RANDALL WILL SPEAK TO-DAY

The Old War Horse Will Wade Right Into the Mills Bill.

CARLISLE IS TO FOLLOW HIM'

Mills' Proposition Will Probably Be Rejected-Urging Appropriations For Missouri River Improvements-Militia Matters.

Two Lively Tariff Talks to Come. WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMARA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.

Neither Mr. Randall nor Speaker Carlisle were in their seats in the house to-day. Both were closeted in their private rooms, giving the finishing touches to their tariff speeches. Mr. Randall is to talk to-morrow and Mr. Carlisle will close the debate on Saturday.

It is with great anxiety that the friends of Mr. Randall anticipate his speech to-morrow. It is stated that it will be the effort of his life. He will probably indulge in personalities and invective. Mr. Randall is much out of patience with the reports put into circulation recently to the effect that he has been driven by force of the adminis-tration and the tariff reform elements in Pennsylvania to support the Mill's bill. Two or three of the hot-headed democratic members of the committee on ways and means, including Mr. Scott, of Mr. Randall's state, have boasted that the latter had been coerced, brought to his knees, and that he would be found acquiescing in the demands of the party when the bill is taken up under the five minute rule, and that he would be compelled to vote for it upon its final passage. No one of sense has believed these statements, although they have been given wide circulation. A few nights ago, I telegraphed THE BEE an intimation of this kind upon the authority, and at the same time quoted, one of the democratic members of the committee on ways and means, who declared that Mr. Randall would support the Mills bill. I did not believe it then, and did not give it credence or endorse it, and do not now. There have been some men putting these reports in circulation, however, for the purpose of deceiving the public, while others have innocently taken up the statements and misinterpreted them.

I notice that the chump editor of a country newspaper in Nebraska, in denouncing the intimation that Mr. Randall will vote for the Mills bill, states that he will have to have better proof than the statement of The Bee correspondent that Randall will support the Mills bill, before he will believe Mills bill, before he will believe it. I never said Mr. Randall would vote for the bill. It is only necessary to say that if this obscure and obtuse editor had read THE BEE dispatches which he alludes to as closely as a man of ordinary in telligence usually reads, he would have discovered that I did not say that Mr. Randall will support the Mills bill, but simply quoted a democrat who did make the assertion.

Mr. Randall's friends say that he has never

been so strong for protection as he is now. It is probable that his speech to-morrow will be sensational, and he is to have a large Speaker Carlisle was so completely en-grossed in his work to-day that he refused to

receive bills from the senate requiring his signature before they could be announced to the house or sent to the president. He declared that he would not be disturbed and sent the messengers away.

OUTLOOK OF THE TARIFF. The members of the republican caucus committee in the house labored until 1 o'clock upon the proposition submitted by Mr. Mills to take a vote on the tariff bill at the conclusion of the general debute this week majority of the committee expressed the opinion that it would be wisdom to accept the proposition, but there was one very serious obstruction in the way. The Milis proposition contemplates a vote on a bill to offered as a substitute by the republicans what is more it is unlikely they can agree upon one. Four-fifths of the republicans in the bouse say that the bill which upon one. Four-fifths of the republicans in the house say that the bill which they will vote for must provide free sugar, and to this Judge Kelly of Pennsylvania who is one of the leading republicans in the house, cuters a most positive disapproval. He declares that he will vote for free sugar under no condition of circumstances, while other in dustries are protected. There are about a lozen other extreme protectionists from the the east who it seems cannot be conxed to the views of the great body of republicans who come from the central and western states. It looks now as though the preparation of a republican tariff bill will be left to the senate committee on finance.
NEBRASKA RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

Senators Paddock and Manderson yester-ay made arguments before the senate committee on commerce in favor of amendments they have proposed to the river and harbor bill, making appropriations for improvements of the Missouri along the Nebraska side. Senators Allison and Manderson also had a conference with Chairman Frye of the committee on commerce, which is considering the river and harbor bill, and they were promised that an appropriation of \$150,000 would be put into the bull for the improvement of the Missouri between Omaha and Council Bluffs, and for five miles up the stream, \$100,000 at Sioux City and for the Nebraska shore opposite, and \$50,000 for improvements at Plattsmouth. Mr. Frye also promised Senators Paddock and Manderson that he would give them \$75,000 for the Mis-souri at Nebraska City and \$50,000 at Rulo and Brownsville

Senator Manderson is preparing a favorable report which he will submit from the committee on military affairs on the bill petitioned for by a resolution of the military board of Nebraska, making an appropriation of \$600,000 annually for the militia of the United States. The appropriation, which was doubled last year, is now \$400,000. Pre-vious to that time it was just half that sum annually. The military board of Nebraska asked to have the amount made \$1,000,000, but this was rather more than the senate was

Willing to give.
BOOMING ROSEGRANS FOR VICE PRESIDENT. The name of General Rosecrans continues o be mentioned for the second place on the lemogratic national ticket. Interviews with Senator Voorhees and Representatives Hol-man, Howard, O'Neull and other members of congress confirm the claims made by friends of General Roscerans that his nomination would be highly acceptable to all classes of people in Ohio and Indiana.

Senator Voorhees said in conversation on the subject: "Of course, we Indiana people have already received instructions for Gray and will stand by him for first choice, but General Rosecrans stands very well indeed with our people and would make a strong

Judge Holman, who has twelve times been blocted to congress from Indiana, said: "Although I do not wish to be understood as saying anything to injure the prospects of Governor Gray, the candidate from our state, I have no hesitation in saying that General Rosecrans would make an excep-tionally strong candidate, not only in Indiana and Ohio but over tionally Indiana the whole country. He is the ideal of old soldiers, stands high with the laboring classes and no one that could be named would be a stronger man for the place. His birth and long residence in Ohio and his present identification with the Pacific coast, section considered doubtful, add still more strength to his name in this connection,'

Secretary Vilas to day decided the claim of Peter Helm, of Platte county, amounting to 80, for damages by Pawase Indians in 1878. The secretary finds that the evidence is not tufficient to establish the claim

PRIME S. HEATH.

CHURCH CONVENTIONS. Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist

Gatherings. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 17.-The centernial meeting of the Presbyterian general assembly, the supreme ecclesiastical court of the Presbyterian church in the United States, began in this city this morning,

There are over 500 delegates or commissioners present, representing every state or territory in the union. The first business session of the assembly was called to order at 2:30 this afternoon.

afternoon.

Baltimore, May 17.—The general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church met in the Franklin street church, this city, at 11 o'clock to-day. Dr. J. J. Bullock of Washington was elected moderator, after which the assembly took a recess until 4 o'clock NEW YORK, May 17.—The active work of the fifteenth day of the General Methodist conference began with a report of the judi-ciary committee on certain questions referred to it, touching the organic law of its creed.

After much discussion it was resolved to receive no more petitions or memorials after May 21. Then followed a heated discussion on the subject of the election of bishops. This was brought about by a report submitted by the Episcopacy committee recommending that five be the number of bishops to be voted for at the forthcoming election. In an instant twenty members were on their feet clamoring for recognition from the chair.

Several amendments were proposed but the original report was adopted by a two-thirds vote. Washington, May 17 .- After a discussion Washington, May 17.—After a discussion of the constitution of the proposed American Baptist Educational society by the Baptist convention this morning, and after one unimportant amendment had been made, the constitution was adopted. Immediately on the adjournment of the education convention, the American Baptist Home Mission society resumed its sessions. Rev. Dr. Henson of Illinois presented a resolution which was resumed its sessions. Rev. Dr. Henson of Illinois presented a resolution which was unanimously adopted, earnestly protesting against the threatened repeal of the law forbidding the admission of obscene matter to the United States mails. Anthony Comstock

then addressed the society.
Without transacting any business the assembly adjourned till 3 o'clock, and when it reassembled it proceeded to the election of a moderator, which resulted in the choice of Rev.Dr.Charles L. Thompson of Kansas City. He was inducted into office, and the conven tion adjourned until to-morrow.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 17 .- The senate passed the pension appropriation bill. The calendar was then taken up under the rule providing that only unobjected measures shall be considered. After passing thirty-five bills the senate adjourned till Monday.

House.

WASHINGTON, May 17 .- Mr. Henderson of Iowa, presented a conference report on the Cincinnati exposition bill, and it was agreed

The house then went into committee of the whole (Springer of Illinois in the chair) on Mr. Peters of Kansas argued that if it

was true as asserted by the gentlemen on the other side, that a protective tariff was robbery, the Mills bill only sectionalized that robbery. If protection was robbery, it was pillaging the people and taking property by violence and wrong.

Mr. Auderson of Illinois antagonized the protective system for having accumulated in the treasury a dangerous surplus; and he controverted the position that a return to a revenue basis would result in a reduction of

the rate of wages to labor.

Mr. Breckenridge of Arkansas opened his speech with a reference to and a culogy of the president's annual message, and declared last night in an endeavor to reach a conclusion that it had met with great popular favor; upon the proposition submitted by Mr. Mills that the political adversaries of the democratic party had sought some point of at-tack along the democratic line and that the chief of the opposing forces who had rushed valiantly into the fight had sent a letter which was practically a letter of resignation, withdrawing entirely from the contest.
After a brief reference to the proceeding of
the ways and means committee, in which he
denied that the majority ever refused the right of petition, and criticised the minority for having made extravagant statements in regard thereto, he passed to an exhaustive malysis of the provisions of the bill.

Mr. Stewart of Vermont spoke against the

Mr. Cox of New York said that he would to almost anything to get rid of the surplus which menaced and paralyzed the industries of the country. The gentlemen on the other said that the Mills bill was a radical measure. He did not see that a reduction of 7 per cent was much of a free trade reduction. Mr. Cox referred to Mr. Burrows' speech, and especially to that gentleman's peroration where, like Silas Wigg, he "dropped into poetry. The gentleman, after eloquent language picturing the advancement and pro-gress of the new south, quoted "Hail its coming, tongue and pen"—quoting Charles Mackey's corn law rhyme for the incoming of absolute free trade. In conclusion Mr. Cox said that the country had grown from sea to sea, and from gulf to lake, expanding

in its progress.

Mr. Mason of Illinois then made a long speech against the bill.

Mr. Herman of Oregon spoke in opposition

to the bill.

The committe then rose and the house took. a recess till 8 o'clock, the evening session to be for general tariff debate. At the evening session, Messrs. Felton of

California, Marsh of Pennsylvania, Spooner of Rhode Island, Romeis of Ohio, Sawyer of New York, Nicholls of North Carolina, and Lane of Illinois addressed the house on the

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions.

Washington, May 17 .- [Special Telegram to Tire Bee. |-Pensions were granted Ne braskans to-day as follows: Original invalid Walker Hoff, Central City; Samuel B. Bobst, Humboldt; Stephen H. Bates, Blue Springs. Restoration and reissue-Elijah Lutes, Courtland. Mexican widows-Mary C., widow of Thomas J. Taylor, Grand Island.

Pensions for Iowans: Original invalid-William L. Daggett, Fairfield; James M. White, West Grove; Benjamin A. Norman, Davis; Morgan Belding, Corning; Blair Reit-zel, Hopeville. Reissue—Henry H. Trimbie, Keokuk. Original widows, etc.—Special act, reissue and increase—Arabella, widow of Eli H. Coddington, Mount Pleasant; Susannah, mother of James F. Wright, Indianola; minors of Cyrus D. Casebolt, Lehigh. Mexican survivors—Thomas James, Le Claire.

The Republicans Caucus.

WASHINGTON, May 17 .- The republican caucus committee was in session last night. There was a general discussion of the political discussion, but the tariff bill now pending before the house was the subject of interest. It was the understanding that if the committee was able to come to an agreement upon the proposition made by Mills looking on vote upon the tariff bill and the substitute which he expects the republicans to offer, a catters should be called to formally ratify its action. The committee adjourned rithout issuing a call for a caucus, but the members were instructed to request state delegations to hold conferences and try to agree among themselves upon what they might regard as the best line of action.

Rained For Thirty-Six Hours. RAPID CITY, Dak., May 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.] - The weather cleared up here this evening and the moon is shining brightly. The indications are for a light A thirty six hour rain fall ended at noon. The government rain gauge at the signal office shows the total fail of rain to be 1.6s inches. The farmers are jubilant over the prospect, as the ground was never so thoroughly souted as new.

SOMEONE APPLIED THE TORCH

Court House at Sidney Burns Under Suspicious Circumstances.

ATTEMPTED MURDER AT DUNLAP.

Des Moines Can Have Better Street Railroads - Prohibition Constable Potts Convicted - The State Medical Society Meeting.

Each Town Accuses the Other. HAMBURG, Ia., May 17 .- [Special Telegram to Tue Bee. | The court house located at Sidney burned at 1 o'clock this morning. There is every reason to believe it was fired by an incendiary, as the fire was discovered first by the fumes of burning coal oil and could have been put out had there been any facilities handy for the purpose at the time of the discovery.

There is a strong sentiment at Sidney against Hamburg and the opinion prevails there that the some oue was hired by this town to set it on fire. Hamburg has been making a desperate effort lately to secure the removal of the court house here, and had csnsiderable interest worked up, hence the suspicion of Sidney in regard to the matter. On the other hand Hamburgers charge that Sidney's skirts are not entirely clean. The people here believe that somebody in Sidney, thinking that the chances for holding the county seat there were not the best, as the court house was in bad shape and would require from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to put it in safe condition, concluded that in order to overcome this the best plan would be to burn the building down and thus be on an

to burn the building down and thus be on an equal footing with Hamburg.

There was no insurance on the building, the policy of \$10,000 having expired about weeks ago. All of the auditor's records were burned, according to reports, and the books of 1887, which were in the auditor's office at the time of the fire, were also destroyed. Nothing is known as to the condition of the records in the safes. They will not be records in the safes. They will not be opened before Monday. Treasurer Alex-ander reports that he had \$18,000 in his safe, \$400 of which was currency and the balance specie. There is much excitement here and various prophecies are current as to where the future court house will be located. Ham-burg offers to erect the building and donate it to the county if it can be located here, while it is reported that Sidney will duplicate Hamburg's proposition and go her one

Tried to Wipe Out the Family.

DUNLAP, Ia., May 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-This evening at 8:30 Tom Jones shot his wife in the nose, the ball passing through the head in an angling manner and out at the cerrebellum. The deed was of an entirely unprovoked character and the natural outgrowth of an ignorant mind. Immediately after the performance of the rash and brutal act Jones fled to the street, where he sent a ball whizzing through his head. A posse was soon organized and a detachment of determined, law abiding citizens started in quest of the offender, with the intention of administering justice in a rapid form, but on reaching the scene of the shooting it was found that he had nearly completed the work. He was removed from the street to his home. Medical aid was summoned and every attention possible was given him. An examina-tion of his wounds show that he cannot possibly recover, while there is some prospect for his wife.

The same man attempted to kill his wife last week while she was visiting a neighbor but was prevented by the interference of friends. The deed is the outgrowth of an old family feud, the couple having separated four weeks ago on account of incompatibility of temper, since which time Jones has continually annoyed his wite by following her, making boisterous threats and using vile language. The people are well con-nected. Mrs. Jones has practically supported her worthless spouse for a number of years. Public indignation runs high, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that if the deed fails to speedily end his earthly career the people will take a hand in the matter.

The Street Railroad Case Decided. DES MOINES, Ia., May 17.- [Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |-The supreme court ren dered a decision this evening of very general interest, in the famous street car case of this city, granting to the broad gauge company the right to use any kind of motor power except horse power. Twenty-two years ago the city council granted to the narrow gauge company an exclusive charter to operate a street railroad for thirty years. After having a monopoly of the street car business for twenty years, a rival company was organized and has been in litigation with the old ever The court holds that the old charsince. ter granted exclusive rights for horse power on all streets occupied by the old company. This knocked out the new company that had expended already \$150,000 in a plant, unless it could operate some other motive power. The city council granted a charter for an electric railway and the supreme court was asked to decide on the new phase of the question. It does so by deciding that the old charter was exclusive only as to the mode of locomotion then in vogue. As electric or cable cars were not dreamed of, they were not included in the charter, and the rival company can have an equal chance to the city streets.

Prohibition Potts is Guilty. DES MOINES, Ia., May 17 .- [Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-The jury that has been nearing the case of Constable Potts, charged with taking a bribe, brought in a verdict of guilty this afternoon. Potts is one of the prohibition searchers who have had most to do with closing the saloons. But associated with two or three other constables, the gang pursued such methods as to bring prohibition into disrepute and lead to the suspicion that the constables were engaged in crooked work. The charge upon which he has been convicted is, that on the 4th of February he accepted \$100 from a wholesale liquor dealer accepted \$100 from a wholesale liquor dealer as a brible for having his goods released from custody. The prosecution swore that they marked the bills which were found upon his person a short time after the money was paid him. The sentence for Pott's offense may be six months in jail and a fine of \$500. Two of his associates have been indicted by the grand jury and are awaiting trial.

Second Day of the Doctors

DES MOINES, 1a., May 17 .- [Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |-There were a number of new arrivals at the state medical convention to-day, there being now about two hundred and fifty physicians, including about twenty ladies in attendance. This morning's session was devoted to surgery. Papers on technical subjects were read by Dr. J. F. McCarthy and Dr. J. P. Crawford. In the afteracing the section on obstetrics and gynecology met. The report was read by the chairman, Dr. A. L. Wright. Papers were read by Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, of this city, and Dr. H. G. Restine. This evening's session is devoted to ophthalmology and otalmology. The election of officers to day re-sulted in the selection of Dr. Donald Macrea, of Council Bluffs, president of the associ-tion, and Dr. S. S. Lytle, of Iowa City, see

Jobbers Before the Commission. . DES MOINES, IR., May 17.-- (Special Tele-gram to The Bee.) - The railroad commissioners gave a hearing this afternoon to representative jobbors of the after in accordance with the new law. About forty labbers were present, and they desire to arge their views | winds.

of what should be a reasonable rate before the commissioners fix a new schedule, as they are required by law to do. Mr. W. H. Torbert, president of the jobbers' association, urged the commissioners to adopt about such a schedule of maximum rates as was em-braced in house bill 374, which falled to pass the last legislature. The commissioners took no action, but adjourned till to-morrow after hearing several speeches.

The A. O. U. W.

DUBUQUE, Ia., May 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BRE.]—The meeting of the grand lodge, A. O. U. W. was concluded to-day. The committee on revision recommended that the grand lodge initiation, give way to something more modern and less time-consuming than the present ceremony. The proposition to make assessments uniform at \$1 was rejected. It is left optional with subordinate lodges to compel attendance at funerals. The disputed claims of the heirs of Thomas Taylor of Oelwein lodge, S. S. Arthur of Union lodge, of Clarinda, and of Judge Leffingwell were rejected. In each case the deceased brother had allowed assessment dues to lapse. The case of Arthur was peculiar. He was back ten assessments, but before he died his friends paid his back dues and he was reinstated in the subordinate lodge on the ground that he had been insane for months before his death. The grand lodge holds that his friends knew of his insanity and should have kept his assessments sanity and should have kept his assessments paid up. The committee to whom was referred the comments in Grand Master Hisinger's report on the controversy with the supreme lodge approved the same. It was decided that a person living outside of the state is eligible to membership. The expenses for the next biennial period are estimated at \$21,000. An estimate of receipts contemplates an increase of the per capits tax.

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The officers elected for the next two years were: Dr. L. T. Hanks of Dubuque, grand master workman; C. H. Wilson of Washington, foreman; Hawley Main, of Boone, grand overseer; R. A. Whitaker, of Waterloo, grand recorder; E. A. Wadleigh, of Clinton, grand receiver; Henry Fritz, grand guide; Dr. Jones, grand watchman; M. Alexander, trustee. The annual dues were raised from \$1 to \$1.50.

Council Bluffs was selected as the next place of meeting two years from now.

The University Squabble. Iowa City, May 17 .- In the university in-

vestigation this morning Dr. Fellows continued his testimony. He described the manner of his dismissal, saying that he had no notice and that his prohibition views were the cause. He also continued his explanation of his opinion that a bargain was made with democratic members of the legislature for the university appropriation conditioned on removal of the prohibition professor.

Dr. Fellows continued his testimony this afternoon in the university investigation, bringing nothing new and failing to give more than hearsay evidence and private opinion as to his charges Prof. J. F. Parker. more than hearsay evidence and private opinion as to his charges. Prof. L. F. Parker, another deposed professor, was more specific but did not wish to give at present the names of the legislators alleged to have been connected with the democratic deal to oust the prohibition professors from the university.

Supreme Court Decisions DES MOINES, Ia., May 17 .- [Special Tele gram to THE BEE. -The supreme court filed the following decisions here to-pay:

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In the matter of the probate of the will of
J. Sworefield, deceased, Hattie A. Miller,
appellant, Jones district court. Affirmed.
Thomas J. Acrea vs. William Brayton, appellant, Harrison district, action for recovery
of damages for a trespass. Affirmed.
Hughes, Stewart & Forrest, appellants, vs
P. T. Smith, Cedar circuit. Reversed.
E. K. Goodnow vs. Wesley, Wells, et al.,
appellants. Webster district, action in equity
to receive taxes. Affirmed. o receive taxes. Affirmed. Adolph Anderson vs Olef Peterson and Jesson Peterson, Webster district. Af

firmed.

Mary E. Spelman vs Darby Gill, appellant, Polk district. Affirmed.

After Buried Treasure. New York, May 17 .- [Special Telegram o THE BEE. |-The World this morning says John B. Peck, ex-journalist and extreasure agent, whose cruise in the ill-fated vacht "Maria" to the Caribbean sea in search of a treasure buried by pirates half a century ago, was in the city this week and did a great deal of talking about the expedition and how it came to fail. His stay was very brief, howver, as he learned that Stewart R. A. Annet, who sailed on the "Maria" had filed a complaint with the United States district attorney asking that he be arrested for cru city to the crew. Captain Peck's presence he confided to several persons, was in rela-tion to matters of the greatest importance. Nothing less than the organization of another and a third expedition to search for treasure which he believes lies buried on Turneffe Cays off the coast of British Honduras. One of the crew says Peck tried to get Judge Davidson to tell where the \$1,500,000 trens ure lay and he would not. Peck finally ob tained at Belise from the government the concession. Davidson, ascertaining this and that Peck had located the spot, abandoned the expedition. Judge Davidson started for San Francisco. Horn secured a position as engineer on the Nicaragua canal. Peck's concession is said to be good till January 15, 1889. Peck wants a powerful sand pump There is a free hole of sand and water where the treasure is, which it is stated flowed in almost as rapidly as the diggers threw it out. It is probable that another expedition wil

Arthur at the Helm Again. Cuicago, May 17 .- Chief Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, resumed to-cay his old place at the headquarters of the Burlington strikers. All the brotherhood officials are now gathered in Chicago, and will within a few days determine what is necessary to meet the exigencies of the situation. A circular to the public has been distributed during the past three

days, which declares that the strike is not off

His "Honah." New York, May 17 .- [Special Telegram o THE BEE. |-The Star says Colonel Grant offered Badeau to compromise the suit by paying him the sum originally named. Badeau has refused, contrary to the advice of his attorney, who has thrown up his case in consequence. Badeau has procured a new lawyer and will push the case to trial, as he says, to vindicate his "honor."

Powder Explosion.

BELVIDERE, N. J., May 17 .- An explosion of 300 kegs of powder in the powder house at the Prattsville brownstone quarry near Stockton this morning killed one man and injured several others, wrecked a number of houses and destroyed considerable property. A report was heard and the houses shaken for a distance of thirty-six miles. The exdosion was caused by a workman dropping a

Steamship Arrivals.

QUEENSTOWN, May 17.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Arrived—The Brittanic, from New York.

NEW YORK, May 17 .- Arrived-The In liana, from Glasgow; the Rhynland, from Antwerp.

BALTIMORE, May 17,-Arrived-The Peruvian, from Liverpool, Philadelphia, May 17,—Arrived — The Pressian, from Glasgow.

Weather Indications.

For Nebraska: Warmer, fair weather, ight to fresh variable winds. For lowa: Warmer, light to fresh vari able winds, becreasing in force and becoming For Dakota: Warmer, local rains, fol-lowed by fair weather, light to fresh variable

MANY DELEGATES ARE NAMED

Virginia Republicans Have a Split at Their Convention.

MINNESOTA DEMOCRATS HAPPY.

A Chicago Political Prophet Figures a Clean Victory For Blaine in the National Gatering-State Meetings.

Old Virginia Republicans. Petersbung, Va., May 17 .- The republican

state convention assembled shortly after noon to-day and was addressed by General Mahone. William Lamb, of Norfolk, was chosen temporary chairman and briefly addressed the convention. After the adoption of resolutions providing for the formation of committees, a recess was taken until 4 p. m. Upon reassembling, reports from the sev-eral districts were read. When the Fourth district was reached, it appeared there were two delegations claiming recognition of the convention, and thereupon an uproar ensued, during which the friends of both sides seemed

to vie with each other in trying to see which could make the most noise. The matter was postponed until the committee on credentials should be heard from. A recess was taken till 9 clock. till 9 o'clock. At 9:30 the convention reassembled and At 9:30 the convention reassembled and Colonel William Lamb was selected as permanent chairman. The report of the Third district delegation of Mahoneists was presented. Hon, John S. Wise, who led the opposing delegation from the same district, advocated the claims of his delegation. He charged corruption and fraud on the part of hisopponents in the district, and he was going to Chicago to fight the battle of the republican party and let those who did wrong stand from under. Captain Wise then called upon all those opposed to the unit rule to retire from the hall and hold a separate meeting. He then left the stage and amid tremendous

He then left the stage and amid tremendous shouts, huzzas and the waving of hats, etc., about one hundred and fifty left the hall. about one hundred and fifty left the hall.

Comparative quiet followed the departure of the seceders and routine business progressed. The following are the delegates-at-large: John G. Watts, J. Z. Brown Il n, A. H. Harris and General William Mahone. The unit rule at Chicago was adopted. A regular republican platform was adopted. The seceders organized, with General Groner as chairman. Addresses were made by John Andresses organized, with General Groner as chairman. Addresses were made by John S. Wise, Senator Riddleberger and others, in which General Mahone fared badly. At 12:45 the Mahone convention adjourned.

Minnesota Democracy. St. Paul, Minn., May 17 .- The democratic state convention to nominate delegates to St. Louis was called to order at 12:15 by Chairman Doran, of the state committee. Eugene Wilson of Minneapolis was elected temporary chairman. Wilson made a brief speech, declar ing that the one thing essential to Minnesota democracy was harmonious loyalty to the delegation finally selected to St. Louis. He said the party in Minnesota had been growing strong since it so nearly carried the state two years ago, and with barmony it could carry the state this fall. The speaker said so general was the sentiment of Minnesota democrats in favor of the renomination of Presi-dent Cleveland that the action of the con-vention in the nomination of delegates would

only be formal.

The appointment of the usual committees was followed by a recess.

At the opening of the afternoon session, amid the wildest applause, Mayor Ames of Minneapolis and Chairman Doran of the state committee were chosen delegates-at-large.

Mayor Robert A. Smith of St. Paul and
John Ludwig of Winona county were
the other two chosen. A full
complement of district delegates
were selected and the convention then heard the report of the committee on resolutions. The platform says sufficient revenue should be collected for the support of economical government; taxation for government purposes should be imposed on luxuries and not on necessities. The convention also endorsed the action of Minnesota's three democratic congressmen. This was amended to include Knute Nelson, the republican member. Ad

journed.

Figure It Out For Blaine. CHICAGO, May 17 .- [Special Telegram to The Bee.]-When Blaine was nominated four years ago, a large, enthusiastic and rich Young Men's Blaine club was formed here in Chicago. The organization has been kent alive ever since in spite of the protests of the friends of several other prominent men, and to-day numbers 3,000. The club is making great preparations for parades and receptions during the republican convention, and its secretary has also been making a careful canvass by letter and telegraph of the various state delegations and claims that Blaine's strength on the second ballot will be as follows: Maine 12, Vermont 8, Connecticut 12, New Jersey 18, Massachusetts 28, Rhode Island 8, New Hampshire 8, New York 65, Pennsylvania 50, California 16, Colorado 6, Kansas 18, Nebraska 10, Min-nesota 13, Nevada 6, Wisconsin 22, Oregon 6, Virginia 24, West Virginia 12, Tennessee 24, Missouri 33, Maryland 16, Kentucky 14, Texas 16, North Carolina 10, Arkansas 14, Georgia 10, Alabama 11; total 489. The Blaine club men say that on the first ballot Ohio will give 46 votes for Sherman, Illinois 44 for Gresham, Indiana 30 for Harrison, and Iowa 26 for Allison, but that there will also be serious defections from these ranks on the second ballot. They claim that the members of the Illinois delegation have already pledged themselves to vote for Blain after the first ballot.

Got Through With the Job.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 17 .- When the democratic convention met this morning the chairman of the committee on resolutions read the platform. It endorses President Cleveland's administration and pledges the party to secure an equitable revision of the tariff; favors the free coinage of gold and silver; opposes the subsidizing of monopoly endorses the new Chinese treaty, and de clares that the party favors an amendmen to the constitution so as to have United States senators elected by direct vote of the people. The platform also favors the man-agement of the postal and telegraph system

by the government, M. F. Tarpey, W. D. English, C. W. Tay-ler and Stephen M. White were elected delegates at large to St. Louis, For Congress.

Los Angenes, Cal., May 17 .- At the demo cratic convention yesterday the following nominations for congress were made: Sec nominations for congress were made: Second district, Marion Biggs (renominated); First district, F. I. Thompson (renominated); Fourth district, Robert Ferrall; Sixth disdistrict, Riel Terry.

The democratic convention of the Fifth congressional district this morning nominated State Senator Thomas Clunic for congress and selected C. L. Ruland and Maurice Schmidt as delegates to the St. Letis convention.

vention.
The Third congressional district conven

tion selected J. G. White and E. G. Blessing as delegates to the St. Louis convention. The nomination of congressman was post-

Maryland Republicans.

Easton, Md., May 17.—The republican state convention met here to day. Dr. W. G. Tuck was elected temporary chairman. The permanent organization was effected with Colonel S. T. Hods in the chair. The platform denounces the democratic tariff policy; favors the abolition of taxes on tobacco and alcohol for use in the arts, and the modifi-cation of the duty on sugar. Other sections denounce the administration as false in its professions of reform in the civil service; favor a liberal pension policy; approve the action of the republicans in congress in op-

posing the Mills bill. Delegates were then chosen to the Chicago convention.

They Stay by Ingalls. FREDONIA, Kan., May 17 .- The Third congressional district republican convention today renominated Bishop W. Perkins for congress by acclamation, and selected William B. Jenkins, of Cowley county, and Captain J. D. Barker, of Crawford county, delegates to the national convention, and Hon. T. P. Anderson presidential elector. Resolutions endorsing Senators Ingalls and Plumb were unanimously adopted.

South Carolina Democrats.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 17 .- The democratic state convention met here to-day. Hon. T.

State convention met here to-day. Hon. T.
J. Pope, of Newbern, was elected chairman.
The following were chosen delegates-atlarge by acclamation: J. F. Hart, F. W.
Dawson, W. Jones and C. A. Wood.
The platform endorses the administration
of Cleveland and his message on the tariff,
declares the treasury surplus a menace to
the country and approves the Mills tariff
bill. District delegates to St. Louis were
then elected. then elected.

Nevada Democrats. VIRGINIA, Nev., May 17 .- The democratic state convention assembled to-day. M. S. Bonnifield was elected chairman. The platform adopted endorses Cleveland and calls form adopted endorses Cleveland and calls for the free coinage of silver, general free trade and denounces the surplus; also the anti-immigration plank. Delegates to the national convention: Ex-Senator J. G. Fair, N. H. W. Mason, J. Dorsey, George Ernst, J. S. Mooney and B. Garragen. Presidential electors: Theodore Winters, J. H. H Hardin, C. C. Thomas. Congressman George W. Cassidy was nominated by acclamation.

Delaware Republicans. DOVER, Del., May. 17.-The republican state convention was called to order at 12:30 to-day, with Washington Hastings as chairman. He made a brief address. After the appointment of the usual committees a recess

was taken until 2:30 this afternoon. The business of the convention was con-cluded at the afternoon session by the election of the delegates named and the adoption of resolutions denouncing the president's tariff message and the Mills bill, and endorsing high license. The delegates are unin-structed, but favor Biaine.

Missouri Republicans. SEDALIA, Mo., May 17 .- The democratic state convention to elect delegates to the national convention met at noon. General John Hockady was chosen permanent chairman. Resolutions endorsing Cleveland's administration and also endorsing the position assumed by him on the tariff were adopted.
Delegates at large were selected as follows:
John O'Day, D. W. Caruth, E. L. Martin

and Nat C. Dryden. Adjourned. Selecting Two Senators. BATON ROUGE, La., May 17 .- The democratic legislative caucus to-night on the first ballet, nominated General Gibson to succeed himself as United States senator. On the ballot for junior United States senator the result was, White 37, Eustis 34, Jones 31, Blanchard 10.

North Carolina Cold Water Men. RALEIGH, N. C., May 17 .- The prohibition ists of North Carolina met in state convention at Greensboro to-day. They nominated a full state ticket with the exception of secretary of state and attorney general, headed by W. T. Walker for governor and Moses Hammond for lieutenant governor.

Kansas Democrats. WICHITA, Kan., May 17 .- The democratic state convention to nominate delegates to St. Louis met here to-day at 1 p. m. After ap-pointing the usual committees they took a recess until 3 p. m.

Missouri Delegates. SEDALIA, Mo., May 17 .- The republican state convention selected as delegates at large to the national convention C. I. Filley, D. P. Dyer, William Warner and Joseph H. Pel-

Labor Convention. CINCINNATI, O., May 17 .- The united labor convention upon reassembling to-day nominated Robert H. Cowdry of Illinois, for presi-

The only name presented was that of W. R. J. Wakefield, of Council Grove, Kan., and he was nominated for vice president by acclamation. The convention, then, at 1:45 adjourned sine die.

Cowdrey, nominated for president, is a druggist in Chicago. Wakefield is the editor of the Anti-Monopolist.

Both Tendered Receptions. Washington, May 17 .- Just after the In galls Voorhees episode in the senate, friends and admirers of both senators tendered each a reception and selected to-night for the occasion. The reception to Senator Ingalls brought a large crowd to the club-house of the republican league, where speeches were made by Senators Ingalis and Sherman, Rep resentatives Perkins, of Kansas, and Johnston, of Indiana, and Judge Shellabarger. Senator Ingalls, in his speech, criticised the nomination of Fuller to be chief justice of

the United States.

The reception to Senator Voorhees was held at Willard's ball, which was elaborately decorated and filled to overflowing. The speakers were Senator Voorhees, Representative Outhwaite of Ohio, Caruin of Ren-tucky, and Compton of Maryland, ex-Gov-ernor Curtin and Commissioners Black, Stockslager and Hall of the pension, land and patent, offices respectively. Prolonged tative Outhwaite of Ohio. Caruth of Kenand patent, offices respectively. applause greeted every mention of President Cleveland's name.

Army Orders.

Washington, May 17.—[Special Telepram to The Bre.]—First Lieutenant Francis Woodbridge, Seventh infantry, having been found incapacitated for active service by an army retiring board, will proceed to his home and report by letter to the adjutant general of the army.

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Major Evan Miles Twenty-fifth infantry
promoted from captain Twenty-first infantry will be relieved from duty on the recruiting service, and will join the station to which he may be assigned by the commanding general, Department of Dakota, to whom he will re port by letter.

A Profitable Meeting.

Rock Island, Ill., May 17.—The Illinois medical society closed its annual session here to-day, and selected Jacksonviile as the meeting place for next year. The officers C. W. Early, of Chicago, president; P. H. Oyler, of Mount Pulaski, and G. L. Eyster, of Rock Island, vice-presidents; G. L. Eyster, of Rock Island, vice-presidents;
D. W. Graham, of Chi. 420, permanent secretary; J. M. Cullimore, of Jacksonville, assistant secretary; T. M. McIlyaine, of Peoria, treasurer. The papers and discussions have been of a high order of merit, and a pleasant feature was the drive in carriages over the grounds of Rock Island arsenal, and a picnic dinner at Black Hawks watch tower given by Hospital Guild ladies.

Worse than Ever.

LOUISVILLE, May 17 .- The supplementary report made yesterday on the investigation of Treasurer Tates' office shows that \$18. 000 taxes paid by the Kentucky Central rail road in January has never been accounted for. This swells the defalcation to \$247,000.

On Bail.

LONDON, May 17. -Kely, Nyo & Charles Greenway, partners in the bank at Warwick which failed September last, have been a m-mitted for trial on a charge of fraud. They were admitted to bail of \$50,000 each.

Devoted to Routine Matters.

CHICAGO, May 17 .- The Illinois State Elic tric Medical society bogan its twentieth acnual session, here to day. The day was devoted to busidess of a routine character,

ACRES OF LAND UNDER WATER

The Raging Mississippi Causes Great Damage Near Quincy.

FAMILIES RENDERED HOMELESS.

Relief Committees Organizing to Raise Means to Care For the Suftering and Destitute-The River Still Rising.

Breaking Through the Levees. Sr. Louis, May 17 .- A special to the Post-

Dispatch says there are now five bad breaks in the Sny levee and the whole of Sny botoms, reaching from a point opposite Louisi-

toms, reaching from a point opposite Louisiana, Mo., to Haunibal, Mo., is inundated. The flood covers an area of forty miles long and five miles wide. Over 100,000 acres of crops will be injured or destroyed.

QUINCY, Ill., May 17.—The Upper Sny levee gave way near East Hannibal this morning, and the destruction of the levee district in this section of the Mississippi valley is now complete. Many thousand acres of the most productive farming lands are covered with from six to fifteen feet of water, and the loss from the great flood in this vicinity cannot be estimated. The river has risen six inches since morning, and reports risen six inches since morning, and reports from above state the water is still rising. To-night a largely attended meeting was held in this city to devise means for the relief of the destitute families along the lowlands.

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This evening a mass meeting was held to devise means for the immediate relief of the destitute sufferers from the flood. For the past two or three days these helpless people have been coming to the city in boats, a single row-boat often containing an entire family with such household effects as could be quickly gathered together. For ten days it has rained steadily to add to the suffering from the flood. At the meeting to-night money was freely subscribed to provide provisions and clothing to be delivered in the morning north and south of Quiney in charge of citizens' relief committees. These committees will make careful investigations throughout the flooded district and relieve the immediate wants of the people. Committees were also appointed to solicit aid from citizens generally, and boats will be loaded to be sent to the flooded country. The water is still steadily rising to-night and the water is still steadily rising to-night and the worst of the flood has not yet been reached. BURLINGTON, Ia., May 17.—The river this evening is at a standstill. The rise the last twenty-four hours is 1½ inches, and it is now 17 feet 6½ inches above low water mark, and higner than it has been for thirty-row. higner than it has been for thirty-seven years. The flood causes some inconvenience and the interruption of business in a few instances, but creates no serious loss at Bur-

St. Louis, May 17.—Advices from Mississippi river towns above here say that at 4:15 o'clock this morning a break occurred in Sny levee at a point about two miles below Hannibal bridge, and this was followed at 6:45 nibal bridge, and this was followed at 6:45 o'clock by a larger and more serious one above the bridges. The wildest excitement prevailed in Hannibal and among the few farmers who stubbornly refused to leave the bottoms. Two hundred men who have been engaged all night in the work of stopping seeps and placing bags of sand on the tops of the levee to keep the river back, attempted to close the breaks but without success. The more sensible farmers had removed all their stock to the bluffs, six miles distant, but some remained until the moment of calamity and consequently they sustained severe some remained until the moment of calamity and consequently they sustained severe losses. Hogs, cows and horses could be seen. swimming on the flood until they came in contact with some obstacle upon which their bodies would be mangled. Smaller houses in the bottoms were wrecked. No loss of life is reported yet. The territory now covered with water is forty five miles long and six miles wide with forty-five miles long and six miles wide, with 60,000 acres under cultivation. The depth of the water is from one to twenty feet. Consequent upon the breaking of the levee the river is receding rapidly. The tenants state that if the ground gets in favorable condition by the middle of June, they can raise late corn. Their loss is incalculable. The dam-

age to railroad property will be great.

From Keekuk word comes that it was thought that the worst was over, but very heavy rains set in there this morning and so the Des Moines river is rising rapidly and there is no telling what the result will be. The overflow is constantly increasing, covering more land every day and the water getting deeper. Vast quantities of water are creeping over

e levees a mile north of Alexandria, which forms a swift current that sweeps through the town and threatens to carry away a num-ber of houses whose foundations have been weakened. Many families have abandoned ROCK ISLAND, III., May 17.—The Missis-

sippi began falling here to-day. Its max-imum stage was 18.60 feet, one tenth higher than the hitherto unprecedented flood of 1880

DOUGLAS GETS THERE. Named as the Seat of Justice of Con-

verse County.
Douglas, Wyo., May 17.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.,—The first election held in the new county of Converse occurred Tuesday. Complete returns have been received and the board of organization commissioners met here to-day and are now canvassing the vote. The total vote of the county is 2,173. The vote on the county seat in northern Laramie county, now part of Converse, stood, Lusk 395, Douglas 494;; in northern Albany county, Douglas 1,180, Lusk 154, Glenrock 21. Douglas has a majority over all for the county seat of 1,005. Mal-colm Campbell, democrat, is elected sheriff over Brown by 750 majority. Carl Gardner, over Brown by 750 majority. Carl Gardner, republican, for clerk, over Rostaetba by 825 majority. Edmund J. Wells, democrat, for treasurer, over Spaugh by 800 majority. Fred K. H. Harvey, democrat, for attorney, over Prescott by 300 majority. The county commissioners are Frank Walcott. Ed T. David and G. H. Cross. Lusk cast 201 votes Glenrock 210 and Douglas 550. Douglas is colebrating this evening with giant powder, bouffres, music and a grand new-wow.

bonfires, music and a grand pow-wow. Reception to the Supreme Master. Petranung, Pa., May 17 .- A reception was riven this evening to Hon. William H. Jordan, of San Francisco, supreme master workman of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and speaker of the California house of representatives, by the resident officers of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania, and the local subordinate lodges and select knights of the A.O. U. W. at Grand Central ring, be-

fore an audience of 3,000. Fasted Fifty-Four Days. LANCASTER, Pa., May 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Mrs. Weidler, the fast ing inmate of the county hospital, partook of food yesterday after a fast of fifty-four days. She ate the food unobserved but still refuses

to cut in the presence of others. Mrs. Parnell Coming Back.

New York, May 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE HEE. |-Mrs. Parnell is again coming to America. It was thought when she left soon after the Irish convention in 1886, that she had gone for good, but William J. Knoud, at whose home she stopped then, has a letter whose home she stopped then, has a letter from her saying she soon expects to roturn to her native land.

A Partial Verdict. INDIANAPOLIS, May 17.-The federal grand

verdict this morning. John Counselman, John Reardon and Dr. Metcalf were acquitted, but no report was given on County Clerk Sullivan or Deputy George Budd. These men were the gliezed accomplices of Blen-hamer, already convicted. The latter started for Michigan City to day.

jury in the tally sheet case returned a partial

Blood-Thirsty Savages.

London, May 17 .- Advices from the island of Tabiti says that a party of natives surprised a French patrol and killed an officer of