## THE CREAT EASTERN STORM.

It Strikes New York and Ties Up Street and River Traffic.

WORST SINCE THE BLIZZARD 'OF '88.

Many Disasters to Vessels Feared Along the New Jersey Coast-Two Feet of Snow Reported in Virginia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26,-The predicted snowstorm arrived this morning. Pedestrians are few and far between. The surface cars are making poor work in spite of the fact that four horses are trying to do the usual work of two. Navigation on the rivers and bay is seriously interfered with. So far no accidents have been reported.

This storm, which promises to be the worst since the blizzard of March, 1888, has been giving the south a taste of its quality. Since early yesterday morning its center worked up from Louisiana to Tennessee. The storm depression is trying to get up an area of high barometer in lower Canada. As New York is in the center of the track she will have her full share of the depression.

The weather bureau sent out warning last night to the offices of all the eastern railroads to look out for heavy snow and ordered the northeast storm signals hoisted all along the Atlantic coast from Norfolk to Boston and along the gulf from Pensacola to New

A dispatch from Deal Beach, N. J., says the schooner Yale, which anchored off there today, was terribly pounded by the storm and the crew had to be taken off by life sayers. She will probably be a total wreck.
Utica, N. Y., Dec., 26.—A severe storm
prevailed throughout the Mohawk valley. now is falling and trains on all roads are te. The entire system of the electric stree railroad is tied up.

The mails today are late in arriving. The most serious delays are in the western and southeastern mails over the Pennsylvania

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Two sections of the roof of the New York Central round-house at West Albany collapsed this after-noon under the weight of snow. Three men

### Deep Snow in Pennsylvania.

Pittssund, Pa., Dec. 26,-Another bla snow storm is raging here. It has been snowing rapidly eighteen hours with no indication of cessation. Between twelve and fourteen inches of snow have already falten. are all behind time and street car traffic of

all but the cable road is suspended.
WILKESDARRE, Pa., Dec. 26, The s Sw. storm is still raging flercely with drifts two to three feet high in the streets. The electric street railway motors and the horse cars are unable to run. Trains on all roads are de-layed and business is practically suspended

throughout the Wyoming valley.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 26.—Snow has been falling all day and is now half a foot deep. Street cars are not running and railway trains are delayed.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—The heavy snow

was followed this afternoon by rain and to-night it froze hard. Many telegraph and telephone wires are going down. The train service on the various roads is behind time. In the interior of the state the snowfalls today ranged from eight to ten inches,

#### Many Vessel Wrecks Feared. POINT PLEASANT, N. J., Dec. 26.-Reports

tell of a heavy storm of blinding snow raging along the coast from Sandy Hook to Cape down and wrecks along the coast are feared. Reports from all parts of New York state show a heavy fall of snow and consequent Interruption of traffic. In the Mohawk valley the storm is unusually severe, more than eight inches of snow having fallen today. Reports from New Hampshire state that

the snow is the heaviest in years.

At Bangor, Me., it was the coldest of the season, the mercury reaching 25° below zero Reports from several points in Vermon report the storm the most severe in years Street cars in the city are blocked and rail

#### Trains Delayed in Massachusetts. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 26.—The storm here is delaying travel greatly, all the railroad trains being late and electric street cars

rendered almost useless. Ten inches have fallen and it is still coming down. Bosrov, Mass., Dec. 16.—The heavy snow-storm which began this morning continued until late this evening, accompanied by a gale of wind. The street railway companies had great difficulty in moving cars and the steam railroads are all behind time. Al-though it has raged with great severity along the coast, no marine disasters have yet been

### The storm was general through out New England.

Ohio Boads Tied Up. COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 26 .- About nine inches of snow fell in this section, accompanied by a brisk wind. Trains on various railreads are more or less delayed, while travel from the cast is specially slow.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 20.—It is estimated that at least seven inches of snow fell here. It drifted in many places to a depth of two and three feet. Street car travel is impeded.

### Violent Wind at Paget Sound. SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.-A violent wind storm prevailed on Puget Sound yesterday. Several vessels broke from their moorings but no serious damage was done. Telegraph

lines were prostrated by falling timber and Joseph Bell and Magnus Nelson were killed by falling trees. Plate glass windows in the city were broken and a few small buildings Heaviest in Years at Washington. Washington, Dec. 26, -Washington has experienced the heaviest snow sterm in years,

and this morning travel of all kinds was al most suspended. The snow is ten inches deep on a level. Street car riding was precarious and pedestrianism difficult. The trains from the south and west were delayed Two Schouners Driven Ashere.

#### PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 26.-The schoon Bill Stowe of Boston and the schooner Hurl but of Gloucester went ashore during the heavy storm this afternoon. Captain Thurs ton, Steward Hammond and Seaman Law rence of the Huribu: were drowned. All th

Miles of Wires Down. LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 26.-The heaviest sleet storm ever known here occurred yesterday afternoon and during the night. Shade trees and telegraph and telephone poles and miles of wire are down. The city fire alarm system is entirely ruined.

## Rain Follows Snow.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 26 .- The heavy snow storm of last night was followed by rain today. Reports from other parts of Mary-land indicate a heavy snow fail and delay in

#### Heavy Snowfall in Minnes ta. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 26. - Advices from the central and west central parts of Minnesota indicate a heavy fall of snew today, followed by falling temperature.

A Heavy Gale in Maine. PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 26 .- A heavy gale is blowing from the northeast, with the mercury at 10° below zero. Snow is falling and drifts badly. Trains are delayed.

Wreck on the Jersey Coast. ASSURT PARE, N. J., Dec. 26 .- A heavy

snow storm prevails here and a three-masted schooner is stranded off the beach. It is probably a total wreck.

> Forty Below in Vermont. Lyndonville, Vt., Dec. 26 .- The thernometer was 40⇒ below last night and is 30≎ below this morning.

A Chinook in South Dakota. PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 26.-Chinook winds from the west, carrying blinding clouds of dust, prevail here.

Two Feet of Snow in Virginia. STANTON, Va., Dec. 26,-There are two feet of snow on the ground, blocking all the coun-

The Indications for Nebraska. Washington, Dec. 26.-The indications for Nebraska are fair, winds shifting to northwesterly and colder, with a cold wave in the orthern part of the state.

### Business Troubles.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 26.-The Journal's Woonsocket, S. D., special says: The Sanborn county bank, run by Leon L. Stevens, was closed this morning. The county treasurer and \$8,000 of the county's money in the bank, and a number of merchants were also caught. Stevens was city treasurer. There was no run on the bank and the reasons given for the suspension are poor pusiness and slow collections. Stevens was secretary of the republican county com-

SALT LAKE CITT, Utah, Dec. 26.—S. Keune, a merchant of this city, assigned today. Liabilities, \$48,000; assets about the

New York, Dec. 26.-Roberts, Cushman & Co., dealers in natters' materials, who assigned, filed a schedule today stating that their liabilities were \$456,000, nominal assets, \$705,000 and netual assets \$437,000. Debnam, Mass., Dec. 26.—Walter Potter, broker and trader, Boston, is declared in-

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26 .- A special to the Republic from San Antonio, Tex., says: The Maverick bank of this city closed its doors this morning after a heavy run that lasted this morning after a heavy run that lasted three weeks. Sam Maverick, sole owner of the bank, made an assignment of all his property, real and personal. The liabilities, ac ording to the schedule amount to \$844,164, cording to the schedule amount to \$844,164, and the assets are footed at \$1,789,915.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 25.—The Hughes lumber company has assigned with liabilities of \$174,000 and assets \$320,000. D.

W. Hughes, president of the company, also made a personal assignment with liabilities of \$07,000 and assets \$47,000.

### GENERAL BOOTH CRITICISED.

### The London Times Devotes Three

Columns to Him. London, Dec. 26,-The Times publishes a three column article severely criticising General Booth's scheme of social regeneration as set forth in his book, "In Darkest England." The writer of the article says: "General Booth cannot think he is to be authorized to collect by force the moral lunatics, irredeemable slaves of vice, crime and frink. He cannot expect us to believe he can compel men to work who admittedly will not work, or that any colony of such men, even under the stimulus of the lash, could be compelled to be self-supporting." The art-ticle accuses Booth of child-like ignorance of farming and tecklessness in entering a con-tract for the purchase of land for a farm colony at £15 per acre. An editorial states that the article is the first installment of a critical examination by a well qualified writer, and says: "We do not affect to regard the scheme with anything but profound distrust. We urge the public not to conclude in a fit of hysterical emotion that Booth de serves to be entrusted with an immense sum of money, but wait and hear everything that can be urged against the scheme.'

#### DANIEL SHELBY IN HARD LUCK Arrested in Boston in a Damage Sui

He Takes the Debtor's Oath. Boston, Mass., Dec. 26 .- "Dan" Shelby, at one time manager of the Chicago Academy of Music, was arrested here Tuesday on a mesne process in a civil suit for \$20,000 damages claimed by Thomas Daly of the Vacation company. Mr. Sheiby is now strug gling hard to take the poor debtor's oath in

order to get back to Chicago.

The suit is brought to recover damages for an alleged assault upon Daly in Chicago about a year ago. The Daly Brothers were playing at the Academy of Music at the time and there was more or less wrangling be tween them and Shelby regarding the staging of the piece. Saturday night, when the engagement was over and Thomas Daly was packing up in his dressing room, three or four of the stage hands, accompanied by Shelby, came into the room. High words followed and it is alleged in the suit that Shelby struck Daly three or four times over the head with a piece of lead pipe. Daly has since been unable to play and a few weeks ago was committed to the McLean insane asylum here on a certificate of Dr. Telly

expert on insanity.

The suit brought in the name of Thomas Daly is really pressed by his brother William, aided by members of the Boston lodge of Elss. Shelby visited the city Tuesday and was arrested. He at once made application to take the poor debter's eath and there was an all-day hearing before Judge Hardy yesterday, which will be concluded tomorrow. Meadwhile Mr. Shelby is in charge of two deputy sheriffs.

## CRAZED OVER RELIGION.

#### Woman Slashes Herself to Prepare for a Christmas Ceremony.

Beatan, Dec. 26,-The village of Watten eim, in Rhineland, is greatly excited over a peculiar case of religious frenzy that was seen there yesterday. Barbara Pfester, an unmarried woman, twenty-three years of age corribly mutilated herself and then appeared before a large number of people who had assembled at her home to participate in a re ligious ceremony. She presented a frightful appearance, being wounded in several places from which the blood oozed. Her hands, feet and head were gashed, presenting a ghastly appearance, and there were several wounds near the neart. Standing before the terror stricken assembly she exhibited her bleeding wounds and claimed that they were a wonderful example of the crucifixion of Christ. As soon as the authorities heard of it the woman was immediately arrested and taken to jail in order that the district physician might have an opportunity of making an examination of her. The wounds are on the inner and outer sides of her bands as well as around her wrists, and there are small ones on her feet. There is square cut on her forehead, and at the back of her head under the hair there are several bleeding eruptions. The woman at the time she was arrested, was surrounde y over a hundred peasants who had crowded around her taking money and food to her. The gendarmes who were sent to take her to the jail were obliged to force their way to the bed with drawn swords in order to pass through the crowd of awe-stricken spec-

A Temporary Embarrassment. DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26,-The stringent money market has caused the temporary em parrassment of E. W. Leach & Co., extensive lumber dealers. Their creditors do not appear to fear the approaching assignment, one stating that the firm's affairs are in excelient condition.

Should Have Taken Prompt Action. Deaux, Dec. 26.-Dr. O'Connell, bishon of Raphoe, in a letter to the Irish Catholic, says he regrets that the Irish people did not imimmediately place the blame upon Parnetl for his offense against morality instead of giving him an opportunity to ruin the party

## ROUND-UP OF THE REDSKINS.

A Hurried Movement of Troops in Pursuit of Sitting Bull's Band.

NO TRACE OF BIG FOOT YET DISCOVERED.

General Miles Takes a Hopeful View of the Situation-Seven Lodges on Their Way In-Sumner's Report,

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D. (via Rushville, Neb.), Dec. 26.- Special Telegram to Tun Bes. ]-Four batallions of the Seventh cayalry were ordered out and left this noon to help Colonel Heary capture Sitting Bull's fleeing braves. The latter camped on White river last night. The cavalry will take two Hotchkiss guns. Correspondents accompany the troops. The order and move were made without a moment's notice. A blinding sand storm prevails.

### THE PROBLEM REMAINS.

### if the Hostiles Come Into the Reser-

, vation the Campaign is Over. RAPID CITY, S. D., Dec. 26.- Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-General Miles has received dispatches from General Brooke, confirming the earlier reports that the hostiles are moving in from their camps to the agency. Seven lodges have already made part of the distance but are waiting for the main- body. At noon nothing had yet been heard from Colonel Sumner, who for the past three days has been following Big Foot's trail, nor from General Carr, who moved out upon the reservation from Rapid Creek, Wednesday to intercept the same band No trail entering the bad lands has been found by Henry's command, sent out from Pine Ride to aid in capturing Big Foot.

The new lodges seen by a Cheyenne scout in the Messa camp were those of the friendlies and those who joined them on their ar rival. Big Foot has probably started for the Cheyenne agency,
"If the hostiles come in," said General Miles this morning, "the campaigu is over, but the problem still remains.

# HOSTILES NOT CAPTURED.

## Troops Have So Far Falled to Inter-

cept Big Foot's Band. PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D. (via Rushville, Neb.), Dec. 26,- Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-There are rumors affoat here both to the effect that Sitting Buil's warriors have been captured and also that they have escaped into the bad lands after vanquishing the soldiers sent out to intercept them. Gen eral Brooke, however, asserts there is no change in the situation, and that Big Foot's band of hostiles has not been captured so far as he knows.

Miles Reports Taings Favorable. Washington, Dec: 26.—General Schoffeld this morning received the following telegram from General Miles dated Rapid City, S. D., December 25: "Have not heard from General Carr for thirty-six hours. He started to intercept Big Foot Should be succeed or turn him to the Cheyenne agency, all will be favorable, as ral Brooke reports a messenger from Wound, Big Road and Fast Thunder, leaders of the Indians who went to the bad lands, says about half the Indians there are coming in, and he thinks the rest will follow. Should this not be intermed. forseen event, it will be most fav orable.

# Slippery Big Foot.

Washington, Dec. 26.—General Scoffeld has received a telegram from General Miles dated Rapid City, December 24, as follows "Colonel Sumner has reported his command at Big Foot's camp on the Chevenne river; that Big Foot had assured him he would do whatever he said and bring all his had deceived him and cluded his camp, going south."

Obeyed the Blind Chief. GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 26.-W. P. Thompson, agent of the lowas, returned to day and reports that the ghost dance has been abandoned on the solicitation of To Hee, the blind Chevenne chief, and White Cloud All the Indians returned peacefully to their reservations.

# NATIONAL INDIAN CONGRESS.

One Thousand Delegates in Attendance at the Opening Session. CALCUTTA, Dec. 26,-The national Indian congress opened in this city today. One thousand delegates were present and 5,000 persons were in the audience. Among those who attended were Messrs. Schwann and Caiu, members of the British house of commons, several Rajahs and Mahomedan nobles. Advocate Ghose, the leading attorney of the high court, in an address described the con gress as the inevitable outcome of the gener ous policy of the British government. Mr. Mehle, member of the Bombay legislative council, in his address as president, made declarations as to the loyalty of the movement and its pacific aims. He said the congress desired to assist the government in the work of social reforms. Although diver nationalities of India were not ripe for repre entative institutions yet, the elective princ ole ought to be adopted in nominations to the indian council, and he appealed to the viceroy to watch the movement in a spirit of generou

Pan-American Transportation. Washington, Dec. 26.—The senate con nittee on commerce today gave a hearing t F. L. Dana of Denver, Howell Jones of To peka, J. B. Clarke of Chicago and A. P. Chamberlain of Des Moines upon a bill intro duced by Senator Cullom to incorporate the Pan-American transportation company. These gentlemen appeared as a sub-commit-tee appointed by the interstate deep harbor commission. They said the committee was backed by 15,000,000 people and was created to look after the interests of the west before congress, but especially to secure an adequate appropriation from congress to build a deep water harbor on the Texas coast. The sub committee was appointed with the special object of establishing a line of steamers between various ports of the gulf of Mexico and points in Central and South America. The incorporators, the members of the committee said, had a capital of \$15,000,000 and they had decided to apply to congress for a charter. The committee on commerce has a yet taken no action on the bill.

A Bogus Divorce Lawyer Confesses NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—William H. Butler. formerly a partner of W. D. Hughes, the bogus divorce lawyer, made a partial confession toright. While in partnership they dis tributed circulars all over the country, which brought them hundreds of clients. In some cases the clients discovered the bogus nature of the divorce decree, but never made troubl when the fee was returned to them. This was never less than \$160.

Sioux City Dads on a Junket. CHICAGO, Dec. 26.-The aldermen of Sioux City, Ia., eleven in number, visited Chicago today and inspected the world's fair site parks and public buildings. Tonight the party left on a trip to the large cities through-

out the south. Incendiary Fires at Deadwood. DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 26.—Three fires in different parts of the city last night, two of which were incendiary, caused losses amounting to \$25,000. A great many railroad graders

were in town yesterday in an intoxicated condition, and in the afternoon, in order to quell a disturbance, the mayor had the hose turned on them. It is thought the fires were set in revenge. Remors of further incendiarism ar current and a watch is being kept,

OMAHA, SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 27, 1890.

# BIG SUIT IN PROSPECT.

Electric Light Companies Will Contest for Valuable Patents.

St. Louis. Mo., Dec. 20.-It is announced here that the Adams electric railway of St-Louis will soon enter ouit against the Thorn son-Houston, the Sprague, the Short and other electric railway companies for infringe-ment of patents. The suits will involve claims aggregating millions of dollars, and should the cases be decided in favor of the Adams company will make that corporation the greatest electric monopoly in the world. FORTUNATE MINERS.

One Hundred and Forty Narrowly

Escape a Horrible l'eath. SCOTTDALE, Pa., Dec. 26.-An explosion took place this morning in the entrance of the shaft of the United States coal and coke works, operated by the United coke company It was caused by the ignition of kerosene oil One hundred and forty miners were at work at the time, but all made their escape through at the time, but all made their escape through various openings for that purpose. Some of the escapes were miraculous. The fire, which is still raging, destroyed all the loose property in the mine and has already done enormous damage. The coal is already said to be ablaze, and an immense conflagration, which would practically ruin the mine, is feared. Two persons were injured this afternoon by a fall of timbers near the burning

# WAR ON TELEGRAPHERS.

## The Lake Shore Road Does Not Want

Any Brotherhood Men. CHICAGO, Dec. 26.-The ultimatum of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway company that all telegraphers on that road must withdraw from the order of railway telegraphers or leave the employ of the company is believed to be the beginning of a general movement in that Wirection. It is understood that several of the Chicago lines will soon follow the example of the Lake Shore. The opposition of the reilroads to the order has developed since it has shown a tendency to affiliate with the brotherhood of telegraph ers—commercial operators—and has refused to teach telegraphy to the apprentices sent to the different offices by the companies to learn the business. Outside of railroad circles it is believed that the result of the crusade will be the practical consolidation of the two telegraph organizations.

### JEWISH VITAL STATISTICS. Results of the Special Inquiry by the

Census Office. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.-The division of vital statistics of the census office has prepared a bulletin containing a summary of the results of a special inquiry concerning the Jews in this country. The inquiry has resulted in the return of 10,618 completed family schedules, embracing 60,630 living persons December 31, 1889, and in these families there have been 2,140 marriages, 6,038 births and 2,062 deaths during the five years ending on that date. The social condition of the fam on that date. The social condition of the families is indicated to some extent by the number of servants kept by them, and as about two-thirds are reported as keeping one or more servants the families reported may be said to be in easy circumstances. The average number of persons to each family on December 31, 1889, was 5.81 and the average annual number for me five the storage annual number of marriages per 1,000 of the total popular of marriages per 1,000 of the total popular. ber of marriages per 1,000 of the total population was much lower turn the general rate, being but 7.4, and the average age at marriage greater than among the general popula-tion. The low marriage rate and increased average are the principel reasons for the low birth rate. The deaths reported for the five years give an annual death rate of 7.11 per 1,000 of population, being about half of the average rate for the general population. Con-trasting the birth and death rates for those of native born parents indicates that the birth rate is decreasing and the death rate increasing with prolonged residence in this country but the general results indicate that the Jews retain many of the peculiarities which have been among them in Europe.

## THE WORLD'S FAIR ACT.

## Some of its Provisions Embarrassing

the Management. Washington, Dec. 26.-The secretary of the treasury wrote the attorney general a few days ago that the board of management of the world's Columbian exposition is embarrassed by the construction that has been placed on certain provisions of the world's fair act, that it is desirable if possible to overcome the difficulty by executive action under the law rather than encounter probable delay should application be made for congressional interpretation. Section 16 provides that "the president may also designate additional articles fer exhibition." opinion of the attorney general was requested as to whether the president is authorized to designate additional articles not already in the executive departments and authorize the employment of persons outside of the departmental force to prepare and take proper care of such articles as he may take proper care of such articles, as he may designate, and perform other necessary du-ties. There is also a difference of opinion as to the disposition of the fund of \$1,500,000 provided for the government exhibit, etc. Two wholly independent bodies are now di bursing from this common fund, and the board of management is unable to estimate what part, aside from the \$400,000 set apart or a government building, will finally its disposal. An interpretation of this ques-was also asked. The secretary wished to know whether or not the president has the power, with or withhas the power, with or with-out the consent of the national commission and board of management, to divide or apportion said sum between them.

The attorney general replied in substance that as to the first question he is of the opinion that the power vested in the president in cludes that asked for by the secretary. In re gard to the apportionment of moneys he does not deem it advisable at this time to deter mine what rights the president may possess in virtue of his general executive authority, and says it is probable that the attention of congress should be called to the question.

#### One Bullet Does treat Damage. WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 25-Mose Howe went into the residence of G. E. Norris, at Parkersburg, tonight and drawing a revolver fired at Mrs Norris, the ball passing through her nose and through both wrists of her little daughter, and finally lodging in Mr. Norris' leg. Howe was arrested before he could do

any more tamage. Big Miners' Strike in Prospect. ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 25. - The miners of the central Pennsylvania contregions have served notice on the operators, demanding 50 cents net, instead of 50 cents gross per ton and a new working scale of prices. If their de-mands are not granted men to the number of 15,000 will quit work the first of the year.

A Would-Be Highwayman Killed. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 26.—Late tonight T. A. Seeley, driver of an English avenue street car, shot and killed an unknown man who attempted to hold him up. The only clue to the dead man's identity is a memorandum book, in which is written "Danville

### Fought Over a Woman. lronton, O., Dec. 26.—At a dance at Center Furnace last night, in a fight over a woman, Ed Gallagher and John Oliver were

Big Phosphate Works Burned. CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 26.—The Edisto phosphate and fertilizer works burned to-

killed and Henry Ingalls seriously wounded

# AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

How the Colored Man Should Be Represented at the World's Fair.

### WHAT CONGRESSMAN LANGSTON SUGGESTS

Mint Director Leech of the Opinion That No Financial Legislation Will Be Passed at This Session.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, ) 513 FOURTHENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.

Mr. Langston, the colored congressman from Virginia, made an interesting suggestion today concerning the manner in which the colored men should be represented at the world's fair. Mr. Langston does not believe that the negro should be there as a negro, but as an American critizen. He says the negro is a substantial factor in the labor of the country. The negro does a large part of producing of cotton and baling it for the market. He is taking an extensive part in the farming operations of the south, for it has come out during the recent federal election debate that there are over one million negro owners of farms in the south. Mr. Langston says that some of these colored farmers breed the finest horses and cattle to be found in the country and that he can go to stock farms in Tennessee, owned and managed entirely by negroes, which rival in their stables the studs of Senators Sanford and Stockbridge, Representative Langston's idea is that the world's fair will give an opportunity for showing the marvelous advance which the negro has made since the war. He would like to see an exhibit of negroes picking cotton, packing it in bales and going through the various processes towards its production. He wants to see some of the negro stock farmers bring their cattle and horses to the exposition in order to show what can be done by the race in this branch of industry. In short, his idea is to have negroes actually working in the different branches in

which they are interested throughout the south so that the country may see what share the colored man is contributing to the general labor of the country. Mr. Langston takes no stock in the idea that the negroes as such should be represented on the world's fair board of directors. He thinks that is demagogury calculated to weedle the negro vote. If a colored man has the intelligence vote. If a colored man has the intelligence and ability to get a place on the board of directors of the world's fair or any other heard, that should be the only ground for his choice. "When General Grant appointed me as one of the board of health of Washington," said Mr. Langston today, "I called upon him and asked him why he made the appointment. He answered that one thing was certain that he had not answered that one thing was certain, that he had not appointed me because I was a negro, but because I had a certain ability in that particular matter. That should be the basis of all appointments—fitness and not color."

DIRECTOR LEGUI ON FINANCIAL LEGISLATION. "I do not believe congress will pass any kind of a financial bill at this session," said Director of the Mint Leech to your corre-spondent today. "The eagerness of the free coinage men will beyond reasonable doubt defeat every proposition looking towards the enlargment of the circulating medium, and especially all propositions relating to silver. It is unfortunate for the free coin age interests that its advocates can't see any meve in the direction of free coinage at this time a death blow to their proposition, an although the business interests of the coun try demand the adoption of agencial financia measure they will defeat it if they continue to press their views on congress. I some-times think that the friends of free coinage are in reality its enemies at this time, think the senate will pass a free coinage bil but the house will refuse to do it if for no other reason than because such a proposition cannot get out of committee, and any effort made to amend a bill by providing for free coinage will be ruled by the speaker as no germain to the subject matter under consider eration. If the free coinage men were tac ticians they would not now contend for any thing, but simply bide their time and got the front in the next congress, the lower house of which will be organized by free coinage advocates beyond reasonable doubt."

"Would the treasury department object to the proposition to buy up all the American bullion in sight?"
In reply the director of the mint, who, by the way, is as good authority upon financial matters as almost any man in Washington, as he has been co-operating with Secretary Windom in promulgating a bill through the republican senatorial caucus said: "There could be no objection whatever to not only buying up all the American bullion in sight but making a law for the purchase of the en tire American product, for, under the presen

law, we more than consume all the silver produced by the American mines." Mr. Leach was asked what provisions could be made without imposing upon foreign silver to exclude from our market the products of foreign mines if a free American silver coinage law—a law providing for the purchase of American silver only upon a free coinage basis—should be adopted.

"The United States mints," said he would simply stamp all foreign builion seived with the word 'Foreign,' and unde the law it could not be purchased or coined Certainly foreign producers or dealers would not send to our markets an article which could not be sold. All foreign coins which are not of proper weight or firmness would be thrown out by our merchants and at the mints. The most serious feature of the entire agitation about silver and financial legislation lies in the fact that the free coinage advocates, being unwilling to yield their hobbies for the good of the country at large, are going to defeat all financial legisla-tion. The question of a new or permanent financial basis for the government is by all odds the most important that has or can come before the people, and it seems that this is to be cast aside without any action—simply that a few men who are making capital out of a hobby or have interests to be appreciated are an willing to yield their demand for free coin age at this time, when it is impossible.

ILLITERACY AND EDUCATION. Tonight a special bulletin was issued from the consus office, giving the results of inves-tigations into illiteracy and education. From it the following is taken, showing the reports from cities of 10,000 inhabitants and over, which have been recapitulated:

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In answer to inquiries from Nebraska it was ascertained at the postoffice department by THE BEE correspondent that there will be mail weighed upon the various railroads in lowabering with Appl part. South The mail weighed upon the various railroads in Iowa beginning with April next. South Da kota and Nebraska will not come in this time of the states where the mails will have to be weighed in order to ascertain the pay which

is to be given railroads for

POSTMASTERS APPOINTAGE H. C. Penneli was today appointed post-master at Eddy, Hayes county, Nebraska; C. L. Marsh at Galt, Wright county, Iowa, and C. Gruetzmacher at Klenne, Hancock county, Iowa.

Penny S. Heath.

# AMERICAN ECONOMISTS.

Washington, Dec. 26 .- The fourth annual

meeting of the American Economic associa-

#### Fourth Annual Meeting of the Association-Presiden't Address.

tion began today. Several interesting papers were read. Prof. Francis A. Walker, president of the association, in his address reviewed at length the important economic developments in the United States. extraordinary growth of the pseudo socialism under the local name of nationalism he attributed to the fact that the masses of the people had come to appreciate the supreme importance of industrial rela-tions, but had not yet learned with-in that narrow ilmits exerin that narrow limits exer-tions for the ameliorations of mankind must necessarily be confined. All these re-formers now so defiant of established economic principles would sooner or later be-come recruits of the economic army. Regarding the apparent growth of the single tax party, he expressed the opinion that the economists were coming to take the view that something more of economic rent than the state had been accustomed to exact could be advantageously brought into the treasury while on the other hand practical politicians while on the other hand practical politicians, the more they stupied the subject, were more and more impressed with the hopelessness of the project in view of the opposition of the former class and of holders of small proper ties to an increase of direct taxes. Walker referred to what he termed a remarkable "weakening" in the present financial crisis of many of those who through the greenback and silver contests stood most stiffy against every measure of possible inflation, but now had seemingly ceased their resistance to the further coinage of silver if they did not actually desire it. He attributed this largely to the discrediting of the views of orthodox American economists on the subject of money, and especially of indifference of the money supply.
"In lack of national leadership," he said,
"we could only hope that prodence may rue "we could only hope that predence may rue
the hour and that the instinctive conservatism of the American people may enable them to pass through this most
perilous crisis in their financial career without wreck." Touching the subject of immigration, he said the American people were
called upon now to decide whether there was
any limit to the extent to which they would
share their hightpiph, with strangers. Not share their birthright with strangers. No only the enormous increase of immigration, but the manifest lower character of the recent comers make the question urgent.

### BEATING HIS WAY.

### Creamer Doesn't Pay a Cent, but He

Rides on Passenger Trains. LIMA, O., Dec. 26.-Thomas Creamer, who is a professional tramp, and who is known as "Gentleman Thomas, the Dude Tramp," was here yesterday on a strange journey At Boston, Mass., on December 19, William Austin, a wealthy resident of that tewn, offered a prize of \$5,000 to Creamer if he would beat his way from Boston to San Francisco and return, a distance of about six thousand miles, in twenty-one days. One of the conditions was that Creamer, who had attracted much attention n the east by the publication of his exploits in the newspapers, was to start on the journey without a cent and return without any money. A letter was written to a gentleman in San Francisco inclosing Creamer's photograph, for which he is to call upon his arrival there and return with the letter to a Boston manner. Creamer left Boston on the 22d and paper. Creamer left Boston on the 22d and is to make the trip on passenger trains. He arrived here on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago road and left on the same road or tollowing train after begging a lunch and resting. Young Creamer is only nineteen years of age and is a prepossessing looking young man, well dressed and an entertaining

The Pullman Company Cuts Wages. Cincago, Dec. 26.-Fifteen hundred emloyes at Pullman who work by the piece in the car shops have been notified of a new scale of wages to go into effect on the first of the year, amounting to a reduction of about 10 per cent. Two hundred blacksmiths have uit work pending arbitration with the com-any. The other employes seem inclined to accept the scale more quietly. Manager Seas explained that owing to the closeness of the financial situation railroad companies are only asking for cars at low prices and on long Contracts on such terms had to be accepted or the works closed.

## Business at a Standstill.

Glasgow, Dec. 26.—Therailroad strike con inues to keep business almost at a stand

ABERDEEN, Dec. 26. - The railroad men or strike in this city and neighborhood have reumed work, the differences having been set

The Caledonian railway company, which steadfastly refused to yield to the strikers, has practically won the struggle with its employes. The success of the other companies is thought to be doubtful.

An Indiana Desperado's Revenge. Washington, Ind., Dec. 26.-James Mc Bride, a tough character of Plainville, who has been away for some time, returned to town last night and called at the Jenkins hotel to see his wife, who was working there. He was refused admittance. At an early hour this morning the hotel was partially wrecked by an explosion of dynamite. The guests fortunately escaped with slight in-juries. McBride was arrested.

# Editor Anthony Victorious.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 26.-D. R. An hony, arrested the other day on the affidavit. of Postmaster Richey for publishing and depositing in the mails papers with lottery advertisements, had a hearing today before United States Commissioner Clough and was discharged. The evidence, the commissione said, did not warrant the arrest.

COBOURG, Ont., Dec. 26.-While returning from a dancing party twenty-two persons broke through the ice on Rice lake. All succeed in getting out, but many were severely frost bitten, and later Miss Elsie Johnson

Broke Through the Ice.

Treasurer Huston Reconsiders. Washington, Dec. 26.-The Star says United States Treasurer Huston has reconsidered his resignation and agreed to remain in his present position until the end of President Harrison's term.

Double Tragedy in Georgia. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.-While attempting to arrest Bob Pruette, a negro, in Gainsville last night City Marshal Kittrell was shot Policeman Lowrey then shot and killed Pruette.

#### The Weather Forecast. For Omaha and vicinity-Fair; decidedly

colder. For Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota-Colder; fair; northwesterly winds; fair by Sunday.

A Denver Electric Lineman Killed.

DENVER, Coto., Dec. 26.-Charles McDon-

nell, a lineman employed by an electric com-pany, was instantly killed by coming in con-tact with a "live" wire. A Thieving Clerk Confesses.

### CHICAGO, Dec. 26.-E. G. Bullard, a young cierk of Giles Bros., jewelers, was arrested tonight and has confessed to thefts amount-

# A CARPENTER'S FATAL FALL.

A. Oberg of This City Almost Instantly

CAUSED BY A DEFECTIVE SCAFFOLD.

Killed in South Omaha.

#### One of the Planks Gives Way and He is Hurled to the Ground, a Distance of Thirty-

A. Oberg, a carpenter residing at Nineteenth and Paul streets, in this city, while at work on Swift & Co.'s new ice houses at South Omaha yesterday afternoon, fell to the ground, a distance of thirty-four feet, and

Four Feet.

was almost instantly killed. Mr. Oberg had started to walk across a scaffold just under the root of the building, when one of the planks tipped or gave way, letting the unfortunate man fall. Mr. Oberg lived about fifteen minutes, but did not regain con-

sciousness. Coroner Harrigan was notified, and after inspecting the body and premises, turned the body over to Heafey & Heafey and will hold an inquest at 10 o'clock this morning. Mr Oberg leaves a wife and one child.

The accident was a singular one and can-not be accounted for, unless by the heavy winds. Three planks, each twenty-two feet long, were placed side by side on girders, with a railing three feet high on each side, and these three planks happed on three other similar planks to cross a thirty-four-foot space, giving ten feet for lapping, and yet one of the center planks, after having been used by the workmen, was so misplaced by the wind or some other unknown means that when Mr. Oberg walked on it past the girder it upped and precipitated him to the ground,

the plank falling almost under him Mrs. Oberg was found last night by a Brm reporter in a cottage at the corner of Nineteenth and Paul streets. The lady was over-whelmed with grief, but was washing the supper dishes while the tears ran in streams down her face and her sobs could be heard

outside the door.
"Yesterday was the first Christmas day since we have been married," said the poor woman, "that my husband has not spent at home. He was notified by the Swift pack-ing company that if he did not work yester-day he would have to give up his place, so ho went and worked all day and came home at night looking sad and discouraged. He went away this morning as usual, and I have not seen him since. I am left to provide for myself and baby with not more than 50 cents in

Mrs. Oberg has a brother, Mr. A. L. Carlson, the blacksmith, who will assist her in this her time of great distress and need.

### THE BUREAU OF PROMOTION. What it Will do to Make up the Var-

ious European Powers CHICAGO, Dec. 26 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. ] -One of the most active departments of the world's fair when things get settled will be that of the bureau of promotion and publicity under Promoter General Handy. Mr. Handy says that one of his first duties will be to make up the European powers through the medium of the newspapers. The fair is seldom ever mentioned in French, German, Austrian and Italian journals. Chicago, there, is belived to be a far western American town where some anarchists were hanged and where some anarchists were shanged and where hogs and beeves are slanghtered. Mr. Haady is expected to cover Europe with fine cuts of Chicago's cloud reaching office buildings and other magnificant status. cent structures. He will further world and that the arrivals and clearances of vessels exceed those of any other port in the world except London. Pictures of the fair buildings with a statement of the many millions to be expended upon them will also be forwarded and the newspapers will be supplied with weekly letters prepared by a corps of brilliant newspaper writers. These letters will state the progress of the work and gradu-ally unfold the magnitude of the cuterprise with such sketchy matter as will enlist attention and promote an adequte idea of the greatness of the exposition. Agents of the department will be sent abroad. The state department at Washington will co-operate and there will be a dazzling illumination spread over Europe that will focus all eyes on the world's fair of America.

## OREGON'S WHEAT CROP.

#### The State Lacks Facilities for its Transportation. CHICAGO, Dec. 26 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. ]-J. B. Montgomery, a member of the legislature of Oregon, is in the city, and states that the business of first importance at the coming session of the legislature of that state will be the election of a United States

senator. Senator John Mitchell, who has already served two terms, will, he says, unquestionably be re-elected, as the legislature is over two-thirds republican in both houses and he is the unanimous choice of his party. Mr. Montgomery says that Portland is suf-fering greatly for lack of transportation fa-cilities. The 1890 wheat crop of Oregon is double that of any in the history of the state. Every warehouse and elevator is filled to overflowing and so great is the dearth of cars as to make it impossible to market the crop of 1890 before 1892.

Four People Bu ned to Deat'r. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 26,-A family named Detrich, living in the outskirts of the city, was burned out early this morning. Four persons perished. The victims were Mrs. John Dietrich and her three small chil-Mrs. John Dietrich and her three small chil-dren-Libbie, Jacob and Louisa. Dietrich and one son escaped. The mother lost her life while trying to save her children. How the fire originated is a mystery. Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Ellen Gibbons, aged eighty, was burned to death in her home early this morning. She was ad-dicted to symbiling.

#### dicted to smoking. Bogardus Shoots Fast.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 26.-[Special Telegram to The Bee. |- Yesterday Captain A. H. Bogardus, at Elkhart, made an attempt to beat Dr. Carver's record at fast target shooting, which is 1,000 in thirty-four minutes. He would have succeeded had the four Winchester rifles he used worked well. As it was he broke 510 in seventeen minutes and then stopped. He shot at 533 and missed twenty

# Burned at Sea.

LONDON, Dec. 26 .- According to advices received here the steamer Shanghai was recently burned at sea near Wu Hu, China, about fifty miles above Nanking. The crew, about sixty natives, together with several European officers, are supposed to have met their death either in the flames or by drowning.

# Fatality at a Fire.

at Tremont burned early this morning. When the flames reached the saloon in the lower story there was an explosion, which killed Owen Ennis, who was removing goods. Death of Napoleon's Niece.

WEYAWAUGA, Wis., Dec. 26.-Lawlor's hall

### Utica, N. Y., Dec. 26,-Mrs. Charlotte Denton, aged about sixty-five years, died at Richfield Springs yest rday of heart lisease. She was a niece of Na oleon Bonaparte and a daughter of Joseph Bonaparte.

Fought with Bowie Knives. FLORENCE, Wis., Dec. 26,-Joe Heiden and John Neumer, lumbermen, fought a bloody battle with bowie knives near " ves lake. Both will likely die.