### GENERAL WHEATON'S CLAIMS.

Efforts Being Made to Have the Distinguished Veteran Promoted.

SOUTH DAKOTA'S SENATOR EXPLAINS.

He Declares That He Did Not Ask | friends claim. Committee Assignments from the Republicans but Senator Cullom Says Otherwise,

> WASSINGTON BUREAU OF THE BES, ) 513 FOURTBENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.

General Frank Wheaton, U. S. A., colonel of the Second infantry, stationed at Fort Omaha, arrived yesterday afternoon in the city. General Wheaton is a prominent candidate for the brigadier generalship to be made vacant by the promotion of General Kautz on the 4th of January. His name was presented some time ago by the Nebraska delegation and also by the delegation from Rhode Island and strong influence has been brought to bear on the president to consider the case fully. The magnificent service which is attached to General Wheaton's name since his first connection with the army, long before the war of the rebellion, is much in his interest. Both Senators Paddock and Manderson have had interviews with President Harrison on this subject and have urged in the strongest possible manner recognition by the executive of one of the few remaining officers of the army who commanded a division during the war and participated in almost every great battle of

the army of the Potomac.

There has been a prevailing impression here for some time that the promotion would be given to Colonel Otis, now on recruiting service in New York, and it has been stated that the president was already committed, through the influence of Senator Proctor, ex-secretary of war, to Colonel Otis' candidacy. There are some reasons for doubting this statement, although it is generally heard here in Washington,

General Wheaton's Claims.

It is known that Secretary Proctor has favored Cotonel Otis on the ground that he would only endorse such men for positions of high rank as were physically able to take the field in case of war. As Colonel Otis in this respect has no advantage over General Wheaton, it cannot be seen now how the argument will apply in this case. General Wheaton was actively engaged in the last campaign at Wounded Knee and has a record of active service so superior to Colonel Otis' that his friends trust he may not be overlooked. There will be a strong effort made by his friends to bring his case prominently before the chief executive.

A large number of Nebraska office holders

connected with the various departments of the government are contemplating the forma-tion of a Nebraska Republican association in Washington, the object of which shall be to give such aid and assistance as lies within their power in promotion of republican interests and the election of republican candidates in the state which they are accredited. Most of the other states have associations o this character. The movement has already been inaugurated and it is expected that be fore the week closes the organization will be

Burdens of Officeholders.

The fact that all the republican candidates for congress from Nebraska were defeated at burden of public business which was heretofore divided between the three representatives from the the districts. The most burdensome all is the daily recurring of postolice ap-pointments and postolice locations, and the interminable quarrels pertaining to matters of this character. At the close of the last congress Senators Manderson and Paddock ngreed that they would divide these burdens equally between themselves, taking the Platte river as the division line of demarkation, Senator Manderson attending to the postoffices on the north and Senator Paddock giving his attention to those on the south. When it is understood that each sen-ator receives from forty to fifty letters per about postoffice matters which, g the Fifty-first congress, was ed among the three representa-all three being republicans, can be seen how great was the necessity for some division of this labor upon all mat ters of state importance in connection with postoffices and upon all questions involving general state interests. There is the freest consultation and exchange of views between Senators Manderson and Paddock.

# Senator Kyle Explains.

Senator Kyle's action of yesterday at-tracted wide attention today, but the coment was no less severe than it was yester-ay, and the impression provails that the South Dakota senator, by trying to work both sides of the chamber for committee places has not succeeded in establishing himsel on easy terms in the senate. Senator Kyle as unwisely attempted to enter a d He said today that all this talk about him was untrue. He denied that he had made any request of the republican caucus or of republicans for committee places and as serted that the republicans sent for him and if they had not be would not have knocked at the door of their caucus room yesterday.

A question of veracity arises between Senator Kyle and several republican senators, notably Senator Cullom of Illinois. It was Cullom who was called out of the republican caucus by Kyle yesterday and when he re-turned made the statement that Kyle asked the same consideration of the republicans that had been ac-corded to Schator Peffer. Last night Kyle said Cullom had sent for him. The lilinoisan flatly denies this. He says that when he arrived at the capitol vesterday merning he was informed that Kyle was ocking for him and he told one of the officers f the senate that he would be in the republican caucus and he knew nothing more about Kyle until he was called out of the caucus. This is substantiated so far as circumstances are known by other republican senators, like Manderson, Saunders and Washburn, and there is no question but what Kyle had indicated his desire to be taken care of by the republican causus after democrats had made assignments for him.

### Already in Trouble.

The court of private claims, which was es tablished under the authority of an act in the last congress, has already gotten itself into rather an unpleasant predicament. The law provides that the act under which the court was organized should be published in the cities of Denver, Santa Fe and Washington. Chief Justice Reid of the new court in structed his clerk to make the necessary arrangements to have the publications made according to law, and the clerk, without con-sulting the attorney general or anyone else, authorized the publication in the cities named in the act. The law was printed in full in Spanish and English for ninety days, liling up almost one entire side of the Wash-

low the bills for this publication have come in and the local paper here asks \$9,416 for its space. The Denver paper wants \$3,000 and the Santa Fe paper \$6,000. The accounts have gone to Attorney General Miller, who positively refuses to pay them. He says that no contract was entered into: that the papers have been allowed to charge just whatever they saw fit, and that he has no mency with which to pay the bills. The total bill for advertising is upwards of \$18,-000, while the entire appropriation made for the court is only \$30,000. The attorney general says that the cimmants must go to congress, and it is likely that their bills will be very materially scaled down and that they will walt many years before receiving their

Aspirations of Tex:s Democrats. Congressman Culberson of Texas, to whom the president tendered the office of commerce commissioner to succeed Mr. Bragg of Ala-bama, called upon the president today and

declined the office. Mr. Culberson, it is un-derstood, gave as the reason of his declina-tion the fact that his people "protested" against his leaving congress. It is under-stood, however, that the real reason why Mr. Culberson will not accept the office is be-cause he barbors senatorial assirations. The Texas legislature, which will meet some time next spring, must elect a successor to Sen-ator Reagan. Mr. Mills' recent defeat for the speakership has made him a candidate for that office, but now that Mr. Culberson also enters the race Mr. Mills may find that his success is by no means as certain as his

Miscellaneous. Abram Hart of Iowa was among President

Harrison's callers today.

Bishop J. R. Newman and Mrs. Newman held an informal reception at the National hotel last night. A large number of people were present and the bishop and his wife passed through an ordeal of handshaking. During the evening vocal selections were rendered by Mr. Farres, Miss Farres and Mr. Mansen, who are natives of the Holy land. Bishop Newman left the city today

for Omaha.
Assistant Secretary Chandler decided two Assistant Secretary Chandler decided two land appeal cases from the O'Neill district today, affirming both of the decisions below. They were the cases of Michael Lawless in which proof was rejected, and Mary Lawless same action. The Lawlesses are thus both deprived of their entries on account of failure to comply with the law as to residence.

It is believed at the Treasury department that the National pank at Huron, S. D., which was closed about a year are and sub-sequently reopened, will be closed again in a few days. Its capital is reported to be

Senously impaired again.

Senator Paddock has introduced an amended bill increasing the appropriation for a public building at Hastings from \$75,000 to \$250,000; also a bill appropriating \$60,000 for a public building at Kearney.

At the executive session of the senate

today the following nominations of Nebraska postmasters were confirmed: Otis D. Lyon, Sidney; J. R. Kenny, Waboo; S. S. Rodenbaugh, DeWitt, J. T. Miller, Superior: J. W. Hans, Wymore: George W. Birdsall, Chadron; T. E. Garvin, Edgar.

Dr. E. J. Sexton was today appointed a nomber of the pension board at Sturgis, S. D. P. S. H. RECENT ARMY ORDERS,

Changes of Interest in the Regular Service Yesterlay. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16. - Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The following army

orders were issued today: Leave of absence granted First Lieutenant George H. Patten, Twenty-second infantry, November 7, is extended two months. Leave November 7, is extended two months. Leave of absence for six months, to take effect about January 1, 1892, is granted Captain Thomas Sharp, Seventeenth infantry. The ordinary leave of absence granted First Lieutenant John L. Barbour, Seventh infantry, October 27, Department of the Piatte, and the extension thereof, granted November 26, is changed to leave of absence on account of sickness. The following transfers in the sickness. The following transfers in the Twenty-fourth infantry are ordered: Cap-tain Lawis Johnson, from company G to com-pany I; Captain J. Milton Thompson, from company I to company H; Captain John L. Buells, from company K to company G; Captain William H. W. James, from company H to company K. Captaia Thompson on the expiration of his present leave of absence will proceed to join the company to which he is transferred. Captain Philip H. Ellis, ts tratsferred. Captain Phulp H. Ellis, Thirteenth infantry, will report in person to Colonel Edwin F. Townsend, Tweifth in-fantry, president of the army retiring board at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for examination by the board and on the conclusion of his examination will return to the place of re-ceipt by him of this order. The leave of absence granted Second Lieutenant Odon Garovits, Eleventh infantry, November 5, is extended two months.

having reported at Mo., December 3, utant Eighth cavalry, Jefferson Barracks, Mo., s relieved from the further operation order and will rejoin The following transfers station. the Twenty-fifth infantry are made: Captain James C. Ord from Company I to Company A: Captain Charles L. Hodges from Company A to Company I; Captain Ord will join the company to which he is trausferred. The travel enjoined is necessary for the public service. So much of paragraph 1, special orders No 265, November 13, 1891 as directs Captain Edgar A. Mearns, assist-ant surgeen, to report for duty to the com-manding officer at Fort Mackinac, Mich., is manding officer at Fort Mackinac, Mich., is renewed and he will proceed to El Paso, Tex., and on arrival there report for duty to Lieutenant-Colonel John W. Barlow, corps of engineers, member of the commission appointed for the location and marking of the boundary between Mexico and the United States. Major Guy V. Henry, Ninth cavalry, will proceed from New York City to Fort Myer, Va., to appear as a witness before a court martial at that post, and upon the completion of this duty will return to New York City. Captain James W. Ingalls, First ar-tillery, will proceed from this city to Sandy Hook, N. J., on official business, and on com pletion thereof, return to his proper station at Fort Monroe, Va.

## FEDERAL PRIZE WINNERS.

President Harr son Nominates Six New Circuit Judges. Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.-The president today sent to the senate the following

nominations: To be United States circuit judges: WiliamL. I Putnam of Maine, for the first judicial circuit; Nathaniel Snipman of Connecticut, for the second; George M. Dallas of Pennsylvania, for the third; Nathan Goff of West Virginia, for the fourth; William M. H. Taft of Ohio, for the sixth; William A. Woods of Indiana, for the seventh. War-ren Truitt of Oregon for United States dis-trict judge for the district of Alaska.

Mr. Putnam is a prominent democrat and a lawyer of Portland, Me., and is about 55 years of age. For three years he was mayor of Portland and was the democratic candi date for governor three years ago. He was tendered a judgeship in the state su-preme court some years ago, but declined the office. Mr. Putnam's appointment was not proposed by any of the Maine delegation in congress and he was not a candidate for the office, having given his aid in behalf of the republican candidate from Maine for the

judgeship. Nathaniel Shipman is at present United States district judge for the district of Cornecticut, an office he held since December ! 1873. He was born in Connecticut, appointed a district judge from that state, and lives at

Hartford. George M. Dallas comes of the historic Dallas family, being a nephew of Vice President Dallas. He is a democrat and has heretofore held no public office. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and began the practice of law in Pottsville. He removed to Philadelphia and has been one of its leading citizens for some years. He is regarded in ne United States supreme court as a lawyer

f excellent ability, W. A. Woods is at present United States district judge for the district of Indiana. He is a warm personal friend of the president. Nathan Goff was secretary of the navy under President Hayes. He was the candidate of the republican party for governor of West Virginia in 1878, and was a member of the ourty-fourth, Forty-ninth and Fiftieth

congresses.

William Taft is the present solicitor general of the United States. He is about 34 years of age and one of the most popular and able officials in public life.

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS' CAUCUS.

Committee Assignments Made-Kyle and irby Included in the List. Washington, D. C., Dec. 16 .- The demo-

cratic caucus committee today completed its labors in assignment of minority representation upon the senate committees and will submit its list for approval to caucus tomor-row. It is impossible to learn definitely the places assigned to any of the new senators, but it is understood they have been well cared for. Kyle and Irby, alliance senators, have been treated as democrats, while Senator Peffer has been left to the republicans to care for in arranging their list.

### NAMED THE RULES COMMITTEE

Messrs. Reed and Burraws Will Ba Its Republican Members.

CONFIRMED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Action Taken by the Senate On Presidential Appointments-Bills Introduced and Other Proceedings of Senate and House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Doc. 16 .- The opening of the house after a holiday of half a week, was without special interest. It was generally understood that no business would be transacted and that the meeting would be merely a perfunctory one, to enable the speaker to appoint the committee on rules. Speculation was rife as to the composition of the committee, and there was quite a large attendance of the members, but their time was principally employed in conversation with applicants for minor positions, whom they politely referred to the officers controlling the various departments of the house.

Speaker Crisp, apparently no worse for the cold with which he has been suffering for the past few days, called the house to order, and there was no deviation from the program which had been mapped out.

The speaker announced the appointment

The speaker announced the appointment of the committee on rules as follows: The Speaker, chairman: Messrs, McMillin, Catchings, Reed and Burrows.

A resolution was presented providing for the appointment of a standing committee on order of business to consist of fifteen members, of which the speaker shall be ex officio chairman, which shall have jurisdiction of the order in which business shall be considered. It was referred to the committee on rules.

Mr. Taylor of Tennessee announced the death of his colleague, Leonidas C. Houk, who died in Knoxville in May last. The house then, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourned until Satur-

#### IN THE SENATE.

Stewart of Nevada Will Talk on Silver Next Monday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16 .- In the senate today among papers presented and referred were numerous memorials against Sunday opening of the World's fair. Some of them favored a loan of \$5,000,000 on that condition. A number of bills of no great importance were introduced.
Stewart gave notice that he would, on

Monday next, address the senate on that portion of the president's message relating to the coinage of silver.

The senate at 12:40 proceeded to executive business and at 1:15 adjourned until tomor-

row.
The following appointments have been con-

Appointments Confirmed. Lorenzo Crounse of Nebraska, assistant

ecretary of the treasury. William D. Owen of Indiana, superintendent of immigration.

ent of immigration.

Collectors of customs—Webster Flanagan,
Paso del Norte, Tex.: Edwin T. Hatch of
Oregon, district of Alaska.

United States consuls—James W. Hine of
Michigan, Amherstberg, Ont.: Charles W.
Erdman of Kentucky, Stockholm; William
K. Sullivan of Illinois, Bermuda; Richard
Herbst of Ohio Antigna

Herbst of Obio, Antigua.

Postmasters: Colorado—S. M. Jackson, Salida; F. P. Mueni, Highlands; W. G. Connelly, Grand Junction; A. H. Wade, Buena Vista. Idaho—W. E. Wheeler, Idaho Falls; H. L. Swift, Wailace, Indian Terri tory—Harrison A. Gilliway, Vinita; R. J. Cutts, Ardmore. Indiana—E. P. Thompson, Indianapolis; J. D. Latham, Fairmount, Iowa-C. B. Nelson, Clarksville; J. A. Mc-Intyre, Sidney: Miss Annie Matthews, Odebolt; Lucy L. Lyons, Lamon; W. A. Odebolt; Lucy L. Lyons, Lamon; W. A. Keistock, Greene; L. Ives, Manning; C. F. Lecompte, Corydon; William T. Condron, Rockwell City; B. F. Bixby, Walnut; Earl Billings, Ogden; Anson Tolman, Rock Rapids; A. T. Underwood, Montezuma; Almer Smith, Moulton; James Ruth, Lansing; C. G. Perkins, Onawa; C. F. Owen, Sanborn. Montana—S. A. Beachley, Great Falls. Nebraska—W. J. Garven, Edgar; J. W. Haas, Wymore; J. R. Kenney, Wahno; O. D. Lyon, Sidney; J. T. Miller, Superior; S. H. Rodabaugh, DeWitt; C. A. Birdsall, Chadron. Nevada—G. W. Rutherford, Winnemuca. New Mexico—Mrs. Emma C. Mcnemuca. New Mexico-Mrs. Emma C. Pherson, Raton. North Dakota-N. D. gorly of Bismarck and Robert Tracey of Steele. Louisiana—F. L. Maxwell of Mound and A. M. Cooke of New Orleans. Illinois— H. C. Hull of Prophetstown and T. W. Holliday of Cairo. Kansas-T. Dwight Thatcher of Toneka and George W. Martin of Kansas

City, Kan. Bureau of American Republics. President Harrison today sent to the sen ate a letter from the secretary of state, en-closing a copy of the first annual report of William E. Curtis, the director of the bureau of American republics. Mr. Curtisays that the immense number of applicaions received for information about South American countries gives ample evidence o an awakened interest in the commerce and the conditions of the neighboring countries that is encouraging to those who are endeavpring to promote social commercial relations

between the American republics.

The report refers to the rapidly increasing export trade to the Central and South Amer can republics, and says that many United States manufacturers who have never at tempted to sell merchandise in the continen-now have agents in those markets to introduce their goods. The merchants of Mexico and the cities of Central and South America, who have heretofore purchased their goods in Europe exclusively, are now coming to the United States, and invariably discover that they can find here nearly every article they need, of a better quality and at no greater cost than they can be obtained in Great Britain, Germany and France. The recently negotiated reciprocity arrange ments, it is said, also afford them opportuni ties that are beginning to be understood and

Mr. Curtis refers to the work undertaker by the bureau of interesting the governments and the people of Latin-America in the World's Columbian exposition. The invitation extended to them to participate in the exposition has, he says, been cordially accepted by every republic and colony. Nearly every one of the southern republics will erect upon the exposition grounds a building of its own, upon a design typical of its peculiar architecture, and surround it with practical illustrations of the life and industries of its

The bureau has been enabled to for exhibition at Chicago a historical collection illustrating the discovery, the con-quest and the settlement of Latin-America, the colonial period, and the epoch of the revolution for independence. A naval officer is now in Spain superintending the construction of a caravel, which is to be the exact fac simile of that in which Co-lumbus made his first voyage of discovery. It is to be equipped in the same way and manned by Spanish sailors in the costume of 400 years ago. The vessel will be brought in time to participate in the naval review that is to take place at New York in April, 18%, and will be towed through the lakes to Chicago to remain during the exposition. It will then return to Washington and be permasently moored in the river south of the ex

It is also proposed, Mr. Curtis says, to pro pare for the exposition a commercial exhibit, illustrating the various classes of merchan-disc best adapted to the wants, and most acceptable to the tastes, of consumers in Mexico, Central and South America, and the West Indies. This exhibit, it is proposed, at the close of the exposition, shall be permanently established either in Washington or New York.

Senator Casey introduced a bill making an appropriation of \$100,000 for the improve-ment of the Red River of the North and the Red Lake river by the construction of a dam with suitable locks. Bills were introduced

to establish a branch mint at Council Biuffs, Iowa; for a ship canal around Ningara Falls; providing for a subsistence department of the army; to reorganize the artillery branch of the army; to increase the efficiency of the army; to define the grade of medical officers of the army.

GOVERNMENT LAND BUSINESS.

Same of the Difficulties Claimants Are

Compelled to Overcome. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16 .- Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-"The government land business has entered upon a new phase, said Commissioner Carter of the general land office to Tue Bee and Examiner representative, "I think that we may consider the naturally arabie portion of the public domain exhausted. If a man should come to me and ask where he could find a quarter section of unoccupied land upon which he could make a living without irrigation, I should not know where to direct him, but this don't relieve us where to direct him, out this too taken up of work. The arid region will be taken up of work the timber and mineral claims and of work. The arid region will be taken up and with the timber and mineral claims and the final disposition of old claims of other kinds, the office will be overworked for years to come. The Bee and Exstance Bureau of Claims is an assistance to us in this respect. Its managers know all the various compartments in this complicated structure and can take a case to the right book at the start when otherwise the commissioner would have to write a letter. The Bureau relieves me of much work that would otherwise fall

These remarks of the commissioner show that Tile Bee and Examiner Bureau of Claims has already acquired as substantial a footing in land matters as in pension and In-dian depredation cases. There are innumerable cases in which the western settler feels the need for a representative in Washington. When his patent is hung up from some unknown cause or when a contest has been instituted against him or when his claim trenches upon a railread grant or an Indian reservation, or when agricultural land is al-leged to be mineral, or desert land agricultural, he gots no satisfaction by writing to the general land office. The author-ities deal only with facts of record; it is not their place to give advice or assistance. The Ber and Examiner Bureau of Claims has secured at a few weeks' notice patents that have been held up for one trivial cause or another for five or six years. It is always ready to examine cases and give advice without charge and its knowledge of the complex arrangement of the general land office is such that it can do, without trouble or delay, what a claimant could not possibly do for bimself, even were he living in Washington. The land office and the patent office are now crowding each other in the same building. The former has 425 employes in the space that the commissioner of patents thinks such it to be reserved. sioner of patents thinks ought to be reserved for his department. Congress will be asked to provide a separate building for the ex-clusive use of the land office.

#### WESTERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS. Resolutions Passed Favoring Free

Silver-Yesterday's Meeting. Aspen, Colo., Dec. 16 .- The morning session of the Western Commercial congress was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning, with a full attendance and undiminished interest.

The report of the committee on credentials showed an accredited reported representation of over 150.

After the appointment of a committee on resolutions the first order of business was the reading of the statistics of resources of the counties represented. Not all were pre-pared, but those of Gurnison, Delta, Garfield, Pitkin, Mesa, Rio Blanco and Ouray were read and consumed the time until nearly 4 o'clock. The reads were excolumns of print, their reading was listened to with attention

Second in order of business was the quest tion of free and unlimited coinage of silver. and it was disposed of without discussion. The following resolution was offered by G. W. Thatcher of Pitkin: Resolved. That the western

Resolved. That the western commercial congress is unalteradly in favor of the principles of bimetalism, as proved by Jefferson and Hamilton, and enacted into law by congress in 1794, and accepted by the public for all private and public business for the first eighty years of our country's history; that we believe that gold and silver, not one to the exclusion of the other, are the money metals of the constitution; that we are opposed to a law that treats silver as a commodity; that we believe gold and silver should have by the law equal rights, uses and money powers, and to that end we demand of the United States congress the passage of a law by which silver shall be coined free in all mints equality with gold, and to have with if free and unrestricted money power, and that the coinage be in the ratio of a xteen to one, and that when the coinage is represented by treasury notes, each note shall represent 212½ grains of standard silver or 25-10 grains of gold.

Resolved, That our senators and represent actives in congress assembled are requested to use their utmost endeavors to procure the passage of the bill entitled 'Free Coinage' ntroduced by Senator Stewart of Nevada.

The resolution was passed without a dis-

The resolution was passed without a dissenting vote.

A motion making public lands and parks special order for the session was carried.

Mines, mining industry and smelters on the western slope was next, and B. Clarke Wheeler of Pitkin moved the appointment of a special committee of live to draft a proper resolution. In support of his motion he made an earnest appeal to delegates to endeavor to show rail-road men that it would be, as he confidently believed, to their interest to make such rates on oar, flux and bullion that a smelter can exist on this side of the range. He advocated Frand Junction as a convenient location for a common point in the present system of making railroad rates. The congress then adjourned to 8 o'elock this evening.

## ENDORSED KANSAS CITY.

Animated Discussions in the River Improvement Concention. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 16 .- Governor

Thayer called the river congress to order at 10:30 this morning.

The report of the committee on rules and order of business was presented and adopted without debate. The resolutions came up for discussion at the afternoon session. A motion was made by Mr. Leonard of Kansus that the section naming the size of the appropriation asked for be stricken out, but this was defeated.

Mr. Leonard then moved that section 12, which was a little side boom for the Hennepin canal, be stricken out, Mr. Murphy of Iowa, a brother of "Hennepin" Murphy, made a hard fight for the resolution, and Cochran of Missouri came to his aid. Many speakers objected to it as out of place, and it

vas finally stricken out. Mr. Murphy at once arose and left the hall. The resolutions were unanimously adopted at the afternoon session. Several independent resolutions were being presented, bug none of them found favor with the convention excepting one endorsing Kan-sas City as the place for boiding the coming

democratic national convention. That reso ution was adopted.
A resolution also prevailed to make the organization permanent, and the following per-manent executive committee was appointed: Colorade—Colonel A. C. Fisk and William Green of Chamberlau; South Dakota C. J.
Green of Chamberlau; South Dakota C. J.
Crawford of Pierre; Missouri-Isaac A.
Mason of St. Louis and G. F. Putnam of
Kausas City; Iowa—P. F. Murchy of Sloux Kausas City; Iowa-P. F. Murphy of E ity and Jones Ciellan of Sioux City; raska-James Stephenson of Omaha and B

S. Ramsey of Plattsmouth; Mississippi—C. L. Robinson and W. A. Evermore of Green-ville; Arkansas—B. B. Waddell of Heiena and H. E. Kelly of Fort Smith. Steamer Arrivals At London-Sighted, Germanic, from New The United States and Brazil mail steamer,

Romance, from Brazilian ports, sailed from Barbadoes for New York December 16. She is due at New York December 23.
At Movillo—Parisian, from Boston.
At Southampton—Frave, from New York. Killed in a Saloon Fight At Rotterdam-Indian Prince, from New

CONVERTS TO RECIPROCITY.

British West Indies and British Guiana in the List.

WINNING CARD OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

Culberson Refuses the Interstate Commissionership-Silver Purchases-Speaker Crisp Making Up the Committees.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.-Speaker Crisp today continued his work on the committees. He said this afternoon that he hoped to be able to announce the house committees by Wednesday, December 23, and that he expected the usual Christmas recess would not begin until that date,

A cable message received at the Navy department today says that the United States steamship Charleston arrived at Honoiulu December 13. She will await orders, and it is expected that her next move will be to

Acting on information that 200 Chinese laborers, who had been discharged by the Tehauntepec Railroad company, were on their way to the United States, Acting Secretary Spaling today instructed the customs officials along the Mexican frontier to use extra vigilauce to prevent any of them from crossing the border line.

Of the 1,068,000 ounces of sliver offered for sale to the Treasury department today, 708,-000 ounces were purchased as follows: One hundred thousand ounces at \$0.9560; 50,000 ounces at \$0.9525; 552,000 ounces at \$0.9570.

#### Concluded a Treaty.

The secretary of state announces the conclusion of a commercial treaty of reciprocity between the United States and all the British West Indian islands and British Guaina, and on the first of January next the president will issue a proclamation announcing the de-tails of the convention. The agreement in-cludes special arrangements with Jamaica, cludes special arrangements with Jamalca,
Barbadoes and Trinidad and the Leeward
islands. The following is a brief
statement of the value of imports and
exports of the countries during the
past year: Imports from British West Indies, \$14,800,000; imports from British
Guiana, \$4,320,000; total, \$19,180,000. Exports to British West Indies, \$8,100,000; total,
ports to British Guiana, \$2,000,000; total. ports to British Guiana, \$1,100,000: total, \$10,200,000. In return for the continued free entry of sugar and coffee into the United States it has been agreed by the colonies named, not only to greatly enlarge the free

named, not only to greatly chlarge the free list of their tariffs, but also to make very considerable reductions in the duty on the leading agricultural and other products of the United States.

The Post will say tomorrow: Representative Culberson of Texas has a second time declined the position of interstate commerce commissioner. It was for this reason that the nominations of the vacancies in the comthe nominations of the vacancies in the com-mission were not sent to the sanate today. Judge Culberson was offered a commission-ership by the president early last summer, but declined it. A few days ago, yielding to the pressure brought to bear upon him, he informed the president that if his name was sent in he would accept the office. As his name had not been sent in Mr. Culberson yesterday took occasion to revert to his for-mer decision and again declined the office. the nominations of the vacancies in the com-

## MANY TOPICS DISCUSSED.

Nebraska Dairymen Conclude an Important Session at Norfolk. Noaroux, Neb., Dec. 16.-(Special Telegram to Tue Bee. |-The first subject considered in the state dairymen's meeting this morning was the treasurer's report. It showed receipts of \$3,332.21, expenditures of \$783.37 and a balance on hand of \$1,538.84. The Line Drawn Between the Creamery or Factory Interest and that of Private Dairying," a paper prepared by H. E. Heath of the Nebraska Farmer, was read in that gentleman's absence by T. J. Hitle. The two were shown not to be antagonistic, but rather heipful to each other.

J. H. Monrad of Chicago introduced the

question of the milk test, its importance to creamery men, and the discussion took a wide range, covering all the objectionable and commendable features of the system tion. A. C. Tupper, state dairy commissioner of lowa, delivered an interesting and thoughtful address on the subject of "What State Laws Are Needed for the Protection and Encouragement of the Dairy Industry. "Dairy Schools and Their Work" was th subject of a fine address by Prcf. C. L. Ingersoli of the state university. It met with hearty approval by all present. "What Can the Industrial College and Experimental Station do for the Dairy Interests of the State," was discussed by Charles Harding of Vorfolk and Dr. F. T. Billings of Isincoln. The latter had not completed his alk when the convention adjourned to pay a visit in a body to the Norfolk sugar factory.
Division Superintendent Reynolds of the
Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Nalley kindly furnished a special train to carry the delegates to and from that institution. In th evening, after music, Dr. Billings concluded his address on the incompleted subject of the afternoon. Jules Lumbard and Charles Harding favored the audicace with a fine vocal duet and Miss Winuie Conb of Norfolk gave a fine dramatic rendition entitled, "Zingarelli." One of the best and most entertaining addresses of the convention was that of Colonel J. E. Simpson o this city. His subject was, "If the Farmer Will Take Care of the Cow, the Cow Will Take Care of the Mortgage." The address was practical and proved, from the actual ex was practical and proved, from the actual experionce of many, that its title was an
absolute truism. D. C. Ashburn was prevented by illness from being present
to give his paper ou "The Dairy
Industry at the World's Fair," but
it was read by Secretary Bassett. It was
read in connection with a letter from Commissioner General Greer of Kearney, stating
nuong other things that while the national among other things that while the national board had decided not to allow any exhibits of manufactured articles in the state build-ing, Director General Davis had given permission for an exhibit of the dairy interests in the Nebrasks building. Mr. Greer assured the convention that the Nebraska commission would provide for them one of the handsomest refrigerators in Nebraska's own state building that money can buy or

build. A resolution of thanks was extended to Dairy Commissioner Tupper for his excellent address and on motion he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Nebraski association. A resolution was also adopted thanking the citizens of Norfolk for the en tertainment they had provided for their vis onvention. After a solo by Mrs. J. M. Collamer, the convention adjourned.

#### BLAINE DIVORCE CASE. Testimony Being Taken in New York

City. New York, Dec. 16.-Mrs. J. G. Bialne, jr., who has taken up her home in South Dakota for the purpose of securing a divorce from her husband, is now in this city and anpears daily before Daniel Lord, jr., before whom testimony is taken in the case every afternoon. Mr. J. G. Biaine, jr., also con-fronts his wife in Mr. Lord's office every

Mr. Lord is conducting the case in his priwate room, and aside from the witnesses no outside parties have attended the proceedings. Mr. Johnson, of the firm of Hoadley Lauterbach & Johnson, said today that Mr. Binine had not yet paid the alimony and counsel fees granted by the court.

OTTAWA, Ill., Dec. 16 .- Last evening two Frenchmen named Joseph Herzon and Paul Gresser were arguing in a saloon when, with-

out warning, Herzon drew a revolver and began shooting at his countryman. The pro-prictor of the salcon attempted to interfere, but without avail, and Gresser was shot dead. The murderer was arrested.

FATAL WRECK ON THE FL WAINE. One Man Killed, One Fatally Injured

and Fifteen Others Burt. Lima, O., Dec. 16,-The west bound passenger train on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago road left the track this morning near Lima because of a broken rail and crashed into the engine of a freight train standing on a siding. The Pullman and dining cars rolled down an embanament, The wrecked train was the Columbian

vestibule express, westbound, which was half an hour late and which was speeding along to make up for lost time.

The scene at the wreck was frightful. The sleeping car Arden iay on its side in a ditch. The Delphos sleeper was upright, but badly wrecked, and the Parisian dining car was in a similar condition; the freight engine had

In the front end of the dining car the cooks were busy getting breakfast, and when the crash came Chef H. J. Manuel and J. H. Curtis were in the kitchen at work. Manuel was caught by the locomotive and wedged between the boiler and some timbers and was literally roasted alive. His cries for help were piteous in the extreme. He lived about half an hour.

Curtis was also buried in the wreck. He was not rescued for over an bour and was horrioly bruised and scalded. He died shortly after being taken out. Both men resided in Chicago. The fireman on the freight train was caught between the tender and boiler and killed. His name is J. Wulf and his home is

in Fort Wayne, Ind.
The body of a man crushed beyond recognition was found under the dining car. Among the passengers in the Arden who were injured were:
C. W. Grorge, Cincinnati, head cut, body

bruised.

H. L. Turner, Philadelphia, head and side W. G. HAMILTON, New York, consulting engineer of the road, injured internally, not

FRANK LARPEN, Grand Rapids, Mich, reported dying.

MRS. JOSEPHINE PLENTY, Jersey City, cut on face and head. J. C. RUNNELS, Chicago, badly hurt, left side and leg.

MRS. A. SMITH AND SON, 6 years old, New York, latter very seriously. MR. AND MRS. FRANK E. DENN, Middleton, Pa., cut by glass, William G. FOOTE, Chicago, conductor of car Delphos, seriously injured.
Τπε Cook, Augustus, reported dying.

Two Killed and Seven Injured. RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 16s-A collision occurred on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad near Alderson, W. Va., this morning between a freight and passenger train. Fireman Lyons and Postal Clerk Burnett were killed and seven others were injured.

#### ALMOST A FREAK.

Story of a Sinful Life of a Man Born

Under Peculiar Circumstances. FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 16 .- Hodges Drayton, who today was held in \$1,000 bonds for trial at the next term of the supreme criminal court, charged with indecently assaulting Sadie Manchester, aged 9 years, has had a remarkably checkered career. He was born at the aims house at thanton. February 1, 1858. His mother at that time was but 10 years, 8 months old, while his father was a lad of 15 years. The records of the overseer of the poor of Taunton furnish indisputable evidence of these facts. His mother, Elizabeth Drayton, was herself born in the same institution May 24, 1847, and always lived there, previous and subsequent to the birth of the boy. Drayton, like his people before him, was brought up in the alms house and remained a ward of that institution until fourteen years of age. For some minor of fense he was sent to the reform school, and two years later was sent to the house of cor-rection in New Bedford for larceny of a gun. After leaving there he led a nomadic life in the western country, committing various minor crimes. In November, 1800, he came to this city, was married, and lived an exemplary life until Monday, as before reported. Although born of a child, he is six feet tall, straight as an arrow, and in every way a remarkable

appearing man. PENANCE IN MEXICO.

What Rev. Mr. Whateley Says of the Religious State There. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16. -At the Cumber land Presbyterian church extension conference, held in the Lucas Avenue Presbyterian church here today, some very interesting

discussions were held. A. H. Whateley spoke for Mexico, asking assistance for church building and missionaries. Then one of the ministers asked whether; would not be well to concentrate their work upon the "poor, ignorant Roman Catholic here and give them the light of God instead of spending so much money in Mexico. This brought out a statement from Rev. Mr. Whateley to the effect that the Roman Catholics of Mexico were steeped in ignorance. "I have an instrument of torture in my satchel," he said, "which I brought faom Mexico, with which these ignorant Catholics scourge themselves. A friend of mine has a rope with barbed wires in it which one of his servery was made to wear by the priests as converts was made to wear by the priests as a penance. She were it around her waist next to the flesh." Rev. Whateloy recited

#### other similar instances. IT WAS A SUCCESS.

New York's Last Electrocution Scien-

tifically Accomplished. NEW YORK, Dec. 16. - Warden Brown of Sing Sing sent to the deputy county clerk today the certificate of death and autopsy on the body of Martin D. Loppy executed on December 7. Doctors McDouald and Wardde report that there was a series of four brief contacts occupying in all twenty five seconds. The first lasted fifteen second the second eleven seconds; the t fifteen and a half and the last ten and a half seconds.

There were brief intervals between each contact to permit the wetting of the electrodes. The readings taken by Prof Landy from the volt meter indicated a pressure of ,716 volts with nearly seven amperes. statement of the autopsy says there were no discolarations except at the knee, where the electrode was applied, and that was superncial. No indications of violence to the mus-

## RAISED THE BLOCKADE.

Snow-Bound Santa Fe Trains Released from Their Frigid Bonds. SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 16,-All through trains on the Santa Fe route have been tied up at various points between Las Vegas and Raton tunnels or the past four days, owing to the worst snow blockade known in years. snow throughout that region is from two to four feet deep on the level, and has drifted badly. Hundrens of Pacific coast and east-bound passengers are in the blockade. To-night it is thought the trains may begin

moving tomorrow.

TRINIDAD, Colo. Dec. 16.—The Sante Fe passenger trains that have been tied up in Trinidad for the past two days left this evening for the south. There were seven in A soow plow preceded the trains. It is pected that they will be able to get through Without delay.
Two special Raymond excursion trains were among the delayed trains.

Funeral of Miss Ames. STREATOR, Ill., Dec. 16,-The funeral services of Miss Julia Ames, the widely known white ripboner and late co-editor of the Union Signal, whose death occurred in Bos-ton, took place in the First Methodist church here today. Leading white ribboners from Chicago and adjoining towns were present in

# TELEGRAPHERS VICTORIOUS.

They Win Their Fight with the Atlantic &

Pacific-Other Phases of the Strike.

DIET AT THE CRESTED BUTTE MINES.

ration of Labor Conventiontchmen Opposed to Amalgaation-Other News from the Agitated World of Labor.

UQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 16 .- The situaof the strike on the Atlantic & Pacific ins unchanged, the dispatchers and operators refusing to go back to their desks until their demands are acceded to. After a thorough investigation into the sentiment of the people of this community, it is found that the course of General Superintendent Gabel, as well as the general management of the company, is pretty freely endorsed by wellmeaning and level-beaded citizens. The report is current that the company would prefer to lay off the 350 men now employed in the shops in this city and every man along the vast line of its railroad than accede to what is considered the arbitrary and imperious demands of the telegraphers now out on a strike. Mr. Gabel has exhausted every resource to bring about an amicable settlement, but the strikers refuse to entertain any overtures, preferring to show their

strength rather than to act in r ason. General Superintendent Gabel has just received authority by telegraph from President Manvel to sign the schedule under an equitable agreement, which provides that the men shall resume work at once upon the schedule being signed, subject to such con-clusive action as may be decided upon later by the board in proper negotiation with representatives of the Order of Telegraphers. It is understood that in the telegram of in-structions President Manyel expressed a wish to see Superintendent Gabel as soon as possible in order that he might take up the whole question with him for the purpose of arriving at a friendly and equitable adjust-

ment of all differences.

The schedule was signed at to'clock and at 4:05 trains began to move on the Atlantic & Pacific. Telegraphers ciaimed to have secured every concession demanded. Five delayed passenger trains from the east will arrive here at 6 o'clock this morning. They were beld at Trinidad on account of a snow blockade.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 16.-There were no developments in the railroad telegraphers' strike today beyond the fact that one man left his station at Sparta, Los Angeles county, General Manager Towne of the Southern Pacific states that of the two men who struck on the Salt Lake division, one has been reinstated at his own application. Manager Towne says all the men who make application and agree to con-form to the rules of the company will be

#### taken back. FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Yesterday's Session Devoted to Discussing and Passing Resolutions.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 16, -The convention of the Federation of Labor this morning adopted resolutions condemning the conspiracy laws of Pennsylvania, the decision of the secretary of the treasury in allowing foreign musicians to come into the country as artists, and petitioning congress to p

trades union labels on a legal footing with trade marks. At the afternoon session a request for aid for the striking Indiana miners was referred to a committee.

The Pacific coast contested delegate case was disposed of amid great enthusiasm adopting the agreement informally reported yesterday.

The committee on resolutions reported and

the convention adopted a resolution urging

the passage of laws prohibiting barbershops from opening on bundays and asking the friends of labor not to patronize shops that open on Sunday and keep open later than 8 in the evening. A resolution was adopted authorizing the A resolution was adopted authorizing the
National Harnessmakers union to use a label,
especially in Tennessee, Missouri and Illinois, where harness is being made by convict
labor; also condemning the sweating system of making clothing and providing a
union latel for union made clothing.

A resolution was adopted ordering a boycott against George Ehret's New York beer,
The local boycott against the Illinois
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The afternoon session was consumed by

#### the discussion and passage of the above resolutions.

CRESTED BUTTE'S TROUBLES. Operators and Miners Will Probably

Reach a Settlement. CRESTED BUTTE, Colo., Dec. 16.-There are some prospects of the strike between the operators and miners employed by the Colorado Coal and Iron company being settled tonight. The American and English miners have united against the Italians. There is some fear that this combination will be the cause of bringing on another light, but every means will be employed to provent such as occurrence. Many of them want to return to work at the company's figures of

5 cents per ton and a reduction of fifty men. This will let out all the Italians. The meeting tonight did not amount to anything. The discussion lasted four nours and when a ballot was taken on the proposiion to return to work at 65 cents per ton, it stood 141 to 30 against the same. pany expects to put men to work at least by

# OPPOSED TO CONSOLIDATION.

Switchmen's Mutual Aid Association

Contented with Their Lot. Sr. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.-Grand Master Frank Sweeney of the Switchmen's Mutual Aid association, was asked today what action his organization would take in the matter of the proposed new federation of railway employes, the plan for which was outlined by a committee here yesterday. He severely scored the advisory council of railway men for the action taken yesterday, "Toe switchmen," said Mr. Sweeney, "already belong to one federation, the supreme council of switchmen and foremen, and do not care to enlarge that federation. The new scheme of federation originated with the trainmen's brotherhood, which was kicked out of the council. I think you

can count at least the engineers, firemen and switchmen out when the federation meeting of February is held." On the Texas & Pacific. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 16.-Officials and oper ators of the Texas & Pacific road deny that any strike will be inaugurated on the Texas & Pacific or any part of it. Operators say, however, they will refuse to do any business for the Southern Pacific, and will go out be-

fore they will handle anything for the South-Daring Diamond Thieves LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 16 .- While a clerk in J. V. Zimmerman's jowelry store was showing two trays of diamonds at 7:80 this evening to a stranger, another stranger, masked, entered, grabbed the trays, threw cayenne pepper in the clerk's eyes and both strangers rushed out and into a dark alley near by, making good their escape. As near as can be learned the value of the diamonds

was \$3,000. Wall Street Lost Two Millions. Naw York, Dec. 16. - According to the World, Wall street lost nearly \$2,000,000 in money, bonds and stocks through the Field