OLD FOR FIFTEEN MILLIONS.

Nine Divisions of the Wabash Road Transferred Yesterday.

BURLINGTON'S ANNUAL MEETING

Bombshell Exploded By a Report-President Ashley, of the Wabash, Says the Road Owes Over \$118,000,000.

The Minority Scheme Beaten. CHICAGO, May 15 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-James F. Joy and President Ashley, the Wabash Western purchasing committee, this morning bought nine divisions of the Wabash railway for \$15,

Last March, in Springfield, they bought the Chicago division for \$8,000,000. According to the terms of the decree rendered by Judges Gresham and Jackson, the road was sold first by divisions and then as a whole. The sale bringing the most was to be the legal one. Master-in-Chancery Bluford Wilson conducted the sale. The only bidders were the Popper-Johnson syndicate, representing the minority bondholders, and the Wabash Western purchasing committee. The Popper-Johnson syndicate were the successful bidders on the first three divisions, as follows: Indiana division, \$3,650,000; Great Western (Illinois division) \$3,650,000; Decatur & St. Louis, \$4,000,000. The Wabash wester & St. Louis, \$1,000,000. The Wadish Western purchasing committee were the successful bidders, contingent on the amount brought by the roads as a unit, for the other divisions as follows: Quincy & Toledo, \$500,000; Illinois & Southern Iowa, \$300,000; Hannibal & Naples, \$500,000, Ohio division, \$2,840,595.68; owo small branches, \$100,000; total, \$15,540,595.68. The upset price fixed in the decree was \$15,335,000, and the sale thus made would have stood had not James R. Joy bid \$15,550,000 for the road

as a unit. There was no other bid and the road was knocked down at the unit price.

President Ashley said after the sale: "The amount brought by the sale is to secure the first and second mortgages on the Ohio first and second mortgages on the Ohio division, and the first mortgages on all the rest. We have already issued and sold \$34,000,000 fifty-year 5 per cent bonds on the consolidated system. Of this amount \$11,741,000 will be used to pay off the first mortgage bonds of the Wabash Western. This leaves \$22,259,000 mortgage on the line east of the Mississippi. To this we will add \$14,000,000 second mortgage fifty-year 5 per cent bonds. second mortgage fifty-year 5 per cent bonds, making a total bonded indebtedness of \$36,-259,000 on the line east of the Mississippi. To this should, however, be added \$30,000,000 depending on the income of the road. There are also \$52,000,000 in

"The minority bondholders made a great mistake in not accepting our 5 per cent bonds in place of their 7 per cents, with interest to November, 1887. The bonds are now selling at 1½ per cent premium, and 1 think will go to five and perhaps ten. They are now worse off than if they had accepted our offer, and it has cost us \$400,000 more than it would have otherwise cents. than it would have otherwise gone.
"We will consolidate the Wabash railway

"We will consolidate the Wabash railway and Wabash Western into one system by August 1, and will probably call it the Wabash Railroad Company. The headquarters will be in St. Louis and the consolidated sys tem will be under the present Wabash West-ern management."

Bad News For Engineers.

CHICAGO, May 15 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- The locomotive engineers and firemen on one of the leading western railroads in particular, and all the roads in general, are daily expecting a piece of information that may or may not lead to a great strike, but which will, in any event, be disastrous to them in a financial way. From time to time for the past month articles have appeared in local papers stating that a certain western railroad company was preparing to cut the wages of its engineers and firemen, and in anticipation of probable trou-ble was hiring all the non-union men it could find to be ready to go to work when called upon. This information, it was said, was obtained by a brotherhood engineer, who investigated the advertisements being published by the employing agent.

It is stated to-day that last week some more members of the brotherhood applied to the agency for employment. They were informed that over five hundred applications had been booked, and that that number was thought sufficient. The addresses of the applicants were taken, however, with the understanding that they should be notified in case of need. They were also told that the cut would not be made as soon as expected, but that it would come. A reporter interviewed several of the

prominent local members of the orbood of Locomotive Engineers to-day, on the subject. The opinion of nearly all of them is that no strike will result if the cut is made. One said: "The outlook is too blue for us. The flood of unemployed labor is too great, and a strike would unques-tionably result in a disastrous defeat." What road is after you now !

"There's one big company at the head of the move, but there are three or four others back of it. It is a move to bust up the Mr. A. R. Covener, a prominent official in

the brotherhood, and at present in business in this city, was called upon, but politely de clined to say anything.

The Burlington Annual Meeting. CHICAGO, May 15 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- At the Burlington annual meeting, to-day, 430,000 shares were represented The old board of directors was unanimously, re-elected as follows: John M. Forbes, Richard Olney (in place of Sidney Bartlett, de ceased), Charles J. Paine, John L. Gardner, Frank N. Hunnewell, Wm. Endicott, Jr., all of Boston; T. Jefferson Coolidge, Manches-ter, Mass.; John N. A. Griswold, Peter Geddes, both of New York; Wirt Dexter, Chicago, and Charles O. Perkins, Burling-

ton, Iowa Levi Z. Leiter was present but refused to allow the use of his name as a candidate for the directorate. He said there was no fault to be found with the present management and that at the next meeting of the directors in Boston, the present officers would be re-

Railroad Manipulation of Coal Rates Chicago, May 15.—[Special Telegram to The Bes.]—The committee appointed by the general managers of the Inter-state Commerce Railway association, to look into the coal and coke manipulations exploded a bomb shell when they reported to the meeting to-day that there was conclusive evidence of manipulation against the North western, St. Paul, Rock Island and Wisconsin Central roads. The meeting voted to apply the highest penalty of the association, which in this case is \$100 fine and a forfeiture of all money made on the illegal traffic. The manipulations amount to the neighbor-hood of \$4,000. The penalty for the manipulation under the amended inter-state com-merce act is two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$5,000.

The Fort Wayne Road. PITTSBURG, May 15 .- At the annual meet ing of the stock and bondnolders of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago railway, beld here to-day, the report of the board showed a balance of \$2,718,000. The lessee company paid part of the Fort Wayne com pany's rental of \$3,159,000, leaving a deficit to the operating company of \$446,000.

In Favor of Consolidation. CLEVELAND, May 15 .- The stockholders of the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis met to-day to vote upon the

proposition to consolidate with the "Big Four" system. Of 150,000 shares, 122,033 were voted, all being in favor of consoli-

A similar meeting was held at Indianapolis to day of the stockholders of the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis & Chicago and the Indianapolis & St. Louis line, at which a majority of the shares were also voted in favor of consolidation.

Dickinson Says He Won't Accept. Sioux City, Ia., May 15,-[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Assistant Manager Dickinson came in with other Union Pacific officials on a special train, at half past 10 o'clock, to-night, to arrange final details for opening the new Norfolk line, next Sunday, Mr. Dickinson denied emphatically that he had accepted the management of the Omaha stock yards. The question was put, "Will you accept?" "No sir," he replied. "I shall not. I am

in the railroad business and I shall not leave it under any circumstances." Mr. Dickin-son added that he had not formally been offered the management of the Omaha stock

yards.
There has been some talk about it, he said, but nothing definite or formal, nor was he considering the matter at all. The Union Pacific party leaves here to morrow.

The M., K. & T. Stockholders Meet. Parsons, Kas., May 15.-The annual meet ing of the stockholders of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad company was held in this city to-day. Three hundred and thirty-one thousand, six hundred and sixty-two shares of stock were represented.

Hearing a Discrimination Case. TITUSVILLE, Pa., May 15. - The inter-state commerce commission to-day began a lengthy hearing in the case of the Inde-pendent Oil Refinery association against the various railroad companies for discrimina-

A MASHER SMASHED.

Six Months in a Bridewel for Smirking and Flirting.

CHICAGO, May 15 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- A young man, with flirting tendencies, received two scares, to-day, from the effects of which he will not recover for some time. He was walking on Union Park place, and noticed a good-looking lady in a window. He took out his handkerchief and waved it at her, but she did not respond. He walked back and forth in front of the window, waved his handkerchief many times, threw kisses, and smirked. Still there was no response.

Not in the least discouraged, he continued the performance until, finally the lady was re-enforced by three others, who joined in watching. Suddenly one of the young ladies threw open the window, reached out her hand with a revolver and fired a shot. The bullet whizzed past the "masher's," ear, and with a wild shrick, he started down the street on a keen run.

An officer intercepted the ruffian, however, and he was taken to the nearest police court where one of the ladies appeared. She explained the matter to the justice and said it was not the first appearance of the man in that vicinity. The justice gave the fellow the limit, six months in the Bridewell, and regretted he could not make it more. The lady was cautioned against the free use of the revolver, although the justice thought it almost justifiable.

Beatrice Town Council.

BEATRICE, NEB., May 15 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-The mayor doesn't hitch with the council on the office of wafer commissioner. At last night's meeting E. C. Salisbury was nominated for the office, but the council would not confirm him. Captain Herron, chief of the fire department, was then nom nated, but refused to be a candidate. G. W Hinkle was nominated, but was not confirmed. The mayor then announced that he would present other names at the next meeting. In the meantime W. A. Wagner

holds over. The council, with one excep-tion, wish Mr. Wagner retained. W. S. Bourne was appointed and confirmed as city clerk. The council voted to employ an ex-pert engineer to overhaul the water works machinery. If it is found that it is not work-ing properly the present engineer is to be discharged. In that event, it is understood George Cole, son of Councilman Cole, and a brotherhood locomotive engineer, will be a candidate for the position. The council sold to John Dale, of Omaha, paving bonds amounting to about \$20,000 at 1/2 per cent

above par. Tried Hard to Suicide.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 15.- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. - A special from Elkador says that Monday night a Swiss named Godfried Muchljoler, living several miles north on the Turkey river, determined to kill himself, and shot himself in the side near the heart. This failed to kill, and he put the revolver is his mouth and fired. The ball lodged in the muscles of the neck and he still lived. Then he jumped into the river, but didn't drown, and reached the other side exhaused. Here he was found and medical aid was summoned. He re-gained consciousness and told his story. To-day he was alive, with fair prospects of recovery.

Manderson's Horse Run's Away.

Washington, May 15 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The familiar little yellow horse belonging to Senator Manderson, which the senator had left standing in front of a store on F street, ran away yesterday and collided with R. O. Holtzman's carriage and a buggy belonging to H. Smyth, badly damaging them both. No one was hurt, but Senator Manderson's buggy was completely

The State Debt Wiped Out. DES MOINES, Ia., May 15 .- | Special Tele rram to THE BEE. |-State Treasurer Twomoly to-day issued a call for \$95,000 of outstanding state warrants, to be redcemed June 25. This call covers the last dollar of floating indebtedness, and when these war-rants are taken up the state of Iowa will not have a dollar of interest-bearing debt.

Firemen Tournament Rates. DES MOINES, Ia., May 15.—[Special Telegram to The Bee. |—The railroad commisioners made a decision to-day that, in view of their services to the public, the railroads might, if they chose, carry all volunteer firenen to the state tournament free of charge. They say that no public interest will suffer by stretching the law to this extent. This decision will greatly increase the attendance

at that tournament next month.

RED OAK, In., May 15.- [Special to THE BEE. |--- William Riener, dealer in dry goods, gave his wife and some other relatives a chattel mortgage on his stock, yesterday. The mortgage was closed by the sheriff at once, and the store is shut up. The mortgage is for a little over \$7,000; assets un-

Fatal Dynamite Explosion. Ishremiso, Mich., May 15 .- By an explosion of dynamite at the Osceola mine, to-day, four Austrian miners were terribly injured. Two may die.

Dressed Beer Bill Rejected. ALHANY, N. Y., May 15 .- The so-called dressed boof bill came up in the assembly this morning for final action, but was re-

Rear Admiral Donaldson Dead. BALTIMORE, May 15 .- Rear Admiral Edward Donaldson, of the United States navy, aged twenty-eight, cied in Baltimore to-day.

MARSHAL JONES IN DISFAVOR

It is Said His Dismissal Will Soon Be Ordered.

THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCES.

A Statement By the Senate and the House Committees - Judge Jenk's Resignation Accepted By the President.

Marshal Jones' Case. WASHINGTON, May 15 .- The Star to-night says: "The attorney-general saw the president about half past 2 o'clock. He said, on coming out, that no action had yet been taken upon Marshal Jones' report. It is understood, however, that Jones' explanation is far from being satisfactory, and that his dismissal is soon to be ordered."

The Government's Finances. WASHINGTON, May 15.-A statement show ng the results of the acts of the second session of the Fiftieth congress upon the finances of the government has been prepared by Thomas P. Cleaves, and James P. Courts, clerks respectively of the senate and house committees on appropriations. They show that the total amount appropriated by congress was \$286,646,460, while the permanent, specific and indefinite appropriations were estimated by the secretary of the treasury at \$108,691,056 making the total estimated expenditures of the government for 1889-90, \$395,337,516. The estimated revenues for the same time are \$434,509,658. The acts for the same time are \$434,500,658. The acts provide for 850 new offices, the salaries of which aggregate \$443,500, while the increase in the salaries of old offices amount to \$1,025,980. Sixty-nine offices are abolished, the salaries of which are \$127,973, and the salaries of the other offices are reduced \$7,200. The postoffice appropriation bill increases the allowance for the compensation of clerks in the postoffices from \$5,975,000 to \$6,550,000, and that for railway postoffice \$6,550,000, and that for railway postoffice clerks from \$5,246,790 to \$5,600,000, with a \$50,000 deficiency item.

Jew Iowa Postmasters. WASHINGTON, May 15 .- [Special Telegram THE BRE.]-Iowa postmasters appointed: Ole Oleson, Sivea, Kossuth county, vice S. P. Hoglund, removed; E. L. Newland, Unionburg, Harrison county, vice H. B. Packenpaugh, resigned; John Meyer, Alton, Sioux county, vice H. A. Lieb, removed; George Hager, Baxter, Jasper county, vice J. F. Klise, removed; John C. McKee, Blairsburgh, Hamilton county, vice W. F. Powers removed; S. D. Selby, Carbon, Adams county, vice B. F. Jones, removed; N. T. Patterson, Drakesville, Davis county, vice Richard Calvert, removed; Sarah E. Ricketts Ewart, Powerhick county, vice F. vice Richard Calvert, removed; Sarah E. Ricketts, Ewart, Poweshiek county, vice F. Ricketts, Ewart, resigned; C. F. Lytle, Foote, Iowa county, vice Edward L. Hall, resigned; William i Densmore, Fremont, Mahaska county, vice S. R. Canon, removed; D. M. Perkins, Lewis, Cass county, vice V. M. Courad, resigned; D. F. Berry, Noble, Washington county, vice J. E. Whitmore, removed; George Gatton, Pleasant Prairie, Muscatine county, vice J. E. McElroy, resigned; John T. Moore, Sidney, Fremont county, vice M. R. Rowell, resigned; Washington Walker, State Center, Marshall county, vice James Lander, resigned.

Nebraska and lowa Pensions. Washington, May 15 .- | Special Telegram o THE BEE.]-Pensions granted Nebraskans: Original invalid-Charles Elling,

Christopher Hazelbacher. Increase—Edwin D. Pettibone, Alonzo P. Sharp. Pensions for Iowans: Original invalid-Benjamin T. Dodd, William Brayton, John F. Simmons, John S. Johnson, Sanderson Lyon (dead). Asa Staley, William Walden, John Hissong, James H. Fox, Samuel Beck-with, Abel Adams, William H. Brown, Mar-cellus G. McClellan, Michael C. Picken, Henry Hoofnagle, John W. Anson, Benjamin F. Scott, Increase—Ambrose L. Cobb. issue and increase—Albion P. Hardy. inal, widows, etc-Sarah A., widow of San lerson Lyon, Clarissa, widow of William Beauchamp.

G. A. R. Men Call on Harrison. Washington, May 15 .- Comrades Joseph W. Kah, George W. Brown and David M. Anick called upon President Harrison to-day. as a committee, representing the G. A. R. of Brooklyn. They laid before him a resolu tion adopted by the memorial and executive committees of the order during April last urging the carrying out of these provisions of the revised statutes looking to the pre ferment of veterans of the late war for office under the government. They asked the president to give full force and effect to all laws now existing or hereafter to be enacted on this subject. The president replied that he would consider this question very care fully, and would give the resolutions their due weight.

Urging Captain Bourke's Promotion Washington, May 15 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- A local paper says: "Senator Manderson and Representative Connell called at the white house to-day to present and recommend Captain John Bourke for promotion to the adjutant-general's corps. Captain Bourke has made a gallant record as an Indian fighter under General Crook His friends consider that he has won a posi tion in the adjutant-general's department Captain Bourke has many opponents for the single vacancy, which will occur upon the retirement of Adjutant-General Drum and the consequent promotion in the corps.

Proctor Satisfied. Washington, May 15 .- Secretary Proctor has returned here from his western inspection trip. He is satisfied with the results of his observations. In a few days the secre-tary will visit West Point. He says the subject of issuing a proclamation of amnesty to deserters has not been discussed or considered by the president and himself.

Calling on Secretary Windom. Washington, May 15 .- A large delegation of miners and smelters from the west ap peared before Secretary Windom and Assist-ant Secretary Michener to-day for a hearing touching the ruling of the treasury depart ative to the importation of lead ore from Mexico.

Jadge Jenks' Resignation. Washington, May 15 .- The president has accepted the resignation of Judge Jenks as solicitor-general of the department of justice, to take effect to-day. Judge Jenks will be retained in the service of the government as counsel in telephone cases.

Congressman Randall Convalescing. Washington, May 15.-S. J. Randall, who has been confined to the house for several weeks, is rapidly convalescing and is ex-pected to be out shortly.

Crops in Cuming County. WEST POINT, Neb., May 15.- Special to THE BEE. - A heavy rain visited this part of the country last evening. Corn is all planted, and this rain will send it right along. Small grain was beginning to suffer from the dry weather, but will be a bounti-ful crop if nothing happens from now on.

Damaged by the Storm. CRETE, Neb., May 15 .- Special to THE BEE.] - A heavy thunder storm visited this locality last night and considerable damage was done. Several houses were struck by lightning, more or less demoralizing them, but fortunately no one was injured.

CONSUL GENERAL NEW.

He Takes Formal Possession of His Office Consul New Takes Charge.

[Coppright 1889 by James Gordon Bennett.]
LONDON, May 15.—[New York Herald
Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Governor Waller said farewell to the staff employed at the American consulate, on Tuesday night, and his successor, General John C. New, quietly entered upon his duties, yesterday morning. There was nothing to indicate that anything unusual had taken place in St. Helen's place, when the Herald correspo dent called upon the new consul. "I see you have got into the harness again, General New," said the Herald reporter.

"Yes, I made a start to-day. There was no formal ceremony of installation. Governor Waller is an old friend of mine, and he left last night in the usual way, and I dropped in this morning as I shall every other morning, and got to work, right away.' C "The American consulate in England is evidently not a sinecure, judging from the mass of work before you."

"Why, no. This is a piace where work has got to come in and be got rid of. I have to sign over 700 invoices to-day, but, of course, that does not represent one tithe of the actual work I shall have to undertake.' General New has been greatly impressed by the cordial welcome extended to him as he entered upon his new duties.

The Samoan Delegates Dined. [Copyright 1889 by James Gordon Bennett.]
Berlin, May 13.—[New York Herald
Cable—Special to The Berl.]—No preliminary sittings of the Samoan conference took place, to-day, owing to the unanimous objection of the German delegates to transact business on the Day of Humiliation. Sir Edward and Lady Ermingtrude Malet entertained the delegates at dinner, this evening, thirty covers being laid. Lady Ermingtrude sat between Count Bismarck and Mr. Kasson, Sir Edward between Countess Bernstorff and Madame de Benekendorff. The wives of the delegates, Colonel and Mrs. Russell, Count Bismarck's private secretary, Herr Von Bulow, and the secretary of the conference were among the guests.

The sub-committee of the conference has decided that the municipal council of Apia shall comprise six members, Germany, England and the United States each to appoint one member. The other three members shall be elected by the residents of Apia. This decision displeases the British commissioners, who call it Phelps' compromise, Phelps, although not a member of the subcommittee, was asked to attend its last meet-

Whitelaw Reid Received. Paris, May 15 .- Whitelaw Reid, American ninister, was received by the minister of foreign affairs, to-day. President Carnot will receive Reid at the end of the week. The new minister will present his creden-

tials to the president of the republic early next week. Mr. George W. Smalley, the London correspondent of the New York Tribune, has taken apartments at the Hotel Meurice, and is acting secretary to Minister Reid. Mr. Smalley will be appointed first secretary of legation at Paris, in place of M.

MURDERED BY MEXICANS. A Railway Official Shot and Robbed

of \$7,000. TOPEKA, Kan., May 15 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Dispatches were received tohight by General Manager Robinson, of the Atchison, Topoka & Santa Fe *road, giving details of the murder of Superintendent George W. Richards at the Carthage mines of the Atchison company. The superintendent was making the monthly payment of wages to employes. While he was alone two Mexican desperadoes gained access to the office and shot Richards, killing him instant-ly. They then captured all the cash in the safe, amounting to over \$7,000, and, taking their horses, fled to the mountains. A po-

of miners on fleet horses is in pursuit, with good prospects for capturing the desper-adoes. General Manager Robinson offers a reward of \$1,500 for their capture. The Weather Indications. Nebraska: Light rain; easterly winds, be coming variable; slightly warmer in southeast portion. Iowa: Light showers; easterly winds, be

coming variable; warmer in northwest por tion; stationary temperature in southeast Dakota: Light showers: slightly warmer; easterly winds, becoming variable

The River Landers. FORT DODGE, Ia., May 15 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Great interest is manifested here, particularly among hundreds of river landers, in the proceedings of the grand jury in Webster county, which is at present investigating the charge of con-spiracy preferred by land owners against seventeen settlers who organized to work farms from which evictions were made. Hundreds of witnesses have been subpænaed.

case for more than a week. Lincoln Sails. NEW YORK, May 15 .- Among the passen zers who sailed on the new Inman steamer City of Paris, this afternoon, were Robert T. Lincoln, United States minister to the

court of St. James and his family. The Logan Monument Bill. SPRINGPIELD, IIL, May 15 .- The house, o-day, passed a bill appropriating \$50,000 for a monument to John A. Logan. There was considerable wrangling, and the measure

passed by a very small majority. Steamship Arrivals. At Philadelphia-The Prussia, from Glasgow; the Gluckauf, from Bremen; the Peruan Prince, from Carthagena. At Bremen-The Dresden and Wilkommen,

from Baltimore. Third Attempt at Suicide. St. Joseph, Mo., May 15.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.] -- Charles Thornton, son of the notorious Hannah Thornton, attempted suicide this afternoon by hanging, but was cut down in time to save his life.

Domestic trouble was the cause. This is
Thornton's third attempt.

The Fire Record. BLOOMINGTON, Ill., May 15 .- A fire at Stanford this morning destroyed Henry Linebarger's elevator, with 8,000 bushels of oats, a number of corn crips, and other prop

erty to the value of \$10,500; insurance about half. Editor William W. Harding Dead. PHILADELPHIA, May 15 .- William W. Harding, for many years proprietor and pubhis residence, this morning, from a complica-tion of diseases.

After the Arizona Robbers. WASHINGTON, May 15.—The attorney-general has authorized the marshal of Arizona to offer a reward of \$500 each for the arrest and conviction of the robbers of Paymaster Wham. Baptist Missionary Anniversary.

Bosron, Muy 15 .- The celebration of the seventy fifth anniversary of the American Baptist Missionary union was begun to-day.

DAKOTA'S QUIET ELECTION.

Later Returns Emphasize the Report of Un animity,

A CONSTITUTION READY MADE.

Some Iowa Movers to the Sioux Reservation-Death of a Child From a Rattlesnake Bite-School Buildings in Pierre.

It Will be Ratified.

HURON, Dak., May 15 .- [Special Telegram

to THE BEE. |-There is rejoicing throughout

South Dakota, to-day, over the result of yesterday's election. From the returns received 90 per cent of the entire vote is for the adoption of the Sloux Falls constitution. Nothing so nearly approaching a unanimous vote has been experienced in the ratification of any fundamental law as that which characterized the adoption of a constitution for the new state at the polls yesterday. In some districts 98 per cent of the entire vote was for the constitution. The Thirteenth district had 25, and the Nineteenth 84 votes against the constitution. Those are two of the principal districts and contain some hard kickers. In one precinct in the Thirteenth district, which cast 900 votes, only 1 was against the constitution. The Eleventh district had but 10 votes against adoption. The result of the election is regarded as a grand victory and a confirmation of what the people, for three years, have claimed, that they are satisfied with the Sioux Falls constitution for the state of South Dakota. The democratic delegates received a fair proportion of the vote polled, in some districts receiving more than the entire vote of the party, while the prohibitionists laid aside their third party notions and joined with the old parties in getting out the vote, which, although light, compared with that of 1885, or of last November, is sufficient to indicate the unanimity of sentiment regarding the Sioux Falls consti-

Messages of congratulation and greeting have been received here and sent to various cities in South Dakota. Several were also sent to Congressman Springer, advising him of the vote, and asking him if he now believes the people of South Dakota know what

they want.
Following are the delegates chosen by the districts reported: Sixth, Stroupe, Stod-dard and Barrett; Ninth, Wood, Sterling and Lee: Eleventh, Hartley, Huntiey and Campbell; Thirteenth, Hale, Vantassel and Cooper; Sixteenth, Sherwood, McIntyre and Matoon; Eighteenth, Williamson, Gifford and Boidepal; Nineteenth, Coates, Van Epps and Caldwell; Twenty-second, Edgerton, Buechler and Harris; Twenty-fourth, Edger-ton, Holton and Ramsey; Twenty-fifth, Godton, Holton and Ramsey; Twenty-fifth, God-dard, Dieffendorf and Murphy.

The Work of the Convention. YANKTON, So. Dak., May 15.—Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-E. C. Edgerton and Chris Buechler, republicans, are certainly elected to the constitutional convention from this district, and the result between Sweet and Harris, democrats, is in doubt, with the chances in favor of Harris. The vote of the county is less than one-half the full vote, but it is almost solid for the Sioux Falls constitution. The vote of the county will not exceed 700 or 800. The convention is to meet the 4th of July. It can alter, change or amend the constitution only as per-mitted by congress. The constitu-tion is to be again submitted in October, together with the separate clauses of prohibition, etc., and if the constiof congress providing for the admission of the state, is adopted and is found acceptable the state may be admitted by proclamation The July convention will make ordinances and frame all the machinery for the sub-mission of the constitution and for the vote on the separate clause and the election of the state officers and the legislature in October. So that while the convention will have no constitution to make there will be a good deal of important work to do. The state will have to be divided into legislative districts and all the preliminary work for the October election and for putting the new state government into operation will devolve upon the

The Black Hills Returns. LEAD CITY, Dak., May 15 .- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-Complete returns of the election held vesterday, assure the confirmation of the Sioux Falls constitution in the Third district, which comprises the Black Hills, the majority in its favor is fully 2,500 The delegates elected are as follows: district, Sanford Parker, V. T. McGilli-cuddy, republicans; C. L. Wood, democrat; Third district, D. Corson, W. S. O'Brien, republicans, and C. M. Thomas, democrat; Second district, S. A. Wheeler, republican; John Scollard and Thomas Thompson, demo-

Hawkeyes for Dakota. PIERRE, Dak., May 15 .- Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-To-night's train was filled with excursionists from Des Momes, Ia. coming to Pierre to look up the Sioux resering this summer. They were met at the depot by the Capital City band and escorted around the city in buggies by the board of

Died From a Rattlesnake Bite. CHAMBERLAIN, Dak., May 15 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. | -A five-year-old child of a farmer, living six miles north of this city, was bitten by a rattlesnake, yesterday afternoon, and was immediately brought to town, but it was too late. After suffering terribly for twelve hours, he died.

School Houses in Pierre. PIERRE, Dak., May 15 .- [Special Telegram to THE BER. |-Ground was, to-day, broken on the sites of three new brick school houses in Pierre, which together will cost when completed, \$35,000. They are to be finished this summer.

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION . Eight Hundred Pounds of Powder Blow Up in a Mine.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 15 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- Eight hundred pounds of powder exploded at 13 o'clock to day, at the Anchor tunnel, Park City. The surrounding buildings were entirely demoiished, and the main shaft considerably damaged. The powder caught from a candle dropped by one of the shaft bosses. Two men were near at the time, but succeeded in escaping, as the powder blazed up a short time before the explosion took place. The loss will amount to several thousand dollars.

Father Egan Testifies. LONDON, May 15 .- Father Egan testified before the Parnell commission to-day. He said the leading men of Loughrea belonged to the branch of the league in that district. No serious crime had been committed from the time of the formation of the Loughrea branch of the league until it was suppressed, except the murder of Policeman Lynton. This murder had been condemned at the meeting of the league, and witness had de-nounced it from his church.

A British Ship Wrecked. LONDON, May 15 .- The British ship Altmore from Sydney, N. S. W., April 8, for San Francisco, has been wrecked at Meral island in the south Pacific. The captain and a portion of the crew have landed at Levnka. The first officer was drowned and the boat containing the remainder of the crew and passengers is

THE CARTER CASE. Lawyer Mills Unmercifully Score the Plaintiff.

CHICAGO, May 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.] | Luther Laffin Mills finished his speech for the defense in the Carter case today, reviewing the charges against Dr. Gilbert and Kyrle Bellew. The court room was jammed and the interest was intense. The elequent attorney scored Mrs. Carter in a most merciless manner, he being even more forcible in his characterization of her conduct than yesterday. For two full hours, under the terrible fire of the lawyer's words, under the terrible fire of the lawyer's words, the fair plaintiff sat, calmly rocking in her swinging chair and plying her fan, her countenance never changing. When Mills had concluded, however, and a recess was taken, she sighed as she arose, and when she turned to go out it was seen that her face wore an expression of intense suffering, the eyes were heavy and the mouth drooping. In the afternoon Attorney Walker began his speech for the defense, and will finish to-morrow. At the rate the speeches are progressing the case can hardly get to the jury before the last of the week.

WESTERN PACKING INTERESTS. The Movement of Hogs Very Con-

siderably Entarged. CINCINNATI, May 15 .- [Special Telegram to THE BRE.]-To-morrow's Price Current will say: The movement of hogs has very considerably enlarged, showing an important gain for the week as compared with the previous week and a year ago. Western packing returns aggregate 245,000 hogs for the week, against 190,000 last week and 195,000 for the corresponding time last year.

Place. Chicago
Kansas City
Omaha
St. Louis
Cincinnati
Milwankee
Cedar Rapids
Cleveland loux City.....

AGED AFFECTIONS INJURED, A Seventy-Year-Old Widow Sues For Breach of Promise.

GALENA, Itl., May 15 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Louisa Lehrman, a widow of this city, aged seventy years, brought suit yesterday in the Jo Daviess county circuit court against Samuel Cunningham, a wealthy and eccentric old bachelor, also of Galena, to recover damages in the sum of \$10,000 for breach of promise of marriage. Cunningham made his money in the early days in California, and has reached the age also of three score and ten without ever having previously been entangled by Cupid's wiles. Mrs. Lehrman alleges that Cunningham, the defendant, has been making love to her, and finally obtained a promise of marriage from her while paying frequent trips of late to the cemetery near her house, where he has a monument in process of erection, which is to be in memory of himself when dead. The best counsel in this city has been retained on both sides.

A NAVAL MARVEL.

The Armstrongs Build a Remarkable Cruiser for Italy. Washington, May 15 .- With some interest the naval architects in Washington are waiting further particulars of the performance of the remarkable cruiser built in England by the Armstrongs. She is named Piemonte, and said to have made nineteer Piemonte, and said to have made nineteen and one-half knots under natural draft, and over twenty-one knots with a forced draft. The vessel measures 2,500 tons and carries engines of 11,500 horse power, nearly treble the proportionate horse power of the new gunboat Yorktown. From information received it appears the hull of ship weighs but 970 tons, and is of the lightest most possible construction verging closely on est possible construction, verging closely on weakness. The elements of safety and convenience, such as complete double bottoms and handy coal bunkers, have been sacrificed for the sake of lightness, which ac counts in a large measure for the wonderful speed said to have been attained. Neverthe-less, although the ship was built for the Italian government, the British naval auefforts to purchase her from the builders.

National Editorial Association. CINCINNATI, O., May 15 .- The executive committee of the National Editorial associa tion met in this city to-day, with twenty members present, including President Bettes, of Arkansas, and Secretary Fletch-Illinois. The next meeting ssociation was set for Detroit, from August 27 to 30. Eleven papers will be prepared upon topics of general interest to the news paper profession by delegates from the various states.

Montana Doubtful. HELENA, Mont., May 15 .- The returns of vesterday's election are too incomplete to determine the exact membership of the constitutional convention. The returns, as far as received, indicate a very close contest, with the chances in favor of the democrats by a narrow majority. The labor member from Jefferson county may have the casting

Cathedral Dedication at Peorla. PEORIA, May 15 .- St. Mary's cathedral which was completed lately at a cost of \$1,100,000 ,was dedicated to-day. There were over one hundred priests present, from all over the state, aside from Archbishop Fee-han, of Chicago, and Bishop Cosgrove, of Davenport. The bishop's residence adjoin-Davenport. The bishop's reing the cathedral cost \$40,000.

A Young Woman's Sad Plight, RAHWAR, N. J., May 15 .- A young woman of about twenty-four years, apparently a stranger in the city, was found in a dying condition at the lower end of Main street near the river bank, this morning. She was too weak to give any information. She shows evidence of having been violently assaulted.

An Insane Murderer and Suicide. INDIANAPOLIS, May 15 .- Ferdinand Schroe der, a grocery and saloon keeper, this morn ing cut his wife's throat with a razor, killing her instantly. He then slashed his own throat, dying half an hour later. He was in-Buried Under Tons of Iron

DETROIT, Mich., May 15 .- At the Michigan car works yesterday afternoon a gang of laborers was unloading a carload of iron when a part of the brace holding the load broke and several tons of iron fell on the men, killing one and fatally injuring three others. Grant Presents His Credentials. VIENNA, May 15 .- The emperor to-day

ing United States minister, who presented his letters of recall. Afterward the emperor received Colonel F. D. Grant, the new minister, who presented his credentials. The Missouri Away Down. St. Joseph, Mo., May 15.—[Special Telegram to The Bre.]—The Missouri river at this place is five inches below the lowest

gave an audience to Mr. Lawton, the retir-

water mark, and still falling. This will no cessitate the fixing of a new low water mark, which has not been done for many years. Hale's Injuries Not Serious. Los Angeles, Cala., May 15. - The doctors attending Senstor Hale state that the in juries he sustained in the railway collision near San Jose are not serious, but that the

sprain was severe. Woman Suffrage Bill Passes. LANSING, Mich., May 15 .- The woman's municipal suffrage bill we "assed by the

A FORTY-ROD TRANSFORMER.

Rude Awakening From Dreams of Good Whisky.

CLEVER SCHEME OF A SWINDLER!

Distillers Pay Dearly For a Fabled Drug That Would Change Coffin Varnish Into Fine Old Bourbon.

John Archibald Comp's Method. Chicago, May 15.—A scheme rivaling in some respects the great electric sugar fraud was exposed here to-day. The perpetrator is a smooth-mannered young man named John Archibald Comp, whose papers indicate he has been operating in Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati and other places as well as in Chicago. He is now missing, and it is said a good many thousand dollars be-longing to various distillers and liquor dealers have disappeared with him. Comp, it is stated by the authorities, pretended to possess a compound which would change poor whisky into the finest grade. A gallon sample of the vilest "forty-rod," after being medicated, would be placed in a refrigerator, and in ten would be placed in a refrigerator, and in ten minutes be taken out, transformed into the finest Bourbon. If objection was made to the refrigerator, Comp would accompany the doubter to any place desired, and then retiring to a private room, accomplish the same feat, without a refrigerator. It now turns out, however, that the refrigerator was really, as suspected, a clever device by which a bottle containing good whisky was substituted for the bad. The trick when performed elsewhere than at the refrigerator was done by means of a tin breastmate. tor, was done by means of a tin breastplate or armor worn under Comp's clothing. This armor was double and was in reality a reservoir which by means of a concealed tube could be emptied or filled at will. Comp was inveigled into taking a detective into partnership with him, but when the arrest was contemplated smelt a mouse and fied, leaving behind the refrigerator, but carrying off the

BISHOP BUTCHERED. The Mind Reader's Wife Thinks He

Wasn't Dead. NEW YORK, May 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The wife of the deceased mind ceader, Washington Irving Bishop, affirms that the autopsy was made while the mind reader was in a trance.

"Do you mean that he was alive when the autopsy was held?" she was asked. "I certainly think so. He had a cataleptic attack once in Malta that lasted forty-eight hours, and was given up for dead. He has

told me a hundred times never to let a knife touch him until he was decomposed. He had horror of being buried alive, and I consider that autopsy to have been a shameless, cruel outrage, to say the least." "What motive could they have had?"
"They wanted his brain, and seeing him insensible, wanted to be the first to look at

it. It is horrible, horrible!" SUICIDE OF A PROMINENT MAN. General Anderson, Well Known in

Railroad Circles, Kills Himself. PHILADELPHIA, May 15 .- Adna Anderson, aged sixty, of New York, committed suicids by shooting, in his room at the Lafayette hotel last night. No motive for the deed is

General Anderson was one of the best known railroad men in this country. He entered the railway service as a chain man on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad twenty years ago. Since that time he has been connected with nearly every road in the country in various capacities, but chiefly as chief engineer and superintendent. In 1866, he was chosen as second vice-president of the Northern Pacific railroad com-

pany, remaining there until January 1, 1888 The Disunited Brathren.

YORK, Pa., May 15, -Bishop Weaver presided over the majority conference of the United Brethren church to-day. The question of licensing women to preach was adopted after a long discussion. A motion was adopted that no minister should be allowed to preach more than three consecutive years at one point without the consent of the conference. The minority conference was presided over by Bishop Wright. It was agreed four bishops should be elected, one for the Pacific coast, and three for the east, It was recommended to call a congress of the christian churches in the fall in some large city, to urge a war against secret societies.

At a meeting of the visiting ministers and laymen to the United Bretheren general conference, held in the afternoon resolutions were adopted expressing hearty approval of the action of the general conference in ratifying the work of the church commission appointed by the last general conference, thus pringing into force the revised confession of faith and the amended constitution of the church, and protesting against the use of the

church name by the seceders.

Was Loyal to the South. RICHMOND, Va., May 15.-[Special Telsgram to THE BEE. |-Roger A. Pryor jr., who arrived here Wednesday, has just published in pamphlet form a complete refutation of the charge of desertion recently made against his father, General Pryor. The proof consists of affidavits of ex-witnesses to his capture, the statements of General C. M. Wil-George H. Sharp, contemporaneous accounts of his capture in both southern and northern papers during the war, and the letters of General Pryor to his wife while in confinement in Fort Lafayette and other papers. The proof is regarded as being absolutely conclusive of the general's loyalty to the

Both Were Fatally Wounded. DETROIT, Mich., May 15 .- [Special Teleram to THE BEE.]-Sometime ago Mrs. Peter Hartswell left her home at 287 First street because of alleged cruelty on the part of her husband, and went to live with her father, William Smith, a produce dealer, Hartswell attempted to persuade his wife to return home, but her father objected. This angered Hartswell and he threatened ven-geance. He met his father-in-law on the street to-day and a quarrel ensued. The men fought until they were both exhausted and then they drew revolvers and began firing. Several shots were fired, and when the ombatants were separated it was found that

both were fatally wounded.

Five Brigands Hanged. Soria, May 15.-Five brigands sanged in the court yard of the prison here to-day. They were led separately to the scaffold and were hanged in succession, Each man was enveloped in a bag passed over his head and reaching to the waist, Their struggles were prolonged several min-utes. The mob broke through the corden surrounding the jail and the police had great difficulty in keeping them from the scaffold

The Tacoma Tragedy. TACOMA, W. T., May 15 .- To-day, another body was recovered from the debris of the wrecked building, that of George M. Bell, a carpenter. Beli makes the fifth person who lost his life by the accident. Of the seven lost his life by the accident. Of the seven wounded, it is expected that two or three

Fought Twenty-three Rounds. BUFFALO, N. Y., May 15 .- A twenty-threeround prize fight came off in this city last night between Billy Welch, of Huffalo, and Jack Smith, of Toronto, and was won

cannot recover.