## MINISTER RYAN'S MURDERERS

Three Innocent Men Lynched to Conceal Their Crime.

Detectives Unearth An Organized Band of Cut-Throats-How the Coon Boys Were Butchered-The Kuklux Outdone.

Terrorized By Squatters. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 11.-[Special Telegram to the BEE. ]-Rev. Thomas P Ryan, a noted Methodist minister of this state, living in Roane county about forty miles from here, was brutally murdered in the presence of his family and at his home in October last. He had just returned from a conference with some \$400 and the purpose of the murder was evidently robbery. Within two or three days after that three young men, Robert and George Duff and Chester Coon were brutally lynched for the murder. It has been the prevailing opinion that the lynchers and murderers were the same parties, and that they lynched innocent men to cover their own crime.

Since the events just stated took place, Detectives Alfred Burnett and Daniel Cunningham have been working up the case and last night for the first time made public the facts in regard to the matter. Cunningham says that about the time the war broke out a number of families came from Clinch River, Russell county, Virginia, and squatted on the Bruen estate without either buying or leasing the land, and a secret band was organized which was to run the neighbor hood as it pleased, and protect their "rights' as squatters. Most of the arrests of the band since 1874 have been made by members of the Coon family and by the Duffs. In regard to the more recent doings of the band. the names of thirty-seven members, pass word, etc., is given. The "consolidated band" had meetings every week, and every meeting they took a new oath to divulge nothing under penalty of death.

About three weeks before Ryan was murdered they held a meeting at Kentuck, at which it was moved that they proceed at once to lynch Cunningham, George and Robext Duff, Frank Shaniblin, Doc Jones and Jack Parsons. The motion was seconded, but was voted down by a very small majority. The next week a meeting was held at the same place and the same motion was made and again lost by a small majority. At this meeting four of the members, for whom it was getting too murderous, withdrew from the band. The next week the Duffs and Chess Coon were lynched sure enough. After George Duff had been fatally wounded by the lynchers, 'Squire Taylor ordered the arrest of Bob Duff and Chess Coon. The next evening 'Squire Gardee ordered them taken to Walton, but the constable disobeyed the orders. Coon was taken to Joe Cook's and Duff to Dave Cox's residence for the night. That night the band had a secret meeting at Linn Camp school house and it was decided to lynch Duff and Coon immediately, though some voted to wait until Monday. Ben Coon, uncle of Chess Coon, one of the men whom they were going to lynch, was elected leader, and he accepted the position.

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They went to Cook's, where Chess Coon was, took him out and hanged him. Then they went to Dave Cox's and took Bob Duff out and cut his throat with a knife. He was first stabbed in the stomach and breast.

Then a gash was cut in his
throat, and finally Duff's head
was held back while one of the men cut his

throat from ear to ear.
Za regard to the murderers of Ryan being the lynchers, the detective says: "We have secured evidence enough to prove, and will prove, that the men who lynched Coon and the Duff boys were the same men that mur-dered Rev. Thomas P. Ryan. Of the five or six men engaged in the murder of Ryan nearly all live in Roane county. I have their names, and they are all in that county now with some possible exceptions."

A number of the original letters are also

made public, in which prominent citizens have been warned to leave the country. These warnings are all signed "Regulators," and are addressed to men and women. property, mutilation of the body, or other outrageous conduct. The slightest offense on the part of any one was punished with a warning, and the persons warned generally found it wise to leave.

## THE TEXAS CAPITOL.

Preparations For Dedicating It in the Grandest Style.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 11 .- Preliminary prepar ations are in progress for a grand military and civic celebration in this city on the cecasion of the dedication of the new state house now nearing completion. The military features of the celebration are under the auspices of regular army officers and it will be an international affair. May 14 to 19 inclusive is the time fixed for the encampment. The prizes to be offered to competing organizations will be announced soon. Governor Ross is sending out formal invitations to all governors in Mexico and the United States to attend the celebration as guests of the celebration as guests of the state. An effort will be made through the Texas congressional delegation to secure the attendance of President and Mrs. Cleveland to meet President Diaz and his wife, and to commemorate the occasion with a grand peace festival. General Diaz has unofficially nequiesced in such a programme.

## The Hopkins Trial.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 11 .- The Hopkins trial was made up most altegether of the cross-examination of J. W. Hoyt, the broker through whom Hopkins gave orders for speculation in Chicago wheat for Harper. Hoyt said he had several accounts for Harper, designated by letters, and said that Hopkins did not want it known that he was speculating, yet Hepkins never gave Hoyt an order without consulting Harper. Some laughter was pro-duced when Hoyt said he was asked to go to Chicego on June 14. He was told it was by order of the pope. He explained that the name was meant to designate Harper.

Arranging For a Cocking Main. Kansas Citt, Mo., Jan. 11 .- A cocking main between Kansas City and St. Louis wil

be fought in this city January 17, 18 and 19. In all about two hundred cocks will be here by the opening day. The stakes will be \$270 a side on each battle with \$1,000 on the last battle. Over fifty bleds are coming from Cincinnati and a match between Kansas City and Cincinnati birds is talked of.

Maryland's Governor Installed.

An Amotis, Md., Jan. 11.-Elinu E. Jack son was inaugurated governor of Maryland to day in the presence of both houses of the general assembly. In his inaugural address Governer Jackson congratulated his heavers upon the sound financial condition of the state, and promised to aid in the faithful and intelligent execution of the election laws.

Robbery and Recovery. New ALBANY, Ind., Jan. 11 .- Joseph Reibel, a hotel proprietor of this place, was robbed last night of over \$25,000 in bonds,

offered the presidency of Union college.

notes, checks and other valuable papers. Later the entire boot, was recovered and the thief arrested. Orter College Presidency. Rocunsten, Jan. 11 .-- Professor Harrison Webster, of Rochester university, has been

WALL STREET WORRIED. Stock Brokers Greatly Alarmed Over Crooked Bank Statements.

New York, Jan. 11 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE. |-The Herald this morning prints the following: Stock exchange operators have been in the habit of swearing by the weekly bank statements. Indeed, on Satur-SOME HORRIBLE REVELATIONS day the stock market is sometimes entirely influenced by the supposed favorable or unfavorable nature of this report. The disclosures of the Fourth National irregularities was a rude shock to the street and at once raised the question: Can bank statements ever be depended upon to tell the truth! If one bank can systematically monkey with the figures and misstate its condition, don't other banks do the same!

> "It is one of the severest shocks we have had in years," said a veteran Wall street man. "The bank statement has always been looked upon every week as gospel and now we find that it is not gospei, but an apocryphal book. There is no doubt whatever that Mr. Baldwin is by no means the only bank president who has misrepresented the condition of his bank. He was discovered only by accident, and the chance that went against him, after he car-ried on the thing for some time, happened to go in favor of the other bank officers who have done the same thing. The fact that came out yesterday, that it has been known to Wall street broakers for a month and more that Baldwin was monkeying with the figures, is in itself pretty good evidence that other banks have been doing it, or, at least, conniving at it. Mr. Baldwin is a good fellow and meant no harm, but he violated the law. The worst consequence of this act is that he has destroyed public confidence in the

And this was about what everybody in Wall street said, except the bank officers. FALLING TO PIECES.

The Western States Passenger Asso-

ciation in a Bad Way. Cutcago, Jan. 11.-Although more than half a dozen lines have drawn out, the Western States Passenger association to-day agreed to continue the organization, there being left some twenty roads to keep it up. The principle defection is that of the Chicago & Alton in the southwest, which goes out in order to meet the Wabash, and the Minnesota & Northwestern in the northwest, which is also inclined to play a lone hand. In order to provide against possible reductions made by outside lines, the chair-man of the association was to day authorized to meet the cut rates at once, without the delay of five or ten day's notice. All the lines are given the privilege of withdrawing at fifteen day's notice. It is the general opinion that when a settlement of the present western trouble comes the withdrawing lines will again become members and in the will again become members, and in the mean-time the form of an association will serve as a balance wheel to prevent a complete demoralization of rates

The Lease Declared Valid.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11 .- Judge Gresham, in the United States circuit court to-day, decided he case brought by the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute railroad against the Terre Haute & Indianapolis railroad to declare the ease executed by the board of directors of the former road to the latter corporation null and void. The decision affirms the validity of the lease to the Terre Haute company. The amount involved is over \$21,600,000.

National Capital Notes. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 .- Senator Manderson to-day introduced a bill to increase all invalid pensions to \$8 per month. A statement accompanying the bill says it will increase he annual pension payments by \$6,753.352. The adjournment of the senate without in executive session was due to the determination of some of the senators to insist upon consideration of Lamars nomination in advance of the nomination of Vilas and Dickinson and the consequent prospect of a some-

what prolonged contest, which none were

anxious to enter upon so late in the day. Acting Secretary Muldrow has requested he attorney general to institute suit in the name of the United States against the state of Iowa for the recovery of about 22,500,000 acres of land in abeyance, said to have been wrongfully patented to the state under the rrant for the benefit of the Sioux City & St Paul railroad company, approved May 12, 1864. It is claimed by the department that the land specified was never earned by the railroad company under the granting act Muldrow also confirmed the decision of the commissioner of the general land office in the case of the Wisconsin Central railroad com-pany vs. the State of Wisconsin, holding for rejection the selection by the railroad company as indemnity certain lands in the Wau-sau, Wis., land district because the same ap-

pears, from the field notes of the United States surveyor, to be swamp lands. Major Thomas E. Sican, of the invitation committee for the Old Guard reception at New York, accompanied by Colonel J. B. Mix, were received by the president this norning and presented him with an invitation in the name of the battalion requesting the honor of President and Mrs. Cleveland's company at the annual reception on Tuesday evening, January 17. The president said that while he would not give a decisive answer, he would say that he desired very much to accede to the wishes of the Old Guard.

Earthquake in Canada.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 11 .- A sharp shock of cartinguake was felt throughout the city and surrounding section shortly before 5 this morning. The vibration was quite marked and seemed to be traveling from the west The shock lasted from five to ten seconds. Crockery was smashed in many places, but no other damage is reported. The shock was felt at Bracebridge and Gravenhurst, Out., Maniwakie and Quio, Quebec and other places.

Hoosier Bourbons in Conference. ·INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan II.-A largely atended conference of Indiana democrats was held here to-day. From fifteen hundred to sixteen hundred men were present and all sections of the state were represented. The committee on permanent organization re-ported the name of Governor Gray for per-manent chairman and the choice was approved. Governor Gray accepted. The conference recommend Governor Gray as a candidate for the vice-presidential nomina

Indian Territory Troubles Settled. Sr. Louis, Jan. 11.-The latest advices from Tahlequah, I. T., say that the Cherokee egislature is transacting business and that all the troubles are over, the election having been settled temperarily. Chief Mays and the Downing party have secured control of the political machinery. A searching investigation of money expended by the Bushy-

head administration is talked of. Bulling the Tariff Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 .- Representative gran gers from different sections of the country began this morning a session which was suggested by the New York Tribune. They will secretly discuss the tariff question from the farmers' standpoint. The result of the con-ference, which will last two or three days, will be made known at its close

The Tally Sheet Forgers. Washingron, Jan. 11 -- Attorney General Garland has appointed Judge Sol. Claypole, of Indianapolis, to assist the United States district attorney in the prosecution of the tally sheet election forgers at that city.

Louisiana Democrats. Baron Roove, La., Jan. 11 .- The dem ocratic state convention re-assembled this aftermore and a recess was taken until t

OUT OF THE USUAL ORDER

A French Duel at St. Paul Results in Blood-Letting.

FIGHTING OVER A FEMALE A Lonely Highway Near Fort Snelling

Selected as the Battle Ground-Both of the Combatants

Spill Gore.

A French Affair of Honor. S.T PAUL, Minn., Jan 11 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE-|-In a secluded spot, not many yards from the main highway which leads from St. Paul to Fort Snelling, one night last week two prominent members of French society settled a little unpleasantness according to the traditions of their people. Society circles recently received an inkling of the affair and the word soon passed from mouth to mouth that a genuine duel had been fought, and from the fact that through the veins of the principals passed the blood of flery French ancestors a deep interest was naturally manifested in the combat by the French people of St. Paul. To-morrow Le Canadian will publish the facts in connection with the case. Of course there is a woman in the case. It was at the Bodega that a party of young French bloods were enjoying a feast of music and a flow of soul. They drank freely and integrity of bank statements. He has added an element of distrust which will be far-reaching and will never be forgoten." the combined influence of wine and melody had a tendency to intoxicate, with the odds in favor of the former. The name of the young lady was mentioned during an animated discussion of social events. She holds a high place of respect and esteem among her acquaintances, and her character is irreproachable. She stands pre-eminent in the ranks of virtue, and naturally an expression relative to her dishonor would be resented by her friends and the enemies of aught pertaining to licentiousness or evil. A young French Canadian so far forget himself as to speak disrespectfully of her and for his pains he was rebuked by an associate at the festive board. The latter, a recent arrival from France, and who had served with valor and gallantry in the army of that country, struck the young Canadian, and the result was a challenge to mortal combat. Pistols and coffee at sunrise were suggested, but the hot blood of the honored sires was at its height and the gentlemen would not have it that way and the sword alone could settle the grievance and that choice of weapons of manly defense was immediately decided upon. Seconds were chosen from among the little group of Frenchmen, the services of a ittle group of Frenchmen, the services of a French physician of St. Paul were secured, carriages were called and soon the duelists and their friends were being hurrically conveyed toward Fort Snelling and everything was arranged without excitement, and even the eagle-eyed policemen on their beats "did not catch on." A lone spot about a hundred yards from the road, with no signs of an abode or habitation in the immediate vicinity, was selected as the battleground and the duelists lost no time in preparing for the fray. They came together and the glittering steels flashed in the moonlight. A few seconds of exciting guard work and blood spurted srom the right arm of Captain Pierre, the army officer, just below the elbow, and still he fought on and disregarded the counsel of his second to close. His wound only ex-A lone spot about a hundred yards from the his second to close. His wound only exasperated him the more, and, rushing on his adversary, he drove his sword several inches into the left side of Jean St. Hilaire, who fell bleeding to the ground. This act was the final one and the services of the physician ways welled into requisition. the physician were called into requisition. Though severe, the wound of the young Canadian was not fatal and he was immediately removed to his home, where he is re-covering. These facts were given to a reporter by the second of one of the duelist.

"ME TOO." Suit to Remove Platt From the New York Quarantine Commissionship. ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 11-The trial of the suit prought in behalf of the state to remove ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt from the office of quarantine commissioner of the port of New York, on the ground of ineligibility was resumed to-day. The state seeks to show that Platt is a resident of Owego, Tioga county, whereas the law requires that the commissioner of quarantine must reside within the metropolitan district of New York. A Tioga witness was called and exhibited the poil list for the town of Owego to show that Platt had voted in that town since his claimed residence in New York. The defense moved to dismiss the case on the ground of lack of evidence. The motion was verruled and, after the opening argument by the lawyer for the defense, Platt took the stand and testified at length to show that while he was born and did business in Owego for over thirty years and still visited that place frequently, his business an residence were now in New York. He had considered Owego his residence until 1878. Since 1879 he had been to Owego on an average, about four times a year. On re-examination the witness times a year. On re-examination the witness admitted that he voted in Owego and swore in his vote in 1880, taking a general oath as to his residence there; knew he was declared elected to the senate in 1881 as Platt, of Owego, and did not call attention to the error of residence, and in his affidavit to a change of venue in this case last July he made oath that his legal domicile was in Owego.

The Haverhill Disaster.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Jan. 11.-Dennis Shanahan, who was injured in the water-tank house at the time of the accident at Bradford yesterday, died at the hospital this morning. The family supposed to be Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin and child proved to be George N. Cole, wife and child, who were ute from Rockland, Mass., to Kenne Me. Goodwin and wife were wounded and are at the hospital. The number of dead

A Bank President Arrested.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 11.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—H. S. Buck, presdent of the bank of Stewartsville, which failed recently, was arrested in this city today, charged with embezzling the funds of the depositors. He was very much surprised at this unexpected sequel of the affair and seemed to feel keenly the odium of being restrained of his liberty. Late this afternoon he obtained bail in the sum of \$5,000 and left for his home immediately.

Women's Board of Missions.

Boston, Jan. 11.-The twentieth anniversary of the Women's Board of Missions was held here to-day with 170 delegates in attendance from various parts of the country. The annual reports show that the society had 119 missionaries, with mission schools in large numbers in various parts of the world. The finances are in better condition than isual. The receipts were \$123,229, with expenditures of \$120,825.

Alleged Dynamiters Arraigned. London, Jan. 11.-Thomas Callan, of Lowell, Mass., and Michael Harkins, of Philadelphia, alleged dynamiters, were arraigned in court again to-day and both plead not guilty. Their trial was postponed until next session

Eighty Horses Burned. MERIDEN, Conu., Jan. 11 .- Last night the entire main barn of the Horses Railway company burned with eighty horses, and fourteen cars. Loss \$75,000; insurance, \$20,000.

Grandfather Blaine. New York, Jan. 11 .- James G. Blaine is a grandfather. The wife of James G. Blaine je., has prescuted him with a son.

CHICAGO BOARD QUOTATIONS. Scheme Discovered By Which West-

ern Speculators Received Them. CHICAGO, Jan. 11 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE.]-A model scheme whereby board of trade quotations were scattered broadcast over the west has been exposed. Some time since the board of trade authorities discovered that quotations were being freely distrib uted in Nebraska, and, in fact, over all the territory tributary to the Union Pacific railroads and its telegraph lines. An investigation was set on foot, but while it was pending the Western Union telegraph company, which also owns the gold and stock tickers, took judgment on W. G. Press & Co. and tore out their ticker. The people in the far west immediately found themselves without quota tations. It was understood that the Union Pacific wires connected with the Postal Telegraph company's wires at Kansas City, and it was found that two of the postal company's public wires ran through Press' office. In his office were two operators, who it is alleged, sent out the quotations that came to

them over the ticker. In this way, it is said, the Chicago board of trade quotations were furnished to the people who were not approved by the board of trade authorities.

Press was found on change. He said:
"The whole matter is a fight between two telegraph companies and my name should telegraph companies and my name should not be dragged into it at all. I do business with the Postal Telegraph company, and the Western Union claims that I have sent but a very small proportion of my business over its wires. They told me that no one should have wires. They told me that no one should have a gold and stock ticker who sent all his busi ness to the Postal company, which was the only reason they gave for taking out the ticker. I am thus fully entitled to the quota tions to send out to my customers and could, if I cared enough about it, enjoin the Western

Union, as a common carrier, from taking away my ticker."

One of the members of the board of trade market quotation committee said: "The board has taken no hand in the matter, but I regard it as very commendable on the part of the Western Union Telegraph company to take action when it found that quotations were not going to the right kind of people."

THE MANATOBAN CRISIS.

iome Startling Revelations Promised Against the New Premier. WINNIPEG, Jan. 11 .- The cabinet crisis i the topic of the hour in Winnipeg. The defeat of the government candidate vesterday has caused consternation in his party and should Provincial Secretary Burke also be defeated to-morrow stirring times are promised. The house is about to assemble and nearly all the members are here. It is said startling revelations will be made against Harrison, the new premier. If the ministry is defeated on a vote to adjourn to-morrow Greenway, the liberal leader, will probably e called upon to form a new cabinet

FROZEN TO DEATH IN BED.

Unprecedented Cold in Winnipeg and Throughout the Northwest. St. PAUL, Jan. 11 .- This was the coldest morning of the season throughout this section. In St. Paul the government thermome ter showed 28 below and its official duplicate m Minneapolis went two degrees lower. Red Wing reports 35 below, Crookston, Minn., 48 below at 6 o'clock this morning, and Pembelow at 6 o'clock this morning, and Pembina, Dak., 52 below last night. At Winnipeg it was 50 below, and a carpenter named McDonald was frozen to death in his bed. All passenger trains are delayed and many freights have been abandoned. Tonight the cold is moderating somewhat and a vary way is an anomalous description. warm wave is announced en route from Mon-

Some Cold Weather. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 11.-The therter registered thirty-two d this morning. There was a strong wind last night and the weather was the severest of the season. Trains are not much delayed. At Hallock yesterday the spirit thermometer registered fifty-four degree below zero. Other northwestern towns report from twenty-five to forty degrees below.

The Mexican Central Train Robbery. Et Paso, Tex., Jan. 11.-The Mexican Central train which was robbed last night arrived at El Paso this morning. The robbers fired several shots to frighten the train men and passengers into submission. The Wells, Fargo messenger, F. J. Cloper, was forced to open his treasure box which was rifled. He says the robbers got only \$144. The robbers said they had intended to rob the train which came along the day before, which carried a large amount of silver, but they arrived too late to catch it,

Weather Indications.

For Nebraska: Warmer, fair weather followed by snow, brisk to high southerly winds, diminishing in force, becoming west erly, warmer, followed by colder.

For Iowa: Warmer, fair weather, followed by snow, fresh to brisk southerly winds, increasing in force.
For Dakota: Snow, warmer, followed in western portion by colder weather, fresh to high variable winds, generally becoming

northerly. Snow will drift heavily in Minnesota and Dakota during to-day and to-night. The winds will generally shift to high, colder and northerly during the afternoon and night.

Fatally Injured Both.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 11 .- The Youghoigheny express on the southwest branch of the Penn sylvania railroad, struck a buggy crossing the tracks near Youngwood, Pa, this evening and probably fatally injured Frank Mullin, son of a wealthy coke operator, and Miss Zannizer, daughter of a lumber merchant. The young couple were found about one hundred yards from the crossing unconscious and frightfully mangled. They are still alive but insensible. It is said that they were engaged to be married and that the wedding was set for an early day.

Salisbury on Gladstone.

London, Jan. 11 .- Lord Salisbury, speak ing at Liverpool to-day, said the Gladstonians relied upon the conviction that Ireland is ungovernable and directed their policy towards securing the fulfillment of that imagination Gladstone had said new crimes had been added to the statute books. The highest legal authorities had assured him (Salisbury) that in their opinion the crimes act was the definite application of a law common to Engand and all countries where law prevailed He was convinced that those who thought the next general election would upset unionism utterly misread the sentiments of English

Ordering Out Poles and Austrians. Loxpox, Jan. 11.-The Polish newspapers announce that all officers in the Russian army of Polish extraction have been dismissed, that numerous Austrian families residing in Podolia have been ordered to leave the country forthwith and that the Russian government has purchased large tracts of ground in the immediate vicinity of the fron-

Montenegrians Arrested. CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan 11 .- A captain and a portion of the crew of the steamer which conveyed the Montenegrian raiders in the recent expedition into Bulgaria have been

arrested. Some refugee Montenegriaus have also been captured and will be tried by court martial. It is reported that several Russian officers have been arrested in Roumelia for bribing the natives to rise in rebellion.

The Death Recort. WINNIPEG, Jan. 11.-Ex-Judge Ryan, well-known politician and newspaper writer died this morning aged seventy. He was appointed to a judgeship by the liberals of 1876 but was removed by Sir Joan MacKNOCKED OUT IN SIX ROUNDS

John Foley Badly Beaten By James McCormick at Valentine.

STRATTON'S DOCTOR SLICKER.

The Late Candidate Seems to Have Disappeared-A Prominent Grain Merchant Accused of Forgery-Nebraska News.

A Prize Fight at Valentine.

VALENTINE, Neb. Jan. 11 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE. ]-A six-round contest with wo-ounce gloves for \$100 a side for points, took place in Allen's hall last night before a large audience, between James H. McCormick and John M. Foley, of Fort Niobrara. E. Hossus acted as McCormick's second, and Joe Farrell as Foley's. C. P. Gordon was referee. Both men were in splendid condi-tion and gave a fine exhibition of the manly art. McCormick drew first blood. Heavy slugging was indulged in from the first to the last round, but it was evident from the start that McCormick was the better man, being by far the most powerful. McCormick was declared winner and issues a challenge to fight any man in the state for \$200 a side.

Where is Dr. Slicker?

STRATTON, Neb., Jan. 11- [Special Telegram to the BEE.]-The Democrat of this place has lately been making it very warm for Dr. J. M. S. Slicker, late democratic candidate for regent of the state university, charging him with being an imposter, and unauthorized as a physician. The doctor has now departed for parts unknown, and the general belief is that he will not return, as it is said he has left unpaid bills to the amount of over \$500.

Arrested For Forgery.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 11.-[Special Telegram to the BEE. |- James T. McAieer, a well-known merchant of Unadilla, owner of a number of elevators along the B. & M., and once a democratic nominee for the legislature, was arrested here this morning charged with forgery. The warrant was sworn out by C. B. Bicker, who held two notes given by McAleer for the sum of \$500 each to which were signed the names of various prominent Otoc county men. The notes were issued in 1884, but as interest on them was always promptly paid, the forgeries were not discovered until recently, when suit was brought against the sureties to secure the payment which McAleer had neglected. One note bears the forged signature of his father. McAleer declares he is innocent of the charge and says he can prove the note is all right.

Died of Her Injuries. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 11 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE.]-Mrs. Hart, wife of a grader employed on the bridge, died this morning from injuries received by a fall on a dilapidated sidewalk a week or so ago. At the time of the fall the woman was in a delicate condition and is said to have suffered horribly from her injuries. This is the third but the only fatal accident from the same cause in the past two months, two sustaining fractured limbs.

The Work of a Fire Bug. FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 11 .- [Special to the There being a grave suspicion in many quarters that the burning of the Dodge county court house about two weeks ago was the work of an incendiary, the board of superlution offering a reward of \$1,000 for the aporehension and conviction of the guilty party

An Extensive Acquisition. FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 11 .- [Special to the Bee. ]-Fremont has begun the new year by securing a 40,000-case or 1,000,000-can canning factory, the contract for which has been closed. Our citizens, fully alive to the im-portance of such an institution, have given a site and a bonus of \$3,000 to secure it. It will

be the largest in the state. Valentine Wants Waterworks VALENTINE, Neb., Jan. 11.—[Special Telegram to the Brg. ]-At the last meeting of he city council a proposition to vote a system of waterworks costing \$10,000 was passed and will be placed before the people. It will indoubtedly be carried.

Nebraska Bee Keepers Lincoln, Neb , Jan. 11.-[Special Telegram to the BEE. |-The State Bee Keepers association commenced its annual session at the Red Ribbon hall to-night with some seventy-five delegates in attendance. opening session was devoted to the sions of popular topics in bee work. The meeting will continue during the coming two

days. Fire at Nebraska City. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 11 .- [Special relegram to the Ber.]-The residence of Thomas White, on the east ferry, was de stroyed by fire at 8:30 this evening. The cause is unknown. Loss about \$1,300, partly

lowa Agriculturists. DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 11.-[Special Tele gram to the Beg. ]-The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the State Agricultural society was held here to-day. The report of the president showed that the debt of the society had been reduced from \$14,000 to \$5,000 during the year. The following officers were elected: President, H. C. Wheeler, Odebolt; vice president, John Hayes, Red Oak; secretary, J. R. Shaffer, Fairfield; treasurer, G. H. Maish, Des Moines; directors, P. G. Ballingall, Ottumwa; J. W. McMullen, Oskaloosa; F. W. Chase, Cedar Falls; L. C. Baldwin, Conseil Black. F. W. Chase, Cedar Falls; L. C. Baldwin Council Bluffs; C. C. Carpenter, Fort Dodge

Hit Him With a Spade. West Amana, la., Jan. 11.- [Special Tela gram to the BEE. |-Two Germans living in

this vicinity, who lately came into some money, went to the store of that colony yesterday and proceeded to celebrate the event by filling up with "Farmer's Choice," a jugof which they had with them. It was not ong until they began breaking the windows of the store and smashing everything within their reach. A farmer who was called in to assist in quieting the disturbance struck one of the Germans, named Sullivan, a blow upon the head with a spade, which rendered him however, that he will survive.

A \$12,000 Fire.

LAMONI, Ia., Jan. 11 .- [Special , Telegran o the BEE.]-Fire destroyed \$12,000 worth of property here this morning. The principal losers are Henson, Weld & Co., drug store, and the stores of T. Teale, E. C. Doleson, A. Othoson and Miss L. Lyon. There was but slight insurance.

Movements of the Abyssinians. Rome, Jan. 11.-Latest advices from Masso wah say that 55,000 Abyssinians are concentrating near Gura, and that the route toward hina is blocked with trees, which have been hewn along the road.

A Pension Bill Passed. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 .- In the senate today Mr. Manderson's bill, among others, to provide for a minimum invalid pension of \$8 per month, passed.

Consulat Buda-Pesth. Washington, Jan. 11. - The president has

naminated Joseph Black, of Cleveland, to be consul at Budg Pesth.

THE READING STRIKE.

Corbin Willing to Settle With the Miners But Not the Railroaders. POTTSVILLE, Jan. 11.-The business men's committee who waited upon President Corbin in Philadelphia to-day have returned here. They say no definite conclusion was reached beyond the fact that Corbin took a determined position that whatever might be done in the case of the miners, that of the rallroaders would positively not be considered in connection with it. Upon the miners' wages question he gave no specific assurance, but the tenor of his communications were such as to justify the inference that no unreasonable obstacles would be thrown by the Reading management in the way of an amicable set-

PITTSBURG, Jan. 11 .- The officials of the Pennsylvania company have not yet answered the petition of their employes for an advance in wages, and according to the statement of one of the leaders in the movement for higher wages, the men were getting restless at the delay. At the headquarters of the Pennsylvania company in this city, it was learned that the employes' petitions are still under consideration, and they expect to have a reply ready in a few days.

Little Coal Moving. READING, Pa., Jan. 11 .- Less than a hundred and fifty loaded coal cars passed through here from the coal regions since midnight and up to noon to-day.

A Conference With Corbin. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11.—The committee representing the merchants of Pottsville, Shenandoah and other towns of the Schuylkill mining region, appointed to consult with Austin Corbin with the object of bringing about a settlement of differences between the management of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad company and its employes, was received by Mr. Corbin at the company's office this morning. The conference lasted about three-quarters of an hour, and upon its conclusion Mr. Corbin, as well as the mem-bers of the committee, positively refused to give any information as to what had trans-pired. A member of the committee said their conference with Mr. Corbin was entirely sat-

isfactory to them No Credit For Strikers.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Jan. 11.-Only one individual colliery in the entire Shenandoah district is now in operation. The William Penn Coal company was forced to shut down this morning. The colliery employs 7,000 hands. Orders were issued not to give the strikers any more credit at the company's store. Similar action will be taken by business men here. There promises to be a perfect coal famine here in the heart of the coal field. Discontent and dissatisfaction are felt by the men and there are indications of trouble.

The Sentiment in New York. NEW YORK, Jan. 11.-The board of trade and transportation to day adopted resolutions deprecating the "unfortunate differences which have arisen between the railroad and coal companies and their employes;" and expressing the "earnest hope that such differences may be speedily settled by arbitration or otherwise."

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.-[Special Telegram to the BEE. ]-Pensions were granted to Nebraskans to-day as follows: Increase-Joseph T. Franklin, Big Springs; Owen I Prindle, Max; Johnathan J. Potts, Beatrice; Harvey Pickle, York; George W. Haines Bloomington; Alexander Olmstead, Friend; George Castleman, Omaha; Charles Foote,

Merna. Restoration-Daniel J. Ohara, Arden Pensions for Iowans: Minor, of Tobias C. iller, Dubuque; Samuel, father of Anthony W. Tucls, Eldorado; Mercy, mother of Julius A. Waters, Shell Rock. Mexican war-Joseph Saunders, Luther. Original—Enos M. Sheumaker, Mount Ayr. Increase— Charles Taylor, Bedford; Harvey J. Foster, Lamont; Moah C. Southard, Allerton; Ben jamin T. Heady, Floris; William Walters Hawleyville; James Grayson, Russell; Lev L. Aber, Imogene; David Boatwright, East Des Moines; Hiram H. Benedict, Gilman; William Corr, Woster; William F. Nixon, Mount Plensant; John B. Adamson, Cumber-Hount Plensant; John B. Adamson, Cumberland; John Donaldson, Ottumwa; Jacob F. Park, Wyoming; John A. McClurg, Ionia; Seldon H. Stacey, Medora; Christian Rhoner, Crescent City, Reissue—John W. Barr, Vintair; Abner Judd, Des Moines Reissue and increase—Samuel Hanson Oskoloosa; William Whitmore, North Eng lish. Restoration and reissue-Henry F Moffat, William H. Gilman, Cushing.

Senator Beck Re-elected. Louisville, Jan. 11 .- At noon to-day the two houses of the Kentucky legislature in joint session elected Beck for the third successive term in the United States senate. He has been in the senate since March 5

The Paris Robbery. Parts, Jan. 11 .- Five Americans were arrested in this city last evening for connection with the recent robbery of Hesmelin's

jewelry store, in Boulevard Madeline Austro-Hungarian Ministerial Council VIENNA, Jan. 11 .- A council of Austrian and Hungarian ministers was held to-day, the emperor presiding. The subject under discussion was the report of the frontier committee.

Requesting Ferdinand to Vacate. London, Jan. 11.—The Times' correspond ant says the powers have agreed to summon Prince Ferdinand through Turkey, to resign the Bulgarian throne.

Called on Secretary Whitney. Washington, Jan. 11.—The members of the house committee on naval affairs called in a body upon Secretary Whitney to-day.

KILLED WHILE COASTING. Albert Lundstrom Meets His Death

on Twenty-Seventh Street. About 6:30 last evening a terrible accident happened to Albert Lundstrom, the sixteenyear-old son of Chris Lundstrom, which resulted in his almost instant death. In company with a number of other boys he had been coasting on Twenty-seventh street, but at this time all his companions but one were home at supper. This companion was just starting home, but Albert declared he must have one more ride. The slide extends the length of nearly three blocks, and just as he was reaching the bottom of the hill near the crossing with Leavenworth street, he collided with a cutter driven by a woman The cutter ran over his body, nearly upset-ting, but the female driver paid no attention to the injured boy. Instead, laying lash to her horse, she dashed up the hill and out of sight. As Albert made no motion toward getting up his companion rushed into the resi-dence of John Jacobson, which was near by, and told that his play-mate was badly hurt. Coming out to where the inanimate form of the boy lay, the Jacobson family picked him up and carried him into the house. On examining the back of his head, where he had bled profusely, they found that his skull was by open and his brain had been injured. was thought to have been caused by either he horse's hoof or the sled runner. Dr. W. I. Reeves was called, but he pronounced the the boy dead, saying that doubtless death had been instantaneous with the blow. of the boy was then taken to the home of his parents. The scene there was too heart-rending for description. They would not believe that their bright and lively boy who but a few hours before had left them full of spirits was now a ghastly corpse. No inquest has been held yet, and no accurate description of the female secured, who thus in such an apparently heartless manner can over and killed this bright, young boy and then abandoned him.

RED WOOD TIMBER ROBBERS

The Expose of a Gigantic Land Steal in California.

UNEQUALLED ACTS OF AUDACITY

The Most Stupendous Thievery Which Has Disgraced Modern Times-Murderers Hired to Do the

Dirty Work. The Millenium of Thievery. NEW YORK, Jan. 11 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE.]-The Herald this morning prints three-column letter from Eureka, Cal., in egard to a gigantic timber land steal. The

correspondent states that a foreign syndicate is operating in the red wood district, of which Eureka is the center, and that it has gobbled up 64,000 acres of the finest red wood forest in the world. The correspondent says: "Of all the numerous robberies of the government of the United States, which have disgraced the western and Pacific slope states during the past two decades, no one has possessed the monumental earmarks of unblushing fraud to a more startling degree than the one to be related. For rugged picturesqueness of reguery the California Red Wood company's robbery is unique." He then goes on to tell how the California Red Wood company was organized in Edinburgh in 1883. The directors were Sir George Warrender, Bart, E. D. I. Blythe, esq., Edinburgh; Phomas Nelson, esq., Edinbargh; Patrick Sterling, esq., Kippendavie; William John Menzie, Edinburgh and R. Bruce Johnson, Edinburgh. "These gentleman," says the article, "who supplied or controlled the capi-tal, had power to add to their number six other directors, according to dis-cretion. James D. Walker, an Englishman of San Francisco, was chosen president. Charles H. King, of San Francisco, and David Evans, of Eureka, were created general managers. A number of notorious land sharks were hired by the company and sent to Eureka, and they soon had plans perfected for a great land fraud. The headquarters of the gang was in a back room of the tough gin shop of Gordon Bar-num, a local sport, whose establishment was the resort of the rough floating population of the Pacific slope's new seaport. Three blocks away from Barnum's saloon was located the United States land office. The area of land sought by the conspirators was so vast that a small army of men was required to go through the forms of entering and proving, as required by law. It was necessary to obtain 400 persons who were willing to aid in tain 400 persons who were willing to aid in fraud knowingly or unconsciously through ignorance of the meaning of the statement each would be called on to make. Some were 'fixed' by the Red Wood company at the maximum price of \$50. For that paltry sum men were to be called on to go to the land office and make a statement that the land they entered under the beneficent and liberally generous laws of Uncle Sam was for their individual use and occupancy. As soon as the entry was made the men were escorted to the headquarters of the syndicate, where the land was transferred to the 'canny' Scotchmen.' Thus it was that the chapter Scotchmen.' Thus it was that the chapter of crime was completed and the raid on 64,000 acres of growing timber, among the most valuable in the world, was finally con-

Faith Heelers. Boston, Mass., Jan. 11.-[Special Telegram to the BEE.]-The history concerning the disappearance of Mme. Berger, formerly Mrs. Labane, the millionaire daughter of Commodore Vanderbilt, who went to that city III, shows that she fell into the hands of faith mediums and spiritualists, who worked upon her feelings, so that it is said she often gave away as much as \$1,000 at one sitting. Now she is gone and they are anxious to find her: Dr. Hodges, the faith healer, claims to have cured her by prayer. A young girl who worked for Delancey M. Young, another healer, claims she frequently appeared at Young's rooms to Mrs. Berger as the latter's dead son Freddie; that she once told Mrs. Berger while personating Freddie to give \$1,000 to a man, describing Young. This

money was given. Conductor Vermillion Found. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 11 .- | Special Teles gram to the BEE. |-Vermillion, the conductor who fled from the wreck at Edson yesterday was found this morning at a ranch thirty miles away, badly frost-bitten from his exposure. He says that while the cars were burning he heard threats of tynching made by some of the passengers and he rushed away, he knew not in what direction or where. The remainder of his flight is a blank to him and when his reason returned he was being cared for by a ranchman who had found him wandering on the prairie. No blame is attached to him in regard to the collision.

Inspection of Grand Army Posts. MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 11 .- Members of the Grand Army of the Republic are making preparations for a national inspection of posts, to occur during January and February. Among the assistant inspectors general appointed are the following: Dakota, S. H. Jumper, Aberdeen; Illinois, George O. Spooner, Batavia; Iowa, W. J. Johnson, Montezuma; Minnesota, R. H. Branton, Minneapolis; Nebraska, W. D. Wildman, Culbertson; Wisconsin, Earl M. Rogers, Viroqua.

Wyoming's Legislature Organized. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 11.- [Special Telegram to the Bre. |-The lower house of the Wyoming legislative assembly was permanently organized to-day by the election of a democratic caucus slate, as follows: Nathaniel Huntington, speaker; Herman Glofeke, chief clerk; Miss Lettie Hamma, enrolling clerk; C. H. Mellor, sergeant-at-arms. A joint session will be held to-morrow to receive the message of Governor Moonlight.

Train Robbers Jailed.

GRAND JUNCTION, Col., Jan. 11.-Bob smith, Jack Smith and one Rhodes, alleged train robbers, who captured the Salt Lake express on the Rio Grande road, have been lodged in jail here. This makes five of the gang of six implicated who have been ar-

Injunction Suit Dismissed. CINCINNATI, Jan. 11.-The circuit court today dismissed the suit of the Ohio & Mississippi railroad for an injunction to restrain the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis & Chicago road from depriving it of the use fo the central passenger station.

The Crown Prince. Bentin, Jan. 11 .- Count Rodolinski, the rown prince's chamberlain, has just rot turned from San Remo, and says the crown prince's general health is better than it has peen for years. He is so sure of maintaining

it that he has authorized his chamberlain to remain in Berlin until the end of February. Suspended For Illegal Conduct. Panis, Jan. 11.—The official journal pubishes a decree suspending M. Vineau, the examining magistrate in the Legion of Honor decoration scandal case, on the ground that he acted contrary to law and professional dignity at the first examination of M. Wilson

and Mme. Ratazzu. Emperor William Wores.

from Berlin says that Emper William's contition is werse, and that incense anxiety

LONDON, Jan. 11 .- A trustworthy dispatch

Export Duty on Platinum. ET PETERSBURG, Jan. 11 -The Novoest! onlys that Russin proposes to place an export duty upon platinum of fifteen gold roubles