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GO AND HANG YOURSELVES.

The Latest Scientific Remedy For Curvature of the Spine.

BUT NOT BY THE NECK TILL DEAD

A Young Russian Physician's Curious Theory Which Is Now Being Thoroughly Tested In a French Hospital.

Dr. Motschielkowski's Discovery.

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PARIS, March 21.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Who is there that has not met in the street tottering along supporting himself on a cane or on the arm of an attendant, some unfortunate victim to that strange disease to which physicians have given the name of tabes dorsalis, or as it was called by Duchene, who was the first to describe it, "ataxic locomatrice progressive." About five years ago a young Russian physician, Dr. Motschielkowski, of Odessa, hit on an altogether new treatment, which is now attracting the attention of the medical profession on both sides of the Atlantic. His treatment aims at curing the curature of the spinal column, which is believed to be the true cause of the disease, by means of suspension with the aid of an apparatus invented by Dr. Sayre, of New York, for the treatment of spinal diseases. The object of the suspension is to produce regular and continual traction on the patient's spine. The Paris Figaro, in an exhaustive article on the subject of ataxic locomotrice on the 19th inst., illustrated by cuts, shows how the head is supported by the chin in the apparatus in a manner which precludes all danger of strangulation. The essential parts of the apparatus consist of a horizontal bar of about the same length and breadth as the patient's shoulders, suspended by means of a hook and pully from the ceiling, or any other elevated point. The bar has at each end a hook, from which hangs a padded strap, forming a loop. The patient's arms are passed through these straps, which serve to carry a large part of the dead weight of his body. This is necessary for the reason that were their whole weight allowed to bear upon the head and neck, unbearable torture would result. At the same time it is important that this support under the armpits should not be too great for them. The traction would not be sufficient to produce the elongation of the vertebral column, which is the end aimed at by the treatment. When the apparatus is in place and adjusted to the patient, the rope passing through the pulley is drawn down slowly and steadily until the patient is lifted from his feet. At the first, suspension is limited to half a minute at a time, but this time is gradually increased until it reaches a maximum of from three to four minutes, a result usually obtained on the seventh or eighth day. While thus far the results are not sufficiently conclusive to allow it to be asserted that the treatment is an absolute cure for the disease it is certain that in the great majority of cases a very marked and considerable amelioration of the worst symptoms of the disease has been obtained. Since October 7 last, ninety-one cases have been treated by suspension at the Saltpetriere hospital, under the supervision of Dr. Chancot. All of these with the exception of those who have not been under treatment long enough for the results to be apparent, are very much better. Professor Chancot says: "Hitherto we did not know what to advise for the unfortunates afflicted with this disease, but until we have proof to the contrary, I shall unhesitatingly tell them to go and hang themselves."

AFTER THE COPPER TRUST.

M. Laure Demands That It Be Prosecuted Under the Penal Code.

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PARIS, March 21.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Although yesterday's sitting in the chamber terminated by a vote expressing confidence in the cabinet, the debate was nevertheless calculated to cause the government some trouble. The question at issue was not, in truth, one of politics, and the fate of the cabinet was not at stake. M. Laure demanded that the police prosecutions under article 419 of the penal code should be commenced against the financiers who directed the copper ring. The minister of justice, without absolutely refusing to take the question into consideration, reserved to himself the right to study the facts of the case more fully, and it was easy to see he was but little disposed to order the prosecution. The majority of the chamber appeared, on the contrary, to incline in favor of M. Laure's motion, and for the moment it seemed almost probable that M. Millerand's order of the day inviting the government to institute a judicial investigation would be adopted nevertheless.

The majority evidently were desirous not to create any embarrassment for the government, and passed the vote of confidence from a purely judicial point of view. The opinion supported by M. Laure is justifiable. Article 415 of the penal code punishes with a fine and imprisonment those persons who by combination or coalition amongst the principal holders of any single merchandise or commodity, intending to hold it, or only to sell it at a certain price, or who by any fraudulent means have caused an increase or decrease in the price of such merchandise or commodity, or commercial or public paper or bills, above or below the price which would have been the result of free and natural commercial competition. It is possible to recognize the character of the offense in the action by means of which the copper speculation was attempted. It must, however, be remarked that this article of penal code, which responds to an economical conception that may be contested, is rarely put in force. On the other hand, it may be said that the question of knowing whether the prosecution will be instituted against certain persons engaged in speculations is a question offering but secondary interest. The government regarded the matter from a broader and more general point of view. Its chief pre-occupation was the extremely grave consequences which might have resulted in the panic caused by the Comptoir d'Escompte disaster had it not been stopped.

Changes in the Navy.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Secretary Tracy has ordered Commodore Ben Ham to take command of the navy yard at Mare Island, Cal., which position was made vacant by the departure of Rear Admiral Belknap to take command of the Asiatic squadron.

Rear Admiral Luce has been informed that he will be placed on the retired list on the 25th inst.

Engineer Majors Acquitted.

MAUCH CHUNK, Pa., March 21.—The jury in Engineer Majors' trial, the third and last of the Lehigh Valley employes indicted for having caused the Mud Run disaster, this afternoon rendered a verdict of not guilty. The verdict was received with applause.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The Record of Captain Seagrave of Mitchellstown Riot Notoriety.

LONDON, March 21.—In the commons this afternoon Baron Henry de Worms, parliamentary colonial secretary, read a telegram which had been received from the cape in reply to an inquiry concerning Captain Seagrave, who commanded the constables at Mitchellstown in the riots in 1887. The telegram said that Seagrave was dismissed from the cape infantry service in 1885 for gross neglect of duty and a breach of trust. The reading of the dispatch was followed by a scene of great disorder. The Irish members cheered and there were cries of a "Pigott," "Pigott," "Remember Mitchellstown," etc. When quiet was restored, Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, said he had suspended Seagrave, but he preferred not to dismiss him until documentary evidence of his guilt had been received.

On the vote on Balfour's salary, Morley severely criticised the government's actions in carrying on a "furtive and clandestine battle behind its opponents' backs."

Bradlaugh moved that Balfour's salary be reduced by £500.

MME. ALBANI.

She is Enthusiastically Received at Her Reappearance in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The reappearance of Mme. Albani who, six years ago with the Mapleson Opera company divided the honors with Mme. Patti, was one of the most enjoyable musical events of the season. Central Music hall was filled with a fashionable and critical audience who, with prolonged applause, testified their appreciation of America's queen of song. After her first selection she was recalled five times, each time receiving handsome floral pieces. When Signor Bevignani began the introduction to "The Last Rose of Summer," the audience applauded for several minutes, and after the charming rendition recalled her repeatedly. The other two selections were equally well received. The assisting artists, Miss Damain, Mr. Barrington-Foote, Signor Massimi, Mr. Ansorge and Mr. Barrett, all responded gracefully to their numerous encores. Signor Bevignani, the musical director, deserves high praise for the excellent arrangement of the programme and his delightful accompaniments.

THE BEHRING SEA FISHERIES.

A Proclamation About to Be Issued By the President.

NEW YORK, March 21.—A Washington special to the Post says that President Harrison will issue a proclamation in relation to Behring sea which cannot fail to attract international attention. In the closing hours of the last congress an amendment was incorporated in the inter-territorial salmon fishing act which, in effect, declares that Behring sea is a closed sea. The act forbids the taking of seal by any one not authorized by the act, within the waters of Behring sea, and does not exclude them merely from fishing on certain islands. The amendment is of great importance to American and Canadian fishermen who may have been planning to engage in seal fishing in the open waters of Behring sea this season, as so many of the Canadian vessels did last season. The act authorized the seizure of such vessels by the United States revenue cutters. The proclamation of the president will call attention to this fact. The act may give rise to important international complications.

HONORS WERE EASY.

The Marquis Was Naughty But So Was the Marchioness.

LONDON, March 21.—The Marchioness of Donegal has brought suit against her husband for divorce on the ground of cruelty and desertion. The case was heard to-day. The marchioness testified she was married to the defendant in 1865. The testimony showed that the defendant had lived with a woman named Wright after their marriage. The defense produced witnesses who testified that Lady Donegal had committed adultery with a groom employed by her husband and with another man.

The case against the marquis was dismissed, as well as the counter suit that the marquis had brought against Lady Donegal.

Guarding the Public Domain.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The following telegram was sent at 4:45 this afternoon:

To the commanding general, Division of the Missouri, Chicago: The act of congress approved March 2, 1889, provides in substance that no person shall be permitted to enter upon and occupy the land recently ceded to the United States by the Creek and Seminole Indians until said lands are opened for settlement by proclamation of the president, and that no person violating this provision shall ever be permitted to enter any of said lands or acquire any rights thereto. The president directs that the officers under your command cause the people to be fully informed of these provisions of the law, and that they take and preserve the names of all persons who may enter the territory in violation of this provision, so that the same may be enforced by the land department when said lands are lawfully opened for settlement.

By order of General Schofield.

J. C. KELTON, A. A. G.

Convictions are Impossible.

PITTSBURG, March 21.—A Wheeling dispatch says: There was a remarkable occurrence in the United States court to-day which shows the futility of any further attempt by the government to secure convictions in election cases, at least with the present panel. William Meyers, alleged to be a minor, was on trial and this evening the jury came into the court and said there was no possible chance of an agreement being reached. The court said it would send them back, when the foreman said that some of the jury were willing to convict if they could be assured in advance what the punishment would be. The court sharply reproved the jury for this attempt to compromise the case. The jury again retired and within five minutes returned a verdict of not guilty. The sensation was tremendous, and the verdict is the talk of the city to-night. It is not probable that any more cases will be tried by the district attorney, although seventy indictments are in his hands.

Must Earn Their Salaries.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The postmaster general to-day issued an order directing all clerks in the office of the first assistant postmaster general, and such as may be required from the other bureaus of the department, until otherwise directed, to begin work at 8:30 o'clock a. m., instead of 9 o'clock, as heretofore, and remain at their desks until 6 o'clock p. m., instead of 4 o'clock. This increase of hours is made for the purpose of facilitating the dispatch of applications and preparations of papers for action in the office of the first assistant postmaster general. The clerks in the dead letter office are also required to work from 8:30 a. m. until 6 p. m., until the work now in arrears in that division is brought up.

A Death Sentence Commuted.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The president has commuted to imprisonment for life the sentence of death imposed in the case of Albert Green (colored), convicted of murder in the District of Columbia, in September last, and sentenced to be hanged on April 5. This is the first criminal case in which President Harrison has exercised clemency.

Boycotting American Lard.

OTTAWA, March 21.—In the house of commons to-day Foster, minister of finance, said that the government had under consideration the advisability of excluding American lard by an increased duty or otherwise, in view of the extensive adulteration practiced,

AMERICA'S GAME IN GLASGOW

How the Canny Scotch Turned Out and Applauded.

IN LOVE WITH SKY SCRAPERS

The Heavy Batting and the Way the Fielders Took In Long Flies a Source of Wonder and Delight.

The Americas Win.

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GLASGOW, March 21.—[New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE.]—The baseball teams arrived here at 6 o'clock this morning from Bradford, and all day long the elegant special train of the party was admiringly inspected by hundreds of people who gazed curiously through the car windows, and departed only to return and gaze again at the train. The weather to-day was cold and clear, and the boys found it comfortable to wear their fur lined overcoats as they strolled about the town during the morning. The intended visit of the party had been well heralded, and before their arrival hundreds of people had gathered at the station anxious to see the players. Everybody seemed desirous of contributing in some way to the warm welcome extended to the teams. At 2 o'clock a big double-decked, four-horse drag drew up beside the train and the players, in full uniform, mounted it in the presence of over five hundred people. A two mile drive took them to the West of Scotland Cricket club's grounds. They are in a particularly attractive part of the city. The diamond had been laid out when we got there, and the ground presented a beautiful appearance. Over one thousand people were present when the teams arrived at the grounds, and they made a general rush for the gates, which they blockaded so that the players had to force a passage through them. There were 3,000 people present when the game commenced. It was a pretty game, and was characterized by good work by the outfield, which elicited the hearty applause of the audience. Owing to the cold weather the game consisted of but seven innings, after which two innings of exhibition play were indulged in. The hard batting was the feature of the game that pleased the spectators most, while the many flies to far outfield that were captured in beautiful style by Fogarty, Hanlon, Brown, Sullivan and Daly elicited long and enthusiastic applause. Earl and Crane did the bulk of the batting for the All Americas, and were the great favorites of the crowd in consequence. Altogether the game was one that would have sent a New York audience home in the happiest frame of mind imaginable, provided, of course, the league champions had won it.

By the by, Anson says he is going to knock Keefe and Welch out of the box this summer Crane says if Anson ever gets to first he'll be a lucky man. He claims to have discovered Anson's weak point and thinks he can come pretty near striking him out eight times in ten.

By timely hitting Chicago scored two runs in the first inning on safe hits by Ryan, Sullivan and Anson and Pettitt's sacrifice sending Ryan and the old man across the plate. During the next the next three innings Chicago had but ten men to the bat, and none of these got further than second. Baldwin's three-bagger and Daly's sacrifice, however, added another run in the eighth inning, and Carroll's muff of Burn's infield hit, followed by Daly's double helped Anson's men to their fourth and last run. The boys in gray played an excellent game, but Baldwin was hit hard. The All America's went first to the bat and made a pretty start. Hanlon sent a two-bagger to left and Brown reached first on the play that retired Fogarty at second, Hanlon reaching third. Then Baldwin, in an attempt to catch Hanlon napping at third, threw the ball just far enough over Burns' head to permit both Hanlon and Brown to score, the latter, by a close shave and a desperate slide, which set everybody cheering. Earle's single and Crane's fine three-base drive to left added another run in the second, and so the game proceeded, All America fielding and running bases in beautiful style and making some of the prettiest hits ever recorded anywhere.

A triple by Earle, a double by Crane and singles by Hanlon and Fogarty netted two more runs in the fourth and one more was secured in the fifth by Earle's double and Tener's fumble of Bob Pettit's poor throw from right field. Singles by Fogarty, Brown, and Wood gave the boys in white their last two runs in the seventh.

It can be safely said that the game left a good impression on the Glasgow people. The fine fielding was generally admired among the spectators while the lively work with the stick afforded plenty of amusement.

The party to-night accepted Osmond Tearle's invitation to see "King Lear" at the Grand theater and to a reception and supper afterward.

The teams leave at midnight for Manchester.

Following is the summary of the game at the west of Scotland cricket club grounds, Glasgow, March 21:

All America, 8; Chicago, 4.

Earned runs—All America, 3; Chicago, 3.

First base on errors—All America, 1; Chicago, 2.

Left on bases—All America, 5; Chicago, 3.

Total base hits—All America, 19; Chicago, 10.

Two base hits—Anson, Daly, Hanlon, Crane and Earle.

Three-base hits—Baldwin, Crane and Earle.

First base on balls—Off Baldwin 2, off Crane 0.

Stolen bases—Earle and Daly.

Hit by pitched ball—Healy and Crane.

First base on illegal delivery—None.

Struck out—By Crane 1, by Baldwin 0.

Double plays—None.

Passed balls—Anson 1, Earle 0.

Wild pitches—None.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
All America.....	2	1	0	2	1	0	2	— 8
Chicago.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	— 4

ALL AMERICA.

	AB.	R.	BH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Hanlon, cf	4	1	2	0	3	0	0
Fogarty, lf.....	4	1	3	0	4	0	0
Brown, rf.....	3	2	1	0	1	0	0
Carroll, 1b.....	4	0	1	0	8	0	2
Wood, 3b.....	4	0	1	0	0	4	0
Healey, ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Manning, 2b.....	4	0	0	0	1	2	0
Earle, c.....	3	3	3	1	3	1	0
Crane, p.....	3	1	2	0	1	2	0
Totals	32	8	13	1	21	10	2

CHICAGO.

	AB.	R.	BH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Ryan, ss.....	4	1	1	0	6	1	0
Pettit, rf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sullivan, lf.....	4	0	1	0	1	1	0
Anson, c.....	3	1	2	0	0	3	0
Pfeffer, 2b.....	3	0	0	0	4	2	1
Tener, 1b.....	3	0	0	0	6	0	0
Burns, 3b.....	3	1	0	0	2	2	0
Baldwin, p.....	3	1	1	0	0	2	1
Daly, cf.....	3	0	1	1	2	0	0
Totals.....	30	4	6	1	21	11	3

Time—1:50. Attendance, 3,000.

DEAD ON THE PRAIRIE.

Sequel to the Mysterious Disappearance of a Frenchman.

RED CLOUD, Neb., March 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Alfred Brussord, a Frenchman living near Campbell, north of this city, mysteriously disappeared from home January 10 and all efforts to find him resulted in failure until yesterday. Tuesday evening John Hansen, living ten miles northwest of this city, discovered by accident, lying on the open prairie about one hundred yards from the road, the body of a dead man. Coroner Schenck was yesterday notified, and at the same time a courier was dispatched to Campbell to notify the brother of the missing Brussord. Accordingly yesterday the coroner's jury and witnesses went to the place and were met by the missing man's brother, who immediately identified the remains. The jury returned a verdict of death from fatigue and exposure, and the remains were taken in charge by the relatives. The only clue ever obtained in the many searches made for the man was the finding of his boots, a lantern which he carried and a coat he had worn in various places on the open prairie. From his home to where he was found the distance is nine miles. He had been observed to act strangely a few days previous to his disappearance, but no watch was put over him. He was twenty-eight years old, well-to-do and married.

Raiding Roosts.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A large number of citizens who combine the lucrative pursuit of raising chickens with their other multifarious duties have been greatly exercised over the disappearance of a number of their feathered stock, which continued with startling rapidity. The growing suspicion that the chickens were being stolen culminated in an appeal to the police. These alert officers immediately commenced an investigation, which developed the fact that three promising youths named Tommy Hart, Billy Phillips and Dick Brown, whose ages range between sixteen and twenty, were the depredators.

Tommy Hart has been arrested but his two enterprising companions have managed to elude the vigilance of the officers and are still at large. Over 300 chickens have been stolen and sold to local merchants, and had not the pilfering been nipped in the bud it is likely that every chicken coop in the community would have been pillaged and there would have been a dearth of eggs for Easter. Hart claims that he only did the selling, the other two doing the stealing.

Dwight's Problem.

DWIGHT, Neb., March 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The village of Brainard is agitated about the coming spring election, the question being license or no license, and the outlook is that it will go against license. Unless license is granted the town will be without school facilities. On account of the smallness of the district, not enough money can be raised from taxation to keep the schools running. In the past three years the two saloons there have contributed $1,000 a year toward the school fund, and, as a result of license, Brainard has a new school building of which any town might be proud.

A Bond Election.

NORFOLK, Neb., March 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—An order is to be issued for a bond election in Norfolk, the amount being $30,000, in aid of the Yankton, Norfolk & Southwestern railroad. It is now considered definitely settled that the road will be built, the odly thing remaining before work is commenced being the raising of $75,000 at Norfolk, Yankton and along the line. This will undoubtedly be done.

Modern Woodmen.

EXETER, Neb., March 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A splendid camp of Modern Woodmen of America was instituted here last night by Deputy Noble, with twenty-six charter members. The camp starts out under very favorable auspices. The best men of the community are its members.

Hotel In Prospect.

NORFOLK, Neb., March 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A plan is under consideration for the erection of an elegant and spacious three-story hotel here. A stock company is to be formed with a capital of $30,000 or $40,000 to be invested in such a building. It is to be located on Norfolk avenue on First or Second street.

Death of a Prominent Physician.

WAYNE, Neb., March 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Dr. A. E. Van Camp, of this place, died very suddenly of fatty degeneration of the heart. Dr. Van Camp had a very large practice in Wayne and adjoining counties, and was well known throughout all this part of the state.

An Interesting Relic.

HARTINGTON, Neb., March 21.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Judge Bryant, of Hartington, has received from the family of Louis Riel a lock of the dead hero's hair, cut from his head twenty days after the execution.

THE NATIONAL SENATE.

A Probability That the Special Session Will End Next Week.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The senate met at 1 p. m., and on motion of Mr. Ingalls proceeded to the consideration of executive business with closed doors.

After a brief executive session, and without opening the doors, a recess was taken until 2 o'clock, at which time adjournment was taken until to-morrow.

In the executive session this afternoon Mr. Sherman announced that President Harrison had informed him that he (the president) would be so far along with his nominations that the senate might conveniently adjourn next week. It is the expectation that the special session will end on Thursday or Friday next. In order to assist the president in his intention the senate did not take the usual three days' recess to-day, but will meet again to-morrow. This notification makes it practically certain that no legislative business will be transacted before adjournment. There will probably be, however, some discussion of the resolutions introduced yesterday by Mr. Butler, declaring that the senate has power to elect a president pro tempore for service during the entire term of congress, a decision by the senate being desired by a number of senators upon that disputed point.

In executive session to-day the senate confirmed a number of territorial and postal nominations, comprising all that up to date have been reported from the committee. The list is, however, withheld, the senate having failed to suspend operation of the rule which keeps confirmations secret, and delays notification to the president until two additional executive sessions shall have supervened without entry of a motion to reconsider.

Floods at Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 21.—The waves of two days past have been steadily undermining buildings on the inner side of the board walk, particularly at the lower end from Michigan avenue down, and when the terrible flood tide and furious waves of last night struck them they collapsed near Georgia avenue. Prof. Jones was in bed when the waves struck his house and demolished it. He was thrown with stunning force among the debris and had a miraculous escape. Three families at the same time hardly succeeded in making their exit through the rear doors when their houses succumbed to the waves.

Tracy's Private Secretary.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Charles M. Hendley, who has been for many years official stenographer at the white house, has been appointed private secretary to Secretary Tracy, to take effect April 1.

The Missouri Rising.

CHAMBERLAIN, Dak., March 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Missouri is steadily rising at this point and has been full of ice for two days.

DON'T WANT HIM TO COUNT.

Nebraska's Delegation Don't Want Egan Credited to the State.

MR. EVARTS VISITS HARRISON

A Rumor That He Will Be Sent to the Court of St. James—Editor Dana's Attack on Carlisle.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.

Patrick Egan, of Nebraska, is said to have the endorsement of Mr. Blaine for the Mexican mission, but the president does not consider him the fittest man that could be sent to this important place. The Nebraska delegation are willing to have Mr. Egan appointed, but they do not wish to have him credited to their state.

NEBRASKA'S SLATE.

The Nebraska delegation have finally agreed upon a slate for appointments, which they will urge upon the president. At the head of the list is J. C. Watson, speaker of the present assembly, for whom they will ask an appointment as assistant attorney general, in charge of the business before the court of claims. It is a place that pays $5,000. Captain E. C. Palmer will be urged for consul at Dresden; John Bearsbey, consul at Birmingham, and Ed. Coffin, as consul at Birmingham. The delegation will recommend Patrick Egan, but do not want him charged to their state.

EVARTS' INTERVIEW.

Senator Evarts had a long interview with the president to-day, which caused a revival of the story that he will be appointed minister to England. It is the general opinion that Chauncey M. Depew has declined that appointment, although no positive information of it can be obtained at the white house.

DANA'S KNIFE.

The double loaded attacks upon Speaker Carlisle, which have frequently appeared in the editorial columns of the New York Sun since the last election, attributed to the pen of Mr. Dana, have created a decided feeling among the democratic members of congress and the leaders of that party. In them the responsibility of the defeat of Cleveland is laid upon Speaker Carlisle and the tariff policy he has been the foremost in advocating. Mr. Carlisle has intended not to pay any attention whatever to this, but as he has received so many letters from his friends and leading democrats throughout the country, he has decided to prepare an answer for publication, and will give it to the press in a few days.

AUSTIN DROPPED.

Michael Austin, of Iowa, is not likely to be appointed minister to the Argentine Republic because both the president and Mr. Blaine agree that it is scarcely fair to send a manufacturer to such a place. Mr. Austin has very strong indorsements, and seems to be a worthy man, but as he is a manufacturer of agricultural implements and his chief purpose for seeking this appointment is to extend his sales, he may be counted out.

NO FIGHT ON REID.

The published story about the fight over the confirmation of Mr. Whitelaw Reid is untrue. The only foundation for it is that when Mr. Evarts reported the nomination from the committee on foreign affairs, Mr. Plumb objected to its immediate consideration, and the nomination went over one day under the rules. This course has been adopted with more than half of the nominations that have been confirmed at this session and it is no reflection whatever upon Mr. Reid, although the New York senators are disappointed because he was not confirmed without the usual delay.

A NERVY OFFICE SEEKER.

The only man who has, so far, made application for the United States marshalship of New Mexico, is in the city. He is W. H. H. Llewellyn, one of the nerviest men in all the west. He was agent at the Mescalero agency when very few men would have risked their lives in that region. When "Gold Tooth" Middleton terrorized northern Nebraska in 1879 and defied all law, Llewellyn and Captain James L. Smith marched right into his stronghold and captured him alive.

LAND OFFICE COMMISSIONER.

A vigorous effort is being made by the Iowa delegation in both houses of congress, backed by considerable outside influence, in behalf of the appointment of ex-Governor Stone, of that state, as commissioner of the general land office. The place is claimed for him on both his civil and military record. Ex-Senator Chilcott, of Colorado, is also strongly backed for the place. Among his indorsers are the senators from Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota and Delaware. If Stone is appointed, it will be on account of his personal relations to Secretary Noble. They were in the same regiment during the war.

VALENTINE DENIES IT.

To-day's Philadelphia Press has the following from its Washington correspondent: "A new candidate for public printer appeared in the field to-day in the person of ex-Congressman Valentine, of Nebraska. He was born in Iowa and was captain in a regiment from that state during the war. In early life he was a printer, and after the war he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He served two terms in congress and has been a judge since that time and an active lawyer. The delay on the part of the president in making a nomination for the office of public printer encouraged the Nebraska delegation to bring out Mr. Valentine as a candidate. Senator Manderson is chairman of the senate committee on printing and has telegraphed to Mr. Valentine to come here and enter the race. He arrived to-day and was closeted with the Nebraska delegation in Senator Manderson's committee room, and they afterwards presented his name to the president. Mr. Valentine said this evening that he was not an applicant for the public printership, and would not be appointed. It is believed that M. D. Helm, of this district, formerly of Indiana, will be appointed. He is probably more familiar with the office than any of the applicants, and is very strongly indorsed.

WANTS TIME TO THINK.

While calling at the white house this morning Senator Cullom asked the president when he thought the senate could get away. He replied that he did not see any reason why the senate should continue in session longer than the 30th of March. "If people would let me alone and give me time to think," said General Harrison, "I could make appointments very much faster, but so much of my time is occupied by people asking office that I do not have any opportunity to consider their claims."

OFFENSIVE PARTISANS.

Another decision on the question of offensive partisanship has been made by the postmaster general. Representative Thomas M. Browne, of Indiana, approached him with this question: "Will you remove a postmaster who is an ardent democrat, but a capable officer, on charges of offensive partisanship?"

"No, I will not," was the answer. "But I will remove officials who permit their partisanship to interfere with the conduct of their office. In other words, men who make themselves odious and offensive, and men who are in the habit of discussing politics on the street when they should be attending to their duties." The postmaster general intimated that this rule would not apply to fourth class postmasters, who would be removed for offensive partisanship as soon as possible, when Mr. Clarkson was able to fill the vacancies now pending.

NO IMMEDIATE CHANGE.

It is stated in official circles that it has been decided not to make any change in the office of treasurer of the United States until the end of the present fiscal year, June 30, when Hon. J. N. Houston, of Connersville, Ind., will be appointed. Mr. Houston returned to his home shortly after the inauguration.

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.

Another member of the president's regiment is likely to be cared for in the person of Thomas H. Morgan, who hails from Rhode Island at present, but was formally a resident of Indiana, the understanding being that he will be appointed commissioner of education. There are about as many candidates for this office as for government printer and most of them are fully qualified to perform its duties.

IN CARE OF "BEN."

It is amusing how many people have their mails in care of "Benjamin Harrison, president of the United States." About one-fouth of the Hoosier office-seekers who come to Washington tell their friends to "just send my mail in care of Ben," and so great pack ages of "The Cross-Roads Index," "The Weekly Item" and letters and postal cards are assorted from the president's mail at the white house every day. Most of the mail is to people personally known to the president, but many pieces come every day to men who are entire strangers to General Harrison. There have several times been baskets full of letters and papers sent to the postoffice after they have remained at the executive mansion some time and have not been called for.

BILLIARD EXPERTS.

Rain prevented President Harrison from taking his usual constitutional walk yesterday, and in his determination to find some kind of recreation he called Secretary Halford, and the two men began an examination of the ramifications of the white house. They finally hauled up in the old billiard room, which has not been used since President Arthur's time. The private secretary, not knowing any more about billiards than the president, was nonplussed when he was directed to "set the balls." The two men took off their coats, however, selected each a cue, and began to chalk the ends of the sticks like professionals.

"Shall it be a pocket game or a three-ball game?" asked Mr. Halford.

"What's that?" asked the president.

"I don't know," replied the secretary, "except that I have seen the terms used in the sporting column of the Indianapolis Journal."

The president smiled as he replied: "All right; but let it be three balls and we will make it a cushion game." The two men fixed a rule that each should have three times to strike at his own ball with the cue and four successive opportunities to hit a second ball with his own after he had succeeded in punching the "white alley." At the end of an hour the president drew a long sigh and putting up his cue inquired of his private secretary, "Lije, how does the score stand?" The private secretary put on his Methodist eye-glasses, and looking at the blackboard replied to the president.

"I have forgotten to keep score, and don't see a scratch on the board."

LOST ON THE ROAD.

Senator Sherman and the friends of Editor Halsted were expecting his nomination as minister to Russia to-day, but it was not sent to the senate, and as they were said to have received assurances that it would be made to-day they fear the nomination may have been lost on the road.

ARMY MATTERS.

Weber Laveridge, Third artillery, will assemble at the recruiting rendezvous, Baltimore, on the 22nd inst, for the purpose of examining into, reporting upon, and fixing the responsibility for a discrepancy in a box of clothing invoiced to Captain William P. Rogers, Seventeenth infantry, recruiting officer, by Major John V. Furray, quartermaster, at Philadelphia, January 4, 1889, and received at the rendezvous January 8, 1889.

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. J. Manatt, of Lincoln, called at the BEE bureau this evening.

Alta, Ia., will be a presidential postoffice after April 1.

ARMY ORDERS.

By direction of the secretary of war, so much of the sentence imposed by a general court martial February 19, 1889, Department of the Platte, as remains unexecuted in the case of Private John White, Troop G, Ninth cavalry, now in confinement at the station of his troop, is remitted. Having enlisted under false pretense, he will be discharged the service of the United States.

Private William H. Stokes, Company C, Seventeenth infantry, now in his company, is discharged.

Leave of absence for ten days is granted Second Lieutenant Robert B. Watkins, Signal corps, to take effect on his arrival at Pueblo, Colo. PERRY S. HEATH.

CIRCUMLOCUTION OFFICES.

How Red Tape Interferes With the Dispatch of Public Business.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The special committee appointed in the last congress to investigate the methods of doing business in the executive departments, of which Senator Cockrell is chairman, has completed its work and a report prepared by Cockrell, which will be made to the senate in a few days. The document is an exhaustive and interesting one, containing numerous illustrations of how red tape and senseless adherence to forms and precedents interrupts and retards the dispatch of public business. The report will show that some departments, the pension and land bureaus for instance, require as long a time as four or five years to settle a claim or get information of certain kinds. Claims filed as far back as 1884 in these bureaus are still undisposed of. In some offices rules are making to get out of old rules and adopt new and better methods with the result that business is dispatched with accuracy, more speedily and with more benefit to those interested.

The paymaster general's office is up with current business, and requests for information are answered within twenty-four hours. In the surgeon general's office Dr. Ainsworth has introduced a card index, by the use of which he has caught up with business over a year behind at the time he took hold, and has been able to furnish information in 72 per cent of cases, against 59 per cent under the old style.

Mr. Cockrell says there is, however, in many, if not all cases, a disposition to ignore improved ways of doing business, and the report will recommend, among other things, that a commission be appointed with authority and direction to institute the reforms suggested.

The Postoffice Location.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following special was sent to the Chicago News last night: "Secretary Windom has been asked to withhold his approval of the report of an agent of the treasury sent to Omaha some time ago to select a site for the government building in that city. It appears that this gentleman has reported in favor of the purchase of a plat of ground, a large portion of which belongs to the estate of the Folsoms and of which Mrs. Cleveland is one of the principal heirs. The property is valuable, but not so valuable, according to the opinion of Omaha experts, as to warrant the price to be paid for it, nor is it considered the best site for the building, and at least two others more advantageously located have been offered for less money. While Mr. Windom does not wish to stand in the way of the sale of Mrs. Cleveland's property to the government, he will not approve the purchase until the case has been thoroughly investigated. It is stated that the agreed upon price by the treasury agent is at least $100,000 more than the property is worth."

Nebraska and Iowa Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE]—The following Nebraska postmasters have been appointed: William L. Jackman, Alcove, Sheridan county, vice D. F. Vanuleck, resigned, and Nathan T. Britton, Wood River, Hall county, vice John O'Connor, resigned.

Joseph F. Cole has been appointed postmaster at Compton, Lee county, Iowa, vice W. W. Gilmore, resigned.

John P. Yost has been nominated postmaster at North Bend, Neb.

Went Through the Ice.

TROY, N. Y., March 21.—The team of Hon. Henry Mott, of Alburg Springs, Vt., went through the ice on Lake Champlain to-day. His wife was drowned, as were also the team. Mott was badly cut up by the struggling horses.

SOME PLUCK AND MORE LUCK

An Officer From Pittsburg Visits the Wild West.

TWO TOUGHS GO BACK WITH HIM

To Prevent Accidents the Pair are Chained Firmly In the Seat and Fondly to Each Other.

An Officer's Good Fortune.

DENVER, Colo., March 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Superintendent Roger O'Mara, of the Pittsburg police force, passed through the city this afternoon on his way east with two of the most noted burglars and all-around thieves in the world, in his custody. They were "Hob Nail" Riley and "Fast" Mahone, alias John Harte. The latter is almost a giant in size and it is said that he can whip any thief in the country in a general bar room fight. He is known to the police of the country as a desperate man who will stop at nothing to gain his point. He is supposed to be the murderer of Officer Farnham, who was killed in the edge of Fairmount park, Philadelphia, ten years ago. Farnham's neck was broken by a blow from a ponderous fist.

The other prisoner, who is almost a dwarf in statue, makes up in low cunning what he lacks in strength. "Hob Nail" is but twenty-eight years old, but has already spent nine years in reformatory institutions and penitentiaries, and still has a term of five years to put in for the state of Pennsylvania. It was while waiting for transportation to the penitentiary that Riley made his escape two years ago. He had been convicted of a diamond robbery, and during the day before his escape had the nerve to tell the jailor that he would never serve the term out. One night Riley rattled the door of his cell and asked for a drink. About four hours later the guard was found locked up in Riley's cell stupidly drunk, and "Hob Nail" was free.

Ever since this time Superintenden O'Mara has been tracing "Hob Nail," who never came so far east as Chicago. At last O'Mara got a tip that was right and started directly for a little mountain town in Wyoming known as Harney. He told the story of the capture as follows: "When I reached Harney I went directly to the Checkered front saloon, and walking up to the bar called for 'Pittsburg Floater.' 'Hob Nail' knew me in a minute, for it was he tending bar. He laughed, took off his white apron, came from behind the bar, shook hands and told me to produce the irons. Several loafers standing around offered to do me up, but 'Hob Nail' volunteered the information that it