## JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE.

Wild Statements by Both Sides Reported from Kilkenny.

PARNELL'S SAVAGE ATTACK ON DAVITT.

It is Not Favorably Received by His Audience-Another Bloodless Sunday Passed - Father Walsh's Warlike Advice.

[Copyrighted 1890 by James Gordon Bennett.] KILKENNY, Dec. 21.- [New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE. |-Parnell made a savage attack on Davitt tonight and cailed him Jackdaw Davitt. He had 500 listeners. Few laughed because Davitt has many friends even in this, Parneil's stronghold. Parnell said Davitt had accused him of attempting to put the men of Ireland against the might of England. He had never appealed to any section of the Irish race. His appeal was made to the whole Irish nation. Unlike Davitt, he had not been a physical force man and deserted them. Patrick Ford was the man who had deserted him, and deserted him by attempting to form a labor party. He had promised the young men of Ireland to obtain home rule by constitutional means. If he found that impossible he would tell them so and consult with them upon the next step. The crowd cheered for Parnell. The mean ing was perfectly plain. His manner is most aggressive, as if he wished to fire the crowd. He did not succeed.

There was no bloodshed today. Long John O'Connor Blane and ex-Mayor O'Brien attempted to address a meeting on behalf of Parnell at Crettyard. They were surrounded and driven out of the place. It is difficult to imagine a more infernal din than was made by the crowd. The women were simply frantic with rage and followed the retreat for nearly a mile. Two of Parnell's supporters went to Coone to address a meeting. They met Father Walsh as a explained their object. He advised them to move on. Instead they went to mass. Father Walsh told the congregation that two Parnell men were there and added: "You well know what to do with them when you get them outside." Parnell's followers did not address the

meeting. They are glad they are alive. Pacuell had a meeting at John Sivell's near Kilkenny. The city had a triumphal arch made for him and the stars and stripes entwined with flowers presented to the leader. During the speaking a car clattered up and from it jumped Timothy Harrington. He had come from Kilkenny where he had arrived at noon. Harrington seized Parnell's hand theatrically. He was then pushed to the front and said that while the political leaders who directed the Irish organizations in America and had been prominent in raising funds for Ireland were opposed to Parnell still he was authorized to say that the masses were with Parnell. No man -there who suggested Parnell's permanent retirement dared to face an American audience. Harrington then made the extraordinary statement that the men who "worked the cables" on this side were not favorable to Ireland, and added "I can say that if we had not been led to believe by these cables that the Irish people were practically unanimous for Parnell's retirement Dillon and O'Brien would never have gone against him."

About a week ago Parnell told me that the result of this election would indicate the sentiment of Ireland. Since he has been over the ground he has changed his mind. Today he said that whether it went for or against him he would canvass every elector in freland. Well, he won't begin for some days, for after the poll is declared he will go to Avondale and remain there a day to recruit, then accompanied by John Redmond, he will go to Paris to meet O'Brien.

A large number of meetings were held today by the patriots. At Castle Comer Arthur O'Connor said that two or three years ago Biggar told him he intended to move a vote of censure on Parnell and ask for his deposition but Tom O'Connor dissuaded him. Biggar told him things which had been since proved in the divorce court. All is in readiness for the election. Two

hundred troops and over five hundred constabulary are scattered through the division. The soldiers of the Eighty-fifth infantry are commanded by Colonel Knot and the police by Allan Cameron.

Parnell says he is certain of voctory, but gives no figures, neither do any of his lietenants. Davitt said to me tonight, "If we do not carry this election I will retire from Irish forever, for I will believe the Irish people are liars. After deducting 30 per cent from promises our majority is

The result of the poll will not be knawn before noon Tuesday. By the way, Parnell is likely to have a libel suit on his hands. He said tonight that Joseph Ronan of Cork, who brought him into prominence, was murdered by Dr. Tanner. Parnell has since asked the correspondent to say "bungled" instead of murdered. It seems the present Dr. Tanner's father was Ronan's physician, so Parnell was mistaken even in the man.

### PARNELL AND THE PRIEST.

They Meet in a Wordy Battle at the

Town of Clare. KILKENNY, Dec. 21.-Parnell and Scully, the Parnellite candidate for parliament, left here at noon for Clare. They were accompanied by long processions of cars filled with Parnell's supporters. Upon arriving at Clare the Parnellites found a meeting proceeding opposite the Catholic chapel, in support of Sir John Pope Hennessy. When Parnell reached the crowd the priest, Father Walsh, addressing Parnell said:

"These are chape! grounds, you must not

speak here," Local farmers here interposed, saving the grounds did not belong to the chapel, and that Parnell had a perfect right to speak there. Parnell said arrangements had been made to hold a meeting in the field and it must proceed. Father Walsh then requested everybody on his side to leave with him, and some few per sons followed the priest and Sir Esmonde, who was also present. The meet mg was then organized and Parneil made an address. He said that although his party did not have all the clergy on his side he had no

After some further remarks Parnell concluded the speech, and leaving Clare accom-panied by Scully, drove six miles to John's Well where another mostly well Well, where another meeting was held. Paruell reminded the electors that they had to deal with English statecraft, which was watching to seize every point of vantage ground that the Irishmen surrenwas not a big board of guardians for which Ireland contended; it was a par-liament that would fully satisfy the aspira-tions of the people. To achieve this the peotions of the people. To achieve this the ple must stand by their leader and not le Ireland to incapable persons who were trying to step into his shoes. The men opposing him were not elected to sit in judgment upon him. Until Ireland gave him his dismissal he would regard himself as the commanding

officer, carrying the national banner through the ranks of the foe. Parnell returned to Kilkenny this even-

Gladstone's Letter to Young Peel. LONDON, Dec. 21.-Mr. Gladstone in his letter to Sir Robert Peel's grandson (Speaker Peel's son), who is the home rule candidate in the Marylebone district, says: "For the first time since commencing in parliament the struggle under O'Connel the Irish party, bent on a constitutional and effective scheme of home rule, is looking to Great Britain to pronounce judgment in the contest between it and a minority of the seceders under Parnell. The liberals of Great Bsitain, who themselves since 1836 have had to resist and overcome secession, will not doubt which side they are to recognize with the name and true title, 'the Irish party,' with its honorable tradition of resistance to wrong. Assuredly you enter the field at a moment of extreme interest, when the cause of wisdom, justice interest, when the cause of wisdom, justice and freedom has claims upon all who love it,

enhanced beyond the ordinary standard."

Harrington Arrives in Cork. Dunian, Dec. 20.-Timothy Harrington arrived last night in Cork in company with the mayor of that city. The Parnellites had in tended to greet him when he landed from the Aurania in Oucenstown and had organized a torchlight procession in his honor. They missed being present on the steamer's arrival, but nevertheless made a demonstra-tion. Finally a body of anti-Parnellites charged upon the paraders and routed them, throwing their torches into the harbor. Several people were hurt. Harrington holds that the majority of the Irish in America are for Parnell, although he says most of the daily newspapers and leading politicians are against him

Parnell Addresses His Supporters. KILKENNY, Dec. 21.-A meeting of Parnellites was held outside Parnell's hotel here at 9 o'clock this evening. Parnell addressed the gathering.

#### CALLED OUT AND SHOT.

Unknown Assassin Mortelly

Wounds a Farmer. MARSHALL, Mo., Dec. 21 .- Last night about 0 o'clock Mr. John Gamble, a well known citizen of Lafayette county, living a mile north of Higginsville, was shot and mortally wounded at his home by an unknown man. Mr. Gamble retired about 9 o'clock and was awakened about 10 o'clock by some one knocking at the front door. He immediately went to the door, opened it, and found the disitor to be a strange man who pretended that he wanted to know the direction to Mr. Young's farm. Mr. Gamble stepped out of the house into the yard and was pointing out the direction when the assassin stepped be-hind him, drew a revolver and fired, the ball entering the farmer's back near the right side and passing almost through the body. The flend escaped in the darkness. The wounded man was alive this morning, but the physicians say that he cannot recover.

#### THE PEACE PARTY.

It Leaves Pine Ridge to Negotiate

with the Bad Lands Hos: iles. PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D. (via Rushville, Neb.), Dec. 21.- Special Telegram to The BEE. ]-A hundred and thirty-four Indians were sent from here this morning as a peace party to the hostiles. An Indian scout who returned from the bad lands tonight says he barely escaped with his life. The hostiles say they will receive no more peace parties and are determined to fight. Carr's command is there skirmishing and waiting for Brooke.

Going After Big Foot.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Dec. 21.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Captain Ewers wires from Fort Bennett that forty of Sitting Bull's band now at Cherry Creek are ready to come in, and that Lieutenant Hall, who left this party in charge of Hump, will return to bring them in. Big Foot is still defiant at the camp on the Cheyenne, and Colonel Sumner is advancing upon him. Colonel Merriam left Fort Bennett today with four companies of the Seventh infantry to support Colonel Summer, who, it is thought, will have a lively struggle with Big foot. Twenty wagons filled with partisans of this chief left recently to join the band. Two troops of General Carr's command were in camp last night. The remaining envalrymen are about the bad lands and guarding their northern appraches. General Miles said that the outlook was more favorable for a peaceful settlement today, and that General Brooke expressed confdence in the success of the mission by friendly Indians. The first settler or soldier is yet to be killed, but the Indian fighters who keep notched sticks say that twenty-three braves, young and old, have departed for the celestial buffalo ranges.

Northwest Territory Indiars. WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 21.-A Regina, N. W. T., special says: A detachment of thirty Canadian mounted police left town this afternoon and another tonight for Chief Piapolis' reserve in response to intelligence that a number of runners from across the border

had arrived there. Asked for Protection. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 21.-A Bismarck special says that the Indian agent at Fort Berthold has asked the protection of troops. The Berthold Indians are threatening the

A Remarkable Thief Captured.

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Detectives Zundt and Price of Brooklyn caught big game at Nyack yesterday, arresting James Schoonmaker, alias James L. Stone, the Brooklyn thief, for whom all the best detectives of that city and New York have been searching since June, 1883. At that time Stone, accompanied by two women, drove to the four-story brown stone-front home of Mrs. Helen Rob ertsen in Lexington avenue, Brooklyn, and leased the place for the summer at \$100 per month, furnished, from Mrs. Robertson. In August she returned home and found Stone still there, and his supposed wife with him. The next day a neighbor, a real estate agent,

id to her: "Well, I see you have sold your house to

Stone for \$11,000. "I guess not," Mrs. Roberts replied. The agent asked her to step into his office, and he showed her the record of such a sale in the for Stone to come to the office, and he said he would do so. Instead, he packed his grip and disappeared with his wife. They were tracked to Brazil and other South American countries, then tack to America, and finally to a farm owned by Stone's father at West

Nyack.

Their mode of operation was as follows:
With his wife's sister, Clara Brett, of Buffalo, they went to the law firm of Carpenter & Rodericks of Brooklyn and there made the necessary affidavits as to the state of the property and had them duly filed with the county clork. They then negotiated a \$5,000 mortgage with Moran & Williams, 45 Broadway, New York, receiving cash belonging to some orphans and held for investment by that Their ill-gotten gains took them to Brazil. The prisoner has a wife and family in Kingston. It is not known whether he has narried the woman who was arrested with him. Stone and his beautiful companion came to West Nyack in October,

Illinois Central Repair Shops Burned. CHICAGO, Dec. 21 .- The paint shop and repair shop of the Illinois Central railroad was entirely destroyed by fire tonight. In the first building were sixteen passenger coaches worth \$3,500 aplece, and in pair shop were four coaches nearly com-pleted, also valued at \$3,500 apiece. The fire stopped just before a building containing over \$150,000 worth of patterns was reached.

Four Persons Burned to Death. LONDON, Dec. 21 .- A father and three children lest their lives in a fire in a humble | diced against bankers. tenement on the strand today.

## MEETS WITH LITTLE FAVOR.

Flower's Bill to Extend the Bonded Period Not Likely to Pass.

A CESSATION OF EXTRA SESSSION TALK.

An Interview with Commissioner Morrison Regarding the New Scheme for Pooling Among Western Railroads.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMARA BEE, ) 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.

It is not at all likely that the bill proposed by Representative Flower of New York, to exted the bonded period of the McKinley tariff act until next June or any other time will be passed by either house of congress. It is opposed by very many senators and representatives, who claim that the measure is in the interest of speculators. There are probably \$50,000,000 worth of goods in bonded warehouses awaiting the payment of dulies by importers. A large proportion of this amount is Sumatra tobacco wrappers, upon which there is a profit of nearly 100 per cent, or will be as soon as there is the expected reaction. Individual members of congress refuse to assist any movement of this charac-

TRAFFIC POOLING AMONG WESTERN ROADS. A call was made today on Colonel Morrison of the interstate commerce commission with a view to ascertaining his ideas on the present movement of prominent railway men to bring about a combination or pooling of traffic arrangements among the western roads. At the meeting of railroad men held in New York last Tuesday night it was resolved by the railroad presidents that as cutting of rates and railway wars on the lines west of Chicago and St. Louis was draining the profits, it was necessary to form a combina-tion to be mutually beneficial and defensive. The exact terms of that part of the resolution which relates to the combination is as follows: "That the advisory board shall have power to establish and maintain uniform rates be-tween competitive points and to decide all questions of common interest between the members of the association. It shall also have entire charge, through properly constituted representatives of all outside agencies, for the securing of traffic at competitive points. If any officer or representative of any company shall authorize or promise di-rectly or indirectly any variation from es-tablished tariffs he shall be discharged from the service, with the reason stated."

A copy of the foregoing was handed Colonel Morrison, and he was asked how he thought

t fitted in with the theory of the interstate law. He read the terms over carefully It was the first time he had seen the resolution. "Of course," said he, "I could not pass on such a thing without having it come before the commission officially. We hear of these steps which are being taken, but can take no official cognizance of them, but any one can judge of how far the resolution and the law fit together by comparing them." Here the colonel took from his whirligig book case a pamphlet copy of the interstate law and turned over to section the interstate law and turned over to section 5, drawing a ring around the section to indicate its application to the matter of pooling. It reads "That it shall be unlawful for any common carrier subject to the provisions of this act to enter into any contract, agreement or combination with any other common carrier or carriers for the pooling of freight of different and competing railroads or to divide between them the agrailroads, or to divide between them the aggregate or net proceeds of the earnings of such railroads or any portion thereof, and in any case of an agreement for the pooling of freights as aforesaid each day of its continuance shall be deemed a separate offense. As Colonel Morrison said, he would not pass an informal opinion on the matter, but he pointed out the law, which could be read alongside the action of the railsoad presi

Senator Cullom, as chairman of the interstate commerce commission, was asked his interpretation of the resoluhis interpretation of the resolu-tion. He was not fully informed on the details of the agreement, but as far as he understood it the plan was not so much for a pooling of freights, which the law for-bids, as it was a maintaining of rates which would be up to a fair living point. Exactly where the line is between the "pooling of freights" and the maintaining of uniform freight rates is a nice question of interpretation.

EXTRA SESSION TALK CEASES. Talk about an extra session of the Fiftyraik about an extra session of the Fifty-second congress, to convene this spring, as an incident to the delay in necessary legislation by democrats who are fighting the adoption of the election bill has ceased altogether. The democrats learned some time ago that they democrats learned some time ago that they could not force the republicans to back down from any of their positions by fear of necessity for an extra session. It is possible that the election bill will not be passed. There are many who believe it not at all likely that my kind of a financial measure will become a aw. The democrats may in time defeat ultimate action upon any of the important general measures pending, but they have long eral measures pending, but they have long since learned that they cannot fight the president or the republicans in either house into backing down from the position they have all along oc-cupied. Although the outlook tonight for an agreement upon a general financial measure is disheartening, the republican leaders in the senate believe it is likely that some kind of a compromise will be affected whereby all legislative assistance possible for the relief of the financial distress will be afforded be

The decrease in desertions from the army continues. In 1888 the desertions for the month of November were 189. For the same ber, 1890, they were 90. The percentage of lesertions to the strength of the whole army has been for the past year 8 per cent.

CUSTOMS-REFUNDS. Few of the current readers of the press ar aware that large sums are every year appropriated to refund to importers customs which have been wrongfully collected. Congress has just been asked by the secretary of the treasury to appropriate \$431,579 for customs

The repayment or refund of these sums is one of the highest moral obligations of the government. When imports are received at the custom houses of the country the collectors make appraisements and levy duties according to their interpretation of the law. it very often occurs that the importer classi fies the goods so as to pay either a lower rate of duty or no duty at all. Some times the question arises whether the articles are dutiable at all—whether they are not entitled to free admission under some clause of the tariff law. The ap-praisement may be questioned. The importer wants his goods to meet orders, for the mar ket current, or desires their use. He pays the duty imposed, but takes an appeal. The decision of the collector may be confirmed by the secretary of the treasury, in which event the importer may appeal to the supreme court of the United States, on the construc-tion of the tariff law or some other question. If the decision below is not sustained, or the government loses, the latter not only refunds the duty collected, but it pays the expenses of the suit or suits. The customs refunds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, aggregated \$340,526, and the interests and costs \$85,052, making a total of \$431,579. This

PREJUDICE IN CONGRESS. It may be strange, but it is very true that a general prejudice defeats many good propositions in congress. There is a large class of members of the house who would much prefer to see a panic sweep the country of a vast majority of its commercial institu tions than vote for a bill which would pre vent such a disaster if the remedy come through the national banks. They are preju-

Auother class of legislators would rather

see the shipping interests of the country conducted by foreigners and the United States kept at the mercy of foreign nations in times of war and peace than vote appropriations, however small, for the establishment of a

merchant marine because they are projudiced against substities. Yet these same men can see no impropriety in a city or community going down into its pocket to secure the loca-

going down into its pocket to secure the location of a factory or other industry which would improve that locality.

Many men there are in the house who would rather see the interests of the government lay in the dust, or bankruptcy place her property on the auctioneer's block before authorizing the issue of a new series of bonds. They have heard the cry against the "bloated bond-holder," They are, however, constantly advocating the issue of trusury notes or fat money, with no basis of security other than money, with no basis of security other than the government's credit, which is the only security for government bonds. They are prejudiced against the security holder in any

There will be more prejudices entertained by members of the next congress than any known since the war, and there will be the greatest latitude given wildcat schemes known in the history of the government, ARMY MUSIC AND ITS TROUBLES.

"We have been very careful about the work barracks bands perform since the row under President Cleveland," said Adjutant General Keiton to your correspondent.
"Under Mr. Cleveland we permitted a military band to play at a public entertainment, and came very near being boycotted by the musicians' union. They claimed that whereever and whenever the military bands went outside of their intended sphere and appeared at a public ball or entertainment they came into competition with professional musicians, and therefore took bread out of the mouths of families of men who play for a business.

"There is no objection to bands going out of the barracks at any place to appear in poof the barracks at any place to appear in po-litical demonstrations—to escort gov-ernors, receive the president, cabinet officers, attend local soldiers' re-unions, and even to play at entertainments for public charity," continued the general, "but we must know that wherever they ap-pear they do not possibly come into competi-tion with local or professional bands from a distance, and that the object for which they work is charity or there is to be no profit for work is charity, or there is to be no profit for any one. This thing of controlling the military bands is annoying. The public believe the bands are for them, and that they should be given for all public demonstrations, especally where funds are to be raised for a public benefaction; but in nine cases out of ten where a band is permitted to go out it is shown, or the attempt is made to show, that a profit accrues for somebody, and a private band might have got the employment."

FINANCIAL LEGISLATION. There has been one very unusual feature in the financial legislation which this congress has been called upon to enact. Heretofore congress has made laws for future ills in the financial kingdom. It has been called upon to diagnose monetary ills which had not appeared upon the surface, and in many in-stances which never would have appeared. This congress has had to deal with imminent dangers. It has had a case in hand, as it were. It has not handled a theory, but a condition in fact. And it may be added that theory is much easier to master than a con-

Never were so many propositions made upon any subject as have been made to alleviate the financial stringency through which we have been passing for three months; and never were so many impractical propositions made. After all the affairs of the government in many respects resemble those of an individual. So long as the individual members of congress had some unseen to deal with they swam beautiful. They could resolve they swam beautiful. They could resolve with seeming statesmanship. Their ideas were seldom known to be impracticable. They proposed to fathout the unknown and untried future. Now we havehad upon us a condition—a glaring present all full of roaring rapids, precipitous categories and dangerous abysees. How to confide the dangers was the question, we propositions made were for instant use and immediate effect. It made all the difference in the world. The theorists were without occupation. The The theorists were without occupation. practical business man was the individual for the hour. And only those who have demonstrated practicability by some success have had weight. It has indeed been a poor season for the loiterer or professional politician. The dearth of practical bills upon the financial situation is there practical men in congress: or else the problem presented was too sublime, too deep, for a conglomerate body to get together

Unquestionably congress could have come to the relief of the country many weeks since and avoided all distress, but the question at once presented itself, will not there rise up from the grave of the threatened panic a more serious spectre! Inflation was the thing most dreaded and at the same time most mooted. It seems not to have been an auspicious time for tried and able statesmen. There is so much prejudice against banks on the democratic side of congress that it would rather see the business in-terests of the country smashed than saved through banks, which it hates. Like the patient who would rather die than be bled and saved, the democrats prefer bankruptcy to salvation if by it the banking sys tem is to be perpetuated.

The mass of suggestions has come in the

form of untried legislation. His has been the work of theorists, the impracticable states men. And strange to say, nine-tenths of the legislation proposed to reach an emergency anticipated something which might happen in the far future. The lesson of this all is that we need more business men in congress—men of practical ideas, demonstrated business capacity—and fewer theorists and politicians. We may be confronted with other calamities in the fut

ere, calling for financiering, not politics. MISCELLANEOUS. Senator Allison has gone home to I owa on

Miss Kilocurne of Keckuk, Ia., is spending the winter with Mrs. A. D. Andrews, daughter of General Schofield, at 1224 Conoue. They are at home to their friends on Tuesdays. Congressman Hansborough of North Da-

kota left for home yesterday. He will no return until after the helidays. He is push ng Senator Price very hard and the friends f the former say he may be the next Unite States senator from that state

PERRY S. HEATH.

AN OBJECTIONABLE RULE. It Demands a Commission from Ship

pers to the Chicago Stock Yards. CHICAGO, Dec. 21 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Judge Cyrus J. Findley, state president of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit as sociation has inaugurated a warfare which promises to make lots of trouble for the Chi cago live stock exchange and its members The farmers are complaining energetically about the rule recently adopted by the live stock exchange prohibiting its members from buying cattle from any persons except mem bers of the exchange. The enforcement of this rule means that those who ship cattle to the stock yards must pay a commission of 50 cents a head to the members of the exchange for selling the stock. The mayment of this commission is objected to by the members of the American live stock company, who have agents of their own and can sell their cattle at an expense of 20 cents a head as well as by individual farmers, who object to being com-pelled to operate through particular commis sion men in order to effect sales. The farm ers are up in arms against the operation of the rule in question and intend to test its legality. Acting for them Judge-Findley yesterday submitted the facts in the case to Attorney General Hunt with a view to having the proper steps taken to test the ques-tion, and the understanding is that proceed-ings will soon be commenced in behalf of the state either to revoke the charter of the liv tock exchange or to enjoin the enforcement

of the objectionable rule. Steamship Arrivals. NEW YORK, Dec. 21 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Arrived-Steamers La Bour-

goyne from Havre and California from Med-At Prawl Point—Passed: The Rhaeta, from New York for Hamburg.

WITH MALICIOUS

A Jack Left on the Union Pacific Rails Results in Disaster.

TWO MEN ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

A York Crank Discharges a Shotgun Into a Band of Skaters-Pete Johnson's Brief Freedom-Fannie Patton Suicides.

BEATERICE, Neb., Dec. 21,-1Special Telegram to THE BEE. ]-A disastrous wreck occurred on the southbound Union Pacific passenger train a mile and a half below Holmesville, this county, about 10:20 this morning The accident was caused by an iron track-lifting jack being placed on the track with evident malicious intent. The train was going at full speed around the curve when the obstruction was encountered. The engine went off the track, as did the tender, and the mail car was toppled over. Engineer D. S. Patton was badly scalded and otherwise injured. Bridge Inspector W. H. Mercer, who was riding on the engine, was scalded and will die. The fireman jumped just as the engine was leaving the track and landed twenty feet away from the wreck uninjured. No other casualties occurred. The engine is a complete wreck, as is the tender. The wreck will probably not be removed before morning. The two injured men were brought here for surgical attention. surgical attention.

Fired into the Crowd. Your, Neb., Dec. 21 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-This merning a party of boys were skating on the creek south of the city and were ordered to stop by M. J. Shackleford who lives close by. The boys paid no attention to him but continued their skating, and as they were not on Shackleford's land they told him he had no right to order them off, whereupon he went to the house and got a shotgun and again ordered the boys to quit. They didn't comply and he de-liberately fired into the crewd. Four boys received several No. 5 shot and one was Cite seriously wounded.

A warrant was issued this afternoon and

Shackleford was arrested on the charge of shooting with intent to kill. He was brought before Judge Bates who told him that if he could give \$500 bonds to appear December 29 for trial he would release him as he did not want to hold court on Sunday, which he

A Sad Life Ended.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 21 .- Special Felegram to THE BEE, | - Fannie Patton died in a house of ill-fame in this city last night of heart disease. She was the daughter of prominent and wealthy parents in Louisville, , by the name of Hail, and came to this city from Denver, where she was taken by a worthless husband who deserted her after eloping with her from her home.

Pete's Brief Freedom. York, Neb., Dec. 21. - [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- Pete Johnson, a colored youth who was sent to the penitentiary from this city two years ago for forgery, returned to town last night on the midnight train and was immediately arrested and jailed. He will be held until the authorities at Lincoln can be heard from, as it is supposed that he is wanted in that city.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 21.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- The sheriff last evening took possession of the G. A. Wilcox variety store on an execution issued in favor of the Nebraska City National bank for \$5,172. It is claimed the difficulty is only temporary and on account of the small holiday trade.

A Little Failure.

A Delightful Evening. CRETE, Neb., Dec. 21 .- [Special to THE BEE.] -A very pleasant reception was given last Tuesday to W. A. Bridges and his bride by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnstone and Mr. and Mrs. George Bridges at the residence of Mr. Johnstone. Two hundred guests were present and a most enjoyable evening was

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAMME. What the House and Senate Will De

the Coming Week. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-It is unlikely that any positive legislation will be achieved by congress this week, and the failure to take the usual holiday recess is not expected to result in any measurable advancement of public business.

In the senate the elections bill will prob ably consume the first three days of the week. The possibilities of an interruption hinge altogether upon the result of the negotiations now in progress among the re publican senators upon the subject of the caucus financial bill. If a harmonious under standing to support this measure is reached the elections bill may be laid aside in its favor and the discussion in the senate turn or financial matters until the day before Christmas, when it is expected that a roces:

will be taken until Monday.

It is probable that a successive adjourn ment for two or three days at a time will mark the course of the house during the Christmas holiday sea on. No business of importance is expected to be done, as so many members have left Washington for ome that a quorum can hardly be secured Monday is District of Columbia day and the ouse will probably pass upon local legisla ion until some measure is proposed upo vaich a vote is demanded and the absence of a quorum thereby disclosed. Such other days in the week as the house is in session will probably be devoted to comparatively unimportant measures.

### GRAIN MEN'S COMPLAINTS.

They Will Seek to Have Many Griev ances Remedied.

SPRINGPIELD, Ill., Dec. 21.-The executiv committee of the Illinois Grain Dealers' Pro tective association held a meeting here las night to discuss matters relating to their business and certain abuses from which they suffer. One of them is the liability of deal ers for grain bought from tenants on which landtords hold a tien. A bill bearing on this subject and in the interest of grain buyers was introduced in the last legislature but failed to pass. Another attempt will probably be made to secure the passage of such a bill thi winter. The grain dealers also protest against the recent advance in seaboard rates made by the railroads. They claim that large quanti-ties of grain, which had been bought upon very close margins, have been delayed in shipment by the failure of the railroad com panies to furnish cars, and that the advance in rates means the loss of many thousands of dollars to buyers, for which the railroad companies are responsible. They favor a change in the system of inspection, by which railroad companies can be held responsible for losse by stealage, leakage and shrinkage, which they claim, is often caused by the neglect of companies in failing to move cars

Eyrand Appeals.

Paris, Dec. 21.-Eyrand has appealed to the court against the sentence of death pronounced upon him yesterday.

Henry Watterson's Silver Wedding LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 21.-Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watterson celebrated their silver wedding at their Fourth avenue mansion in this

city last night, the receptio fasting from 8 to 12 o'clock. There were o. r one thousand guests. The presents were amazing in their quantity and splender, filling the entire room set apart for the purpose. The happy couple received quite two thousand congratulatory letters and telegrams from every part of America and many parts of Europe, including some of the most famous people. Mr. and Mrs. Watterson (who is a daughter of the late Hon. Andrew Ewing of Tennessee) were married in Nashville in 1865. From the Hon. Harvey Watterson, the father of Henry, to the child of Mr. Watterson's son, Mr. Ewing Watterson, there were four generations of the family in the house tonight.

### DEMANDS OF SWITCHMEN.

If Not Granted a Strike in the West is Talked Of.

Caucago, Dec. 21 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE |-Rallroad managers are alarmed at the possibility of a serious strike among western switchmen. The western roads were to have given an answer yesterday to the demands of the switchmen that all men wherever employed be paid according to the Chicago scale. At the request of railroad managers the roads were given until Tuesday to consider. The switchmen say that an answer must be forthcoming on that date. There are rumors that if the demand is refused there will be a strike of all switchmen be tween Chicago and the Rocky mountains. The demand is supported by the union, and Frank Sweeny, chief of the switchmen's largest or ganization is in full sympathy with the men Railroad men say it is preposterous that the men should demand as much pay for switching in the small western towns as is paid for work in the Chicago yards. They say it costs more to live in Chi-cago and that the work in the great Chicago yards is much more dangerous than at the small country towns. It is hardly probable that the demands of the switchmen will be granted, but a compromise may be effected It is not considered probable, if a strike occurs, that the Atchison system will be af-fected, as this company granted the Chicago scale to all its switchmen several months

#### AN IMPECUNIOUS KING.

Kalakana a Financial Wreck and Depending on Small Loans.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 21,-King Kaln. caua I is considerably cast down over the withdrawal of the Sherman resolution. He had fondly anticipated that through some favorable legislation he would be enabled to restore the credit of his kingdom and make a loan. There can be no doubt of it that the potentate is in a bad way financially. It is related that when he resolved to come to this city, and had accepted the invitation to take passage on the cruiser Charleston as the guest of Admiral George Brown, he found that he was short of funds and was unable to make a borrow. In this financial crisis he went to the royal treasury and rifled it of its cutire contents, which aggregated \$103.50, a sum entirely inadequate to the royal needs. But notto be disappointed in his desire to come to San Francisco, he went, with his suite, aboard the Charlestrn and set sail. The second day out a poker game was inaugurated and among the players were the king. Ad-miral Brown, the captain, the flag lieutenant and one or two naval officers. In a few hours the contents of the royal treasury had, found their way into the pockets of the naval offi-cers, and the king was a financial wreck. Admiral Brown was importuned for a small loan of \$3; the flag lieutenant a little later contributed \$2.50; the captain paid a tribute of \$4, and the result was that when the Golden Gate was reached every officer aboard had in his possession from one to three I. O. U.'s bearing the kingly signature. So runs the tale, and it is said that even the waiters at the hetel have contributed in the way of small loans to meet the expenses of the royal

Death of Father Ashfield's Slayer. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 21 .- Al Reeves, the slayer of Father Ashfield, is dead. He died a maniae in the county poerhouse of this county. His demise recalls one of the foulest and most sensational crimes ever committee in this city. In a fit of insanity the maniac went to the rectory of St Peter's armed with a deadly knife. He called for Father Ashfield, who had many times befriended him, and was admitted to his private room. A few moments later a terrible shrick came rtment. The attendants who from the apartment, from wounds in his breast and his murdere weeping over and caressing his victim Reeves was arrested, placed in juil and ad judged insane. He was sent to an asylum from which he escaped and went to Phila delphia, where he was found last summer working as a drug clerk, and was rearrested and brought back to Memphis again. He was tried and again adjudged insane and placed temporarily in the county asylum from which place he will be buried.

Succi Eats a Square Meal. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-When Signor Succ arose from sleep today after a long slumber which he fell into soon after his feat was ended last night, an elaborate meal was placed before him. He ate with extraordin ary relish chicken soup, fried smelts, fried calves brains, quail on toast, fruit, confections, ice cream, coffee and a pint each of Barols extract and grand sec. Succi occu pied two hours in consuming the food. pred two norts a consuming the role. The never faltered, but ate with a zest that puzzles even George Francis Train, who was present. Julian Hawthorne and the poet, stephen Massett, were also present when the faster dined. At the conclusion of the mea Succi was presented with a handsome tooth-pick and soon thereafter retired for a nap preparatory to a trip to Boston, where he goes to exhibit himself at a museum.

Intemperance Responsible. GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 21.-Peter Fink German, about fifty years old, while laboring under a fit made a desperate attempt to com mit suicide at his home, on East Strand street, this morning. Officer Richardson ourst in the door and found Fink lying on a bed, with blood gushing from two ugly gashes in the left and right sides and from horrible gash across the windpipe. The des perate man was quickly disacmed, but pleaded to be allowed to finish the job as be was of no use. He was conveyed to the hos pital for treatment, where physicians pro nounced his wounds fatal. Fink is an ou citizen, and has occupied many positions of trust and confidence in leading commercial houses here. Intemperance, however, got houses here. Intemperance, however, go the better of him, and this and despondence

aused him to commit the act. A Boy Kills Himself.

Collinsville, Itt., Dec. 21.-Willie Simp son, aged sixteen years, son of W. A. Simpson, an employe of the Collinsville zinc works was found today about 5 o'clock sitting in an unconscious state in a chair in the office at tached to J. H. Clark's livery stable with a bullet hole through his head. At his feet, in a pool of blood, was found a 32-caliber revo ver with one chamber empty. He expired about an hour later. The shooting was intenional, as he had threatened several times thi ast week to commit suicide. No cause can be assigned for the act.

Showed How to Kill a Chicken.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 21.-James Hannon, while showing a funeral party how to kill a chicken today, broke the neck of Patrick Lyons, a man sixty years of age. The party were sitting in a saloon after the funeral and Hannon gave the old man's neck a slight twist. The fact that the old man was dead did not develop until several hours later. when the party arcse to go home. T practical illustration had broken his neck.

One Bundred Lives Reported Lost. BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 21.—A disaster has occurred at Cordova, where the canal burst its embankments and destroyed hundreds of houses. One hundred lives are reported lost.

# A CHILD BURNED TO DEATH,

Horrible Accident at a Village on the Chicago & Northwestern Road.

HE WOULDN'T BURY A DUNKARD.

An Iowa Minister's Object Lesson on Temperance - A Big Railroad Land Suit to be Commenced

at Sioux City.

HAWARDEN, Ia., Dec. 21.-|Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- A sickening accident occurred here today. A three-year-old son of Edward Lennett, a car repairer for the Chicage & Northwestern railroad, was playing in the tool house where oil and greasy waste were kept. In some way the child set the waste on fire, destroying the tool house and burning himself to a crisp. When the body was taken out of the ruins the flesh dropped from his display.

A Minister Creates a Sensation. FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 21.-[Special Tele-gram to THE BEE.]-Rev. F. S. Buenger of LeMars has created a storm of indignant comment by refusing to read the burial service or in any way take part in the funeral services over the body of Volga Eldges, a member of his congregation, who died from the effects of whisky. Rev. Buenger has been vigorously advocating total abstinence, and says that he took this course to more emphatically impress upon his people his abhor-ence of strong drink and those who use it.

A Thousand Acres in Litigation. Sioux Crry, Ia., Dec. 21.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- A question involving the title of about one thousand acres of land on the Nebraska shore, where the town of South Sioux City stands, is soon to come up in the courts. When the Sioux City & Pacific road was built it obtained a grant of certain lands within ten miles of the road on either side, and this includes a large tract of land in and about South Sioux City. When this grant was made the government notified this grant was made the government that the officials in the land offices to make no entries and issue no patents to settlers on entries and issue no patents to settlers on the same, but in the course of time land office officials changed and the instructions were lost sight of and patents issued for portions of the lands to settlers, who either held or assigned their claims to others until they were purchased by the Short Line railroad company. After the Sioux City & Pacific secured the lands it assigned them to the Missouri Valley land company, which in turn deeded its interests to the Iowa railroad land company, which now claims legal title to the property and alleges that the Short line people have no right in the property as their patents to it are prior. Much of this land was purchased by the Short line company at from \$30 to \$40 an acre, and if the land company succeeds in perfecting its claims, this sum will be lost to the railroad unless it can rewill be lost to the railroad unless it can re-cover on the deeds by which it holds the property.

#### HERE'S A SNAP.

Mexican Government Offering Prizes to Bona Fide Settlers.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 21.-A special from ima, O., says: B. C. Fauret, a well known banker of this city, and who is also president of the Columbus, Lima & Northwestern railroad and largely interested in railway enterprise in Mexico, returned home from New York this afternoon and announces the consummation of a deal with John W. Young, the eldest son of Brigham Young, whereby the men come in possession of 3,000,000 acres of land which was granted Faurot by the Mexican government three years ago. The negotiations have been in progress for some time and were finally closed in New York yesterday. The land is located in the northern part of Mexico. About three years ago Faurot obtained a val-uable grant from the Mexican government, which included these lands, the stipulation being the construction of a railway extending from Deming N. M., to Cashilabounpa bayou, on the Pacific coast. The Mexican government in connection with this grant offers \$200 to every family and \$50 to every man who locates permanently on this land man who locates permanently on this land. Young has 10,000 people who will colonize on lands, and it is understood that they are all Mormons, who now reside in Utah.

Heirs to Land Valued at Millions. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 21 .- A very intricate and romantic story involving a great deal of clever detective work in the inner life of its characters, and which may have for its ultimatum the restoration of a magnificent property to the heirs of a family scattered widely in Texas, has just ripened at the hands of Robert S. Summerith of this city. The immense amount of property involved in the matter lends interest to the inhabitants of one of the largest cities in the union. For more than a year Mr. Summerlin has been at work in the matter of locating the descendants of a marriage of nearly a hundred years ago, and only yesterday was the last link binding the chain of evidence completed. The story is a long one in detail, and many of the participants in it are lang since handfuls of dust, but the tie between the present and the half-forgotten between the present and the year 1804 past has been traced out. In the year 1804 Part Denyborn, on the present site of Chipast has been traced out. In the year 1804 Fort Dearborn, on the present site of Chicago, was founded by the military government of the United States. At this time it was simply a trading post, aside from the garrison of soldiery. In command of the first troops to occupy the fort was Colonel Holliday, of the United States army. At that time the Pottawattomic tribe of Indians had possession of many square miles of territory surrounding the fort. About the year 1810 Colonel Holliday fort. About the year 1810 Colonel Holliday married the daughter of one of the most powerful chieftains of the tribe. From this union have sprung the heirs of today, who are now heying claim to a tract of land in and about the "Windy City" which is valued at \$20,000,000. They are Brano and Horatio Durst of Leon county, John Durst of Tyler county, J. W. Blake and Hattle Moss of Limestone county, John S. Durst of Kimball county, Simon and Hila Bateman of Leon county, B. J. and A. Louis Hodgkins of Dalias county, and James Drion. Mr. Sam Marlin leaves for Chicago on Christmas day to begin active measures on behalf of the claimerful chieftains of the tribe. From this egin active measures on behalf of the claimants, all of whom he represents,

Killed His Wife and Cut His Throat. CHICAGO, Dec. 21 .- Henry Christianson, sixty-one years old, residing at 4109 Drexel avenue, last night choked his wife to death and then cut his throat. He resided with his daughter and her husband, who were absent until a late hour last night. This morning the discovery was made. The old man was taken to the hospital, twelve miles distant, with his throat cut from ear to ear. Ho cannot recover. It is supposed that the old man was jealous of his wife on account of her generosity to the members of his family.

Big Blaze in a Massachusetts Town. ATHOL, Mass., Dec. 21.-The most disastrous fire ever known in Athol occurred today. The Masonic and Central blocks were completely destroyed, five merchants, the postoffice, Masonic rooms, etc., being burned

out. Five persons were seriously injured. Loss, \$135,000. Shot and Killed His Sweetheart. NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 21 .- At New Iberia, La., last night Ephriam Mendaza shot and instantly killed Mary Crawson, his sweetheart, while she was accompanied to a place of amusement by another suitor. Lynching is probable.

The Weather Porceast. For Omaha and vicinity-Fair; stationary temperatura.

For Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota-Warmer; fair; southerly winds.