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## LAMAR FINALLY GETS THERE.

### Cleveland's Protege Confirmed By a Very Small Majority.

### THE VOTE STANDS 32 TO 28.

### Senators Riddleberger, Stanford and Stewart Cast Their Ballots With the Democrats—Dickinson and Vilas Follow Suit.

**A Close Shave For L. Q. C.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The senate went into executive session at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and three-quarters of an hour later took up the nomination of Lamar. The consideration lasted until 4 o'clock, at which time the nomination was confirmed by a vote of 32 to 28. Senators Riddleberger, Stanford and Stewart voted with the democrats. All the other republicans voted or were paired against Lamar and all the democrats were in his favor. The discussion was almost entirely confined to the republican side. The principal speakers were Edmunds, Evarts, Cullom, Sherman, Allison, Hoar, Hawley, Ingalls, Wilson of Iowa, and Riddleberger, the last named making two speeches. The line of opposition covered the official and political record of the nominee as well as his age, business habits and legal qualifications. It is understood that no speeches were made by the democratic senators. The voting began at 3 o'clock, but was interrupted, and nearly an hour's argument intervened before the roll call was finished.

The nominations of Messrs. Vilas and Dickinson were then at once taken up and confirmed without debate, and it was ordered that the president be notified of the three confirmations.

The following is understood to be the vote in secret session on the confirmation of Lamar:

AYES.

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| Bate, | Faulkner, | Riddleberger, |
| Beck, | George, | Saulsbury, |
| Berry, | Gorman, | Stanford, |
| Blodgett, | Gray, | Stewart, |
| Brown, | Hampton, | Turpie, |
| Butler, | Harris, | Vance, |
| Call, | Jones, (Ark.) | Vest, |
| Cockrell, | McPherson, | Voorhees, |
| Coke, | Morgan, | Wilson, (Md.) |
| Colquitt, | Pugh, | Walthall—32. |
| Daniel, | Regan, | |

NAYS.

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| Aldrich, | Edmunds, | Paddock, |
| Allison, | Evarts, | Palmer, |
| Blair, | Farwell, | Platt, |
| Bowen, | Frye, | Plumb, |
| Cameron, | Hale, | Quay, |
| Chase, | Hawley, | Sherman, |
| Cullom, | Hiscock, | Stockbridge, |
| Davis, | Hoar, | Spooner—28. |
| Dawes, | Ingalls, | |
| Dolph, | Mitchell, | |

Those paired in the affirmative were: Blackburn, Eustis, Gibson, Hearst, Kenna, Pasco, Payne, Ransom.

Those paired in the negative were: Chandler, Jones (of Nev.), Manderson, Morrill, Sabin, Sawyer, Teller.

**Army Orders.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Captain Chandler P. Eakin, First artillery, having been found incapacitated for active service on account of disability incident to the service, retired from date of the 16th inst.

Leave of absence granted Second Lieutenant Francis D. Bucker, Second cavalry, January 9, is extended seven days.

First Lieutenant John A. Payne, Nineteenth infantry, is ordered to his home to await retirement.

Post Chaplain Brant C. Hammond, on being relieved from duty in the Department of Texas, is ordered to duty at Fort Douglas, Utah.

First Lieutenant John M. K. Davis, First artillery, is appointed captain, vice Ervin, retired.

Second Lieutenant Charles J. Bailey, First artillery, is promoted to be first lieutenant, vice Davis, promoted.

**Nebraska and Iowa Pensions.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The following pensions were issued for Nebraskans to-day: Sarah W., mother of John W. Kerns, Table Rock. Original—Josiah Kiser, Johnstown.

Pensions for Iowans: Original—James W. Dungans, East Des Moines; John P. Dey, Brighton. Reissue—John G. Ferris, Mt. Ayr.

**Outhwaite's Pacific Funding Bill.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The Pacific railroad funding bill, introduced by Outhwaite in the house to-day, differs in many essential points from the committee's bill reported in the last congress. It provides, first, for the ascertainment of the amount of debt of the companies, both principal and interest. From that amount is to be taken the interest already paid. The present worth of the remainder is to be found as of July 1, 1888, money being regarded as worth 3 per cent., the simple interest for the period between that date and the average date of the maturity of the bonds. From the present worth is to betaken the amount in the sinking fund of each company, the remainder being the indebtedness due from each company on July 1, 1888, if their debts were to be paid in cash. For this sum the companies are to issue bonds secured by mortgages covering the present lines and branches. The scheme provides for the repayment of the debt within fifty years by a series of bonds falling due semi-annually and paying interest at 3 per cent. Bonds are to be issued in four series, so arranged that ½ of 1 per cent. of the principal of the debt will be paid every six months of the second ten years, 1 per cent. every six months of the second twenty years and 2 per cent. every six months of the last ten years. Among the essential differences between this and the old bill is an increase of penalty in case of refusal of compliance to accept its provision, so as to require the payment of 75 per cent under the Thurman act, whereas the old bill fixed the penalty at 40 per cent. It provides distinctly that the sinking fund shall be applied on the principal of the debt, while in the old bill, this is inferential. It allows the companies to pay any part of the whole of the debt at any time the bonds are to be cancelled, or the secretary of the treasury may at any time sell the whole of the bonds to the creditors of the company or in the general market. No dividends are to be declared until all current obligations have been met. After that the dividends are restricted to 4 per cent, which must have been earned during the preceding year. It is provided, however, that larger dividends may be declared if the earnings warrant it, upon condition that the companies pay upon their indebtedness an amount equal to the excess of the dividend. The other changes are of minor character and intended to strengthen the government in its claims.

**Senate Confirmations.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The senate made the following confirmations to-day:

E. L. Bragg, to be minister to Mexico.

Receivers of public moneys—John Tracy, North Platte, Neb.; A. W. Crites, Chadron, Neb.; G. B. Blakely, Sidney, Neb.

Postmasters—W. E. Lennon, Hurley, Wis.; F. C. Bennett, Monroe, Wis., G. W. Levis, Black River Falls, Wis.

**Spare the Forests.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Senator Hale to-day introduced a bill prepared by the American Forestry congress to preserve forests. It withdraws from entry as forest lands, all public lands of the United States more valuable for their timber than for agricultural purposes. It institutes the office of commissioner of forests and authorizes the appointment of four assistant commissioners. The commissioner is instructed to form forest lands into what are designated as forest reserves. He is given power to frame rules and regulations for the government of these reserves and to appoint rangers to see that the rules are observed. No forest lands are to be sold, but the stumpage on them may be disposed of in the discretion of the commissioner.

**National Capital Notes.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—W. H. Bigelow, of Maine, formerly agent of the postoffice department, has been appointed postmaster of the United States senate.

The senate committee of postoffices and post roads, will next Friday, hear arguments from Dr. Norvin Green and Gardiner G. Hubbard, upon government telegraph bills.

The senate committee on territories will meet Monday to hear arguments in respect to the proposed annexation of northern Idaho to Washington territory.

The senate postoffice committee this morning ordered a favorable report on the permissable marks bill which has already passed the house.

Representative Payson's resolution, introduced by request, grants to the state of Illinois all public lands (about 10,000 acres) within its limits to satisfy its claim for swamp land indemnity.

Representative Hovey of Indiana, to-day introduced a bill in the house to pay to soldiers of the late war a sum equal to 40 per cent of the amount of their original pay, to make good the difference between the value of the greenbacks in which they were paid and the gold coin in which the greenbacks were eventually redeemed.

The board of directors of the bar association of the District of Columbia have issued a circular to the bar associations of the country suggesting this city as the place, and Tuesday, May 22, as the time for holding the national convention of lawyers. The object is to form a national legal body for the advancement and promotion of science and law in this country.

**Numerous Public Buildings.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—A bill authorizing the construction of public buildings for the post and other government offices in every city having a postmaster was introduced in the house to-day by Representative Tarsney, of Michigan. The cost of the buildings range from $20,000 to 100,000 inhabitants to $150,000 in towns of 50,000 inhabitants.

**Higgins Retires.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Eugene Higgins severed his connection with the treasury department to-day and turned over the office of chief of the appointment division to his successor, Perry C. Smith, formerly disbursing clerk of the postoffice department.

### POTTER TO RESIGN.

### The Union Pacific Manager Threatened With a Complete Breakdown.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—It is stated here that Vice President Potter will resign and sever his connection with the Union Pacific on April 15, at the end of his first year's management. His doctors have ordered absolute rest and retirement from active participation in railway affairs. Overwork and mental strain have brought on heart troubles and he is threatened with complete breakdown.

### THE FIRE RECORD.

### A Thirteen-Thousand-Dollar Blaze at Aspen, Colo.

ASPEN, Colo., Jan. 16.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—A fire broke out at 6 o'clock this morning in a large lodging house on Cooper avenue, east of Galina street. The fire plugs were frozen and before water could be gotten on the fire it had spread to Ide's store on the east and to Lang's saloon on the west. A half block was cleaned out, but the buildings were mostly cheap affairs and were occupied by restaurants and saloons. The fine brick block of the Clohm Merchandise company opposite was damaged about $500 and the B. T. Pearce block in about the same amount. The total loss foots up about $13,000. The heaviest losers are S. L. Garret $3,000, James Watson $2,000, A. Lessem $1,500, J. A. Ide $1,200, Mrs. Wheatly $1,200, Burton Blinker $1,000, Frank Snell $800. Ide had $500 insurance, Lessem $500 and Garrett $500.

**An Actress Burned to Death.**

STEUBENVILLE, O., Jan. 16.—Caine's variety theater burned this evening. The flames communicated to Caine's hotel across the street and caused a lively scramble among the guests. Anna Devoe, an actress from Pittsburg, who was asleep in her room on the third floor was burned to death.

**Other Conflagrations.**

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16.—Early this morning a fire in the boiler and conduit works, owned by Henry Warden, caused a loss on the contents and building of about $100,000, which was amply insured.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 16.—The office of the Kansas City Evening Star, on Sixth street, between Delaware and Wyandotte, took fire this afternoon and in two hours was almost completely destroyed. The loss to the Star is roughly estimated at $20,000. They are insured to the amount of $17,000. Lathrop & Smith, owners of the building, estimate their loss at $80,000, with an insurance of $15,000. Other minor losses make the total foot up between $50,000 and $60,000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—A $40,000 fire occurred to-night in the John C. Dale block. The firms affected are the Union Type Foundry, J. J. Hanlon, blank book manufacturer, the American Printing company and the Western Printing company. A week ago three stores in the same block were completely burned out, when half a million went up in smoke.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 16.—The Highly building, a large brick block, was damaged by fire, which has just been put out. Loss on building and stock, $10,000; fully insured. Chief Engineer Ayers and the assistant of the fire department were injured by the explosion of a gasometer.

### TWELVE INJURED.

### A Broken Rail Causes a Bad Wreck Near Topeka.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 16.—A wreck on the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska railroad occurred at Willard, fifteen miles east of Topeka, Kan., early this morning. Three cars were thrown from the track down an embankment and twelve persons were injured, only one fatally. The wreck was caused by a rail breaking.

WILLARD, Kan., Jad. 16.—Two sleepers and the chair car of a train on the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska road jumped the track near here at 4 o'clock this morning and were thrown down a ditch. All the passengers on the three cars were more or less jostled, but none were seriously hurt excepting William Callihan, who lost an arm. A broken rail caused the disaster.

**The Big Gun.**

PITTSBURG, Jan 16.—The great steel gun which was cast solid at the Pittsburg Steel Casting company's works last Wednesday, was taken from the mould to-day and found to be perfect. The casting is pronounced a complete success by Superintendent Hainesworth and officers of the United States navy, who made close inspection and applied such tests as were possible in its present stage. The gun weighs nine tons.

**Driscoll Sentenced to Hang.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Dan Driscoll, the murderer of "Beezy" Garrity, was to-day refused a new trial and sentenced to hang Friday. Late this afternoon an appeal in his behalf was taken to the higher court, which will probably act as a stay of execution.

**Express Car Burned.**

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 16.—The Wells-Fargo express car was burned on the Santa Fe road eight miles east of Emporia, Kan., yesterday morning. The amount lost cannot be ascertained.

## CONFIRMED BY CORPORATIONS

### Pacific Railroad Votes Boost Lamar to the Supreme Bench.

### RIDDLEBERGER MAKES REMARKS.

### Ticknor Curtis, the Counsel For the Mormons, Also Comes to His Aid — Improving the Big Muddy.

**Helped Out By the Railroads.**

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.

The Pacific railroads have won again and Lamar has been confirmed to an associate justiceship of the supreme court of the United States. But this is not the first time corrupt corporation monopoly has invaded the precincts of the highest judicial tribunal of the country. The required republican votes to secure the confirmation of Lamar were supplied by the Pacific slope, and they were given unsparingly. Leland Stanford, of California, the head of the great Southern Pacific system, and Stewart, of Nevada, another Pacific man, went with Riddleberger, of Virginia, to the ranks of the democrats, and Lamar will be eligible to his position as soon as his commission is issued. The vote was 32 for confirmation and 28 against. So anxious were the friends of Lamar to hasten his presence on the supreme bench that by a special vote the injunction of secrecy was removed and he could assume his duties to-morrow if the president cared to be so hasty in making out his commission. The debate lasted three hours and was at times extremely exciting. The principal speakers against confirmation were Evarts, Edmunds, Allison, Hawley and Sherman. Senators refer to the argument of Mr. Evarts as being eloquent and exhaustive. He paid the highest tribute to the men who occupy positions on the bench of the supreme court, the ability that should be called to positions there and pointed out the frailties of the nominee under consideration. The speeches of the others referred mostly to Lamar's unfitness on account of his construction of certain portions of the constitution relating to states' rights, etc., and his weakness in regard to all matters growing out of the "late unpleasantness." Mr. Riddleberger was the mouthpiece of the democrats and spoke three or four times. A very few words were uttered by other friends of Lamar, but Riddleberger was expected to say all that was necessary for him. It is reported to-night that there were three or four other republican senators who were ready to vote for confirmation had it been necessary, and, strange to say, each of those named as having been ready to secure the confirmation has been or is now either closely connected with the management of the Pacific railroads or is acting in the capacity of attorney for those corporations. Pacific railroad influence is found in every visage and fissure. It is not known whether Stanford, Stewart and others who were led to vote for confirmation were showing their gratitude, but no one is found who can explain why men who have connection with the Pacific railroads or who have had were alone ready to leave their party and vote with the opposition. Of the seventy-six votes in the senate sixty were announced, which accounts for every man in the senate. As I anticipated weeks ago, no surprise is expressed over the confirmation. It was just what might have been expected. No wonder the friends of Lamar were so confident. The influence used would win if directed in any course.

TICKNOR CURTIS AND THE MORMONS FOR LAMAR.

George Ticknor Curtis, the counsel for the Mormons and the Pacific railroad, published a half column card in this morning's Post in defense of Mr. Lamar's nomination. He endorsed Lamar as a lawyer, an advocate and a jurist; declared that his constitutional interpretations were sound and that they would stand the test of facts, the logic of events and the logic of principles; that Lamar's discourse on Calhoun did not afford evidence that he adheres to the doctrine of either nullification or secession; that Calhoun himself was not a secessionist, although all his constitution opinions, carried through a certain process of reasoning, tended to that result; that Lamar never spoke as a historian, but as a man in public life, and that he will add luster to the bench of the supreme court. A very determined effort was made by all of Mr. Lamar's friends to bring about favorable action on his nomination, and the Mormon, as well as the Pacific railroad influence was brought to bear for him.

OTHER CONFIRMATIONS.

After the confirmation of Mr. Lamar, the nominations of Mr. Vilas to be secretary of the interior, Mr. Dickinson to be postmaster general and General Bragg, of Wisconsin, to be minister to Mexico, were taken up and confirmed without opposition.

HEARINGS IN PENSION CASES.

Mr. Laird introduced in the house to-day a bill which was presented in the senate recently by Mr. Manderson to prevent the summary cancellation of pensions and certificates and providing for hearings in cases relating thereto; also the Manderson bill, providing for the holding of terms of the United States district and circuit courts in the state of Nebraska.

Mr. Dorsey introduced a bill extending for ten years the time for payment for land purchased on the Omaha Indian reservation in Nebraska.

UNITED STATES COURT MATTERS.

Mr. Fuller, of Iowa, introduced a bill amending section 988 of the revised statutes to provide that where by laws of states defendants in courts thereof are entitled to a stay of execution, the defense in the courts of the United States held therein shall be entitled to a stay upon the same conditions, including the giving and enforcement of bonds or other security for the performance of the judgment thus stated.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Lyman, of Iowa, authorizing all persons to use and examine and make copies of papers, records, etc., in United States courts at seasonable times so as not to interfere with the business of the courts, and directing the clerks thereof to offer proper facilities and accommodation.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE MUDDY.

The secretary of war has sent to congress, to be used in compilation of the river and harbor bill, the reports of the engineer and his recommendations on the improvements needed for various rivers and harbors and the amount necessary to be appropriated. The document contains 768 closely printed pages and contains this in reference to the improvement of the Missouri river from Sioux City to Fort Benton: "The original condition of the navigable channelway of the Missouri river above Carrol, Mont., was extremely bad in low water, the average depth being about three feet. The channel is quite sharp in its turns and filled in many places with projecting embedded rocks and loose boulders. The portion below Carroll down to Sioux City was and is bad in low water, owing to unstable banks, shifting channel, moving sand-bars and snags. The originally adopted project for the improvement was the removal of snags from the lower or sandy portion and on the upper or rocky part the narrowing of the channel in wide places, reducing the slope and raising the water on the rapids by the construction of brush and gravel dams, the removal of rocks and loose boulders and the dredging of heavy gravel bars, so as to give a navigable channel of four and one-half feet at low water. On this project there was expended up to June 30, 1886, $202,456. At that time the channel for purposes of navigation and commerce was much better than at any previous period, and vessels loaded to three and a half feet could make their way to Fort Benton by careful pilotage and hard rubbing on the bottom. During the year ending June 30, 1887, there has been expended, including outstanding liabilities, $39,362 for the repair of plant which had been lying idle for over a year and consequently had rapidly deteriorated; for the care and preservation of property; for surveys; for transporting men and material, etc. One hundred thousand dollars can be profitably expended during the year ending June 30, 1889, with which it is proposed to clear out snags from Sioux City, Ia., to Carrol, Mont., and above Carroll to continue the dragging of gravel bars and the removal of rocks and boulders and the construction of dams. The advantages and benefits to be derived are a safe navigable channel at all stages as far as snags are concerned and a fair low water channel for boats drawing four feet over the rocky portion of the river. The estimated amount required for the entire and permanent completion of the work of improvement of the portion of the river above Carroll in accordance with the adopted project is $250,000.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Henry W. Rice, of Sioux City, was to-day admitted to practice before the interior department.

Colonel W. W. Wilson, of Lincoln, V. G. Santry, of Omaha, W. F. Peetler and family and Hon. Solomon Draper, of Niobrara, are here.

The senate to-day confirmed the nomination of A. W. Crites as register of the Chadron land office and reported favorably the nomination of G. Montgomery as receiver, who will be confirmed to-morrow.

Senator Paddock to-day reported favorably from the pension committee a bill to pension Mrs. Painter.

POSTAL CHANGES.

The following Nebraska postmasters were appointed to-day: Fannie D. Dustin, Dustin, Holt county, vice William Dustin, resigned; Mrs. Eliza S. Funk, Grouer, Seward county, vice John J. Briggs, resigned; W. H. Day, Kimball, Cheyenne county, vice Charles A. Schooley, removed.

The time schedule of the Star mail route entering from Prairie Center to Hazard, Neb., has been changed as follows: Leave Prairie Center Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6 a. m.; arrive at Hazard by 12:30 p. m. Leave Hazard Tuesdays and Fridays at 12 m.; arrive at Prairie Center by 6:30 p. m.

PERSONALS.

Victor Rosewater, of Omaha, is in the city.

V. Langtry and son, of Omaha, are spending a few days in the city.

Claudius Jones of Seward, with his daughter, is in the city. He will remain here some days.

N. J. Serritt and wife, and Barry I. Allen, of Sioux City, are at the Ebbitt.

PERRY S. HEATH.

### AT BAY.

### A Forger and His Paramour Successfully Standing Off a Whole Town.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Jan. 16.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Frank Gordon, the murderer and forger, in a frame house all day yesterday successfully held at bay officers-at-law, who came to arrest him. The garrison of his improvised fortress consisted of Gordon himself and Maggie Tate, the woman with whom he has been living. The besieging army includes the police force of Williamsport, the sheriff of the county and his posse, and a goodly proportion of the citizens of the town. Gordon is a desperate character.

Less than a year ago he was released from the eastern penitentiary, after serving out part of his sentence of five years for the murder of George Lewis. Saturday detectives succeeded in tracing to him a number of forgeries, which, though not for large amounts, have recently annoyed the officers of the Lumberman's National bank. Gordon's accomplice was James Hinkles. When the forgery was discovered warrants were issued for the arrest of Gordon and young Hinkles. The latter was arrested late Saturday night but Gordon heard of it and swore he would not be taken without a fight. The officers entrusted with the warrants pursued the forger to the house of Maggie Tate and demanded admission. Maggie appeared at a window with her finger pressed upon the trigger of a big revolver and threatened to shoot the first man who attempted to enter. Guards were then placed around the house to prevent escape, and so the night was passed.

When daylight came the siege was renewed. Hundreds of citizens arrived from all quarters of the city and stood behind the police and gtood gazing upon the closed window blinds. The crowd urged the officers to break in the doors but the officers, after a conference, concluded not to do so. The crowd hissed but the police paid no attention. All day long the people lingered, and when darkness came the streets were blocked. Special officers were appointed to relieve those who had been on duty for many hours. Not a sign of light could be seen within the barricaded house. A crowd of men got together and volunteered to lead the officers in a sally, but their services were declined, and at a late hour many of the people left, disgusted at the police for allowing themselves to be kept at bay by a man, a woman and a barred door. It is expected that vigoroud efforts will be made to-morrow to secure Gardner.

**The Reading Strike.**

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 16.—For the past two days a condition of utter stagnation has ruled the strike situation.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16.—For several days there has been under consideration by leading men in the Knights of Labor the advisability of bringing suit by the commonwealth through the attorney general against the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad and Coal company, to compel them to do certain things which, it is alleged, they are obliged to do under their charter. One charge is that the company, by refusing to settle with the men, is cornering coal and other necessaries for the purpose of enhancing their values, and extorting exorbitant prices from the community. Another charge relates to the responsibility of the company as a common carrier—it being alleged that on account of the company's action men are employed who do not give the best of service, and whose efforts result in delay and loss to the community. There are other charges which have been discussed, and it is said some legal proceedings will shortly be instituted.

**Fatal Collision of Trains.**

OTTUMWA, Ia., Jan. 16.—The Wabash passenger train from Des Moines and the water train of the Ottumwa & Kirkville road, collided four miles west of here at 9:15 last night. Both roads run over the Rock Island track from here to Comstocks, eight miles west. The collision occurred on a sharp curve where the track runs close to the river and around a high bluff. The night was frosty and the engineers could see only a short distance ahead. The trains were running at full speed. The engines were completely demolished. The Wabash baggage car was derailed; also four Ottumwa & Kirkville cars. H. E. Peck, the Wabash engineer, jumped and escaped with a slight sprain. His fireman was scalded to death. George Miller and Isaac Budenstein, engineer and fireman of the other trian were killed and buried under the wreck. Several persons were badly but not fatally hurt. The collision was caused by a mistake of the Rock Island train dispatcher.

**Favors Annexation.**

HALIFAX, Jan. 16—Jeffrey McCall, a member of the provincial legislature for Picton, in a speech to his constituents to-day, advocated the immediate abolition of local legislatures and the annexation of Nova Scotia to the United States. His idea is that with the North American continent and West Indies under one government on this side of the Atlantic, and the British government over the United Kingdom, India, Australia, Asia and Africa, the Anglo-Saxon race will maintain the peace of the world.

**Woman Suffrage in Washington Ty.**

TACOMA, W. T., Jan. 16.—Both branches of the legislature of Washington territory at Olympia have re-enacted the woman's suffrage law, but excupting women from jury duty.

## A TERRIBLE DEATH RECORD.

### Hundreds of New Victims of the Blizzard Discovered.

### FEARFUL LIST OF FATALITIES.

### Dakota Leads in the Number of People Who Lost Their Lives in the Storm—A Ghastly Showing.

**A Little Girl Found Frozen.**

NEBRASKA CITY, Jan. 16.—It was 25 degrees below zero this morning, but the weatner moderated to-day and the indications are that the extreme cold weather is over. The body of the little daughter of Christ Bodine, a farmer, living twelve miles southeast, who had been missing since the blizzard of Friday, has been found in a ravine more than a mile from the house, she having been overtaken by the storm when returning from school and within sight of her home, but lost her way. Henry Goldig, a farmer, while returning home from this city was overtaken in the storm and frozen so badly as to have his hands and feet amputated.

**Frozen to Death With His Team.**

OAKLAND, Neb., Jan. 16.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Nels Christeson, a Swede farmer forty-five years old, was found eleven miles south of Oakland yesterday frozen to death, together with his two horses. He had been to Fontanelle Thursday with a wagon and team. He faced the blizzard until the horses were drifted into a ravine, where all froze to death. He was a bachelor and a pioneer farmer of Burt county.

**Trains Running on the F. E. & M. V.**

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 16.—[Special to the BEE.]—The Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road has raised the blockade on all its lines except the Albion branch. The first train from the west since Thursday got in to-day at 10 o'clock from Long Pine. If there is no more snow the trains will run regularly now.

**Oakland's Visitation.**

OAKLAND, Neb., Jan. 16.—[Special to the BEE.]—Damaging reports from the country are coming in of the effects of the blizzard. A great many cattle and hogs were drifted and frozen to death. One man north of here lost forty head of cattle, and many farmers and cattle feeders lost small numbers. The roads have been blockaded in such shape that farmers could not get to town.

**A Boy's Body Found.**

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 16.—The body of Frank Metz, a lad twelve years old, was found near here yesterday. Young Metz left Ewing to drive home, a distance of twenty-five miles, on last Thursday with his mother and little sister. The party got lost in the terrible blizzard and became separated. The mother and little girl were badly frozen, but eventually found shelter and are alive.

**Lost in the Drifts.**

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 16.—The search for the two children of J. W. Westphalen in Cotterell township, Dodge county, has proved futile. The children, aged eight and thirteen years, started from school for home, during the storm, Thursday, and have not been seen since. It is believed they are buried in the drifts.

**Judge Love's Son All Right.**

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 16.—The Associated press Sunday morning reported William Love, of Dakota, as one of the persons frozen to death in the blizzard. As Judge Love, of the United States district court of Iowa, has a son of that name living there, a report gained currency that it was he who lost his life. A private dispatch from Huron to-day corrects this report and says it was another Love. Reports have reached here to-day giving the name of J. W. Ivy, formerly of Des Moines, as among those frozen to death last week in western Dakota.

**The Blockade Raised at Sioux City.**

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 17.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The blockade has been raised on all the roads centering here but two. Trains are not running regularly, but are expected to be by to-morrow or Wednesday.

**Death From Cold at Clinton.**

CLINTON, Ia., Jan. 16.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Word was received here to-day that J. Jacobs had been frozen to death near Wheatland, this county, during the recent blizzard. The weather here has been the coldest for many years.

**The Coldest Day in Fifty Years.**

MUSCATINE, Ia., Jan. 16.—Yesterday's mean temperature here was 21 degrees below zero, which was the coldest day in fifty years.

**In the Northwest.**

MANDAN, Jan. Dak., 16.—A mail driver was frozen to death between New Salem and Stanton. The three day blockade on the Northern Pacific was raised this morning. A revised list of blizzard fatalities shows 97 dead in Dakota, 13 in Minnesota, 6 in Iowa, 17 in Nebraska and 2 in Montana, total 135. Fifty-five persons are also reported missing.

FAULKTON, Dak., Jan. 16.—Six persons are known to have perished here, and it is rumored six or seven others are also lost.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 16.—Specials from various parts of Wisconsin indicate that last night was the coldest for years. The thermometer at Washburne observatory at Madison registered 30 below zero. Eau Claire reports 48 below, Richland Center 55, Sparta 50, and Chippewa Falls 60. The only fatality reported in the state thus far was at Ellis Junction, Marinette county, where a lumberman named Peter B. Peterson was frozen to death.

The following additional fatalities resulting from last Thursday's storm are reported:

At Yankton, Dak.—Jacob Schaef, farmer; Joseph Kocker, Annie Shufielt and sister; one Coleman, two unknown persons. At Virgil—The Pierson brothers and an unknown man. At Wentworth—Mrs. O. T. Owens. At Lenox—Four children of Peter Weineger. At Chamberlain—Annie Anderson. At Corning—Unknown woman and child. At Ashton—Charles Osman. At Lesterville—Jacob Krutz. At Northville—Bessie Stansfield, teacher. At St. Lawrence—A. Gosley, William Bowman. At Mellette—A school teacher and four pupils. At Claremont—Miss Stenbierner, teacher. At Aberdeen—William Morrell, farm hand. At Northville—H. S. Chapin, collector, from Minneapolis. At Palmer—Sarah Dolan. At Castlewood—Young Tittleoff. At Sioux Falls—Mrs. James Kennedy and son, At Faulkton—Joseph Metz, Farmer Clamp, a boy named Ray and an unknown woman. At Watertown—A stage stage driver named Weber. At Parker—Four children of Peter Weruga. At Miller—Jerry and Sam Bowman. At Bristol—Harrison Moots. At Hurley—Lizzie Dwyer. At Iuwood, Ia.—Old man Serry. The list of missing in Dakota includes Liverman Smith, Northville, a teacher. At Flandrea, two young men, at Mitchell; Messrs. Berryman, Dyce, Nichols and Lawrence, near Huron; a man and and four children at Redfield. John O'Connor, Ellsworth, Minn.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 16.—Scattering reports of the loss of life and limb in the great storm last week continue arriving hourly. In addition to the list of 140 deaths published this evening the following reports have been received to-night:

Tyndal, Dak., says six persons are known to have perished near there.

Appleton, Minn., reports that Ole Vig sat frozen stiff in his sleigh as his team turned up at his house in Cerro Gordo.

Mrs. Joseph Keff, north of Yankton, Dak., started a short distance to get a child home from the schoolhouse and got bewildered and froze near her home.

The dead body of a man was found at Utica, seven miles north of Yankton.

A man named Bruce deserted his team and wandered some twenty miles. When found and brought to Yankton he was badly frozen. His condition is critical.

J. Robinson, of Yankton, and A. J. Winters, of LaCrosse, a sewing machine man, who left Yankton Thursday morning by team, were found dead between the village of Tyndall and Springfield. Other parties in this country are missing.

A Pierre, Dak., special says that cattle on the ranges must have suffered terribly.

A Miller, Dak., special says a report reaches there of the finding of the body of Alex. Thompson. He left Huron on Thursday morning.

The body of Mr. Holz, a farmer, who lived northwest of Miller, has been found. He started for his sick wife and was overaken by the storm. The lady who went to attend his wife was also badly frozen. Mr. Horton, who lives north of Miller, has not been seen since the storm.

**The Cold Wave in Montana.**

HELENA, M. T., Jan. 16.—The cold wave continues unabated throughout Montana. The thermometer ranges from 20 to 28 below zero. Local trains are running, but no through mails have been received for five days. There is abundance of uncovered grass on the ranges, and very little suffering among the cattle reported.

The cold holds on with remarkable persistence. To-day the sun shone brightly, but the mercury lingered around 30 below all day. It marks 35 to-night. Reports from the ranges indicate no great suffering as yet, and from all that can be learned the stock is weathering the storm well.

**It Strikes the Gulf.**

GALVESTON, Tex., Jan. 16.—The Dakota blizzard struck the Gulf of Mexico at this point at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, causing a fall in the temperature of thirty degrees in two hours. The blizzard came upon the city with remarkable suddenness and without the slightest warning from the weather bureau at Washington, the bulletins ordering up signals and predicting freezing weather arriving only 30 minutes before the blizzard itself. From 62 degrees at midnight the mercury fell to 29 degrees at daylight, and a heavy sleet began to fall, covering the city with a coat of ice. By Sunday evening the telegraph and telephone wires leading from the main land into the city were all carried down by the heavy coating of ice which had formed on them, and the city was entirely cut off from telegraph communication for nearly twenty-four hours. The mercury to-day indicated 20 degrees above zero. The ground is covered with nearly an inch of snow. All street traffic was interrupted to-day owing to the perilous, slippery condition of the thoroughfares. Owing to telegraphic interruption no reports regarding the loss and suffering to live stock have yet been received here, but the general opinion is that as the weather is so cold on the coast it must be dangerously severe on the stock in the interior and western parts of the state.

**Blizzard Reports Denied.**

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 16.—Sensational reports were sent from here last night detailing the terrible suffering in this state during the blizzard of the last few days. An authentic denial of these reports has been sent out by Dr. Morrison Munford, editor of the Kansas City Times.

ABILENE, Kan., Jan. 16.—Specials to the Daily Gazette from Brookville, Wallace, Scott City, Saline, Solomon, Enterprise, Concordia, Manhattan, Detroit, Chapman, Junction City, Clay Center, Hope, Herington and other towns report little or no suffering from lack of food and fuel. Cattle are reported in good condition.

**In the South.**

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 16.—The coldest weather of the season prevails throughout the state, extending as far south as Summit. The ground is covered with sleet, snow and ice.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 16.—The storm which began on Saturday is abating and reports of losses are begining to be received. A farmer named Williams was frozen to death in Fannin county. A negro boy was found frozen to death in a dry goods box at Cleburne, in Johnson county, and a negro named Johnson was frozen to death in Cooke county. Communication with the cattle regions has not yet been opened, but the impression is that hundreds of head of cattle were frozen. The mercury ranged from 3 degress below zero to 10 above on Saturday night and Sunday.

**Murder Preferred to Freezing.**

BRAINERD, Minn., Jan. 16.—Lumbermen from Little Falls, who have crossed the country from Princeton, confirm and give additional details regarding the rumored murder of an entire family. They state that in the Swedish settlement, about twenty miles from Princeton, a farmer named Henry Ostrum murdered his family, consisting of his wife and seven children. He gave as his reason for the crime that he feared they would freeze to death.

### THE THERMOMETER RISING.

### Indications That the Worst of the Frigid Phenomenon is Over.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 16.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Sergeant Gilligan, the United States meteorological observer, says that the thick end of the blizzard which commenced here Friday, has gone away forever, and that the attenuatd portion of the phenomenon is gliding off as rapidly as possible. Yesterday morning at daylight the official thermometer registered 23 degrees below zero. Toward noon the mercury indicated 2 degrees above zero. Toward evening another fall became apparently unavoidable, and the mercury went down again. The sky was clear, the stars shown out very brightly and the air was dry and crisp. At 5 o'clock this morning the thermometer in the "Hen Coop" registered 11 degrees below zero. Immediately after sunrise a decidedly more pleasant condition of things took place and the mercury began climbing the ladder until at noon the temperature in the shade indicated 12 degrees above zero, with a tendency before sundown to go still higher. To-morrow probably the weather will be warm and genial, and a Chinook will doubtless take the place of the bitter norther which has withered things generally the past three days. As yet no suffering among stock is reported from the range country, and the anticipated loss is not greater than usual.

**A Strange Case.**

BAY CITY, Mich., Jan. 16.—The missing farmer, William H. Fisher, who was thought to have been murdered in Monitor township, has been found at Rochester, Minn., by the messenger sent from Bay City. His case was one of the strangest ever known here. The wife and two children of Fisher admitted that he had been murdered, the former acknowledging that she had witnessed the deed committed by one Wallace, who was stopping on the farm, and that she had washed up blood from the floor. Fisher was traced to Kendall, Wis., by letter, and from there to Rochester by James Gilbert, who went to find him. The accused has been released from jail.

**Frightful Coasting Accident.**

OSWEGO, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Benjamin Sawyer, one of the young men injured in the coasting accident Saturday evening, is dead, and one or two others are liable to die. There were ten persons on the bobs which ran into a heavy load of lumber, knocking it into the ditch. Every person on the bobs was rendered insensible from the force of the collision, and some were horribly cut and mangled.

**Kansas City's Ball Club.**

CINCINNATI, Jan. 16.—The American Base Ball association meeting adjourned to-night to meet to-morrow. A proposition has been made to Kansas City. Nothing further of importance was transacted. Mr. Whitefield, representing the Kansas City club, seemed to think Kansas City would enter the association.

**Going Up the Nile.**

CAIRO, Jan. 16.—W. K. Vanderbilt has chartered