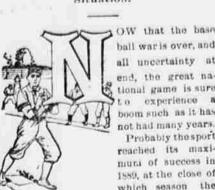
BASE BALL WILL FLOURISH.

Recent Changes Put the Game in Better Shape Than Ever.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MINO? LEAGUE. Omaha Will Be in the Eest Secondary

Organization Known to History-Thoughts on the Situation.



ball war is over, and all uncertainty at end, the great national game is sure to experience a boom such as it has not had many years. Probably the sport reached its maximura of success in 1889, at the close of

which season the first symptoms of the players' revolt made themselves seriously felt. Then followed two years of turbulence and strife, during which the game was but a mere apology to what it had been in the interests of the people, shrinking and dwindling away until the close of last season saw it in a tottering condition indeed. It was peace or absolute annihitation this winter, and every backer and supporter of the sport in the country realized this, and a combined effort was made to bring about the former, which has, after many fluctuations, been happily established. The mercenary louts who play the game were the only ones who failed to lend a nelping hand in its perpetuation, and if the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball clubs does not now teach these wolves a lesson in the science of salary-making it ought to go to

pieces on the very breakers it so fortunately But there is plenty of time for that. The new lease upon life granted the game is a god-send to the minor associations throughout the country, and it will be in these circles the greatest activity is noticeable in the next three months. What business the new colsolidated body has on band can be accom-plished quietly, with no blare of brass or flourish of trampets. The days of bombast, exaggeration and deceit in base ball are over. Omaha's Chances.

The proposed new circuit in which all the authorities have seen proper to unanimously place Omaha, is the finest, the most important, and affords a greater prob-ability of success than any she was ever connected with. Indianapolis, Columbus, Toledo and Detroit in the Columbus, Toledo and Detroit in the east, and Milwaukee, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Omaha and Kansas City in the west, That is the circuit and it is a great one, but little inferior to the major body itself in point of live and energetic cities, and the chances for economic handling.

Of course, the new national agreement must be a liberal one, as much that is ful and sustaining to the game depends upon the minor associations, and the supporters of clubs in the second class will likely have nothing to fear from the main organization. They have had a season of universal looting, and will be careful to steer clear of all de-moralizing influences in the future. Just how the ball is to be set in motion in

Omahs would be a difficult thing to state yet awhile, but that it will receive the essential impetus before the lapse of any lengthy period is as certain as either death or taxes. If every important city in the country names Omaha as a member of what is to be the second base ball association in existence, Omaha cannot well afford to refuse to acknowledge this flattering recognition. The outside estimate of this city must be main-tained, and this will be easily and cheaply accomplished by the combined and harmonious efforts of the many interested and concerned. There is no call for any con-siderable individual risk, but the business men of reputation and standing who have always been interested in the national game as a source of unequaled amusement for the whole public, and an advertisement of in-calculable worth to the city, should not hesitate about coming forward and putting their hands together in the furtherance of Omaha's base ball interest. Dry goods merchants and hardware dealers, bankers, brokers, manufacturers and business men and capitalists generally are all to be benefited, and should freely respond if a call is made upon them to give the city a first class professional ball club for the season

MESSNER UNDER ARREST.

Rockford Police Think They Have the Murderer of Reininger.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 19. - Charles Messner, lately reseased from jail here, who served a term under the name of John Clark, was arrested by the police yesterday. At police headquarters and at the office of State Attorney Works, he was closely questioned as to what he knew of the murder of Samuel Reininger in Chicago, for which Purdy is under sentence. He claimed that his real name was Clark, and said that in Freeport seven months are he met Messner, whom he used to know. They spoke of crooked work and were exchanging reminiscences when murderer of Reininger. He said that he held up a man that same night at the place where the body was found next day, and perhaps he tapped him harder than he thought he Purdy was arrested for the crime salu crooks in Chicago had told him that Messner aid the Reininger job, but asserted positively that he had not seen Messner for The police are confident that they have Messner and have locked him up.

YOUNG FIELD'S RECKLESS WORK.

He Threw Money Around With a Lavish Hand. New York, Dec. 10.-District Attorney

Nicotl said yesterday: "I have learned, by looking over the books of the bankrupt firm, that Field was very hard pressed for money for sixty days before the failure. He was carrying on his business solely on wind, was hypothecating all the securities he could lav his hands ou, and paying out money right and left in stock speculations. The books show that on November 25 Field drew checks for \$400,000, which was paid to various of stock brokers. There are evidences firms of stock brokers. other forgeries besides those of the two

District Attorney Nicoll said today that a warrant would be issued for the arrest of Edward M. Field upon the indictment found against him for forgery, should Field suc ceed in being admitted to bail in the civil suit under which he is now a prisoner. David Dudley Field, who visited his rother Cyrus today, said he was liable to die at any moment.

HE BOUGHT A BRIDE.

Aged Wisconsin Man Secures a Young

Bride Cheap. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec., 19.-A wedding that will cause a decided sensation in Waukesha when it becomes generally known was quietly solemnized in Whitewater yesterday. Sylvester Silvernail, a widower of six months and a well preserved man of 72, and Miss Stroller, the protty 10-year-old daughter of a Worth county farmer, are the contracting parties. The singular feature of the mar riage is that it is reported that Mr. Silver nail entered upon an anti-nuptial contract, by the terms of which he pays his bride \$10,000

and a house and lot. Signed the Switchmen's Agreement. Sr. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19. - After a conference of the switchmen's general grievance committee of the southwest system and the officials of the Missouri Pacific an agreement was signed by Clark, embodying the conditions in force the past year.

The Death Roll. New York, Dec. 19. -Rear Admiral Patterson, United States navy, died suddenly at

his home in New Brighton, Staten Island, Thur day sight. Davesrout, Ia., Dec. 17. Edward Russell. who was editor of the Davenport Gazetie for more than nineteen years, postmaster here for seventeen years, and also secretary at one time of the Hennepin Canal commission, die at Minneapolis early this morning, aged 62.

DENIED AT HEADQUARTERS. Northwestern Officials Say They are

not Having ! rouble. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10 .- In regard to the reports from Nebraska that the telegraph operators on the Fremont, Etknorn & Missouri Valley road have been directed to abandon the Order of Rallway Telegraphers under penalty of being dismissed from ser vice, General Manager Newman of the Chi cago & Northwestern, which controls the Elishorn road, said today: "There is no truth in it—no foundation for it. No such order has been issued. Wo get sing very well, not only with the telegraphers' organiz-

ation, but with every other organization. FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 19.—[Special oran to The Bee. | -H. C. Mahanna, su Special Tele atendent of the South Platte division of the Fromont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley, was seen this afternoon and asked concerning the reported difficulties between the company and its telegraph operators. "There is no difficulty existing," said Mr. Mahanna, "and as far as I know none is expected. Reports have been very much exaggerated. None of the company's operators who belong to the Order of Rallway Telegraphers have been asked to leave that order or quit the com-pany. I certainly have not done so at least. This is all there is to be said in the matter for it is all there is to it."

REPUBLICAN LEAGUERS.

Presidents and recretaries of State Organizations Meet.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.-A meeting of presidents and secretaries of state republican league clubs was held this morning. James S. Clarkson, president of the national republican clubs, presided. The states of Illinois, lowa, Indiana, Nebraska and Minnesota were represented. The meeting was held with closed doors, but it was learned that the session was given to matters pertaining to dissemination of literature during the next campaign. It is intended to make an unusually strong and prominent feature of this One of the most important branches of it will be the collection of figures and statistics to prove that prices since the Mcpassed have been made lower instead of higher.

DANGEROUS COUNTERFEITERS. Shovers of the Queer Caught in Phil-

adelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 19, -Four alleged leaders of the gang that have been flooding the city with counterfeit money are under arrest. The prisoners are Raphael di Nicola Giacemoie di Nicola, keeper of an Italian restaurant and lodging house and wholesale dealers in counterfeit money, and Frederick Dorogati and Emma Tate, accomplices. The evidence against the prisoners is very con-clusive. The coin dealt in is an imitation of the silver dollar of 1888, and is the same as has been so frequently passed in this city for the past year. The paper is a counterfeit of the \$5 treasury note of the issue of 1889, with a portrait of Jackson, and is a fairly good one and extremely dangerous.

TAMED A MAN-EATER.

Prof. Gleason Subdues a Vicious Stal-

lion in Chicago. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—Battery D was crowded last night with an audience of 6,000. the entertainment being an attempt by Prof. Gleason to tame the celebrated man-eating stallion. This horse has killed several men, and for the last two years his food has been passed to him on the end of a long pole. The professor succeeded in subduing the feroclous horse after two hours' cautious and skillful work. It was the effort of his life, and at the end the horse was driven to a light buggy and in other ways handled perfectly.

GLENDALE TRAIN ROBBERS.

Jim Cummings Says They Were Ex-Convicts Led by Charles Brown. Sr. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19.-It is stated this morning that the police have obtained another clew to the Glendale express robbers from the notorious Jim Cummings. who is now in the Jefferson City penitentiary for a similar offense. The robbery was committed by ex-convicts, led by Charles Brown, a notorious character who only recently escaped from the Canon City penitentiary. It is supposed the robbers are now in hiding in Colorado.

MURDER AND CANVIRALISM.

More Horrible Stories from Faming Stricken Districts in Russia. St. Petersbung, Dec. 19. - Advices from Chelabinsk state that a peasant youth murdered five sleeping medeand robbed them. An account of an act of cannibalism com-

from Injechoff, where three peasants entired a shoomaker into a forest, killed him, and then cut him up and ate a portion of the Got Away with the Diamonds. PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 19.-A daring diamond robbery was committed at William Wilson's jewelry store on Fourth avenue last night. An unknown man through a coupling pin through the window and seizing a tray of diamonds, valued at \$3,000, made off

with it. The street was crowded at the time, but no one had enough presence of mind to arrest the robber. Fined Him One Franc. Pauts, Dec. 19 .- The trial of M. Lesdain at Angouleme for attempting to murder his wife and her lover in a railway carriage, ended in the acquittal of the prisoner. M esdain was acquitted of the charge of at

him at the hands of the prisoner. Killed by His Nephew. BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 19. -P. J. Cunningham, a well known mining speculator, was shot

tempting murder, but was condemned to ray

a dama e of 1 franc to M. Delbouef, Mme. Lesdain's lover, for the injury sustained by

and killed last night on Main street by his nephew, C. J. Price. The murderer is in jail and no one is permitted to see him. The cause of the shooting is not known, but it is be-heved to have had its origin in money mat-Brazil's Congress in Session

London, Dec. 19 .- A dispatch received nere today from Rio Janeiro announces that the national congress, which was dissolved by da Fonseca when he declared himself dictator, has reassembled in pursuance of the call issued by President Peixotto. Got it Through at Last.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 10.-The colonial parliament, after a disorderly sitting of thirty-six hours, has passed the government tariff. The result was reached, howe

Fatal Blast Furnace Accident. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 19.-An explosion at the blast furnace of the Illinois Steel company, at Bay View, this morning, killed two men and injured several others.

Increase in the Bank Beserve. New York, Dec. 19,-The weekly bank statement shows the reserve has increased \$3,822,000. The banks now hold \$19,165,000 in excess of legal requirements.

Fatal Collision of Steamers. LONDON, Dec. 19 .- The schooner Gladys has been cut in two and three of her crew drowned in a collision with the steamer Springhill.

Trial Adjourned Until Monday. DESVER, Colo., Dec. 19 .- The Barnaby Graves trial has been adjourned until Mon day owing to the illness of Attorney Mucon

Huron National Bank in Trouble HURON, S. D., Dec. 19.-The Huron National bank has been taken charge of by a national examiner.

(FROM YESTERDAY'S SECOND EDITION.) FRANCO-BULGARIAN TROUBLES

Europe's Peace is Threatened by the Row

Between the Two Nations.

London Society Shaken by Another Scandat-The Radicals Opposed to Making Extravagant Wedding Gifts-Gossip from London.

ENGLAND'S FARMER VOTE IN DEMAND.

Copyrighted 1801 by New York Associated Press. 1 Loxpon, Dec. 18,-The rupture of the ipiomatic relations between France and Bulgaria on the protext of the expulsion of the French journalist, Chadouine, now proves to be the initial step of a French diplomatic scheme to ask the suitan to use his suzerain right to interfere in Bulgaria in Russia's interest. Advices were received at the foreign office that M. Camben, the French ambassador at Constantinople, has de manded and will obtain a formal conference on the subject with the suian tomorrow. This development is no surprise to Lord Salisbury and his alplomats in Berlin. M. Camben, in an interview with the foreign minister Wednesday last, was understood to intimate that, as France had never recognized Prince Ferdihand, the government of France must look to the suzerain before taking directly active measures. As M. Ribot must know or expect that the porte will decline to interfere in a question considering the internal admin istration of Bulgaria, anxiety pivots on what the French government will next do. The Austrian government, acting in concert with Lord Salisbury and Chancellor von Caprivi supports the Bulgarian bureau, Austria's agent at Sofia has incited Premier Stambouloff to address a note to the governments of Turkey, Germany, Austria, and England vindicating the expulsion of Chadouine. It is known all around that M. Ribot does not care a straw for the expulsion or the expulsee. The St. Petersburg weekly the Vedomosti, after suggesting that it is possible that France, failing to obtain satis faction, may blockade Buigarian ports, say that Russia would protest against the ap-pearance of French propelads before Varna or Bourgas. If M. Ribot's policy results thus, the peace of Europe is over.

Playing for the Farmers.

As a counter check to the liberal game played to win over the rural districts, the executive of the conservative associations has arranged for a series of agricultural conferences. Mr. Chaplin, chairman of the Board of Agriculture, will open the series in Jan-uary. Bona fide laborers and authentic farmers, according to the conservative press will attend these conferences, in contrast with the "mob of professional agita ors masquerading at the recent liberal rural conferences," and will discuss land questions with the ministers.

A certain stratum of British society is now considerably excited over the action of slander brought by the wife of C. A. Osborne sgainst Major Hargreaves wife for accusing her of stealing two pearls while visiting the Hargreaves family, and selling them for £550. The interest manifested in the case centers in the mystery of who really stole and sold the jewels. Mrs. Osborne's counsel brought out evidence suggesting that Major Hargreaves knew of the affair at the time of its occurrence. Mrs. Osborne declared that the major told her that he would commit any crime for 'oof," a stanz word for money. The counsel on each side are trying to show that the promin-ent persons in the case are impe-cunious and ready to lie and steal or do anything to get cash. Among the wit-nesses on the side of Hargreaves is a Mr. whole affair is another disclosure of the rot

enness of society. Airaid to Make the Req est. The conservative organs are trying to educate the British public in the approval of a parliamentary grant raising the income of the recently affianced duke of Clarence and Avongate to £25,000 yearly. The queen, it is understood, will not consent to open the comng session of parliament, unless the caoinet will assent to taking the risk involved in bringing forward the proposal. The ministers, in the meantime, are unwilling to go further than to propose a dower for Princess Victoria Mary, or an annuity of £5,000 as a marriage settlement. The radicals will agree to a moderate dowry, but to no further grant to the duke of Clarence and if the government ventures to ask for special provision for him the opposition reckon on a vote of 200 against the measure. This, though a minority, will take the heart and cordiality out of the grant and be a bitter nill for the royal family, besides weakening the cause of the government in the

The emperor and empress of Germany and king of Greece and a host of German and Danish princelings will come to the wedding of duke and Princess Mary. Captains Poileau and Butcher, the cashered army officers who were concerned in the Manipur massacre, are returning to Eng-iand to demand that the war office authorities reconsider their case. A number of

military men, both here and in India, sup-port their appeal. If the war office refuses o reconsider it the matter will be brought before parliament.
The dowager Lady Deros is dead. She danced at the famous ball given in Brussels on the eve of the battle of Waterloo and was

the last survivor of that ball.

QUEBEC'S CABINET ROW.

Mr. Mercier Scores the Lieutenant Governor.

OURBEC, Dec. 18 .- Monster mass meetings are being organized by the liberals throughout the province. Detective corps and squads of police are held in regamess to march to Spencerwood, the official residence of the lieutenant governor, to protect it against any hostile demonstration.

Mr. Mercler has made public his views on the political situation, and has published the correspondence between himself and the licutenant governor, and the report of the royal commissioners. The report contains about 3,000 words, and is signed only by

Judges Baby and Davidson.
The report regrets that certain correspond ence was not produced, and concludes that it is not proved that Mr. Mercier knew of the existence of a bargain between Anderson and Pain. That gentleman declares that he Mr. Mercier's final reply, in which he says "I have to do, not with an impartial head of the executive, but with a political adversary subjected to the outside influ-ence of evil counselors and bad pas-sions. You have knowingly and willfully violated the constitutional laws; you have had the audacity to do what our august sov-ereign Queen Victoria would never have dared to do in England without provoking a

revolution among the English people.

"The report is that of two partisans from whom you have dragged an unjust and un-founded opinion, and it is altogether informal and without legal value. The allega tions of this pretended preliminary report are contrary to the proof. They contain gratuitous insults to your ex-ministers, sup-ported by the great majority of the legisature of this province."

Mr. Mercier charges the governor with personal and autocratic government, with having arrested the working of the govern with having refused to call the legisla ture at the request of its majority to trans act public business, and with having carried out one of the most odious conspiracies ever entered into against the constitutional liberties enjoyed by a free people. He taunts the governor with a desire to place power in the ands of political friends, against all the rules of decency and professional etiquette, and trampling under foot the dignity of the

Mr. Mercier then discusses the constitu tional side of the question, referring to Lord Dufferin, in the Pacific scandal, who laid the matter before parliament, and he charges the governor with supporting the then guilty ministers, and, "today," he says, "you opey the will of the federal prime minister, Mr. Abbott, who was himself the distributor of this bribery money to the ministry. Your conduct puts our political institutions in jeopardy. I will try to undo your nefarious

work, with the assistance of my colleagues and my political friends and willingly expend all that I possess to save our charished province. I denounce you before public opinions of it is not far distant when the representatives of the people will again resume the power of which you have stripped them and vindicate the constitution which you have troken. You will shortly receive from Mr. Abbott, your master, the price of your national treachery and I shall soon go your national freachery and I shall soon go before the people and receive from its strong and powerful lands a new mandate which will enable me to assume in the legislature the position from which you have driven me and to chase you, constitutionally, but surely, from Spencer wood."

EMPERGR WILLIAM PLEASED.

He Pays a Righ Compliment to Chancellor Von Caprivi.

BERLIN, Dec. 18 .- In the reichstag the new commercial treaties came up on their third reading. Kerdorff spoke in opposition, and expressed fears as to the results. Caprivi responded and said if Kerdorff failed to see any political significance in the McKinley bill and the pan-American policy he must decline to discuss questions of foreign policy with him. The treaties with Austria-Hungary, Italy

and Belgium were adopted. VIENNA, Dec. 18. -The commercial treaties committee of the reichsrath today adopted the German, Belglan and Swiss treaties, by a vote of 23 to 3, and the Italian treaty by a vote of 22 to 6. Herr Klaic, on behalf of the minority, announced his intention to introduce a mo ion in the reichsrath, cailing upon the government to open fresh negotiations

BELLY, Dec. 18.-Emperor William, while at a banquet this evening at Feltow, near Potsdam, received a dispatch containing the information that the reichstag had just passed the new commercial treaties. The empero informed the company of the news that had een brought to him. He paid a high com pument to Chanceller von Caprivi, whose rare political insight at the right momen saved the fatherland from evil conseq The conclusion of the treaties, said Emperor William, was one of the most im portant and vital events in the history of the reichstag. "I am convinced," continued the emperor, "that not only fatherland, but the millions of subjects of the other countries united with us in the cus toms league, will sooner or later bless the I ask you to grink to the health o General Count von Caprivi-Er lebe hoch!

WILL NOT HEL! THEIR CAUSE Cowardly Work of Striking Tele-

graph oper tors. DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18.-A young mat amed Pillings, halling from Chicago, who came west several weeks ago for his health, through his eastern friends secured a pass from Denver to El Paso, Texas, thinking that climate would be morbeneficial to him. Unfortunately, Mr. Pillings started on the same train several West ern Union operators were on, who were et route to El Paso to take the place of those let out there for refusing to handle Southern

Pacific business, The trainmen whose sympathies went with the striking operators naturally supposed Mr. Pillings to be a scab operator, as he held a pass to El Paso, and occupied the same sleeper with the others, and in consequence he was spotted as such, and when the train reached the snow blockade at Trinidad, he, in company with a young lady enroute to California, went out on the car a platform to watch the snow plows on an adjoining track. As the train that was being pulled by the engine that was shoving the snow plow passed. Mr. Pillings and the young lady fest some-thing thrown into their faces, causing a chill, which they supposed to be flying snow, but to their norror on entering the car, to feel their faces burning and find Engleheart, whose name has been associated the car, to feel their faces burning and flid with an intrigue with the major's wife. The that instead of snew, carbolic acid had been thrown at them by some unpriacipled wretch who saw fit to take this cowardly way of punishing what let took to be a scab ope-

Both Mr. Pillings and the young lady are disfigured for life, but fortunately none of the acid reached their eyes.

TWO TICKETS IN THE FIELD.

Louisiana's Democrats in the Midst of a Liv ly Family ! ow.

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 18.-The Ada.as farmers alliance and anti-lottery combine convention last night adopted a piatform, nominated their state ticket, provided for the appointment of a new state central commit tee and adjourned sine die

The platform adopted declares allegiance to lemocratic principles, praises the present state government and concludes with a deciaration of unalterable opposition to lot teries and the adoption of the proposed reveane amendments to the constitution.

The combine candidates are now in caucus napping out a plan of campaigs. At the caucus of the anti-lottery combine it was decided to enlist the sympathy of the north in the campaign of their gubernatorial

Chairman Wells called the regular demo cratic convention to order at 1 o'clock. There were fifty-five parishes in attendance. The credentials committee made a further eport, seating the McEnery delegates from Frant and Calcasieu, and referred at considerable length to the outrageous methods re sorted to in order to defeat McEnery at the recent primaries. report of the credentials committee

was adopted and nominations declared in Judge S. D. McEnery was manimously iominated for governor amid great en-

Governor Oberlie Wickliffe was nomin ated for lieutenant governor, the vote being The convention appointed a committee of fifteen on resolutions and adjourned until 10 m. tomorrow.

ATE HUMAN FLESH.

Stories of Robberg, Murder and Cannibalism tom Russia. St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.-Advices from Cheliabinsk tell of five sleeping men being murdered near there by a peasant for the purpose of robbing them to get a small sum of money he knew to be in their possession.

An account of an act of cannibalism come from Injechoff, Three peasants enticed ; shoemaker named Levanovsky into a forest ear there. When the party had reached a point where it was thought Levanovsky' ries could not be heard, the three consants murdered nim and robbed his body. They then cut the body nto pieces and half burned them. The eces remaining tinconsumed were found by workman who ate one of them, and his elling some confrades that he found roasted meat in the forest led to the discovery of the

FOR THE CUSTODY OF A CHILD. Decision of a Wisconsin Judge in a

Peculiar Case. JANESVILLE, Wish Dec. 18 .- Judge Bennett endered an important decision yesterday in the circuit courte being the sequel of a long contest to determine the paternity of a 6-year old girl. The child's mother was divorced from Andrew Ingle, and in three months afterwards was married to Mr. Alex Sher-The child was born not far from sever mouths from the divorce and, on the death of the mother, who had inherited considerable property, both men claimed the paternity of the child. Judge Bennett ordered child to Ingle, the original husband. amount of property at stake is \$40,000.

Caught in a Cog. DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 18 .- [Special Tele gram to Tue Bee. |- John Burns, a shoveler at the Rothschild Grain company's elevator here had his right arm caught in a cog this morning and torn nearly off at the shoulder. He is expected to die.

Masked Robbers in St. Louis, Sr. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18 .- In broad day light four masked men entered the outer flice of the Central distillery and covering | them at all points and they were left on the

Cashier Blank with a revolver demanded the money in the money drawer. Blank made a resistance, and was assaulted by the men, who beat him over the head with their revolvers. They then took the money, about \$100, and escaped. Blank was found shortly after this and taken o his home, where a physician found that his skull was fractured

FOUR MIGHTY PULLS. How the Brawny Men Tugged on the

Rope Last Night. The largest crowd of the week assembled at the Coliseum last night to witness the fifth series of struggles between the international tug-of-war teams. By half past 8 there were fully 4,000 enthusiastic people on hand, all strung to the highest tension and ready to shout their lungs out for their representative favorites. The excitement is on the increase, and some thrilling scenes may be expected on the occasion of the cultumnation of these terrific struggles of muscle and science.

In the opening bout last night, which be gan at exactly twenty-seven minutes to 9. the finely trained Bohemian team was pitted against the brawny Americans from the fort. At the crack the pistoi the resolute gladiators lay to the work, the crowd fairly raising the roof with their steriorian shouts. For a full minute the handserchief remained as stationary as if it had been natled to the middle of the di-viding line. On the third oh-heave-ho the lads from the land of Bohemia secured a full foot, and thereafter steadily increased their advantage until they had dragged the fatal flag within a foot of the boundary line. The Americans were desperate, and tugged and umed and struggled like men fighting for their lives, but they had met a foe worthy of their most boasted prowess, and it was plain seen that the cultured muscles of the frilled and practiced Turners was certain to riumph, and in exactly twelve minutes tohemia's flag was being excitedly waved by 'aptain Percival over the heads of his galint men, for the referee had announced the

It was a terrific struggle, though comparaavely brief, and awakened a pitch among the immense throng of people unparalleled. The Bohemians are making a most splendid showing, and by their honest and unequivocally square work on the rope have thor oughly won the popular sympathy of the vast crowds which nightly assemble within the Coliseum.

At twenty-two minutes after 9 the big sons of Deumark, in their natty black suits, were facing the Scots, and again the old tu-mult of cheers made the vast building shake to its foundations. On the first pull the Danes got both knots on their side and then for a second or two
the handkerenief remained stationary,
only to be pulled across the line
with a rush, the crowd going wild over this
speed, work. The Scots were crimpled from
their hard tug of the night before and promise to strengthen up for tonight's struggle Time: 1 minute and 30 seconds.

Next came Sweden and England. The signai was given at ten minutes to 10. Neither team exerted itself for the space of three minutes, but then the Swedes made a spurt and yanked the flag their way a couple of feet. Another breathing spell and the Swede anchor sent forth his familiar slogan and Jack Hoy's brigade came forward as if a evelone had struck it. In another momen the day was won and lost, it having require but five minutes for the Swedes to add another victory to their unbroken chain. It now looks as if the gigantic northerners have a cinch on the first nonors.

The final bout of the evening was between Germany and Ireland. The excitement was orief, the powerful Germans yanking the sons of the Emerald Isle over the line in just three minutes. There will be an exciting time tonight, and

it will be Greek against Greek once more Summary: Bohemia..... Denmark..... Ireland. Louis Heimro ! on Athletics.

OMARA, Dec. 18 .- To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: The international tug-of-war, now in progress at the Coliseum, has certainly aroused a most extensive interest in athletic sports, as is attested by the thousands who flock there every evening to witness the test of strength between the different opposing teams. This is as it should be, as physiculture is something long advocated by myself, and a branch of healthfu my object in this brief article is to call atten tion to the fact, as exemplified at these strug gles, of the supremacy of cultured and drille athietes over the raw material. Last nigh the Bohemians, a team of thoroughleducated turners, had but little diffi culty in defeating the Germans, a team of enormous but unpracticed men weighing fully one-third more than the Bohemians. This goes to prove conclusively that the muscular and athletic curriculum. as it is run in the turners' societies, devel ops perfect men, irrespective of size, weight or years. This schooling makes them men -strong, supple, active and capable to meet all the adversaties of life with cour-age and success. The turner Bohemian team is under the perfect control of their able captain, Joseph Percival. They understand his every move, and work with a unison and harmony that is wonderful to behold. The German team oulled minus all these advantages. I now hope to see the German turners come for ward and organize out of their membership a team to compete with the winners of th Coliseum tournament. The Germans have always possessed the proud distinction o being the masters of the athletic world her n the Missouri valley, and I have the faith them, under good leadership, to believe that they can continue to hold it Louis HEIMROD.

Supreme Court Decisions DES MOUNES, Ia., Dec. 18 .- Special Tele gram to THE BEE |-The following decisions were filed in the supreme court today: State vs C. L. Christianson, appellant, Monona district, affirmed; State vs W. C. Woodard appellant, Decatur district, affirmed; Hawkeye Insurance company vs John Erlandson, appellant, Polk district, dismissed; Thomas H. Thorp, appellant, vs Western Union Tele graph company, Polk district, affirmed; H. graph company, Polk district, amrined; H.
K. Snyder vs W. E. Closson, appellant,
Buchanan district, affirmed; J. D. Yeomans
et al, appellant, vs J. N. Riddle et al, supervisors, Monona district, affirmed; Jennie F.
Alderson vs James Alderson, appellant,
Buchanan district, reversed; State vs D. C.
Haworth, appellant, Polk district, dismissed:
State vs William Kilmer, appellant, Powebales, district, affirmed; State vs J. C. Chile shelok district, aftirmed; State vs. J. C. Can tonwine, appellant, Jones district, affirmed State vs Steen J. Henderson, appellant, Winnesheek district, affirmed; State vs Ezra Gnary, appellant, Benton district, affirmed; State vs Samuel C. Bailey, appellant Fayette district, reversed; State, appellant vs E. B. Rhine, Tama district, affirmed, Beck tissenting; State vs District court of Buch anan county, certiorari proceedings, order o lower court partly annulled; State vs W. D. Hogan, appellant, Plymouth district, re

THE INDIA CLAIMS.

versed.

THE BEE BUREAU OF CLAIMS, in dealing with the claims arising under the Indian depredations act, has been successful in protecting a large number of subscribers and others from extortion and loss. From complaints that have come to it, however, it an pears that many of the claimants do not un derstand their position under the act. time when there appeared to be little chance that congress would take up the claims or make any appropriation to pay them, they signed contracts with the Washington agents, promising from one-quarter to one-half the amount to the agent in case the money should be collected. In view of this extertion con gress inserted a provision in the act annul

ing all contracts and limiting the agent's commission to 15 or 20 per cent. The claimants all probably understand that the agent's commission has been limited by the law, but many of them, according to their own statements, do not understand that they are free to do as they please about employing the agent they had first chosen. They cou-sider that they are still bound to employ the igent with whom they signed the exorbitant ontracts, whether they are satisfied with it was the intention of congress to protect

passage of the act free to do as they pleased and employ whom they pleased. Section 9 of the act stated: "That all sales, transfers or assignments of any such claims heretofore or hereafter made, except such as have occurred in the due administration of decedents' es tates, and all contracts heretofore made for fees and allowances to claimants' attorneys are hereby declared votd.

There could be no mistake about the mean-

ing of this. All ciaimants had to make new

contracts with agents after the passage of the act, and they were at liberty to employ any one they pleased. If they were pleased with the zeal and acts of their first agent they might make their new contract with him. If they were dissatised they might choose any other agent that they pleased, Those who have not signed new contracts since the passage of the act may profit by this to secure much better terms than they could otherwise get from the agents. The fact that THE BEE BUREAU is doing the work for the bare expense involved has had a good effect in moderating the charges of all agents to those who know how to protect them-selves. For those who distrust their ability to cope with the claim agents on their owr ground Tuz Bez Burgau is always open.

THE DEPREDATION CLAIMS.

The experience of THE BEE CLAIMS Bungau has brought out the fact that many of its subscribers do not understand that the Indian depredations act passed by the last congress annulled all previous contracts for collecting claims under it. This is a fact that they should know for their own protection. When the act was signed all contracts with agents were made void by its terms. The helders of claims were then free to make such bargains with their agents as they pleased, or could refuse to make any bargain

The framers of the act found it necessary to take this step for the protection of the claimants. At the time when there seemed little chance that such an act would be passed hundreds of claimants had contracted with agents to pay outrageous fees in case the money could be collected. Cases are known in which the claimants had contracted to give up to the agents over one-half the amount collected. Cases in which one-third was promised were not at all uncommon. allow these contracts to stand would make the law not an act of justice, but an act of extertion for the benefit of the claim agents. The clause was inserted annulling all the contracts, good, bad and indifferent, and limiting the percentage to be charged by agents to 15 per agents to 15 per cent, with an extra 5 per cent allowance for special cases. The claim agents naturally objected to this, asserting that it was beyond the powers of congress, but the best opinion of both houses was that contracts made to collect claims under a law that did not exist could be annulled in thee

On the 4th of March, therefore, the claim ants who had signed contracts were as free from obligations to agents as those who ha If they were satisfied with their agent and wished to sign a new contract within the ligit of compensation fixed by the law, it was their right, but none of them were under any legal obligation to do so. The more unscrupulous of the agents naturally represented to their clients that they were bound to ronew their contracts, with merely he substitution of the terms named by lav for the outrageous commissions at first demanded, Cases have been brought to the attention of The Beg in which this policy had been tollowed succesully, by unscrupulous agents. They had in a word bullied the claimants into hiring them when if the claimants had understood that they were free of obligation, they would have chosen other representatives. As others are being worked upon in the same way, the facts of the case are set forth for their protection. If they are satisfied with the men they first chose they are right in re-engaging them. If they are not satisfied, they are free

to engage anbody they choose.

The Bee Claims Bureau was established solely for the protection of the public. It was established on account of the complaints of its subscribers who thought they were being unjustly treated, and those, still more numerous, who applied to it to find a reliable agent. It will collect the claims at only such charges as will pay the expenses of the cureau. It is expected that it will rarely hap-pen that the limit set by the law will be needed to pay the expense of collection. Many of the claims can doubtless be collected for 5 per cent of their face. The bureau is at the service of the subscribers and public at large. Those who take advantage of its offer will save money by it. Those who do not place their claims in its charge will save money, too, for it has put a check on the ra pacity of the agents who would otherwise feel free to take the last penny the law al-lows. It is the privilege of a great newspaper to benefit all.

Obtained Their Goods by Fraud. GUTHRIE, Okl., Dec. 18 .- District Judge Green today rendered a decision in the case of E. S. Jeffries & Co. of New York against W. M. Wolfe & Son of Topeka, Wolfe & Son started a store here and at Oklahoma City and then turned them over to two Topeka banks on a chattel mortgage. Jeffries & Co. and several Kunsas City, St. Joseph and St. Louis houses got out attachments o the stock aggregating \$22,000, claiming that the mortgage was not bonafide. Judge Green decided that the attachments did not hold and incidentally decided that Wolfe & Son obtained the goods from the various houses by fraud.

Milwaukee Freight Wreck.

Duauque, Ia., Dec. 18.-|Special Telegram to Tue Bee !- A collision occurred on the Milwaukee road a few miles below the city this morning between freight trains. One engine was badly wrecked, a caboose de-stroyed and other damage done. The trainmen saved themselves by jumping.

NEWS OF YESTERDIE.

Domestic. Dispatches from Canton, O., say that Governor McKinley is steadily improving. Julige Macon of the defense in the Graves nurder trial at Denver is ill and the case has

N. Patterson was elected president and O. H. Oldroyd secretary and treasurer of the Hilbook Veteran association. Prof. R. M. Ramsey of Chattanooza, Tenn., bas committed suicide by jumping into the Tennessee river. He was despondent.

The negro who assaulted Mrs. Baugh on Wednesday at Maridian, Miss., was taken from the sheriff's possession and shot to death.

Richard Ryan, a young bartender, was fatally shot this afternoon in the course of a quarret in a saloon, by Green Horne, at Cluck anath, O. Aftert Dawnes, who was to have been anged at Charlotte, N. C., has been granted a cespite by the governor of that state until anuary 15 next.

The Bank of Wartrace of Wartrace, Tenn., was entered and \$5,000 worth of diamonds beonging to depositors stolen out of the safe. The

The roundles of Norcross, the dynamiter who attempted to blow Russell Sage into eternity, have been taken to Boston by his parents and will be buried today. barents and will be buried today.

Kansas grain dealers complain that the state grain inspector at Kansas City, Kam. is discriminating against grain dealers throughout the state. A petition will be circulated asking the governor to remove him.

The gang of siver coin counterfelters who have been operating in Dailas and adjacent counties of Texas for months past, are being run in jail. The following have been arrested: C. W. Warren, Ed Meyers, Punch Boyd and Dick Poston. Boyd and Dick Posten.

Foreign. The new Spanish tariff greatly reduces the inties on exports conveyed in Spanish vessels. A meeting of the English helders of Virginia's debt have met in London and decided to accept the proposed compromise.

Queen Victoria, Princess Beatrice and her chidren and other members of the royal family of England will spend the Christmas holidays at the Osborne house on the Isle of Wight.

Wight:

A gamekeeper named Merrigan, in the service of Colonei Close, was found nursiered in the woods near Marylorough, Queens county, ireland. He was shot in the back of the head while setting a rabbit trap.

General Garcia of the Mexican army, under whose authority so many harsh neasures were used to suppress the includent revolution near the United States border, has been replaced by another officer.

Emperor William has made Chancellor von Caprivi a count, as a reward for his efforts in the successful establishment of the commercial treaties recently concluded between Germany and several other countries.

Fred George Barton, a notorious convict,

many and several other countries.

Fred George Barton, a notorious convict, who, under an assumed name and false representations married a respectable American lady a few years ago, has been sentenced to twelve years' penal servitude for burgiary at Leves. England.

An officer of a Cossack regiment at St. Petersburg, moving he good society, learning that his wife was unfaithful to him, returned home from the theater, and finding he wife in her lover's syms, drew a revolver and shot her

her lover's arms, drew a revolver and abot her doud. He then made his escape.

MULEY HASSAN'S MEANNESS.

Slave Trade of the Sultan of Morocco to Receive Vigorous Rebuke.

HORRIBLE TRAFFIC OF THE RULER.

Slaves Bred in an Imperial Palace-What Europe Proposes Doing in the Matter-France's Golden Opportunity.

[Copyrighted 1891 by James Gord in Bennett.] Pauls, Dec 18 - | New York Herald Cable Special to THE BEE.]-A plockade of the coast of Morocco is within the probabilities of the near future. Should that fail to secure the ends aimed at, an expedition to the interior of Muley Hassan's dominions will follow.

Negotiations have been begun with one or the other of those objects in view by the powers which signed the anti-slavery protocol of the Brussels conference. According to the reports of the French and Spanish ministers at Tangiers, Muley Hassan has repudiated his own indersement of the Brussels agreement by authorizing the sale of negroes in his empire.

Moreover it has been discovered that the sultan of Morocco has countenanced the foundation of a settlement at the Marakesch, one of the imperial residences, in which the male and female slaves brought from the interior are compelled to marry in order tha the children born of these unholy unions may be sold for the sultan's benefit. In fact, slaves are being bred in Morocco in much the same fashion as horses. Europe cannot telerate so gross a violation of its decisions, and all the signatory powers seem virtually in accord as to the necessity of au expedition.

Although the Sultan is fond of boasting that Morocco is stronger than Europe, he knows well enough that parbarism must always and everywhere give place in the

ong run to civilization. Should the contemplated expedition be ordered, France will take advactage of the opportunity of settling the issues relating to Touat and Muley Hassan. At present the sultan occupies the Touat territory illegally. It is on the direct route of the slave caravans. France now has an excellent pretext her for settling the Oran frontier question, and we may be sure she will make the most of it. JACQUES ST. CERE.

BELGIAN NEWS, freaty with Germany Not Popular-

Criminal Matters. Congrighted (39) by James Gardan Branstt, 1 BRUSSELS, Dec. 18.—[New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE. |-The commercial league with Germany was considered at a meeting of merchants, who voted resolutions urging parliament to reject the treaty, which the meeting considers more advantage

ous to Germany than Belgium. Somens, the lover of Anna Leliædts, who was at first arrested on suspicion, has been set at liberty, having proved an atibi. The bookmaker named "Anna's lover" and 'Anna's sister," is sill under arrest, and there are strong indications of his guit. It seems he and Somens had a violent quarrel the day before the murder. It is believed he stole the jeweiry merely to put justice off the scent, the real motive of the crime being

jealousy. Vanderovera, the Namur poisoner, has been convicted of poisoning his tive brothers and isters. The verdict was loudly applauded by the spectators. The prisoner was sen tenced to death, out will only suffer penal servitude for life, for, though capital punishment is still the law, the king has yowed sever to sanction an execution during his

reign.

Another Meissonier Sold. [Congrighted 1891 by James Gordon Bennett.] Panis, Dec. 18 .- [New York Herald Cable -Special to THE BEE. |-Figure this (Saturday) morning states that Meissonier's picture. "Poste de Grano Gard," has been purchased by Chaucard, the celebrated collector, who now owns five of this artist's works. Colonel Soufflots, a survivor of Napoleon's grand army, about whose 100th birthday is cabled you the other night, has been made in

ommander of the Legion of Honor by Presi-DEVILING DEED OF AN INNANE MAN.

He Had Reen Discharged from an Asylum as Cured. NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- Michael Harvey, aged 34, who had been in the Flatbush insane asylum some time, was discharged two days ago as cured, and went to board with Mrs. Catherine Duffy at 183 Van Dyke street, Brooklyn, Today while the family was at dinner Harvey suddenly went insune again, ran to his room and, snatching up a revolver, returned to the dining room and began firing. The first shot struck John Connerton in the head and he died in a few minutes. The second bullet went through Samuel Dickerson's arm. He made for a window and jumped out. His sis-ter, Mary Dickerson, was hit next, the bullet making a hole in her arm. She ran out in the ballwar, crying murder, and Mrs. Duffy, who was in the next room, jumped out of the window, spraining her ankle. While she lay groaning with pain, the fourth and last shot rang out. Harvey had put the istol in his mouth and blown out his brains. The affair created the most intense excite-

SCROFULOUS SORES

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