## FILIBUSTERING FOOLISHNESS.

Another Day in the House Wasted By the Greenbackers.

WEAVER ANTAGONIZES WILKINS.

A Test Vote in the Ways and Means Committee Results in a Victory For the Tariff Reformers.

WASHINGTON BUHEAU THE OMARA BEE, VASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19

Another day was frittered away in the house by the greenbackers flibustering against consideration of the Wilkins bill authorizing the issue of national bank notes to the full par value of bonds deposited for circulation. Weaver, of Iowa, led the people's fight and resorted to the most ridiculous tactics in filbustering. The bill has a majority of votes in both branches of congress as reported unanimously from the committee of banking and currency, and since it is sure of final passage this filbustering appears to be a costly and uscless pleasure. The greenbackers want silver certificates issued instead of bank notes and will offer the proposition as an amendment finally. Just before the motion to consider this bill the house passed a joint resolution appropriating \$50,000 to enable the United States to make a display at the exhibition to be held at Melbourne, Australia. There was a short recess and then a number of speeches accepting portraits from the state of Massachusetts of three out of the four speakers which she has furnished the house. Mr. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, made one of the most eloquent addresses ever heard in the house. After a short morning hour the senate cclosed its doors and went into secret session to consider an extradition treaty with the Netherlands. When it adjourned it was until Mon-

DAKOTA'S STATEHOOD GHOSTS. Representatives of the bogus anti-division convention held at Aberdeen, Dak., recently, arrived to-day. They come to fight the proposition to divide the territory and admit the southern balf to statehood, and are working to have the territory admitted to statehood as a whole, which they know cannot be accomplished. They are not receiving a very cordial reception, even from those who are opposed to statehood, and it is not at all probable that they will wield any influence one way or the other.

POSTAL TELEGRAPHY DECLINING.
Elaborate arguments are to be made before the senate and house committees on postoffices and post roads against the various bills looking towards postal telegraphy. I made considerable inquiry and do not find that anything new is to be urged against the government control of the telegraph system, but in making these inquiries I find that the proposition is not nearly so popular with members of congress now as it was when congress first convened. At first blush the senators and members were inclined to take hold of postal telegraphy, but they say that investigation has led them to regard it cautiously, if not suspiciously, and they urge against it many objections peculiar to them-selves. If I were going to force an opinion at this time I would predict that there would be no postal telegraph bill of any kind passed by this congress.

ADVERTISING OMAHA. Senator Manderson has done a great deal towards advertising Omaha by distributing copies of the New Years editions of her news-papers to members of the senate and house committees on military affairs, public buildings and grounds, etc., where Omaha measures are pending. A number of the senators and members have expressed their sur-prise and admiration over the issue of the Brr. pronouncing it the most interesting and enterprising edition they have ever seen of a newspaper. It gives, they say, just the in-formation needed to carry through the Omaha bills. There is little if any doubt of the success of the public building and barracks bill becoming a law.

A VICTORY FOR TARIFF REFORMERS.
The first real test on the tariff issue was made at the meeting of the hous on ways and means to day. Mr. McKinley, of Ohio, one of the most prominent protectionists and a member of the committee moved to take up for consideration his bill abelishing the tobacco tax. Chairman Mills is sick and Mr. McMillan, of Tennessee, pre sided. The motion was voted down by a party vote, the republicans voting to consider the bill. Then, by a party vote, it was decided to indefinitely postpone consideration of the measure. A general conversation fol-lowed, during which the democratic members of the committee gave the republicans to un derstand that there would be no internal revenue discussed until it was seen what would be done on the tariff, as the majority in the house do not want the success of the tariff bill which they will presently reporjeopardized by a bill abolishing or reducing the internal tax. Since all of these measures must come from this committee, it will control the order of consideration.
POLITICS IN THE OLD BOMINION.

A fight for political supremacy is going on down in Virginia between ex-Scuator Ma-hone and Scuator Riddleberger which is attracting a good deal of attention here. The recent flying off on tangents of various kinds by Riddleberger, such as voting for the con firmation of Lamar on Monday, has led the republicans, readjusters, etc., in Virginia to feel like throwing Riddleberger overboard, and he is fast losing easte. At Richmond on Tuesday night there was a meeting of republicans to organize a state league or national republican clubs. Riddleberger went down. but got there too late and discovered that his friends had been left out, at which he became angry and talked ugly. Even his own county was Even his own county was set up against him. The senator is indignant at the rough treatment he has received Yesterday morning he denounced the league and club organization as a scheme to raise a campaign with which Mahone could pack the next state convention in the interest of Sen-ator Sherman. He declared that he would not submit to such a high-handed proceeding on the part of Mahone. If necessary he would resign his seat in the senate and stump the state against it. He intends to organize all the anti-Mahone republican factions and make a fight against Mahone. But Mahone is as strong in his state as he ever was and can hold his own with any one SLOWLY DOING NOTHING.

The following from a lengthy editorial un der the caption "Slowly Doing Nothing" in this morning's Post, the administration organ, sis regarded as a pretty pertinent and a hard slap at a democratic house: "The house of representatives met on the first Monday of December, six and a half weeks ago, and, barring a two weeks' recess, it has since been in session. The outcome of more than a month's work has been the passage of four bills. We assume that no other body in the world takes up so much time and spends so much money doing nothing. It is not because there are too many members. The British house of commons has more than twice as many, the French chamber of deputies has over two hundred more, the German reichstag seventy more, the Austrian house is a trifle larger and the Italian chamber of deputies has 180 more members, but no one of these parliamentary bodies can be justly charged with such an absolute waste of time as the house of representatives. Matters have been going on there from bad to worse, until the present methods of doing, or rather of not doing business are almost scanda lous NEBRASKA POSTAL MATTERS.

The postoffice at Hamburg, Red Willow county, has been discontinued. The mail will go to Danbury.

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Orders have been issued making other postal changes in Nebraska as follows: Linwood to David City—From February 1 discontinue service from Abee to David City, fifteen miles. Ulysses to Stromsburg—From February 1 omit the terminal offices and begiv at Surprise and end at Wayland, decreasing the distance 1944 miles. Pleasant Home to York —From February 1 emit York and end at Thayer, decreasing distance 13 miles. Sut-Thayer, decreasing distance 13 miles. Sut-ton to Stockham-From February 1 omit Sutton and begin at Farmers' Valley, decreasing distance 10 miles; reduce service thence to Steckham, 6½ miles, to tri-weekly. Among the orders affecting the exchange of through registered pouches after the 22d inst. was the following on the route between busha and McCook, daily: Leave Omaha

at 10 p. m. and McCook, at 6 a. m. via the Omaha and McCook railroad postoffice. A postoffice has been established at Chalco,

Sarpy county, and Charles Stutzner appointed postmaster.

The following Iowa postmasters were appointed to-day: Miss E. F. Burns, Franklin Mills, Des Moines county, vice Mrs. M. A. Orndorff, left the place: Erwin G. Elliott, Dest Mills, O. H. Stiele, and C. Elliott, C. C. Elliott, C. Elliott, C. C. Elliott, C. Ell Port Allen, Louisa county, vice O. H. Stick-ney, left the place; Calvin C. Force, Zero, Lucas county, vice H. W. Gettinger, resigned.

National Capital Notes. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 .- Among the bills introduced in the senate to-day was one by Mr. Hoar to grant a service pension to all survivors of the late war. It provides that all officers and enlisted men who served in the army, navy or marine corps, including reguiars and volunteers, subsequent to March 4, 1861, and prior to July 1, 1866, shall be entitled to a pension at the rate of 1 cent for

tatled to a pension at the rate of 1 cent for each day's service, this sum to be in addition to any pension granted for disability.

The deliclency appropriation bill, as reported to the senate to-day, omits the paragraph appropriating \$85,396 to pay the judgment of the court of claims in favor of the Pacific railroads.

The senate this afterneon ratified the extendition teach with the National and

tradition treaty with the Netherlands Nebraska and Iowa Pensions. Washington, Jan. 19 .- [Special Telegram o the Ber.]-The following pensions were granted Nebraskans to-day: War of 1812-Martha E., widow of Samuel Hartford, Scotia. Original-Robert Hunt, Newcastle; Jacob Steinman, Republican City; Ira J. Burleson, Atkinson; Elias Frear, Republican City; Elihu Phillips, Tecumsch. rease-Charles E. Robbins, Coryl; Fredcrick A. Halbright, Sanson; George W. B. Leffle, Beaver City; Christian Miller, Beividere. Old war-Conrad Engleman, Decatur; Abraham W. Shaffer, McCook. Pensions for Iowans: Elizabeth, mother of Henry Hitbert, alias William Hass, Daven-port; minor of John Campbell, Iowa City. Mexican War-John Bishop, Malvern. Origi-nal-Celestius B. Andrew, Kalo: Eugenus Ammons, Seymour; Patrick Gilligan, North-word: Henry Wolbert Evananelle. In wood; Henry Wolbert, Fontanelle,—In-crease—David Beems, Greencastle; John H. Mattingly, Dewitt; Cyrus M. Wright, Bubuque; Ames Homsher, Chariton; Clement M. Cross, Madrid; George H. Smalley, New Hampton: David Handley, Hallour: John L. Sanders, New Sharon: James F. Sisson, Sanborn: Daniel R. Dean, Montezuma: Henry B. Edmonson, Bentonsport: James L. Barger, Carroll; Isaac Gump, Soymour; James Spihks, Albia; Abraham K. Hardenbrook, Peterson: John C. VanCampen, Sanborn; George Goetchis, Oscoola; William H. Rine-hart, Macedonia; Andrew J. Butts, Hardin; Meindert Tillema, Otley; William F. Saiter, Leander; Steward M. Castner, Taintor; Elias L. Brownell, Spirit Lake; Robert Whitworth, Macksburgh; William Deal, West Union;

C. Watson, Chariton Senate Confirmations.

George R. Frye, County Line; Leonard Homewood, Hopeville. Reissue—Christopher

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Postmasters: Ne oraska-R. Baltenberg, Hay Springs; Frank Pay, Benkleman; W. J. Boulaware, Valentine; W. H. Cooksey, Geneva; J. E. Galbraith, Albion; C. V. Gallagher, Omahu; J. Galley, Nelson; I. A. Hanning, Cambridge; D. Maccuaig, Nebraska City; Carrie Patton, Ogaliala: L. A. Ryan, Falls, City; M. O'Sullivan, West Point; C. M. Walworth, Loup City; J. H. Welch, Fairmount, Illinois—S. Berry, Winchester; H. S. Corwin, Peru; T. G. Dennis, Waverly; D. O'Donnell, Newton; I. B. Coon, Kilbourne City, Wis. E. Semple to be governor of Washington

erritory; W. C. Hall, secretary of Utah territory; S. D. Shannon, secretary of Wyoming territory; James Shenkley, commissioner for Alaska; Colonel Wesley Merritt, Fifth cavalry, to be brigadier general, and a long list of army and navy promotions.

Washington, Jan. 19 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE.]-Captain Abner H. Merrill, First artillery, has been ordered foreport for examination to the army retiring board at

Army Orders.

San Francisco.
Second Lieutenant Leroy E. Sebrec, signal corps, is ordered to report for examina-tion to the army retiring board at San Antonio, Tex.

Dining the Diplomats.

Washington, Jan. 19 .- The second of a series of state dinners was given by the president to-night to members of the diplomatic corps. Covers were laid for forty-nine persons. The president escorted the Baroness Fava to the dinner table and Mrs. Cleveland was escorted by Minister Preston, of Hayti, dean of the diplomatic corps. Other guests present were the British minister, Mrs. Romero, the French minister, the min-ister of Sweden and Norway, Mme. De Guzister of Sweden and Norway, Mme. De Guz-man, the Chinese minister, the minister of Columbia, Mrs. Sherman, the Mexican min-ister, the Russian minister, Mrs. DeGan, the Argentine minister, the Spanish minister, Lady Tunper, the Italian minister, the minister of Switzerland, Mrs. Carter, the Netherlands minister, the Chilian minister, Miss West, the secretary of state, the Belgian minister, Mme. De Reuterskield, the Hawaiian minister, the minister of Austhe Hawaiian minister, the minister of Austria-Hungary, Hon. Mr. Chamberlain, and Mrs. Erastus Corning, of Albany; Senator Sherman, the charge d'affaires of Brazil and Miss Murphy, of St. Paul; the charge d'affaires of Venezuela and Mrs. Scott-Town-send, the minister of Nicaragua, the minister of Denorark and Mrs. Alfred C. Chapin, of Brooklyn; the minister of Costa Rica and Miss Bayard, Sir Charles Tupper, Mr. Bel-mont and Miss Stores, of Scranton, Pa.; the charge d'affaires of Guatamala, the charge d'affaires of Japan.

The Pure Food Convention. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19,-The National Purc Food convention met to-day with 125 decegates present, representing nearly all the leading trade organizations east of the Mississippi and there are also some present from places as far west as Colorado. Dr. W. K. Newton, dairy commissioner of New Jersey, was elected president, and H. W. Grannis, of the Chicago Grocer, secretary of the associa

Bottle Makers Meet. Washington, Jan. 19.-The National Vial and Bottle association met to-day. William Elliott Smith, of Alton, Ills., was elected

A Dead Banker.

Washington, Jan. 19 .- Thomas Lawrence Riggs, of Riggs & Co., bankers, died this morning of Bright's disease, aged thirty-

Kansas County Seat War. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 19. -O. N. McDowell of Eustis, Sherman county, arrived in the city to confer with the governor concerning the forcible removal of the county records from Eustis to Goodland recently. He says the feeling runs high in Sherman county, and there is danger of bloodshed. The home steaders' union association, a secret order composed of nomesteaders, has taken sides with the Goodlanders, and the latter now outnumber the Eustis adherents. No law is recognized but that of force. County Com-missioner Ramey at Eustus left that place Saturday to go to Topeka for assistance, and has not since been heard from, and it is thought he was kidnapped by the Goodland

ers at Wallace station before he boarded the train, and is forcibly detained by the lawless element. Attorney General Bradford has advised McDowell to return home at once and institute logal proceedings to settle the county seat fight. Business Troubles. BALTIMORE, Jan. 19 .- George B. Chase clothier, made an assignment this morning for the benefit of his creditors. The trustee's

bond is \$125,000. BALTIMORE, Jan. 19. - Peter Grogan ma an assignment to-day for the benefit of his creditors. The bond of the trustee is \$80,000.

They Blew Out the Gas. NEW YORK, Jan. 19.-Two middle-aged men registered at the International hotel yesterday morning. This morning they were found lying dead on the floor, having blown

Joliet's Arson Case Falls Through. JOLIET, Jan. 19.-The charge of arson igainst Lamber & Bishop, wire manufac turers has fallen through. The grand jury adjourned without returning an indictment. FIFTIETH CONGRESS

Senate. Washington, Jan. 19.-The senate comnittee on appropriations reported back the delayed deficiency bill and stated that the amendments reported by the committee were but few in number and it was asked that the senate pass the bill next Monday

Mr. Hawley offered a resolution which was adopted, directing the secretary of the interior to report the plan of legislation thought by him to be needed for disposition of the public timber lands so as to secure the preservation of natural forest lands at the head waters of navigable rivers and to put within the rights of settlers legal means of providing themselves with timper for build

Among the bills reported from committees and placed on the calendar was one to au-thorize the construction of a railroad, wagon and foot bridge across the Mississippi river

near Burlington, Ia.
The resolution offered by Mr. Manderson: few days ago calling on the secretary of war for information as to the construction of the bridge between Omaha and Council Bluffs was taken up and adopted. After agreeing to a motion that the adjournment to-day shall be until Monday, the senate at 12:40, on motion of Mr. Monday, the schale at 12:40, on motion of Mr. Sherman, proceeded to the consideration of executive business, and the calendar of treaties was taken up. Those of chief consequence are the British, Russian and Dutch extradition treaties. It is understood that they discussed the amoun of embezziement or theft which shall render a criminal liable to extradition. When the doors reopened the senate ad-

House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.-The house resumed in committee of the whole, the consideration of the joint resolution accepting the invitation to the United States to participate in the Melbourne exposition. After a long debate the invitation was accepted.

The committee on appropriations, made ready this morning the regular annual pension bill for report to the house. The bill appropriates \$80,276,000. The committee reported the invalid pen-

sions appropriation bill and i The Wilkins banking bill was called up but no progress was made. The portraits of Theodore Sedgwick, Joseph B. Varmen and N. P. Banks, former speakers of the house, were accepted from the state of Massachuwere accepted from the state of Massachusetts. Mr. Long of Massachusetts, made the presentation speech and Randall replied in acceptance and offered appropriate resolutions, being seconded by Mr. Breckenridge of Kentucky

Speaker Carlisle Improved. Washington, Jan. 19 .- Mr. Carlisle passed a comfortable night and is much improved

REFORM NECESSARY. A Check on Their Indiscriminate Ad-

mission Imperatively Demanded. New York, Jan. 19 .- A western congress man has written to Emigration Commissioner Stephenson stating that an incurably insane Swedish girl had arrived at Boone, Ia., direct from the old country. The Swedish authorities had paid her passage. The letter deprecated the admission of such immigrants and expressed the hope that the present congress would amend the immigration laws. Commissioner Stephenson has replied that the existing laws are adequate if strictly enforced, but that by a decision of the secretary of the treasury in August last (in contravention of the intent of the statute, as the commissioner thinks,) the power to return people of that class to the countries from which they come was taken from the immigration commissioners and vested in the collector of the port; that this official never sees immigrants and is compelled to rely on the statements of interested parties mostly, The commissioner presents statistics showing the result of this change in the method.

The Pacific Railroads. NEW YORK, Jan. 19 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE.]-Richard F. Stevens, chief accountant of the recent Pacific railway commission, has written to United States Senator Rufus Blodgett, of New Jersey, in response to a request, his views of securing an equitable basis of settlement of the claims of the United States against the Central Pasettlement in line with the majority report of the commission to congress, pointing out that rany attempt of the government to wrest con-trol from the present owners would meet with serious resistance in the courts. Stevens

1. To create a sinking fund, with two truses, one appointed by the president and one by the railroad company. 2. Let that fund embrace all moneys now in the hands of the United States for future

ummarizes his plan of settlement as fol-

payment of interest, together with the semi nnual sum of \$835,670.40, being interest on outstanding United States loans. Extending the power of the trustees and permitting them to invest in the securities of

the railroad company. 4. Keeping inviolate the present profit and loss account as a reserve fund.

Western Roads Still Holding Out. CHICAGO, Jan. 16 .- The general freight agents of western roads at a meeting to-day agreed to make no change in grain rates from

Council Bluffs to meet the 5 per cent reduction of southwestern lines from Kansas City. The Rock Island and Chicago & Northwestern roads have about 9,000,000 bushels of corn stored in western Iowa which they are anxious to haul out at a 26 cent rate, and the Burlington, which had given notice that it would reduce rates from Omaha has con sented to hold off for a time or until it dis-covers that Nebraska grain is taken down to St. Joseph and Kansas City to get advantage of the reduction. Railroad officials are gen-erally of the opinion that low rates cannot be kept out of Nebraska and Iowa for any length of time.

Died From Imprudence. RAPID CITY, Dak., Jan. 19 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE.]-Mrs. Rosanna Pepin, aged thirty-three, died here on Tuesday, undoubtedly from the effects of abortion. She had been descried by her husband some months since. Arrangements were made to ship the body to Montreal, Canada, for burial. Some suspicion was aroused and a coroner's inquest held. The verdict was, death from exposure and imprudence.

A Barb Wire Boost. CHICAGO, Jan. 19 .- The Barb Wire Manufacturers' association to-day advanced the price of wire to \$3.40 per 100 to take effect at once. R. E. Lears, of Marshalltown, Ia., presided. The association decided not to take advantage of the recent decision of Judge Shiras, of Dubuque, declaring the Washburn-Moen patent void. The members will keep on paying license fees until the matter is passed upon by the United States

Meeting of Wabash Bondholders. NEW YORK, Jan. 19 .- The first mortgage ondholders of the Wabash railroad met to-day and decided to act with the non-assenting see and mortgage bondhiders against the reorganization of the company. Two million one hundred and forty thousand dollars of first mortgage bonds were represented. About \$4,000,000 of the second mortgage bondholders are expected to join in an effort to pre

vent reorganization. Reception to Commander Rea. Washington, Jan. 19 .- A reception and panquet was given to-night to Commanderin-Chief Rea by the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of the Potomac. Toasts were responded to by Senator Manderson, Senator Hawley, Representative Conger, of Iowa, Commander in Chief Rea and Senator

Mexican Mails.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 19 .- Next month mails from points in the United States east of the Mississippi will come to this capital via the International railway. From twenty-four to thirty-six hours can be saved by this route. Very cold weather is being experi-enced in the table-land cities and a heavy norther is blowing at Vera Cruz.

A PAIR OF PRIZE FIGHTS.

Two Savage Contests in the Squared Circle Yesterday.

A KNOCK-OUT IN NINE ROUNDS.

Brief But Profitable Slugging Match in Indiana-Attempt to Arrest Tommy Miller Sends Him to Minneapolis.

Murray Knocks Out Daly.

New York, Jan. 19 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE. |-A savage prize fight took place at Fort Lee, yesterday, for \$100 a side, between Jack Murray of New York and Ed Daly of Providence. In the first round Murray did most of the fighting, and had the best of it all through. The second round ended slightly in Murray's favor. In the third round some hard fighting was done, principally about the body. In the fourth Murray knocked Daly almost over the ropes. Daly came up like a man in the fifth and went for Murray in a savage manner. Daly kept it up in the sixth and seventh rounds, and Murray was pretty badly used up. Both men were pretty badly done up when time was called for the ninth and last round. They seemed determined to settle things. They rushed and clinched several times, and had to be parted. There was good hitting on both sides, and Daly covered Murray's face with blood. While Daly kept punching Murray's face and neck, Murray played or Daly's ribs. Suddenly Daly struck Murray in the mouth with his left. Murray got angry, rushed upon Daly and struck him a terrific left-hander under the car that staggered him. Then, following the blow, he gered him. Then, following the blow, he planted two swinging blows on Daly's chest, Daly seemed dazed, and struck out wildly. Murray caught Daly a heavy blow in the ribs. Daly turned deathly pale, and dropping his hands, staggered back. His head dropped on his chest and he was about to fall, when the referee and Murray rushed forward and caught hun. They carried him forward and caught him. They carried him to his corner. It was fully twenty minutes before he came to. Murray was declared the winner. A Brief and Profitable Fight.

NORTH JUDSON, Ind., Jan. 19 .- A match for the light weight championship of the west and \$1,000 a side between Harry Gilmore, of St. Paul, and Billy Myers, of Streator, Ill., took place here at 3:22 this morning. The crowd numbered about 200, the greater part of which came from Chicago. At the time mentioned they sparred for an opening, Gilmore apparently on the aggressive and Myers retreating and keeping his left going like a windmill. After backing into his corner, Myers let go with his left, but was short. He followed with his right, and landed on Glimore's body. Again he retreated as Gilmore advanced, but stopped short and let go a wicked right-hander, which Glimore avoided by cleverly ducking. Feinting with his left, Myers got an opening for his right, which he landed with terrific force on Glimore's neck. Glimore went down, falling flat on his back. For a few seconds he lay motionless. like a windmill. After backing into his cor back. For a few seconds he lay motionless Gilmore tried to get up at the end of six sec-onds, but only succeeded in turning over. He got to his hands and knees when ten seconds had expired, and Myers was hailed as the winner. The men had stood before each other only twenty-eight seconds. The winner will receive 75 per cent of the \$2,000 stakes. and \$1,140 which was taken in as gate money

The "Spider's" Belt. DULUTH, Minn., Jun. 19 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE. |-The "Spider's" championship belt has been received and will be placed on exhibition at J. P. Clow's place. Weir will go into training here a week before his fight with Siddons.

Death of a Noted Stallion. LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 19 .- Milton Young's celebrated stallion Pizarro, valued at \$15,000, died last night of pneumonia.

WORK OF VANDALS.

Priests of Pallas Hall at Kansas City Despoiled. gram to the BEE. |-A dastardly attempt to destroy the Priests of Pallas hall was made last night between 11 o'clock and midnight by three desperate characters, and it is only by a miracle that the great Sam Jones tabernacle is not now a mass of ruins. As it is the pianos and organs are ruined and all the books and pamphlets belonging to Professor Excell, Tom Donovan and Mosier & Harris are destroyed. The story of the crime was told by the man who sleeps there, and who was this morning at 7 o'clock found tightly bound to a bench, where, in all probability he would have been destroyed if the dastardly villians had set fire to the building. He is George H. Anderson, a young man about twenty-four years of age. This is the story: "The Jones meeting was out at 10:30 last evening, and about fifteen minutes later the hall was entirely cleared of people. I was alone and had gotten two buckets of coal with which to fill the large stove near loor at the Lydia avenue entrance. Close to the stove and back of the row of chairs is the bench on which I sleep nights. I had just put the coal in the stove and was preparing to shake down the ashes when, from the side door of the apartment in which the Priests of Pallas property is kept, three men emerged. Two of them wore negro masks and the other a large Indian mask. The latter was evidently the leader, for he did all the talking, and as they jumped toward me the latter pointed a revolver at me and told me to keep quiet. I begged for my life, and the big fellow with the Indian mask, who talked in broken accent like an Italian, said they would bind me to the bench and then they would set fire to the place. They took a lot of bunting and first tied my hands under the bench. I was lying flat on my back on the bench. Then they put two bands about my breast, then one about each foot and another about both feet. They bound me so tightly that I thought the blood would stop circulating in my body Then the big fellow said he thought I'e get conversion before morning. They went over to the platform after that, threw down the large organ and the piano and the sound of the falling instruments was like a cannon, but they were perfectly calm and went about their desperate work without fear of detection. They then began pouring coal oil over the piano. The stove was be-tween me and them, and I could not see all that they were doing. One of them insisted on setting fire to the place at once, but the others thought they would do enough mischief without a blaze. But they went into the room at the other end of the hall and got all the books and put them into the steve,

where they were entirely consumed. Then they came back and sate around the stove until 4 o'clock in the mirraing, never once removing their masks. They left at that time, going out of the Lydia avenue entrance. I was faint and almost dead when the janitor came at 7 a. m. and cut the bunting. They took mychinebilla coat and \$125 in money. From 4 o'clock until 7 this morning I screamed as loud as I could for help, but no one was passing. I did not see the men take anything out but my coat. They had on short pea jackets, derby hats and two of them were about my build, rather slight. The leader was a tall, heavy set fellow and did all the talking. They must have been hidden in the Priests of Pallas property room during the meeting, for they came out of that side entrance shortly after." The police are making every effort to discover the per-

petrators of the crime. Indifferent to His Fate. Boston, Jan, 19 .- James Edward Nowlin of Somerville, aged seventy-eight, will be hanged at Cambridge to-morrow for the murder of George A. Codman. He remains apparently entirely indifferent to his fate,

Cigarmakers Strike. New York, Jan. 19 .- Five hundred eigar makers in the employ of Sutro & Newmark vent on a strike this morning.

Suffrage and Scutiment. OLYMPIA, Ore., Jan. 19.—Governor Semple late last evening signed the bill giving the ballot to women in Washington territory.

ROBBED HIS SWEETHEART. G. W. Tompkins Steals a Diamond From Kate Kennedy.

G. W. Tompkins was arrested shortly before I o'clock this morning on the charge of robbing Miss Kate Kennedy, 122 North Fifteenth street, of a diamond valued at \$125. The circumstances in this case are unusual and peculiar. Tompkins has been paying attentions to Miss Kennedy for some time, and has been apparently a suitor for her hand. On several occasions he has remarked on the rare beauty of the diamond ring she wore, and has often begged the privilege of wearing it. As the ring was a gift to Miss Kennedy, she prizes it very highly and always refused to part with it even for a short time. On Wednesday eyening as Tompkins was returning from an entertainment with Miss Kennedy he again broached the subject of borrowing e ring, remarking: 'Kate, I'm stuck on that ring. You had

and it will ease my mind."

But Kate again refused to give up her valued present, when Tompkins remarked:
"Well, I will have it anyway," and in the brief struggle that followed he succeeded in pulling the ring from her finger.
"By Jove, Kate, that ring's a daisy," said Tompkins, holding up the ornament. "See how it sparkles even at night." After one or two hurried movements with his hands he again held up the ring with the

better let me wear it until I see you again

remark: "My God, Kate, the set is gone. Where do you suppose it went to?"
But Kate, not so easily fooled, charged him with taking the gem. He stoutly denied it, and yesterday Miss Kennedy hunted up the police and swore out a warrant for Tompskin's arrest. This morning it was served on him by Captain Green and Sergeant Haze while at his room on North Sixteenth street. On being taken to the police station and searched the missing diamond was found

on his person.

HAPPILY UNITED.

The Munroe-Baker Nuptials At Kansas City.
The wedding of J. A. Munroe, general freight agent of the Union Pacific railroad, with headquarters in Omaha, and Miss Baker, the handsome and accomplished daughter of Mr. Harlowe W. Baker, of Kansas City, on Wednesday evening last is described by the Times of that city in an article a column and over in length. The paper describes it as one of the prettiest bome weddings ever held in Kansas City. It was witnessed by about forty of the relatives and immediate friends of the young couple, the ceremony being performed at the resi-dence of Mr. P. D. Ridenour, 1416 East Eighth street, at 5:30 p. m. by the Rev. Dr Marvin, ex-chancellor of the state university of Kansas, the bride's old perceptor.

The floral decorations were exquisite. In the grand hall the right-hand newell post of the stairway supported a magnificent bronze lamp draped in pink silk, while on the left was a jardiniere of palms. The lobby on the right of the hall was banked with flowers and illuminated with amber lights. In a recess of the hall was stationed a band of music. The chandeliers in the front or south parlor were filled with white wax tapers, while on the mantels were pretty antique vases filled with white roses and lilies. The circular window in the north parlor was screened by an arch of arbor vite most artistically con-structed. Pendant from the center was the monogram "M. B." wrought in white roses,

lilies of the valley and hyacinths, encircled by a wreath of pink roses and smilax. by a wreath of pink roses and smilax.

In the large dining room cables of arbor vite were adrawn from each corner and caught up to the chandelier over the large square dining table which was covered with fine white fringed linen, with bouquets of white roses and smilax. white roses at each corner, fastened with bows of white moire ribbon, which were brought up to and fastened to the chandelier. Across the table was a hand painted scarf bolting silk with thistles on one end and meadow larks on the other. Resting upon its center was a diamond-shaped mound of pink and white roses nestling in a bed of southern moss and smilax, while pendant from the chandelier was a basket of bridal roses and illies. On the mantel was a bed of white roses with antique vases of bridal roses and hyacinths on either side.

Immediately after the banquet and reception Mr. and Mrs. Munroe left in a special car for a two months' tour of the Pacific

coast. ZERO AGAIN IN CONTROL,

Cold Night With Every Indication of a Fall of Snow. Zero is again in control of the thermome ter, and began getting in his work at at an early hour yesterday. Aided by a stiff northwest wind the temperature rapidly suc cumbed to the attacks of his zeroship, and from 14° above steadily dropped to 10° below at 6 o'clock and four notches lower at midnight. The wind blew at the rate of about fifteen miles an hour, and the early retirement of the moon and stars betokened the approach of snow which is said to be on its

vay from the west. May from the west.

At the various rallroad headquarters a
Bee reporter was told that traffic was open, and that passenger and freight trains were moving, but at a rate in keeping with the severity of the weather. As a consequence schedule time was not recognized, and all trains were considerably off time. Extra precautions are in force to prevent trains from being stalled between stations and if it is found that the weather will not permit of their progress they will be tied up as soon as reaching sheltering points. Last evening a long train of cars containing tea got in from the coast over the Union Pacific, and centinued on towards the east. Reports of a blockade sat Columbus, Neb., from the storm was denied by the management, who represented that it was due to an over-collection of cars in the yards at that place. Early in the evening a snowplow was dis-patched over the Omaha & Republican Valley division of the Union Pacific, word having been received that snow was causing some trouble on that line. All night trains over the B. & M. were sent out on time, and no trouble was anticipated

as to their reaching objective points. Personal Paragraphs.

R. O'Neil, of Lincoln, Neb., is at the Mil-Mrs. Charles Finley, of Chicago, is at the Paxton. Mark McCord, of Fremont, Neb., is at the

J. Watson Riley, of Albion, Neb., is at the A. T. Cole, of Beatrice, Neb., is at the H. K. Dunbar, of Ashland, Neb., is at the G. W. Green, of Dunlap, Neb., is at the C. P. Olson, of Lincoln, Neb., is at the H. C. Hansen, of Hastings, Neb., is at the

H. C. Burke, of St. Joseph, Mo., is at the J. D. Pattison, of Chadron, Neb., is at the Windsor. Jesse B. McGce, of Hastings, Neb., is at the Millard

A. D. Holbrook, of Creighton, Neb., is at the Millard. D. P. Ralph, of Nebraska City, Neb., is at the Paxton. B. O'Neill and wife, of Stratton, Neb., are at the Paxton. E. T. Taggert, of the United States army,

Frank E. Helvey, of Nebraska City, Neb. is at the Millard. J. T. Robinson and wife, of London, Eng., are at the Millard. R. J. Hughes and wife, of Patterson, N. J., are at the Millard. Judge Hopewell, of Tekemah, Neb., was at the Paxton yesterday. E. L. Merritt, of the Herald, started for Springfield, Ill., yesterday. W. M. Gleason and E. C. Green, of Chey-

enne, Neb., are at the Paxton. Charles Conner, representing the Detroit Stove company, is at the Paxton. Messrs. H. G. Fitzmann and A. Campbell, of Leavenworth, Kan., are at the Windsor. At the Barker—A. J. Cooper, Des Moines; J. R. Cobb., Baltimore; George H. Collins, Chicago; Mrs. George Hastings and daughter, Portland; and J. B. McCabe,

Messrs Lew May and M. E. O'Brien, mem-

bers of the state fishery commission, passed through this city has night en route to Fremont. The gentlemen have been attending a meeting of the commission at Lincoln.

Messrs. Frank West and D. Dogge, of Lincoln, Neb., are at the Millard The following officials of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha raliway, all of whom are located at Minneapolis, were in the city a few hours yesterday: W. A. Scott, the city a few hours vesterday: W. A. Scott, general superintendent; J. F. Clarke, general freight agent; H. C. Hope, superintendent telegraph; W. H. S. Wright, purchasing agent; L. A. Robinson, auditor.

Drank a Pint of Mechol-Yesterday afternoon Charles Gormley, em ployed as a stableman at Dick McCormick's barn, Eighteenth and Capitel avenue, found a quart of alcohol in the stable, intended as medicine for the horses. He drank over half of it, and was found about 6 o'clock in a helpless drunken stuper. A physician was calle who worked with him several hours, and was thought for awhile that the alcoh would kill him. About 11 o'clock his system began to resist the effects of the stimulant and he was pronounced out of danger, al-though still drunk and stupid. He was then taken to the police station.

Musicale and Reading. A pleasant musicale and reading was held at the chapter room of Trinity cathedral last evening. Although the evening was very cold there was a good attendance. Among the features of the entertainment were songs by the Mendelssohn quartette, composed of Mrs. Cotton, Miss Roeder, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. France; the ladies quartette, consistin of Mrs. Squires, Mrs. Cotton, Mrs. Estabroo and Miss Elizabeth Pennell; a duet by Emil Yates and DeWitt Burgland and readings by Miss Mabel Fonda and Mr. Robinson. The music was good and was well received. readings were exceptionally fine.

Complying With the Law. There is apparent disposition among part

nership firms in the city to comply with the law in reference to filing the same with the county clerk, and they keep coming in at the rate of ten and fifteen a day. Delinquents after a few more days will be prosecuted. Internal Revenue Collections.

Yesterday the receipts of Mr. Balentine the deputy internal revenue collector, amounted to the unusually low figure of \$1,302.27. Still, there have never been any complaints that the office is not self-sustain-

The Britannia Arrives. New York, Jan. 19.-The Britannia, which has been many days overdue and which has 800 Italian emigrants on board, anchored off the light ship this morning. She showed no signal of distress.

Are: There Other Habitable Worlds? Prof. Grant in Good Words: Here, again, we have only conjecture to guide us. With respect to the bodies consti-tuting the solar system, which from their comparative proximity to the earth might be supposed to furnish a solution to this problem, careful observations have heretofore offered no indication whatever of the existence of life upon their surfaces. But life in some form or another may, notwithstanding, exist on those bodies. We must bear in nind that the planets are in all probability in various stages of development. It may be reasonably presumed that the planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune, in consequence of their enormous bulk, have cooled down more slowly than the earth and the other smaller planets of the solar system, and are therefore less advanced as abodes of animated existence than the latter are. But even in the age of the earth it must be admitted to have revolved millions before life appeared on its surface, and even after it had cooled down and become the abode of animated existence it 000,000. produced, during countless millions of years more, life only in its lowest forms. The existence of man is but of yesterday. This is an instructive lesson. It teaches us that although man exists on the earth's surface it does not follow that beings of the same order of intelligence as man exist upon all the other planets or even upon any of them. pon some of the planets life may not have yet come into existence; upon others' life may exist, but in a less advanced stage than upon the earth; and the same remark is obviously applicable to the numberless bodies of the starry firmanent. The state of the question then is this: We cannot pronounce positively upon the existence of life anywhere beyond the planet upon which we dwell. But reasoning from analogy, we may suppose that certain, if not all, of the other bodies of the planetary system, which in so many respects bear a strong affinity to our own planet, are in like manned the abodes of life in some form or another, and that similarly there are countless bodies in the stellar regions which may also be the abodes of life. qvestion, however, upon which the noble science of astronomy, so distinguished

port derived from scientific authority. Fred Douglass and the Irishmen. Cincinnati Commercial Gazette: A few nights ago Mr. Douglass was one of

for the exacitude of its conclusions, does

not venture to pronounce a positive

opinion, seeing that there exists no sure

basis of facts available for its considera-

tion. In these circumstances it is left

for each individual inquirer to form his

own opinion independently of any sup-

the speakers (and the best one) at the reception given to O'Connell and Esmonde in Masonic hall. His wit and eloquence never showed more brightly. he kept the great audience in shouts of laughter and applause from the moment he began until he closed. Mr. Douglass told about a conversation that was overheard in a crowd be-

tween two Irishmen after he had made a speech in Ohio. Said one Irishman: "That was a mighty phoine speech fer to be made by a nayger "Ah, yes, it was quoite phoine; but

he is only half a nayger."
"Weil, if half a nayger can make such a speech, and phwat the divil kind of a magnificent speech would a whole navger make?"

In a meeting of Irishmen, mainly to pay homage to two noted Irishmen this story convulsed the audience with laughter, and their applause ran into yells of delight. The audience broke loose again when Mr. Douglass said ne had consented to

color to the occasion. But the great point of his speech was reached when he said slowly and sol-emnly: Fifty years ago I stood on the same platform with Banici O'Connell, the Irish liberator, on the banks of the Liffey, and before the vast throng he turned to me and said: "I rejoice to grasp by the hand the black O Connell

the meeting to give a little

of America." The rats have become so annoying around Washington, Pa., that the far-mers have instituted "rat hunts," forming parties to drive the animals to gether and kill them. W. C. Condit, leading the party at a recent hunt, suc-ceeded in killing 7,000, and Captain S. D. Miller, as captain of another scored 5,462, making a total of 12,462. A big supper followed.

A young lady teacher in one of the Rochester public schools has threatened with the loss of her position by the shoccutters' union, because she skes out her slender income by cutting shoes at odd times. The young lady has two orphan sisters to support, and great indignation has been aroused over the unjust affair.

## NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE

Papers Read on Progress of Work on the Nicaragua Canal.

ITS IMPORTANCE COMMERCIALLY

A Resolution Urging the Necessity of a Government Postal Telegraph System Passed After Lengthy Discussion.

Commercial Men in Conference. Washington, Jan. 19. Before the Naonal Board of Trade, Captain H. C. Taylor, U. S. N., read a paper on the progress of the work on the Nicoragua Canal and the im-

portant commercial results to follow its construction. Captain Taylor said the requirements of commerce make it certain that there will be transit for ships between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. American engineers are now on the ground resurveying coutes and making the final location of the line of the canal. J. W. Miller, manager of the Stonington

steamboat line, followed. He said the internal commerce of the western states, seeking exit through the Mississippi, is ready for the markets of South America. The minerals, grain and lumber of the Pacific states and territories await new and cheaper channels to eastern markets. What may be the development of the trade of Central America the future must show, but to-day a tennage exists to yield to the Isthmus canni 12 per cent on a capital of \$100,000,000. Miller argued the superiority of the Nicaragua route and declared that England and Germany stand ready to avail themselves of the opportunity, should it offer, to control this route, No action was taken upon the subject. Postal telegraphy was taken up. Thurber-

of New York, submitted answers to the questions he had sent to Kenrie B. Murray, secretary of the London chamber of commerce. Mr. Kenrie, in substance, said the purchase and operation of telegraphs by the British government were successful as far as the service was concerned, but not financially to postoffices. Quickness, certainty and secrey of service were improved under post-office management. The increase of em-ployes in the postoffice department had not been productive of political evils. The inducements to get up new inventions in tele-graphy was not so great under the govern-ment system as if the service was in private hands. The recent reduction in tolls has been of great benefit to the public and the number of messages sent having increased 33 per cent, but the revenue increased only 6 per cent. The almost universal sentiment among the public is against a return to private management. Mr. Thurber, in speak-ing, said the British government had paid for large additions in the plant out of the current receipts, and if the telegraphs had not each year paid the interest on the bonds issued for their purchase, and if they had been credited with these betterments and with the free service of the government departments, they would have been able to show a credit suffic-ient to pay the interest on the bonds, and if they were credited with the increased ser-vice given the public beyond what the private companies were giving at the time—the—tele-

graphs were taken over, it would show an enermous balance on the credit side.

Erastus Wiman, of New York, spoke in opposition to government control claiming that the British reports showed a steady deficit, and to meet it the whole population was taxed so that few could use the that the service was bad, being tardy and un certain, with ne redress for gross negligence. If the British telegraph system in a circumscribed area showed \$2,300,000 a year deficit, in the United States, with its great area, the same system would show a deficit of \$10,-000,000. If the United States adopted the system it would increase the government employes 100,000, and these employers would feel bound to work in the interest of their

immediate employers.

A resolution was adopted asserting that the usefulness of the postoffice department should be extended in the direction of telegraphic communication and congress was urged to favorably consider the question as early as possible. The executive council was

memoralize Congress to provide for recipro-city with Canada.

The question of the abelition or reduction of the internal revenue tax occupied a large share of attention. It was Resolved, That recent events have shown

the danger to the business interests of the country from the government continuing in time of peace to excessive taxation which was necessary in time of war. A large surplus in the treasury ties up the circulating medium, which is the life blood of commerce, exposes people to a still greater taxation in the shape of high rates of interest, acts as a menace to industry, dwarfs business enterprise, gives the treasury power over commerce which was never contemplated and is a constant temp-tation to extravagance in the administration of the government.

Resolved. That business men of all parties, whether protectionists or free traders, should unite in demanding early action by congress to reduce the present enormous revenues in a way which will at least embarass existing in-

Resolved, That while it is desirable to reduce internal taxes, it is not desirable to abolish the internal revenue system as a The resolution embodying the proposition

o recommend the total repeal of internal revenue taxes failed. LOCAL BREVITIES.

The county clerk is daily receiving several of the county funding bonds for cancellation. The total amount yet

outstanding is \$5,382.02. The county commissioners and Sheriff Coburn made a tour of inspection of the jail yesterday. The sheriff will have the jail examined at once as to its strength.

The chief of police received a telegram from Titusville, Pa., yesterday inquiring whether Grant Miller is the city lamp lighter for Omaha and whether is mother still lives. It was signed Jacob Miller. The Omaha Exposition and Fair asso

ciation has received \$1,800 of their insurance money, for damages at the fair grounds last fall. The secretary thinks the entire insurance, something like \$7,500, will be amicably adjusted.

Building Permits. Two permits daily seem to be the present

mit to the number issued by the superindent of buildings. The two yesterday were: James Richards & Co., additional story to planing mill, Eighteenth, near Mason B. Melquest, ice house, Fifth and

Two permits, aggregating ...... \$2,800

A Razor Thief Arrested. L. W. Dalhay, alius Parks, a colored crook, was arrested yesterday charged with breaking into S. P. Emmanuel's barber shop

on the corner of Fifteenth and Farnam and stealing a number of razors and other articles. The burglary was effected early last week, but Dalhay succeeded in cluding the officers up to yesterday Fifteen Dollars For Satisfaction. Gus Rudolph, who gave Eurene Stevens and S. Himmerhafer a sound thrashing for insulting him on Tuesday night, was given a

Kimmerhater, but after arraignment they were dismissed. Licensed to Wed.

The following licenses to marry were issued resterday by Judge Shields: Name and residence.

hearing yesterday, which resulted in a fine

of \$15 and costs. He filed a counter charge of disturbing the peace against Stevens and