## INVESTIGATING THE BRIDGE.

Our Council Bluffs Connection to Be Inquired Into.

A DETAIL FOR THE PURPOSE.

Eastern Members of the House Form a Combination to Deprive Western Cities of Much-Needed Public Buildings.

Are They Violating the Charter? WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMARA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.

The secretary of war has instructed General Duane, chief of the engineers, to detail an officer to investigate whether the Omaha and Council Bluffs Bridge company is constructing the bridge across the Missouri river in accordance with the plans approved by the war department. This action is taken in accordance with the resolution prepared by Senator Manderson and passed by the senate, calling for information from the secretary of war regarding the matter. The secretary hopes within a few weeks to obtain all the desired information, and it is understood that unless work is being carried on in accordance with the plans approved that a stop will be promptly put to the enterprise. There seems to be an impression that the company has attempted to evade the act which calls for the building of a railroad and wagon bridge, and which was thus specified in order to prevent, as was charged at the time, the Union Pacific from having, as it has had, a monopoly of rail transportation across the Missouri river between Council Bluffs and Omaha.

PADDOCK'S NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING BILL. Senator Paddock has prepared a bill which he will introduce as a substitute for his postoffice bill now before the committee of the senate and which will provide with more detail for the construction of postoffice buildings in cities where postoffices of the second class are in operation and where the gross re ceipts for three years previous have amounted to \$10,000. The favor with which Senator Paddock's bill has already been received throughout the country has induced him to formulate a more carefully prepared measure which he constructed on the lines of his original bill, but which will more strongly meet all objections which will be urged against legislation of this character.

PUBLIC BUILDING BILL COMBINATIONS.

The opposition to the consideration of from the committee on public grounds and buildings in the house has forced a union of representatives from the west as against those of the east, the latter being led by Mr. Randall and backed up by the veteran ob-jector—Holman, of Indiana. There is a very jector—Holman, of Indiana. There is a very strong feeling existing among western members at this combination for opposition to the consideration of bills for public buildings in the west, and they are determined to bring the matter to an issue and force a fair hearing in the case of right and justice. The east is so thoroughly provided for in the way of public buildings that they are in favor of rigid economy so far as it affects other sections than their own and they have combined to prevent a fair consideration of the interests of the west in the way of public buildings at the present session. buildings at the present session.

A COMPETENCY IN HER OLD AGE.

T. W. Sullivan was formerly adjutant of T. W. Shinvan was formerly adjutant of the Fourth cavalry, but seven or eight years ago mysteriously disappeared. His old mother, who is more than seventy years of age, has been living in abject poverty and supported by charity in Washington ever since his disappearance, but will in all proba-bility within a few weeks be placed in comfortable circumstances for the rest of life. A couple of weeks ago Colonel C Tibbits, who was formerly the commande of Sullivan's regiment, traced him to Mob erly, Mo., and obtained undoubted evidence f his death at that place a few years ago. Then Colonel Tibbits hunted up Sullivan's mother, who was found in a tenement house in one of the back streets of Washington in most distressing circumstances, but having all the proof necessary to establish her ident-There was nearly \$27,000 back pay du Sailivan at the time of his death, and it is thought the mother can obtain this money, which is now in the hands of the paymaster general, without the action of congress.

The house committee on invalid pensions will on Monday next take up the bill to grant a pension of \$2,000 a year to Mrs. Logan, and Representative McShane, who has it in charge, is confident that he can get a favorable report upon it, in fact, he believes that every member of the committee will support the bill with the exception of Matanage and the support of the committee will support the bill with the exception of Matanage and the support the bill with the exception of Matanage and the support the bill with the exception of Matanage and the support the bill with the exception of the support th son, the chairman, who would do the same is he was not on record as opposing the measure in the last session. McShane says he has not the slightest doubt of securing favorable consideration in the house and getting the bill to the president before the first of

LAMAR AND EDMUNDS MEET.
Senator Edmunds and Justice Lamar met,
for the first time since the former tried to defeat the latter's confirmation, at the Thursday reception at the White house. They collided at the entrance of the green room, and those who stood around and knew how bitterly Edmunds had fought the nomi nation wondered what would happen. repetition of the scene that occurred who daine and Edmunds met at the funeral of President Arthur was expected, but it did not occur. Justice Lamar is too much of a gentleman. The two shook hands as cordially as ever, and chatted for a while in the best of temper. A few moments after a friend who met the

senator remarked: "I'd like to know what you said to Lamar and what he said to you then you met over there." "There was nothing of extraordinary illiancy of interest said on either side,"

answered the senator.
"But what was it!" persisted the friend.

"Well, if you insist upon knowing, I remarked to him, 'How-dy do." He replied, 'How-dy do,' and that was about all the con-As Lamar expected all the time that Ed-

munds would oppose him, he has no feeling on the subject, and said the other day that he could forgive every one of his enemics with a full heart. Mr. Edmunds has spent a ood deal of time in the supreme court room lately, having had several cases to argue. FOR AN INDIAN SCHOOL AT NIOBRARA.

Representative Dorsey intends to introduce a the house on Monday and Senator Manderson will introduce in the senate a bill appro priating \$50,000 for the construction of buildings for an Indian school at Niobrara and authorizing the secretary of war to receive donations to it. Prof. Riley, superintendent of the Indian schools, recommended in his annual report that an Indian school be established near Niobrara and the citizens then have offered to denate lands for it. The \$50 000 will construct and furnish the building.

RAPID CONSUMPTION OF CARDS. Although interest in congress is centered on a very few bills and proceedings appear to be dull, a tally of the routine shows a good deal of activity. The assistant doorkeepers at the various entrances to the hall of the house kept tally yesterday of the cards sent in to members during the day. It was es-timated that there were fewer people at the capitol than usual, yet 1,700 cards were sent in 600 of these going in by the main door. This excludes all the cards sent in from the ladies' reception room, which were not counted, but they must have numbered at

SMALL TALK. The posteffice at Phoenix, Hall county, has been ordered discontinued after January 31,

mail goes to Saratoga.

The office of the chief of ordnance in the navy department was this morning the scene of the first exhibition of the maxim automatic gun in this country. It is a rapid firing, small calibre weapon, operating solely by the action of the recoil. Its chief advantages are its small weight and its portability, the whole raity.

gun in its box weighing less than seventy pounds, the box being about six feet in length and a foot square. It is claimed that seven hundred shots a minute can be fired.

President Cleveland and Secretary Fairchild, followed by a detective, created a stir in West Washington this afternoon by taking a long walk. The air was clear and crisp, and they did not wear overcoats, keeping warm by brisk steps. It was the first walk the president has taken in Washington.

PERRY S. HEATH.

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions.

Washington, Jan. 27.- [Special Telegram to the Ban. |-The following pensions were granted Nebraskans to-day: Mexican war-William H. Lorance, Brownville. Original-William Fields, Plattsmouth; John T. Pinny (deceased), Ashland. Increase—Adley A. Strong, Almeria; John H. Newell, Lyons.

Pensions for Iowans—Mary I, willow of Alvin B. Reeves, Marengo; minors of Thomas Archer, Delta. Original—George A. Haycock, Richland; Jackson Gallspie, Bentonsport; Martin V. B. Miner, Grundy Centre; Eli Markel, Elkader; Robert R. Watts, Bonaparte; William Hughes, New Hampton; Morgan A. Corkaugh, Bellevue; Andrew T. Miller, South Muscatine; Peter Knudson, Pomeroy; Benjamin G. Young, Martinsburg; Andrew W. McDonald, Avoca; Newton J. Varner, Warsaw; Allen Chaffee, New Market; Edward H. Thomas, Ottumwa; Morris Greedlee, Corydon, Restoration—John W. Moore, Des Moines, Restoration and Increase—Isaac Frazier, Indianola, Restoration and Reissue—Alvin B. Reeves (deceased), Marengo. (deceased), Ashland. Increase-Adley A.

Committee Reports.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The delayed de ficiency bill of last year, with the senate amendments, was passed in the house to-day: The senate committee on election named February 17 for hearing Turple's title to a seat in the senate. After the disposition of the Indiana case the committee began the consideration of the contest of the Tenth Illinois district between Worthington and Post, listening to the presentation of the case of Contestant Worthington.

The house committee on commerce has ordered a force-th great on the hill to helder

dered a favorable report on the bill to bridge the Missouri river at St. Charles and Jefferson City, Mo.

National Capital Notes. Washington, Jan. 27 .- The secretary of the treasury has informed customs officers that the operation of the first clause of sec tion 2,492 of the revised statutes, prohibiting the importation of meat cattle into the United States is suspended as to Great Britain and Ireland upon the condition that it shall be shown that pleuro-pneumonia has not existe I in the districts where the cattle have been obtained for one year prior to exportation and that the cattle are fully protected from contagion in transportation from the farm, and that such cattle will not be permitted to land unless accompanied by certificates of health and a permit from the commissioner

of agriculture. All cattle invorted under these circumstances will be subject to quarantine for ninety days.

The accident to the steel beams of the cruiser Charleston, now being built at San Francisco, is a matter of considerable anxiety to naval officials in this city. The inquiry, still in progress, has developed facts which give rise to great apprehension concerning the character and quality of the steel already worked into the hull of the Charleston, and further developments are awaited with

anxiety. The secretary of the treasury has awarded a silver life-saving medal to Gaptain C. W. Johnson, of Winneconne, Wis., for service rendered in saving lives during the past two Mr. White of New York, introduced a bill for the protection and administration of for-

ests on public lands. Referred. A Vacant Seat.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 .- The house committee on elections to-day disposed of the Indiana contested election case by ordering a report to the house declaring the seat vacant on the ground that White (sitting member) is ineligible, while Lowry, contestant, did not have a majority of the votes cast. The adop-tion of the report by the house would necessitate another election in the Sixth Indiana dis-

Postal Changes.

Washington, Jan. 25,- Special Telegram to the Bee.]-Harry Brink was to-day appointed postmaster at Luvern, Kossuth ounty, Iowa, vice Henry Kleinda, resigned A postoffice has been established at Nenzel Cherry county, Nebraska, and George Nen-zel appointed postmaster; also at Octavia, Butler county, and James M. Stubbart appointed postmaster.

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY. An American Citizen in Limbo For

Swindling the Bank of England. [Copyright 1888 by James Gordon Bennett.] Paris, Jan. 27.- New York Herald Cabl Special to the Ber. ]-Randall Cooper, an American citizen from New York City, was arrested at Fontainbleau the other day at the request of the English authorities. His alleged offense is the making and uttering of a forged check for £4,000 in the name of Callow on the Bank of England. A woman and two boys were brought from London to give evidence as to the cashing of the check. Cooper protested that he was innocent, pleaded an alibi and appealed as an American citizen to the minister. The consulate immediately put the case in the hands of an American solicitor in Paris, who was interviewed by your correspondent to-day.

"Extradition procedure in France differs totally from that of England or America," said the solicitor. "There are no judicial proceedings at great delay. It is taken for granted and if the papers are in order extradition is mostly conceded."

"Did Cooper's case come within the treaty!"

"I cannot answer that question directly. but there is no harm in saying that I advised him not to resist in France. By doing so he would only be increasing his term of preventive imprisonment and postponing his chance of relying upon English law."

Cooper left Havre to-night by the South ampton steamer in charge of two English police officers. He looked careworn and in bad heaith. He appears gentlemanly and has a rich, musical voice. His moustache is grayish; he has fine brown eyes and dark hair, well brushed. He is said to have been convicted and sentenced for a similar crime to five years' imprisonment. This was what led to his being suspected of forging the check in question. The prisoner protests against his apprehension as illegal, and above all that no other case shall be gone into except that upon the charge proper.

Purchased Two Cables.

[Copyright 1888 by James Gordon Bennett.] BERLIN, Jan. 27.—[New York Herald Cable-Special to the BEE. ]-The bundesrath to-day received an official communication relating to the postal budget. The postal department is authorized to expend 630,000 marks on the state purchase of the two submarine cables from Borkum, Lowestoft and Greetsyl, to Valentia, which hitherto have been the property and under the manage ment of the Amalgamated German telegraph company. The Berlin state takes them over from January, 1888.

Debating Germany's Anti-Socialist Bill BEHLIN, Jan. 27 .- Debate on the antisocialist bill was commenced in the reichstag

Lord Beresford's Successor. Lexnox, Jan. 27 -Admiral Holtham suc-

FOURTEEN PEOPLE INJURED.

A Disastrous Wreck on the St. Paul Cable Line.

CAUSED BY A RUNAWAY GRIP.

The Opening of the St. Anthony Hill Branch Marked By a Frightful Casualty-One Killed and Thirteen Wounded.

A Dash to Death.

St. Paul, Jan. 27.—The St. Anthony hill line of cable cars to-day first began to run with regularity and a most serious accident signalized the occasion. About 1:30 this afternoon a grip and passenger car, both heavily loaded with passengers, started down the hill. The grip had been inspected before it left the end of the line and seemed in perfect order. But about midway down the hill the grip failed to hold the cable and the train rushed down to a curve half way down the hill, reaching which it had attained a speed of twenty miles an hour. The grip car did not leave the track but the passenger coach whipped off, turned and was dragged some distance. Many of the passengers jumped off, but the majority of those inclosed in the car could not do so, and all of them, twenty or more, were more or less hurt. The only fatality so far is Mellville L. Saunders, who was standing on the rear platform of the passenger car and with another man was thrown against a tree when the car flew the track. He was horribly crushed and died soon after being taken home. The residents of the neighborhood threw open their houses to the injured and the police and physicians were on the ground in a few minutes. Those most seriously hurt were: Louis Robert, left hand torn off at wrist, and his arm being badly mangled; Conductor North, badly cut about the face and hands with broken glass, and hurt internally; George P. ville L. Saunders, who was standing on the broken glass, and hurt internally; George P. Watson, seriously hurt in both legs; C. A. Baker, hands and legs cut and pruised; Miss Baker, hands and legs cut and bruised; Miss Ada Keresten, severely cut about the face; Mrs. Charles Steele, internal injuries and cuts, badly hurt; Bert Darrow, very seriously hurt about the chest, and a severe scalp wound; Mr. Sweeney cut with broken glass and badly shocked; A. Bertram, cut about head and skull fractured; Henry E. Smith, severe scalp wound; A. T. Smith and son, burned, by car stove A. T. Smith and son, burned by car stove falling on them; Milton G. Brown, arm hurt; Andrew Mason, badly cut; Miss Linda Thorsen and Mrs. Don Seaman of Milwau-kee, severely burned about limbs and body; F. J. Meyst, right knee shattered. DYING OF STARVATION.

A Young Man's Terrible Suffering the Result of an Accident. READING, Pa., Jan. 27.-[Special Telegram to the Bee.]-Jacob Kollenberger, a young man nineteen years of age, about two months ago while working in a stove foundry in Philadelphia, was injured by an explosion of molten iron. The explosion killed one man and a quantity of the molten fluid flew in young Kollenberger's mouth. The theory of the physicians is that a quantity of the mol-

ten iron slipped down his throat, and in cooling closed up the passage leading to his stomach, as since then it has been impossible to give him any nonrishment except by injecting it in fluid form. When in good health the young man weighs 140 pounds, but his weight has now been reduced to 65 pounds. When he arouses himself from the influence of the opiates which are given him he constantly appeals pitcously for food. Every means have been tried to remove the obstacle which shuts out food from his stomach, but all have failed, and it is thought that starvation will finish its work in a few days. A few days previous to the accident he was married to Miss Catherine Duhl, of this city, who has spent her honeymoon nursing him during his terrible suffering.

Roosevelt's Appointment. New York, Jan. 27 .- [Special Telegram to the Bee.1-Clubmen were surprised when they learned yesterday that J. Roosevelt, or "Roosey," as he is known by his intimates, had been appointed by President Cleveland secretary of legation at Vienna. About town yesterday many said it was the father, James R. Roosevelt, who had been appointed, and not the son. The elder Roosevelt has long been conspicuous for the interest he has taken in municipal affairs in the cause of democracy. When it was settled that it was the son who had been appointed, a reporter made inquiries as to the politics of the new secretary. "Politics, did you say!" said a member of one of the Fifth avenue clubs, "Roosey cast a vote! Why, I never knew; in fact, I don't think he ever troubled his head about it. But he is a splendid fellow for all that." Mr. Roosevelt, some years ago, married Miss Helen Astor, daughter of William Astor. He was never engaged in business, but has taken considerable interest in the management of the state charities and kindred subjects. He is about forty years kindred subjects. He is about forty years old, is considered a good whip, being a mem-ber of the Coach club, and also of the Knick-erbocker. Both father and son are now in Europe.

An Anti-Poverty Split.

New York, Jan. 27 .- | Special Telegram to the Bre.]-The long expected revolt in the labor ranks has taken place and Dr. Mc-Glynn, the deposed pastor of St. Stephens church, and Henry George, prophet of the party, are said to be pursuing different paths and do not speak as they pass by. The land and labor party, which, under the title of the united labor party, promised to maugurate a new era in city, state and national polities, is feeling the effects of this alleged division seriously. The fauxiliary anti-poverty society, which promised to make the world an earthly paradise, also suffers more or less. According to the statements made by the dissatisfied ones of these organizations the trouble originated at the time the Clarendon hall platform was adopted by the Cooper union meeting, and Mr. Gaybert Barnes, the secretary of the Land and Labor club, the distinguished Bismarck of the party, is said to be responsible for the cruntion. society, which promised to make the world an to be responsible for the eruption.

Double Murder and Lynching.

Santa Ana, Cala., Jan. 27.-C. B. Hitchcock, a prominent farmer, came to Santa Ana last Monday with his wife and acknowledged a deed to his property to a German named Anschlag. They returned home, but not being seen thereafter the neighbors grew suspicious of foul play, instituted search, and yesterday the dead bodies of Hitchcock and his wife were found side by side in a hole in the ground. Hitchcock's throat was cut from car to ear, and his wife's head was split open with a hatchet. It seemed evident Anschlag had murdered them to retain the money he had paid them for the land. Charles B. Hitchcock came to this state in

1876 from Elgin, Ill. His father and mother are now living at Compton, Ill. He was very highly respected and one of the most prominent men in the county.

Found Guilty of Manslaughter. DEADWOOD, Dak., Jan. 27.—[Special Telegram to the Ber.]—The jury in the case of the territory vs Edwin T. Smith, who shot Jeremiah Clancy at Sturgis in November last, after being out forty hours returned a verdict of manslaughter in the first degree. Sentence is not yet passed. The minimum penalty is ten years; the maximum life.

The Cora Lee Trial.

SPRINGPIELD, Mo., Jan. 27.-Arguments in the Cora Lee trial occupied all day and evecoods Mere-ford as junior lord of the admi | ning. The case will probably go to the jury

PUGILISTS WITH PENS. Mitchell aud Sullivan Write Letters

to the Press. [Copyrighted isss by New York Associated Press. [ E LONDON, Jan. 7.-[New York Herald Cable-Special to the Ber.]—Smith and Kilrain were at Lelcester this evening, where they and Mitchell had the usual enthusiastic reception, and where the often described rounds were given. The latter has written the following letter to Editor Atkinson, of

the Sporting Life: I wish to state that if Mr. Bull wants to know what prompted me to make a speech from the Aquarium stage I will tell him. I received a letter from Birmingham informing me that a gang of ruffians had been engaged to operate in the same manner as they did in the Greenfield-Smith fight. This, coupled with Mr. Bull's offensive language at your office, naturally incensed me. Mr. Holske says I am unpopular in America. He evidently knows little of Americans or their opinions. I've been entertained by the clite of society both in America and Canada, and probably have more influential friends there than any other boxer. And what is more, I've made more money in America than any English professional. If that is being unpopular, play on, let me have more of it. Mr. Holske's other remarks met with the con tempt they deserve. I am prepared to meet Mr. Bull on any stage and argue the point with him in a fair and proper spirit,

The trio leave Leicester Saturday evening, and on Monday Mitchell goes to Westgateon-the-Sea, where Kilrain trained, and there begins what he calls his training for the Sullivan contest.

Sullivan also takes up the pen instead of

the gloves and has written this letter to Editor Allison of the Sportsman: The flimsy, evasive reply which Fleming has made to my last offer to Jem Smith appears to be the most ridiculous one ever published and must necessarily lessen the interest heretofore bestowed upon Smith and his manager. It may be as well for me to analyze the records of both Smith and Kil rain. Fleming declares Kilrain is champion of America. Did he ever fight for that title, or has he ever displayed form sufficient to place him in the first class? No. I always knew him to be a common, every-day scrapper and an instructor of boxing. As for myself, I made Kilrain run off a stage once in two rounds. He challenged me when I had a broken arm, therefore he got away with the bluff. Smith has beaten several men, it is true, but he has failed to finish Alf Greenfield, who passed his days of usefulness before the meeting. I won the American championship in the ring, with bare knuckles, and being unable to procure customers I was forced to assume the role of boxer instead of fighter, disposing of all comers in a limited number of rounds or agreeing to forfeit the gate receipts, providing I was unsuccessful. I am recognized in America as champion of that country by all good judges. I have come here to meet England's best man, but to all appearances I shall be disappointed. Fleming has thus far squirmed out of every offer, however liberal it may be, and now that he is closely cornered he alleges that Smith requires rest after his despense (1) battle at Rouen. I hereby agree to defeat Jem Smith in the sixth round with small gloves, according to the Marquis of Queensberry rules, ten days after my battle with Mitchell, the contest to occur spectators. Should I fail in my undertaking, I will forfeit to Smith £500. I wish the public to know, providing Smith is beaten, that he loses nothing, while in the event of his success I lose £200. Any of the offers 1 have advanced to Smith are open to Kilrain. Can any man living make greater sacrifices or concessions than I have! Surely Smith must come to the front or wilt like a wet rag. I shall adhere to my original declaration of returning home the first week April, and in the event

of my being unable to effect a meeting with Smith before my departure from England, I shall then proclaim without stint that Fleming was afraid to have Smith meet me. When we are both in America I shally set my tracks for the Foxy fighter and drive him into a fight, regardless of what his desires or intention may be. In America it is customary to put up money first, then talk

I have in your hands before he goes talking as to what he will do. Kilrain is privileged to cover the money that I have stuck under his nose, if Fleming continues to display his weakness, or both can plank down £250 each in your hands to cover my £500, otherwise it will get moulded from age waiting for champions to show what right they have to the titles they claim.

afterwards, so let Fleming cover the money

AN EIGHT-ROUND CONTEST. J. W. Curtis Knocks Out "Black Frank" at Duluth.

DULUTH, Minn., Jan. 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—About six hundred people witnessed the eight round contest this evening in the Duluth theater between "Black Frank," of Ashland, and J. W. Curtis, of Duluth. The former was seconded by William M. Alcock, the manager. George Siddons, the well known lightweight, who fights "The Spider" next Friday, seconded Curtis. James C. Murnane was referee and Frank Hays and James Foley timekeepers. For the first por-tion of the fight odds were laid on Frank, but Curtis won in the eighth round with a swinging left-hander, which kept his man out until time was called.

Denver Sports in Danger. DENVER, Colo., Jan. 27 .- [Special Telegram to the Bee. |-No little excitement was created to-night by the circulation of a rumor that the Arapahoe county grand jury, now in ses sion here, will return 250 indictments against the men who attended the Godfrey-Johnson prize fight on Wednesday. The indictments will be for "unlawful assembling." It is understood that after the indictments have been served in this county the names will be turned over to the grand jury of Boulder county, where the fight took place, and in-dictments found for "participating in prize fights." Some of the most prominent men of he state and county are "on the list."

Killen's Estimate of Clow. DULUTH, Minn., Jan. 27.- [Special Tele gram to the BEE.]-Pat Killen sends word from St. Paul that while he does not think that there is much to be gained by defeating John P. Clow, he is ready to meet him on his own terms and wherever he may desire.

A Well Known Printer Dead. Sr. Louis, Jan. 27.-George Clark, president of Typographical Union No. 8 of this city, died to-day. Clark was twice president of the International Typographical union and was a prominent candidate for the position of public printer prior to the appointment of Benedict.

Significant Preparations. LONDON, Jan. 27.-Mail advices from St. Petersburg say the government intends to largely increase the Russian garrisons on

the Pacific coast and greatly augment the

EVILS OF THE WAR TARIFF.

Prominent Business Men and Statesmen Discuss the Situation.

ALL PARTY LINES OBLITERATED.

The Dangers of a Surplus Presented By Able Speakers at a Meeting in Philadelphia-A Platform Adopted.

American Labor Hoodwinked.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27.—A largely attended tariff meeting was held at the academy of music this evening "to enforce and indorse the recommendations of Presidents Arthur and Cleveland for revenue reform." The meeting was cailed to order by William M. Singerly. Ex-Secretary of State Stenger was elected secretary, and the 250 business men who signed the call for the meeting were constituted vice presidents. Upon the stage were over two hundred well known Philadelphia citizens of both parties, among them ex-Governors Hoyt and Pattison. The audience was attentive and enthusiastic throughout. Letters of regret from Hugh McCulloch, S. S. Cox, Secretary Fairchild, Speaker Carlisle, David A. Wells and others were read. Mr. McCulloch said the tariff was a war measure, had served its purpose and should be carefully revised; that the surplus which it creates is but one of its evils. What is now wanted is a tariff for revenue with incidental protec-

The first speaker was Congressman W. C. P. Breckenridge. He said: The surplus now accruing is so much subtracted from the business enterprises of the country. It fosters corruption, and is a perpetual menace to honest government. But great as these are they are the least of the evils which confront us now, for this accumulating surplus threatens business panies and is educating the people to false ideas of their relations to the government. This is not a paternal government. The money in the treasury is not the money of the gov-ernment. It is the money of the people, wrung from them by a false and wrong policy of taxation. Twenty-seven years ago our flag was in every port; now it is in scarcely any. Trade has been lost to us by a false system which makes the rich, richer, but the poor, poorer. To obtain some idea of what we can do, look at the leather trade of the country and how it has thrived since we allowed hides to come in free. The surest guaranty of the perpetuity of this government is the content and tranquility of labor. We don't have that now, because our system is false, and we must abandon it. What is wanted is for the pecple, the laboring people, to get out of their minds the idea that the labor of America

minds the idea that the labor of America needs protection against the pauper labor of Europe, and to get into it that the best protection for labor is independent manhood.

Referring to President Cleveland's message, the speaker said he was proud to live in a day when a man could be elected chief magistrate of a nation a brave enough and honest and mindful enough of his obligations to the people who could, with the presidency in his gift, lay it aside for his duty.

A platform was then adopted setting forth that tax reduction is a necessity; that the remedy for excessive revenue is revised taxation. After referring to the recommendations of Arthur and Cleveland, the platform states that the existing duties upon raw materials which are to be used in manufactures terials which are to be used in manufactures should be removed. The duties upon articles used or consumed by those who are least able

to bear the burden of taxation, should be re Ex-Congressman Hurd, of Ohio, said he did not come to Philadelphia to antagonize the great industrial interests of Pennsyl vania, but in the hope that he might be able to pursuade her people that the surest way to perpetuate them would be to reform the sys-tem of taxation, which was now threatening the country with disaster. Mr. Hurd then entered into an elaborate argument to dem onstrate that the tariff was not in reality pro-tection to American labor and American enterprise, but only, in some instances, the

Born at a Dance.

New York, Jan. 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bre.]—H. Harris, a boot and shoe dealer, was presented by his wife with an addition to the family in a very novel and unexpected place Wednesday night. Mr. Harris and his wife had gone to the ball of Achai Sholom lodge of the Free Sons of Israel to have a good time. Mrs. Harris is very fond of dancing, and she had looked forward to a long evening's pleasure. But the little stranger made his appearance while the prelude to the second lanciers was being sounded, and Mr. Harris was told that he was the happy father of a bouncing boy. It was close on the ninth anniversary of his wedding and this was the eighth event of the kind. The assembly christened the infant Sholom Everett Harris, and passed a vote of thanks to Coroner Messemer, who officiated. Mr. Harris took his wife and baby home in a

Mrs. Rawson Arrested.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 27.-Mrs. Rawson, who was indicted yesterday by the grand jury for complicity in the assault with intent to kill upon Banker Rawson, was arrested at the county jail this morning when she came to visit her son, young Lee. Her lawyers are looking up bondsmen for her, and she will probably be able to give bail before this She was released this evening on a bond of

The Pope Addresses the Czar. ROME, Jan. 27 .- The pope has written an autograph letter to the czar thanking him for the expressions of good will contained in the address of the czar sent him on the occasion of his jubilee. The czar hoped his holiness would aid him to harmonize the needs of the tal principles of his empire. To this the pope replies that the holy see is prepared to do everything in its power to meet the desires of the Russian government.

More Crimes Act Convictions. DUBLIN, Jan. 27.—The trial of Patrick O'Brien, M. P.: Thomas Byrne, president of the Ballmasloe branch of the National league; John Haydon, editor of the Westmeath Examiner, for offenses under the crimes act, was held to-day. O'Brien and Byrne were sentenced to four months' im-

prisonment and Haydon to three months. Gladstone to His Followers LONDON, Jan. 27 .- A circular issued from Florence by Giadstone on the 24th inst. addressed to his followers in parliament, says the state of public affairs appears to render it certain that important discussions may be expected to rise immediately upon the meet-

A Toronto Bank Closed. Tononto, Jan. 27.-The managers held a

ing of parliament.

protracted meeting to-day regarding the affairs of the Federal bank shares, which dropped twenty points since Monday, and decided to wind up the bank's business. Other banks will take over the assets to pay depositors in full, commencing to morrow.

A Prince Promoted. DPOTTSDAM, Jan 27 .- To day was the twenty.

ninth anniversary of the birthday of Prince William, and he was appointed major gen-eral and commander of the Second Brigade of Infantry Guards.

AN OMAHA MAN'S LUCK. He is Left a Good-Sized Fortune In England.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—[Special Telegram to the Ber.]—Arthur Barton, a good-looking young Englishman, came to America a few years ago to make his fortune. He left a good-looking wife behind. Reaching Chi-Barton found employment at cago union stockyards, working as a butcher in the establishment of Nelson Morris. Later he worked for

Swift. July 14 last he gave up his situation and told his landlady he would go to Omaha and try his fortune there. He was seen no more and nothing further was heard from him. Mrs. Plumb received a letter from Barton's wife at Finden, near Derby, England, enclosing a photograph of her husband and herself, and saying his father had died leaving him sole heir to property worth \$50,000. She requested Mrs. Plumb to make every effort she could to discover the whereabouts of Arthur and send him home, as another could be done with the appropriate and the country of the country nothing could be done with the property unti he put in an appearance. Mrs. Plumb noti-fied Captain Markey, of the Town of Lake police, and inquiries will be made for the lucky Britisher at Omaha.

A JOINT DEMONSTRATION. Cattlemen Will Help Celebrate Den

ver's Gulf Connection. Denver, Colo., Jan. 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—President R. G. Head, of the International Range association, and General Manager Meek, of the Denver, Texas & Fort Worth road, to-day had a conference with reference to the date of the next annual cattle convention to be held in this city in March. The object of the association is to have their convention on the same day of the celebration of the complesame day of the celebration of the comple-tion of the road, to be made the occasion of a grand demonstration to be arranged by the chamber of commerce and the business men of the city generally. General Manager Meek stated that every effort would be made to have the road in good working order March 15. It will be completed earlier if possible, and certainly not later than this date. This was satisfac-tory to the cattle men, and in a day or two the call for the convention will be made for that day. The session will last four days. The cattle men of Texas, New Mexico, In-dian territory and Arizona who have been appointed delegates to the convention have taken initial steps for a grand excursion over the new road for the purpose of attending the meeting, and the chamber of commerce

MANITOBA AFFAIRS. A Deficit of \$350,000 in the Treasury

has made arrangements to celebrate the

event, which gives the city a through line to the Gulf of Mexico.

-Railroad Talk. WINNIPEG, Jan. 27.-Experts have found a deficit of \$350,000 in the accounts of the province. Members of the late government account for it in connection with the fight with the dominion government on the railroad question, but the books are kept in a very bad shape, and it is difficult to say how

things really stand. Proposals have been made from Ottawa Proposals have been made from Ordawa that the province cease railroad agitation on promise that the Canadian Pacific monopoly would be abandoned in 1891. At a conservative meeting last night it was decided to oppose all compromises and support the Greenway government until the province's rights are conceiled.

Horticulture and the Tariff. San Jose, Cal., Jan. 27 .- At the convention of the American Horticultural society yesterday afternoon, several papers were read and

resolutions were adopted, petitioning congress to pass such laws as will more effecowyo the formets; also a natition against the reduction by congress of the ex-isting tariff on green and dried fruits, nuts, wines and other horticultural and agricul-tural products, on the ground that such re-duction would injure all and destroy many

St. Paul's Ice Palace Stormed. St. Paul., Jan. 27.—The first storming of the ice palace to-night was a great success. Probably 2,500 uniformed members of the various carnival clubs joined in the parade and 100,000 would be a small estimate of the crowd that thronged the sidewalks and swarmed on the hills and houses as well as in

An Absconder Arrested. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 27.-George Hay

the palace grounds.

wood Carpenter, the absconding president and treasurer of the Brookside Knitting company and other corporations in New Yorkwho has been living in this city since Novem ber under an assumed name, was arrested to A Minister Mated.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 27.-[Special Telegram to the Bre. |—The Rev. G. E. Gardner. rector of the Holy Trinity Episcopal church of St. Joseph, returned home with his bride. Miss Jessie Lewis, of Louville, N. Y., to whom he was married in that place a few days ago. Louville was Mr. Gardner's for-

A Train Robber Captured. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 27.-James Burrows. who has been the organizer, as well as the leader in all train robberies which have occurred for several years past, arrived here this morning from Montgomery, Ala., and left for Texarkana, Tex., in custody of the

Fatally Kicked By a Horse. RAPID CITY, Dak., Jan. 27,-[Special Tele gram to the Ber. ]-Robbie, the three-yearold son of Charles Chadwick, living twelve niles north of here, was kicked by this morning and will likely die. His skull was fractured badly.

Commissioner Fink Makes a Denial. Washington, Jan. 27.-Albert Fink, comnissioner of the trunk lines, appeared before the inter-state commerce commission to-day in connection with the hearing of the car load lot case. He denied the injustice of the charges as fixed.

A Parliamentary Forecast. LONDON, Jan. 27.-The Standard says it is authorized to state that the procedure measure will be the first business of the coming session of parliament after the adoption of the address in reply to the speech from the

Valid For the Full Amount. STILLWATER, Minn., Jan. 27.-Judge Mc-Cluer this afternoon decided the \$500,000 special preferred stock claim of Seymour, Sabin & Co. against the Northwestern Car company to be valid for the full amount.

The Sykes Trial. CHICAGO, Jan. 27.-In the Sykes trial to day testimony very damaging to the defendant was given by Attorney Smith and Orson Smith of the Merchants Loan and Trust

Smallpox at San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.-The steamer, City of New York, from China and Japan, arrived this afternoon with three cases of

smallpox on board. She has been quaran-

company.

Coffee Panicky Again. New York, Jan. 27. - The coffee market is weak and panicky. Prices broke 20 to 45 points on first sales and has since decrined 30

Blunt Very Sick. Dunits, Jan 37.-The doctor of the green

in which Wilfred Blunt is confined has ad-

vised Blunt to be put in the nospital,

## EASTERN RAHLROADS BLOCKED

The Great Blizzard Reaches the Atlantic Coast.

TRAINS STALLED IN SNOW BANKS

All Communication Cut Off on Many Trunk Lines-New York City is Theatened With a Milk Famine.

The Blizzard in the East.

New YORK, Jan. 27.-The storm of last night and yesterday was most severe in the Mohawk valley. The New York Central abandoned all its trains on the Hudson River division at 6 o'clock last night on account of the snow blockade. The wind, which blew at the rate of sixty miles per hour, swept the light snow across tracks in such quantities that resistance to it was useless. There were three passenger trains stalled in the snow between Albany and New York, and fully a score of freight trains.

The Chicago limited express over the New York Central arrived this morning, thirteen hours late. The St. Louis limited over the Eric reached Deposit at 5 o'clock this moruing, and at noon was in a snow bank a mile east of that point. The Eric officials refuse information in regard to the condition of the road.

A milk famine is threatened. Trains over many of the roads are buried in snowdrifts with the contents of the cans frozen solid. Sixty cars loaded with milk are snowed in near Middletown. The milk trains over the Pennsylvania road are the only ones in to-

Advices to the Associated press are to the effect that the storm has been steadily increasing throughout the northern part of this state for the past forty-eight hours and is at its worst to night. The temperature is falling and the wind blowing a gale and the snow is drifting upon the railway tracks and country roads, laying a general embargo on getting about. The freight blockade, both on the Hudson River and New

ade, both on the Hudson River and New York Central, since Wednesday is the heaviest eyer known. Other through routes are no better off. Snow plows are almost uscless. Railroad men have not known so bad a storm for twenty-five years.

Bidderoan, Me., Jan. 27.—From 4 o'clock yesterday morning till 9 o'clock last night n trains passed through here. At 9 o'cloco seven passenger trains and one freight train were blockaded within a mile of this city. The passengers of all delayed trains were provided with provisions by the railroad comprovided with provisions by the railroad com-pany, and at Old Orchard they were taken to hotels.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 27—This morning finds the storm cleared away. The ther mometer is about zero and a strong wind makes the cold intense. The railroads are even in worse condition than they were yes-terday. No trains whatever are being moved on the Delaware & Hudson. The railroad tracks west of here are all blocked and trains from New York and Boston are moved trains from New York and Boston are moved with the greatest difficulty. No freight trains are being run in any direction. Rechester, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Trains for the east are arriving from four to ten hours

late.

Thoy, N. Y., Jan. 27.—The effects of the storm were felt this morning with greater severity than yesterday. The Boston train, which left here at 10 o'clock last night, ran into the rear end of a freight train a mile west of Williamstown, Mass., this morning, and killed the conductor and a brakeman of the freight. Trains are arriving over the Fitchburg and Central Hudson roads. Only half of the Albany & Troy Belt Line is in operation. The through night train from Montreal on the Central Vermont road is fast in a snowdrift near Burlington.

PLYMOLTH, N. H., Jan. 27.—Seven trains PLYMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 27.—Seven trains are blockaded between Warren Summit and Ashland, and some are without fuel or water.

Ashland, and some are without fuel or water. It is impossible to communicate with any of them. No mails have been received here since Wednesday night.

ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Owing to the snow all trains on the Elmira, Corning & Northern at this point are abandoned to-day. The passenger train on this road due here at 3:27 yesterday afternoon was stuck all night in a snow bank and did not arrive until 7:30 this

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BUFFALO, Jan. 27.—Trains from the west are arriving on time, but all trains from the east are from twelve to fifteen hours late.

Spinnoffeld, Mass., Jan. 27.—The mail train from the north on the Connecticut River railroad, due at Holyoke last night, became stalled in a cut two miles north of that city. A gang of men went to work to d g is out this morning. The snow was blowng

out this morning. The snow was blowing about so thick that nothing could be seen a few feet distant, and the train from Gre a-field dashed into the gang, killing three men and injuring another fatally.

Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 27.—Five long passenger trains on the Boston & Albany road are snow bound here. The East St. Louis express spent the night in a snow drift near Washington cut with over one hundred passengers aboard. The fast mail which left Boston last night for the west spent the night in a drift a mile from Hinsspent the night in a drift a mile from Hins-dale. The passengers suffered greatly from cold, and many ladies were prostrated, and a number of children badly frost bitten. Freight trains covering over a mile of track are snowed in near Shakers and much perish-able freight will be lost. In many places the snow has drifted to a depth of forty feet.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Jan. 27.—All trains on the Eric road are blockaded at points east and west of this city. Only one train has arrived from New York in thirty hours, and there are small chances for another getting through before to night. Three Delaware & Lackawanna west bound through trains were snowed up at Kokomo Mountain, Pa., all night, but managed to leave this morn-

FREDERICK, Md., Jan. 27.—The snow which fell Wednesday night drifted so that the railroads are badly obstructed. LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 27.—Railroad travel in this vicinity is greatly delayed by heavy snow drifts. Workmen are engaged at Lit-tletown digging a passenger train out of the snow drift. Between this city and Columbia three freight trains are snowbound.

Bostos, Jan. 27 – Reports from various points in New England show that all rali-roads are suffering much trouble in the operating of trains, owing to snowdrifts.

Further details of the great storm in New England received to night are to the effect that but little improvement in railway traffic or the condition of the country has resulted. From every direction cone as vices of trains delayed from five to twenty-four hours or entirely blocka ed. Whole railroad lines or entire divisions are at a complete standstill. The Canadian Pacific express on the Boston & Lowell railroad was stopped to lay near Meredith, N. H., by a wrecked snow plow. Forty passengers had to walk to the village and a number of them froze their hands and

JOHNSBURG, Vt., Jun. 27.—The storm is the severest ever known. A passenger train from Keene leaving there yesterday is stall of

near Nashua.

BELYIDERE, N. J., Jan. 27.—The severe snow storm of Wednesday and Thursday has blockaded the roads all through Warren and Sussex counties. The Blockade in Dakota.

MILEANE, Dak., Jan. 27.—The situation here is growing serious. The road was opened to the blockaded train between here and Big Stone yesterday and the train brought in. The train with the eastern mail at Twin Broom, west of here. This city will soon be short of coal and there is not a pound of sugar in the dealers' hands.

Illinois Railroad Commissioners. CHICAGO, Jan. 27 .- The board of railrord and warehouse commissioners closed its session to day by adopting various changes in the schedule of rates and in classifications. In the matter of agricultural implements of asiands an official classification was adopted.