FORECASTS OF LEGISLATION.

Church Howe Says He Will Not Fight the Charter.

THE FIRE AND POLICE BOARD.

He Would be in Favor of Extending Its Powers-The Race for the Speakership-Outlook on Prohibition.

Interviews With Statesmen.

Church Howe was met yesterday morning and asked what he proposed to do with reference to the charter which Omaha desired to be amended at the forthcoming session of the legislature. He scouted the idea that an thing was to be expected of him other than that of performing duty as a legislator. He claimed to have no hostility to Omaha. On the conhe was one of Omaha's friends. He claimed further he had shown this in severn instances not alone during the last legislature, but several times since the adjourn

"If I had been an enemy of Omaha," wald, "I could have worked injuriously to her in the matter of trying to secure for her the national republican convention, which, you remember, Omaha made an effort to obtain. We received a very complimentary vote. we received a very complimentary vote, i did all that I could in that respect, and my exertions were somewhat rewarded. "If I had been opposed in Omaha I might perhaps have rendered it impossible for Thurston to have been preferred as he was by the national committee. I have heard this thing several times and it annoys me. I do not propose to knife the charter. I am in favor of a strong charter. I am in favor of the board of fire and police commissioners as it is police commissioners as it is now constituted, and I would be in favor of giving them greater authority than they now have. I am in favor of any move which now take these men beyond the reach of people who are disposed to run the offices these men hold in their own behalf or in the inter est of some of the worst people in the com-

would be in favor of genting to this board excise powers, and I would be even in favor of going further and giving them

I have no aspirations to be president of the senate and have taken no steps to secure the position. If it comes to me in the usual way, then I will be pleased to accept it. I don't know how the predicted to accept it. I don't know how the legislature will stand upon the question of prohibition. My time has been preity well occupied, and I have not given very much attention to any subject that may come be-

Mr. J. M. Lee, of Oxford, Furnas county, was also in town on his way to the legisla-ture. In conversation he boldly stated that he was a candidate for the speakership of the house and that he considered he had sufficient votes in his control to keep the other follows," as he put it, from securing the election. He prided himself upon being the election. He prided himself upon being the "granger candidate," and stated that he thought Cady, of Howard county, would possibly receive the greatest number of votes on the first ballet and that he would be followed closely by J. C. Watson, of Nebraska City.

Mr. Lee was asked as to what action he thought the legislature would take upon the question of prohibition, and stated that he had no doubt but that a bill submitting the question of voting on amendment to the constitution

voting on amendment to the constitution would pass the house, but that it would be defeated in the senate. He stated further that his own county which is opposed to prohibition still favored the question of submission, and had unanimously instructed him to vote in favor of such submission. Captain Real, of Grafton, was at the Pax-

ton last night. He had come up from Lin-poln where, in leisure moments, he took note of the assembling of the legislators, the lobbyists and office-seekers who seek favors at The presence of the captain here recalls

one of the livelest episodes in the late state campaign. He was a candidate for state senator from the district comprising the counties of Fillmore and York. His county, the former one, sent a solid delegation consisting of ten to the republican convention at Fairmount pledged to vote for him. York county was entitled to the convention, though the majority fator the convention, though the majority farored a man from their own county named Keckly, who was a member of the last senate of this state. Real managed to secure one of the York delegates, thus giving him eleven votes, a majority of the convention. These votes nominated him, greatly to the mortification of Keckly, who immediately benounced that he would run independent. Real claims that he could have secured a couple more of the York delegates had he so desired, but contented himself with securing simply a majority. Real however, had made up his mind not to run, and, though claiming to have been legally nominated, withdrew from the canvass. The case came before the executive committee of the state republican central committee, and Reckly was declared the nominee. Real d Fillmore county gave Keckly their earnest support and, of course, elected him.

"The funny feature of the affair," said Real, "is that my opponents called me a railroad capper. There is not one word of truth in the allegation. I have always fought the B & M. My friends down at home when they read the charges, laughed them-selves almost sick. Why, if I had to walk from my home to Lincoln on my knees the B. & M. wouldn't give a pass. They have killed my cattle and I've just come from Lincoln, where I got paid for three hogs of nine which they killed. But they don't pay bne-half of what stock is worth, and it isn't everybody who has the time to go into courts with that company. Some time ago they hit and killed a calf of mine and refused payment because the engineer did not report the accident. Shortly after I found a snow-fonce on my farm. I have near me one of the deepest cuts on the road. I asked the foreman of the section gang who told him to put the snow fence there, and he said the comnany. I told him I'd give him two days to ake it off. If it were not taken off in that time, Pd haul it off for him. The fence was pulled away in a hurry. The next winter we had that severe weather. The cut-filled with frozen snow. Two enfilled with frozen snow, gines were disabled in clearing it. The company lost \$5,000. Hundreds of men, I suppose, were frozen in the work. I was sorry for them, poor fellows, but I dian't care for the road. So my being a railroad

tool, down that way is considered a joke. The captain stated that his county, Fill-more, had instructed its representatives in the house to vote in favor of the submission of the question of a constitutional prohibi-tory amendment, though he knew there was a strong sentiment in the county opposed to the amendment. These people held that the people should be given an opportunity to vote on the subject, and if the people made geese of themselves thoy should blame themselves. So far as he knew, there was nothing to prevent Senator Manderson from being re-

John Peters, of Albion, member of the last

house of representatives, has been in the city for several days. It has been suspected that he came here in the interest of a certain candidate for United States senator, but an admission of that fact is one of the few things which the "gentleman from Boone" refuses to make. His county will be represented in the coming session by A. P. Brink, a loan agent, who goes into the legislative halls for the first time. He fills a place which Peters could undoubtedly have second oured for himself again had he been willing to accept a nomination for the house after he had been defeated as a candidate for the nomination of state auditor. In parly childhood, however, Peters contracted the habit of dividing his sugar plums with his little brothers, sisters and companions. He frequently gave them away almost without expecting thanks. They do say it was goodness of heart which prompted him to favor the saline salt land bill in the last session. Be that as it may, this was the gov-erning principle which urged him to allow Brink to go to Lincoln. Roberts, however, heed not as a consequence, be expected to remain away from Lincoln throughout the session. Mr. Brink, he says, will vote for submission, under the instructions of his county convention. In Boone, he says there is quite a feeling in favor of profiling while there is also a feeling against The instructions referred to were given,

hinking to save to the republican party the

prohibition vote in the late election, but without success. The republicans saw that they had gained nothing by the speculation.

In fact, the prohibition vote had increased. One year ago it was fifteen, while in the last election, the vote was fifty-four.

Mr. Peters did not know that Congressman Dorsey was seeking the United States senatorship. He had not seen Dorsey for some time and was so situated that it was only recently that he was able to leave home. He will leave for Lincoln on Saturday.

A Stringent Banking Law. GRAND ISLAND, Dec. 27 .- To the Editor of

THE BEE: In THE BEE of December 26, articles from J. D. Evans and from one of the Hayseed boys seem to indicate a much-needed public want, and that is a state banking law, for the greater protection of depositors. Thirty years ago protection was also needed and very much needed, too, for bill holders but that protection has been most effectually provided by the government issuing all bills -yet the poor depositor is left in a poorly protected position, in fact depositors have no protection.

Banking is beginning to assume, in this western country, an importance second to none, and as it grows in magnitude its chances for good or evil increase in the same ratio, and as its business is of a public nature and with the entire public, I claim that the public should have protection by having a law that would regulate and control the banking business, especially in all country towns. The large city banks would have to have a special arrangement for the protection of their depositors, which can easily be arranged, but it is the country banks that need unmediate attention, and an everlasting everbauling. The banking law should see

1. No man with bad business record should be a banker.

3. No man should open a bank who does not be a bank who does not be a bank and capital of a have the actual cash in hand and capital of a required amount, independent of buildings

or fixtures. 3. Banks should be required to keep cash on hand, not less than 20 per cent of their capi tal and deposits combined, and to make semi-4. That each bank should file with the auditor of the state a bond for the benefit of the bank's depositors, said bond being issued by

some guarantee company.

5. That there shall be a state bank examiner, and that all banks shall be examined

by him The first clause would be of benefit in The first clause would be of bencht in many ways in the county, as it would root out of existence a lot of fellows who have \$2,000 to \$5,000, and who do a chattel loan business and style themselves bankers. The second clause means more. It means that if a man had to apply to the auditor of the state for a charter, that the first think he would have to produce would be the required cash capital before the charter was issued, and the law could require that in towns of not more than 500 population that the minimum cash capital should be say, \$10,000, in towns of not more than 2,500 por be \$25,000 for banks having a paid up capital of say \$200,000, when they would pass under control of a law for that class. This process would give the banks all actual capital it cash, not in building and fixtures and unpaid up shares of stock, as is too often the case.

The fourth clause means that before a charter is issued the banker must file for two years from the date of opening, a guarante bond guaranteeing depositors against loss through dishonesty or poorly managed business in double the amount of his paid up cash capital, and at the end of the two years the bond is to be renewed for an amount equal to double the amount of capital and 50 per cenof the deposits added to the capital, and the bond to be ever kept at that proportion of security as long as the bank does business. That protects the depositor fully and at once covers the point of inability or dishonesty.

Now there are a good many bankers who are honest, but who have never made any money for themselves. They can't do it. It am't in them. Yet they have the self assur-ance that they can handle other people's money. Now I claim that inability and loss caused by bad management falls just as hard on the loser as theft, and bad management ought not to be any legal or moral excuse for public loss. With a stringent banking law and an efficient bank examiner, one thing is certain, such steals as the Val paraiso, and so many others lately, both in Iowa and Nebraska, would not take place, and the long years of savings of the rural depositor would not now be in the pockets of some thief. ED CROFT.

THE INAUGURATION.

Arrangements Being Perfected by the

Committee For the Event. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- Chairman Britton, of the inaugural committee, says that it has been practically determined to have no carriages in the procession except those for the occupancy of the retiring and incoming presidents, the new vice president and the joint congressional committee. John Dougherty, secretary of the actification committee that notified General Harrison and Mr. Morton of their nomination, has written here that at least one-half of the forty-seven members of that committee will be at the inauguration they would like a place in line reserved for their carringes. Britton says that on accour of the great length of the parade it will be impracticable to allow members of the con mittee to ride in the procession, and also tha no place in the line can be given to any per ons until about a week before the 4th of March, when the marshal will make the as

signment of positions to the various organi-zations that will be represented. Word has been received from Colorado that 100 cowboys and a band will leave Denver t take part in the parade. They will be dressed in the characteristic style of the plains, and will travel under the name of the Harrison

The President-Elect.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 27 .- Work in teneral Harrison's library went on at a rapid rate to-day, and much was accomplished. The general himself kept pretty close to the work in hand, and was interrupted by a few callers only. The most important visit to-day was that of four West Virginia gentlemen, headed by N. B. Scott of the national committee. The object of their visit is unknown, but they spent quite a little while with the general. It had reference to the condition of affairs in the south and they left expressing themselves highl their call.

This evening was given up to the members of the State Teacher's association, now in session. A large number of them called and were received by General and Mrs. Harrison It had been rumored that Senator Allison is expected here sometime during to-night or morrow, but authority cannot be found for the rumor.

The Anarchists' Injunction Case. CHICAGO, Dec. 27 .- The application on be half of anarchistic Arbeiter bund for an injunction restraining the police authorities of the city from preventing their meetings, was argued before Master in Chancery Windes to-day. On behalf of the bund it was contended that it was a peaceful organization, whose sole aim was the amelioration of the condition of the human race, and that the action of the police in forbidding them to meet and in closing all nalls against them, vi et armis, was in oper violation of their constitutional rights as citi zens of the republic. On behalf of the city is was argued that the bund as a body was made up of men who were opposed to the operation of all laws, and that the propagation of their theories tended to public disorder, and to ren-

dering of life and property insecure. When the arguments were concluded the master reserved his decision, remarking that he would announce the day when his recommendations were to be made known

A Destructive Fire. GRAND FORKS, Dak., Dec. 27 .- Early this morning the town of Auburn, north of this city, was almost wiped out by fire, nearly the entire business portion of the place being destroyed. The scarcity of water and fire

apparatus made the buildings an easy prey

o the flames. Loss unknown. The Weather Indications. For Nebraska: Fair, continued low tem perature, followed by warmer variable Continued low temperature,

OVER A GOOSE. Serious Fight Between Russian Set-

tiers and Americans. TRIPP, Dak., Doc. 27 .- A serious riot occurred this morning near this place between Winter Resort.

Russian Mennonites and Americans. A public sale was held at the farm of a Russian named Sink, and an American farmer named Merchant nurchased a dozen chickens. When really to start home he found two chickens missing, and complained to Sink, who told him to take something of equal value. He caught a goose and started home, but was overtaken by a party of eight Russians who claimed the goose as their property. wrangle ensued that attracted others to the scene, and soon a general fight was in proin which some twenty men were e Two brothers named Johnson, w were passing, joined in the melee with knives. A Russian named Mayer was stabbed, and he in turn split Charles Johnson's head open with a neck yoke, inflicting a fatal injury. The same weapon broke the used to slash up three other Russians badly out not fatally. The Americans found the rom the field. The wounded Russians were alten care of by their companions, and othing can be learned from them, owing to their clannish customs. The affair created most intense excitement in the neighbor-hood, where a majority of the settlers are

Russians. Officers are now investigating. Northwestern Traveling Men. Cuicago, Dec. 27.-The Northwester Traveling Men's association met here to-day C. H. Hinman, secretary and treasurer, submitted a very satisfactory report of the affairs of the order. Assessments to the amount of \$162,200 were collected during the year and the sum of \$156,000 was disbursed in benefits. The total amount said in benefits since the organization of the association footed up the grand total of \$1,060,520. There are several thousand dollars in the treasury, but the membership has decreased thirty in the last year, although the most of those were delinquents. James H. Miller, of Chicago, was chosen president for the ensuing year, together with the following vice presidents: W. H. Cribben, Illinois; S. M. Hinsdale, Iowa: R. R. Havener, Minnesota; John Thorne, Wisconsin; J. B. Heywood, Indiana; M. C. Wetmore, Missouri: Thomas McLeod, Michigan; H. Rendskoff, Ohio; Nathaniel M. Uri, Kentucky; D. E. Good, Kansas; C. B. Howe, New York; W. M. are several thousand dollars in the treasury C. B. Howe, New York; W. M. Colorado; M. Newmark, Nebraska. and J. R. Robertson, Dakota territory. Sec-

No Election Was Held. LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Mesers. Ben Tyo, Henry Askew and Jerry Clark, well-to do farmers of Woodruff county, were brought here under arrest this morning by Deputy United States Marshal Faulkinburg. They are charged with refusing to perform the duties of judges of election of Freeman township, Woodruff county, after having duly qualified as such officers. The examination took place at 10 o'clock this morning before United States Commissioner Watson. It was developed that no election was held in Freeman township. Joseph York, an election supervisor testified that the defendants did not arriv at the polls until 2 o'clock in the afternoo on November 6; that seventy-five or on hundred persons had congregated at the poll ing place to vote and that no box was opened The defendants claim that the key of the ba ot box had been lost and that they could not unlock it, and not caring to break it open did not hold an election. They were bound over

for their appearance in the April term of the United States court in the sum of \$1,000

Meeting of Western Brotherhood Men Sr. Louis, Dec. 27.-B. W. Veddar, chair man of the grievance committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of the Gould system, arrived in St. Louis this morning. "I am on my way to Chicago," said Mr. Veddar to an Associated Press re porter, "where a large and very important meeting of representatives of the order will convene to-morrow morning. It has been deemed necessary to form a closer union be tween engineers operating on lines west of the Mississippi, and to establish closer relacalled, and officers of the different systems west of the Mississippi, between the British and Mexican lines will be present, as well as representatives from many lodges. About two hundred and fifty delegates, represent ing over ten thousand engineers, will be present. This will be the first meeting, including engineers on all western lines and excluding others. Chief Arthur will be present. We all hope and expect that the meeting will be very beneficial to the order.

Increase in Railway Mileage. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27 .- The Railway Age o-morrow will say: The railway miteage of he year just passed was increased by no less than 7,120 miles of main track. While this is much less than the phenomenal mileage for 1881, 1882, 1886 and 1887, the record exceeds that of every other year with the exception of 1871, when 7,379 miles were added. Kansas still leads in the extent of new mileage as she has done for several years. California comes next. The most striking character istic of the work is the large number of sep arate lines of which it is composed, and the

correspondingly small average for each line. The building of great competitive lines has practically ceased for the present, and the car's work was devoted chiefly to the con struction of short independent lines or branches. Terrible Brutality. . DETROIT, Dec. 27 .- A revolting case of brutality is reported at Reed City, Michigan. Mrs. Swarthout, a photographer, has been arrested for maltreating her nicee. She i charged with having tied the girl's legs with

a stout cord and then putting in a stick and turning on the cord until the child would become almost unconscious with pain. ner until the skin would burst. Mrs. Swarth out was bound over to the next term of court and in default of \$1,000 bank, languishes m Was Carrying Too Many Passengers PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27 .- At Seattle

to-day, the coroner's jury made an investigation into the death of J. R. Bronson, one of the passengers of the burned steamer. Lief Erickson. It appeared that the Erickson louble the number of passengers allowed by law. The jury recommended that local in-spectors rigidly enforce the law in regard to the number of passengers steamers are licensed to carry. It is definitely ascertained that six persons were drowned.

Trying to Sell Widner. Sr. Louis, Dec. 27.-Manager Sullivan, o. the Washington Base Ball club, is in the city, negotiating with President Von der Ahe, of the Browns, for the release of Pitcher Widner to the St. Louis club. Offers have been made to him by three western clubs for the release of Donnelly and O'Brien, but they will likely go to Columbus It is thought that Widner will come to St Louis, though the price for his release ha not been agreed upon.

McAuliffea Favorite Over Jackson. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27 .- The betting of the McAuliffe-Jackson fight, to take place to morrow night, is 100 to 60 in favor of Auliffe. McAuliffe's backers to-day offered 1,000 to 600 on him, but found no takers. match is to be one of the most interesting ever fought on the coast. Funeral of Mrs. Pitman.

Mrs. T. T. Pitman, widely known as "Margery Dean," was held in Belmont Memorial chapel, at Island cemetery, this The Panama Canal. Paris, Dec. 27 .- At the Panama canal meeting to-day, M. Martineau, who had spent two years in the Panama work, de ctared that the canal could be finished at the

longest in three years, with an outlay of 400,000,000 francs. Count Dilhan, chairman, said he was able to youch for the accuracy of these figures.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 27. The funeral o

LINEN DUSTERS IN DAKOTA.

Attractions of the Territory as a

STILL HAVE SUMMER THERE.

At Fargo on Christmas Day They Played Cricket, Lawn Tennis and Base Ball and Wore Their May-Day Clothes.

The Northwestern Florida.

JAMESTOWN, D. T., Dec. 27 .- The usual

pleasant fall and winter weather of North Dakota is still enjoyed here; in fact the temperature has been even milder than for a number of years past. Throughout the month of December boys have been playing ball and shinny almost daily; merchants have exposed fruit and vegetables on the sidewalks; the street sprinkler has reappeared, and the gopher has left his winter quarters and again frisks up and down the country roads as blithe and happy as in May. Wild geese are frequently seen flying over head, hesitatingly pursuing a northerly direction as if undecided which way to go t find the colder weather they are seeking Spirit Wood Lake, which froze up last year in November, is still clear of ice, and a Dakota girl has recently trapped forty muskrats along its banks. Farmers are still har rowing and prowing, and hardly an acre of stubble will be left to be turned over in the spring. Many farmers are embracing the op-portunity offered by the favorable weather experiment with winter wheat, the grow ing of which, in North Dakota, has hereto-fore been impracticable, and thousands of acres has already been planted in the Upper James river valley. No snow has fallen as yet, and the earth is barren of any covering except frost-cured grass. Stock are still roaming at large upon the prairies, their only sustenance being that obtained by feeding on the uncut grass. No hay or winter feed has been fed in this section. This long con-tinued and uninterrupted warm weather

now enjoying prevailed the entire winter of 1877-78. Similar weather is reported from all over the state. Fargo, D. T., Dec. 27.—Beautiful weather prevails all over eastern Dakota, the ther-mometer ranging 30 to 55 above. Base ball games were played yesterday in this city, Casselton, Tower City, Girardin, Erie, Hun er, Harwood and elsewhere in the county forse racing and boat racing were also features of the day at Casselton. In Fargo there were lawn parties, cricket, lawn tennis, In the afternoon a ball game of four teen innings was played. Morehead, Minn, celebrated the day and weather with a game of ball in which the players were linen

does not occasion comment here except among the fuel dealers, who wear dismal counten

ances and long for the descent of a genuine New England blizzard. Seven years ago the

early winter presented an exact parallel with

this, and on Christmas day that year there was not a fire in any stove. Thirty old resi-

dents say that such weather as Dakotians are

Huron, D. T., Dec. 27.—In one of the beautiful groves in the Wessington hills, a few miles west of Huron, an out-door meeting, with a picnic, lunch, singing and brief speeches, was held on Christmas day. The bright sun and mild temperature, together with the summer raiment worn by the par ticipants, gave it the appearance of a May Day gathering, DEADWOOD, D. T., Dec. 37, -The weather

is mild and pleasant. Only two inches of snow has fallen to date, and 42 below is the Creston's City Hall Dedicated. CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 27 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The official opening of the city hall and superior court house of Creston was observed this afternoon and evening by a grand banquet, speeches by citizens, music and a grand ball. The building, which has

just been completed, v/as creeted at a cost of \$30,000, and was thus 'publicly dedicated by the mayor and city council in order to creat a more friendly feeling between Creston and her neighbors. The affair was a grand suc-cess, over a thousand visitors being fed at the city board. The only obstacle that in the way of a perfect unanimity of feeling was the refusal of the protestant clergy of the city to participate in the ceremonies. Their stand against the opening was taken because the programme closed with dancing The dedicatory prayer, however, was offered impressively by Father Stephen Lyon, O. B. S. of St. Malachy's church, and the programme was successfuly carried out as pre arranged. The building was brilliantly illum inated throughout and thronged with visit

Shot His Friend. DOYLESTON, Pa., Dec. 27.-Aaron Wismer of Nockamoin, Bucks county, was shot and probably fatally wounded at Upper Black Eddy, Christmas night, by William Thompson, aged nineteen years, of Milton, N. J. Thompson was paying his address to a young lady living at Eddy, and his visits excited the jealousy of several admirers of the lady Thompson, on Christmas night, fearing as attack, armed himself with a revolver and called on the lady and escorted her to church While returning to her home he was a tacked by several young men, who threaten him. He drew his pistol and fired severa shots without effect. Aaron Wismer, friend, went up behind him and tried to dis arm him, but Thompson, not knowing who it was, fired over his shoulder, the ball entering Wismer's breast in a vital part.

A Bond Suit. CHICAGO, Dec. 27 .- The suit of Dr. Dows of Lowell, Mass., against the town of Elm wood, Peoria county, Illinois, is on trial be fore Judges Gresham and Blodgett. The suit is to recover the principal and 10 per cent interest on \$40,000 worth of bonds issued by the town in aid of the construction of the Dixon, Peoria & Hannibal road in 1871. The company's charter authorized the issue of \$35,000 worth of bonds, but the town voted and issued \$40,000 worth of bonds, which were sold. A curative act was at once passed by the legislature legalizing the extra issue of \$5,000, but the defendant now claims that the legislature had no right or power to pass the curative act, and that the extra issue o bonds is therefore invalid and void, even in

the hands of innocent holders for value. The Injunction Made Permanent. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.-Telegrams re ceived in this city to day from Austin, Tex. announce that the supreme court of Texas has rendered a decision in the case of the state against the Texas Traffic association. making permanent an injunction previously obtained. This Injunction restrains the association from continuing in business. The Texas association was made up of the rail-Texas association was made up of the railroads in Texas, which were united under an
agreement as to rates.

W. H. Newman, of the Missouri Pacific
railroad, says that the injunction will only
affect roads that are altegether in Texas.
S. W. Fordyce, of the St. Louis, Arkansas
& Texas railroad, says, it will not have much
effect on Texas roads, as the association was
dissolved last July by agreement. dissolved last July by agreement.

Died at a Dance. CHETENNE, Wyo., Dec. 27 .- [Special Tele gram to THE BEE.] -Major Henry M. Ctay ton, a paymaster of the United States army stationed at this place, died at Fort Russell last night. He was attending a military hop, and during one of the quadrilles fell to the floor in a fainting condition. Medical aid was summoned, but was of no avail, and he did almost instantly. The cause was heart disease. His daughter and wife, who is a daughter of the great jurist, Jeremiah S. Black, were with him when he died.

Distributing Fish in the West. Prerssung, Pa., Dec. 27.-United State fish commission car No. 2, in charge of W A. Donnington, passed through the city this morning, en route to Northville, Mich. From there a large humber of white fish eggs will be taken to Duluth, where a new station is to be located. The car will then be take back to Northville to get 150,000 trout for dis tribution in different parts of the country There were 1,000 German carp on the ca-to-day to be distributed in the west.

He Will Accept the Presidency of Columbia College Conditionally.

[Copyright 1888 by James Gordon Bennett.] LONDON, Dec. 97.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—The annonncement to-day in the European edition that Minister Phelps had conditionally accepted the presidency of Columbia college was received here with much gratification, especially by college men, in whom Minister Phelps has taken great interest since his residence here. He spent to-day at Cambridge, where he delivered a lecture, therefore I was unable to see him at his resi dence. A member of the family told me the report of the acceptance of the Columbia presidency was rather premature. A long orrespondence has passed between him and the college authorities, but no definite conclusion has been reached. He has received many letters and dispatches from friends, urging him to accept the position, but on the ther hand, he has been advised that many friends of the college in New York consider sim too old a man, and Mr. Phelps is giving this objection much consideration. His family are preparing to leave London within a fortnight, and the handsome residence on Lowndes square is in general disorder, preparatory to moving.

The lord mayor will give a farewell ban met at the Mansion house to Mr. Phelps prior to his departure from the country on January 24. A large company will be in-

CORNERED BY A FAIR CLIENT. A Lawyer Landed in the Tombs by a

Young Lady. New York, Dec. 27.—[Special Telegram to Tun Ban.]—"I am detained on important business; won't be home to-night." Lawyer George W. Colles, whose office is at No. 49 Broadway, sent the above dispatch to his wife and three children at Morristown, N J. He sent it from the Tombs, where he was lo cated upon a charge of stealing \$1,200 from Miss Lottle Worthman, a fair client. She also alleges that he, during the last six years, got from her sums aggregating \$5,000, and she holds his acknowledgement of the same in black and white. Miss Worthman is twenty-eight years old, tall, and has a pair of snapping black eyes. Lawyer Colles is lifty two, and according to his story entrapped the heart of the young woman six years ago. He acknowledged signing the receipt for the \$1,200, on account of which he was ar rested, as well as the other note amounting to \$3,000, but told the court he did so under duress and while Miss Worthman held a re volver at his head. He said he had been paying \$444 g year interest and \$1,700 a year for her support. Miss Worthman, through her lawyer, said she had been lending more to Lawyer Colles for six years. He nev repaid her, and when she asked him for her money he told her he had paid off a mortgage on the house. She discovered when the mortgage came due that what he had said was false. He then asked her for \$2,000 more, and to insure its repayment offered to draw a receipt for it in words as 'strong as she wanted.' Colles was committed to the Tombs to await trial.

NO PAWNEE BILLS FOR THEM Leaders With Blood-Curdling Name

Not Wanted by Oklahomans. Washington, Dec. 27.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE |- Captain Couch, of Oklahoma fame, was shown the press dispatch recently sent from Wichita, Kan., to the effect that "Pawnee Bill" had arrived at that place to assume command of a movement to invade Oklahoma,

"I think," he said, "that I know some thing about the Oklahoma movement and the kind of people who desire to secure homes in that country. These people are honest, intelligent, law-abiding people, and are only asking for a legal right to secure homes for themselves and families. No person with such a blood-curdling name as Pawnee Bill has ever been identified with the Oklahoma movement and no leader of that character will be called for. No settlement in Oklahoma in advance of the time fixed by the laws is contemplated, and when the legislation is secured every man in the United States will have an equal chance to get a home in that country, which is equal in extent to the great state of Ohio, and no leaders of any character will be necessary. The kind of name assumed by the person mentioned in the dispatch is popular at the present time with the cattlemen, horse thieves and robbers who are now in posses sion of Oklahoma, and who are doing all in their power to obstruct the passage of any measure looking to the establishment of lay and order and the consequent punishment of crime."

The Suits Dismissed. CHICAGO, Dec. 27.-The forty-three suits instituted in the superior court of Cook county, October 25, against the individuals composing the firm of Howell, Jewett & Co. of Atchison, Kan., and others, by E. L. Rob erts and other creditors of the defunct Chicago Lumber company, of Kansas, were to day all of them dismissed at the plaintiffs' cost. It is stated that the investigation na-led the plaintiffs to the conclusion that the suits were brought under a misapprehension of facts, and to the belief that their severa interests are identical with those of Howel Jewett & Co., as creditors, and can best be subserved by harmonious action in enforcing their demands against the company of which Mr. Gurrier was manager.

Sapposed to Have Been Murdered. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 27.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Advices from Lake Village say that great excitement exists there over the supposed-murder of Dave Thompson, who has mysteriously disappeared. Some time ago he had a quarrel with William Johnson, and the latter threatened his life. Tuesday, Thompson's hat was found on the bank of the lake. Johnson has been jailed on suspicion of the killing of Thompson. Men are now dragging the lake for Thompson's body.

National Academy of Theology. New York, Dec. 27 .- At a convention of theological professors to-day a national academy of theology was founded. The ob ject of the academy is the prosecution of theology as a science. The following officers were elected: President, Prof. James Strang, D. D.; vice president, Prof. E. V. Gerhardt, D. D. of the theological seminary of the Reformed church, Lancaster, Pa.; register, Prof. Marcos D. Bueil, of the Boston university school of theology; the-ory, Prof. D. F. Hartfrant, of the Hartford l seminary; treasurer, Prof. F. D. D., of the Berkeley divinity Gardiner, D. D., of the school, Middletown, Conn.

Three Wounds and a Live Eagle. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 27 .- Fred B. Hubbard, a druggist of this city, had a battle with an eagle last night, and after a severe struggle captured it. Hubbard was walking out at the west end of town, when suddenly he was almost knocked down by the huge bird, which lighted on his shoulder and buried its talons in his flesh. He grabbed the bird, which then fastened its huge heak in his hand, inflicting a severe wound. After a lively tussle the bird was overcome. Hubbard has three bad wounds and a live eagle

Murdered at a Dance. MALDEN, Mo., Dec. 27 .- At Vincit, thirty miles south of here, while a dance was in progress Christmas night at the residence of Joseph B. McCauley, a man named Henley became boisterous. A brother of the host re-quested him to be quiet, whereupon Henley drew a kaife, stabbing him in the left side. The victim died the following morning.

Lawyer Dakin's Will. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.-The will of Lawyer Edward S. Dakin, filed with the surrogate, after certain minor bequests, leaves the residue of his estate to Richard L. Dakin,

Geffeken's Trial. Berlin, Dec. 27.-Prof. Geffeken was examined in Berlin to-day, in connection with the diary of the late Emperor Frederick, and his whole past career. His trial will begin at Leipsic about the middle of January.

Pears' Soap Fair white hands. Brightclear complexion Soft healthful skin. "PEARS'-The Great English Complexion SOAP,-Sold Everywhere."

THE TABLET BILL.

The Democrats of the House to Discuss the Measure.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Evening Star says: The democrats of the house are preparing themselves for another discussion of tariff before this congress expires. The clerk to the ways and means committee has been set to work to get up unformation re lating to the subject, part of which is for the use of senators in attacking the bill between the 2nd and 21st of January, and part for use in the house a little later on. Preparations are active for a determined fight for the bill n the senate within the limited time fixed for debate. Some democratic senators are sanguine enough to think they can defeat the measure in the senate by a square vote. This hope is not very generally entertained. No meeting has been held to consider the policy to be followed except that informally the democrats have come to an understand-ing that when the bill comes to the house they will have to discuss it.

The Twin City Jockey Club. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 27 .- | Special Telegram to Tue Bes. |-The Twin City Jockey club finished its programme of stake races for 1889 this afternoon. The entries will close January 15, and the meeting will begin July 23 and end July 31. The entrance fee to stake races will be \$100, and to purs races free. The stake races will be the ladies, the carnival, the Twin City onks, the Twin City derby, the Twin City exposition, and the Twin City merchants' handicap. The distances are fiveeighths, three-quarters, and one-quarter, and events, \$1,500 in the Oaks, Twin City exposi tion stakes and the merchants' handleap, and \$2,500 in the derby. Two thousand dollars in purses will be given outside of the stake Still a Mystery.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Koch-ler, of Hoboken, and her son-in-law, Police Roundsman Fanning, now declare the description of the murdered man whose body was found in Philadelphia yesterday, corre sponds with that of a German named Krentz mann, who came from Indiana to meet his wife, whom he expected from Europe. His wife did not arrive and he went to visit friends in New York. He had a large sum money in his possession. The Hoboken po-lice are assisting the Philadelphia officers, who as yet have been unable to find the slightest clue to the murderer.

A Youthful Murderer.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—During a fracas here between two rival crowds of boys this afternoon, one side being composed of whiteand the other colored, Robert Gray, colored, twelve years old, was struck by a stone thrown from the other side. Gray ran home and, procuring his father's revolver, returned to the scene of the fight and challenged the other side. The challenge was accepted by James Ford, fourteen years old, who started towards Gray, who thereupon took deliberate aim at Ford and fired, the bullet passing al most through his lung, fatally injuring him.

She Took Rat Poison. who has been figuring in the Schoonmaker murder and suicide case, arrived here tonight on the steamer Newburg, from New York. She was suffering from convulsions. She said she had taken rat poison which she had purchased at a Brooklyn drug store. She was taken to St. Luke's hospital. She will probably recover.

Counterfeiters Arrested.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- Three counterfeiters were captured by United States officers this evening in their den in Brooklyn, while en gaged in the work of making counterfeit silver dollars. They were found at work behind barred doors. A complete outfit of counterfeiting implements was captured.

Death of an Aged Minister. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Rev. Frederick Kreeker, one of the oldest ministers in the East Pennsylvania conference of the Evangelical association, died at Norristown this morning, aged seventy-two. He had filled all the important offices of the conference. A Russian Prince Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 27 .- Prince Karageroge vitch, of Russia, is dead. He leaves his fortune to his brother, pretender to the Servian Perished in the Snow Storm.

SENECA, Kan., Dec. 27 .- John T. Yates, exustice of the peace, perished in the snow torm Christmas night on his way home in a Earthquake Shocks.

Madrid, Dec. 27 .- Several shocks of earth make were felt to-day in eastern and southeastern parts of Spain.

A Large Surplus, St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The budget for 1889 shows a surplus income of 2,000,000

The Louisville Trotting Association. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 27 .- The Louisville Trotting association will, it is announced, cease to exist in 1889.

Passed the Budget. Paris, Dec. 27 .- The senate has adopted the budget by a vote of 214 to 116.

AS A VOICE FROM THE DEAD.

A Missing Brother Heard From After Twenty Years.

INTENDED TO TAKE HIS LIFE

But Repented of His Resolution and Having Grown Weary of His Wanderings Revealed Himself to St. Paul Relatives.

A Prodigal's Return.

A messenger boy, yesterday, entered the law office of Merrill & Willett and approaching the junior partner, Charles W. Willett, handed him a builty looking letter. says a St. Paul special to the New York Morning Journal.

"All right," he responded, and thinking it was an ordinary business communication, he aid it aside for future perusal and went on with his work. A moment later he opened the letter, which had a strange appearance, As he read, his interest increased. A mo ment more, and, laying down the letter, he passed his hand before his eyes in a bewild ered way and muttered:

"Risen from the dead! I can scarcely comprehend it." The contents bore out the saying that truth

is stranger than fiction, and proclaimed the fact that Mr. Willett and his long lost brother were to be re-united after a separation of twenty years, during which time they have neither seen nor heard of one another "We had given him up for dead," said Mr. Willett to a reporter, "for he left home with the express purpose of committing suicide. The story is a strange one. Twenty years ago our family was living in the own of Putman, Conn. Albert, the lost prother, was then managing a farm in Pomfret, an adjoining village. In the fall of 1868 be got the blues and one day left the farm, taking with him something less than \$400, all

he possessed. Two days afterward we re-ceived a letter from him, saying: "When you receive this my body will be when you receive this my body will be in Long Island Sound. Do not attempt to look for me, for it will be useless.' Nover-theless, we did look for him. Father em-ployed detectives from New York and thoroughly searched for him in all the eastern cities, but all to no purpose. From that day until this letter came we had never heard a word of him. At that time I was but nine years of age and Albert was thirty. No cause could be assigned for the act, as he and been prosperous and in the very best of

"We mourned him as dead and firmly believed that he had carried out his intention of committing suicide. Three years ago father died. Mother is still living at Westfield, Mass. You can imagine my astonishment when this letter came to-day. It was sent to Mr. D. D. Merrill, whose wife is a relative of my family. Albert used to work for Mr. Merrill, and does not know that I

am in St. Paul."
The letter had been promptly forwarded by Mr. Merill to Mr. Charles Willett. It was signed Albert Willett. "You will no doubt be surprised to receive a letter from me," it ran, "I suppose that all of my relatives think that I am dead long before this, as I have not seen or heard of them for twenty years. The object of this letter is to earn their address. I propose to give you a hort history of my career. Putnam twenty years ago I had \$365, and did not let any one know where I was going. I had the blues and intended to make away with myself in some manner. Better thoughts prevailed, however, and I traveled about the country until my money was gone, and then worked for one firm in Philadelphia seven years. I was there during the Centennia and saw many people from Putnam that I knew, but I had not the courage to make myself known.

'For the past eight years I have worked in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa. have been in St. Paul and Minneapolis sev eral times, but nover had the courage to call and see you. One year ago last July I worked for John Bunkhart, of White Bear Lake, and helped him to cut hay on land that he said belonged to you. I cannot describe the thoughts that ran in my mind when in

"I have been past your store on Third street several times, and longed to stop and see you and make myself known, but my courage forsook me. I am now in Saxon, Wis., twenty-eight miles east of Ashland. and hope you will forward me the address of my relatives. This is the first time that I have signed my name in twenty years. I have been going by the name of James

"I have just written to Albert," said Charles Willett, after showing the letter, and no doubt he will be as surprised to hear from me as I was to hear from him."

The Opium Smugglers. BISMARCK, Dak., Dec. 27.—The examination of James Curran, charged with smuggling opium from Canada into the United States, has been closed and Curran held. Curran acknowledges having shipped 4,000 pounds of opium to Denver. It is believed the examination will lead to the exposure of many wealthy men who have been smug gling opium from Canada for several years

The Position of the Pope. LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Tablet Giadstone, in a letter to Marquis Delt so, says that the position of the pope is impotant enough to merit intervention by international arbitration.

