the time for the joint convention might be presented to the proper officers for their signatures, are the subject of no small amount of criticism from those who have set their hearts upon capturing the state offices. These gentlemen are universally regarded as These gentlemen are universally regarded as the most conscientions members of either house, and their fealty to the independent party is only exceeded by their regard for the constitution, which they have sworn to support. They give the following reasons for voting against the dictates of the party

Senator Beck-I think the constitution requires that the concurrent resolution should be signed both by the presiding officer of the senate and the governor. I don't see how this can be made any plainer, and I believe in observing the constitution and obeying the

Senator Coulter-In accordance with my understanding of the constitution and stat-utes, a concurrent resolution, providing for this joint convention, having passed both houses of the legislature and not having been signed by the proper officers I must vote

Senator Taylor-I want to and do intend to vote with the independents, but when they attempt to disregard the plain letter of the constitution and the laws they must excuse me. I have read these provisions carefully and can reach but one conclusion. I have al-ready submitted to the dictation of the caucus in several important matters where there was a chance for an honest difference of opinion, but in this case no two constructions can be placed upon the construction of the law. We should have no other guide than the plain provisions of the constitution. The crack of the party whip, or the threat contained in the alliance extra, have no power to

deter me from doing my duty. Senator Hill-I am decidedly weary with being led by the nose by these incompetent attorneys, and am going to use my own common sense and put my own construction on the constitution in the future. Let them present the resolution to Lieutenant Governor Majors and he will sign it as the constitution prescribes. My reason for voting the way I did is simply this: I do not propose to vio-

late the plain letter of the law. Senator Michener—The constitution plainly says that every bill and concurrent resolution must be signed by the presiding officer of each house, and when I learned that Majors had not signed the resolution I could not do otherwise than vote as I did. I believe in living up to the plain letter of the constitu-

Senator Collins, in a subsequent conversa-tion, gave expression to the following:

"The whole programme has been a failure from beginning to end. I believe if we had taken that evidence and the plain letter of the statute and gone ahead, we would have been all right. But we have listened and been all right. But we have listened and followed the advice of a gang of attorneys who are continually leading us into trouble. I don't believe they care a cent who is goverror; all they want is a little notoriety, and to get their fingers into the public treasury, but for one, I will never vote them a single penny. I am becoming indignant over the penny. I am becoming indignant over the way things are managed, and if this contest falls through it will be the fault of those who insist on proceeding in an unconstitutional

Senator Tulner says he does not believe the proceedings would be legal unless the concurrent resolution is signed by the proper officers, and all this would be a waste of time.

He thinks it is high time the legislature is getting down to business. Representative Williams of Franklin, after carefully examining the matter, is firmly convinced that the concurrent resolution must first be signed by the proper officers before it will have any binding force. Dobson and Ferchtinger take the same view of the case. Mr. Gale gave the following explanation of his vote;
"I vote 'aye' because the constitution and

the laws, as I understand them, will not permit me to vote otherwise."

TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

Independent Leaders Unprepared for the Turn in Affairs Yesterday.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 20 .- | Special Telegram to THE BRE.] - The independent leaders were unprepared for the motion in bint session to take a recess, and the discovery that the party tash could not keep all the independents in line against their honest judgment has canly demoralized them. They made no effort during the afternoon to reform their lines, and serious charges were circulated about the independents who voted for the recess. Several of the leaders called on the supreme court during the afternoon for an interpretation of the law and the constitution bearing upon the signing of concurrent resolutions. They were given to understand that if the legislature would submit the question formally in writing the court would cheerfully give an opinion

A caucus was neld this evening, and the independents who voted for the recess were upbraided with much feeling. They stood by their guns, however, and brought the leaders to yield a point and take a new tack. It was argued that time might be saved by getting at once an opinion from the supreme court determining whether the concurrent resolution needed the signature of the governor to make the proceedings of the joint convention valid. If the court decides that signature to be necessary, the Independents, or enough of them to swell the opposition to a majority, will vote to have the resolution go through the proper routine to

come before the governor.

Considerable bitterness was developed in trying to settle who was to blame for the failure to present the resolution to Lieutenant Governor Majors for his signature. Senator Beck and others in-sinuated that it had been spirited out of the sinuated that it had been spirited out of the senate without their knowledge. The action of the independents in preventing the resolution from going to Majors and Boyd is largely a matter of pride. As one of the leaders said tonight, "We voted in the other joint convention not to recognize Boyd. We are on record to that effect, and we have got to be consistent. Majors is also a defeate officer, and the theoretical state of the second secon a de facto officer, and to be thoroughly consistent we should not recognize him."

The republican contestees and their attorneys held a conference tonight to consider the rules the independents propose trying to force upon the convention. ose to meet the independents in a spirit of compromite. They will offer to re-consider that part of Switzler's res-olution which prevents either house consider that part of Switzler's resolution which prevents either house from meeting separately, and will pave the way to have the concurrent resolution go properly to Major's and then to Boyd. They will ask to have the night session omitted, but have the afternoon session extended to 6 o'clock instead. They want all the evidence rend. They will be to dispense with arguments and will propose that no attorneys be allowed on the floor the contestees consider the vote to take a recess an evidence that there are with arguments and will enough fair minded independents to try agh fair minded independents to try the significant of they are ready to shead with it. But they want jury to have all the evice and determine for itself what the jury to have all the evi-dence and determine for itself what is immaterial, instead of letting pettifogging lawyers decide that. One of the inde-pendent rules permits the contestee to offer ross-examinations, but not until hours after the reading of the direct testimony that they are intended to rebut. This rule the contestees will fight to the bitter end.

THE RULES.

Programme Decided Upon in the Independent Caucus.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 20 .- [Special to Turn BEL |- The independents were surprised to find in this morning's Baz a forecast of their purpose in the conduct of the contest, as agreed on in their caucus last night, and that forecast is shown to have been substantially correct by their action in the joint convention. When Speaker Elder appointed a committee to formulate rules for the convention the whole affair had been cut and dried.

The rules to be reported by the committee had been prepared and already determined on by the independents. and the appointment of the committee was a pretense of fairness. When the committee went into session the independents presented a set of type-written rules filling two or three pages. Senator Van Housen (dem) re-fused to remain in the meeting and Repre-sentative Ames declined to sign the report at the Lincoln. Many citizens extended to the party a cordial welcome, and an im-promptu reception was held last evening on the pretty hotel court balcony. Mrs. Boyd and son will leave in a few days for Florida for the benefit of the lad's health. Miss Boyd will remain at the capital during the winter with the governor.

recommending the adoption of the rul When the committee came to make its report the motion to take a recess intervened. The rules, therefore, were not read to the convention, but the following copy will reveal the purposes of the independent leaders: Whereas, there is no law governing the pro-

cedure in contests of election of executive officers of this state, and

Whereas there are contests pending before this joint convention upon the election of all the executive state officers in each of which a large amount of evidence has been taken reduced to writing and filed, and Whereas it is desirable that a speedy trial and early decision be had therein, now therefore be it

lved. That this joint convention adopt lowing rules of precedure in the hear-id determination of the contests now g' to-wit: e speaker of the house shall preside disjoint convention. ver this joint convention.

2. That the contest of John H. Powers, is rolly, gainst James E. Boyd for the office of governor shall be first heard and determined to the contest of governor shall be first heard and determined to the contest of the

6. When the contestant shall have rested his case, the contestee shall then read such evidence taken in his behalf as he may deem necessary, but he shall not be required to read the cross-examination of his witnesses, but the contestant may read such parts of the cross-examination as he may deem necessary, provided, when the contestant shall read any part of such cross-examination then the contestee shall have the right to read such other portions therof as he shall deem necessary. No objections or exceptions to evidence shall be made, except by counsel in argument.

7. That the time occupied by the contestant and contestee shall be kept by the clerk of the house of representatives and the contest ant shall be allowed twelve hours in which to read his evidence in chief, and the contestee shall have afteen hours in which to read his evidence in chief, and the contestee shall have afteen hours in which to read his evidence in chief, and the contestee shall have afteen hours in which to read his evidence in chief, and the contestee shall have afteen hours in which to read his evidence in chief, and the contestee shall have afteen hours in which to read his evidence in chief, and the contestee shall have afteen hours in which to read his evidence in chief, mel the reading of the cross examination of contestant's witnesses.

evidence in chief, including the reading of the cross examination of contestant's witnesses, after which the contestant shall have three hours to read evidence in rebuttal, including the time consumed in reading the cross examination of the witnesses of the contestes.

S. No objection to any of the evidence taken in these cases shall be made or entertained, nor shall any motions, objections or resolutions concerning the same be offered entertained, put, or passed upon, but the right is reserved to consel of the respective parties to urge such objections in the argument of the case as hereinsfier provided. During the reading of the evidence there shall be no interruption thereof, except for the sole purpose of taking recess from time to time as herein provided.

9. The respective parties shall have the

herein provided.

9. The respective parties shall have the right to submit such printed abstracts of the evidence, or such printed portion of the evidence as they shall deem proper.

10. Upon the close of the evidence the con-

agree.

11. That in the trial of these cases the respective parties may be represented by counsel, and such counsel during the trial shall have the privileges of the floor of the convention bu tshall make no interruption of any

and. 12. During the hearing of these sontests this

12. Puring the hearing of these sontests this convention shall convene at 9 o'clock a. m. and remain in session till 12 o'clock m., and convene at 2 o'clock p. m. and remain in session till 5 o'clock p. m. and convene at 7 o'clock p. m. and remain in session until 10 o'clock p. m. and remain in session until 10 o'clock p. m. daily. except Sunday.

13. No vote shall be taken by this convention upon the merits of any contest or upon any disposition thereof until the evidence has been read and the argument made in such contest as herein provided.

The report was signed by Senators Poyn-

The report was signed by Senators Poynter (ind), Stevens (ind) and Wilson (rep) and Representatives Porter (ind\$, Shrader

(ind), Schappel (rep) and Gillilan (rep).
There is likely to be a determined fight against the rule that aims to reparate the

reading of the cross-examinations from the testimony that was intended to rebut.

Will Work for Woman Suffrage.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 20,-[Special to Till

BEE. |- Descon Hardy, the well known pro-

hibitionist, feels very much discouraged over

the future prospects of his party and of stat-

utcry prohibition. In conversation with a

BEE reporter today he expressed himself in

"We have given up all hopes of securing statutory prohibition from this legislature, and will make no attempt to press such a measure. We have decided to concentrate all our energies in favor of the bill granting municipal suffrage to women. We are going

to mass our forces and work the independents. Mrs. Helen M. Gougar is coming here

a week from Tuesday and stay with the legislature until the matter is decided. We don't expect any help from the demo-

crats, and not much from the republicans but it won't hurt the independent party any

to pass this measure. This will be the enter-ing wedge towards securing full suffrage for women, and when this is once accomplished,

we can carry prohibition."
When asked about the future prospects of

the prohibition party, he said:
We made a mistake in our last campaign.
We ought to have fought for our ticket first.

and the amendment afterwards. If we had not made ourselves so prominent the amend-

ment would have received more votes. Bu

then we are not dead. We are going to keep putting a ticket in the field and continue the

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 20 .- [Special to THE

BEE. |-The following are the most important

By Felker-Providing for the purchase or

condemonation of lands in cities of the metro-

By Bertrand-Requiring railroad com

stitution so that all license fees and fine shall go to the general school fund.

By Sherman-Providing for the cumula-tive system of voting in the election of mem-

By Cornish—Providing for the appraise ment and lease of public school lands.

By Sodeman—To punish petty thieving from fruit raisers and gardeners.

By Goddard—To provide for the election of county commissioners by districts instead of from the county at large.

By Breen—Autorizing cities of the metro-

politan class to issue grading bonds,

By Sternsdorff—To repeal the "two-mile

ing of saloon licenses.
Bills on second reading were read and re-

ferred. Shrader introduced the following resolu

Whereas, The present rate of interest allowed in the state of Nebraska is too high and is fast transferring the wealth of the state to the eastern bankers, and Whereas, Other western states are suffering

Whereas, Other western states are suffering from the same cause, and Whereas, It might be injudicious for a single state to attempt to lower the rate of interest without the concurrence of the others, as the money power would concetrate their power upon that state and by withdrawing their loans make the law obnoxious, and secure its repeal, therebe it.

be it

Resolved, That the speaker appoint a committee of two, and the senate be requested to add one to the number, who shall correspond with the legislatures of the states of Kansas, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Colorado, to the end that said states may agree upon a common rate of interest, as low as may be practicable, and report at the earliest possible day.

The resolution was adopted and the speaker.

The resolution was adopted and the speaker appointed Messrs, Shrader and Gillillan as

A meeting was then taken till the meeting of the joint convention.

Reception to Mr. Boyd.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 20 .- Mrs. James E.

Boyd, Mrs. E. S. Bierbower and Miss Mar-

garet Boyd, the two latter daughters of the

governor, and J. E. Boyd, jr., the chief execu-

tive's son, arrived yesterday, and have room

Legislative Notes.

Mr. Stebbins of Buffalo has introduced a

clause in the law regulating the issu-

agitation until the saloons are banished."

bills introduced today:

bers of the legislature.

tion:

said committee.

politan class for school purposes.

the following language:

6. When the contestant shall have rested his

of governor shall be first heard and determined.

3. That the other seven contests for the executive offices in which the evidence is the same, shall be heard together as one case, but the vote thereon shall be taken separately in the order in which said officers are named in section I, article 5, of the constitution.

4. That in the trial of these cases the contestant shall have one hour in which to state his case, immediately after which the contestes shall have one hour in which to state his case, provided, that in the consolidated case but one hour shall be allowed to all the contestants and one hour to all the contestes for that purpose.

5. The contestants shall then read or cause to be read such evidence taken in his behalf as he shall deem necessary, but he shall be required to read the cross-examination of any witnesses called by him, provided the contestee may read such portions of such cross-examination, as he shall deem necessary, but shall not be required to read the whole of such cross-examination, and in ease the contestee shall read any portion of such cross-examination, then the contestant may read such other portion thereof as he shall deem necessary.

6. When the contestant shall have rested his The oldest man on the republican side of the house is Mr. Paxon of Gage, who is sixty-one. Mr. Ames of Otoe is the oldest demo-crat, and he is about six months younger than Mr. Faxon. Mr. Nichols of Buffalo, who is siqty-eight, is the oldest independent. OPPOSED TO SCARS.

About eighty-five of the 100 members of the

Mr. Sherman of Saline has introduced a

ill providing for minority representation in the legislature. The bill provides that mem-

The same system is now in force in

bers may "plump" their votes for one candi

Citizens on the St. Paul Road Friendly

to Old Operators. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 20 .- St. Paul officials, in going over the road with a number of operators to take the places of the strikers and checking up stations, met with an unlooked for reception at a number of stations near here. At Springville, after they had taken possession of the office, a delegation of citizens run them out and barred the doors, and at Stone City a rope was stretched across the track and a card suspended therefrom, saying: "No man but A. C. Comstock will be allowed to work here." Comstock is the old operator. All slong the line from Marion to Sabula Junction the citizens have beycotted the new men and will not sell them meals.

A Serious Strike Threatened.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.-The Chicago & Erie has a serious strike on hand, the strikers being conductors and dispatchers. A month ago Dispatcher Scott, at Huntington, Ind., made a serious mistake in giving an order, which was discovered in time to prevent a serious wreck. He was discharged, but on the other dispatchers threatening to strike the company changed the sentence to thirty days suspen sion. Now it is alleged by the conductors and dispatchers that Scott has been dismissed outright and they notified General Manager Tucker of a strike to begin tonight. The strike will probably affect the road to Sala-manca, N. Y.

Inquiry Into Chief Thurston's Action. Columnus, O., Jan. 20.-Division 38, Order of Railway Telegraphers, has adopted a resolution to inquire into the action of Chief Thurston on the Milwaukee and St. Paul road. They wish to know if he acted in an individual or official capacity and if the latter he will not receive the support of the divis-

Said to Be Without Foundation. 10. Upon the close of the evidence the contestant shall have two hours in which to argue
his case to the convention, after which the
contestee shall have three hours in which to
present his case to the convention, after
which the contestant shall have one hour in
which to close the argument, which time may
be divided between counsel as they may
agree. Curcago, Jan. 20.-The report from Omaba that the telegraph operators and agents on the Union Pacific would boycott the St. Paul road is declared by the Union Pacific representatives here to be without foundation.

VOTING FOR SENATOR.

South Dakota Legislators Engaged in a Lively Struggle.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 20.- | Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The call of the house was made at the afternoon session, which resulted in the sergeant-at-arms bringing in the absent members who constituted the elections committee and pleaded an excuse on account of committee work. A recess of twenty minutes being taken to give the committee time to complete its report, upon reassembling the republicans, with the assistance of the independents, were able to secure a vote on senator which re sulted in Moody 53: Preston, 3; Melville, 1; Gifford, 1; Elliott, 1; Harden, 22; Crose, 11; Cosand, 6; Wardall, 5; Campbell, 1; Dye, 1; Tripp, 19. The first five candidates were republicans, Speaker Seward voting for Congressman Gifford. The next six were independents and show their voting strength. The Tripp vote represents democratic votes. The result was as expected and according to figures which last night's cancusses made reasonably certain. Immediately after the vote the combine called up the report of the elections committee and by a viva voice vote carried its re-port against the seating of Sol Starr, the contestant for McLeods seat from Lawrence county. The report on five other contestants Lawrence county then came up, and there were majority and minority reports. The republicans flibustered for a time for he proper of consideration of the two re-

ports and were finally successfut in adjourning to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

There are those who think that this, notwithstanding the large majority that the combine has, indicates that the sitting members from Lawrence county will not be unseated. They say that there is a wheel within a wheel. The leaders of the indewithin a wheel. The leaders of the inde-pendents and democrats, backed by all their members on the elections committee, say that the case of the five contesting members is just and that they will be seated, although Moody may yet poll a full republican vote. It is difficult to see how he can secure enough others to elect him.

In the senate the joint resolution for the mlargement of Fort Meade passed. The bill providing the penalty for delinquent taxes after February at 1 per cent per month passed. Matthews introduced a join Resolution memoralizing congress to fore-lose the mortgage on Union and Central Pacific ra lroads; Preston one providing for the payment of the public examiner by county banks and other corporations. Preston introduced a bill raising the bounty on beet sugar from 1 to 2 cents per pound; Brothun one reducing real estate exemptions from

\$5,000 to \$2,0000. The vote for senator being taken, Moody received 22 votes; Pickler, i; Wardall, 7; Crose, 4; Cosand, 3; Harden, 2, Tripp, 6. Peterman voted for Pickler. Both houses panies to maintain guards at each end of switch rails and frogs.

By Stevens of Yuenas—To amend the conmeet in joint session tomorrow noon to ballot

ARANSAS HARBOR HOPEFUL.

It Has Only One Campetitor For the Location of the Dry Dock. ARANSAS HARBOR, Tex., Jan. 20 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The commission appointed by the government to select a location for a government dry dock arrived here in a special car Friday evening and took their departure this morning. Two days were spent in making an examin-ation of the mainland inside of Ar-Pass, the double track being built from this city to water, also the waters in Aransas Harbor. The fact that Aransas Harbor is the most securely laudlocked of any on the Texas coast, with four miles of dockage on water that will float the largest gunboats made; it being the nearest United States harbor to Mexico, the Central and South American states and its connection with the main land by a double track railroad, in connection with other natural advantages, leads our people to believe that we will draw the prize. While the members of the commission were non-committal it is entirely safe to predict that the location of the site lies between New Orleans and Aransas Harbor, with the natural advantages in favor of the latter

They Exonerate McGrath. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 20 .- The executive committee of the farmers' alliance, which has

been investigating the connection of President McGrath with the noted Turner letter, completely exonerated him. Alliance State Printer in Kansas TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 20.—The legislature in oint session today elected Edwin H. Snow, the alliance caucus nominee, state printer. Snow polled every alliance and democratic vote and one republican.

Shot His Divorced Wife. TOLEDO, O., Jan. 20 .- "Sesh" Earnest today probably fattally shot his divorced wife and then killed himself. The shooting was the result of her refusal to re-marry him.

Found the Bank Solvent.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 20.-Judge Edgerton has refused the application for the appointment of a receiver for the Canton bank, having found the bank solvent, Spanish Rivers Covered With Ice.

honorable citizen, who, upon his farm, is quietly leading the life of an humble farmer, whose counsels have been heard in both houses of the national legislature, thrice elected governor of the great state of Illinois, the gallant soldier MADRID, Jan. 20 .- The rivers Tagus and Elero, at Saratogossa, are covered with ice for the first time since 1829.

PANDEMONIUM IN THE HOUSE. bill for the taxation of sleeping and during

house and twenty-six of the thirty-three senators are tillers of the soil. Mills Charges Speaker Reed With Practicing McKesson of Lancaster has introduced a memorial to congress condemning the Conger lard bill and approving the Paddock pure Fraud on the House.

THE TEXAN ALSO HAS A TILT WITH KERR.

it Becomes Necessary to Call Upon the Sergeant-at-Arms to Restore Order-Proceedings in the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 20 .- In the house today, after the reading of the journal, Mr. Bland made the point that it had not been read in full and demanded that a description of the various executive communications, resolutions, bills and petitions be read. This was done, the reading not being completed until 1 o'clock.

The speaker then stated the question to be on the approval of the journal, and having counted and stated the affirmative vote, Mr. Mills of Texas, rising to a parliamentary question, asked whether the proper question was not on ordering the previous question, Mr. McKinley having demanded that when the clerk finished reading the first part of the tournal.

The speaker said the demand had not been renewed after the reading of the journal was

completed. Mr. Mills wished to debate the matter, but he speaker declined to recognize him on the

ground that he was out of order. Then Mr. Mills strode down the aisle, shakng his fist at the speaker, and poured out volumes of denunciation, accusing him of practicing fraud on the house. The democrats cheered, but the speaker impertubably bontinued counting and announced the mo tion carried.

The yeas and navs were demanded by the democrats and ordered, and as the cierk proceeded with the roll-call Mr. Mills continued his denunciation. Referring to Mr. McKin-ley he said: "We did not expect the gentlean from Ohio to lend himself to such a pro ceeding, for we believed him an honorable gentleman, and we knew he (indicating the speaker) was not."

After some further debate Mr. Kerr of Iowa said: "Such proceedings as these are treasonable and they are headed by a man who helped treason before."

Mr. Mills replied: "You are a traitor yourself to the constitution and laws. You are trying to surround the bailet box with bayonets and deprive the people of the right

of representation.

against the elections bill.

This was greeted with enthusiastic democratic applause, while the republicans de parted to the bar of the house and announced parted to the bar of the house that their disapproval by lusty hisses. Pandemonium prevailed and affairs finally approached so near a personal rupture that the speaker was obliged to call upon the sergeant at arms for assistance. That officer, bearing his mace in front of him, induced Mr. Mills to take hi seat. The journal was approved—144 to 103—and the house went into the committee of the whole on the District of Columbia bill.

Mr. Hemphill of South Carolina declaimed

The negro question was brought up by Mr. Richardson of Tennessee, who quoted news-paper extracts relative to the treatment of negroes in the northern states.

After a long discussion, during which no progress was made on the bill, the committee rose and the house adjourned.

Senate.

Washington, Jan. 20 .- In the senate today, after the morning business was disposed of Mr. Aldrich moved that the senate proceed to the consideration of the resolution to change the rules, which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris rose to a question of order and

said that the notice given did not call attention to that part of may rule proposed to be modified, but simply left, the chair and each senator to find it out to himself. He argued that the motion was not sufficiently specific. The discussion was proceeding when at 2 o'clock the elections bill came up and Mr. George took the floor to continue his speech. After he had spoken three hours and a half Mr. Butler (with a view to giving him a rest), asked him to yield the floor while he had read a chapter of the revised statutes relating to the subject of elections. Mr. George assented, but after the secretary had read for some time, Mr. Butler discovered that the chapter was not the one he meant and he said he would read it himself. Before he began Mr. Morgan claimed the floor on the election bill, but the vice presi-

dent said he had Mr. Aldrich's name next on Mr. Morgan protested against this parcel Mr. Morgan protested against this parcel-ing out of the floor.

The latter again offered to yield to Mr. Butler, but Mr. Hoar objected, stating that under such an arrangement a senator might

hold the floor for a whole session. The vice president announced that the senator from Mississippi was entitled to the floor, and after a long argument as to yielding the vice president said: "The chair is o the opinion that a senator entitled to the floor cannot transfer the right to any other ser

Mr. George took the floor and, picking up pile of manuscript, began to read a disser-tation upon the origin and history of African slavery in the United States. After some time he complained of weariness and asked whether Butler might read for him so that whether Butter might read for him so that he could rest. Mr. Aldrich objected, and Mr. George resumed. After ten minutes more reading Mr. Aldrich asked if Mr. George would yield for a motion to take up the resolution referring to cloture. Mr. George, with an air of weariness, said he be lieved he would. Mr. Aldrich ther moved that the senate proceed the consideration of the resolution and after much further discussion the vice president but the question. There was a response of ayes followed by one of noes, and the vice president said the ayes rppeared

to have it.

Then Mr. Morgan pressed his claim for recognition and Messrs. Butler and Ranson insisted on knowing how Mr. George was left by the agreement.

A long parliamentry struggle ensued, which was finally terminated on a motion by Mr. Aldrich that the senate adjourn.
The vice president put the question and declared the senate adjourned. After the vice president left the chair Mr Ransom declared emphatically to the secre tary that the result of the vote on takin

up the resolution had not been declared b was, but Mr. Radson may bring up the question tomorrow.

ILLINOIS SENATORIAL FIGHT. The First Ballot Taken Results in No Choice.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jap. 20.—The galleries of both houses were crowded today when the hour of balloting for United States senator arrived. In the house Jones of San gamon nominated General Palmer in a speech which was repeatedly cheered by the democrats. He said in part: "This day will be memorable in the history of the state as the peginning of the end of a political contest which has aroused the attention and interest of the people not only of this great commonwealth, but throughout length and breadth of this l He spoke highly of the past services of Pal-mer and closed as follows: "In the name of the people of this state and republic, op-pressed and burdened by national taxation and extravagant and reckless expenditure of public moneys and cry-ing out for relief, I place in nomination for the office of United States senator that soldier, statesman and true ser vant of the people, John M. Palmer." Ex-Governor Oglesby was then placed in nomination by Keller of Macon, in a short but eloquent speech.

After reviewing the life of Oglesby both as a soldier and statesman, he said: 'I present the name of that candid, upright and become the

and hero of two wars, and last, though not

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 20 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-B. T. Gillette, merchant tailor, assigned this morning with total lia-bilities of \$10,000. The assets are about the Captain Cormack, who fell and broke

his collar bone a month ago, is almost well and will probably assume his duties at the police station about February L

SCROFULA publican." Moyer Tice Morris (colored) Meeden, O'Connell, Bryan and Callahan seconded the

least, the invincible and uncompromising re-

On behalf of the Farmers' mutual benefit

association, Cockrell of Marion nominated A. J. Streeter in a speech of which the following is a part: "The fight is on; the revolution is

here; the conflict must and will continue.

Ignorance of the great and underlying causes that preceded this upheaval will neither correct wrongs nor avoid conse-

sequences. The emergencies of the times will either produce statesmanship capable of leading the tolling millions to peace, prosper-

ity, happiness and contentment by solving the great economic problems that confront us, or inventive genus will go on multiplying ferces to compete with labor in the production of

wealth, while the victous class system of dis-tribution will continue gathering into fewer

and tower hands until our nomes are lost, our liberties lost, and on the ruins of our grand and glorious re-public, the idel of all liberty-loving

public, the idel of all liberty-loving patriots, the guiding star and hope of the oppressed of all nations, will be erected a plutocracy of wealth and power, such as the sun of heaven never shone upon unless God's tolling millions prevent the consummation of the dastardly and damnable conspiracy outside of the halls of legislation."

After this nomination had been seconded

After this nomination had been seconded the balloting commenced. The first ballot in the senate resulted: Palmer,24; Ogiesby, 27.

In the house: Palmer, 77, Oglesby, 73; Streeter, 3. No candidate received a majority. Tomorrow the joint assembly will be held to canvass the separate ballot, which will show that Oglesby has received a majority

in the senate and Palmer a majority in the house, consequently that there had been as

In the senate this morning the report of the

committee on joint rules, reporting the joint rules of the Thirty-sixth assembly, amended by making a majority of the members elected a quorum for all business of the joint assem-

bly was adopted. The house joint resolution, calling a joint session for Wednesday, was

In the house this morning yesterday's fight for an amendment to Friday's journal was

compromised and the matter dropped. Wat-son, democrat, introduced a concurrent reso-lution, which was adopted (the republicans

voting nay), stating that the constitution of the United States should be amended to pro-

vide for the election of the United States sen

stors by a direct vote of the people and ask-

ing the Illinois representatives and senators to work for such amendment.

oral assembly have been declared off as the result of a compromise today between the de-

mocratic and republican steering committees of both houses. The democratic policy to be followed tomorrow and hereafter in the joint

assembly is for the party to assume the ag-gressive. After taking one ballot tomorrow instead of adjourning until the next day the democrats will insist on ballot after ballot, voting down every attempt to adjourn in

hopes that there will be a break in some place. They hope to catch some republican napping or else break up the Farmers' Mu-tual Benefit association ranks. The Trubeneck investigating committee

heard several witnesses today, including some of Taupeneck's relatives, Chief Justice Scholfield and Judge Wilkins of the supreme

court, Representative Kelly, Tau-beneck's democratic colleague, and others. Nearly all of the testimony was of a rambling character so far as concerned the charges. Several had heard

them a number of years ago, but no credence was ever placed in them. Judges Scholfield and Wilkins said they knew nothing against Mr. Taubeneck and never heard the charges until recently. Senator Reavil denied the statement published that he had referred to Taubeneck as a juilitief.

IOWA NEWS.

Fatally Injured by Burglars.

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 20 .- [Special Tele-

gram to THE BEE. |-About 3 o'clock this

morning burglars attacked John Ambrose

night clerk of the Planters' hotel, and after

beating him over the head till he was insen

sible with some blunt instrument, robbed the cash drawer. Ambrose's skull is frac-

State Horticultural Society.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 20.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The twenty-fifth annual

meeting of the State horticultural society

was begun here today and will continue

three days. About fifty members were pres-

eat at the opening and more are arriving

The usual working committees were ap-

pointed and the report of Director Thatcher

of the First district was read. This com-

prises the southeastern portion of the state,

of discouragement. The apple very poor. He said the apples were very poor. He said the apples were very and small. The crop realized enough to supand showed that the past year has been one

little more than enough to sup-ply the home market. Blackberries realized an average crop. The corn crop averaged about three-fourths of a full crop.

The poor crops were not due to climatic con-ditions. Director L. A. Williams of Glen-

wood reported for the third district, com-prising the southwestern portion of the state.

He said the people there were happily disap-pointed by a rich harvest. The apple crop

pointed by a rich harvest. The apple crop was about one-half an rverage but the price

was fifty per cent higher. The gross produc-tion of apples in Mills county was 100,000 bushels. In Pottawattamie county

he yield was about the same. In Montgomery county there was a large

crop of grapes, cherries, blackberries, and raspberries. Adams county had a fair crop, Cass county had a good crop of fruit. High

prices made all crops very profitable. An effort was made so adopta resolution that the state society pay \$100 to each county society

after considerable discussion it was referred

to the board of directors. The fruit exhibit

is one of the finest ever shown in the state.

Prohibs Again at Work.

FORT DODGE, 1a., Jan. 20.- Special Tele-

gram to THE BEE. |-The state temperance

alliance has commenced another active cam-

paign for the enforcement of prohibition

Lecturers have been secured and meetings

arranged all over the state. A. E. McMur-

rey, secretary of the alliance, is correspond-ing with leading temperance workers with a

view to securing their co-operation. The

alliance hope to create a wave of public senti-ment that will make itself felt in the con-

Harlan's Enterprise.

HARLAN, Ia., Jan. 20 .- [Special Telegram

to THE BEE. |- A special election was held

here today to decide whether this town

should be bonded for the purpose of erecting

an electric light plant and putting in a sys-tem of water works; also a proposition to ex-tend the present city limits. All three propo-

sitions carried by a large majority. This, to-gether with the prospect for the new railroad new building from Fort Dodge to Omaha, in-

A Le Mars Failure.

LE Mans, Ia., Jan. 20 .- [Special Telegram

THE BEE. |- The general dry goods and

grocery store of Paul Branch was closed this

afternoon by the sheriff on a general execu-

tion issued in favor of the Le Mars Nationa

the name of Paul Branch for the past year, but the bank thinks Peter Branch has an in-

terest in the business which can satisfy their

Dropped Dead in Church.

ST. CHARLES, Ia., Jan. 20.- Special Tele-

gram to THE BEE. |-Mrs. Rev. Williams

dropped dead in church here last Sunday

Tributes to Justice Miller.

KEOKUK, In., Jan. 20.-In the federal court

room tonight the bar of Iowa paid a formal

tribute to the memory of the late Justice Miller of the United States supreme court. Many of the most prominent lawyers in the

A Des Moines Failure.

attended by a large concourse of people.

husband.

listening to a sermon preached by her nd. The funeral was held today and

Great business ac

The store has been run in

sures us a big growth. Great tivity is expected in the spring.

gressional nominations next summer

that organizes

with twenty members, bu

tured and it is believed he will die.

Taubeneck as a jailbird.

All the contested election cases in the gen-

yet no choice.

adopted unanimously.

Is that impurity of the blood which produces unsightly lumps or swellings in the neck; which causes running sores on the arms, legs, or feet; which develops ulcers in the eyes, ears, or nose, often causing blindness or deafness; which is the origin of pimples, cancerous growths, or "humors;" which, fastening upon the lungs, causes consumption and death. It is the most ancient of all diseases, and very few persons are entirely free from it.

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COULDN'T STAND THE PRESSURE. The Chicago Gas Trust Will Surrender Its Charter.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20,-The Chicago gas trust has decided to surrender its charter and wind up business as soon as perible. This was decided upon at a recent meeting of the directors, but is just made public. The antitrust laws, as expounded in the recent decision of the Illinois supreme court, showed that the trust could not legally hold stock of its constituent companies, and the directors were probably further spurred to action by the recent announcement of Attorney General Hunt that he would begin que warranto proceedings. President Billings says an effort will be made to organize a new cor-poration in a form which will comply with the law. The details are not yet mapped out. In regard to the effect the dissolving of the trust would have on the stock he thought it could not be hurt any. As it is based on the properties of the different companies. In the trust, any dissolution of the form of the trust will not affect it. In the plan of reorganiza-tisn it is understood that the individual companies will retain their identity.

THE OPERATORS STRIKE. It Comes to an End and the Men Are

Looking for Jobs. CHICAGO, Jan. 20 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The strike of the operators and station agents employed on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad system appears to be at an end. A leading member of the strike committee expressed himself as being in doubt if any of the men who resigned would ever regain their old positions, even at the reduced scale of wages. Some of the men who resigned have already suc-ceeded in regaining their positions at the re-duced scale of wages, but the major portion of them would prefer to seek work elsewhere than return to the employ of the St. Paul system. The committee complains bitterly system. The committee complains bitterly of the large number of operators who signed the agreement, promising to strike when ordered to do so, and who refused to fulfill their agreement when the crisis came.

A Great Scheme. CHICAGO, Jan. 20 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-A gentleman of Bay City, Mich., named M. H. Kittredge, who has incorporated himself as the Kittredge free ride device manufacturing company, has presented to the passenger agents a scheme which, he claims, will greatly increase travel and swell the business of the merchants. The plan, in brief, is to lease to the traveler a little coupon book, after the style of the 1,000-mile licket, upon his depositing with the agent the price of a ride to destination. Arrived there, he asks a merchant to deduct 1 cen for every 12½ cents worth of goods pur chased. The traveler is supposed to but enough goods to make the discount pay fo his ticket. He then returns the empty cov ers of his coupon book to the agent and re ceives his deposit. The agents say the scheme certainly has merit, being one of the coolest attempts to get something for noth-ing which has ever beeen presented to them.

A Black Eye for Pullman. Chicago, Jan. 20.—The Wagner palace car company won a temporary victory over the Pullman company today in a decision by

Judges Blodgett and Gresham in the long drawn out vestibule case. In the recent case before Judge Colt in the United States circuit court for Massachusetts it was held that Wagner was infringing on Pullman patents, and an injunction was issued. Then Pullman asked that the Lake Shore & Michigan Centrai road be enjoined from using the vesti-bule, but Judges Gresham and Blodgett today refused this until a full hearing can be had. The court held that the patent granted at the session of November, 1887, involved the same improvements and that it was not shown that Pullman had a prior right to the patent. The case is therefore still left open

Beatrice Wants Rates Equalized. Cincago, Jan. 20.-A committee represent ing the board of trade of Beatrice, Neb. conferred today with the traffic managers of a number of western roads, requesting the same rates on freight to Beatrice as to Lincoln. It will be difficult to arrange, as the proposed reduction would necessitate a cut to nearly five hundred Kansas points on account of the long and short haul clause. However, the officials took the matter under consideration.

Window Glass Factories Close, PITTSHURG, Pa., Jan. 20,-Word has bee received that nearly a dozen window glass factories have shut down on account of the overstocked market and low prices. Others are expected to follow. The depression is attributed to the failure of the proposed con solidation called the American glass con pany.

Paraell Appeals to Irish Members Dennin, Jan. 20.—Parnell, in a letter to the Freeman's Journal, urges the attendance of the Irish parliamentary party at the reopening of parliament. He says it is specially important that there be a full attendance of Irish members when the land purchase bill reaches the committee stage.

Fatal Duel Between Cowboys. LANDERS,, Wyo., Jan. 20.-Two cowboys fought a duel a ranch near here, having quarrelled over cattle. One was killed and the other fatally wounded. Their names are

Van Houton's Cocca-Largest sale in the

Earl of Caithness Dead. London, Jan. 20.—The earl of Caithness

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