### WORST BLIZZARD IN YEARS.

A Terrible Storm Sweeps Down From the North.

SLEIGHRIDER'S REPORTED LOST.

Local Travel Impeded and Trains Entirely Abandoned - Tales of Cold, Suffering and Death From All Over the Country.

The Storm.
Old Boreas hit Omaha yesterday afternoon in a way that will not soon be forgotten. The change in the temperature and general aspect of the weather was the quickest and most decisive on record, and in the short space of two hours the city was practically inder the control and mastery of the old fellow. About 3 o'clock in the morning a tiny flake of snow descended as a sort an advance agent for what was follow, and an hour later fleecy came tumbling down thick and fast. At the time the atmosphere was soft and mellow, and the break of day was greeted with sidewalks and streets thickly coated with snow. During the morning and the early hours of the afternoon the thermometer registered about 25 above zero, and harmonized in that position with the snow, which continued to fall as copiously as ever. The wind came from a southeastern direction and continued so until 4 o'clock when it vecred to the northwest and inaugurated one of the worst blizzards witnessed for years in Omaha. One citizen told a BEE reporter last night that it was the worst since 1894, when a change as sudden and severe as that of yesterday took place.

It was ten minutes after 4 o'clock when the squall made its appearance. For a few moments previous there was a dead calm, and a darkness settled temporarily over the city This dispelled, the blizzard began its work in arnest. The snow seemed to freeze in its escent, the wind resolved itself into a hurricane, and zero took possession. In short order the streets became described, and those who were not forced to be out sought the shelter and the warmth of their homes. Street and cable cars were quickly and un-comfortably filled, and it was not long before these agents of transportation found it necessary to succumb to the terrors of the storm leaving hundreds of men, women and chil dren to its mercies. Ay 5 o'clock the rails of the cable line and the different street car tracks were buried under snow drifts that tracks were buried under snow drifts that quickly froze into barriers that the snow plows could not penetrate. The poor horses, exhausted under the pressure of the heavy loads they were compelled to draw, and chilled to the marrow by the cutting winds, gave up in utter despair and refused to perform their duties though urged and whipped by the half frozen drivers. Even the cables gave half frozen drivers. Even the cables gave way to the icy blasts and a number of cars were left standing in the middle of the streets. Under these odds the struggle to keep the cable and street cars in motion was given up, and one by one they dropped off and at 7 o'clock travel was entirely suspended. Even the indomitable and weather defying cabby had to confess that the blizzard was too much for him, and he went into retirement at an early hour.

After nightfall the streets presented a gloomy and deserted appearance. Business half frozen drivers. Even the cables gave

gloomy and descrited appearance. Business men prone to keep their stores open by gas-light retired at an early hour, and show windows usually splendid with the glare of the gas jet and electric light were coated with frost an inch thick. Public places and beer halls that nightly revel in song and cheer were dismal and deserted, and in the corridors the familiar faces c men who come down evening to smoke a cigar and chat over prevailing events were not there, they evidently being better satisfied with the cheerfulness furnished by their own firesides than to venture out in weather 8 de grees below zero, as it was at 9 p. m., and the

wind blowing a hurricane SLEIGH RIDERS REPORTED LOST. About dusk great concern began to be felt the gay party of sleigh riders who had for the Bluffs early in the afternoon. About 1 o'clock nearly 150 sleighs, containing 800 representatives of the best families of the city started on the long planned sleighing ex-cursion to Council Bluffs. The gaily capar-isoned steeds dashing down the street with their happy sleigh loads of people, the strain5 of the Musical Union band and the merry chorus of the sleighbells conspired to make the picture a brilliant one and a grand afternoon was expected. But when the blizzard broke loose a great many determined to curtail their stay in the Bluffs and hasten home as they expected more or less trouble in returning. Most of these were afraid to trust their lives to the fury of the storm in an open cutter, and hundreds of them came across on the dummy. A few braver ones determined to face the storm, and their battle with the elements was a flerce and desperate one. The wind had full sweep across the open bottoms, and as horses and excursionists pressed slowly forward in the face slowly forward in the face of the raging blast, they were blinded by its fury and chilled to the marrow with its keenness. Unable to see a score of feet from them, many lost their way and floundered about helplessly. Some sleighs were upset, others had collisions and a number of break-ages was the result. When the large sleigh chartered by the Omaha business college stu ents came along they ran across a numb of sleighs, each of which was attempting t get home by a different route. As this sleigh had one of Jim Stevenson's most trusty drivers, a number of the last excursionists decided to trust to his judgment and follow wherever he should choose to lead them. Quite a procession was thus formed. all of which reached Omaha safely, with th exception of one couple who were reported badly frozen. A number of sleighloads, how-ever, refused to follow the large sleigh, be-lieving it was taking the wrong course for Omaha. Some of these reached the city safely some time later, but a numbes have not yet been heard from and it is not known whether they have oll returned safely or not. At the time of writing it is impossible to secure the names of the persons missing, but among them is reported William Krug, Fred Krug's son. His friends are uneasy but it is believed by many that he has found lodgment in some private house in the Bluffs and is perfectly safe. Over 150 persons resolved to par night in the Bluffs and wait till the abated before venturing to return. They found a refuge in the hotels and various hos-pitable homes of the people in that city, and to them the evening was only the prolonga-tion of a delightful afternoon. There are a great many in Omaha anxiovs to know of the whereabouts of friends and relatives who left on this sleigh ride. A number of anxious queries have reached the Ben office by telephone asking about these parties. Despite the most carnest efforts of the BEE

nothing can be done but await to day's de-The team of C. E. Mayne became unmanageable while crossing the river and ran away. The horses and cutter were lost, but Mr. Mayne and the other occupants reached

Omaha in sufety.

Dick McCormick also is reported to have been run away with on the river, but man-

force only the most meager news can be

gleaned as to the whereabouts of persons who have not yet returned. At present

A HORRIBLE DISCOVERY Yesterday when the snow was falling with all its might, and the wind mouning and grouning County Agent Mahoney buttoned his overcoat up closely and started out to his overcoat up closely and started out to alleviate a case of suffering which he describes as the worst that has come under his notice this winter. He had received infor-mation that a woman and her babe were lying ill at the corner of Thirty-Cuming streets, and in need of attention from the poor authorities. Armed with this

vague information Mr. Mahoney visited the designated district, which is issolated and on the broad prairie. Looking about him he could see only a few scattered houses, and inquiry at these revealed the information that none of the inmates were under favors from the poor officials. As he waded along through the deep snow he espied in an open field a canvas tent, and as it displayed indications of habitation he concluded to give it a call. The tent was staked to the bare ground, and beneath the apertures the bare ground, and beneath the apertures the snow drifted in in large quantities. The wind beat a tattoo on the frail texture, which swung to and fro with the changes of the breezes. After a struggle with the prevailing elements Mr. Mahoney finally discovered an opening to the tent between the folds, which were fastened from the outside with skewers of wood, similar to those employed by butchers. Inserting his head between the folds his vision encountered a sight thas shocked him. Within on the bare ground stood a low bed, sparely supplied with ground stood a low bed, sparely supplied with covering, an old stove and a few articles of household furniture. On the bed lay the woman and babe Mr. Mahoney was in search of. The woman was so weak from her sick-ness, cold and hunger that she could searcely speak. With great effort she told Mr. Ma-

speak. With great effort she told Mr. Ma honey that she had been ill for several weeks. and that her babe was suffering and on the point of death for the want of motherly nourishment and care that she could not give it. The husband had been unfortunate in not being able to secure work, and at that very moment was down at the court house in quest of Mr. Mahoney to petition him for food and medicine and a doctor. Upon being asked if she had not research and medicine are realized. and that her babe was suffering and on the doctor. Upon being asked if she had not re-ceived any medical attention, the poor crea-ture broke out in tears, and said that some days ago a physician called upon her, wrote out a prescription, which he threw on the bed, accompanied by a warning that they should never call upon him again, as he was not certain for nations who had not not caring for patients who had not money to pay him. The family were so poor that they could not get the prescription filled. Without delay Mr. Mahoney hurried after the county physician, who wus soon on the ground and administered to the wants of the sufering mother and child. Later the family, whose

name is Morris, were abundantly sup-with necessary food and warmth, but

may die from exposure and neglect. The name of the inhumane physician is not known, but it may transpire before many

days. EFFECT ON THE RAILROADS.
"The tail of this storm is coming from the west, and at a high rate of speed at that I tell you," said a well known and experienced railroad man during the early hours of yesrailroad man during the early hours of yesterday, adding, "and it's going to tell on the railroads, too. We're getting things in shape to meet it, and we'll be prepared for it." Matters resulted just as the gentleman prophesied, and for the first time in years the words, "No trains east or west over this road to-night," were written in chalk on the depot bulletin board of the Union Pacific. The depot attendants scattered for their respective homes at an early hour, and the big building looked deserted and lonesome by 8 o'clock. All switching was dispensed with. o'clock. All switching was dispensed with, as the rails were buried deep under the snow and the switches were frozen up as tight as drums. The Council Bluffs dummy over at 7 o'clock had a rough time crossing the bridge, and it was not considered safe to make the return trip, so that and all subur-ban service was dispensed with for the night. The fiver from the west due here at 2.55 came in one hour late, and the Kansas City train

in one hour late, and the Kansas City train on the Republican Valley branch and the flyer west scheduled to leave respectively at 5 and 9 p. m. were pulled off. Precautionary measures were taken in the regulation of freight trains, and none were allowed to leave stations after once they reached them. By this happy foresight the tracks were thus leave to give the sway play full scans. the B. & M. is in an equally bad fix with the Union Pacific, perhaps a little worse, as at 10 o'clock last night they had two passenger trains laid out at Pacific Junction headed for Omaha. They were trains 3 from Chicago due at

trains 3 from Chicago due at 7:25 p. m. and train 9 from Kansas City due at 6:55 p. m. The flyer came in thirty minutes late from the west yesterday, and pushed on towards Chicago. The last heard pushed on towards Chicago. The last heard from the train it was making very slow progress. Train 6, due here at 5:45 p. m. from Lincoln, did not venture out from the latter place, and the regular night train west at 8 o'clock was given up. The 7 p. m. train east went—out with a car load of Omaha turners bound for Plattsmouth. All freight traffic was suspended.
The other roads in and out of the city

Two small Fires.

During the heigth of the storm last night a chimney, on Rosemund's restaurant, Far nam street, and imother on a house owned by Councilman Ford, on Davenport street, tool fire. The firemen were called out, but the flames were extinguished without their aid and before much damage resulted.

abandoned trains.

#### THE BLIZZARD ELSEWHERE. Railroads Blockaded and All Attempts

to Run Trains Abandoned. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 12 .- [Special Tele gram to the BEE . |- The worst storm of the season fell upon Lincoln to-day with a heavy fall of snow that turned to a blizzard at 3 p m. In an hour all traffic on the railroads ceased, several of the incoming passenger trains foundering in the yards. All trains were declared abandoned and the storm was reported terrific on all lines out of the city. Business in the city was practically suspended and street car traffic ceased early in the day.

Sioux City, Jan. 12 .- [Special Telegram to the Bee. |—The most savage snow storm of the season has been raging here all day. Shortly after noon the storm gradually grew in fury until the wind was blowing a regular gale and driving the snew in blinding clouds everywhere. The snow drifted high and passage at many places through the streets and highways is next to impossible. The thermometer is gradually going down also. As a result the railroads were seriously crippled as early as noon to-day and this evening traffic in all directions is, practically speaking, suspended. What few trains did go out to day were sent with double headers. The trains on the Chicago, Mirwaukee & St. Paul road have been suspended. The Illi-nois Central and Omaha roads are in the same condition. As there is such a 1 amount of snow on the ground and still fa the prospects for open traffic is not good for the immediate future.

Minden, Ia., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to the Ber.].—The worst storm of this season set in here about 4 o'clock this afternoon when the wind changed from the south the northwest, and is blowing a perfect bliz and is drifting badly. Unless the storm abates soon trains will be snowed up and travel seriously impeded.

Muscatine, Ia., Jan. 12.—The worst bliz-

zard of the season is raging here to-day. The snow is heavy and deep. The roads will probably be blocked.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 12—It has snowed all day here. The trains on the Chicago & Northwestern are pretty well on time, coming in with double-headers. Trains on the Decorah division of Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern are snowed in near Oclwein, and abandoned. On the Pacific division they are two hours late. The train from Minneapolis is four hours late. No freight trains will leave the city before morning. A steady

snow with a slight wind prevails Drs Moines, In., Jan. 12.—It has snowed stendily here all day, delaying trains several This morning it grew cold and hours. turned into a blizzard, storming violently.
All trains are abandened except on the Rock Island and Chicago, Barlington & Quincy and they are much delayed.

### In the Northwest.

DULUTH, Minn., Jan. 12 .- | Special Telegram to the Ber. |-The present snow storm and blizzard is the hardest known for ten years. The railroads are completely demoralized, not a single road being on time. The

snow is very deep and falling fast. BILLINGS, Mont., Jan. 12 -The weather has moderated. The snow is rapidly thawing and vast tracts of bare ground are reported | Commodore Kittson.

all over the country. Grass is good everywhere and plentiful,
St. Paul, Jan. 12.—A fierce blizzard prevails here to-day, and in consequence of which the laying of the corner stone of the ice palace has been postponed until Saturday

next.

The storm to-day is the worst ever known in the northwest for railroad business. It extends from the Rocky Mountains to Lake Michigan, but its worst effects are felt in Dakota and Minnesota. Everywhere it has been accompanied by high wind, which drifts snow badly, and in northern Dakota, with below zero temperature, it assumes the character of a genuine blizzard. The railroads had hardly finished cleaning their tracks from the previous storm, and that of to-day has absolutely blocked all small roads though through lines are baitling bravely to keep trains moving. Trains on roads to Chicago are from one to nine hours late, but all main lines are still open and eastern trains left as usual to-night. All late, but all main lines are still open and eastern trains left as usual to-night. All freight on the Northern Pacific and main lives has been abandoned, and no trains were sent out on these rought to-night. The Kansas City train on the Omaha road was abandoned. The St. Paul & Duluth road is

trying to keep its main line open, but was obliged to abandon the branches.

At Huron the wind blew fifty miles an hour and was so full of snow that one was unable to see fifty feet at any time. Some unthinking teachers dismissed a school of unthinking teachers dismissed a school of young children, some of whom had to go four or five blocks across to open land. Five or six got lost. Whistles were blown, bells rung and people turned ont and took long ropes and walked fifteen or twenty abreast back and forth over the ground. They found two, but at latest accounts the others had not been discovered. been discovered.

LATER—All the children were found, save a child of ten named Johnson. The search still continues to-night, but there's little hope of finding the child alive. A number of farmers started home as soon as the storm began and there are grave fears for their safety. Business men who attempted to go home this afternoon lost their way at street crossings. Many others are not attempting to go home to-night.
To-night's weather report shows the fol-

lowing below zero temperatures: Helena, Mont., 24; Bismarck, 26; Moorchead, Minn., 12; Que Appelle, 34; Minnedosa, 26; Fort

Garry, 24.

A Pierre, Dak., special says: The wind is blowing sixty miles an hour and it is impossible to see 100 feet. Three trains are snow bound at Bee Hights and there is reported to have been a collision between two freights at the same point. Minot, Dak., reports the storm raging there

124 hours and the temperature 15 degrees be low. All railroad travel is suspended. Jamestown, Dak., reports no trains moving on the main line of the Northern Pacific. Groten, Dak., reports the wind blowing a gale, the mercury 20 below and impossible to

WEBSTER, Dak., Jan. 12.—Several mail carriers are believed to have been caught in the blizzard and perished. The temperature is 33 degrees below zero.

In the British Provinces. OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 12.-The mercury

early this morning stood as follows: At Ottawa, 17 degrees below; at North Wakefield, Quebec, 28 below; at Maniwaki, Quebec, 31 below; at Pembroke, Ont., 30 below; and at Mattawa, Ont., 39 below.

In the South. WINCHESTER, Va., Jan. 12.-The weather was intensely cold last night. The thermometer registered four degrees below zero this morning, the lowest this winter, but it is moderating now.

At Other Points. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 12.-An intermittent snow storm has been prevailing here during the day, turning to light rain in the evening. No delay of trains here on account

CHICAGO, Jan 12 .- The sixteen hours of heavy and drifting snow commencing this afternoon, followed before to-morrow night by a cold wave averaging a drop of 20 degrees, were the government predictions for Chicago and vicinity early this evening. A big snow storm that started about 2 p. m. gave promise of outdoing prophecy, and dispatches from Dakota and Minnesota telling of a terrific blizzard in progress, put railroad officials, telegraph people and travelers here on the lookout for all sorts of disastrous hap es. The snow was dry and whirling in great clouds through streets and over the prai-bringing to a standstill peniags. ries, bringing to a standstill all traffic that could by any possibility bear delay. To-night about 8 o'clock, when the outlook was apparently for a blockade that would last days and cost the railroads alone many thousands of dollars, the snow sud-denly ceased and the howling wind became balmy. By 10 p. m. a light sprinkle of rain had fallen and the snow was melting somewhat. No serious delays to trains were reported, but telegraph communication has

een uncertain and slow. Mitwaukee, Jan. 12.—Advices from all parts of the state say the most severe blizzard of the season has raged all afternoon. Trains are generally delayed, but none of them are reported "stalled.

Weather Indications. For Nebraska: Colder, fair weather, fresh to brisk northerly winds, diminishing

For Iowa: Colder, fair weather, preceded by rain in eastern portion, brisk to high northerly winds, diminishing in force. For Dakota: Local snows, colder with old wave, fresh northerly winds becoming

#### AND THE EARTH TREMBLED. The South Again Experiencing a Great Shaking Up.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 12.-There was an earthquake shock at Summerville at 9:55 this morning. The disturbance was also noticed by some persons here, though it was so slight as not to be felt by a majority of the people. There was no damage and no

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 12.-A sharp earth quake shock, the first report in many months, startled the citizens of the city this morning at 9:55. Buildings were severely shaken, and doors, windows, crockery and glass were rattled in a lively manner. Sleeping people were awakened, and many rushed out into the streets. The direction of the vibrations continued about ten seconds, and were accompanied by a loud detonation.

The shock was felt at Georgetown, Con-

way, Beaufort, Camden and Bewberry.
The earthquake shoot of Bewberry. e earthquake shock this morning was ally felt throughout the coast country and as far west as Augusta. No damage has been reported. SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 12.—A distinct earth

quake shock was felt here this morning Houses were shaken and many people were frightened, but no damage was done. The luration of the shock was about five seconds t seemingly passed from west to east.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 12.—A slight earth take shock was felt here at 6:55 this morn ng. Advices from Charlotte report a shock there, and the people are greatly excited, fearing a repetition of the disaster of 1886. There was also a strong shock felt at Shelby

and other points. A Kick From Railroads.

SPRINGFIELD. Ill., Jan. 12.-A number of railroad men from southern Illinois met the railroad and warehouse confinissioners here to-day with a protest against any further reduction of rates for the transportation of merchandise and asking a slight advance on the rate for coal. They claim that the reduction made by the board July 20 is unjust discrimination, inasmuch as it precludes them from the coal markets reached by other roads The board has taken the matter under advise-

A Managing Editor Married. Sr Paul, Minn., Jan. 12.-John Baker, managing editor of the Daily Globe, and Miss Elizabeth Kittson were married to-night at the residence of the bride's father,

## THE MISSISSIPPI OUTRAGES.

Chandler Lets Loose a Broadside at the Democratic Party.

COLORED MEN DISFRANCHISED.

The Resolution For an Investigation Passes the Senate-Riddleberger Comes Out For Lamar-Another Elopement.

Facts Speak For Themselves. WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMARA BEE, )

513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12. Senator William E. Chandler, of New Hampshire, made matters very interesting in the senate to-day when his resolution for an investigation into the recent suppression of the colored vote at the municipal election of Jackson, the capital of Mississippi, came up for consideration. He made no speech on the subject; there was not a wave of the bloody shirt. He simply let the facts speak for him, and these facts told of a condition of affairs at Jackson on the first day of the year 1888 that would seem to be incredible even twenty years. He let the democratic resolutions adopted by democratic mass meetings, democratic newspapers printed in Jackson and other parts of Mississippi tell the whole shameful shameful story of the outrage. It tells how the white democrats met and passed resolutions, which they distributed among the colored people of Jackson, warning them against voting at the municipal election, Mr. Chandler read facts clearly and slowly so the that all might hear, but none of the demo cratic senators seemed to hear. Senator Walthall, of Mississippi, was absorbed in a newspaper, and his colleague, Mr. George was closely reading the Record's accurate account of the private petitions introduced yesterday. Mr. Chandler said he would submit the matter to the senate without any com ment, but the senate could judge whether these occurrences stated were not of national importance. This was a presidential year when the president and the complexion of the house of representatives was to be decided, and that it is an important question whether the colored vote of the country, numbering 1,500,000, are to be suppressed as they were in the capitol of a democratic state, one of whose representative is now getting the appointment of associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, there to interpret the constitution of the United States,

the constitution of the United States.

MIDLEBERGER ON HIS EAR.

Mr. Riddleberger, of Virginia, had been paying as little attention to Mr. Chandler as his democratic friends on the other side of the senate. But the reference to Mr. Lamar brought him to his feet. He swayed to and fro gently and the democrats looked at him with a smile. He said that it seemed to be the general custom of the sonators to tell with a smile. He said that it seemed to be the general custom of the senators to tell in open session how they proposed to vote on matters in secret session. The gentleman from New Hampshire had just told plainly how he would vote on Mr. Lamar, as did the senator from Ohio (Mr. Sherman), in a letter he had written and as the presiding officer of the senate—(and he turned to Mr. Ingalls)—"I beg your pardom, sir," he said, with an "I beg your pardon, sir," he said, with an elaborate bow. He rambled on, waving his arms, and finally said that as everybody told arms, and finally said that as everybody told what they were going to do, he would tell, too. "I am going to vote for Mr. Lamar," he said, and he lighted around proudly, and added that no man would vote more quickly for an open session than he.

The resolution passed by a strict party vote, Mr. Riddleberger voting with the democrats. The Mississippi senators were excused from voting. The announcement by

Mr. Riddleberger that he would vote for Mr Lamar created no surprise. He has been counted that way. It is stated that an effort is to be made to have Lamar's nomination

considered in open session of the senate. considered in open session of the senate.

O'NEILL AND THAT WOMAN.

The local press is to-day full of gossip about the woman who claims to be the wife of Representative John J. O'Neill, of St. Louis. Her name is, or was, Mrs. Ethel F. Moore. She is now in O'Neill's home city, and is well known here. For many years she ran the Belmont, Richetien and other flats, O'Neill's says he proposed at her flat two or O'Neill says he roomed at her flat two or three years, advanced her money from time to time to pay rent, etc., and felt grateful to ner for having nursed his sister's sick child. The first he knew of her claiming to be his wife was a short time ago, when he promised to assist her to a month's rent if she opened another boarding house. When she selected

one, so he says, she gave her name as his wife for the first time, and made him responsible. He paid the bill, however. Speaking of her to-day, he said: "I attribute her action to in-There must be some malice in it, but sanity. don't know for what. I think she is insane She ran bills on my name here and signed my name to a check for \$28 before she went away. I attributed all that to insanity. Why, she told a lady that we had been married b Father Walter. The lady went to Fathe Walter, and, of course, he denied it. The poor woman, I think, is insane. I never did her any harm, but have assisted her financially and otherwise. I have no idea of allow ing her to be prosecuted for forging my name, but I can't afford to have her keep it

up. It is funny, this thing is, as well as annoying."
A St. Louis dispatch says that the woman cried when told that O'Neill had denounced her as his wife and said: "I am John O'Neill's wife and I will prove it when the time comes. I do not want to say anything that will hurt him, and that is why I do not speak now. If he does not tell the truth by to-morrow, though, I will make a statement in writing, and if I do it will hurt him and me."

O'Neill is chairman of the house committee on labor, is forty-two years old, of medium size, has very dark eyebrows, which come almost together, a small black mous-tache, and was, until he came to congress four years ago, captain of a base ball club.

Of him Glover, his colleague, said, during a heated debate in the last congress: "Among base ball players you are a statesman, but among statesmen you are known as a base ball player."

ANOTHER ELOPEMENT. This week's elopement in Washington came early. F. J. Bell and Miss Theodosia Whitaker, daughter of General E. W. Whitaker were secretly married at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening by Rev. Dr. Sunderland. In a note written immediately after the ceremony the young lady informed her parents of her mar-riage and of her departure with her husband the 8:45 train for the north. differs from the customary clopements in that the bride, so far as is known to-night, was not engaged to another fellow.

GIVES SATISFACTION. The renomination of Senator Wilson, of Iowa, gives his colleagues in the senate great satisfaction, for Mr. Wilson is a popular and influential man and his ability is appreciated. He has not taken that conspicuous leader-ship that his ability and experience entitles him to owing to his returng disposition, but he exercises a powerful influence in a quiet

MRS, CLEVELAND'S SMILE WINS A concert was given yesterday afternoon by an amateur orchestra of this city and the doorkeepers were imperatively ordered not to admit tardy attendants during the per formance of a number. Mrs. Cleveland at rived after the commencement of the concert and pushed her way through the throng it the vestibule to the entrance. The door keeper could not resist her smile and admitted her to the auditorium. THE BLAIR BILL DOOMED

The Blair educational bill will undoubtedly have the same experience in this congress that it had in the last. There is a large majority in favor of its passage, but when i voted down even if tit is not smothered, as it was before, in the committee on education. That committee was made up to defeat the bill, for the chairman and a majority of the members are deadly opposed to it.

COREAN WARDROBES. The Corean embassy, who has been in Washington for several days, brought with

them a large number of trunks filled with the most beautiful and rare silk clothing. Each of the gentlemen appears to have as elaborate a wardrobe as the most fashionable elaborate a wardrobe as the most fashionable belle and they change their costumes several times a day, appearing in the most gorgeous and fantastic colors. They have an infinite variety of hats, very tail and vith perforations at the top, which they wear into the dining room, and it would seem that they have a new costume and a new hat for every meal. They are, of course, objects of great interest to the people, but seem to have as much euriosity about American people and customs as we have about them. They have been taken out to call and are made a great customs as we have about them. They have been taken out to call and are made a great deal of, particularly by the ladies, although none of them can speak a word of English. The Chinese and Japanese, who have heretofore been the objects of interest, are rather disgusted at being cut out by the Coreans.

MR. MANDERSON'S INFANTRY BILL.
Senator Manderson made a favorable report to-day from the committee on military affairs on his bill to increase the efficiency of the infantry branch of the army. He adopted his report of last year, so far as practicable, and with which the Bee's readers are fa-

MR. DORSEY DINES JUDGE SAVAGE. Representative Dorsey gave a lunch in the enate restaurant this afternoon to Judge James W. Savage, of Omaha, There were present Senators Manderson, Paddock, Spooner and Palmer and Representatives McShane, Baird, Burrows, of Michigan, and Song, of Massachusetts. It was a very pleasant affair and was enjoyed by every one

OMARA INDIAN LANDS. Mr. Dorsey will introduce a bill in the house at the first opportunity, extending the time two years to purchasers of land on the Omaha Indian reservation. He presented a petition to-day from those interested in the

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Senator Paddock was assisted in receiving at the Portland this afternoon by her two daughters and Mrs. Chester and Mrs. Billings. Mrs. Manderson returned to the city with

Senator Manderson from Omaha last Friday schator Manderson from Omana last Friday and will receive to-day at the Portland, assisted by Mrs. General Dandy,
Judge Savage, of Omaha, called upon President Cleveland to-day and was presented by Senator Manderson.

Perry S. Heath.

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions. Washington, Jan. 12 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE.]-Pensions were granted to the following Nebraskans to-day: Minors of Richard Morris, Shubert; minors of James Stewart, jr., Alda. Original-William H. Ackley, York; William H. Monroe, Cedar Rapids; N. B. Kendall, Lincoln; John A. Smith, Nebraska City. Increase-Augustus C. Fenderson, Brainerd; Levi Wilcot, Lincoln; James T. Mooney, Friend. Reissued-William Larkin, York.

Pensions for Iowans: Minor of Benjamin B. Taggart, Rose Hill; minor of James Stewart, jr., Fairfield. Mexican war-Christopher B. Adkins, David City. Original— James Boldman, David City; David Bigger, Macedonia; William P. Hess, Odebolt; Wil-liam H. Welty, Hampton; Henry F. Gibbs, Burlington; Albert Burgess, Cedar Rapids; Charles H. Crawford, Macksburg; Robert Wonder, Moingtons, Loranh, Halley, Exit Charles H. Crawford, Macksburg; Robert Wonder, Moingona; Joseph Hudgly, Fair-field. Reissued—James Taylor, Alta: Hehry McNair, Argus; Benjamin F. Buckley, Rom-ley; George W. Dellinger, Lake City; Joseph Carr, New; Thomas H. Pester, Ottumwa; William Haven, Mount Ayr; J. J. Lamb, Hopeville.

Army News. WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The leave of special relegranted First Lieutenant George H. Sand, Sixth cavalry, June 10, has been changed to leave on account of sickness, to date from Novem-

ber 17. Leave of absence for one month, with permission to apply for a month's extension, is granted First Lieutenant Cassius E. Gillette, corps. First Lieutenant Henry E. Waterman, enneer corps, is ordered to duty at the mili-

tary academy. Postal Changes,

Washington, Jan. 12 .- [Special Telegram to the Ber.]—The name of the postoffice at Ladora Blaine county, was changed to-day to Brewster, and Warren M. Kemp appointed postmaster, vice Lorene Kaighn, resigned.

The following Nebraska postmasters were appointed: William B. Messenger, Bordeaux, Dawes county, vice George D. Merry man, resigned; Thomas Hyland, Wilson, Colfax county, vice John L. Cushman, re-signed; John Salgren, Phelps, Phelps county, ice John O. Hendricks.
The postoffices at Mount Pleasant, Cass county; South Side, Holt county, and ankee, Keith county, were discontinued to

The Paris Exhibition. WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.-Secretary Bayard n a communication to the president, which was transmitted to congress to-day, in relation to the international exhibition to be held in Paris in 1889 recommends that congress be asked to enact a law authorizing the president, with the advice and consent of the senate, to appoint a commission general to epresent the United States in the proposed exhibition under the general direction of the secretary of state, and to make all needful rules and regulations in reference to the con-tributions from this country. He furthernore recommends that the sum of \$200,000 be appropriated out of any money in ury not otherwise appropriated to be ex-pended in defraying the necessary expenses of the proper installation of the exhibits of American citizens and the expenses of the commissioner general made under the direc-tion of the secretary of state. He also recommends the readmission, duty free, of articles and merchandise sent from this country for the exhibition.

Urging Pleuro-Pneumonia Legislation Washington, Jan. 12.-The senate committee on agriculture gave a hearing this morning on Senator Palmer's bill to extripate contagious pleuro-pneumonia, foot and nouth disease, and ainderpest among cattle. Dr. Azell Amas, of Chicago, T. S. Wilson and C. P. Johnson of the Illinois board of live stock commissioners, Congressman McShane of Nebraska, and Delegate Carey of Wyoming, appeared in support of the bill. Dr. Ames said the bill differed in but one slight respect from a bill passed by the senate last session and which was recom-mended for passage by the legislatures of eleven states and many boards of trades. He said the government bureau of animal industry had been in operation three years, and in the opinion of those most interested had proved inadequate for the emergency. The narch of the disease had been such that he secretary of the treasury had interdicted the importation of cattle from Scotland, whence much of the disease comes. In this country east of the Alleghenies a number of centers of the disease existed, and west of he Alleghenies where are now the centers of the disease it is believed there is severe danger of its breaking out afresh. Fear was expressed that the disease might reach the ranges, where it would be impossible to erad cate it. It was estimated that pleuro-pneu-monia among cattle had already caused a loss of \$20,000,000 or \$30,000,000, besides a loss of \$15 to \$20 on each head of cattle exported to Great Britain.

Princeton College Presidency. PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 12.-Although it was expected some definite action would be taken on Dr. McCosh's resignation of the presidency of Princeton college at the meetng of the committee vesterday, it is reliably stated that nothing was accomplished. An other meeting will be held before long.

Heavy Fog in London.

LONDON, Jan. 12.-The fog continues lense, and shows no signs of lifting. Service on the various packet lines has been suspended. Several vessels have gone ashore on account of the fog. The fog has demoral ized railroad service and makes it run trains on schedule time. Numerous fatalities have occurred.

OLDEST MAN IN WISCONSIN. Michael Kroeger, Reported Dead, is Still Alive.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 12.-Michael Kroeger,

the man who has attained the remarkable age of 115 years, and who was reported to have died recently, surprised everybody by making his appearance in this city. He is stopping with his son. The old man was quite talkative to-day. "I was born in Koja, a village in the Prussian province of Posen. My father was a field laborer. My mother died soon after my birth. When fifteen years old I hird out as a field hand, and my life from that time has been nothing but work." Kroeger married in the old country, and came to America in 1852. Since then his family has prospered numerically and materfamily has prospered numerically and materially. He came here with six sons, one of whom has died. These six sons have twenty-seven children, of whom sixteen are married. The grand children have lifty children, the oldest of the great-grandchildren being a young lady of eighteen now living in St. Paul. In this large family all the German states and a number of the provinces of Russian Poland are represented, and besides them two children of Ireland. Mr. Kroeger's daily habits are to cat and sleep and gossip with the neighbors. Although his breathing is somewhat audible, he speaks plainly and laughs heartily. His appearance is not very different from that of his oldest son, Gottleb Kroeger, now eighty-three years old, and who works as a teamster. The withered faces of the two men make them look like brothers. The father's fileshy; the thumb of the youngest son, who is a boilermaker, is smaller than his father's little fizer. est son, who is a boilermaker, is smaller than his father's little finger.

# CUT AN ARTERY.

Ingenious But Unsuccessful Attempt

At Suicide By a Murderer. Louisville, Jan. 12.-Macey Warner, murderer confined in the county jail at Jeffersonville, Ind., made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide in his cell last night. About o'clock one of the prisoners in the jail was on his way to his cell with lamps when, passing Warner's cell the murderer reached out through a small opening in the door and grabbed the chimney from the top of the lamp. He threw this on the floor of the cell smashing it into small bits and then picking up a piece stuck it into the artery right wrist almost severing it. right wrist almost severing it. The blood spurted from the wound to a distance of several feet but Warner walked to his bed and lay down. The sheriff arrived soon and held his wrist to check the blood. A physician was hastily summoned who in a short time had the flow stopped. Warner was very weak from loss of blood this morning but says that he will kill himself the first chance he gets. he will kill himself the first chance he gets,

The Jersey Wilsons.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. - Special Telegram to the BEE.]-An interesting case will be heard in a few days in the supreme court before Judge Lawrence in which Mrs. Mary A. Wilson, a remarkably handsome young brunette, is plaintiff, against Ella Wilson, wife of the late Jacob Wilson and administratrix of the real estate left by him. On March 25, 1883, Mrs. Mary Wilson claims she entered into a contract with Jacob Wilson, the terms of which were that in consideration of \$15,000, \$100 per month and the conveyance of a home stead with several acres of ground in Uniontown, N. J., she was to marry his son Jacob, then a young man of leisure about town. Her then a young man of leisure about town. Her maiden name was Mary A. Keane, and she then lived with her father in this city. She married young Wilson. The elder Wilson kept his promise and gave the young couple a good start in life, but no deed of the proprety was executed and shortly afterward Wilson, sr., died. He had always allowed his daughter-in-law to believe that he was a widower, but soon after his death Ella Wilson turned up and claimed to be the old genson turned up and claimed to be the old gen tleman's wife and disputed Mary Wilson' claim to the homestead and \$15,000. The young woman brought suit in the New Jer-sey supreme court before Judge Scudder and established her claim to the homestead and other real estate. The young wife now brings suit here to establish her right to her

allowance of \$15,000 and \$100 a month The Fire Record.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 12.-The Fourteenth regiment armory, a frame structure, burned this morning. There were 10,000 rounds of ammunition in the building and 300 stands of rifles and uniforms of all men in the regiment, which were destroyed as well as the equipments. The loss to the state is over \$15,000. The Ohio poultry, pigeon, kennel and pet stock association had their ex-hibition in the armory. Over three hundred dogs of different breeds were lost composing the finest display ever made in Ohio.

There were between six and eight hundred entries in poultry, carrier pigions, etc., from many states, all of which burned. The value of the exhibit is estimated at over \$50,000.

Atchison, Kas., Jan. 12.—Senator Ingalls' residence and contents were destroyed by fire at 7:30 this morning. The loss is complete and quite large.
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12.—The extensive cotton mill of Rumff Bros. burned this morning. The loss on contents, machinery and building will reach \$75,000, which is entirely insufed.

Over hundred hands are thrown out of en Archison, Kan., Jan. 12.—The elegant residence of Schator Ingalls, who is absent in Washington with his family, was burned this morning with all its contents. Loss,

The Bradford Disaster.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Jan. 12 .- An unknown lady, supposed to be Mrs. Flora E. Walker, eleventh victim of the Bradford railroad disaster, died last night. She was twenty-two years of age, and suffered terribly after being taken from the wreck. Hart and Wentworth are dying. The others are com-fortable. All dead at the police station have been taken away by friends.

The unfortunate woman supposed to be Flora E. Walker, the eleventh victim of the

Braiford railroad accident, who died last night, was identified to-day as Mrs. Flora E. Ward, of Gardiner, Me. Henry A. Hart, of Deering, Me., the twelfth victim, died this afternoon. With the exception of Kimball and Wentworth, the other patients are in a comfortable condition. W. F. Kimbail is of Boston, and Mr. Wentworth is a Doyer, N. H. shoe manufacturer. The latter's con dition is especially critical.

Kentucky Feuds and Funerals.

Catlettsburg, Ky., Jan. 12. - Special Telegram to the Bee. |-- The war of extermination between the McCoys, of Pike county, Kentucky, and the Hatfields, of Logan county, West Virginia, goes bravely on. As soon as the last affray was over with the McCoys raised a posse and visited the Hatfield settlement. A pitched battle ensued, in which Johnson Hatfield, Thomas Chambers and James Vance were killed. None of the McCoy posse were nurt. The next act in the tragedy is being awaited.

The Hopkins Trial.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12.—In the Hopkins trial to-day it was shown that at one time Hopkins account "B" was \$700,000 ahead, but at the time of the collapse Wilshire, Eckert & Co. owed \$1,500,000, Orr, of the American Exchange bank of Chicago, was on the stand to identify certain drafts of the United Lines, and I. N. Miller, of the Western Union office the transaction.

War on Bucket Shops. New York, Jan. 13.-1t was announced yesterday that the Stock Exchange had come out boldly against bucket-shops, and that a fund of \$10,000 had been raised to

Barrett Sentenced to Hang MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 12. - Tom Barrett, convicted of the murder of Street Car Conductor Tollerson, was this morning sen-

carry on the warfare,

# SCHMIDT'S GALLOWS READY

Everything Prepared for the Iowa Hanging To-day.

THE PRISONERS AT WEST UNION

He Passes the Time Smoking Cigary ettes, Showing Little Appreciation of His Situation-His Horrible Crime.

To-day's Necktie Party. WEST UNION, Ia., Jan. 12.-The gallows

was creeted this afternoon upon which Henry Schmidt will be executed to-morrow. Schmidt was brought here from Anamosa yesterday, and in his outward appearance showed but little appreciation of his situation. He slept soundly last night, and when seen this morning was very contented, smoking a cigarette. The crime for which Schmidt will be hung was the murder of Lucretia Peek on the night of the 4th of September, 1886. The Peeks live about six miles from West Union, and on the night of the tragedy a neighbor named Leonard stayed with them. Some time in the night Leonard was shot by Schmidt. The shot awoke Mr. and Mrs. Peck. Mr. Peck sprang up and found that the house was on fire. Mrs. Peek proposed to get out of the window, and as she placed her hand on the window sill she was shot in the face by someone outside. She became semi-unconscious and remained in that con-dition the balance of the night. Mr. Peek, while trying to extinguish the fire, was shot at twice, but not hurt. Nothing further was known positively as to what happened to him. In the morning his body was found a few known positively as to what happened to him. In the morning his body was found a few rods from the house, pounded to a jelley. Schmidt was recognized y Mrs. Peek, who lived until September 25. He was tried and on October 29 convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged. Eleven days later he made a confession in which he charged that Elison T. Smith, for whom he was working at the time, had persuaded him to do the deed and promised him \$500. He also charged that Smith killed M. Peek. Smith was then tried and acquitted. Since it became apparent that Schmidt would be hanged numerous petitions have been presented to Governor Larrabee, asking that the sentence be commuted. It is said that these petitions bear the names of 1,800 signers. The governor, however, declined to interfere and it is supposed that his decision was greatly influenced by a letter written by Judge Hatch, before whom both Schmidt and Elison F. Smith were tried. This letter is now first published. In it Judge Hatch said that he believed the murder was the work of Schmidt alone and was prompted by his own depravity, and that in the hope of executive elemency he sought, by perjuring, to send to the gallows a man whom he knew was unocent. Schmidt is a Bavarian and is about twenty-eight years old.

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Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 12.-[Special Telegram to the BEE.]-John Seymour, head vardmaster of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul yards at this place, was arrested this morning on a charge of systematically robbing the railroad company of wood and coal valued by them at \$700. Seymour is an expert and was sent out here by the company as a trusted employe. His arrest has caused considerable excitement. It is thought there

is some mistake about the matter Iowa Senate Standing Committees. DES MOINES, Ia. Jan. 12 .- In the senate to night the standing committees were anounced. The chairman of the important committees are: Ways and means. Hutchin-son; judiciary, Woolson; appropriation,

Gatch; railways, Sweeney;

BOB FOWLER'S MAID.

A Brief Declaration in a Suit for

Damages. Curcago, Jan. 12.- | Special Telegram to the Brg.1-Robert D. Fowler, the millionaire packer and president of the Anglo-American Packing and Provision company, was made defendant in a suit for \$50,000 damages a month ago by his former maid servant, Eliza Gittings. When her lawyer was interviewed as to what the suit was for, he declined to say. Alexander Sullivan, Fowler's attorney. talked very vigorously, saying some harsh things, but said more would be known when the plaintiff filed her declaration. The dec-laration was filed yesterday and it is the briefest narration on record. It was evidently framed with a view of saying nothing but what practice absolutely requires. It is

as follows Eliza Gitting, plaintiff, by Clarence F. Dore, her attorney, complains of Robert D. Fowler, defendant, on the plea trespass, for that the defendant on, to-wit, May 1, 1887, with force and arms, in the county aforesaid then and there beat, bruised, wounded, and ill-treated her, and other wrongs to plaintiff then and there did, against the peace of the people of this state and to the damage of plaintiff of \$50,000, and therefore she brings per suit

"The declaration is so drawn as to cover anything at all, from ejectment to murder, said Mr. Sullivan, when he had read it. "I said Mr. Suinvan, when he had read it. "Its
would have been as explanatory and more
truthful had it had 'blackmail' written across
it. Mr. Fowler has never 'beat, bruised,
wounded, or ill-treated the plaintiff in
any manner or form, and he has never
done anything which is actionable or
improper. This is simply an attempt to extort money, but the woman won't get a
postage stamp."

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The plaintiff is a pretty English maid who was brought by Mrs. Fowler from Liverpool under a year's contract. When the contract expired she left of her own volition. She was in the Fowler house at the date she complains of the assault. The attorney, who is familiar with the case, states that the actual and specific charge to be developed on trial is much more serious than the language of the bill would indicate.

A Noted Editor Sick.

New York, Jan. 12.- [Special Telegram to the Bee.]—John Swinton is lying in a critical condition at his residence, 151 East Fortyeighth street. He had an attack of erysipelas a week ago yesterday. He went down town, but next day was so much worse that Dr. R. McDonald was called in. During the week Mrs. Swinton has been at his bedside almost constantly and he has had the best care. Yesterday he had improved somewhat, although part of the day he seemed dazed and scarcely able to comprehend what was going on about him. Dr. McDonald said last night the patient's condition was improved, but he was not out of danger.

John Swinten's condition changed materially for the worse at nightfall and he be-

came delirious. Physicians have little hope for his recovery.

Lost on the Banks. GLOUCESTER, Mass., Jan. 12.—The schooner William Pacsons, which sailed for George's Banks, the latter part of November, with twelve men, and the schooner Peter D. Smith, which sailed about a week before that with a crew of twelve men, have been given up for lost. It is supposed they werd wrecked in the heavy gales that swept the banks a month ago. Many of the men had families, and five widows and nineteen child

dren are left. The Letters Condemn Him.

St. Petersauao, Jan. 12 .- Among the men arrested in connection with the latest plot against the exar is an employe on the Baltic rallway who kept the nihilists informed of every journey of the ezar to and from Gat-orbina. Letters were found on the prisones showing that the plot was ripe for execution on the eve of the man's arrest.