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A RED CLOUD BANK FAILS.

The National of that City Forced to Close Its Doors.

DUE TO GROSS MISMANAGEMENT.

A Bogus Pinkerton Detective Runs Away With Another Man's Wife and a Big Board Bill—A Colored Scrape.

Red Cloud Bank Failure.

RED CLOUD, Neb., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Although not entirely unexpected, a notice posted on the front door of the Red Cloud National bank, this morning, announcing the closing of that institution, caused something of a stir in the city. A few days ago when the resident directors were presented with a statement of the condition of the bank, and were asked to sign it, they refused. Their reason for so doing is said to have been because of a refusal by the other stockholders to carry out the conditions of a sale entered into about September 2, when L. P. Albright, then cashier, and one or two others sold their interests. This refusal to sign the statement created uneasiness among the bank's. Omaha and Kansas City correspondents, who soon had representatives on the ground looking into the matter. The more they searched the more serious the trouble grew. The first intimation the public had of the real extent of the trouble was on Saturday, when it became known that the drafts made by the bank had been protested, and on their presentation at the counter they announced their inability to pay them, and closed the doors before the regular hour. Your correspondent then called upon the officials, who said they felt sure of being able to open up this morning in good condition. This they did not do. The real cause of the failure, it is generally supposed, dates back several weeks, and is as follows: About the 1st of September L. P. Albright, cashier, was confronted with the fact that the Red Cloud Milling company owed the bank about $18,000, which amount they were unable to pay and unwilling to secure. The officers of the milling company then came forward with a proposition to buy Mr. Albright's stock and part of his father-in-law's, which they did, Mr. Albright accepting in part payment $15,000 of the bills receivable of the bank; presumably being paid for the balance by checks on the milling company. In order to appease the balance of the stockholders, who clamored to be released and to have their stock bought, a bond was entered into by the new stockholders for the purchase of the stock of Levi Moore and one or two others, all heavy holders. We are informed that the sixty days in which the bond was to run was allowed to pass and no transfer was made, hence the would-be sellers thought that, by refusing to sign the statement, they could form a compliance with the terms of the sale. Besides the $18,000 above mentioned, it is supposed that the milling company, whose representatives gained control of the institution, have succeeded in getting still deeper into the bank. The bank is now in the hands of the National bank examiner, T. M. Griffith, who arrived this morning, and to whom much credit is due for his prompt and decisive action. He is as yet unable to furnish a statement of the assets or liabilities. Neither of the other city banks will suffer any inconvenience in consequence of the failure. The entire trouble is traceable to inexperience, and, what may prove worse, a corrupt use of the bank's assets.

Didn't Pay His Board.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A man named Daniel Graves, who has been passing himself off here as a Pinkerton detective, skipped out the other day, leaving the landlord of the Riddle house in the lurch for about $85 of a board bill. It is known that he has been paying attention to a certain married woman here. Mr. Riddle, learning that he made his headquarters at Omaha, accompanied Sheriff Eikenborg to that city in pursuit of him. Mr. Riddle returned home soon after, leaving the sheriff there, who found him in company with the woman in question. He was arrested and brought to this city Sunday morning. If the facts are exposed more trouble will probably follow.

Wilber Items.

WILBER, Neb., Dec. 24.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The district court adjourned for the holidays after one week of very busy work. Quite a number of criminal cases were disposed of, together with a few civil cases of minor importance. Sheriff Barton took six criminals to the penitentiary this morning. They were sentenced as follows: Ed Simmons, John Clark and John Kelley, three years each; the last named for grand larceny. Michael Carey and Charles Williams plead guilty to burglary and got one year each. The noted Bailey, of DeWitt, allowed but one of his eighteen cases for selling whisky without license to come up and the decision being adverse he took an appeal to the supreme court, as a test case. Court sits again in March.

Sad Case of Insanity.

BENKELMAN, Neb., Dec. 24.—[Special to THE BEE.]—One of the saddest misfortunes in the history Benkelman has just befallen one of the most respected citizens, F. H. Lytle, of the hardware firm of Lytle Bros. & Co. He was taken suddenly with a fit of insanity, smashed up everything within his reach and broke his safe with a sledge hammer. The firm is in splendid circumstances, having a large store here, as also one in McCook. His friends have taken him to Lincoln, hoping he may be benefitted. Mr. Lytle is a prominent Knight of Pythias.

Ira Atwood, of Haigler, who broke into the store of Turner, Frazier & Co., and gave bond for his appearance in the sum of $500, failed to appear, and his bond is declared forfeited.

Six Years for Dug McGuire.

CRETE, Neb., Dec. 24.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Dug McGuire, alias J. E. Moore, one of the noted Quinlan gang of burglars, will join his pal, Reddy Wilson, in serving a term in the penitentiary. He was found guilty of breaking into and carrying away from the Star clothing house, of this city, Thanksgiving evening, goods to the amount of about $800. Upon this finding, Judge Morris sentenced him to serve six years at hard labor in the penitentiary. This is McGuire's second trip to the pen, besides having gone through a course of training at the reform school.

Alleged Defilement.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Lena Hurd, (colored) this evening swore out a warrant for the arrest of George Thomas, also colored, on a charge of rape. Thomas has a family, and the girl has a very unsavory reputation.

Wrecked Sailors Rescued.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Advices from Honolulu report the arrival of the British man-of-war Hayicinthe from Tahiti. The Hayicinthe rescued at Malden island two shipwrecked crews of twenty-four men of the German ship Hermann and the Swedish bark Virgo. The vessels were wrecked on the island November 27. A boat containing the captain, mate, carpenter and two seamen of the Virgo capsized and all six were drowned. All of the Hermann's crew escaped.

Will Forfeit His Bail.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Grattkau, the Milwaukee anarchist, whom the supreme court of Wisconsin decided would have to serve the remainder of his sentence, to-day said he would probably stay here and forfeit his bail. He said he would indemnify his bondsmen.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

Four Men Instantly Killed and Several Badly Injured.

BOULDER, Colo., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A terrible explosion occurred at the Hastings saw-mill, four miles from Gold Hill, on Saturday last, resulting in the instant death of four men and the scalding of another, who will probably recover, although he is badly injured. The mill hands had gone to work early and, being desirous of doing a big day's work, they fired up with low water in the boiler in order to get a full head of steam. They had secured a pressure of 115 pounds, and as the boiler was foaming, cold water was pumped in, causing the explosion. Andy McDonald, twenty-three years old, had his head blown off. His body was found immediately afterwards, but his head was not discovered until afternoon, when, in removing the debris, it was found lying in the pit under the fly-wheel. He came originally from North Carolina. A. Barnard, twenty-four years old, a single man, was killed instantly, and his face was badly mutilated by the flying fragments. Nodlett, thirty-eight years of age, married, leaves a wife and one child three weeks old. He was killed instantly. Niles, formerly from Kansas, leaves a wife and five children. Mike Barnard was badly scalded, but he will recover. The force of the explosion was tremendous, and the report was heard for miles around. The boiler was was shattered into small fragments, and these were scattered over a wide area. The mill and its machinery were ruined. Three other men were in the mill at the time, and they, heeding the warning of danger, made their escape in safety, but the others were not able to take advantage of the notice of impending disaster, and they lost their lives.

THE ANARCHISTS.

An Injunction Asked For to Restrain Police Interference.

CHICAGO, Dec., 24.—Corporation Counsel Green and Assistant Knight finished to-day the city's reply to the bill filed by the anarchists in support of an injunction restraining the city from interfering with their meetings. The reply asserts that the Arbeiter bund society, pressing the injunction suit, was organized for unlawful purposes, and that it agitated principally the destruction of existing forms of society. It further relates that the Arbeiter bund held a meeting in Mueller's hall, on the evening of December 9. This meeting took the place of the advertised one in Greif's hall, which had been closed by the police. There were inside and outside guards for the hall door, and it was thought that only avowed anarchists were admitted. There were present 150 men and sixty women. To save themselves they met under the name of Reichstag-Verein. Albert Parlin addressed the meeting in incendiary and unlawful language. He said the bund had failed to accomplish its purpose, but that it would continue in existence and in the end be successful in its object, the killing of judges and inspector Bonfield.

Wednesday the Arbeiter bund will file its answer, and Thursday the application for authority to sue for an injunction will be argued before Master-in-Chancery Windes.

More Stolen Bonds Recovered.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Shaw and Plessner, arrested Saturday in connection with the Cutting bond case, were arraigned in the Armory police court this morning. Inspector Bonfield stated to the justice that Shaw on Saturday had given him information which enabled him to recover bonds valued at $2,100, which were stolen from Kellogg, Johnson & Bliss on April 27 last, and that this morning Shaw had turned over to him $3,000 in bonds stolen from Cohen, Wampold & Co. at about the same time. The inspector asked that the hearing be postponed till December 29, the date fixed for considering the cases of Taylor and Lawyer Cutting for complicity in the same theft, and that the bonds be made heavy. The request was acceded to and the bonds in each case were fixed at $5,000.

Both prisoners have made further statements to Inspector Bonfield. Plessner stated that he knows there was an organized band of burglars at work, and that they not only committed the two burglaries already mentioned, but also the Henry W. King & Co. job, which was several months later.

He "Got Even."

SPRINGVALE, Me., Dec. 24.—On Thursday night John Bernier, a French Canadian, aged thirty-five years, was convicted of cruel and brutal treatment of his wife and was fined $14.50. During the trial he was heard to threaten to "get even" with his wife. On Saturday morning the doctor called to see Mrs. Bernier and found her suffering from poisoning, which her husband said she had taken despite his efforts to prevent her. The next day it was learned she was dead. An examination of the facts seemed to show that on Friday night, while the woman was still suffering from poisoning, Bernier beat her cruelly and thrust her out of doors into the bitter cold. She crept back and he beat her again. She died Sunday. An inquest will be held. The deceased leaves three little children, the youngest only two months old.

The Six Days' Shoot.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Dr. William G. Carver, the famous rifleman, began his six days' shoot at the Washington rink this morning. He will try to break his own and the world's record of 60,000 glass balls in six days. As some people have charged that the cartridges are loaded with shot, a single grain of which would break a glass ball, wooden balls have been secured and the mark of every bullet can be plainly traced. Another condition is that a twenty-two calibre rifle shall be used. This is a smaller bullet than the marksman is accustomed to. The only difficulty, he says, he will encounter will be shooting too fast on the first day. This caused a partial paralysis in 1884 and almost resulted in the doctor's death. Up to 9:15 this evening he had broken 8,150 balls. The shoot continues until midnight.

The Mt. Pleasant Explosion.

MT. PLEASANT, O., Dec. 24.—None of the wounded in yesterday's explosion have yet died, though some are in a critical condition. About a thousand pounds of powder exploded. The dynamite in the magazine was frozen hard and did not explode, or the whole village would have been destroyed. The explosion occurred at about 2:30, tearing a large hole in the ground and wrecking many houses and buildings in the vicinity. Charles Gleck was blown to atoms, and ten or twelve other men were seriously injured. The shock broke many windows in and around Mt. Pleasant and Emerson, and knocked off considerable plastering.

Accident on the Brooklyn Bridge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A train loaded with passengers on the Brooklyn bridge ran into an empty train at the Brooklyn end of the structure about 6 o'clock to-night. The front platform of the moving train was smashed, as was the foot of John McWilliams, the brakeman, A young woman received a contusion on the head. No one else is reported injured.

Gone Home for Christmas.

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Congressman Ford, chairman of the special committee on immigration and labor, arrived here yesterday morning. He began his investigation this forenoon and continued till noon, when he left for Grand Rapids to stay over Christmas at home.

Colonel Coster's Sudden Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Colonel Charles H. Coster, well known in Grand Army circles and formerly pension agent in this city and later collector of internal revenue, died on the street last night from heart disease.

THE SAMOAN COMPLICATION.

Utter Disregard of the Rights of American Citizens.

CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON.

President and Mrs. Cleveland Will Eat Their Turkey Without Company—Conflicting Reports of Laird's Condition.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.

Some of the leading German-American citizens in this city are very indignant over he utter disregard of the rights of Americans in Samoa, which is exhibited by the present head of the state department. One gentleman, who has carefully watched the reports from that little kingdom, expressed the opinion to-night that the United States had played the braggart in the case of Hayti, while acting the coward in dealing with Germany in the Samoan affair. "This is perhaps due," said this gentleman, "to a desire to please the German-American population of this country, but it is a wrong idea. The German-Americans do not desire to see the interests of the United States put in jeopardy in that important point, nor do they desire to see German supremacy established there. The idea advanced, of a government by foreign ministers for Samoa, is absurd in the extreme, but this country should take a hand in the matter and immediately establish a protectorate over Samoa. If this was done there would be no more fear of German aggression, or of the trampling under foot of the rights of Americans. There are a great many Americans on the island of German birth, who owe allegiance to the stars and stripes, and they do not care to see the standard of Germany floating over them again."

CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON.

Christmas will be spent in Washington in a very quiet manner, so far as social festivities are concerned in the higher circles of society. The President and Mrs. Cleveland have decided to remain at the white house throughout the day, and as they are now alone they will have their Christmas dinner without company. There have been no elaborate preparations, but the usual amount of holly and misletoe decorates the private rooms of the president and his wife, and the gardner in charge of the green houses has been nursing some particular flowers industriously for some weeks in order that Mrs. Cleveland's penchant for lovely blossoms could be gratified to the highest degree possible. The Misses Bayard are in the city, but have made no preparations for social festivities until after New Year's. Mrs. Fairchild, after enjoying her Christmas dinner in Washington, will leave for New York on Wednesday and return on the following Monday, in order to be present at the New Year's reception which is always held at the white house. Mrs. Endicott left with the secretary on Friday for New England, and will spend Christmas in her Massachusetts home. Mrs. Dickinson, wife of the postmaster general, has several guests here from Michigan, who will enliven her house to-morrow, but there are to be no festivities other than those confined to the members of the family and their guests. Mrs. Vilas is still too ill to think of the social affairs of the nation and Mrs. Whitney is the only one of the cabinet ladies who has any programme for the week. Mrs. Whitney will give a german on Tuesday evening, which will, of course, be a very enjoyable affair to all those so fortunate as to receive cards. The affair is to be a childrens' party in honor of one of Mrs. Whitney's little nieces, who is a guest at the house at present. On Saturday Miss Molly Vilas, the president, and Miss Pauline Whitney, secretary, will be in their element as officials, as the Children's Christmas club is to follow the course adopted during Mr. Arthur's administration and will keep up the custom of supplying the poor children of the city with a substantial dinner on Saturday.

Your correspondent, this afternoon, took some pains to ascertain from the business men of Washington what effect the election had had upon the Christmas holiday trade. Without exception the merchants on all the principal streets never before had such business, and the flow of money into their coffers was simply unprecedented. Nearly 90 per cent of the business houses of Washington are conducted by democrats, and they would be the last to admit that the prospect of republican ascendency had been beneficial to them unless it was absolutely true. On all sides the merchants admit that they could account for the increased trade only by the fact that it was an indication that everyone expects the next four years to be more prosperous than the last four have been. One man, in particular, who has been a quite liberal contributor to democratic campaigns in the past, if the reports to that effect can be relied upon, said to your correspondent to-night: "If I had any idea how beneficial the election of Harrison would have proved in my business this year, I certainly should not have taken the pains that I did to secure his defeat. As it is, I have recovered entirely from the feelings which I had on the 7th of November, and financially I am better off to-day than I should have been if Mr. Cleveland had been elected. I don't know why it is, but trade in Washington is better than it has been before since the war period. Everybody seems willing to spend money, and we are reaping the benefit.

LAIRD'S CONDITION.

Reports from Eureka Springs, Ark., as to the condition of Congressman Laird are very conflicting. One gentleman informed me to-night that he had received word from that place to the effect that Mr. Laird's condition was exceedingly serious; that he was threatened with brain fever, and that those around him were generally alarmed over his symptoms, and feared the worst. On the other hand, Mr. Laird's man, here, told me last night that he had just received word to the effect that Mr. Laird was in a very much better condition than he had been for some time, and that the prospects of his early return to Washington were exceedingly bright.

CANADIAN ANNEXATION.

Inasmuch as there has been a great deal of talk lately about Canadian annexation and the division of the Dominion into states of a size fit to go into the union, it might be of interest to know something of the vast country to the north of the United States which, politically in no way related to us, is so intimately tied up with the prosperity of the United States.

Canada is often looked upon as a bleak, barren territory fit to produce little besides lumber, furs and skins. Yet within the confines of the Dominion there are vast areas or agricultural lands capable of producing cereals in sufficient quantities to supply the entire world if crops in all other countries should fail. And in minerals it would seem to be even richer than the United States.

In this city this week have been two gentlemen connected with the royal commission on the resources of Canada. These gentlemen were John Charlton, M. P., chairman of the commission, and Archibald Blue, its secretary. They came to Washington to inquire into the methods of the United States geological survey and to gather all the information obtainable relative to the mining statistics and the mining lands of the United States and the various states and territories. They were very well received here, and have gone on to Birmingham, Ala., to witness the tests of a new system for reducing sulphurous and other refractory ores, which are now of little value. Some of these ores were shipped from the mines at Cochill, Ont., to Birmingham, and are there to be tested. If the new process proves to be anything near as valuable as is claimed, it will revolutionize the work of reducing refractory ores, and will enhance the value of millions of tons of iron ore which are now considered almost useless.

After their visit to Birmingham the gentlemen will proceed to Pittsburg to look into the mining operations there, and will then return to Canada and prepare their report to be submitted to the Canadian legislature.

Mr. Charlton, in conversation with your correspondent, said this commission was appointed for the purpose of examining into the mineral resources of the Province of Ontario and for making suggestions for the better development of the mines. "We have besides the copper regions about Ladburg and Vermillion, coal regions between Vermillion and Lake Huron, the mining regions along the north shore of the Gorgian bay, as far west as the Sioux; the country north of Lake Superior, the silver district west of Port Arthur, and the gold region of the Lake of the Woods, the iron district on the Minnesota border, and the iron and phosphate mines of Eastern Ontario, and the Goodrich salt district, and the petroleum deposits in the vicinity of Petrolia. We have taken the evidence of mineral prospectors and property holders, and have compiled a vast amount of information as to the resources of the province and various matters connected with their development. The result of the investigation shows that the Province of Ontario has vast, almost inexhaustable, mineral resources in iron, copper, nickel, gold, silver, galena, plumbago, salt, phosphates and pretroleum, and, probably, the finest quarries in the world of marble and free stone. Several mines have been established, and have already proved extremely profitable in the vicinity of Port Arthur. One old miner whom we met here, Captain Nichols, was connected with the mines in Colorado for years, and he informed me that if the same deposits existed in the Centennial State the country would be wild with excitement. I don't think there is any doubt that Ontario in many respects is the best supplied in mineral products of any portion of America, and with some changes in the Canadian mining laws, I have no doubt that Canadian mining operations will become as extensive as those on this side of the border line."

A CABINET CANDIDATE.

Virginia republicans intend to present one of their number for a cabinet position under President Harrison, who commands the highest possible respect of the good citizens of the Old Dominion. His name is Judge Robert W. Hughes, of Norfolk. He is about sixty-seven years old, and was appointed by General Grant to a position on the federal bench. He ran for governor in 1873 and made a magnificent race. He has been a stauch republican ever since the war, and by his intelligence, kindly disposition and uniform fairness is idolized by the best people in all political parties, social classes and business elements. He belongs to no faction, is not wound up in any of the political or social entanglements which so thoroughly complicate most distinguished men in the state, and it is said that his preferment will be asked by the best men in the state, without regard to party lines.

PERRY S. HEATH.

Preparing for the Inauguration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Quarters have been engaged at the Arlington hotel for General Harrison and party prior to the inauguration ceremonies next March. There will be in the party General Harrison and wife, Russell Harrison and wife, J. R. McKee, wife and two children, ex-Senator Saunders, of Nebraska, and wife (parents of Mrs. Russell Harrison), E. W. Halford, private secretary, wife and daughter. On the morning of the inauguration they will go to Willard's hotel on Pennsylvania avenue and occupy a parlor on the second floor, where they will view the procession as it forms, in accordance with the precedent established by Andrew Jackson, and observed by every president, but two, since then. President Cleveland will call for President-elect Harrison at the Willard and escort him to the capitol.

Internal Revenue Collections.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Collections of internal revenue during the first five months of the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1889, amount to $53,091,736, being an increase of $1,231,186 over collections during the corresponding period of last year. The receipts from spirits were $29,306,364, an increase of $1,575,854; from fermented liquors $10,465,583, an increase of $54,316; from oleomargarine $313,653, an increase of $20,817. The receipts for November last were $107,411 greater than those for November, 1887.

Surrendered the Steamer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Whitney, to-day, received a cable message from Rear Admiral Luce, in command of the United States steamer Galena, at Kingston, Jamaica, saying that the American steamer Haytien Republic, recently siezed at Port Au Prince by the Haytien authorities, has been surrendered to him upon demand.

Christmas at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President and Mrs. Cleveland will spend Christmas quietly at the white house. All the departments closed at noon to-day, and government business will be suspended until Wednesday morning.

THE KATE ADAMS DISASTER.

Between Thirty-five and Sixty Lives Were Lost.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 24.—There is nothing of a startling nature to report concerning the disaster of the Kate Adams beyond what was mentioned in last night's dispatches. William Donohue, one of its clerks, came up this forenoon from the wreck. He was in the yawl with Clerk Corbett when it capsized and the last he saw of his colleague he was floating down the river clinging to a small ladder. Donohue managed to catch on to a bale of cotton and was swept out into the current and rescued six miles below Commerce by negroes on the Arkansas side of the river. He says Corbett may possibly have been rescued further down the river. The loss of life is not yet definitely known and the prospects are that the exact number drowned will never be accurately stated. Thirty-five is the most conservative estimate. Out of a party of fifteen white laborers which boarded the steamer only two are said to have been saved. If this be true, and there are no means of substantiating the facts, the loss of life may be sixty, as many negroes who were on the lower deck lost their lives in attempting to swim ashore from the boat. The steamer and her cargo were valued at $145,000.

The steamer Kate Adams conveyed President Cleveland and wife from West Memphis to this city on the occasion of their visit to the south.

Turned Out in Scant Clothing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A score of families, among them many women and children, in their night clothes and one infant, were turned shivering into the street on account of a fire in an East Broadway tenement last night, and the wonder is that there was no loss of life. But for a fire escape and the bravery of several lads in mounting it, some of the lodgers must have been burned to death. As it was, two women were severely scorched, one so seriously that she was carried to a hospital, though she will not die of her injuries. Half a dozen other lodgers suffered minor burns and bruises.

The Result of an Old Feud.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 24.—Information comes from Denison, Tex., to the effect that Dudley Luttrell shot and killed J. M. Moyer, and mortally wounded John Christian, at Harneyville, Chickasaw nation, yesterday. The killing was the result of an old feud.

British Breadstuffs.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Prices of English wheat are in buyers' favor, but there is no notable change. Country flour has fallen 6d. Foreign wheat is weak; prices at Liverpool declined 1d per cental. Oats 2d lower. Corn and barley each 6d cheaper.

THAT LETTER FROM DUDLEY.

The Opinions of Various Indiana Politicians Regarding It.

WILL BE HARD TO MAKE A CASE.

This is the View Congressman Bynum Takes—Judge Suite Says It Was Only a Trap Set for the Democrats.

The Dudley Letter.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 24.—Ex-Senator McDonald, Congressman Bynum and a dozen or more democratic office-holders, arrived from Washington to-night to spend the holidays. Speaking of the Dudley letter, Congressman Bynum expressed the belief that the government will have difficulty in making a case against him.

Emery B. Sellers, United States district attorney, whose resignation has not yet been accepted, was in the city a few hours to-day. He says he occupies rather a strange position. The president has not accepted his resignation, neither has he been officially notified that he refuses to accept it, and unless he assumes that Bailey's nomination has created a vacancy, he is still district attorney of Indiana.

Judge J. S. Suite, of Frankfort, Ind., a close friend of Sellers, and who is familiar with the inside history of Indianopolis, is out in an interview giving a new reason for Sellers' resignation, which, he says, he has from Sellers direct. Judge Suite says: Mr. Sellers talked unreservedly regarding the Dudley letter, and said he was satisfied, the Sentinel had fallen into a trap set for the Indiana democrats by Dudley; that the letter was written with a view of having it reach as many democrats as possible; that no better medium of circulation among democrats could be obtained than the Sentinel; that only one letter was written, and that one sent where it would certainly fall into the hands of the Sentinel; that it was Dudley's intention to divert attention from New York by that letter and cause the democrats to concentrate all their funds, as well as their best efforts in Indiana, thereby enabling the republicans to carry New York, which they did; and that the letter was no unimportant factor in such a result; that no such letter was ever sent to or received by the republican committeemen; that he expressed this same opinion to the leaders of his party; and that the Sentinel is mad because of the blunder it made."

Judge Claypool, assistant United States district attorney, in an interview this evening, intimated that something of interest might be said about the Dudley case if the law did not impose silence respecting jury-room developments.

Acting District Attorney Bailey says the government has made good progress and has a great amount of evidence, and that it is not all against the small-fry.

COURTED THIRTY YEARS.

A Breach-of-Promise Suit Ends a Famous Love Affair.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 24.—Miss Catharine Teresa McEnery, of Lowell, has given notice to John H. Bukrick, of an action against him to recover $75,000 in a breach-of-promise suit. Both are well known, Miss McEnery being the daughter of an old and wealthy Irish resident of that city, and Bukrick, a large merchant and manufacturer. Recently he has been engaged in the railroad business in Boston, and is interested in the Putnam nail company. He is well connected and wealthy, and is descended from the early settlers of New England. The two have been "keeping company" now for about thirty-five years, and were prominent figures at theatres and public assemblies, many people even supposing that they had been secretly married. Miss McEnery is highly educated, and in her youth was much sought after by the rising young men of Lowell and its vicinity. It is said that there were decided objections by the relatives of both parties to their marriage on account of the difference in religious beliefs. It is also said that the refusal of Miss McEnery to give up Bukrick caused a disagreement with her relatives, and she left home in consequence. Bukrick now refuses to marry his aged fiancee for reasons unknown, and she has accordingly brought her suit. General Ben Butler will plead her case.

FATAL RAILROAD WRECK.

Two Passengers Killed and Thirteen Injured in Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 24.—The through passenger train to Nashville and the south on the Louisville & Nashville railroad ran into the Knoxville branch passenger train at Bardstown Junction, twenty-five miles south of this city, this morning. Two passengers were killed and thirteen injured. The killed are Mrs. Mary Perdins, of Old Depsit, Ky., and Willie Houston, of Water Creek, Ky. Engineer McPherson and Fireman King are thought to be fatally hurt.

The investigation of the railroad wreck at Bardstown Junction shows that the conductor of the first and the engineer of the other train disregarded regulations. The conductor of the first train, which had been delayed and was running on the following train's time, should have sent back a flagman with torpedoes, but failed to do so. The engineer of the following train had instructions to approach the station under full control. His train this morning was going at full speed—thirty-five miles an hour.

Assaulted By a Negro.

SHAWNEETOWN, Ill., Dec. 24.—Clinton Garrett, a white man, was assaulted to-day by a negro, named John Price and fatally injured. Price fled, and when about a mile from town met George Francis and knocked him down and robbed him, securing a small sum of money. The sheriff organized a posse of 100 men, captured the negro and lodged him in jail. If Garrett dies to-night there will be a lynching. To-night a negro, who was defending Price and abusing the injured white man, was set upon by a crowd and roughly handled.

Wanted the Christmas Presents.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 25.—As Moses Wright, a fifteen year old boy, was passing the corner of Fourteenth and Vine streets on his way home at 8 o'clock to-night, with some Christmas packages, a man ordered him to hold up his hands and almost immediately fired at him. The bullet entered the right eye and came out near the ear. The wound is not necessarily fatal. The miscreant escaped and the boy does not know whether he was a white man or a negro.

"The King's Fool."

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The first American production of "The King's Fool," light opera by Adolph Nueller, which is having such a phenomenal run in Vienna, was given here to-night at the Columbia theater under direction of Herr Hernich Conreid. A large audience was present and the verdict in the main was favorable. The music seemed of a much higher grade than in the average work of similar pretensions. The scenery and costumes were very brilliant.

Killed by the Cars.

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Henry and John Van Wormer, brothers, where killed by a train near Oneonta this afternoon while walking on the track.

Bright's Condition.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—To-night's bulletin about Bright is unfavorable. It is announced that his lungs are in a worse condition and he is becoming weaker.

A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Charles T. Clement, a Prominent Fargo Man, Missing.

FARGO, Dak., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Chas. T. Clement, a post commander of the G. A. R. and treasurer of the board of education, disappeared some two weeks ago, and rumors of defalcation have been rife. The facts seem to be that sometime ago a traveling man named Taylor, representing a Chicago firm, it is claimed did Mr. Clement a personal injury, the extent of which none but parties directly interested seem to know. This had been constantly preying upon his mind until, it is believed, the constant strain has rendered him temporarily insane. He has often been overheard talking to himself about the affair, referring to Taylor in a manner which showed hatred and vindictive spirit. A short time before his departure, Mr. Clement said: "Should I ever meet Taylor there is little question in my mind what the consequences will be. For my family's sake, I hope that I may never meet him."

On December 6, Mr. Clement informed his family that he was going to St. Paul and Minneapolis on business of a personal nature. He took no change of clothing nor baggage of any kind, in his haste forgetting his overshoes, and wearing a light overcoat. A letter was received from him next day, in which he said he was going to Chicago. On the 9th a letter was received from Chicago, and that is the last heard from him. December 16 Hon. H. D. Twomey telegraphed to Matt Pinkerton in Chicago full particulars, and authorized him to take hold of the case at once, which he did. No trace can be found of him since December 10, when he dined with C. D. Whitehouse, an old Fargo friend, whom he informed that he was going to take the night train for Fargo.

A WOMAN'S FATAL WRATH.

She Stabs a Neighbor and Cuts Two Children.

SOMERSET, Ky., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A trivial quarrel between two women near here Saturday resulted in the fatal stabbing of one of them and the serious cutting of her two children. Mrs. Frank Stevens, wife of a well-to-do farmer, rented a patch of ground to Mrs. Burchfield. The latter fell behind in her rent and a quarrel was the result. Yesterday Mrs. Burchfield was in her field with her two children, a boy and a girl, aged ten and twelve. Mrs. Stephens approached and after a few words pulled from the folds of her dress a bowie knife and savagely attacked Mrs. Burchfield, stabbing her in the breast and under the left shoulder blade. Mrs. Burchfield's little children rushed to their mother's assistance, when the maddened amazon turned on them, cutting both severely but not dangerously. The wounded woman and children were taken to their home. Mrs. Burchfield's wounds must necessarily prove fatal. Mrs. Stephens was arrested.

The President-Elect.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 24.—Notwithstanding the general publication this morning that General Harrison would hold no reception during holiday week, he had a greater number of visitors to-day than usual. Aside from the large number of callers, the general was kept very busy with his mail, which has greatly increased during the past few days. Numerous little presents of an inexpensive character arrived to-day.

Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia, arrived in the city last night and was an early visitor at the Harrison residence this morning, departing for home on the noon train. The presence of ex-Senator Davis has given rise to considerable newspaper speculation regarding that gentleman's politics. Upon the authority of General Harrison, it may be stated that Senator Davis' visit had no political significance whatever, and politics were not discussed.

Senator Sawyer, of Wisconsin, stopped over one train to-day en route home from Washington, and spent an hour with the president-elect this afternoon. It is fair to presume that the great lumberman warmly endorsed Governor Rusk for the war portfolio.

Ex-Senator Saunders and wife have returned to Omaha, and the Harrison family will pass their Christmas alone.

Absolutely Untrustworthy.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispach to the Telegraph from Zanzibar, says: All reports from here purporting to give the details of th meeting of Stanley and Emin, are absolutely untrustworthy. Even the place of meeting is unknown.

Rumors of German aggression and prospects of a conquest are exciting the natives, between Stanley Falls and Albert Nyanza, and also through the Ujiji region to the east coast.

Jail Breakers Shot.

VICKSBURG, Dec. 24.—At 12 o'clock last night, the city marshal, McMahon, shot A. G. Clay and Newton Dolan, while they were attempting to break into the jail for the purpose of liberating a prisoner named Green, charged with selling liquor, who was to be tried to-day. They had nearly succeeded in breaking the door down when the marshal fired. Both men are badly wounded.

Killed by His Nephew.

GADSDEN, Ala., Dec. 24.—Jesse A. Taylor, an old and highly respected citizen of this county, was to-day shot and instantly killed by his nephew, Arch Crazee, a young man about twenty-five years old. Taylor was trying to prevent a difficulty between Crazee and a man named Lancaster, when the former turned and placing a pistol against Taylor's head, shot him dead.

Russian Consul Arrested.

VIENNA, Dec. 24.—The Tageblatt has dispatches saying that the Russian consul at Malta has been arrested on suspicion of having placed an explosive shell in the theatre there while the Duchess of Edinburgh was present. The consul refuses to answer questions. The English authorities believe the affair is the outcome of a nihilist conspiracy.

A Nashville Blaze.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Baxter court, the handsomest office building in Nashville, burned to-night; loss, $100,000. Judge Matt W. Allen was at work on the sixth floor when the fire started and managed to fight his way to the second floor, through the smoke and flames, where firemen rescued him. He is seriously burned.

The Chicago Opera House Reopened.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Chicago opera house, in which, since the fire ten days ago, a small army of decorators and fitters have been at work repairing the damages, reopened tonight with Kiralfy's "Water Queen." The interior of the house has been completely redecorated in a very attractive style.

Addressed the Workingmen.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Robert Cunningham Graham, member of parliament, addressed a meeting of unemployed workingmen at midnight last night. A procession of workingmen, which arrived from Kennington was attacked by the police and dispersed. It is reported that a severe struggle took place between the police and paraders.

Buying War Materials.

SOFIA, Dec. 24.—The government has signed a contract with Krupp for a million francs worth of shells, and is negotiating with the same manufacturer for the purchase of eighty new batteries.

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York—The Moravia, from Hamburg; the Servia, from Liverpool.

At Bremen—The Ems, from New York.

At Hamburg—The Wieland, from New York.

PARALYZED IN THE PULPIT.

A Mason City Minister Stricken Down While Preaching.

WARM WEATHER AT DUBUQUE.

Leisey Bros. Warehouse at Keokuk Raided by the Police and a Large Amount of Beer Seized—Other Iowa News.

Stricken With Paralysis.

MASON CITY, Ia., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There was quite a commotion in the M. E. church yesterday morning. A large audience had gathered to listen to a Christmas sermon by Dr. W. Frank Paxton. After announcing the hymn he seated himself in his accustomed place, but after the hymn was sung the pastor remained in his seat. The audience sat in spell bound amazement for fully five minutes, when it was discovered that he was suffering from a partial paralysis of the brain, and was unconscious. He was carried to his home and is now recovering.

Liquors Seized.

KEOKUK, Ia., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The police to-day seized 700 eighth barrels, fifty-four kegs and nineteen cases of beer in the storeroom of Gus Leisy & Bros., brewers, of Peoria, Ill. Last July a seizure was made at the same place and goods replevined. The case was tried in the superior court and a decision in favor of Leisy rendered. An appeal was taken and the case is pending in the supreme court. A similar case is also under consideration in the federal court. Leisy does not sell prohibited beverages to be drank on the premises, but only in the original and unbroken packages. In this case replevin will be prayed for and an injunction asked restraining the prosecution from further interference with Leisy's business.

A Fatal Fall.

GREENFIELD, Ia., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Saturday, while some boys were playing in a hay mow, Hal Myers, a seven-year-old son of J. J. Myers, of the firm of Myers Bros., lumber dealers, slipped from the mow and fell to the ground, a distance of ten feet. He did not cry, and said he was not much hurt, but complained of feeling sleepy. He walked home, but in the evening grew more and more drowsy and began to get chilly. He went into a comatose condition and all attempts to arouse him proved futile and he died before midnight.

Picnicing at Dubuque.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A summer picnic was held today at McKnight's springs by the young people of this city. The gentlemen wore linen dusters and straw hats. A steambo