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TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME.

Democrats Fillibustering on Legal Technicalities.

REPUBLICANS WILL KEEP EVEN.

Sherman Will Be Offered a Cabinet Position—Randall Is Still Feeble—The Clevelands—Extra Session Gossip.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 25.

The schemes by which the democratic managers hope to organize and control the next house are best illustrated by the Maryland election case pending before the governor of that state. In Baltimore the present congressman, Raynor, was beaten by the republican candidate Stockbridge. Raynor and the democratic leaders now ask the governor to issue the certificate of election to to Raynor, because in one precinct that gave a large majority to Stockbridge, and by which he was elected, the election officers failed to sign the original returns, although they did sign the official copy of the returns. If the governor should take advantage of this technicality and issue the certificate to Raynor, he would decide against all precedents. Similar action to that in Maryland is proposed to be taken in other southern districts to manufacture a democratic majority in the house. The republicans are determined that this plan shall not succeed. If the democrats propose to benefit by technicalities the republicans will insist that nothing shall be done not in strict accordance with the law. Now, the making out of the roll of the house and the call to order by the clerk of the preceding house, is not authorized by law, but simply by a rule of the house. But when this or any other house adjourns sine die, it dies, and with it dies the rules, and the terms of all the officers of the house end also. The rule continuing the officers of the house until the next house is organized is in reality unlawful, but for convenience sake it has been permitted to stand and has been submitted to. The republicans have no desire to attack the authority of he clerk of the house to hold over and call the next house to order, but they will surely do so if that clerk assumes to play the part the democratic leaders assign to him in the plot to steal the house. It is proposed that if the governor of Maryland issues a certificate to Raynor, and that if other democratic governors act similarly, and the respective canvassers be compelled to issue certificates to the parties counted out, and that if these certificates, as well as those by the governors, be presented to the house, then the authority of the clerk of the house to decide which one of these conflicting certificates shall be recognized, will be denied, and the outcome will probably be that the courts will hold neither of the contestants entitled to participate in the organization of the house, and that the contest must be settled by the house itself, after organization, as the constitution provides. In that case the next house will not be democratic.

MAJOR NICKERSON.

The sensation produced three years ago by the marital exploits of Major Nickerson, formerly of General Crook's staff, and his flight to Omaha, has been revived by news received here within the last few days. It will be remembered that while he was on duty in Washington as assistant adjutant general, he sent his wife to Europe, got a bogus divorce in a Philadelphia court, and went through the form of marriage with Miss Rena Carter, an attractive young lady of this city. When his wife accidentally heard of this event she promptly returned to the United States and had the divorce set aside and a warrant issued for the arrest of her husband, on the charge of perjury. He disappeared and has since been living at Cobourg, Canada. At the time of his marriage to Miss Carter he conveyed to her the title to the family residence on Dupont Circle, in this city. Mrs. Nickerson attacked this transfer, but the case was decided against her. Miss Carter, by the flight of her bogus husband, was left in a painful predicament, but the first Mrs. Nickerson has since secured a divorce, and it now appears that last July Miss Carter went with her mother to Canada, met Major Nickerson at Niagara Falls and was there legally married to him. Miss Carter, or Miss Nickerson No. 2, returned to this city, and has been here until within the last few days. During the meantime she has succeeded in disposing of her property and has, it is supposed, gone to permanently join her exiled husband.

HOW DEMOCRATS LOOK AHEAD.

To-day's Post has the following pathetic advertisement which in some form is destined to become popular before the 4th of March: "A democratic official of the treasury department, realizing the fact that his tenure of office will shortly terminate, is desirous of making an arrangement with some business house or corporation where honest, able and faithful devotion to the interests of his employers will be repaid by a living salary. Address 720 Fourteenth street, Northwest.

RANDALL STILL ILL.

An intimate personal friend of Samuel J. Randall, who is an old-time employe of the house of representatives, and who has just returned from a visit to his chief, says that Mr. Randall is recovering his strength slowly, but that it is not probable that he will take his seat in the house of representatives before the close of the holidays, if then. He says that Mr. Randall's physicians and his family think it best for him not to resume his duties on the floor during the present congress. In the meantime Mr. Randall is giving daily attention to the estimates, and is assisting in formulating the appropriation bills.

THE CLEVELANDS.

It is likely that instead of returning to the white house this week, as they had intended, President and Mrs. Cleveland will remain at Oak View until the advent of real cold weather, or the holidays are over. A considerable portion of each day is spent by Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Folsom in driving. In the afternoon Mrs. Cleveland is generally at home to her friends, and at this time is apt to have numerous visitors, for whom she prepares a cup of tea after their long drive from the city. The Clevelands intend to make as much of January and February as they can, socially speaking.

INTERNAL REVENUE MATTERS.

The annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue was given to the press this evening. It gives in detail the operations of the law in the district of Nebraska and Dakota; also the district of Iowa. The collections in the Nebraska and Dakota district aggregated during the year $2,778,269; in Iowa, $518,911. One still was seized in Nebraska during the year, but no one was arrested. Iowa reported four tobacco factories, which manufacture 380,907 pounds. Nebraska has none. Iowa also produces 31,350 pounds of plug, and 331,413 of smoking tobacco. Nebraska has 6 rectifiers, Iowa 6; 2,698 retail liquor dealers, Iowa 2,028; 58 wholesale liquor dealers, Iowa 36. Nebraska and Dakota have 176 manufacturers of cigars and Iowa 272. They have 12,596 dealers in manufactured tobacco, while Iowa has 15,140. Nebraska and Dakota have 46 brewers, and Iowa 74. Nebraska reported 15,855 dealers in tobacco, cigars and liquors, while Iowa reported 18,711. Nebraska and Dakota have two wholesale dealers in oleomargarine, and eight retailers, while Iowa has one manufacturer, five wholesale dealers, and thirty-two retail dealers.

AN EXTRA SESSION FOR DAKOTA.

The question of an extra session of the Fifty-first congress for the division and admission to statehood of Dakota has been referred to the leading men here. Enquiry so far, reveals a unanimous sentiment in favor of it. The Dakota question was prominent in the republican platform; was frequently mentioned by General Harrison and other speakers during the campaign, and it was an issue in many sections of the country. It was understood that if General Harrison was elected and the next lower house was secured by the republicans, an extra session would be called. Dakota contributed largely of her means and orators. All this was done with the understanding, although not mentioned, by the candidate, that if the republicans succeeded, speedy action would be taken to make two states of Dakota. If it was deemed advisable to call an extra session it will be for the passage of a tariff bill. The Dakota question will come up incidentally. Chairman Springer, of the present house committee on territories, who has advocated making one state of Dakota, but who has refused to let the question come up in any other shape, says he will try to have the territory divided, and the southern half admitted to statehood this winter. This, he thinks, will circumvent the devision and immediate admission of both sections, as two states. The is politics in Mr. Springer's intentions and sense too.

SHERMAN FOR "PREMIER."

From one of General Harrison's most intimate friends at Indianapolis I received a letter to-night in which the following appears:

"But three names for the cabinet have as yet been discussed. With one voice there is a demand that Senator Sherman shall be secratary of state, and I have no doubt that if the position has not been tendered already it will be, within a week or so, as the advice of Sherman will be valuable in the selection of other cabinet officers. The Ohioan will be "premier," unless he refuses it, and I have reasons for believing that he will not refuse. His successor can be elected by the same legislature this winter that elected him.

Mr. Blaine will not be in the cabinet. He may go as minister to England.

It goes without saying that Warner Miller will be in the cabinet. If Senator Allison is not secretary of the treasury Miller will get it, and Editor Clarkson, of Des Moines, will probably represent the Hawkeye state in Washington.

Senator Quay's selection of John Wannamaker practically settles that question. A southern man will also be chosen, but his name is not Mahone. He will likely come from Tennessee or North Carolina. General Harrison tells me he will not go east till he goes to Washington for the inauguration, and that will be during the last week in February.

ARMY OFFICERS.

It is given out from the white house that the seven staff appointmegts in the army will be filled by the president immediately upon the reassembling of congress. Every officer in the army is affected by this announcement, nearly all of them being applicants, and from this time until the names are given out will be anxious moments to them all. General Schofield's reported intention to concentrate the ten light batteries of the artillery regiments at two posts, one being Fort Meyers, just across the Potomac, and the other at Fort Riley, will mark the beginning of a new and fortunate era for these commands. He has already intimated his purpose of filling each light battery up to the maximum of 125 men. And, as the ordinance department declares that it will furnish this arm of the service with a better gun than any government in Europe has given its light artillery, our little army will begin to be what it ought to be—the best known to the times.

PERRY S. HEATH.

"VIVE BOULANGER."

Eulogistic Speeches at a Meeting of the Patriotic League.

PARIS, Nov. 25.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—M. Deroulede made a speech at the meeting of the patriotic league to-day. He spoke in terms of warm praise of General Boulanger. Referring to the recent accident to the Russian imperial train, he expressed sympathy with the czar, and rejoiced over his escape from harm. The speech was greatly applauded, and especially the references to General Boulanger. The Gaulois asserts that the government intends to dissolve the patriotic league. The meeting was held in Lemardelay's restaurant. Access to outsiders was barred by the police, who prevented a proposed public reception. The guests, on arriving, were greeted with shouts of "Vive Boulanger," and "Abas Floquet." A few arrests were made, but the proceedings were in the main orderly. At the conclusion of the banquet which followed the meeting, General Boulanger made a speech, in which he said:

"I am more a patriot than a soldier. I ardently desire peace—not the peace which is demanded, but a peace imposed by a firm and dignified attitude. That is the only peace acceptable to French hearts."

He inveighed against a policy which divided the forces of the country, causing a misleading appearance of weakness—misleading because the least appeal to the country would cause all internal dissension to vanish like a bad dream. He strongly denounced M. Ferry for wasting the country's resources in Tonquin while cognizant of the perils which threatened France. In concluding, he appealed for energy on the part of the league of patriots. The departure of the guests passed off more quietly than did their arrival.

AT HARRISON'S HOME.

The President-Elect Passes a Very Quiet Day.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 25.—This has been the quietest day the president-elect has enjoyed since the election, if not since the nomination. In the forenoon he attended church, as usual, and after dinner went out for a long walk, coming down town in the course of his ramble. There were no visitors at the house to-day, and when the press correspondent made his usual call this evening he found the general and Mrs. Harrison and Miss Strickle chatting together in the library. The working desks were closed and the typewriters covered, showing that the day had been observed as one of absolute rest and escape from the cares of politics and letter writing. The general was leisurely looking through a bushel of accumulated newspapers, many of which contained marked paragraphs and editorials which the sender desired to call to his attention. He is very rapid at going through a newspaper article and grasping the writer's points, and if he has stored away all the editorial advice that has passed under his eye he must be well equipped for the important task before him.

Anarchist Sunday Schools.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—The executive committee of the newly organized local anarchist society, known as the Arbeiter Bund, has issued a circular calling a large mass meeting next Sunday for the purpose of devising means by which to found anarchist schools for children throughout the city. The circular was freely distributed to-day. It invites all anarchists to investigate the society's Sunday schools, of which there are six in Chicago, each located in the rear or in the basement of saloons. One of the schools, in the back room of Rachan brothers' saloon, at Lincoln avenue and Halsted street, was found to contain this afternoon 120 children, ranging from five to fourteen years of age, seated on long benches, listening intently to what a teacher was explaining to them about Johann Most. The teacher told the children that Spies and Parsons had been murdered by the capitalists, and referred to the dead anarchists as martyrs.

Murdered and Robbed.

ST. CLOUD, Minn., Nov. 25.—Frank Eich, a well-to-do farmer living near Royalton, was murdered yesterday afternoon. He had been trading in Royalton and started for his farm with an unknown man who had been with him all day. His body was found in the bushes near the road with a bullet in his brain and his money and team gone.

COLD-BLOODED HAUNSTINE.

The Murder of Roten and Ashley Without Provocation.

HE SHOT THEM IN THE BACK.

Then He Robbed His Victims, Covered Their Bodies With Leaves, and Fled—The Valparaiso Failure—A Free Fight.

Murdered His Friend.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Nov. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Sheriff Penn reached here Saturday night with the murderer Haunstine and his wife, captured at Columbus, this state. The prisoner was brought before County Judge Reese at 11 o'clock Saturday night, and waived examination and was committed for trial, which will be in February next. He will be taken to Lincoln for safe keeping in the meantime. Haunstine freely admits the murder of Roten and Ashley, and says he does not know why he killed them, and that Roten was his best friend. It seems now that Roten, who was a constable, and one of the school directors, went to Haunstine's in search of some stolen articles. Haunstine gave them a clock he had stolen from the school house, saying he did not know why he took it. Roten and Ashley then turned and left the house without any trouble, and little suspecting their sudden doom. When they had gone about fifteen feet from the door, Haunstine stepped out, and without any warning to his victims, sent a ball crashing through the brain of his best friend, Roten. Ashley, turning quickly, received a ball in the side of the head, killing him instantly. Haunstine and his wife, who is only a mere girl of seventeen years, hastily covered the bodies with hay, and taking what money the victims had on their persons, hastily departed. The last time they were seen before their capture was at Arnold, this county. Haunstine says now that he traveled only at night, hiding day times. His course was down the Loup river, and he finally boarded the Northwestern train at Madison, which resulted in his capture at Columbus. He does not seem to realize the enormity of his crime and the penalty which awaits him. He shows his want of sleep during his trip, but otherwise gives no evidence of any concern for his awful act. He talks about it freely, not attempting to conceal any of the details of the deed. Mrs. Haunstine is held here as an accessory, and will have her preliminary hearing to-morrow. She claims not to have seen the shooting, as she was washing at the time, and it is generally believed that she had no part in the killing at the time the deed was done. Much credit is due to Sheriff Penn for the thorough and systematic manner with which he set about the capture of the murderer, and its successful termination so soon.

The Valparaiso Failure.

VALPARAISO, Neb., Nov. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The Scoville & Craft's failure promises to be more than a nine days' wonder, as even to-day several farmers who had not heard of it yet, on coming to town were apprised of their losses. No one in the community who owns property feels safe, not knowing how soon some one will turn up with a mortgage on their property. A meeting of the creditors was held this afternoon at the Arcade hotel, and a fund started for the purpose of hunting the absent ones up and bringing them back. Toree hundred dollars was immediately pledged.

E. Beach, druggist, has made an assignment of his stock to I. C. Stephens, as the failure had drained him of all his resources. Thomas Hull, grocer, is completely cleaned out, Scoville owing him over $1,000. J. L. Magoe & Son were the least injured of any of the business men, their loss being but little, and that they are pretty well secured by attachments. It is rumored that the elevator will be opened for business by the middle of next week by new men, and also that the bank room would soon be occupied by a responsible banking firm.

The Fremont Deadlock.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The deadlock in the city council still continues. The people of Fremont voted bonds for improving and extending the waterworks system. The board of public works advertised for bids for a pump. They received several and after examining them carefully recommended the acceptance of one submitted by the Smedley company, of Dubuque. This precipitated a lively scrimmage in the city council. They refused to accept the Smedley bid, four being in favor of it and four in favor of the Holly company, which obtained some notoriety in Omaha, also for its boodler methods. At several sessions of the council the matter has been hotly discussed, almost leading sometimes to scene of carnage in the council chamber. Seeing no prospect of anything coming from from the fight—of an extrication from the deadlock—the question is lying dormant for the present.

District Court at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The two week's session of the district court for Dodge county came to an end yesterday. There were no cases on the docket of any great importance. But one criminal case was tried, that of the State vs John Hardes. Hardes and John Wagner, two well-to-do German farmers, living at Snyder, got into a saloon brawl October 2. Hardes assaulted Wagner with a harness knife, slashing him in a horrible manner, on the arms, in the back and across the abdomen. The indictment was for assault with intent to wound, being a penitentiary offense. After four days trial the jury brought in a verdict of assault and battery. Judge Marshall imposed a fine of $100 and all costs, so that the expense of the action to Hardes is about $1,100.

A "Christian Science Cure."

ATKINSON, Neb., Nov. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Atchinson and vicinity is in a state of profound amazement over a miraculous case of "mind" or "Christian Science" cure, recently performed here. Mrs. Dudley, wife of the editor of the Atkinson Bee, has been an almost helpless invalid for several years and has been treated by various physicians and specialists of high reputations, and correspondingly high prices, without receiving material benefit. A few days since a lady professor of "Christian Science" came to this place from Ainsworth and at once produced a remarkable improvement in Mrs. Dunley's case, and that lady is to-day on her feet, feeling perfectly strong and well, and firmly believing that she is cured. Those who have been intimate with Mrs. D. and knew of her condition regard this cure as little short of a miracle.

Took Too Much Medicine.

VALPARAISO, Neb., Nov. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—On Wednesday of this week a child of T. E. Cook, about one and a half years of age, got hold of a bottle of medicine containing a large proportion or chloroform and swallowed quite a quantity. As soon as Mrs. Cook discovered what had taken place she took the child in her arms and walked into town, a distance of two miles, Mr. Cook being away at Wahoo attending court as a juryman. The child became unconscious before arriving in town, but under the physician's care soon recovered, and was able to meet its father, who had been telegraphed for, at the door. The child had a very close call, and was saved only by prompt treatment.

Love's Opera House Finished.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The finishing touches are now being put on Love's new opera house. Lindneau & McIvor, noted fresco artists from Minneapolis, arrived to-day and will begin their work to-morrow. The scene painters and stage men will also begin work to-morrow. The scenery is already painted and only needs to be hung. The house will be formally opened on the evening of December 10, by that eminent comedian John Dillon, in a new play. It is expected to be a great society event. The house is one of the finest in the west, and Fremont is proud of it.

Newspaper Men After Postoffices.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Congressman Dorsey is very much sought after since election by aspirants for office, who appear to be very hungry and very thirsty, notwithstanding they have been away from the public crib but four years. A majority of the postoffices in the Third district are being sought after by newspaper men.

A Bare Knuckle Fight.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Nov. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Last night two of our local celebrities with the gloves, attempted to settle the championship with bare knuckles. The meeting took place in a deserted building at Merna. The parties were Elmer Webb and Tom Smith. Seven rounds were fought, when Webb was declared the winner and pocketed the $100 and the gate receipts. Both men were severely punished. No arrests.

Accidental Shooting.

BENKELMAN, Neb., Nov. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Kennie McDonald, the twelve-year-old son of K. McDonald, accidentally shot himself while hunting geese today. The contents of a double barreled shot gun taking effect in the left hand and wrist, necessitated the amputation of the same. Drs. McClain and Harr performed the operation, and report the patient convalescent.

SABIN TAKES FLIGHT.

His Vain Attempt to Elude a Big Damage Suit.

ELGIN, Ill., Nov. 25.—At the conclusion of the Sabin hearing last evening the crowd undertook to take a hand in the proceedings. The defendant had been fined $150 on a part of the charges of assault and carrying concealed weapons, and had given bonds, with the aid of an Elgin attorney, for $1,000 to appear to answer for some of the others.

It was then found out that other warrants growing out of the case had been sworn out, and that the officers were anxious to serve them on Sabin, as well as the papers in the $10,000 damage suit. The defense was prepared for this, and Sabin and his attorney made a rush for their carriage the moment the justice gave his decision at the evening hearing. By a quick move they succeeded in reaching it, and the bystanders then tried to unhitch the horses and prevent the escape. There was a rush, a bowl and a jam about the horses, but the driver swung his whip and the animals reared, plunged and dragged the carriage and its occupants away.

Then there was some tall hustling among the officers. Another vehicle was secured, and by dint of hard driving Sabin and the lawyer were overtaken at Clintonville, where the papers in the damage suit were served. Sabin was then brought back to this city.

The earlier hours of Saturday were spent in negotiating for a settlement. Mr. Sabin was willing to return $1,500 to his wife and retract his charges against Dr. Stone, but he refused to make the abject retraction insisted on.

THE CLEARANCE RECORD.

The Financial Transactions of the Past Week.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 25.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The following table compiled from dispatches to the Post from the managers of the leading clearing-houses of the United States, shows gross exchanges at each point for the week ended November 24, 1888, with rates per cent of increase or decrease as compared with the amounts for the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	CLEARINGS.	Increase.	Decrease.
New York	$665,900,644	12.0	
Boston	87,835,937	15.0	
Philadelphia	69,404,874	14.7	
Chicago	68,350,000	20.8	
St. Louis	17,259,764	17.2	
San Francisco	14,910,627	23.8	
New Orleans	14,397,591	25.8	
Baltimore	12,233,371	21.2	
Cincinnati	11,105,350	24.3	
Pittsburg	11,501,604	23.6	
Kansas City	9,775,212	43.0	
Minneapolis	7,362,939	64.6	
Louisville	5,824,870	17.7	
Providence	5,356,200	11.5	
Milwaukee	5,068,000	14.4	
St. Paul	4,097,124	23.5	
Detroit	4,073,152	16.8	
Omaha	3,702,227	27.1	
Memphis	3,658,059	57.7	
Cleveland	3,620,121	20.1	
Columbus	2,304,575	9.5	
Duluth	2,049,761	28.5	
Denver	2,825,095	41.4	
Galveston	1,703,316		10.9
Indianapolis	1,878,207	4.3	
Richmond	1,051,889	14.2	
Peoria	1,455,443	25.9	
Portland	1,276,076	39.2	
Norfolk	1,320,530	4.1	
Hartford	1,553,342	6.0	
New Haven	1,201,993	28.8	
Springfield	1,190,462	27.9	
Worcester	1,624,594	23.9	
St. Joseph	1,640,958	15.5	
Los Angeles	752,684		44.5
Syracuse	727,399		3.1
Lowell	681,803	31.1	
Wichita	504,534		10.0
Grand Rapids	584,217	13.5	
Quincy	380,346	10.5	
Topeka	376,000	5.5	
Total	$1,054,184,302	14.9	
Outside New York	388,283,678	18.8	

THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

Little Prospect For an Adjournment Before Tuesday Noon.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 25.—The delegates to the Knights of Labor general assembly took advantage of the pleasant weather to see the sights, the only business being a reception by General Master Workman Powderly. During the day he received the delegates in groups, each state's representatives calling on him in a body. He went over the ground of the work he wished them to take up, gave and received advice, and carried on a series of informal conferences looking to the strengthening of the order in all parts of the country.

A number of delegates have already secured mileage and started for home, and those still here are hoping for an early adjournment The more hopeful think that this may be reached by Monday evening, while others think it impossible to complete the work of the convention before Tuesday noon. The installation of officers, the various appeal cases, the censure of Skeffington, and further matters from the law committee, will take up the remaining time.

George Schilling, of Chicago, and Martin Hanley, of New Jersey, addressed a socialistic meeting to-night. Barry left for Chicago to-night, and from there goes direct to his home at East Saginaw.

Straightening the Road.

RAWLINS, Wyo., Nov. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The Union Pacific has long contemplated taking out some of the needless curves in their line between this city and Medicine Bow. This change is about to be made, a party of surveyors having gone to Medicine Bow to-day for the purpose of surveying the new route. By the change Carbon, at present a prosperous mining camp forty miles east of here, will be abandoned and new mines will be opened at a point north of Percy. A town of considerable importance will be built at the new mines. The work, we learn from the surveyors, is to be finished before next June.

THEY WERE ONLY FLIRTING

But Her Husband Got Very Mad About It

AND SHOT AT THE YOUNG MAN.

The Escapade of an Iowa Don Juan—Repeated Attempts to Poison a Keokuk Minister's Wife—The Hawkeye State.

Used His Revolver.

WAVERLY, Ia., Nov. 25.—About 10 o'clock Saturday evening the neighborhood about the Centennial hotel was aroused by a woman's shrieks, the angry curses of a man and the report of a pistol.

A crowd soon collected about an excited husband and a weeping wife, the former having fired the shot. The object of his wrath was a young gallant whom he had discovered out walking with his wife, and who had taken to sudden flight. Nobody was injured, but when an officer had taken the husband in charge and the woman had accepted the proffered shelter of a kindly disposed neighbor, a somewhat sensational story was developed.

The husband and wife were Mr. and Mrs. George Ackley, of Janesville, and the cause of the trouble Lou St. John, a young man of the same place. It appears the husband was frequently absent from Waterloo over night, and she thought she had good reasons to suspect his fidelity. This made her unhappy, and a couple of years ago she consulted some of the ladies of her church. They advised her to retaliate by flirting a little herself, and make him jealous and restore his attentions. Acting on this advice she commenced what she thought was an innocent flirtation with young St. John.

He proved so ardent a lover that before she was aware of it she found herself involved to an embarrassing though guiltless extent. The husband became aware of the condition of things, and this resulted in a separation and a division of his property, the wife going to O'Brien county to live with her parents. Time softened the husband's anger, however, and a few weeks ago he proposed a reunion. The lady agreed, but owing to the scandal of their former separation they resolved to set up housekeeping here instead of Janesville, where Ackley's business is. Accordingly last week they arrived here and engaged a room at the Centennial hotel until their household effects should arrive. After they were nicely settled the happy husband returned to his business at Janesville confident all his troubles were over. He returned suddenly Saturday evening, however, and came face to face with his old enemy walking in the moonlight with his wife. The result has been told. All of the parties are well connected, the husband being a son of William Ackley, of Waterloo, a wealthy capitalist, after whom the town of Ackley was named.

To Prevent the Spread of Disease.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The attention of the health authorities is now fixed upon the wide spread prevalence of diphtheria over the state. It is doubtful if so many locations were ever afflicted at the same time with the dread disease as now. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that more cases are known now than formerly, for while diphtheria is more or less common every fall and winter, yet in the past the health officers have not been so prompt in reporting it. The disease has become fastened upon so many places that the governor has considered it important to suggest to the state board of health the propriety of giving personal attention to the scourge. "It occurs to me," says the governor in his communication, "that a great deal of good could be accomplished if, as soon as information is accrued by your board, that diphtheria has made its appearance in any part of the state, and threatens to become an epidemic, one of your number would at once report to the infected place to assist the local health officers in tracing out, if possible, the cause of the disease, and in taking prompt and proper measures to prevent its spreading. I also trust that you will not relent in your efforts to impress upon the local boards of health the importance of a strict enforcement of all laws and regulations relating to the prevention of epidemic diseases." The greatest difficulty which the state board of health has to meet is the disposition of local authorities to cover up and misrepresent the disease. In many places they have an idea that it would hurt the town to have it known that diphtheria was prevalent, and so they call the disease membraneous croup or something else that doesn't sound so frightful. Many complaints have been sent to the state board from individuals denouncing the course of their local physicians and begging for an investigation. The board have deemed the matter of sufficient importance to issue a circular for public information in which they set forth some general directions about the treatment of the disease, how to prevent the spread of the contagion, what are proper disinfectants, and how to prevent the disease in the first place by proper sanitary regulations. They find that filthy wells and alleys and cesspools and bad drainage are largely responsible for the origin and spread of diphtheria. They have traced many cases of the disease to these sources, and they sound an alarm for the people everywhere to rid themselves of the danger. Many persons have written to them that their local authorities were very derelict in this particular and will take no steps to clean up the streets and alleys. This is true more especially in small villages, where the most cases of diphtheria have occurred. The board are considering the expediency of making a regulation compelling this to be done, and if there were some way open for making every local health physician do his duty they would try it. The situation is very serious and calls for prompt and thorough treatment.

Adorning the Capitol Grounds.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The first steps toward the adornment of the capitol grounds will be taken in a few days, when the commission appointed by the last legislature will meet here to arrange for the erection of a soldiers' monument. The commission is composed of the governor, ex-Senator James Harlan of Mount Pleasant, ex-Governor Kirkwood of Iowa City, ex-Senator George G. Wright of Des Moines, Mr. Edward Johnson of Keokuk and Mr. I. N. Richardson of Davenport. The legislature appropriated $5,000 as a beginning "for the purpose," as the statute reads, "of perpetuating an expression on the part of the people of the state of Iowa of their appreciation of the patriotism, courage and distinguished soldierly bearing of their fellow citizens, as manifested during the recent war of the rebellion. The commission named will have the selection of places for the monument, and will report to the next legislature for further instructions. It is thought that an equestrian statue of some distinguished Iowa soldier, or of a typical soldier without regard to personality, will be decided upon. Mrs. Harriet C. Ketcham, of Mount Pleasant, a distinguished sculptress who has done some excellent work in marble, is thought likely to receive the commission for the work. It would be a fitting recognition of Iowa talent, to choose her, and those who have examined her work are satisfied that she would do the subject justice. She recently returned from Italy, where she had been studying with special reference to advanced work of this kind.

The Coming Convention of Auditors.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A convention of county auditors has been called to meet in the capitol building at Des Moines December 19 and 20. The officers issuing the call do so in accordance with authority given them at the last annual convention, which was held in this city February 9, 1888. The earlier date is fixed so that there may be opportunity for the auditors to take united action in regard to the basis of assessments before the assessors begin their work for next year. The auditors hope to secure a unanimous recommendation to the boards of supervisors throughout the state that they instruct the assessors to make their assessments on the basis of the actual value of property. Heretofore there has been great diversity of practice in this regard. Some assets on the basis of one-half the actual value, others on two-thirds, others on three-fourths, and occastonally some on the basis of the actual value. This diversity leads to confusion, and makes any general estimates of property value in the state almost impossible, so far as the reports of assessors are relied upon. These county auditors in their coming convention will probably adopt unanimously the recommendation suggested and endavor to have uniformity throughout the state in this regard. As there are ninety-nine counties, and as boards of supervisors are invited to send representatives to the convention, it promises to be large and interesting.

Aspirants For the Vacant Judgeship.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Since the election decided that Judge Reed, of the supreme court, should go to Washington as congressman from the Council Bluffs district, there has sprung up a lively competition for his place on the bench. The principal aspirants for the appointment are Judge Given, of the district court, of county: Judge Lewis, of Cherokee; Judge Harvey, of Leon; Hon. N. M. Pusey, of Council Bluffs; Judge S. M. Weaver, of Iowa Falls, and it is believed that Congressman Lyman, of Council Bluffs whom Judge Reed is to succeed, would like to swap places with him. The man who is appointed will have but one year to serve on Judge Reed's unexpired term, but will undoubtedly receive the republican nomination next summer for the full term, and so have seven years on the bench at least. Judge Reed expects to remain on the bench until after the January term of court, when by custom he would preside as chief justice. So Governor Larrabee will not appoint his successor until after that time, giving the different candidates about three months of anxious suspense before them.

Poisoned a Minister's Wife.

KEOKUK, Ia., Nov. 25.—A case of the attempted poisoning of Mrs C. N. Newton, wife of the pastor of the African M. E. church, has come to light. The poisoner is a colored woman, Lizzie Bell, who came to this city about a year ago from Hannibal, Mo., and has been living as a domestic in different families. About six weeks ago, during the absence of Mrs. Newton, some ice cream was left for her with her niece, the only person at home. Mrs. Newton ate some of the cream and during the night became violently sick. The cream, she remembered, had a greenish tinge and sediment had settled on the melted froth. Two weeks ago last night a second attempt was made, when Lizzie Bell brought her some oysters and jelly cake. The oysters appeared to have the same powder scattered through it which was noticed gathered on the ice cream. She did not partake of the food. Last Friday a third visit to the parsonage was made by Miss Lizzie Bell, and this time she brought a tempting dish of smoking sausage and some apples. In the sausage was again visible the poisner's favorite seasoning and the apples had also been "doctored." The girl was accused of the crime and admitted it, but would give no reason for it. She went to Hannibal and was arrested there yesterday.

Liquor in Original Packages.

WATERLOO, Ia., Nov. 25.—A case to test the right of dealers to import liquor into Iowa in original packages is on trial at Marshalltown before Judge Stevens. The Bowmans are the defendants, and it is sought to obtain an injunction to restrain them from the sale of original packages. Attorney Blum, of Chicago, is engaged for the defense, and he says that the "original package" men base their case upon the decision rendered by Chief Justice Marshall, in the case of Brown vs The State of Maryland, which grew out of an enactment by the legislature of Maryland in 1822. This act imposed a tax of $50 on all persons who sold within the state liquors imported from other countries. Justice Marshall held this statute to be in conflict with the constitution, and in his opinion expressed the belief that the right to import carried with it the right to sell. The Bowmans applied to have their case transferred from the district court to the United States court, but Judge Stevens refused the application on the ground that the case must first go to the state supreme court.

BARNUM RETIRES.

He's Worth $10,000,000 and Will Quit the Show Business.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Nov. 25.—P. T. Barnum, the showman, is a thing of the past. He has settled up his business, and last night announced that he had turned his whole circus over to Mr. Baily, who will own and conduct it, and that he himself had forever retired. Advancing years and a desire to enjoy his old age in quiet, are the causes which led Mr. Barnum to close out. Last week he gave a farewell dinner and is now about to occupy a plain little brick cottage overlooking Long Island Sound. Mr. Barnum is getting to be infirm. He shows his years, and he repeatedly announced that the cozy little brick cottage in which he intends to pass the evening of his life had been built expressly for his young wife. The deeds are in her name. Mr. Barnum has made his will, which is understood to be a "cast iron will." Beside the usual witnesses Mr. Barnum has secured the signatures of two leading physicians that he is in right mind. He is estimated to be worth $10,000,000.

BRITAIN'S BAD WEATHER.

The British Ship Duncan Stranded in the Recent Blow.

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LONDON, Nov. 25.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—London can match New York's snow storm to day with a furious gale, followed by a deluge of rain. To-night, as predicted November 22 by the Herald weather bureau, high winds are reported along the coast. Early yesterday morning the British ship Duncan, of Glasgow, 1,639 tons, from Iquque for Dunkirk, was stranded. All aboard, thirty-two in number, were rescued, but it is feared that the vessel will be a total wreck. Apropos of the recent storms predicted by the Herald, the St. James Gazette, says a correspondent, wants to know if it is not a fact that we have more frequent high winds and a greater number of gales than was the case until a few years ago. We think it is likely, since it is notorious that things atmospheric have been much worse since the clerk of the weather joined the staff of the New York Herald. These American papers are always making things unpleasant for this country.

Drowned in Spirit Lake.

DES MOINES, Nov. 25.—While skating with some friends on Spirit Lake last night Frank Hathaway broke through the ice and was drowned. His family lives at Laporte, Ind., and the body was sent there to-day.

The Pope Congratulates Harrison.

ROME, Nov. 25.—The pope has instructed Cardinal Gibbons to congratulate Mr. Harrison on his election to the presidency.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE TAX

An Increase in the Amounts Collected From Various Sources.

SOME OLEOMARGARINE FIGURES

Interesting Report By Commissioner Miller on the Operations of the Department For the Last Fiscal Year.

Paying the Nation's Expenses.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Joseph Miller, the commissioner of internal revenue, has made an elaborate report to the secretary of the treasury of the operations of that service during the fiscal year ended June 30 last. The report shows that the total receipts for the fiscal year were $124,336,475, an increase of $5,489,174 over the receipts for the previous year, and more than the receipts of any year since 1883, when the receipts aggregated $144,552,345. The receipts for the year were also $4,336,475 more than the estimate. The estimated receipts for the current fiscal year are $125,000,000, provided no changes are made in the existing rates of taxation.

The withdrawals for consumption during the year were as follows: Spirits, distilled from apples, peaches and grapes, 886,107 gallons; other spirits, 70,677,339 gallons; fermented liquors, 24,680,219 barrels; cigars, 3,844,726,650; cigarettes, 1,832,724,100; snuff, 7,433,989 pounds; tobacco, chewing and smoking, 201,925,613 pounds; oleomargerine, 32,667,755 pounds. This shows a large increase compared with the previous year. The cost of collection of internal taxes for the year was $3,978,283, being less that 3.3 per cent of the amount collected. The cost of collection for the previous year was 3.4 per cent of the amount collected. During the year 781 persons have been arrested for revenue violations. Property to the value of $132,744.35 has been reported for seizure, and $73,619.14 for assessments for unpaid taxes and penalties.

During the year 518 illicit stills were seized, resulting in the death of one officer and the wounding of another. The number of distilleries registered during the year was 3,994, and the number operated was 3,646.