POPE LEO BREAKING DOWN.

SUSTAINED BY ARTIFICAL MEANS.

Already There is Much Talk in Rome About the Succession-Confession of a Brutal Paris Murderer.

(Copyrichted 1991, by James Gordon Bennett.) Paris, Dec. 25 .- New York Herald Cable -Special to THE BEE |-Dispatches from Rome leave no doubt that his holiness Pope Leo XIII is fast approaching the end of his days. His vital energies are sustained by all sorts of peculiar means. For example before the last consistory met he was made to breathe quantities of oxygen until it was time to enter the hall. His physicians be-Heve that his life cannot be prolonged much longer than six months; indeed it is quite probable that his life is nearer its close than that and that he will not see the approaching

Already there is a good deal of talk about the succession, and it appears that Cardinal Monaco la Valletta of the Inquisition and Cardinal Paroceni stand the best chance. Louis Anastay has confessed that he mur-dered Baronne Dellard, and gives as the motive of the crime that he was driven almost mad by the necessity of paying debts to save himself from dishonor. He says he left Lyons December 15 with the settled resolu-tion to get money even at the price of crime.

leaving he purchased a knife

with which he committed the murder. On reaching the house of the baroness she opened the door for him, recognized him and led the way to her room. He asked her if she was alone. On her affirmative reply he threw himself upon her and cut her throat. Hearing a servant approaching while looking for the money he waited for her, saife in hand, determined to kill her also. In the struggle the knife fell from his hand, wherehe ned without having secured any

Anastay's confession is as strange as his arrest, which many thought was made on insufficient evidence but which reflects great credit on the perspicuity of the police.

The Gaulois this morning states that D'Ennery author of the "Two Orphans" and other well known dramatic successes is so ill that all hope of recovery seems lost.

SOME ENGLISH POLITICS.

Conservatives Looking for a Leader-Gossip From England.

[Copurighted 1891 by New York Associated Press.] LONDON, Dec. 25.—The position of Lord Hartington as the leader of the dissidents will remain unaitered on his going into the House of Lords. The papers teem with speculations as to whether Mr. Joseph Chamberlain or Sir Henry James will become the virtual head of the party. The question, nowever, was really settled long ago, during the filness from which the late auke of Davon shire recovered. Under the concurrence of Lord Salisbury, who was then vainty negotiating for the absorption of Lord Hartington by the conservative party, it was determined that Lord Hartington would retain the nominal and actual leadership, Mr. Chamberiain taking the lead in the House of Commons. Sir Henry James declined oven to place himself in competition with Mr. Chamberlain

The old liberals are forming a strong wing of the dissidents, who distrust Mr. Chamberlain's tendency to radicalism. The conservatives continue to be shy toward a politician with whom they have little in common except unionism. But the tory leaders have tested Mr. Chamberlain's willingness and capacity to work in unison with them. Conservative members generally admit his frankness and interrity as a coworker, while the unionists equally recognize his powers as a debater. His less known qualities as a tactician and his personal courtesy and mental attainments, however, make him the only possible commander of the party in the House

Lord Hartington, on assuming the dukedom, obtains the garter which Mr. Glad-stone obtained for the dece ased duke, and which is thus inherited in succession. Such an honor is most unusual, but Lord Salisbury, owing the existence of his ministry to Lord Hartington, and being unable to otherwise repay his services, is desirous that the new duke shall

accept the garter,
Mr. Gladstoge has written a letter to Lord Hartington expressing regret at the death of his father, the duke of Devonshire, and recalling their long period of political friendship. A number of eminent Gladstonians will attend the funeral of the duke, though Mr. Gladstone himself and Mr. Morley will be unable to be present.

Franco-Bulgarian Affairs.

Sir William White, the British ambassador at Constantinople, while passing through Sofia yesterday had a short interview with Premier Stambouloff. Lord Salisbury is re-ported as having advised the Bulgarian government to go far in satisfying France in the present juncture. It is the belief of high of-ficials of the foreign office that Lord Salisbury is taking an isolated course in urging Premier Stambouloff to submit to the de-mands of M. Ribot, the French minister of foreign affairs, although the Ber-lia government is known to be advising the opposite policy. The reports of Mr. O'Connor, the British agent at Soila, show that it would not be advisable to expose the Stambouloff regime to the scrutiny which would arise from a joint deliberation of the European powers on Minister Ribot's charge of victation of capitulations, whole sale arrest and prolonged imprisonment without trial and system of torture to compel confession. Other illegal expulsions besides that of Chadouine accompany Premier Stambouloff's despotic rule, so Lord Selis-bury's position is taken out of courtesy. Stambouloff threatens to re-sign unless the unstinted support of sign unless the unstinted support of England be accorded to him. As his successor in this event would H. Stolloff, who would adopt a pro-Russian policy, the prospect may compel Lord Salisbury to change his position in the matter.

M. Ribot, the French minister of foreign affairs, wishing to force an exposure of the new Bulgarian atrocities, has brought M. Chadouine to Paris to coach him in regard to the to them Vienna papers are trying to ridicule Chaduoine as an "ex-waiter" and cafe chantant singer, He really served a three years' term in the French army and afterward became a private secretary to Prince Alexander of Battenburg, when the latter was prince of Bulgaria. He followed the latter's fortunes for a long time after his abdication, but subsequently returned to Sofia as an unpaid secretary of the French diplomatic agency there, and a correspondent of the Havas news

agency. In fact, he knew too much for Stambouloff. Disgraced Mrs. Osb-rne. The disgraced Mrs. Captain Osborne, who stole and sold the jewels of Mrs. Hargreaves, is now somewhere in the south of France. But for her toing Sir Henry James' grand-But for her toing Sir Henry James' grand-daughter, she would now be lying in prison awaiting trial for perjury and theft. Relatives of the woman are arranging a settlement of Jeweler Spink's claim for the £50 he paid for the stolen pearls. These have been restored to Mrs. and Major Hargreaves, who have now returned to Torquay to quietly lionize in society. Englehart's position toward Mrs. Hargreaves is explained as quietly lionize in society. Englehart's posi-tion toward Mrs. Hargreaves is explained as that of an old friend of the family. The stories of his impecuniosities are denied. The stables over which he lived indicated wealth instead of poverty. They are model buildings, fitted up with every luxury of a man devoted to horses. The quarters of the rooms are ideal buchelor chambers. He owns both hunters and trotters.

The next society scandal will be Lord Howard de Walden's petition for a divorce from his wife. The case, however, will be divested of much of the public interest which would otherwise have attended it by the withdrawi of certain shocking charges, which the wife desired to plead as the Efforts to have the case heard in chambers have been defeated and the public will now be treated to a revelation of the demestic life of aristocrats, in which

conjunction assaults and actions unworthy the lowest rowdy figure largely.

The duke of Cambrige is credited with endowing Princess Victoria Mary with the sum of £5,000 yearly. Despite the expenses attached to his morganatic family, his own savings and his annual income of £30,000 have enabled him to be generous to his favorite niece. The corporation of the city of London will present the princers with a silver dinner service and a diamond necklace, and the duke of Buccleuch will give her a diamond bracelet. The members of nobility are vicing with each other in the costliness of their gifts of jewelry and plate to the

BLEW UP THE CHURCH.

Dynamite Exploded While Religious Services Are Peing Held. Rows, Dec. 25,-Waile mignight mass was celebrated this morning in a church in the city of Valencia, four bombs were explored in the edifice in rapid succession. When the moke and dust had cleared away it was seen that the high aiter had been destroyed and that several persons were who scated near it had been injured. The church was completely wrecked and a number of worshipers were bruised by falling debris. Two persons have been arrested on suspicion of

He Sold Decorations. Paris, Dec. 25.-Count Courcey Pagny has een sentenced to two years' imprisonment for selling Persian decorations secured by neans of forged firmans. It is alleged that

having exploded the bombs.

the firmans were procured in blank by a former minister of Venezuela, who was accredited to the Persian court. SOME RESULTS OF THE STRIKE.

Indiana Miners Not Sure of Getting

Work Now the Trouble is Ended. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 25.-It is not a settled fact that the Indiana miners, though the strike has been declared off, will be able to get regular work, but the probabilities seem to be that they will. Some delay may be occasioned on account of the operators having to work their way back into the market, but it is believed that a majority of the contracts have been held by the mine owners and that therefore the demand will be large enough to give the men pretty steady employment.

What are the chances for the Indiana operators being able to furnish their men regular work?" was asked of Mr. J. Smith Talley vesterday.
"That question," he replied, "cannot be

answered just now. We do not know, and have no way of finding out sooner than perhaps within the next eight or ten days."
State President Comisky was seen at his home and requested to give his opinion of the outlook. He was inclined to judge that the men would be able to get work. "What has the strike accomplished!" was

asked. "In my optnion," answered the president, "it has not been barren of good results. I think it has taught a double lesson to the operators and to the men, which will bear fruit in times to come. Hereafter we shall doubtless understand each other better for this brief term in the school of experience and shall bring to our coming joint convention a mutual spirit of farmess and justice, from which will proceed great common good. When the operators and men come together, cach side fairly disposed, each side deeply concerned in an amicable and an equitable settlement, I cannot but believe that their object is easy of attainment. If this strike has demonstrated to the operators and the miners that their proper course lies parallel and that their interests can be conserved only by harmonious rela-tions being maintained—if it has done this, and I pelieve it has, the end more than justifies the means."

Conservative estimates place the loss sulting from the strike at \$1,750,000. Considered in its whole preadth and extentsomething incalculable, with any degree o definiteness-it was probably more than that. Nearly one-half of the enormous sum comes out of the pockets of the men, or rather should have been put in them. A goodly portion of the remainder shows up in the greatly decreased earnings of the railways, the principal loser among the latter having been the Chicago & Indianapolis road. According to Mr. H. H. Porter's estimate, that line sustained a daily loss, as a result of the suspension, of about \$5,000, or \$150,000 per month. The strike was in effect fully two months, which would indicate that the Chicago & Indianapolis suffered to the extent of \$300,000. Beside the men and the railways, general business, commercial and industrial, was affected to a considerable ex-

Threatened strike. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 25 .-- A tie-up of San Antonio & Aransas Pass railroad, because of cuts among the station telegraphers and substitution of nonunion men at lower wages, is probable tomorrow. A meeting will be held at Yoakum of employes for concerted action. This meeting will offer the alternative of reinstatement of old men or a strike. About 700 men and as many miles of road are affected.

South Dakota's Divorce Mill.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 25.-|Special telegram to THE BEE. ]-A hearing was granted by Judge Aikens last night to Mis. Flora L. Dye, of Salamanca, N. Y., one of the colony, in her application for a divorce from her husband, George E. Dye, the leading hardware merchant in Salamanca. Mrs. Dye was anxious to be home for New Years and she departed tonight with her decree a a Christmas gift for her New York home. The grounds upon which her divorce was granted was drunkenness. It seemed that Mr. Dye frequently came home laden with corn juice and in order to show his powe and strength would beat his wife to insensi-bility. They were married in New York City May 7, 1871 and have one son.

Going at Guttenberg.

GUTTENBERG, N. J., Dec. 25.-The track was very heavy today, and the attendance was large:

First race, five furlongs: Tom Hayes won Matagorda tilly second, Lomax third. Time 1:044.
Second race, six and one-half furlongs:
Kempland won. Requefort second, Little
Fred third. Time: 1:25.
Third race one mile: Woodcutter won,
Saunterer second. Text third. Time: 1:45%
Fourth race, five furlongs: Toano won,
Tormentor second, Volunteer third. Time:
1:024.

1:924.
Fifth race, six furlongs: Paragon won.
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Bloody and Fatal.

MACCLANNY, Fla., Dec. 25. - A bloody and fatal fight occurred this morning north of here. A country dance was in progress and James Sweat got into a difficulty with a dancer who shot bim dead. The fight then became general and five others were serious-

ly wounded. New York's Dry Goods Trade. New York, Dec. 25,-Business in dry goods yesterday was chiefly in the way of charging up sales rately made. The market is now in a very good position as to stock and a strong-

er tone is already manifested. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The four nights' engagement commencing Sunday next at Boyd's New theater of the famous comedy "Dr. Bill" bids fair to be very successful. "Dr. Bill" is said to be an extremely funny comedy. It is an adaptation from the French. Few comedies have had as long runs as has "Dr. Bill." Paris engagement lasted 520 nights, London engagement 340 and the Garden theater, New York run was 104. It is said of this comedy that while it is a huge laugh from start to finish that it is devoid of horse play, being straight legitimate comedy. The saie of seats begins this morning.

Gracie Emmett and a capable company will be seen in this city at Farnam Street theatre on Sunday, matinee, for the whole week, in the "Pulse of New York." The week in the "Pulse of New York." The play is well staged, some of the scenes are grand especially, the little church around the corner, the elevated railroad scene, in the second act and the great steam pile-driver scene, in full view of the audience. The play is action throughout, bright and ilvely, the dialogue interspersed with a comody element that serves to keep its auditors at all times merry. DEATH FROM SUFFOCATION.

Dreadful Fate of Little Bessie Howard at Lincoln.

VICTIM OF A MYSTERIOUS BLAZE,

Though Taken from the Burning Building by Brave Firemen, She Fails to Recover-Nebraska

News of Interest.

LINCOLN. Nob., Dec. 25,-(Special Telegram to Tue Ben I-A sad fatality occurred in this city today. Shortly after 5 o'clock this evening an alarm of fire was turned in from the corner of Sixteenth and O streets. The fire was in a two-story brick residence belonging to Alfred Smith. Shortly after the fire department reached the scene word was passed around that a baby was lying

asleep in one of the upper rooms. Firemen immediately attempted to find their way to the room, but were at first un-successful. After several attempts, they succeeded in finding the child.

It was at once taken to the residence of a hysician near by, but all attempts to re suscitate it were unsuccessful. Death had resulted from suffication. The child was Bessie Howard, the 2-year-old daughter of William A. Howard, who is an advertising solicitor for the Call of this city. Since the death of the child's mother, which occurred some time ago, she has been in charge of an eider sister. This afternoon the older girl left the child asleep and went over to a neighbor's. The fire started in her absence. The origin of the blaze is a mystery. After the child had been found the flames were soon extinguished.

Grand Island's Mayor Remembered GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 25 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Mayor Boyden was greatly surprised to welcome as visitors the entire police force of the city Saturday evening and was still more surprised when the chief, Mr. George P. Dean, making a few well chosen remarks, presented him with a handsome gold-headed cane on which were engraved the following: "Presented to Mayor Boyden by the Police Force, Grand Island, Neb., Christmas, '91,'

Mayor Boyden responded in a feeling man-ner, thanking the members of the force, not only for their kind gift but for their earnest endeavors to fulfill the duties and responsi bilities of the trust they had accepted in guarding the welfare and safety of the city. Light refreshments were served after which the guests dispersed,

Nebraska's Helping Hand.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 24 .- To the Editor of THE BEE: My attention has just been called to an article in yesterday's BEE signed "Experience." Thinking that some who may be inclined to help on this good work might be misled by it or kept from giving what they would be inclined to do, will you please state to the large army of Bee readers that immediately upon my appointment I wrote Sec-retary Rusk in regard to this matter, asking him what plan he would have us follow it making ready our shipment so as to overcome this very difficulty that "Experience" names. We want what Nebraska sends to the nungry Russians to go forward in the very best pos sible manner, so that when they read and eat of our great "King Corn" they will be led to cry more, more. Respectfully yours, LUTHER P. LUDDEN,

Christmas at the Penttentiary. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 25 .- [Special Telegram to Tue Bee. |-According to custom the convicts in the state prison were given i Christmas dinner and entertained by War. den Hopkins today. The convicts were all gathered in the chapel at 9 o'clock. All of the attractions from the Dime museum were presented. A theatrical entertainment was then given by the Museum company, after which a number of convicts gave a variety performance, which was highly appreciated. An adjournment to the yard wa the inmates indulged in foot ball and tugs of war, after which an old-time Christmas din ner was served and the men sent back to their cells with a liberal supply of cigars and

SPENCER, Neb., Dec. 25. - [Special to THE BEE. |-Spencer has initiated contest proceedings against Butte' City over the recent county seat election alleging fraud, jilegal voting and ballot box stuffing on the part of the election poard in Butte precinct. Butte received only eighty-one votes in the whole county outside of that precinct and her can-didates for office were all defeated by large majorities, but chrough alloged fraudulent manipulations the majority of the county officers were elected for Butte, and the county seat located there. The defeated candidates have commenced quo warranto proceedings on the same grounds as alleged the county seat contest.

House and Contents Burned. Eldon, Neb., Dec. 25 .- (Special Telegram

o Tue Bee. |- The family of W. J. Stockham of this place were startled this mornng while at breakfast to find the house over their heads in flames, caused by a defective flue. The loss is total on the house and partial on the contents. The building was insured in the Farmers and Merchants Insurance company for \$300 and the contents in the Home of Omaha for \$150.

Nearly Blown to Pieces. Elbon, Neb., Dec. 25.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The postoffice at this place

came near being blown to atoms this morn-Postmaster Itiff lit a cigar and thoughtlessly threw the match under the counter which set fire to some waste paper near by where two cans of powder stool. A blaze soon broke out and the paint on the powder cans was blistered and so hot that they were with difficulty removed.

Butte City Extensions. SPENCER, Neb., Dec. 25 .- (Special to THE BEE. |-Butte City has initiated a contest at

the United States district land office at O'Neill against the homestead entry of Oliver Johnson who has filed on three-fortieths of the sixteen acres claimed by Butte for townsite purposes. A portion of the town is now being extended over the land appropriated by Johnson's entry against his protest,

Droppe | Dead On the street. LINCOLN, Nob., Dec. 25 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. ]-Samuel G. Thomas, a weil known real estate agent having an office in the Burr block, dropped dead on the street this afternoon from heart disease He has a family residing at 614 North Twen-

Results of the Storm.

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 25 .- [Special Telegeam to THE BEE. |-A driving snow storm set in here early this morning. The snew is drifting badly. Stock trains are slightly delayed.

The Elus' Benefit. The Omaha lodge of Elks are arranging a grand matinee benefit performance to take place at Boyd's New theater on Wednesday afternoon, December 30, the proceeds of which are to be turned into the lodge treasury. The "Dr. Bill" company have very kindly volunteered to give one act of "Dr. Bill," and members of the company who can furnish special numbers for the program have cheerfully consented to do so. The management of "Flashes" have come forward and volunteered one num-ber for the entertainment of the audi-There are other professional ns in Council Biuffs and and assistance will be from them if possible. attractions Lincoln, secured secured from them if possible. The best musical and other talent in Omana will be revited to participate. The catertainment will be a delightful mixture of comedy, music, recitations, etc., and those who purchase tickets will aid a worthy organisation, obtaining at the same time full value for their money. The tickets will be \$1 each and can be obtained from members of the lodge, at the theater box office, at the Eik club rooms, or from members of the general committee of arrangements, which con sists of W. B. Taylor, D. W. Haynes and JOHN L. MILES DEAD.

Demise of the Well Known Banker on Christmas Morning.

John L. of -- - estident of the Nebrasica Savings back! died at his home, 518 South Twenty-sixth Street, at I o'clock yesterday morning, after a progracted illness of consumption. For the past three years Mr. Miles has been an invalid, afflicted with bronebial troubles, and has been in Ill health six or eight/defiths. His recent illness has lasted a month, all of which time he has been confined to his home. His death was not unexpected by the family and those near to

The remains vill be sent Sunday evening at 6 o'clock to Davenport, Ia, for interment. The funeral will take place Monday morning

at the cathedral in that place.

The death of Mr. Miles was not generally known yesterday, but the sad information of his demise was communicated to a few of his friends, who called at the house in the afternoon and evening.

Mr. Miles was one of Omaha's best known business men, He was president of the Nebraska Savings bank and was interested with George Barger in Orchard Hill. He was also connected with the brokerage firm of Miles & Thempson, which is now con-ducted by his brother, Andrew Miles.

Mr. Miles was 47 years of age, and the past few years of his life he has traveled much for his health, going to Europe and Mexico, in order to improve the condition of his lungs. He has been a resident of this city flve years, coming here from Davenport. He five years, coming here from Davenport, was born in New York City in 1814. At age of four years his family moved to Fon du Lac, Wis. At that place he was reared and received his education. Arriving at the age of 20 he went to Quincy, Ill., where he went nto the life insurance business. He remained here for a period of four years. At the expration of this time he returned to Fon du Lac and was mar-ried. Then he and his young wife went to Nashville, Tenn. to live. He was the agent of the Ætna Life Insurance company. Making a success of this, he went to Cedar Rapids, Ia., and was made the general western agent of the company for Iowa and Nebraska, Afterwards Mr. Milos removed Davenport and dealt in lands. He was in that city twelve years after which came to Omaha and entered the banking

There is a family of two sons and two daughters left, his wife having but recently

Peath of buln Ross. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Tanner now living at Blair, Nep., but who for a number of years resided in this city, wit sympathize deeply with them in the death of their daughter, Miss Luiu Ross, a bright and lovable bhild. She had been suffering for some time with tonsilitis, but was supposed to be recovering, and on Christmas eye was induiging in pleasurable anticipations of the coming of the holidays. While talking with her mother she suddenly fainted, as was supposed, but all efforts to resuscitate her pro-ed futile and death ensued immediately. T body was brought to Omaha last evening the parents and the funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from St. Philomena's

CELEBRATED BY FIGHTING.

Rows Which Enlivened the Day for the Police.

There was aditale row down in Goldsmith's saloon at Ninth and Capitol avenue last evening between a man named Ryan and Sam Cline. The former struck Cline with a club, knocking him down and cutting quite a gash in his head over the right ere. injured man was taken to police headquar-ters where Officer Dibborn dressed the wound, after which Cline was locked up for

wound, after which Cline was locked up for disturbing the peace. Ryan skipped.

William and James Wilson, both colored, got into a row in front of a fruit store in the Board of Trade building last evening. When they clinched and fell they rolled down the steps and into the entrance to the store. The proprietor, G. Hugetts, endeavored to put the men out himself, and it is claimad he interfered with Difficer Evans while attempting to arrest the colored men. All three were taken to the Jall, where the Wilsons were charged with lighting and Hugetts with interfering with an officer. All three with interfering with, an officer. All three

Three Small Burglaries.

Burglars entered the commission house of R. Bingham & Son at Seventeenth and Leavenworth streets Thursday night and rifled the safe, but got no money. The safe was unlocked, but the burgiars broke into Officer Glover found the front door of C

O. D. Brown's store open, about 4 o'clock yesterday morning. An investigation showed that only a small amount of change had been taken from the cash register.
The grocery store owned by Charles Hauley, 1024 South Tenth street, was broken into by thieves some time. Thursday night and a music box valued at \$40 stolen.

Luck of a Cheis mes Drunk. William Kirk of South Omaha impibed little too much hot whisky in Omaha last night and fell from a motor car at the corner of Eighteenth and Vinton streets. He lay between the tracks in a badly stunned condition and the patrol wagon was sent for. The man was taken to the jail, where the heat soon revived him, and it was found that he had quite a severe cut on the back of the head. The wound was dressed and Kirk was given a bed for the night.

Only One Day of Liberty. Dick Grandon, who had just finished serving a sixty days' sontence on the hill, was arrested again yesterday for having a suit of clothes in his possession which he could not satisfactorily account for. The police believe the clothing to be stolen plander:

John from Was Numerous. There was a whole raft of "John Does" taken to police headquarters in a badly in toxicated condition last night. "Dr." Dibborn was kept busy for quite a while administering snake medicide to some of the

Switchman Painfully Injured. A B. & M. switchman named F. E. Bale met with a painful accident last night which may lay him up for some time. Bale was standing on the footboard on engine 217 as it was running under the Douglas street bridge with one foot resting at the extreme end of the footrest, when the limb struck against a drawbar which had been left standing too near the track. The police patrol wagon was sent for and conveyed the injured switchman to his home, 1317 South Seventeenth street. A surgeon was sent for who dressed the bruises, which, forthnately, are not serious.

Cable Car Conductor Hurt. While cleaning the snow from the cable tracks at Tenth and Dodge streets early yesterday morning, the grip of the sweeper broke. A second grip car was attached and when the start was made a draw bar snapped throwing a couple of cars from the track. While textog to repair the damage Conductor R. F. Ross was caught between two cars and severely squeezes. His in-juries, while painful, are not serious.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPAS.

Captain Avery of the United States Pen-sion bureau is in the city on business. Miss Edith P. Wine of Kansas City is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Pratt, during the bolidays.

Mr. E. B. Jack, manager for Roland Reed.

arrived in the city in time to eat his Christ-mas turkey at the Millard. Mr. Reed is the New Year's attraction at Boyd's Gus Barnes, formerly treasurer of the Grand opera house of Chicago, is now with "A Texas Steer" company as treasurer. Mr. Barnes' positions have brought him a large

acquaintance in the profession, and his uniform courtesy to patrons of the theater have won him the kindly regard of a host of people outside the profession Joseph Hengen and Frank Phillips, opera-Joseph Hengen and Frank Phillips, opera-tors for the fire and police alarm system, who resigned their positions at a recent meeting of the fire and police commissioners, will leave January 4 for California. They expect to enter the employ of a large fruit house in Sacramento. Mr. Hangen has been in his present position for four and a half years and Mr. Phillips for three and a half years. FIFTEEN HUNDRED POOR FED.

Christmas Cheer Carried Into the Homes of Omaha's Deserving Needy.

CHARITY ASSOCIATION'S GRAND WORK

How the Glad Holiday Was Spent at the Old Ladies' Home, the Poor Farm, the Jaits and the Churches.

"The quality of mercy is not strained; it dropped like the gentle dew from heaven upon the place beneath."—Shakespeare.

"What are you doing in the snow, little gir!!" asked a gentleman of a poor, half clad little girl, who was sitting on the stone steps of a store on Douglas street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth about 11 o'clock yes terday forenoon.

"I am looking for a Christmas tree, sir, but can't find any. Mother said she knew. there was a Christmas tree somewhere up town," continued the innocent waif, "but I am afraid I can't find it. Do you know

Just as the gentleman began to explain to the hungering child that he could take her to a place where Santa Claus had been, Tite Bee reporter happened along. The three were soon walking toward the charity asso-ciation headquarters at 105 South Fifteenth street, where the shivering child was fitted out with a warm hood, a new pair of shees and a protecting shawl. She was then given a large basket of provisions and started on her way home. She said she lived with her mother down on the bottoms, and by some means the canvassers had missed their hum-

ble habitation in the round-up.
This case was an exception, as very few poor people called for assistance at the headquarters. A dozen wagons were kept busy all Thursday afternoon and until late Thursday night distributing catables, fuel, groceries and clothing. The work was con-tinued yesterday nearly all the forenoon, or until all the goods at the disposal of the as-

Rev. A. W. Clark, Rev. C. H. Savidge, sr., Mr. A. P. Hopkins, Mr. Thomas Klipatrick, Mrs. Haner, Mrs. Jardine, Mrs. Darrow and a score of others staid with the good work until all the goods were distributed and nearly 300 families had been supplied with a substantial dinner and quantities of groceries and clothing. True there may have been some poor families missed because of their modest in letting the association know about their needs, but a grand work was accomplished and not less than 1,200 to 1,500 poor people were made to forget the pinching panes of poverty and feel that there is in the hearts of Omaha's good people a spirit of geauine philanthropy and pity for the unfortunate. As THE BEE has previously announced effort is being made to make the Association of Charities a permanent institution, and the good work accomplished yesterday has greatly encouraged those who have the matter in hand to place the association upon

OLD LADIES ENJOY THE DAY.

Inmates of the Burt Street Home

Celebrate Sabstantially. The mantle of snow that hid the earth yesterday, bringing joy to the hearts of the rich and the young and sorrow to the hearts of the poor, was but a shade waiter than the heads of the inmates of the Women's Christian home who gathered around the tables that grouned under their loads of Christmas This home, which is situated on Burt near

noble charities. It is supported by contributions, received principally from members of the Christian churches of the city. The institution is a home for aged women, and at present time has thirteen inmates, the oldest of whom is Mrs. Bettle, a woman who has seen eighty-nine Christmas days come and go. The baby of the place is Mrs. Whitney, who can count back and remember having seea snows of fifty-four Christmas mornings. The combined ages of the thirteen inmates, when added together, number 845 years. Notwithstanding the fact that before another Christmas rolls around, the chances are that the grim messenger Death will visit the institution and claim several of the

Twenty-sixth street, is one of Omaha's most

members as his own, all was good cheer and happiness yesterday. Dinner was sorved at 1 o'clock under the direction of the matron, Mrs. A. M. Gordon, assisted by Miss Aggie Robinson. It was a rennine feast, consisting of roast turkey, cooked to a delicate brown, served with oyster dressing; corn, potatoes, pickles, plum pudding, cake, broad, butter and rich coffee. With the exception of Mesdames Morris and Walker, all of the old ladies were able to occupy their places at the tables. These two sweet, white-pared women were side but the product of the control of haired women were sick, but they were not forgotten. A tray was londed with the hoicest and most tempting morsels and car-

led to their rooms.
In the dining room the menu was disussed, and it was a pleasure and a treat to isten to the conversation, which was de-roted largely to reminiscences of Christmas inners that were served during the early cars of the present century. There was plenty to cat and to spare. The larder of the home is well stocked, as the bushels of fruit, potatoes and other vegetables vestorday found their way to the institution. Everything was contributed by the good people of the city, and there are now enough dainties on hand to last several months,

Christmas day was no more enjoyable than bristmas eye. The fire in the great stove ast a cheerful glow about the room. The oal was piled higher while the wind whistled around the street corners, when there came a knock at the outer door. It was past the hour for receiving callers, but the matron knew that it meant the coming of some per son to cheer the spirits of her charges, Without standing upon ceromories, the vis-itor opened the door. It was Miss Hattle Coller of the First Presbyterian course, but she was not alone. She was ac-companied by a score or mose of little ones, the members of her Sunday school class. They filled the pariors, and in a short time had presented each of the inmates and em-ployes of the institution with a Christmas gift. Then they sang songs that brought back the remembrances of youthful days. It was a delightful entertainment, and one that will not be soon forgotten.

COUNTY CHARGES REMEMBERED.

No Presents, But There Was Plenty to Eat. There was no Santa Claus at the poor farm, either were there any stockings hung, but the county's regular charges were not alowed to forget that the day was

My Nerves Are All Right

And I have gained 10 pounds in 6 months. as the result of taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, says Mr. B. H. Rose of the firm of Rose & Eddy, Rochester, N. Y. "I had almost

Chronic Dyspepsia

My digestion being very bad, and I was broken down from overwork so that I could ot sleep nights. But my stomach is now in serfect condition, and for all the above benefit my gratitude is due Hood's Sarsaparilla."

"Water-Brash And dyspepsia troubled me for 10 years, and

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very much variety or quantity in the way of a meal, but the ovil doers in the city jail were able to distinguish Christmas features in their dinners. A slightly exaggerated piece of meat, a faint suspicion of cranberry sauce and an unusual sweetness to the steaming coffee were indubitable proofs that the jail caterer hadn't forgotten that the 25th of December comes but once a year, and the motley crowd that profited thereby was

brances from loving friends were noticeably

acking, but there was plenty of warmth and

an abundance to eat, and that was somethin

not to be ignored by those who had often suf-fered keenly for want of both.

The Christmas dinner was to those enough

to render the day a pleasant and memorable one, though there were some whose thoughts

turned sadly backward to the December holidays of other years when friends and

smiling fortune had rendered the day indeed

CHRISTMAS IN THE CELLS.

Prisoners at the City and County

Jails Ger Extra Grub.

Twelve and one-half cents doesn't allow of

a merry one.

bappy accordingly.

The prisoners at the county jail were treated to a little something extra at the afternoon meal, though turkey, pudding and wine were considered a little too rich for their blood. Six of the 114 prisoners were leased after breakfast, but two of t wanted to stay until after dinner and their request was granted. Father Rigge sent down 150 cigars, and this present probably contributed more genuine enjoyment to those who passed the day with bolts and bars beween and liberty than any other would have done.

SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES.

Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men From the Pulpits.

At Trinity cathedral the chancel and its furniture were garnished with Christmas greens and the altar was beautiful with vases of cut flowers. The usual Christmas service was followed and the sermon by Dean Gardner was very short. The central thought in it was that this was not merely a day for giving and receiving presents, but the anniversary of the coming of a savior of When we have accepted Christ, then, and not until then, will the day be truly hallowed and sanctified. The service closed with the celebration of the holy communion.

At St. Philomena's. As early as 4:30 St. Philomena's cathedral, Ninth and Harney streets, was filled with devout worshipers to witness the solemn ontifical high mass celebrated by Rt. Rev. Bishon Scannel, with all the solemnity which the Roman ceremonial affords. The altars were brilliant with a thousand tapers, and tastefully decorated with exotic plants and flowers. Above the tabernacle gleamed a large Star of Bethlebem wrought in gas jet-Around the sanctuary, arranged in graceful profusion, were potted plants. Bishop Scannel pontificated; deacon, Rey, Father Mc Carthy; assistant priest, Rev. Father Kelly deacon of honor, Rev. Father Bronsgeesht: master of ceremonies, Rev. Father Braen, At the Sanctus a band of red-robed acolytes filed into the sanctuary bearing torches, presenting a very pretty sight. Miss Swift's junior choir of trained female voices rendered Leonard's tuneful mass with excellent effect. Rev. Father McCarthy preached, extending to the congregation Christmas greetings for the right reverend

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bishop and himself. At the close Bishop The 100 inmates feasted on turkey, mince pto and cranberry sauce, with all the Scannel imparted the solemn papal benedic-tion, a ceremony which is performed only other accompaniments that go to make up a good dinner. Presents and little rememour times a vear.

At 10:30 solemn high mass was again sung.
Rev. P. F. McCarthy was celebrant, assisted
by Rev. A. M. Colaneri as deacon and Rev.
W. Keily as sub-deacon. Rev. J. A. Bruen
preached on the joyous Christmas tide. The choir, under the direction of Miss Fannie Arnold, organist, assisted by Boyd's orchestra, gave Cimarosa's brilliant military mass The services opened with Gound's Pontifical March. At the offertory, Lieutenant Kinzie sang Cappocci's Laudate Pueri exquisitely, his resonant tenor voice blend-ing harmoniously with the clear alto of the rus of boys. Adeste Fideles was given

At Other Sanctuaries.

Services at St. John's were very elaborate and impressive, and were participated in by a very large congregation of worshipers and visitors notwithstanding the severe weather. The beautiful church was decorated profusely with festoons of evergreen, helly and mis-tletoe branches and flowers and ferns in ap-parently unlimited quantities. Solemn high mass was changed at 5 a. m., followed every half hour by low masses until 9 a. m. The "Mass of Shepherds" was sung at 10:30 o'clock. The choir rendered a splendid program, one of the features being Weber's The Christmas sermon was preached by Father Corbley. Very elaborate services were conducted in the Lutheran churches and special Christ-

nearly every church in the city

mas services and concerts were given in

Dainties for the Sick. The friends of St. Joseph's hospitar did not forget that institution, and by their kind efforts made the day one of joy there. In the morning religious services were held, after which the rest of the day was given over to pleasure. Bright flowers and blossoms were freely distributed, and every patient in the hospital was the recipient of a gift. At 5 o'clock the event of the day occurred—the Christmas dinner. The table was loaded with dainties and luxures, and was theroughly enjoyed by all who partook of it. In the ovening Santa Claus came, and fruits

thought to the sick, and who, by their re-membrance, helped to lighten the load of suffering so many have to bear.

and candies and clears were distributed.

The sisters are grateful to the kind people

who, in the midst of their pleasure, gave a

At the Theaters. "A Texas Steer" last night broke the record at the new Boyd theater, and people were turned away. Manager Boyd says Omaha never had a Christmas eve honse of more than \$100, but this company's Thursday night business was \$470, breaking another record. "A Texas Steer" was played in Omaha last February, and on a return engagement in May drew a house worth over \$1,100. It was such a remarkable event in theatrical experience that the box office statement was framed and now hangs in the lobby of the Madison Square theater of New York, which is owned by Hoyt & Thomas. It is a notable fact that the present engagement will make twelve performances of this play in Omnha within ton months.
"Sport McAllister" did a big business at

both performances yesterday, and the at-tendance at the Parnam Street theater last light made one of the notable houses of the This farce comedy has proved to be one of the most satisfactory plays of its kind on the road, and kind words for it are heard Manager Lawler of the Eden Mu see gave a supper to his employes and the troupe play-

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