and said he did not remember ever being here before. At times he would do things that would show that his forgetfulness was mere pretense. The crime for which Bellows will be hung was the murder of his niece, Alice Waterman, who was living at Minneapolis, but came here in 1886 and went to live with the Watermans, a short distance from this place. His attention to Alice was constant and soon became so intimate that he was sent away on the 8th of July. He went to the house of a neighbor, Chester Wilcox, with whom Alice was stopping, and came out doors and shot her twice in the last shot being fatal. He then shot himself, but inflicted merely flesh wounds. He was taken to the hospital and died on the 17th of 1887. This will be the first judicial execution in Iowa since Benjamin A. McComb was hung at Ottawa, February 17, 1866, for the murder of Laura J. Harvey.

DEPARTMENTAL.

Levi Carter, of Omaha, has been for several days past in the city looking after the suits brought by the government against the mine and mill owners, relating to the government land in the territory. James Lazar, national bank examiner for Nebraska, is spending a few days in the city.

IVE'S TROUBLES.

The Motion to Dismiss Taken Under Adjudication.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The grand larceny charge brought against Henry S. Ives by President Dexter, of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road, had its first examination to-day. Counsel for Ives conceded the statements about the contract made by Ives as trustee for the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road, but denied the portion relating to the Indianapolis road; also the depositing of the \$100,000 draft to the credit of Ives & Co., as alleged in the charge, but insisted that due credit was made in the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton general account.

President Dexter read an extract from Ives' cash books, tending to corroborate the statements. The cross-examination was devoted to the question of how the \$100,000 annuity against Ives on the part of Dexter, was accounted for.

Hardy S. Ogden, one of Ives' bookkeepers, was called and the prosecution stated its intention to introduce evidence showing that the firm was insolvent and would not have been able to keep up after June 6 without the \$100,000 annuity alleged to have been appropriated to Ives.

Ives' counsel allowed the testimony, although they considered it a peculiar way to prove a firm's insolvency by showing that on any one day its cash balance was less than its liabilities.

Ives took the stand and told the story of the \$100,000 annuity. He had handed the \$100,000 check to Stagner after the deal was completed and had been deposited in the name of Henry Schmidt, appellant, until his attention was called to it. Asked if his firm was insolvent on the last day of May, witness said it was not insolvent at that time, but he had been in a financial straits, and created a sensation by the statement that the assignment had been made partly on the advice of his good friend, Mr. Dexter.

Justice Kilbreth took the motion under advisement.

STOLE FOR YEARS.

The Charge Brought Against a Philadelphia Bank Clerk.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Joseph Knight, bookkeeper in the Manufacturer's National bank, was taken before the United States commissioners this afternoon, charged with stealing from the funds of the bank between \$20,000 and \$30,000. It is said that Knight had been appropriating the bank's money for nearly twenty-five years. He was bookkeeper of the Manufacturer's bank for thirty-five years. Knight had been considered a trustworthy man.

The Crime of a Black Robber.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—A special from Meridian, Miss., to-day describes a robbery formation which has been received here from Smith county that Mrs. Annie Husbands, while traveling to her brother's house, some miles from her own home, was assaulted by a negro and robbed. After committing the robbery the negro cut off the fingers of Mrs. Husbands. Husbands recognized the negro and wrote his name so that he would be arrested. The husband of the victim is a man of considerable means and it is thought the negro thought she had considerable money with her.

Steamship Arrivals.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Arrived—The England, from Liverpool. QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 15.—Arrived—The Italy, from New York. SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 15.—Arrived—The Erin, from New York for Bremen.

The Minnesota Dairywomen's Convention.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 15.—The Minnesota State Dairywomen's convention adopted a memorial to congress to-day asking that the manufacture of fraudulent butter be prohibited or that manufacturers be compelled to color their product pink.

A Brakeman Killed.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 15.—[Special to the Bee.]—Fred Anderson, alias Fred Warner, a freeman on the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road, was killed here to-day. His engine was standing on the main line and he

was on the track underneath cleaning the ash box when some flying cinders struck the engine and he fell. It is thought that he was

hit by a train. He was killed at 10 o'clock. He has a brother and two sisters living at Lincoln.

A Cheyenne County Banquet.

SIOUX FALLS, Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The bar and county officers of Cheyenne county gave a banquet last night at the Pacific hotel. The venerable Judge George W. West presided and delivered the address of welcome. After the banquet the following toasts were given: "The Cheyenne County," by Judge Francis G. Hamer; "The President of the United States," General Henry A. Morrow; "Wisconsin," Judge John A. Linn; "Cheyenne County," by J. C. Carey; "The Officers of Cheyenne County," S. D. Esage; "Our City Fathers," Joseph Overholser; "The Bar of Cheyenne County," Judge J. W. Neville. Many inopportune addresses were made. The music was furnished by the Twenty-first infantry band, and the evening was closed with an appeal in the history of Western Nebraska.

A McCook Ward School Burned.

McCOOK, Neb., Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The new ward school house burned to the ground early this morning. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is about \$2,500.

FLOODS IN CHINA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The steamship City of Sydney arrived this afternoon from Hong Kong and Yokohama. The Chinese papers give details of the disasters occasioned by the Yellow river overflowing its bank in the province of Honan and describe it as one of the most appalling occurrences in loss of life and property recorded in recent times. The Yellow river is said to have opened its mouth at September 20, southwest of the city of Ching Chow, and not only completely inundated that city, but also ten other populous cities. The water in the district reached by the river is said to be thirty feet deep, where it was a densely populated and rich plain. The former bed of the Yellow river is now dry and the present lake water is said to be thirty feet deep. The loss of life is incalculable and the statement is made by missionaries that millions of Chinese have perished.

All accounts so far received are very meager. The governor in Honan reports to the throne that nearly all the people have been killed in the district, and that the water, the survivors being those who escaped to high ground or took refuge in trees, where they remained until rescued.

It is estimated that the number of Chinese people who perished in the flood is more than 1,000,000. The survivors are said to be a mixed part of one of the richest and most densely populated plains of northern China. The necessity for liberal aid may therefore be readily understood. The government has already given \$2,000,000 in aid and subscriptions have been started in Shanghai and elsewhere. The most startling fact developed is that the Yellow river no longer flows toward the sea, but is converting eastern Honan into a vast lake and swamp. Millions of people are thus rendered homeless and are seeking means of earning a livelihood in these districts.

THE TRANSFER COMPLETED.

Minneapolis Base Ball Franchise and Players Change Hands.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—An important change in the management of the Minneapolis base ball club was completed to-day, by which Messrs. Gooch and Johnson, who owned the club with W. E. Gooding. The price paid was \$7,000. Mr. Gooding was formerly city ticket agent for the Burlington road in Minneapolis and before that was connected with the Manitoba road at Neche and St. Vincent. With the franchise of course go the contracts of all players who have been signed and Mr. Gooding yesterday signed Patton, Gooch, the nine under contract, and follows Patton, Hayes, Shaw, Winkelman, Kieff, Kroez, Lynch, Brennan and McCullum. Mr. Gooding already has another battery in prospect, and hopes to make a change in the district shortly. He is now working to get Miller, of last year's Lacrosse team, who signed with Omaha. He anticipates difficulty in arranging for Sunday games. Mr. Gooch is an advanced worker and those who have heard of the new deal have no doubt but he will make a success of the national game in Minneapolis.

A MILITARY MATCH.

Marriage of Lieut. Carson and Miss Sumner at Leavenworth.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Lieutenant J. M. Carson, Jr., fifth cavalry, son of Major J. M. Carson, and Miss Sumner, daughter of Major E. V. Sumner, fifth cavalry, were married yesterday afternoon. The event was a brilliant one. The post chapel, where the ceremony took place, was handsomely decorated with flags, bunting and flowers. Every branch of the army was represented by officers in full uniform, which, with a sprinkling of civilian dress, formed a charming background for the nuptial picture.

The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Barry according to the Episcopal rite. The bride wore a costume of white faille silk, embroidered with velvet and trimmed with diamonds. She wore a crown of pearls and a necklace of pearls. The groom wore a uniform of a cavalry officer. The latter wore the uniform of a cavalry officer. The bride wore a crown of pearls and a necklace of pearls. The groom wore a uniform of a cavalry officer.

Pueblo's Gala Day.

PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Pueblo to-day held her grand celebration and barbecue over the completion of the Missouri Pacific road to this point. Committees of citizens had been making preparations for the event for several weeks and several thousand dollars were subscribed and spent in making the event a success. Early this morning the military and civic associations, bands, citizens and trades displays intending to participate in the parade, assembled on the south side of the city, formed in line and marched through the streets, which were handsomely decorated to the Pueblo opera house, where an old fashion barbecue was prepared. There thousands feasted during the entire day upon a most delicious and abundant repast. It is estimated that 12,000 people were fed. The celebration concluded to-night with speeches, a torchlight procession and fireworks.

The Fire Record.

HOLIFAX, N. S., Dec. 15.—W. S. Symonds & Co.'s foundry was burned to-day along with four buildings containing the premises, causing a loss of \$60,000.

Powderly's Condition Criticized.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 15.—Powderly's physician said this evening that the patient is doing badly and is steadily improving. It is regarded as critical, he having been seized with another hemorrhage.

THE REPUBLICAN CLUBS.

Their First Convention Temporarily Organized in New York.

A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

Smart Must Not Be Tolerated in Campaigns—The Saloon Warned Out of Politics—John R. Lynch Speaks.

A Great Political Gathering.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The first convention of the national republican clubs was called to order to-day with 1,100 delegates present from all over the United States. At 1:30, after a long contest involving the call of the roll, the republican club convention chose Daniel J. Ryan, of Ohio, as temporary chairman.

In his address of welcome, James P. Foster, president of the republican club of New York, said that by common consent it had been agreed that this convention should not name, recommend or nominate any candidate for office, and that the greater part of the tariff to protect the industries of the land, high enough to redeem the surplus and give employment to the unemployed, and a market for goods manufactured here. He went on to say that the organization proposed to discontinue personal attacks upon candidates for office, and that the republican club life are based upon justice. It was proposed to the saloons "Be ye removed from politics."

The routine of business had been translated the convention adjourned until to-morrow morning.

The republican clubs held a public meeting in Cooper Union. Hon. John R. Lynch, the colored orator of Mississippi, said he was here to speak on the suppression of the colored vote in the south. By form of law a tariff to protect the industries of the land, high enough to redeem the surplus and give employment to the unemployed, and a market for goods manufactured here. He went on to say that the organization proposed to discontinue personal attacks