OMAHA, FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 9, 1892.

### ANOTHER PLAN TO OBSTRUCT

Buck Kilgore Springs an Obsolete Rule Upon the House.

INVOKED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS

Brought Up to Delay the Consideration of a Bill Opposed by the Texas Statesman -Business Transacted by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8 .- Mr. Kilgore of Texas brought to the attention of the house a rule which few of the members know to be in existence. It provides that unfinished business coming over from the first session of the house cannot be considered at the second session until after the expiration of six days. Should the rule be permitted to remain in the code and should it be invoked, the wheels of legislation at a second session would be practically clogged for the first week of its existence. Speaker Crisp intimated that the defect would be remedied, but Mr. Kilgore's invocation of rule postponed action on a bill extending the provisions of an act for the muster and pay of officers and men in the volunteer forces. The point made by Mr. Kilgore was entirely unexpected and created much amusement. Probably not a dozen members in the house were aware of the existence of such a rule. or, if they were, understood its purport.

Although the rule has been in the code for many years (except during the Fifty-first congress), none of the oldest members can remember when it has been ever invoked.

The annual report of the secretary of the treasury was laid before the house and referred to the committee on ways and means. No objection was raised to the further con-sideration of the bill relative to printing and binding and this consumed the remainder of the afternoon. Without disposing of the bill the house adjourned. In the Senate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The senate spent exactly one hour in session today. And that time was equally divided between executive and legislative business. The former had reference to the pending claims of the treaty with Chili, which was ratified and confirmed. The latter included the reporting, considering and passage of a bill to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi river at New Orleans. The list of absentees has now been re-duced to nine, there now being seventy-nine senators recorded as being in this city. Their

presence at the capitol will not be required before Monday next.

In executive session the following nomina-tions were confirmed: John H. Gear of Iowa as assistant secretary of the treasury; Jowa as assistant secretary of the treasury;
D. P. Thompson of Oregon as minister to
Turkey; William Potter of Pennsylvania as
minister to Italy; J. H. Baker of Iowa as
consul to Copenhagen; J. A. Forbe of California as consul to Guaymas; Charles
Wakan of Illinois as consul to Manilla;
William Stone of Iowa as commissioner of
the general land office. the general land office.

SHAPING THEIR POLICY.

Democratic Leaders in the House Confer-

Doings in Washington. Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Speaker Crisp, Representative McMillan and Representative Catchings, who as members of the rules committee, are rather looked to to shape the policy of the house, held a conference of some length today in the speaker's room for TO CHANGE THE DATE OF MEETING. the purpose of considering the plan and scope of an inquiry into the condition of the treasury. This inquiry is really designed for the purpose of furnishing information necessary to a revision of the tariff on a revenue basis, to which the democratic party is pledged, and to some extent also for the purpose of gaining information as to where reforms can be made in the interests of economy in the administration of the government. The majority members of the comoffered] by Representative Dockery of Missouri, and the other by Representative Wilson of West Virginia, the former's resolution looking to an inquiry by the appropriations committee, of which he is a member, and the latter by the committee on ways and means.

The scope of the two resolutions is not quite identical. The members of the rules committee were favorable to an inquiry of the kind suggested, but thought it should be conducted by one committee only sentative Dickery was consulted with, and after Mr. Wilson has a chance also to present his views the majority members will decide what they shall do and will present the result of their determination to the full committee on rules at a meeting to be held

## Plans of Democratic Senators.

Senators Gorman, Carlisle and Brice have been designated by the democratic senatorial caucus committee to act, as an advisory caucus committee to act, as an advisory committee, in conjunction with the democratic senators from states where the approaching senatorial elections are likely to be the subject of partisan contests or to act independently where there are no democratic senators from such states. The advisory committee will leave for New York tonight and may consult with some of the members of the national democratic commitmembers of the national democratic committee if the opportunity offers.

It appears that the subject of restricting

immigration has become a matter of discus sion by the democratic senators, and they have decided that it should be treated in a non-partisan way and that every effort should be made toward withdrawing party lines when the subject comes before the

Gresham's Interstate Commerce Decision Senator Cullom, chairman of the senate committee on interstate commerce, has very little to say relative to the decision of Judge state commerce law, but his manner

cates that he is not at all pleased with it.
"I have not read it and I do not care to say much until I have," said Mr. Cullom. ion affecting the validity of the section ap dies to all, and that if the one is unconstitu ional the law in its entirety must be. There is nothing in such an arrangement. There is one thing about which there has been no doubt, and that is if the law can be amended so as to withstand the decisions of the courts it will be. Whether such a result can be reached it is hard to determine. After I have read the decision in full 1 may have something to say pertinent to the subject on the floor of the senate."

The friends of the interstate commerce law feel that if the opinion is upheld by the supreme court it will render the commission helpless. It will then be, they say, placed in the position of a voluntary court, with no power to compel the attendance of wit-

Mr. Culberson of the house judiciary committee said be thought the judge was correct in his statement of the law as to the section of the act referred to. Further than this Mr. Culbertson declined to talk, on the ground that the question in some form might come before the committee of which he is chairman and he did not wish to commit himself beforehand.

### State and Railway Lands

The census bureau today issued a balletin giving statistics of state and railway lands sold on credit. The bulletin says: While the public domain is not now sold on credit by the United States, the land that has been granted to states by the national government and acquired by the United States by treaty and the land that has been given to railway companies by congress and the states, has been sold on credit by states and railway companies under arrangements permitting purchasers to occupy at once, and entitling them to deeds upon payment of the final in-stallment of the purchase price. The debt incurred by purchasers from ten states under such contracts during the ten years, 1880-90,

was \$30,625,270; from fifty-six railroad companies, \$88,143,769; total, \$118,769,039. This business was represented by 61,009 contracts with states and 186,469 contracts with railway companies, a total of 247,478 contracts. "Under the credit sales of land made by the states during the ten years previously, there existed a debt of \$25,462,223. Of this \$9,613,987 is owing to the Texas Pacific; \$1,400,991 to Minnesota; \$1,886,047 to Nebraska; \$3,667,735 to Kansas and \$1,000,927 to Califor-400.001 to Minnesota; \$3.885,047 to Nebraska; \$3.667,735 to Kańsas and \$1.000.927 to California. Under the credit sides made by fifty-six railroad companies, there survives a debt of \$31.012.433, and the debt owing to states and railroad companies under these contracts aggregates \$57,594,650. The interest charges for one year on the debt owing to states amounts to \$1.658,158; on the debt owing to railway companies, \$2,165,355; total, \$3,823,953."

The Torrey Bankruptey Bill.

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The Torrey bankruptcy bill came up today in the house judiciary committee on a motion of its friends to ask the house to make it a of its friends to ask the bouse to make it a continuing order from Toesday, the 13th inst. until it is disposed of. Chairman Culbertson, who is opposed to the bill and others of its kind, favored the motion, which was adopted with only one or two dissenting votes. Subsequently Mr. Oates introduced in the house a resolution in accordance with the motion of the committee. The chances for the consideration of this voluminous bill during this session are not bright.

Admission of New Mexico and Arizona.

The democrats are of a mind, it is now said, to let the question of the admission of New Mexico and Arizona go over to the next congress, not making any fight to pass the bills for their admission by the senate this winter. If the bill for the admission of New Mexico, now on the senate calendar were passed, the delegate from that territory, Mr. passed, the delegate from that territory, significance, the deseph, would file in the house a bill with a provision that nothing but the English language shall be taught in the public schools. Mr. Joseph says that the people of the territory would not consent to come into the union under an act containing that provision. These seems to be little provision, of the There seems to be little probability of the senate striking it out under any circum-stances, and this fact inclines the democrats not to try to admit the territory during this congress. As both propositions stand together it is probable the course followed as to New Mexico will be followed as to Arizona.

Washington Notes. Representative Catchings, a prominent member of the rules committee, today introduced in the house a resolution providing for an amendment to the rule, which will extricate the house from such a dilemma as it found itself in today. The amendment elimmates the objectionable six-day feature of rule 27, and it will probably form the basis of action at a meeting of the rules commit-

tee tomorrow.

The following named fourth class postoffices have been raised to the presidential
class: Charter Oak, In.; Hartley, In.; Kirwin, Kan.; Fredericksburg, Mo.; Beaver
City, Neb.; Oakland, Neb.
Representative Caldwell of Ohio is the
author of a bill introduced in the house today for address residence.

day to reduce postage on first-class mail matter, except postal cards, to 1 cent per half

The United States ship Chicago, which is now at the New York navy yard, has been ordered out of commission. She will have new beilers put in at the yard and general repairs made. The new boilers, it is ex-pected, will develop a greater horse power, rive an increase in speed and also economise

Justice Harlan of the United States supreme court will sail for Europe about the 20th of this month as one of the arbiters in the Bering sea dispute.
G. M. Lambertin of Lincoln, Neb., has

been selected for appointment as assistant secretary of the treasury to succeed Mr. Nettleton. His commision will be sent to the senate Friday.

Proposition Being Considered by Democratic Congressmen.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—It is not improbable that a caucus of the democratic members of the house will be called upon to consider the proposition embedied in bills now before the house for the change of date for the meeting of congress from the first Monday in December to the first Monday after the fourth day of March of each year. The matter is receiving the serious atten-tion of some of the democratic members of the judiciary committee, and today after the har meeting an informal conference was by them at which the subject considered. It is thought, and opinion was expressed that, proposed change migh valuable one, yet it was well to be cautious and conservative in taking such a step. The suggestion was also made that it might be desirable to obtain the opinion of the der crats generally by holding a caucus. T suggestion, however, has not yet taken practical form. If such a change as that pro-posed should be made to apply to the Fiftythird congress, just elected, the object aimed at by the advocates of a special session of the new congress would be—practically attained. There is a popular impression that a change in the date of the meeting of congress would have to be sanctioned but convention of the several states, as in the case of amendments to the constitution. This impression is not well founded, however, as the constitution gives congress authority to change its time

# WAR CLAIMS PILING UP.

Attorney General Miller Warns Congress of an Impending Danger.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—Attorney General Miller, in his annual report, reviews the work done by the department during the year. He calls attention to the growth of the business therein, especially in the department of the court of claims. The various classes of claims chiefly occupying its attention are then statistically shown. He calls special attention to the enormous amount of southern claims piling up for supplies, etc., taken by the army during the war, amounting at present to about \$400,000,000. He points out that a large proportion of these are without merit, being made by persons who were at the time in rebellion, and suggests that unless congress put some barrier between the treasury and these claims there is no telling what amount the government will be called upon to pay. The report rewill be called upon to pay. The report re-fers to the new circuit court of appeals and says the number of cases before the supreme

Nebraska at Washington. Washington, D. C. Dec., S .- [Special Telegram to Tue Bre. |-A bill has been intro-

duced to pension Mrs. Mary Hazlip of Blair at \$12 per month. L. A. Ames was today appointed post-

master at Swift. Otoe county, Nebraska; vice A. J. Balfour resigned. master at Swift. Obse county. Aebraska; vice A. J. Balfour resigned.

The following postmasters for Iowa were today appointed; Bernina, Mahaska county, F. M. Nicholson, vice E. B. Pool, resigned; Dunreath, Marion county, Nora E. Kerr, vice O. M. Homeroy, resigned; Fort Atkinson, Winneshick county, G. A. Bieber, vice H. Tower resigned; Grimes, Polk county, E. F. Page, vice J. W. Morris resigned; Kentner, Carroll county, A. Schliesman, vice A. W. A. Harvey, resigned; Ridegoway, Minneshick county, J. A. Galby, vice W. S. Klemme, resigned; Soldier, Monona county E. E. Richards, vice O. N. Strand, resigned. The nomination by the president of Albert M. Norris to be postmaster at North Bend today terminated what has been a long, the some and somewhat acrimonious contest. There were many applications for the posi-There were many applications for the position, and many were the remonstrances, etc. The selection of Norris was with a view to

ing interests.

A bill to grant a pension of \$50 a month to Benjamin F Chambers in lieu of the amount he is now receiving, has been introduced. A bill to pension Eliza Ferguson, formerly widow of Hane Ferguson of company 1, Twenty-third Iowa infantry volunteers, has been introduced. Her pension was suspended by reason of her remarking. by reason of her remarriage.

W. A. Rimer of Deadwood, S. D., is at the

narmonizing, as far as possible, the conflict-

Secretary Noble has denied the motion for

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### TALKING KEYS ARE SILENT

Nearly Seven Hundred Rock Island Telegraphers Out on a Strike.

BUSINESS OF THE ROAD MOVES SLOWLY

Enough Men Remain at Work to Keep Trains in Motion-Claims Made on Both Sides-How the Matter Stands

The strike of the Rock Island telegraph operators was inaugurated at 10:20 yesterday morning, nearly all the offices in Nebraska being abandoned or given over to new men sent by the superintendent to meet just such an emergency

Here and there throughout the state an office is being operated by the old telegraph operator who is not a member of the Order of Railway Telegraphers or is not in sympathy with the present movement. Undoubtedly the dreary prospect seen from the windows of the small offices along the line of the Rock Island, the vista of snow-covered prairies has had a somewhat depressing effect upon many of the telegraphers, for a listener at the instrument in the city ticket office heard bits of conversation between operators at different points bemoaning the order of the chief that the strike

hould go on. But the official sanction to strike had been given and they had nothing else to do but to obey the order of those chosen to represent the association in all conferences between the railway officials and the brotherhood. Six hundred and seventy-five operators are out on the Rock Island and 350 on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern, which is operated by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacitic, thus tying up nearly 5,000 miles of rail-

While new men have been secured for many of the important offices, the small sta-tions will remain "dead" for a day or two until the railway officials ascertain the extent of the strike. In the meantime city ticket agents, freight agents, freight clerks and even heads of departments who were operators in their early days are making efforts to reach important stations to which they have been assigned. Charles Rutherford, city ticket agent of the Rock Island at Lincoln, is trying to get to Albright, which is an important station on this line. George Merrill, who is the operathis line. George Merrill, who is the opera-tor in the freight office here as well as clerk, is waiting for orders to go out on the road and will probably be assigned to South

In reply to a question of THE BEE reporter. whether he intended to join the strikers Mr. Merrill said: "I am not working for the Order of Railway Telegraphers. I am working for the Rock Island, from whom I draw my salary. I am not in sympathy with this movement, and helicare the more of the congretors will and believe that many of the operators will have made a mistake. While I am not a member of the order, still I suppose from this on I will be classed among the 'scabs.'

To: Wilhelm, traveling freight agent of the Rock Island, will take Mr. Merrill's place if it is thought necessary to send the latter out on the road.

on the road.

Arrangements have been made for running the through passenger trains, and they will evidently arrive and leave on time. The local passenger trains and the freight trains will evidently be tied up for a day or two, until new men can be obtained to take the positions abandoned by the strikers.

Everybody about the local office is confident that the strike will be short-lived.

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# SITUATION IN IOWA.

Nearly All the Offices Descried, but the Company Seems Cheerful. DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 8.-Vice President

Kimball of the Rock Island road said at noon that the telegraphers' strike would not seriously interfere with the use of wires for train work on the Iowa division from the Mississippi river to Council Bluffs, not more than twelve operators having left their keys, and on the division from Davenport to Kansas City fifteen or twenty had gone out. Trains are moving regularly by the dispatchers' orters, except where the snow storm interders, except where the show storm inter-fered. He says the strike will not be gen-eral west of the Mississippi river and that none of the dispatchers will join the strikers. The chief dispatcher and Trainmaster Jones left this morning on a special for the

main line and southwest divisions of the road and have been arranging to fill vacancies. All trains here have been close on time and dispatchers declare the strike is practicaly beaten now.

## At Ottomwa.

OTTUNIVA, Ia., Dec. 8.—[Special Telegram to The Ber.]—The Rock Island operators went out here at 10 o'clock this morning and their places have not been filled. There was not an operator on this line who did not leave his key this morning and not an office on the line between Des Moines and Keokuk working. What makes the matter serious is that the operators in the Western Union are in sympathy with the strikers and their places will be hard to fill. There are only two through passenger trains daily on this line and they will not be able to get through on time unless the operators are replaced at once. However, it will badly cripple the business on this line.

### Refused to Join the Strikers. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 8.-So far as can

be learned none of the operators on the Bur-lington, Cedar Rapids & Northern road obeyed the order to strike BUBLINGTON, In., Dec. 8.—No effect of the strike of the operators is felt here. All the Burlington, Codar Rapids & Northern men are still at work

Situation at Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 8.—The telegraphers on the block Island road struck this morn-ing. New men have been obtained for im-portant points. The officials of the road have hunted for operators here to send to smaller stations, but find it very hard to get them, as the operators sympathize with the strikers. Superintendent Stillwell says there has been no serious interference with the train service except as to special freights. There are about seventy-five operators on the Iowa lines and nearly all have gone out.

On the Des Moines Valley Divisio Квокик, Ia., Dec. 8.—All the operators on the Des Moines Valley division of the Rock

Island struck this morning. Trains are moving, but not on time. On the Fort Dodge Division. Forr Dodge, Ia., Dec. 8. -All the telegraph

operators on this division of the Rock Island road struck this morning between here and Des Moines Only four men are at work they are station agents, not members of the The train service is considerably

Conflicting Stories from Chicago CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 8.—Chief Ramsay of the Order of Railway Telegraphers says the strike on the Rock Island is now on and that all the telegraphers went out at 10 a. m. General Manager St. John of the Rock Island road, on the other hand, said to an Associated press reporter that everything was moving as usual and the telegraphic business of the road was being conducted without delay. So far as he was advised the men had not gone out. Some men might have struck here and there, but

had not received any advices to that

May Involve Others CHICAGO, Hl., Dec. 8.—The great point of interest in the telegrapher's strike is whether they will succeed in obtaining the active co-operation of other organizations of trainmen. The company is endeavoring to find 200 operators. Chief Ramsey said tonight that if the road employed nonunion men it would

simply force a strike upon other branches of the road, as they would not work with non-union men.

### IN THE WEST.

Kansas Men All Quit and Say They Have a

Grievance,
Topeka, Kan., Dec. 8.—All the Rock Island operators here, excepting two who are not members of the brotherhood, struck at noon in obedience to the order for a general strike. General Superintendent Dunlap said: "I do not know how many men are out. Traffic has not been interfered with in the least. We were expecting the strike and were prepared for it. We had a man ready to take the place of every striker. Our men have no grievance of their own, and are simply out on contour.

One of the strikers said: "We are out, will stay until ordered back, There are 125 out of a possible 200 men out. The statement that the men have no grievances is false. We want more wages. We are doing the same work for \$50 that Santa Fe and Union Pacific men are receiving \$80 for. I that is not a grievance, what do you call it? Little Trouble at Beatrice. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 8.—[Special Telegram to The Ber.]—The effect of the telegraphers strike on the Rock Island is hardly

noticeable here yet. There are twenty-three operators employed on the division between Norton, Kan., and Nelson, Neb., a distance of 163 miles. Of these twenty-three operators but nine have struck, and three of these will, in all probability, return tonight. The railroad company had eight men in readiness to take the places of the strikers. Notwithstanding these precautions the movement of trains on the Rock Island is badly hampered by the strike. The train dispatcher has his hands full in moving from station to station by special train in order to make the difficulty as light as possible. Neither of the operators at this point have gone out, nor have they at Pawnee City or Sabatha, Was Sabetha, Kan.

Have Struck at Denver. DENVER, Col., Dec. 8.—Very few telegraphers on the Rock Island line in this state

struck this morning.

At Kansas City.

Kansas City, Me., Dec. 8.—The Rock Island has only six operators in Kansas City and its suburbs and they are employed in the freight offices. The Kansas City representatives of the company declare they know nothing about the issues of the strike. Rock sland passenger trains are running on time. they say, and beyond that they know nothing. None of the general officers of the Rock

Island are in Kansas City. W. E. Sproak of Topeka, Kan., a member of the grievance committee of the striking telegraph operators, is in town today on his way home from Chicago, where the committee ordered the strike, He states that the telegraphers have the company "by the hip," and will not let it turn a wheel until their demands are acceded to. Out of thirty-cight train discatches treaty for demands are acceled to. Out of thirtyeight train dispatchers twenty-five have
joined the strikers, says Mr. Sproak, and
others are following. Six-sevenths of the
operators, he says, are brotherhood men,
and will support the strike.

The strike situation took a turn for the
worse tonight. Of the men who went back
to work this afternoon five were induced to
strike again. The company attempted to fill

to work this afternoon five were induced to strike again. The company attempted to fill their places with new men, but the strikers committee succeeded in keeping them away from work. The Rock Island uses the Union Pacific tracks from Kansas City to Topeka, and from Cameron, Mé. to Kansas City. The Union Pacific operators have sent notice to their chief operators that if they are required to handle Rock Island business and to dispatch Rock Island frains they will strike. All Out wown South.

El Reno, Okl., Dec. 8.—The telegraphers on this end of the Rock Island road left their keys at 10 o'clock. The company induced the train dispatchers to remain at their posts. From Herrington, Kan., to Red River, Okl., the present terminus of the cad, outside of train dispatchers, only two operators remain at their posts. The operators have the symmathy of posts. The operators have the sympathy of the citizens and it is believed the company will have trouble in putting nonunion men

in the strikers places.

Wighter, Kan., Dec. 8.—The Rock Island telegraphers of this division, except the train dispatchers and three operators, struck this morning according to the instructions of Chief Ramsay.

### NEW YORK CENTRAL ENGINEERS. Their Difference with the Company Not Yet

Settled. New York, Dec. 8.-The general committee of grievance of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers on the Vanderbilt railroad system, which came here nearly two weeks ago to demand an equalization of pay for men on side lines, received a reply from Chauncey M. Depew today. The chairman of the grievance committee is H. C. Childs. who together with a half dozen of his colleagues, is stopping at the Grand hotel.

President Depew, in refusing to make public his reply, said today the letter was not under his control, that if the engineers saw fit to give out its contents they could do so Mr. Childs refused a request to see Mr. Depew's letter. The letter, he said, does not settle the matter. It will not be made pub-lic just now, as we are preparing a reply to it, but before we leave the city both statements will be furnished the public.
"I wish to disabuse the public mind of any

thoughtsof a general strike," said Mr Childs.
"There will be none, but the equities of the case will, if necessary, be referred to a higher tribunal, and if that tribunal sees fit to order a strike it will do so. No man who knows Chief Arthur will think for a moment that he will precipitate a crisis without due

On being questioned as to whether Chief Arthur was expected in the city, Mr. Childs said he could not say, that he may be here any day. Like Mr. Arthur, none of the committee favor a strike, but certain rights, based on the general principle of self-protec-tion must be defended.

## SOUTH AMERICAN NEWS,

Relations Between Brazil and Argentine Endangered-A Political Crisis. Copyrighted 1892 by James Gordon Bennett.] VALPARAISO, Chili (via Galveston, Tex.)

Dec. 8.— By Mexican Cable to the New York Herald-Special to THE BEE. -The Herald correspondent at Porto Allegro telegraphs that the Brazilian government has manifested its pleasure over the arrest of many federalists on the frontier, in the province of Corrientos, Argentina, but in Argentina a different sentiment prevails. The residents of the province believe the pursuit and capture to be a violation of foreign territory, contrary to political usages. There is likely to be a lively diplomatic dispute between Brazil and Argentina over the question.

In Montevideo the agents of the Castilhila government are buying arms, while in the same city the federalists are receiving reinforcements.

The Herald correspondent at Buenos Ayres elegraphs that a political crisis is imminent. The state, by a two-thirds vote, sus pended from duty all of the judges who tried Pizarro on -charges of frauds. In the Senate during the debate it was de clared that all the members on the judiciary were corrupt. In many places this opinion is confirmed. There is trouble in the cabinet over the action of the Senate and the president's prolonged indecision on important questions.

Will Examine Cubinet Ministers.

Panis, Dec. 8.—The Panama canal investigating committee will tomorrow examine a number of the cabinet ministers. It will ask M. Bourgeoise, the new minister of justice, to explain his proposed course of action in relation to the Panama canal case. If his explanations are not satisfactory the com-mittee will, it is expected, take the same course as that which led to M. Ricard's re-

# MEDICAL COLLEGE

Iowa Authorities Investigating a Sensational Case at Pella.

COLLEGE DEGREES AS A COMMODITY

Experience of an Agent of the "National University of the State of Illinois"-He Did a Flourishing Business.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 8.-[Special Telegram to The Bee.]-A sensation has been caused here and elsewhere by the discovery of fraudulent transactions in college degrees by an alleged agent at Pella, Ia., a small town about forty miles east of here. Attention was first called to the matter by a dispatch from London, Eng., stating that for some time past certain English newspapers have contained imposing advertisements stating that degrees of the "National University of the State of Illinois" could be had at prices ranging from 10 to 60 guineas. These advertisements are signed "Prof. Van Angelbach, secretary," and give the name of Broughton Rouse of Christ college, Cambridge university, as the English agent.

The alleged Prof. Van Angelbach arrived at Pella last March. He is a native of Holland, but came to Pella by way of South Africa, where he had spent some time in the Dutch settlements. He brought with him letters of introduction from many prominent people in the old country, and at once found the doors of the best homes swinging inward for him. He seemed to have plenty of money, although the source was for a long time a mystery.

### Little Known of His Business

It was known that he was connected with ome kind of an "international college," but further than that no one knew anything of his business. After staying at Pella for some time he returned to Chicago and came back with a degree of doctor of letters. Since that time he has been doing a land-office business. Meanwhile he devoted his Sundays to lecturing in one of the Dutch Presbyterian churches. He was highly esteemed as a lecturer, being a man of fine

For some time he has been teaching French, German, English, Dutch and other languages. The attention of the lowa State Board of Medical Examiners was directed to Board of Medical Examiners was directed to the matter by an attempt of Van Angelbach to sell fellowship degrees in his alleged college which would be accepted by the board from applicants for permission to practice medicince in this state. His price for such degrees was \$30, and the scheme was exposed by an applicant writing to the board to know if the alleged degree would be accepted by the board. The matter has been referred to the attorney general and an effort will be made to deal with Van Angelbach as his case deserves.

deserves.

In the meantime Van Angelbach puts a bold face on the matter and claims that if there is anything wrong with the alleged "International University of Illinois" that he is himself an innocent victim

### COAL FAMINE THREATENED.

Snow Blockade Likely to Occasion Serious Inconvenience.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 8.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Reports of suffering from a scarcity of coal have been brought in from all parts of South Dakota, northern Nebraska and western Iowa as a result of the unexpected blizzard that swept over the northwest yesterday. The cause is a scarcity in the hands of dealers that in many cases amounts to no supply at all. Dealers charge the railroads with the responsibility, saying that coal ordered by them was confiscated enroute by the railroads and used in their engines, the railroad supply not being enough to furnish motive power for the great grain rush. At Alpena, S. D., the citizens became enraged and confiscated thirty tons of coal in among those needing it, while at other points coal on cars billed to places beyond is being seized. In this city there is a famine of steam coal and unless relief comes soon many factories will have to use more expensive fuel. All railroads report a heavy fall of snow and big drifts along their lines

makes the situation the more serious. Interesting Murder Trial. Sigourney, Ia., Dec. 8.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The trial of Guy Helm for the murder of Walter Clark is in progress here. The defense expects to show that the Clark boys waylaid Helm, while the prosecution will try to show that Helm went over two miles out of his way and hid behind a tree to await the coming of the Clark boys on their way home from Fremont, where they had been attending a political meeting. Wednes-day was largely spent examining Byron Clark, brother of the one killed. They tried to introduce his evidence given at the ex-amination when he was under the influence of opiates and almost unconscious, having also been shot by Helm, and not then ex-pected to live. Clark withstood a hard cross-examination without wavering. His testimony throughout was straightforward and apperently honest.

Found Quantities of Plunder. FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 8.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE. ]-Mr. and Mrs. John Christianson at Gowrie are suspicioned of having been connected with the origin of an extensive fire there recently. Last evening a person thought to be Mrs. Christianson appeared on the streets in a state of filliarappeared on the streets in a state of filliar-ious intoxication. The fact developed later that "Mrs. Cdristianson" was a man. A search of the house revealed a suspicious quantity of bolts of cloth and other mer-

the storehouse of a gang of thieves. The authorities expect to find direct evidence connecting the Christiansons with the fire. Assaulted by Thugs.

chandise and the place strongly resembled

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 8.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- David Evans, a young lawyer, was attacked by three men at 6:30 o'clock this evening in a thickly settled residence portion of the city. He fought desperately and succeeded in getting away from his assailants, but not until he had received several severe gashes from a knife in the hands of one of them. He thinks one of the thugs was also badly hurt in the struggle, but all succeeded in escaping. The motive is supposed to have been robbery.

Could Not See His Son Jailed Burlington, Ia., Dec. 8.-[Special Tele gram to The Bee. ] - Young Arthur Furgeson of Burlington, Kan., who was attending college in this city and who was a member in good standing, was caught robbing a store recently. He failed to appear for trial today and forfeited his bond of \$500. His father wrote the court a note saying he could not stand to see his boy go to jail and had connived at the forfeiting of the bail.

Accused of Levying Blackmail. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 8.-[Special Tele gram to The Bee. |-Sheriff Downs of Benton county is accused by the Vinton Eagle of extorting money from saloonkeepers. Downs denies having blackmailed any one. An investigation will probably be made. There are said to be a number of saloons running unmolested in the county.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 8.-[Special Teleram to The Bee [-Cilian Goudy, a 9-year old boy, while sliding on the icy pavements ran into the baggage car on the electric rail-

way at Marion today and was almost in stantly killed. Following a Supposed Murderer CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 8.—[Special Tele gram to The Bee.]—Officers from Oquaqua Ill., were here yesterday looking for Ben

Waters, formerly a fisherman at Burlington,

who is suspected of the murder of Henry Rankin. They found that he had been here, but left some time ago for some point in Missouri, where they have gone in search of him.

### ELEVEN INJURED.

Serious Accident on the Central Railroad at Jersey City.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 8.—There was a shocking accident at the Danforth avenue station of the Central railway at noon today A Long Branch train crashed into the rear end of an east-bound local train, completely smashing one car, severely injuring one woman and more or less hurting nine other passengers of the same coach. The accident was due to a delay of fifteen minutes to the trains caused by the Central road's ferry the formula transportation boat in the fog in New York bay. The injured are:
John L. Fidela, advertising agent, Jersey
City, compound fracture of legs.
George D. Lamson of Elizabeth, N. J.,

compound fracture of legs.

Miss Gurnoy, Elizabeth, N. J., lacerated about the body and injured internally. She

nay die.
Orlando Demorest of Greenville, N. J. njured about head and legs and internally.

B. C. Chever, New York City, left arm proken, nose broken and injured about the

JAMES Toss of Boston, head cut, hip inured and back strained.
S. M. Hebshfield, New York, head cut and back hurt. LOUIS ZELNER, New York, injured about LOUIS ZELNER, New York, injured about the head and body, severe scalp wounds and left arm fractured. F. J. MULLER, Plainfield, N. J., back in-jured and nose broken. E. E. RUNYON, Plainfield, N. J., injured

about the head and hips.
W. H. Park, Redband, lost two toes of ight foot, head cut and arms injured.

### THE FIRE RECORD. Cleveland, O., Has a Big Blaze-Other Con-

fingrations. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 8 .- The city armory, large brick building on Long street, was gutted by fire about noon today. Inside of five minutes after the fire was discovered it was beyond control, and within twenty minutes the wall had fallen. The front wall toppled into Long street and a dozen firemen barely escaped with their lives. A steamer was crushed beneath the mass of brick. The loss on the building is \$20,000. The armory was the headquarters of the famous Cleveland Grays and the gen-eral militia and artiflery companies. The Gravs' loss is \$25,000, other losses bringing the total up to \$64,000. The insurance was about \$20,000, of which the Grays held \$16, 000. The fire created intense excitement, for a high wind was blowing at the time, and the central police station, adjoining, came near burning also.
Workester, Mass., Dec. 8.—The fire at
Jefferson today burned a flour mill and a six

satinet mill to the ground, with a loss of \$110,000. The upper mill, a seven-set cashmere plant, is badly damaged by smoke and water; the storehouse and picker rooms were destroyed and a two-story residence burned. The total loss is \$200,000; insurance, \$180,000.

LIEUTENANT VANCE ARRESTED.

Conduct of a Salt Lake Society Leader Likely to Cause Trouble. Salt lake, Ut., Dec 8 .- [Special Telegram o THE BEE. ]-Lieutenant Vance of the Sixteenth infantry, stationed at Fort Dougas, a prominent member of Salt Lake society, was arrested today on his return from the east His alleged offence consisted of sustaining improper relations with a certain young lady at Fort Douglas and on intrusion under questionable circumstances upon the privacy of another young lady. This is said to have occurred last summer before or while the regiment was on its summer outing and created some scandal at the time. The icutenant in order to square the matter resigned his commission, but the resignation was not accepted. He subsequently obtained a leave of absence and it was upon his return that the arrest was made. Lieutenant Johnson, brother-in-law of the young woman in question, is said to have sworn to kill Vance on sight. A gun play is alleged to have taken place between the two before Vance's arrest was accomplished in which Vance got the drop on his assailant. It is understood that a court martial will convene on December 12 to try the case and that the charge will probably be "conduct unbecoming

# an officer and a gentleman."

DECLARE HIM INELIGIBLE.

in Missouri from Taking Office. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 8,-All criminal proceedings in Tancy county court came to a sudden termination today by proceedings brought against Benjamin Price, elected to the office of prosecuting attorney by the republicans, to declare him incompetent. When the parties of Taney county nominated candidates for prosecuting attorney neither could find a suitable man for place. The democrats nominated C Sharp of Ozark, Christian county, and the republicans nominated Benjamin Price of this city. Of course neither are eligible. Price was elected. The proceedings against him are to prevent his taking the office account of ineligibility. Sharp cannot be de-clared elected, and the people are in a quandary as to what course to take.

London Financial Review.
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LONDON, Dec. 8.—[New York Herald Cable -Special to THE BEE. ]-The stock market was inactive, but on the whole there was a better tendency, owing to the steadier tone of the silver market. Argentiae bonds were bought on the budget statement. Bonds of 1886 and funding loans closed 1½ per cent higher. Spanish bonds rose ½ per cent on the change of the ministry of Mexico. Brazilian recovered ½ per cent. Home railways are a shade lower in a few cases, but Americans left off generally better at about the top figures. Denver preferred was particularly strong on dividend rumors. Canadian and Mexican lines were featureless, but some Argentine railways are firmer. Bor silver is un-changed. Rupee paper recovered ¼d. Con-sols closed 1-16d better. The discount mar-let was dull and the rate for three months ket was dull and the rate for three months bank bills declined to from 134 to 2 per cent Call money was obtainable at 1 per cent

loans for the week were at 114 per cent. Movements of Ocean Steamers.

At Para — Arrived — Seguarancia. from Santos Rio Janerio for New York. At Bremer Haven-Arrived-Lahn, from At Delaware Cape—Passed—Illinois, from Liverpool for Philadelphia. At Brow Head—Sighted—City of Berlin, from New York for Liverpool.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Fair and Colder is What Has Been Predicted for Nebraska Today. Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.-For Ne braska and Iowa-Generally fair, northwest winds; colder. For South Dakota-Generally fair, west to

north winds; colder.

Local Record. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA. Dec. 8.—Omaha record of temperature and

rainfall compared with corresponding day of

past four years: Statement showing the condition of tem-perature and precipitation at Omaha for the day and since March 1, 1892, as compared with general average: Normal temperature.... Deficiency for the day.... Deficiency since March 1.

GEORGE E. HUNT, Local Forecast Official.

# THEY DECLARED THEMSELVES

Position of the Members of the French Ministers on the Panama Canal Inquiry.

ALL AID WILL BE GIVEN THE CHAMBER

Declarations of the Ministers Received with Great Applause The Minister of Jus-

tice Talks for the Government-

A Vote of Confidence, Pauts, Dec. S .- The declaration of the new ministry was read in the Senate today by M. Loubet, minister of the interior, and in the Chamber of Deputies by M. Ribot, the prime minister. The declaration recalled the events that caused the recent political crisis and affirmed the intention of the cabinet to aid the Chamber of Deputies by every means n its power to throw light upon the Panama

canal affair. Nevertheless, it continued, the

cabinet must affirm the principle of separa-

tion of the executive, legislative and judicial

powers. The government has decided not to exceed the limits prescribed by the law. The declaration of the ministers was

greatly applauded. In the Chamber M. Hubbard, deputy from eine-et-Oise, asked to be allowed to interpolate the government as to the conditions on which the cabinet would assist the Panama investigating committee.

M. Brisson proposed the matter be postponed until tomorrow in order to permit a preliminary understanding between the committee and the government.

Prime Minister Ribot opposed this postponement, saying that he wished to ascertain whether the government had the confidence of the house.

M. Hubbard thereupon asked the government whether it would communicate to the house the documents in the Panama presecution. He also asked for information as to general attitude that the cabinet intended to adopt toward the committee

Answer of the Minister of Justice. M. Bourgeoise, minister of justice, de-clared that the government would accord to the committee the most extensive powers compatible with the principle of keeping separate the judicial and legislative func-tions. The government had ordered that a post-mortem examination be made on the bady of Baron de Reinarch next Saturday body of Baron de Reinach next Saturday.

The government was also prepared to communicate partly or entirely certain documents in the Panama prosecution. Continuing, M. Bourgeoise said that it must not be forgotten that the recent attacks upon individuals was each seally expense. forgotten that the recent attacks upon indi-viduals were really an attempt to bring dis-credit upon the republic. They were a kind of an election manocurver, the manipulators of which desired to bring about a repetition of the famous placards, "Down with the robbers." M. Bourgeoise concluded by de-claring that the cabinet was ready to afford the committee, evulgantions which it was

the committee explanations which it was hoped would be well understood. M. Brisson said that the committee was auxious to co-operate with the government. Nobody would seek to make the present debate the occasion of a crisis or conflict, and a great advance had certainly been made toward an understanding. The committee, however, would make certain revelations in regard to a partial communication of the documents promised by the government. M. Hubbard moved that all the Panama

documents be communicated to the commit-M. Ribot opposed the motion, which was ejected by a vote of 30s to 230.

The vote of confidence was then adopted.

A majority of the committee elected today to examine M. Porquery de Boissand's proposal, that persons implicated in the Panama canal corruption be dealt with by criminal process, are in favor of such a measure.

IN THE BELGIAN PARLIAMENT. Recent Labor Disturbances Cause an Animated Discussion in the Chamber. BRUSSELS, Dec. 8.-In the Chamber of

Deputies today M. Haussen, progressist,

questioned the government in regard to the

measures employed in suppressing the recent labor disturbances at Tillequer. M. de Burlet, minister of the interior, defended the action of the government and the Mr. Woeste moved that the Chamber adopt

a vote of confidence in the government.

M. Neukern, moderate liberal, made a brief speech, in which he approved the government's action. The members of the extremists protested against the speeches of the supporters of the government, and a scene of wild disorder en-sued. A semblance of order was restored after a time and a vote of confidence was

## adopted by a majority of 184.

SURPRISED THE POLITICIANS. Englishmen Open Their Eyes at the Expression Favoring Protection. London, Dec. 8 .- The unanimity and enthusiasm of the agricultural congress in favor of protection and bimetallism at its meeting yesterday astonished both the liberals and conservatives. The conference reassembled today. Sir Richard Pa-

get, conservative member of parliament, said

the remedy for the depression in agriculture

was not alone in protection, but that the imperial and local taxes must be reduced. Many farmers paid an income tax on an in-To Contest Ahlwardt's Election. Bealin, Dec. 8 .- Steps are being taken to invalidate Rector Ahlwardt's election to the Reichstag on the ground of corruption and intimidation of opponents. Several of his

pected of being a Jew. He was badly injured and was obliged to use a revolver to escape from the mob. Anti-Semitism appears to be spreading among other parties. The Catholic organ, Germania, in a violent anti-Jewish article, declares that the party desirous of amulling the emancipation of the Jews is daily grow-

supporters maltreated a radical agent sus-

ing in Germany.

The case of Rector Ahlwardt, who is on trial in the criminal court on the charge of slandering Herr Loewe, the small arms manufacturer, was postponed today owing to the illness of the defendant.

Inman Line Steamers' Withdrawal

London, Dec. 8 .- It has been reported here that, owing to the agitation in the United States against immigration, the Iuman Line Steamship company would withdraw all its steamers from the transatlantic trade at present. It can be said that the report is untrue. It was based upon the fact that the ompany will withdraw its steamers from be completely overhauled prior to inaugura-ting the service between Southampton and New York and vice versa.

ROME, Dec. 8.—The Countess Vistonta and her maid were murdered in the countess villa at Valeris Friday evening. Both

women were nearly hacked to pieces and had

been otherwise maltreated. A German named Ichumann, who had been intimate with the maid, was suspected and was arrested in this city last evening with a purse bearing the countess' crest in his possession. He has confessed both murders.

BUDA PESTH, Doc. 8.—The city is almost ifeless as the result of the snow storm, Nobody goes out of doors unless compelled to do so. Not a single train left yesterday from the eastern and western termini. The south-ern trains still run, but they are hours late. Telegraph and telephone service is greatly