PALMER IS PUBLIC PRINTER.

He Received His Appointment Last Evening.

TWO OMAHA MEN INDORSED.

The Nebraska Delegation Recommend Judge Groff and the Hon. Bruno Tzschuck to the Administra-

tion-Saunders' Prospects.

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The president this evening appointed Frank W. Palmer, of Illinois, to be public printer, and Theodore Roosvet, of New York, and Hugh S. Thompson, of South Carolina, to be civil service commissioner. Mr. Enander, of Chicago, who was nominated and confirmed as minister to Denmark, will probably never fill that place. There seems to be very weighty reasons why he should not go abroad as a representative of our government, and another man may soon be appointed in his place.

GROFF INDORSED. All the members of the Nebraska delegation in congress were present at the conference in Senator Manderson's senate committee room this afternoon. It was finally agreed that there should be a united indorse ment of Judge L. A. Groff for a place on the inter-state commerce commission, and that Mr. Pemberton, of Mr. Laird's district, and Dr. Yutzy, of Falls City, should be indorsed for special agencies in the general land office. The delegation agreed to renew its indorsement of Chancellor Menatt for the

Greek mission.
The delegates have arranged to call upon President Harrison, to-morrow, and present the indorsements of Judge Groff for the position on the inter-state commerce commis They will add their personal, earnest solicitation to the written indorsements al-

Hon, Bruno Tzschuck was unanimously in dorsed by the delegation, to-day, as consulto one of the principal cities in Germany. SAUNDER'S PROSPECTS.

Senator Paddock and Representative Dor sey were at the white house, this afternoon, looking after the interests of some of their office-seeking constituents. It is believed that ex-Senator Saunders, of Nebraska, will be appointed on the Utah commission this week. The Nebraska delegation is insisting upon the commissionership of the general land office. The delegation has recommended for the registership of the O'Neill land office Mr. Gillespie, of Holt county. It is expected that a change will be made in this position

PORTER'S PURGATORY. Robert P. Porter, the superintendent of the eleventh census, has been having a regular picnic with office seekers during the past week or two. The civil service law does not extend over his army of enaployes, and the word was passed around among the congressmen who are seeking places for constituents, that this was the harvest field. No sooner had Mr. Porter got well down in his official chair than they began to pour in upon him. The raid became general and ever man with a petition seemed to regard it his religious duty to call in person and urge his peculiar fitness for any place in the census bureau. One came to day, who illustrated very dieverly the general character of many of the applicants. As soon as he entered the door he approached Mr. Porter, and after announcing that he was an applicant for

"I don't fetch you any recommendation because I am enough of a recommendation for myself. This is how I do it," and he picked up a large sheet of blank paper on the superintendent's desk and writing a long column of figures ran his pencil up and down the as quickly as the eye could follow it and after writing the sum total said:
"There you have it, I am the lightning
calculator." Later on the mathematician
called and brought with him an educated dog, for the purpose of demonstrating his ability to transmit his mathematical learn-ing. He insisted opon occupying Mr. Por-ter's attention and demonstrating the dog's ability to count figures, much to the amaze ment of the visitors present and the dis comfort of the superintendent of the census
"You are just the man we want-later
on," said Mr. Porter dismissing the caller Mr. Porter says that he has secured enough employes to organize his office for the pres ent, and that no more application papers will be examined before a year from June, and that, therefore, it is useless officeseekers to apply for positions. The work of taking the census and further equipping the bureau will not begin under thirteen months. This ought to be sufficien to relieve the superintendent of the from further annomance on the part of

OVERWORKED TANNER. A few days ago attention was called in heae dispatches to the fact that Pension Commissioner Tanner was being over-run by office-seekers, and was wearing out under his work of looking personally into the appli tions of the veterans who seek pensions. appears that the greatest possible advantage has been taken by his friends of his gener-osity, and they have run him almost to death. It became necessary to day to issue an order prohibiting visitors and office-seekers from entering the pension building after 3 o'clock in the afternoon. This order will be perma nent. The commissioner stated to your respondent ten days ago that he hoped to be able to stand up under the work without having to keep the public from the building during any of the official hours, but it appears that the influx has been much greater than he anticipated.

APPEALS AND DECISIONS. The first assistant secretary of the inter-ior has considered the appeal of Robert A. Williams from the decision of the commis sioner of the general land office of March 26, 1888, being the centest case of Williams vs Frank J. Coulter. The commissioner af armed the action of the local land office, dis missing the contest against Coulter's timber culture claim entered upon the northwest quarter of section 31, township 3 north, range 85 west, McCook land district, Nebraska. The decision is affirmed by the assistant sec

retary of the interior.

In the case of Mayfield vs Joseph Lee, which the department on October 19, 1888, affirmed the action of the commissioner of the general land office helding for cancellathe general land office holding for cancella-tion the timber culture entry of Lee for the southwest quarter of section 8, township 7 north, of range 25 west, North Plattelland district, upon the ground of the prior right of Mayfield by virtue of settlement upon the claim, the secretary of the interior revoked the decision of the department, and directed that the entry of Lee remain intact.

In the case of William C. Neihardt vs Frederick S. Harris, involving the north-west quarter of section 13, township 2 north, of range 35 west, McCook land district, the

range 35 west, McCook land district, the first assistant secretary of the interior has considered the appeal of the latter from the decission of the commissioner of the general land office of February 9, 1888, holding for cancellation the entry of said land, and af-

The first assistant secretary of the interior to day considered the case of Aiva McLaugh-lin vs James Halstead on the appeal of the former from the decision of the commissioner of the general land office of rebruary 28, 1888, affirming the action of the local of ficers in dismissing his contest against the northwest quarter of section 22, township 31 north, range 48 west, Valentine land district. The decision of the commissioner was af-

A decision was also rendered in the case of William M. Oleson vs Lucinda J. Murvey on appeal of the latter from the decision of the gaperal land office the commissioner of the general land office of March 1, 1888, holding for cancellation of March 1, 1886, helding for cantenation claimant's homestead entry for the north-west quarter of section 20, township 21 north, range 7 west, Neligh land district.

The claimant had never established

a residence on the land, but leged that when the notice the contest was served on her, she was her way to her claim with a load of lumber for her house. "While the conduct of the claimant," says the first-assistant secretary, "might be excused as between herself and the government, had there been no adverse claim to the land, the facts must now be con idered in connection with the right acquired by the contestant under the law." cision of the commission is accordingly

In the case of the appeal of James R. Deaver, from the decision of the commis-sioner of the general land office, of March I. 1888, dismissing the contest brought by him against the timber culture entry of William N. Buck, for the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 30, township 23, north, range 10, east, Neligh land district, the first-assistant secretary of the interior affirms the decision of the commissioner. The question involved was whether Buck had acted in good faith in breaking land on his tract, having, as alleged by himself, be-lieved that the land that he broke was upon his claim while in fact it was part of an ad-

MISCELLANEOUS. By direction of the secretary of war, Major Joseph P. Sanger, inspector-general, will proceed to Purdue university, Lafayette, Ind.; the university of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Cornell college, Mt. Vernon, Ia., and the Iowa state university, Iowa City, Ia., for the purpose of making the inspections at those institutions.

Secretary Windom is so much improved in health that he has assumed his duties at the department, and attended a cabinet meeting W. W. Cook, of Medicine Lodge, Kan., has been appointed special agent of the agri-cultural department, in charge of the sorg-hum sugar experiments.

William M. King, of Ohio, chief of the

seed division of the agricultural department, has resigned, and A. T. Reeves, of Hampton, Ia., has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

ARMY ONDERS.

Major Charles McClure, paymaster, is relieved from duty in the department of Texas, and will proceed to Sioux City, Ia., and report by letter to the commanding general, department of Dakota.

First Sergeant John A. Hoben, Company C, Seventh infantry, now with his company, is discharged the service of the United

John Bergman, band Eight infantry, now with his command at Fort Niobrara, is transferred to the Twenty-first infantry band, and will be sent to the station of that command, Fort Sidney.

PERRY S. HEATH.

COLORADO BANDITS.

They Engage in a Bloody Skirmish With a Sheriff's Posse.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., May 7 .- [Spe cial Telegram to THE BEE.]-At Florissant,a thriving town in this county, about 9 o'clock last night, three men entered the store of a merchant named Costello, who is also postmaster, and, covering the clerks and Costello with Winchesters, commanded them to hold up their hands. They were forced into the warehouse, and while two of the robbers guarded them the third ransacked the store and postoffice, securing over \$300 in cash. The noise attracted the attention of a passing citizen, who gave the alarm, but too late to secure the thieves, who made a break for the mountains, followed by a posse of citizens who opened fire on them. The escaping robbers returned a scattering fire, wounding two of their pursuers severely.

Finding pursuit hopeless in the darkness the posse returned to town, and this morn ing organized another company, who soon came up with the gang camped in a canon about thirty miles north of Florissant. A brisk fusilade took place as soon as the robbers discovered their pursuers, in which three of the posse's horses were killed and one of the citizens wounded. One of the fatally injured. The third hid himself and comrades more securely, and after a vain en-neavor to approach him in his almost in-accessible retreat, the posse returned for renforcements. The sheriff will leave her o-night with more men and ammunition and is confident of capturing the gang, dead or alive. The camp is in one of the wildest sections of the Rockies and the remaining robber will probably make it warm for his Some bloody work is expected to-night or to-morrow.

THE PARNELL COMMISSION.

The Irish Leader Makes a Correction in Friday's Testimony.

LONDON, May 7 .- The Parnell commission resumed its sitting to-day. Parnell, upon taking the stand, said he desired to correct that part of his evidence given Friday in relation to the statement made by him in the commons concerning the non-existence of secret societies in Ireland. Upon referring to the reports of the proceedings of the house of commons, he found his remarks, which had been quoted by Attorney-General Weband not to secret conspiracies generally His remarks, therefore, were fairly accurate men at that time practically did not exist in Ireland.

The cross-examination of the witness was then resumed. Parnell said he sometimes paid money from his own private account in be half of the league. He did not object to an inspection of his accounts. He declared he had never heard that Egan had joined the Clan-Nac-Gael. He would regret to find Egan had rejoined the physical force party, but he should not think such a course un natural. Recurring to secret societies, Par-nell said he considered that a person who oired the league and continued to be a mem er of the Clan-Nac-Gael, acted to the jury of the league's policy. Any member of the league who would advocate the use of dynamite would be a traitor.

A FEARFUL FALL.

An Elevator Shoots Down Five Stories

With Turce Men. PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 7 .- The passenger elevator in the new Schwartz building was tested to-day. Superintendent of Construction Cornell cut the elevator loose and let i fall the whole five stories, a distance of six ty-rive feet, to the nir-tight brick vault a the bottom, to show the entire safety of such a fall. Cornell, with Jones, were accom-panied by Rosenfeld, a reporter for the Tele The elevator went down with awfu velocity. When the elevator door was opened, the three men were found lying or the bottom of the car, insensible, with their heads badly cut. Their injuries may prove fatal, as all suffered a severe spinal Jones was most severely hurt, and will prob ably die.

The Woodruff County Case. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 7, -It is probable the conclusion of the Woodruff county case in the federal court will end in crimina prosecutions before Judge Caldwell. This morning it was announced the appropria tion for the payment of the witnesses in the government cases had been exhausted. A letter to that effect has been received from the attorney-general by United States Mar shal Spellman. In summing up the matter Judge Caldwell said the prosecution of th government criminal cases was practically ended. The grand jury would be discharged because no further business could be trans-acted without men to testify. Nothwith-standing all this, the fact exists that there

prosecution of the alleged frauds against the ballot-box must cease for a while. Down With the Cigarette. LANSING, Mich., May 7 .- The senate to-day passed a bill prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors under seventeen years of age, and the Jackson bill, prohibiting the manufac-ture and sale of cigarettes. Both of these bills passed the house, and only require the signature of the governor to become laws.

are a number of cases on the docket which will have to go over to the next term of the

federal court. From this it will be seen the

FOUR HUNDRED ARMED MEN.

They March Into Lafayette, Mo., Under a General,

AND BOUNCE NEGRO OFFICIALS.

Two Colored Constables and a Justice of the Peace Resign Instanter to Save Their Lives.

"Only White Men Shall Vote." New ORLEANS, La., May 7.-A special rom Lafayette, Mo., says: Four hundred armed men, under General Alexander De Clouette, of St. Martins parish, rode into Lafayette this morning, took possession of the town and demanded the resignation of a negro justice of the peace and the negro constables. The latter had disappeared but the former complied with their demand. The regulators pretending to have heard that Vignaux, a prominent republican, who had been suggested by Congressman Coleman as United States marshal of the west-ern district of Louisiana, had furnished arms to the negroes, called on that gentleman, who is now town marshal of Lafayette, and discussed with him the matter of his having attempted to vote negroes at the election last Monday. They informed him their purpose was to prevent negroes from voting and they intended to enforce their views on the subject, and in-timated that the best thing that Vignaux could do was to desist from any further ef-forts on behalf of negro suffrage. Vignaux stated he was at the polls on Mon-day performing his sworn duty under the law. This statement being satisfactory, the regulators concluded to allow Vignaux to live awhile longer. He exists by proba-tion, so to speak. The regulators and the authorities finally agreed that an election should be held next Monday for the municipal officers of Lafayette, at which only white men shall vote. As this election will not be legal, the names of those receiving the majority of the votes cast will be sent to the governor for appointment.

LEGALIZE POOLING.

Depew Before the Inter-State Com-

merce Investigating Committee. NEW YORK, May 7 .- Chauncey M. Depew was the first witness examined by the senate committee which is investigating the working of the inter-state commerce law. The witness gave his opinions on the subject. To a question as to what amendment he would suggest to present to the inter-state law in order to protect the American roads he said that the roads doing business in this country, whether Mexican or Canadian, should be made to comply with the conditions of the law as the American roads must do. Pooling, he considered a good thing, and thought it should have been permitted. The tendency or all roads is toward lower freight rates and no amount of pooling could affect this tendency. The inter-state commerce bill by making the roads publish their rates had given the stronger roads more business and taken it away from the weaker roads pro portionately.

tive," said he, "until in some form or other you have legalized the pool." Regarding the practice of using Canadian cars on American roads and vice versa, Denew stated that American and Canadian cars are used indiscriminately on both sides of the line, without regard to the imposition

"The inter-state law will never be effec-

of customs duties upon them.

Depew was followed by General-Manager
Dixon, of the Grand Trunk railroad. Dixon described his road and its terminals, and acknowledged that the Grand Trunk road practically controlled the rates between Chiago and Portland. Their business in the United States was carried on in accordance with the spirit of the inter-state law, and to recoup on the possible losses of the longer

Chairman Cullom asked: "Suppose we made it obligatory for the Canadian roads to obey the inter-state law!" "I think that would be an international question," replied Dixon.

The last witness of the day was First Vice-President Felton, of the Eric road. His discourse was largely explanatory of the Erie's methods and its losses since the abolishment of the pool. In his opinion a legalized "pool" under the control of the inter state commission would be an excellent thing, both for the shippers and the rail-

Nebraska and Iowa Inventions. Washington, May 7 .- Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-C. C. Epp. Bradshaw, Neb. gate: Thomas J. Jolly, Ulysses, Neb., device for opening trap door; William Turner and J. F. Hudson, Benkelman, Neb., axle lubricator; patents granted Nebraska and Iowa inventors to-day: John H. Autrobus, Ot tumwa, Ia. door or window scroen wiring machine; Hiram Baldwin and J. J. Smith, Toledo, Ia., ink eraser; Volney W. Beeson and W. B. Bonine, Perry, Ia., steam en-gine; Ignaz Bergmann, Fort Madison, Ia., gine; Ignaz Bergmann, Fort Madison, Ia., pen guide or rest; D. W. Bavee, Tama, Ia., hay stacker; J. Hall, Creston, Ia., ice ele-vator; R. Hassel, Burlington, Ia., buckle; J. Henderson, Keokuk, Ia., washing machine; A. Jorgensen, Des Moines, Ia., compressed air motor; H. Larson, Hawthorne, Ia., end gate for wagons; J. Levasseur, Monticello, Ia., assignor to G. W. Simpson, Somerville, Mass., butter can; George B. Roberts Panera Ia. washing machine. R. Roberts, Panora, Ia., washing machine; Robert M. Washburn, Burlington, Ia., game and game; D. Whitmore, Bellevue, Ia., offset mechanism for saw mill carriages.

Presidential Appointments. WASHINGTON, May 7 .- The president made the following appointments to-day: Arthur L. Thomas, of Salt Lake City, of Utah, to be governor of Utah; Elijah Sells, of Salt Lake City, secretary of Utah; Ellsworth Daggett, of Utah, surveyor general of Utah; Michael A. Leahy, of Wisconsin, Indian agent at La Pointe agency in Wisconsin; James M. Beacom, of Kansas, referee and chairman of referees under the act of March 2, 1887, er "An act to grant a right-of-way through the Indian territory to the Chicago Kansas & Nebraska railroad for the purpos of appraising the compensation to be made by said railroad company to the Cherokee

Laramie WillLicense Gambling. LARAMIE, Wyo., May 7 .- [Special Telegram to THE BRE.]-The new city administration, with Hon. Augustus Trobing as mayor, took charge to-night. An ordinance establishing a graded saloon license with the maximum at \$500, and the minimum at \$300, was passed, and it was decided to license gambling, after a long executive session Charles M. Clark was confirmed city mar shal. Clark was last week depoted by the Union Pacific as its freight and ticket agent

at this point.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 7 .-- At Lawley, Fia., Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Churchill, of Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burdette were out driving, when the horses became frightened, overturned the wagon and threw the occu pants out. Mr. Burdette was killed in-stantly. Mrs. Churchill was badly mangled

and her left side and both legs paralyzed

Mrs. Burdette's left shoulder was wrenched

out of place and one eye was almost torn out

A Fatal Runaway.

Mr. Churchill was not seriously injured. Nominations in Dakota. CHAMBERLAIN, Dak., May 7 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The republicans to-day ominated A. C. Kelly, of Chamberlain, and J. B. Willis, of Piankinton, to represent the district of Brule and Aurora counties at the Sioux Palis convention. The democrats put in nomination A. B. Curtis, of Chamberlain, and R. F. Fellows, of Planzinton.

CENTRAL TRAFFIC ASSOCIATION. A Proceedings of the Chicago Commit-

tee of That Body. Chicago, May 7.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The Chicage committee of the Central Traffic association decides to day that, beginning July 2, the action of the presidents of the trunk lines in deciding to pay three-fourths of a cent a mile mileage on refrigerator cars, shall go into effect also on central traffic lines. Owing to the fact that two lines had long time contracts with private stock car companies, it was found impracticable for all the roads to abandon their use at once. The Grand Trunk made an application to have its dressed beef rate to New York made the same as that of the Wabash Western and Chicago & Atlantic— 45 cents. The vote not being unanimous, the matter was referred to the joint com-mittee. A meeting of the freight committee will be held next week, Tuesday, to elect a temporary successor to Chairman McKay, now in Europe. The passenger committee meets next week, Wednesday, to elect a successor to Chairman Daniels, now with the New York Central. The general mana-

gers meet Thursday of next week.

An active member of the Inter-State Commerce Railway association is authority for the statement that the charges of manipula-tion of rates, made against the St. Paul & Northwestern by Chairmen Blanchard and Faithorn, will be taken up at next week's meeting of the association. At the same meeting the Alton will try to get its reduc-tion in the Missouri river lumber rate brought up and acted upon.

ADULTERATED TEA. The Vile Stuff Which is Thrown Upon

the American Market.

WASHINGTON, May 7 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-A rather sensational report upon the teas sent to the American market has been made to the state department by Consul Crowell, at Amoy, China. He says while this year's crop shows a shrinkage of 23,000 haif chests, its inferiority is fully equal to last year's crop. The consul says a large proportion of Amoy Ocolong is poorly, cultivated, poorly picked and cured, dirty and adulterated. Nearly the whole crop is marketed in the United States. It is the greed of importers and exporters that alone makes it possible to impose this vile stuff upon the American public. The consul hopes that the tea drinkers of America may be protected against the so-called tea known as Amoy Oolong, and says the existing laws against the importation of lead and adulterated teas is sufficient to do it if properly enforced.

CHARGES OF CRUELTY.

A Receiver Demanded for the Home for Incurables at Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 7 .- A bill was filed in the circuit court by a number of prominent citizens to-day, asking for the appointment of a receiver for the home for incurables, and an injunction against the present managers. The bill also asks for the removal of President Higginbotham, of the institution, and Mrs. Barlow, the matron, for gross violations of the trust reposed in them. It is claimed that the helpless inmates have been frightfully abused and tortured. Thirty cases are cited, some of them too horrible for belief. The matron and attendants are charged with causing the death of some patients. President Higginbotham alleges that the charges are malicious and will be refuted. The case promises to be a sensational

A FAST THAIN.

Observations and Deliberations of Psycho George.

New York, May 7.—[Special Telègram to The Bee.]—George Francis Train was the picture of contentment yesterday as he sat in Madison square, sunning himself and sur rounded by his friends, the children. He seemed a little weary, but said he was in capital spirits, "Oh, yes. I am first rate and I am going to fast for eighty-two days more-one hundred days in all. I've lost good; the fat around my eyes has dropped off and now I can see the way across the park Have accepted an offer from a dime museum to deliver discourses for a week for \$1,000 The proceeds will go to the Press club for its new building. I want a big building erected in which a perpetual fair shall be held We'll do it, and we'll re-christen the contin ent Columbia."

Train said to-day: "I will speak on Sun-day night, the twenty-fourth day of my fast but if some theater does not accept my terms one-half of the gross receipts, I will return to silence and never speak again."

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions. WASHINGTON, May 7 .- [Special Telegram

to THE BEE.]-Pensions granted Nebraskans: Original invalid-George French, John Mur phy, John G. Nelson, Whitefield Crawford Restoration-James W. Huffman. Increase-Harvey N. Morgan, Willis L. Bird, George T. Delozier, Hiram Harris, John T. Smith George R. Gallor, Samuel King, Charles Kinn, John Contey. Original widows, etc.— Esther C., widow of John Hunaman. Pensions for Iowans: Peter S. Lee, William E. Davis, James W. Emerson, Issac C. Leech, James W. Claver, Samuel W. Kyler, John M. Harris, David H. Pepper, Alex John son, Ezekiel Bogart, Increase—Frederick Huffman, William B. Torbet, Freeman Shores, Winford J. Clark, Warren O. Mar-tindale, William Rose, John Martin, John H. Snyder, Wilson R. Hutchings, Fleming Work, Reissue and Increase—Theophilus V. Griggs, Original widews, etc.—Rechael Griggs. Original widows, etc.—Rachael widow of Ebenzer N. Headley.

Penitentiary Twine.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 7 .- The report o the Joliet penitentiary commissioners in regard to the feasibility of manufacturing twine in the Illinois penitentiary was made to the general assembly to-day. The report states that the manufacture of binding twine at the Joliet penitentiary is not only possible, but feasible; and an appropriatio 3,250 for machinery and material asked for. The machinery specified in the report will produce rather less than one-third of the twine used each season by the farmers of Illinois.

Two Children Burned. Indianapolis, May .- At Hillham, a small town in Dubois county, Mrs. Witzmann left her home to visit a neighbor, leaving three small children asleep in the house. During her absence the house caught fire and was destroyed. Two of the youngest children lost their lives, while the third, aged nine, escaped, but is badiy injured. The mother's reason was dethroned by the shock, and she can live but a short time.

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A Shower of Frogs. ST. PAUL, Minn., May 7 .- A special from Jamestown, Dak., says that during the se-vere storm last evening a large number of frogs were precipitated to the ground from a cloud. It is claimed a funnel-shaped cloud was seen in the west shortly before, and the theory is that the frogs were caught up from some slough in the whirlwind and carried in

the air until it spent itself. Bismarok Impressed.
Berlin, May 7.—At the Samoan conference the details of the coming changes in Samoa are being debated at length, but no differences as to principle now exist. All the delegates desire the neutrality of the islands. The Americans have achieved marked success, and have impressed Bis-

Eiffel Received by Carnot. Paris, May 7,-President Carnot, to-day, received Eiffel, the designer and builder of the town bearing his name, and the work-men who were engaged in its construction.

marck with their firmness and diplomacy.

FIVE THOUSAND FRAUD.

The Hannibal & St. Joe Road Out That Amount.

STRANGE STORY OF A VOUCHER.

Arrest of Cashier Kent at Kansas City For Complicity in the Swindle-Both Sides of the Story.

A Clever Swindle.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 7.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Percy H. Kent, local cashier of the Hannibal & St. Joseph road, is under arrest at police headquarters, charged with complicity in a fraud by which the railroad company is out \$5,000. Monday morning, so Kent says, a weil dressed man giving the name of R. B. Bowen, claiming to be a claim agent of the road, apparently thirty years old, walked into the office and presented six vouchers for \$5,000 each. He bore a letter of introduction purporting to be from W. J. Hilton, assistant treasurer of the road, with headquarters at St. Joseph, addressed to Mr. Cummings, the agent at Kansas City. As Mc. Cummings was absent he presented it to Kent instead. It was written with a typewriter on the assistant treasurer's letterhead, and the signature was a good imitation of Mr. Hilton's. The vouchers also were made out in regular form, bearing what looked like the signature of the assistant treasurer, and stamps. Kent says that he had never seen the man before, but as his credentials seemed to show him to be what he claimed to be, a new appointes, he paid him \$5,000, all the money he had on hand, and told him to return to day between 1 and 2 o clock, when he would pay him the balance. Then he sent the voucher to the assistant treasurer at St. Joseph, To-day at noon Assistant Superin-Hilton to the effect that the voucher was fraudulent. When Mr. Fish asked Kenn about the matter he told the story related herein. Mr. Fish telegraphed the cashier's

explanation to St. Joseph and Mr. Hilton and Auditor Carter came down on the afternoon train. Together with Mr. Fish and Kent they went to Chief of Police Speers' office at 2 o'clock, where they were closated for three hours, at the end of which time Kent was informed that he was under arrest, and was locked up.

Kent claims that what he did has been done a hundred times in the transaction of the business of his office, and that the forgery was so clever that it could not be detected without a comparison with genuine vouchers. The Hannibal officials, how ever, do not look upon Kent as the innocent victim of a clever swindler. They say that Kent drew a draft, Monday for \$20,500 on Mr. Hilton, at St. Joseph, and presented it at the Midland National bank or payment, which was refused without Mr.

for payment, which was refused without Mr. Hilton's authority. Kent then telegraphed to 'Mr. Hilton: "Authorize Mudland National bank to pay claim." As Kent had been in the habit of pay! claims of less than \$100, Mr. Hilton, supposing this to be one of small amount, telegraphed Kent to pay it out of his cashier's funds and send the voucher to St. Joseph. In this way payment of the hig draft was stopped. What ment of the big draft was stopped. What works against Kent is that neither the draft nor the stub can be found in his office. He explains this by saying that Bowen drew it afterward and destroyed it. Chief Speers thinks that Kent is short in his accounts less suit, a light necktie and colored derby hat. His hair and mustache were light in and the latter he wore curled at the He wore a handsome diamond ring ends. and a big solitaire gleamed from his shirt Mr. Bowen to show up this afternoon to get he balance of the \$30,000, but he did not put in an appearance. Kent has been the cashier of the Hannibal about two years. He is a nember of the local bybicle club and is quite high roller. He is a nephew of Mr. W. H. McDoel, formerly general freight agent of the Hannibal & St. Joe and more recently general freight agent of the Louisville, New

Albany & Chicago. Distinguished Americans in London. [Copyright 1889 by James Gordon Bennett.] LONDON, May 7 .- [New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE. |- Among the more distinguished Americans now in London, are the Hon, W. C. Whitney, Mrs. Whitney and Colonel Oliver H. Payne. They are at the Hotel Bristol. "We had a very pleasant trip across," said Mr. Whitney, last evening, when questioned by a Herald reporter. "We are on the trip merely for pleasure and rest, and shall not bother ourselves with business at all. Next week we go to Paris for a waile, but on our return, which will be some time in June, we intend to stop in London some little time. visited the house of commons, to-day, and was very much interested in the depate on the navy bill. That is a subject, you know, to which I have paid considerable attention during the last few years. I want to express my appreciation of the London edition of the Herald. It is welcome on account of its American news, especially, and I shall be a faithful reader of it while I am on this side of the Atlantic. I am particularly anxious to read about the centennial celebration in New

York." Another distinguished American now in London is Senator John C. Spooner, of Wisecn. He arrived yesterday and is stopping at the Metropolitan. He is accompanied by Mrs. Spooner.

A Pickaniny Caused It. LATTLE ROCK, May 7 .- This afternoon lriver named Willeford had to use force to bounce a little darkey, who persisted in hanging on the back end of his street car A gang of negroes who witnessed the per formance began throwing rocks at the driver, and finally rushed upon him. Another driver named Parker came to Willeford's assistance. The fight was growing serious when Willeford pulled a knife and stabbed one of the negroes until he dropped. At this moment a squad of policemen came on the scene, dispersing the mob and arresting Willeford and Parker.

Ulinois Prohibition Bill. SPRINGFIELD, May 7 .- In the house this

morning the bill for the prevention of the evils of intemperance and crime, came up on second reading. This bill provides for statutory prohibition. It submits the question to a vote of the people of the state at a sepa rate special election to be held next October. If adopted the new law is to go into force throughout the state on the 1st of May next The committee amendments were ad When the time came to order the bill third reading, a motion to strike out the en acting clause was made. The motion was defeated.

Sol a Six-Time Winner. LEAD CITY, Dak., May 7 .- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE. | - Sol Star was to-day reelected mayor of Deadford for the sixth suc cessive time. There was no opposition to his candidacy.

The Weather Indications. For Nebraska and Iowa-Local rains, colder, westerly winds. For Dakota-Rain, colder, winds shifting

BEFORE THE COMMISSION. Representatives of Twenty-six West-

ern Roads Assemble. WASHINGTON, May 7 .- Pursuant to an order of the inter-state commerce commission, requiring the presence before the commission to-day of the representatives of twenty-six carriers, mostly western roads, to answer and set forth what commission each of them pays upon the sale of passenger tickets, and how this business is conducted by them, the representatives assembled. The general trend of the testimony given was that the roads were paying commissions in accordance with the rates established by the Western Passenger Agents association, and that the roads were acting under this agree-ment, which was generally faithfully ob-served, to the betterment of the service.

Several railroad representatives in their testimony declared no demoralization existed on account of the commission paying, and hat none was anticipated. In response to a question by Chairman Cooley, General Passenger Agent Sebastian, of the Rock Island road, said he did not think the commissions paid were large enough to make it an object for the passenger agents and the man to whom the commissions were paid to agree to divide up what was

were paid to agree to divide up what was made in this way.

General Traffic Manager Clarke, of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road, said he regarded the effect of the agreement between the various passenger associations west of Chicago, regarding commissions, as a great improvement over the demoralized condition of business previous to the agreement. The money made by the commission agents had been considerably reduced, owing to the stoppage of the payment of commissions by stoppage of the payment of commissions by many of the eastern trunk lines. The com-missions paid last year by his company amounted to more than \$7,000.

General Passenger Agent Ruggles, of the Michigan Central, said his company paid no commissions, nor does it allow its agents to accept them. An exception was made of the emigrant business and some Pacific busi-

ness.
General Passenger Agent Ford, of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg, said his company had paid no commissions since the passage of the inter-state The answer of the Chicago & Alton road detailed the commission business of that company. It also contained a number of charges against the Wabash road of manipu-lations of rates, improper use of mileage tickets, etc. Receiver McNuita, of the Wabash, entered a general denial of the charges and General Manager Chappell, of the Alton, testified in rebuttal of McNulta's statements. General Passenger Agent Daniels, of the New York Central, gives it as his epinion that the payment of commissions on the sale of tickets frequently results in the cutting of rates.

Several eastern general passenger agents were examined, among whom the opinion seemed to prevail that commission paying re sulted in rate cutting and was injurious to railway management.

THE FOREST FIRES. They Continue Their Work of Des-

truction in the Northwest. WAUSAU, Wis., May 7 .- The woods are on fire all around the city. Hay, meadows crops and bridges were destroyed in the western part of the county. Farmers and mill men are fighting the fire, and unless rain comes soon, great damage will be done. DULUTH, Minn., May 7.-Reports of the destruction of the ferest fire continue to come in, and show that it is raging in all directions with more or less fury. In some places the fires have burned out, and in others the timber has been attacked, which will result in heavy loss.

The greatest loss is in the destruction of railroad ties, telegraph poles and cordwood. So far news has reached here of the destruction of a dozen buildings, some in this state and some in Wisconsin. Several wood camps near Norman have been wiped out. Some stock was destroyed in outlying dis-tricts. Most of the destruction has been on the line of the St. Paul & Duluth and Northern Pacific roads.

Minneapolis, May 7.—A St, Cloud, Minn.

special says a terrible wind storm has been raging there since last evening. damage has been done in town, but the reports from the surrounding towns state that houses and barns have been unroofed or moved from their foundations. Blinding louds of dust fill the air. Forest fires are raging in the vicinity of Kimball. will be heavy unless rain falls soon. Crops will be damaged.

Hupson, Wis., May 7.—Some thirty stores

and dwellings, the entire business portion of the village of Waldron, ten miles southwest of this place on the Mackinaw railroad burned yesterday afternoon. The loss aggregated \$50,000; partially insured.

LUDINGTON, Mich., May 7.—Carter's mill block was fired last night by a spark from a passing tug. Four hundred thousand feet of lumber and 200,000 shingles were burned. The schooner Dawn was damaged slightly The wind is blowing a gale and the firemen

are working bard to save the mill. EAST SAGINAW, Mich., May ern Michigan no rain has fallen for several months, and as a result fires are raging in every direction. In Midland, Clare, Gladwin and Osceola counties the flames are running through the timber and over uncleared farms. In several places brigades of med are trying to check the progress of the fire. North of this city yesterday nearly a mile of forest was burned. The flames, fanned by a brisk wind, are sweeping everything before them. Danger from the same source is also reported from Huron county the Saginaw, Tuscola & Huron road. In the vicinity of Bay Port, on the shores of Wild Fowl bay, the greatest trouble exists.

The Longed For Rain. DULUTH, Minn., May 7 .- The much wished for rain made its appearance shortly before noon, and heavy showers are taking place before all around here and drowning out the blaz-

Five Cremated.

WESTCHESTER, N. Y., May 7 .- The old Bowne mansion in Westchester was burned to the ground early this morning. There were eight people asleep in the structure at the time-Watson Bowne, his wife, three children and two servant girls named Dunn and Mr. Bowne's aged mother. The latter, the Dunn girls and two of the children were burned to death. Mr. Bowne saved the other child and his wife but was severely burned in doing so. His wife and child were well wrapped up in blankets and es-caped with slight injuries. While Boene was saving his wife and child he could hear plainly the cries of agony from his mother and his two children but was unable to reach them and they perished. Just how the fire originated is not known but it is supposed a amp left burning in the hall exploded and set fire to the woodwork.

A Fire Swept Town.

FINDLAY, O., May 7 .- At midnight last night, a fire broke out in a meat shop in Beaver Dam, a small village twenty miles west of this city, and before the flames could be subdued, almost the entire business tion of the town was burned. A late found the inhabitants all abed, and many had barely time to escape in their night clothes; loss \$80,000; insurance 14,000.

Reducing Train Service. CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 7 .- [Special Tele-

gram to THE BEE. |-The Union Pacific, among other reductions of expenses, contemplates reducing the present daily service on the Cheyenne & Northern from Cheyenne to Wendover to three trains a week. The Cheyenne board of trade, recognizing the disadvantage such a reduced service would be to this city, to-day appointed a committee, consisting of Governor Warren, Delegate Carey and Mayor Riner, to confer with the officials of the road and endeavor to retain the present daily train, and also secure, it possible, the extension of the road.

Tolstoi is Dead. ST. PETERSBURG, May 7 .- Count Teistoi,

minister of the interior, is dead.

"DOCTOR JIM'S" DEPOSITION.

Appearance of the Pill Pounder in the Carter Case.

NOCTURNAL VISITS EXPLAINED.

Scandal Gossips Badly Disappointed at the Evidence Presented-

Kyrle Bellew, the Actor,

Tells What He Knows.

Not So Racy as Expected. Curcago, May 7.-[Special Telegram to The Bee.]-The long-expected depositions of "Dr. Jim" Gilbert and Kyrle Beilew, who figures in his statements as Harold Dominick Kyrle Money Bellew, made his appearance in the Carter case to-day, and fell very flat on the expectant audience. Dr. Gilbert denied that he had ever been guilty of improper conduct with the fair Mrs. Carter. He admitted that besides an intimate professional acquaintance with her he had frequently gone out driving with her and had also gone to the opera with her. He explained his late night visits to the Hotel Brunswick by saying that Mrs. Carter's health was very poor at that time, and that, like many other nervous women, she frequently summoned him late in the evening to prescribe for some ailment. There were one or two glaring discrepancies in the doc-

tor's statements as to dates. Kyrle Bellew testified that he first me Mrs. Carter on a steamer coming from Europe. He found her to be a very agreeable companion, well read, etc., and they conversed much together. Mrs. Carter thought she could achieve something in the dramatic line, and at her solicitation he arranged to give her a number of lessons in elocution, etc. Accordingly he suggested that she take rooms at the Colonnade hotel, where they were seen so much together, in order that she might be on hand promptly for her lessons, as his time was much occupied. Bellew entered time was much occupied. Beliew entered very emphatic denials to the suggestions that there was anything in the least wrong in his dealings with Mrs. Carter. At about this point in his deposition Bellow and the lawyer taking it were involved in a wordy war, the actor taking exceptions to some leading questions, and in the midst of it the court adjourned, as it was getting late.

At the morning session the reading of the deposition of State Senator Pierce, of New York, begun yesterday afternoon, was finished. It developed the fact that he had sent Mrs. Carter numerous letters, one of which contained some very poor poetry. Pearce was unable to remember why he had sent this effusion, but was very positive he had not composed it. He thought he had cribbed it from some book.

CRONIN IS STILL MISSING. Mr. Conklin Makes Another Sensa-

tional Statement. CHICAGO, Ill., May 7 .- There is nothing particularly new in the Dr. Cronin mystery o-day. He is still unaccounted for, and Mr. and Mrs. Conklin, with whom the doctor lived are still very much perturbed about the matter. They insist he has been murdered by a gang which has been plotting against him. To-night Mr. Conklin made another sensational statement about the mysterious case. Said he:

"Dr. Cronin had papers by means of "Dr. Cronin had bapers by means of which, at the coming convention of the Irish National league, in Philadelphia, he proposed to vindicate himself from and implicate others in frauds. I do not know the exact contents of these papers. He entrusted them to my care with instructions friends in the event of his being murdered or being made away with. I turned over the papers as he directed. Conklin refused to say who the papers

were given to. THE BALD KNOBBERS.

Indications That They Will Pay the Extreme Penalty of the Law. OZARK, Mo., May 7 .- [Special Telegram to The Bee. | -Everything now indicates that the three ill-starred regulators here will pay the extreme penalty of Ball Knobberism on Friday next. The last urgent appeal for executive elemency has been made by Attorneys Delaney and Payne. Ozark papers have made elequent and forcible arguments for commutation, and still Governor Francis remains immovable. He is reported as say-ing that he thought he had no right to inter-

fere with the sentence of the courts. Chief Walker and his son Bill keep up a commendable show of courage, but the neryous strain is telling fearfully upon them. John Matthews' wife and children and aged mother came to visit him on Sunday. Sheriff Johnson relaxed the prison rules and allowed Matthews to go outside the jail yard. The meeting was very affecting. Matthews seemed to feel wonderfully relieved by being able to sing hymns and pray with his weeping family. He has shown better nerve since, and will probably meet his death with becoming fortitude.

Surveying a New Dakota Road. GETTYSBURG, Dak., May 7 .- | Special Tele-

gram to THE BEE. |-The Forest City & Watertown Railroad company exploring party of surveyors were absent nine days on the Sioux reservation. They sought and readily found an easy grade for a line of railway in all the country they traversed. Besides this they were agreeably surprised to find large bodies of timber and many streams of running water in that country. They report seeing coal at many points, indicating inexhaustible bodies of fuel. This surveying party was called back to finish surveying the route from Gettysburg to Forest City. This will be done and the report submitted by Friday, when bids for grading and building the road will be asked. John Carroll, an old bridge builder, is here making estimates on the cost of a bridge over the Missouri. Captain J. J. Hessler, of the For-est City syndicate, left New York Sunday night, and is expected here Tauraday. The the Fox ridge equals that found in Illinois.

Parnell Honored.

LONDON, May 7 .- At the annual meeting of the National Laberal club to-day, after an animated discussion, Parnell was elected a life member by a large majority. A resolution was adopted rescinding the previous declaration of the club that "owing to the divisions at present existing in the party, it is not desirable for the club to be actively identified with any section of it." To-day's action is tantamount to declaring the club Gladstonian body.

Suicided Over Gambling Losses. CHEVENNE, Wyo., May 7 .- | Special Telegram to Tue Bee.]-A printer named Harry

Tuxford, was drowned in Sloan's Lake here, to-day. It is supposed he committed suicide, He lost his week's wages, last evening, at fare, and was in a despondent mood this morning. He went beating this afterneon, and, this evening, the beat was found fieating on the lake with his hat and coat. An attempt will be made, to-morrow, to recover the body.

Died of Consumption. PIERRE Dak., May 7 .- [Special Telegram

to THE BEE, B. Crawford, aged twentytwo years, brother of Hon. C. J. Crawford, feli dead, this morning, while eating his breakfast. He came from Allamakee county, lown to this city, about three weeks ago, for his health. He died of consumption. The functal will be held to morrow.