LOSS OF THE ALFRED WATTS.

The Story Told By the Sole Surviv-

ors of the Crew. TWENTY-FOUR SOULS PERISH.

A Wisconsin Central Train Runs Into the Woods -- Two Killed and Many Seriously Injured-

Other Casualties.

Disaster on the Deep. NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- The story of the loss of the clipper ship, Alfred Watts, has just been told by Oscar Linn and Henry Magnus, sole survivors of the crew of twenty-eight. The Watts, under command of Captain F. H. Johnson, left Philadelphia October 8 with a full cargo of oil for Japan. October 19 a hurricane struck the vessel, raged for hours, sweeping the decks clean and tearing the yards from the masts. About noon a huge sea boarded the vessel and Captain Johnson and twenty-six men were carried away and drowned. The two surviving sailors clung to broken fixtures on the main deck. The main to broken fixtures on the main deck. The main mast snapped off close to the deck and the other masts followed. The ship began to fill, and soon the deck was flush with water. The men managed to get some brine-soaked provisions and water from the tanks. On November 20, thirty-two days after, the bark Lizzle Perry, of Yarmouth, took the two survivors off the water logged ship in an exhausted condition. The Perry was wrecked a few days later on a reef south of Barbadoes, but all were saved by an English steamer. Among those lost on the Watts was A. B. Oakford, of Philadelphia, a passenger.

Cars Filed in a Heap.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 23.—Between Fifield and Phillips, on the Wisconsin Central road, a passenger train that left Ashland at 7:30 last evening was wrecked about midnight by a broken rail. Two fatalities and the injury of a score of passengers resulted. M. Montie, of Butternut, Wis., attempted to get out of a window, when he fell and was caught under the car and crushed to Conductor Greenfield was a jelly. caught between two timbers. His injuries will probably prove fatal. Thomas Mooney, of Ashland, was terribly bruised. Thomas Schneider, of Ashland, has a frightful gash in the head, and is badly scratched. Mr. Clemens, wife and three. children, of Duluth, are all badly bruised. Mrs. Sullivan, wife of Conductor Sullivan, received serious injuries. Her head and scalp were laid open. A number of others were bruised and badly shaken up. The train was traveling at a high rate of speed, and the cars ran into the woods and were willed in a beau piled in a heap.

Badly Shaken Up. CHICAGO, Dec. 23 .- Probably the worst shaking up ever given a train load of passengers without killing a single person outright occurred to the 150 people coming to Chicago on the Minnesota & Northwestern road this morning. Near German Valley the rails had spread and when the train struck the spot, traveling at a good rate of speed, every one of the seven cars left the track. Fully forty passengers were injured, five of them seri passengers were injured, not of them seri-ously and two perhaps fatally. The light list of casualties is regarded as remark-able in view of the fact that the coaches were badly damaged and it is a matter of wonder at least that none of them caught fire. Another remarkable feature is that the wreck happened just after the train had passed along a bridge ten feet high. Had it occurred a moment sooner it would have made a catas-trophe of fearful fatality. The most painful injuries of many were inflicted by broken glass. A Miss Hune, of Dubuque, Ia., was

one of those most seriously injured. The name of the other lady whose injuries may result fatally, is Mrs. John McGuffin, of Virden, Dak. Miss Hune was brought to Chicago and placed in charge of friends. It is stated that some of the passengers made eir way after the accident to Melton station and endeavored to send messages to friends and relatives, but the operator re fused to send them. Notwithstanding the accident occurred before 10 a. m. it was five hours afterwards before medical assistance arrived, the doctor's car being brought up on the regular day express.

Two Hundred Laborers in a Collision. ROCK RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 23 .- A train on the Cherokee & Dakota branch of the Illinois Central came into collision with a work train, which had on board about two hundred treek laborers. A blizzard prevailed at the time, which prevented the engineers from discovering the danger until they were discovering the danger until they were within twenty yards of each other. The enineers and firemen of both trains were badly njured. Fireman George Davis, of Cherokee, has since died. Many of the laborers are

slightly injured. Fatal Explosion.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 23 .- An explosion of dynamite at a limestone quarry near Brookfield, Colchester county, this morning, killed four men, one of them being Alexander Mc-Donald, proprietor of the quarry. They were warming dynamite previous to using it for a blast when it exploded, it is supposed, from overheating. A man and woman who were present escaped with slight injuries.

An Earthly Shake.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 23.-A deep rumbling sound lasting three seconds and accompanied by a tremor of the earth, was noticed here shortly after midnight. The disturbance aroused the people from their sleep. The shock was felt at Acaishnel and other towns in this vicinity.

Newpour, R. I., Dec. 23.—Reports from various neighboring points are coming, in to the effect that a shock of carthquake was felt

shortly after midnight last night.

Opposition to Randall. CHICAGO, Dec. 23 .- At a meeting of the tariff reform league of this city this evening, Prof. J. F. Clattin, who announced himself as a mugwump, made a proposition that a as a mugwump, made a proposition that a protest against the appointment of Sam J. Randail to a place on the ways and means committee be drawn up, and circulated amongst democrats in Chicago during the holiday recess. He believed every prominent democrat in the city would sign it. The proposition was warmly greeted and the chairman instructed to prepare the memorial.

Secretary Manning's Condition. ALBANY, Dec. 23 .- At noon it was be lieved that Mr. Manning would survive the day. He had brightened up a little and retained his consciousness. Slow but steady the weakening of his system was noticed, pulse becoming intermittent and sigh failing. He was still taking a little stimulan

at intervals.
Albany, Dec. 28.—Mr. Manning's condition shows no change to-night, except that he is somewhat weaker.

No Indictment Against Ives.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- The grand jury to day considered the charges made against Henry S. Ives and Charles A. Stavner, After it adjourned Assistant District Attorney Davis said the inquiry was most thorough They went into the whole history of Ives connected with the Mineral Range railroad company and decided not to find an indict-ment by almost a unanimous vote.

To Investigate the Oil Monopoly. OSHKOSH, Wis., Dec. 23.- Congressma Guenther is preparing a bill which he will introduce in the house calling for the appointnt of a committee of three to investigate the Standard oil menopoly.

THE SALE COMPLETED. W. F. Storey's Paper in the Hands of Snowden and West.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The sale of the Times has been completed. The transfer is just as good as made and nothing now remains to be done except the fixing of the legal form by the court and the entering of the formal order by Judge Tulley. Attorneys Weigley, Dexter, Goudy and Judge Trumbull had their hands full all the forenoon determining just how the final steps in the case should be taken, and after Judge Tulley's court cadjourned at the noon hour the judge met them in his chamber for a conference. The consultation was merely to communicate to the court the agreement they had come to, and post him upon how to act. They said the settlement was all ready to be entered upon record as soon as the court should make its formal decision. The exact terms of the transfer were, of course, kept a close secret. Reporters were barred from the room during the conference. Judge Tuley was seen this afternoon and said that he would not enter any order in the matter until to-morrow morning. Later in the day Messrs. Snowden and West, the new propristeers. Showden and west, the new propri-etors of the Times, came into court and signed the agreement, which had already been signed by the other parties to the matter. They then notified the present em-ployes of the Times that the new management would take charge of the paper to-mor-row. Attorneys Goudy and Trude had a long private conference in the latter's office long private conference in the latter's office this afternoon. The occasion of the consultation was the arrangement in the Times deal, which was brought to perfection in Judge Tuley's chamber in the forenoon. There was nothing for the two legal lights to do but arrange the details of the order to be entered in the court as to the way the money is to in the court as to the way the money is to be paid, into whose hand it is to be given and how the transfer of the property of the prop-erty will be effected. Judge Tully, after the morning conference was over, promised to think the matter over to-night and enter the necessary order of record to-morrow. At-torney Trude, who was witness in the case, but really represents the heirs, though not officially acting as counsel in the matter, said this afternoon that \$575,000 was the actual amount of cash to be paid over by the pur-chnsers, who will also assume about \$500,000 worth of liabilities in the shape of mortgages.

SUING FOR SHARES.

The Kansas City Base Ball Associa

tion Asked to Whack Up. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—[Special Tele-gram to the Brr.]—Judge Slover to-day heard the evidence in the case of Theodore McKim against Charles D. Axman and others, constituting the Kansas City Base Ball association. McKim alleged in his petition that he subscribed through his father, A. V. McKim, for twenty shares of the stock of the association and after receiving the money Axman, Heim and others forming the association conspired together to cheat him out of his shares and pocket the \$2,000. Mc-Kim testified that he repeatedly asked for the stock, but it was refused him. He stated that the stock was stated that the stock was valueless owing to the mismanagement of Heim, Medges and others, and asked the court to grant him a judgment against the association for \$2,000. Joseph Heim testified that he never confederated or combined with the manager of the association to cheat Mc-Kim out of his shares. When McKim ap-proached him and demanded the shares he proached him and demanded the shares he told him that he could not issue unsubscribed stock to him, as his lawyer informed him that if he did so all the stockholders would be held personally liable, but he agreed to give him \$2,000 worth of his own shares, which McKim refused to take. Judge Gill took the case under advisement.

The War Between the Wabash and

Alton Roads Growing Fiercer. CHICAGO, Dec. 23. -The war on freight rates between Chicago and St. Louis raged fiercely to-day, culminating this evening in demoralization. The Wabash, having met the 10 per cent cut of the Alton, made vesterday. later announced to its patrons that rates by the Alton were 10 per cent less than by any competing line. This meant a further cut of 10 per cent, and the Wabash instructed its agents at all competing points Alton to quote lower rates than its rival. In consequence no one could tell what rates were in force and merchants would ship freight at any rate they pleased Not only through, but intermediate rates-t Springfield, Jacksonville and Decatur are de This is true both of dead freight and live stock. It seems certain that the war will extend, before long, into the passenger business and such extension will cut down rates to Kansas City and beyond, as well as

IS IT MURDER?

An Old Man Found Dead and His

Wife Dying in New York. New YORK, Dec. 23 .- James Miller, a real estate dealer about seventy years old, was found lying dead this morning on the floor of his home in West Sixteenth street. Beside him lay his wife, unconscious and dying. On her face and head were several gashes. It is supposed the couple were attacked and beaten by robbers, but the police are inclined to think the old man died of heart disease and that his wife was unable to notify the neighbors. They think her exhausted condition due to starvation, as nothing had been heard of the couple since Wednesday until the discovery made this morning. Miller was said to be wealthy. His wife, the neighbors say, had been insane for the past year. She was taken to the hospital.

AN ENBEZZLER CAPTURED. Frank McNealy the Absconding Saco

Bank Teller Caught in Halifax. Halifax, Dec. 23.-Frank C. McNealy, for whom detectives have been looking for months, was captured here this morning. McNealy's crime was the theft of \$185,000 in bonds and \$3,500 in each from the Saco and Biddeford savings institution of Saco, Me., of which he was teller. He fled to Europe but returned here on the steamer Polynesian Sunday. His brother came here from Saco and met him, and the theory is that he took away the bonds with him when he returned Saco, as they were not found when young McNealy's baggage was scarched to-day.

Steamship Arrivals.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—|Special Telegram o the BEE.]-Arrived-The Nederland, from

Antwerp. QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 23 .- Arrived-The Baltic, from New York; the Republic, from New York.

Plymouth, Dec. 23.—Arrived—The Rhine-land, from New York for Antwerp. New York, Dec. 23.—Arrived—The Bel-genland, from Antwerp; the Hermann, from Antwerp; the State of Georgia, from Glas-Boston, Dec. 23.—Arrived—The Bavarian,

Extensive Libel Suits.

MONTHEAL, Dec. 23.—Charles E. George managing editor of the Daily Arkansas Ga zette, Little Rock, has begun suits in the court of the queen's bench, Quebec, through barrister of this city, against the Witness of this city, the Journal of Ottawa and the Citizen of Ottawa, on charges of malicious libe! Damages in each case are laid at \$15,000.

Uncle Sam as an Arbitrator. Sr. Louis, Dec. 23.-Latest advices from Tablequah say that Special Agent Anderson gave the two contending factions clearly to understand yesterday that he would give them fifty-eight hours to settle their differ ences in, and that if at the end of that time the trouble was not adjusted the government would step in and settic it for them.

ONLY A NEWSPAPER "FAKE."

A Washington Correspondent Rules Sherman Off the Track.

THE OHIOAN WILL LIKELY SCORE.

A Poor Attempt to Make Political Capital Out of Some Bemarks Made at Justice Field's Dinner Table.

A Correspondent's Vivid Imagination.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23. Washington special in to-day's New York World takes Senator Sherman out of he presidential race. It announces with a great deal of positiveness that the senator, while at Justice Field's dinner last week, unbosomed himself to his table companions and acknowledged that Mr. Blaine would be renominated; that he recognized the handwriting on the wall and had determined not to allow his name to go before the convention as a candidate. It says further that the antagonism of the Cornell, Conkling, Platt and Arthur factions in New York to Sherman has made it practically impossible for him to become the recepient of the united anti-Blaine forces. I called at Mr. Sherman's residence this afternoon and showed him the World's dispatch. It forced the senator to smile blandly as he read. When he had finished he said: "The whole of this busi ness is fudge. There is just one atom of truth in it, I attended Justice Field's dinner. There the truth ends and ridicule begins. I am not a candidate for the presidential nomination in the sense of seeking it. I have not said anything, nor have I done anything to lessen the chances of Mr. Blaine for renomination or to bring about my own selection. I am to-day, so far as presidential

matters are concerned, in the same attitude

that I have been."

It is not at all likely that one of such natural sagacity, of such wide experience as Mr. Sherman, would "unbosom himself" at a dinner table, and still more unlikely is it that he would talk of himself and his political future at a dinner given in honor of an Englishman. Mr. Sherman has no idea whatever, and the thought has never entered his mind, of advising his friends to relinquish their hope of his nomination or of requesting them to keep his name out of the convention. His name will be presented to the convention at Chicago if he lives and keeps his health. He not only does not see the "handwriting on the wall" pointing to the renomination of Mr. Blaine, but he would not exchange the possibilities of his own political future for those of the Maine or any other statesman. In fact, I believe that Mr. Sherman expects to be nominated himself cand without entering the field as an avowed candidate. One thing is certain, he does not anticipate the renomination of Mr. Blaine, while he does not antagonize Mr. Blaine or his interests, or the honest efforts of the friends of Mr. Blaine, Mr. Sherman could not give the endorsement to another recognition of Mr. Blaine, which to another re-ognition of Mr. Blaine, which the emphatic declination to have his own name used in the convention would give. In regard to the alleged antagonism of Messrs. Cornell, Conkling, Platt and the Arthur factions in New York, it may be said that all of these are friends of Mr. Sherman and he has received assurances from the three men named that they would approve of his nomination and assist in his election. But it is hardly necessary to discuss rumors of this hardly necessary to discuss rumors of this character, as a statement of such importance as this would not be credited when coming from a private dinner party. In Washington the conversations which take place at private dinners are always considered of the most private nature, and no gentleman would hawk them about the streets. It is likely that during the hours the distinguished guests sat at Justice Field's board, reference was jocularly made of Mr. Sherman's presi-dential possibilities, but if such allusion was made the senator in no reply used language which could be distorted with any resemblance of truth into the story telegraphed the World. The World dispatch is w known on Newspaper Row as a 'fake World. its ridiculousness has caused more smiles than credence. The friends of Mr. Sherman in Washington regard this story as one of a series now going the rounds of the democratic press intended to disparage the elevation of the Ohio man and force the renomination of Mr. Blaine. They openly assert that there is a concerted movement or the part of the democratic newspapers to bring about the renomination of Mr. Blaine, and to smother any tendency that may rise to nominate Mr. Sherman. This is the most positive evidence of this combination that has been shown up to the present time, and instead of discouraging the friends of the Ohioan, it will serve to make them firmer.

HOLIDAYS AT THE CAPITOL. Extensive preparations have been made official and private circles to enjoy the hol days and especially to hail the incoming of the new year. The departments will be closed to-morrow at noon and will not be opened until Tuesday morning. They will close again at noon one week from to-morrow and open on the morning of Tuesday, January 3. The official programme for the January 3. The official programme for the usual reception at the white house was an nounced to-day. It discloses very claborate arrangements and it is intended that there shall be a good time. It is announced at th executive mansion, however, and among the cabinet officers that in event of ex-Secretary Manning died the white house reception and those to be held by those in official life will be abandoned. A great deal of concern is felt to-night over the condition of the ex-secretary and the wires are resorted to very frequently for the latest dall, of Pennsylvania, has gone to Albany to see Mr. Manning and to be at his bedside when death comes, should it occur.

PERRY S. HEATH.

Army News. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE. |- Captain John T. Morrison. Tenth cavalry, has been placed on the retired

Second Lieutenant George P. Ahern, Twenty-fifth infantry, has been granted two weeks leave. Sergeant William Irwin, Second cavalry

has been placed upon the retired list on his own application. Captain A. H. Bainbridge, Fourteenth in fantry, has been ordered to inspect subsistence at Fort Townsend, Washington terri-

Captain C. J. Dickey, Twenty-second in-fantry, has been ordered to San Diego, Cal., for medical treatment. for medical treatment.

The resignation of Second Lieutenant
James H. Waters, Tenth infantry, has been
accepted to take effect January 18, 1888.

First Lieutenant James Brennan, Seventeenth infantry has been granted four months. extension of leave on account of sickness The success of the Army Co-operative Fire association is encouraging to its promotors.

The first certificate was issued in March of the present year, and the association now

numbers 243 members.

An order has been received from army headquarters, directing that at posts, "where the monthly muster of troops has been authorized, officers in mustering troops on the last day of February, April, June, August, October and December of each year, will charge two months' army asylum dues omitting any charge on that account on the omitting any charge on that account on the intervening muster days.

Licatement J. Y. M. Blunt, of the Fifth cavalry, and Miss Mary Ross were married at the parsonage of Saint Matthew's church last evening. The wedding was quiet, only the near relatives being present.
One of Mrs. P. H. Sheridan's children has

the diphtheria. The other children have been sent to General Ruckler, their grand-father.

· Nebrasks and Iowa Pensions. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—[Special Telegram to the Brg.]—The following pensions were granted Nebraskans to-day: Hannah E., widow of Charles W. Purdy, Reynolds. Mexican war—John K. Isbell, Fairmount. Original—Charles W. Purdy (deceased),

Reynolds; Henry Swartspager, Lodge Pole Increase—George W. Guilford, Guide Rock; William T. Melvin, Plattsmouth; George Davenport, Norfolk; Byron Weston, Central

Pensions for Iowans: Mexican war— Jacob J. Decker, Peru: Philemon Townsend, Kendallville. Original—William Podigo, Norwood: Joseph Mitchell, Ottumwa: Val-entine Mendel, Albia; Benjamin F. Patterentine Mendel, Alba; Benjamin F. Patter-son, Aveca, Increase—James McDourall, LeMars; James C. Faris, Mount Ayr; Syl-vester W. Bragg, Nova Springs; Joseph H. Young, Marysville, Reissue—William G. Davis, Keokuk; Horace G. Hawks, Marble Rock; John R. Bain, Newton; Joseph Hast-ings Atlantic

National Capital Notes. Washington, Dec. 23.-The secretary of the navy has received an official report concerning the recent trial trip of of the United States schooner Chicago. The mean speed obtained during the six hours' run was 15.1 knots, and the maximum speed for an hour, 16.35 knots. The mean horse power developed was 5,084, and the maximum for an hour 5,284. The machinery worked smoothly for the entire run, and though water was occasionally used on the journals the engines were not stopped or slowed down at any time during the trial. The engines worked quickly and efficiently.

worked quickly and efficiently.

Senator Sawyer, chairman of the senate postoffice committee, says he will bring the subject of postal telegraph before the committee very early after the holiday recess. Five members of the present committee were members of the present committee were members of the Forty-ninth congress, which report d the postal telegraph bill but did not repeat the extensive investigation made by its predecessors. Senator Sawyer is non-committal respecting his own present predilictions. He supported the bills reported by the Forty-cighth and Forty-ninth congresses, which looked to the establishment of a postal felegraph system, but with the co-operation of private corporations. The chief of the buseau of statistics in his statement of the imports and exports of the United States reports the total values of imports of merchandise for the five, eleven and twelve months ended November 30, 1887, as compared with similar imports for corresponding periods of the preceding year, as follows: Five months ended November 30, 1887, \$299,228,625 same period in 1886, \$278,561,475. Eleven months ended November 30, 1887, \$11,685,247; in 1886, \$607,151,087. Twelve months of 1887, \$712,986,918; in 1886, \$607,08,816; in 1886, \$607,151,087. Twelve months of 1887, \$712,986,918; in 1886, \$607,980,697. Twelve months in 1887, \$727,460,635; in 1886, \$702,200,413.

The congressional committee escorting the remains of the late, Representative Monfatt, left this evening for his home at Traverse City, Mich.

Secretary Whitney has informed W. H. H. Smith chief. Clerk. Senator Sawyer, chairman of the senate

City, Mich.

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Secretary Whitney has informed W. H. H.
Smith, chief clerk of the bureau of steam
engineering, that his services as chief clerk
will not be needed after January 1. Mr.
Smith has been in the navy department twenty years.

Appointed United States Marshal.
Washington, Dec 23.—Major J. M.
Wright, of Louisville, Ky., has been appointed marshal of the United States supreme court to succeed John O. Nicolay, who retires to devote himself to literary work. Major Wright is a graduate of West Point and was at one time on General Buell's staff. was for some time an editorial writer of the Courier Journal, afterwards superin-tendent of the board of trade, and later president of the Southern Exposition company.

Cause of Secretary Manning's Illness. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- Dispatches from Albany state that the illness of ex-Secretary Manning was caused in a great measure by the bad drainage in the treasury building. Mr. Manning is the second secretary of the treasury from New York whose illness has been ascribed in a great meausure to the same cause. Judge colger sat at Manning's desk a great part of the time in the private room adjacent to the reception room of the secretary of the treasury. Next to this small room there is a bath room and investigation at the time of Secretary Folger's illness disclosed an extraordinary unsanitary con A great many clerks were also ill. The treasury department has made such improvements as scanty appropriations would permit.

Lake Gas in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23,-[Special Telegram to the BEE.]-The engineer in one of the Chicago breweries discovered yesterday that his engine was pumping air from the lake instead of water. It was decided that the fault was with the receiving pipe, which was overhauled. The pump was started again but evinced the same trouble as before. He then removed one of the valves opening into the pump and approached it with a candle to examine further. There was an explosion and a blue flame which immediately died out The engineer had been pumping gas. A pipe was attached to the valve opening and a steady flame of oderless gas has since been coming in from the lake.

The Cold Wave.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 23 .- The cold snap of vesterday suddenly changed last evening into a blinding blizzard. This morning snow fell, but it was of light duration. No serious blockades are yet reported, but trains are more or less delayed.

EXTRAORDINARY CONCESSIONS: They are Granted By the Mexican Gov-

ernment to Induce Immigration. St. Louis, Dec. 23,-It is announced at El Paso, Tex., that the Mexican government has granted extraordinary concessions to a real estate company to induce immigration to Mexico. The company has obtained title to 55,000,000 acres of land in the different states, and proposes to establish agencies in all large cities of Europe and America. The government has granted exemption from taxation and duty to all settlers on these tracts and insures proper protection

The Fire Record.

HUDSON, Wis., Dec. 23.—A telegram was received here this norning from New Richond, St. Clair county, Wis., asking for assistance from the fire department, as the city was being destroyed by fire. Hudson is a city of 1,800 inhabitants on the Omaha road eighteen miles from Hudson. On City, Pa., Dec. 23.—The Western Pennsylvania & New York railroad shops

burned this morning. Loss, \$100,000.

Business Troubles, New York, Dec. 23.—Andrew J. Shirley as assignce of Hurd. Waite & Co., the dry goods firm of Brooklyn, which suspended Wednesday last, filed his bond of security this morning, of \$200,000. Shirley says the Shirley says the firm's stock is worth \$150,000. SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 23.—Frank H. Roscoe, shoe manufacturer, has failed. Liabilities, \$80,000; assets, \$30,000.

The Weather To-Day. For Nebraska: Fair weather, followed by light snow, warmer, light to fresh winds,

generally southerly and becoming fresh to orisk northwesterly.

For Iowa: Generally fair weather, warmer preceded in eastern lowa by colder, light to fresh variable winds becoming southerly, foi-

owed by light snow.
For Dakota: Local snows, warmer, except in northern portions, followed by colder, light to fresh variable winds.

THE TRAGEDY AT WAVERLY.

Full Account of the Circumstances Leading Up to It.

GOADED HIM TO DESPERATION

Young Kingsley Made the Object of a Merciless Persecution at the Hands of Billings-Talk of Lynching.

Goaded By His Enemy. WATERLOO, Ia., Dec. 23 .- There is great excitement in Waverly over the attempted shooting of Lawyer Billings by Mr. Kingsley, and the latters tragic death. About two years ago Kingsley graduated from the law department of the Iowa State university with high honor. He soon won a splendid reputation for business integrity and more natural ability than falls to the lot of most young men. He entered the field of politics, was nominated by the republicans for county attorney, and elected to that position last fall. His connection with Billings began when, about four months ago, he purchased of the latter the homestead in which he (Billings) had lived for fifteen years past. When the day arrived on which Kingsley was to take possession Billings was not ready to go, and Kingsley entered the house as a boarder. The only other members of the family was Mr. and Mrs. Billings. There was ill-feeling between the men at this time over some mysterious trouble and Billings, it is alleged, was heard to say: "I will ruin this young fellow or be ruined myself in the attempt," and his whole course of action from that time to the date of the tragedy seemed to prove the depth of his

hatred.

A pretext was not wanting on which to begin his cruel work of blasting the young man's reputation. The following shows how eagerly he grasped at the chance to beslime Kingsley's fair name: A short time since a young girl in Waverly was shown to be in a delicate condition and when questioned, named as her betrayer a young man in the neighborhood. Imposing on her ignorance, it is alleged, Billings induced her to sign an affidavit stating that that the young man named was not responsible for her condition, using instead, in the affidavit, Kingsley's using instead, in the affidavit, Kingsley's name. Billings made public the cruel slander and the quiet little city of Wayerly was surand the quiet little city of waverly was sur-prised and shocked. Billings' flimsy trick was quickly exposed and justice done Kingsley through a counter affidavit exonerating him. On hearing that his first plan had fallen through Billings' wrath knew no bounds. He sought Kingsley in the letter's office and ac-cused him of undue intimacy with his (Billing's) wife while a boarder at the latter' home. Stung beyond endurance Kingsley drew a revolver and pointing it at the head of his tormentor pulled the trigger, but the cap failed to explode and Billings started downstairs with Kingsley in hot pursuit. When about half way down stairs Kingsley fired again, the bullet penetrating Billings' clothing, but being stopped by a brass ring on his suspenders. He ran out into the street shouting for help and calling on the crowd which gathered around to arrest this rest. Kingsley. A rush began towards Kingsley's office, and those who first entered the room were horrified to find him lying on his back a corpse. A ghastly hole over the right eye revealed the manner of his death more plainly even than the smoking revolver. A coroner's jury was quickly summoned, and the work of examination began, while Bil-

lings was taken to jail through fear of mob violence, Bremer county having proved on for-mer occasions that tardy justice is someconversation with a porter to-night Billings stated, and his wife corroborated his statement when questioned afterward, that Kingsley had been criminally inthmate with Mrs. Billings, and to-morrow Billings will produce what purports to be a confession signed by his wife of said criminal intimacy, and further stating that Kingsley is the father of her unborn babe. In support of this confession will be introduced an affidavit sworn to by Billings corroborating the main points mentioned in the confessio Among the papers taken from Billings was a piece of note paper on which was written in Mrs. Billings' handwriting a request that Kingsley must be at an appointed spot at a late hour the following night, and saying that it was imperatively necessary that he come She also warned him that "M." was suspi-cious and enjoined caution. This epistic oc-cupied the upper half of the sheet. On the lower half was written such a reply as might have been expected from Kingsley—noble and

high souled. He replied, saying that it would be highly improper for them to meet as sug-gested in the absence of her husband, and asked in a manner indicating surprise of what "M." was suspicious, closing the note with a demand for an explanation. All in all, the affair appears to have been from the beginning a deep laid plot to ruin Kingsley, and perhaps at the same time to extert blackmail. Billings is said to be one of the best readplawyers in the northwes and a man who scruples at nothing to gain his ends. Both were men of splendid phy sique, tall and powerfully built. Billings

der a verdict before to-morrow night. * Bold Horse Thieves.

about fifty-five while Kingsley is scarcely twenty-six. The jury will probably not ren-

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 23 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE.]-A peculiar and bold burglary occurred to-day. A Dakota county farmer, named Sides, started to Sioux City with a load of corn. While at Jackson he left the team standing in front of a store while he went in to transact some business When he returned to the street he found the wagon gone. No one had seen the team leave; no one knew whether they had broken loose or been driven away. Mr. Sides at once com-municated with Deputy Sheriff Brassfield. He went to Jackson and tracked the team to Covington and across the river to Sioux City but here all track was lost. It is suppose that some one drove the team to Sloux City but who it was or the whereabouts of the

Senator Cassett's Petition. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 23 --- | Special Tele gram to the BEE.]-Senator E. R. Cassett, of Pella, filed a petition in the district court of Polk county this morning, praying that a writ of mandamus issue against Governor William Larrabee, Secretary of State Frank D. Jackson, Treasurer of State V. P. Twombly and Auditor of State James A. Lyon as a board of canvassers, commanding them to at once reassemble and to canvass the returns from the Fifteenth senatorial district, com-posed of Marion and Monroe counties, and declare the result thereof, and to issue to Mr. Cassett his certificate of election, "and in all things to proceed diligently and accord-ing to law." This is a new turn taken by Mr.

ing to law." This is a new turn taken by Mr Cassett, he claiming that the board of can

vassers, in ordering a new election in his dis-trict, had exceeded its power. The case will be heard in the district court of this county America For Americans. MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 23.- Special Telegram to the BEE.]-Mrs. Carrie Lane Chapman spoke here to-night to a fair-sized audience, handling the subject, "America For Americans," in a masterly manner and holding her hearers in rapt attention for nearly one hour and a half. Mrs. Chapman portrayed the evils of Chinese immigration and the debasing influence it was having on the youth of the United States. She gave

some facts and figures showing that beys only eight years of age were habitues of houses of prostitution. Taking up the perils which threaten the peace and prosperity of America, she reviewed anarchy, socialism, communism and bossism in politics, etc. She favors the organization of a party that will

discountenance the unrestricted immigration

to our shores of a class which threatens our morality and boasted liberty. Mrs. Chapman is the widow of an Iowa editor and is a very modest, unassuming lady, of pleasant address and easy manners on the rostrum, using very little gesticulation, but holding her audience by the brilliancy of her logic.

Sioux City's New Daily. Sioux Civy, Ia., Dec. 23 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE.]-The first number of the new daily, the Sioux City Daily Stock and News Exchange, appeared to-day. The paper is issued in the interest of the stock yards,

packing houses and live stock interests of this section. Died From His Injuries.
GRINNELL, Ia., Dec. 23.—[Special Telegram to the BEE. |- Charlie Jones, the eighteenear-old lad who attempted to cross the Iowa Central track ahead of a freight train yester-day and lost a limb in consequence, has since died from the shock received.

SCORCH AT SCHUYLER.

A Destructive Fire Raging At Midnight-Business Houses Burned. SCHUYLER, Neb., Dec. 23.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Shortly before 12 o'clock fire broke out in Sutherland Bros.' furniture store. From this building the flames spread

to the hardware store of Molacek & Popelar, and the notion store of T. B. Turrill and M. B. Erickson, butter and egg depot. Unless the fire is soon under control other buildings wili go. It is impossible as yet to estimate the damages. Marriage, Birth and Death. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 23.-[Special o the Ber.]—The sudden death of Dr. U. B.

Larsh last evening makes the third eventful period in that family which makes up the sum of life and which occurred within three days. The marriage of a daughter on Monday morning, the birth of a child to a married day morning, the birth of a child to a married daughter on Tuesday, and now the death of Mr. Larsh on Thursday evening, the twenty-eighth anniversary of his marriage. He leaves a widow and seven children, Mrs. Fred Smith, of Omaha; Mrs. S. Kellogg, of Percival, Ia.; Mrs. J. C. Watson, at present in Washington; John, who is at present in New Mexico, and Frank, Paul and a daughter at home. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon and will be conducted by the Masonic order.

No Fight at Delta.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 23 -- [Special to the BEE.]-The report of a murder at-Delta, Neb., circulated on the streets last night and telegraphed outside, proves to be a canard eminating from the brilliant mind of Deputy Sheriff Huberle, who had just returned from Dunbar, where he claimed to have heard it, but later confessed he perpetrated it as a joke.

Lincoln Votes Railroad Bonds. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.-[Special Telegram to the BEE. |-The result of the election to-day in aid of the Lincoln, Red Oak & Des Moines road was favorable to the bonds or a vote of 1,702 for the bonds to 88 against The vote was light, the proposition meeting no organized opposition at the polls.

SENT TO PRISON BY MISTAKE. Two Men Whom the Grand Jury Had

Declined to Indict. NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- The curiosities of the law's workings are illustrated in the case of two men now in prison who have the right to be free. December 6 the grand jury here considered the case of August H. Schultz, charged with burglary and petit larceny. There was not sufficient evidence to convict, and the case was ordered dismissed. The same day the case against Charles Edwards, for assault, was considered. There was not sufficient evidence in this case either, and it. too, was dismissed. When a bill is dismissed by the grand jury the secretary of that body stamps on the face thereof the word "dismissed," the foreman puts his signature under it, and that ends the matter. By some oversight the secretary neglected to stamp the face of the bills in the cases cited, foreman did not see the word "dismissed where it should have been stamped: thought that true bills had been found, and signed the indictments. They were sent to the district attorney with true bills, and no one Schultz and Edwards were was the wiser. brought into the court of general sessions to plead to the indictments which it was sup-posed had been found against them. Not knowing that the grand jury had failed to indict them they both pleaded guilty. Schultz was sentenced by Re-corder Smyth to the Elmira reformatory. Ed-wards, who pleaded guilty to assault in the third degree, was sentenced to six months in the penitentiary. They are both serving time now, whereas, according to law, they ought to be free. The facts came out by accident. One of the grand jurymen saw that they were sentenced, and remembered that the case against them had been dismissed. Judg Cowing, when asked what was the remed; for the men, said they should be brough back here on writs of habeas corpus and for mally discharged, as it was unlawful to im prison them unless they had been regularly indicted. Colonel Fellows took the same view of the case. Dilligent inquiry failed to

liscover who the lawyers in the cases were BRAVES AT A BANQUET.

J. Sterling Morton Talks to Bourbon Bucks in Chicago. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]-J. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska, was the guest of the evening at the monthly

banquet of the Iroquois club last evening. The braves shut out the fair sex and abused the monster protection. Mr. Morton in his remarks related an Iroquois legend about the brave who was taken up the mountain and killed a great monster. President Cleveland had also been led up the mountain and saw the monster protection below. He would kill it. Then Mr. Morton descended from the region of fancy and said that the question of tariff taxation was a very large one. Some people turned from it be-cause it contained so many intricate details, but it was a simple thing. It meant the tak-ing of money from the people and piling it up in the treasury. It took money from many and put it in the pockets of a few. congress might do Mr. Morton thought the president's message had made it impossible for the republicans longer to make the people believe that putting a tax on a thing made it cheaper. Not only was a protective tariff wrong: it was unconstitutional. Money could be raised by taxation only for purposes of the government. When taxation went of the government. When taxation went further it was unconstitutional. Mr. Morton, in another indian story, ridiculed Mr. Blaine's assertion that tobacco was a necessity, and sat down. He was very hoarse from severe cold, and his remarks were cut short. Several others spoke, and the even ing passed very enjoyably.

Should Be Owned By the Government. Chicago, Dec. 23.—Congressman Isaac Stevenson, of Wisconsin, who is bound for home from Washington for the hotidays, said to a reporter here to-day: "The postmaster general, Mr. Vilas, told Senator Sawyer, and myself, day before yesterday, that he would recommend the erection of a government building in all towns where postal receipts were \$3,000, and good, fire-proof brick build-ings in towns of 6,000 inhabitants costing \$8,000 each." Mr. Stevenson added: "I am in favor of the government doing so, and the present congress may consider such a ques-

Murdered at Sea.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.- Captain Walton, of the schooner Crumer, reports that on the 20th inst his mate boarded the wrecked schooner Kelley, off Cape Henlopen, and found the captain, Taylor, lying dead on deck. There were marks on his throat and bruises on his head. Captain Walton thinks he was

OVER A THOUSAND MEN OUT.

Extensive Strike Inaugurated on the

Reading Road.

A GENERAL TIE UP THREATENED.

Report That Upwards of Forty Thousand More Will Quit Work To-Day-A Vain Appeal to the Courts.

Objected to Non-Unionists. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Over one thousand men employed by the Philadelphia & Reading railroad company, on their lines running from West Falls to the Port Richmond coal wharves, either as train men, coal men or freight handlers, quit work this afternoon at half past 4. This action was caused by the introduction of a train crew of five nonunion men to do work upon which union men had been employed, but who had been discharged. This movement will be communicated to all employes of the road, and a gencated to all employes of the road, and a general strike on all the lines of the company may be the result. The trouble originated yesterday when a crew of freight handlers engaged in shifting cars loaded with flour to the pier controlled by the firm of Charles M. Taylor's Sons, refused to deliver any more freight to the firm unless non-union men employed in handling freight should be discharged. Superintendent Sweigard is discharged. Superintendent Sweigard is-sued an order discharging the crew who re-fused to handle freight, and threatening the same punishment to other crews who would follow the precedent. All the remaining force, which consisted of four crews, refusing to obey the order, were discharged. The news of the discharge quickly spread and this afternoon, when the crew of non-union many way not to work.

men was put to work, every other employe struck. A large police force is on hand to protect the company's property. Representatives of five assemblies of Reading employes, who have formed national district assembly of Knights of Labor, met to-night and called a general convention for to-morrow afternoon. It is asserted to-night to-morrow afternoon. It is asserted to-night that word has been passed along the entire Reading system, and that the 30,000 or 40,000 men in the employ of the company will quit work to-morrow. At the office of the Reading company it is stated that the clear duty of the company as a common carrier to deliver merchandise to whomseover it is consigned without regard whomsoever it is consigned without regard whomseever it is consigned without regard to any question between the consignee and his employes, made it necessary for the com-pany to order that cars be moved in Port Richmond, and if the men refused, to dis-charge them. The same was true of the trouble at Elizabethport, with Coxe & Co.'s coal barges.

An Appeal to the Courts.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Counsel for Coke Brothers & Co. to-day asked judicial interference in the coal miners strike, under a petition presented in the United States circuit court. The specific instance made is that the complainants had a contract with the Reading Coal and Iron company for a large amount of coal delivered free at Elizabethport. The complainants wished it loaded on one of their barges, but the Reading company was unable to do so, offering instead to deliver it in & Reading boat with charges for freight. The petitioners allege that the refusal to load The petitioners allege that the refusal to load is due to an illegal conspiracy between certain Reading employes and the striking Luzerne county miners and is done to hinder the petitioners' business because they have refused to accede to the striking miners' demands. An order was asked for the loading of the coal, upon the ground that the petitioners need around relief before their barge is boycotted away from Elizabethport. Judge Butler refused the request. He said the property of the Reading company will within two erty of the Reading company will within two days pass out of the hands of a receiver and also that the petitioners have a remedy by a suit at law for any damage they may sustain

RUINED AND DESERTED. A Young Girl Allured From Home

and Left Penniless.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.-[Special Telegram to the Ber. |-A sad case of seduction and desertion came to light in this city this morning, the victim being a young Chicago girl of respectable parentage named Gracie Woodford. Four weeks ago Gracie left her home with a variety actor and since then has been living a life of shame. Her father is an insurance agent, the senior member of the firm of Woodford & Kinsley, doing business at 69 Lasalle street, Chicago, and residing in a new block on North Clarke street, two doors from Wisconsin, almost opposite Lincoln park. His family consists of a wife and five girls, the eldest daughter being Gracie, just turned seventeen years of age. Gracie was, unfortunately for herself, of a wild and skittish disposition, and during the frequent absences of her father from home, grew entirely beyond her mother's control, staying out late at night and running around with young men, but the full extent of her folly and wickedness was not known to her parents. She gradually became a frequenter of low variety theatres, and three months after became acquainted with a song and dance man named Robert James. He was scarcely twenty years of age, but the girl's fancy was captured by his per-formances. The acquaintance ripened into something more than friendship, and finally James induced the girl to go to his mother's house, and there, in the absence of the old lady, he wrought her ruin. Then her seducer suggested that as he was going to Des Moines to fill an engagement that she accompany him, and the girl readily consented. Four him, and the girl readily consented. Four weeks ago she left her home without giving any intimation of her destination, and without taking any other clothing than what she wore, and fled with Robert James. There was not even the inducement of wealth and luxury held out as a bait to lure her from her virtue, for the young man with whom she decamped possessed no more wealth than the average variety actors possess, and from the day she left with him neither bought her dress nor jewelry. After a two weeks stay in Dea jewelry. After a two weeks stay in Des Moines, the pair came here, James expecting to obtain an engagement here at one of the theaters. They arrived two weeks ago and theaters. They arrived two weeks ago and Jomes hired a room. He failed to find employment and then the young man showed his true colors. Finding his funds running low he made up his mind to desert the girl, and last Thursday evening he quietly stepped down and out, leaving Gracie penniless and alone in a strange city. The rent of the room and also the girl's meals were paid up to Sunday, but when that was done she had no means of surgest and would no doubt have Sunday, but when that was done she had no means of support and would no doubt have, fallen into still lower denths of infamy, but for her case coming to the knowledge of City Physician Aucker, who exerted himself. to open communication with her father and induce him to take his daughter home. The girl herself does not appear to be greatly distressed at her situation, but speak lightly

Suffering in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 23 .- The dispatches which have been and continue to be sent out about suffering and death in western Kansas are false according to the best evidence that can be procured in this city. There have actually been two deaths in Kansas and two make a scare. Crops in western Kansas have been poor and the great majority of settlers have been there but a short time and are poor. But they are not in a starving condition by any means. The weather is moderat-ing, the thermometer ranging from 40 to 50 above zero.

The Central Pacific's Dividend.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-A dividend of 1 per cent has been declared on Central Pacine railway stock, payable February 1, 1888.