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Rock Island Strike Not So Near Over as Was First Reported.

IT IS ANYBODY'S FIGHT YET

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BOTH SIDES CLAIMS THE ADVANTAGE

Operators and Officials Giving Out Reports That Vary Widely as Regards Facts-What the Claims are Based On The Situation.

"You pays your money, and you takes your choice.

Both sides of the operators' strike on the Rock Island system smile confidently and assure the reporter they are bound to win. In fact the company representatives say they have already won, while the operators laugh and say the company is bluffing, and that if ever a line was tied up, that line is the Rock Island.

"Our trains are all moving on time," says the company's agent.

"There was not a single Rock Island freight train left Council Bluffs today," return the operators.

"We have all the men we need," says the agent.

"There is only one operator working in Omaha and Council Bluffs," say the operators. "There were two, but one quit this evening. If you want to know what's right, ask the trainmen. They can tell you whether the cars are moving on time or not. We know they are not. The company is trying to scare the weak-kneed fellows back to work, but the game won't work. We're out to win, and we will win if the members stand firm."

In Omaha yesterday a more confident feeling seemed to pervade the office of the company. It was reported that passenger trains are arriving and leaving on time, although considerable snow on the Nebraska division interferes somewhat with the speed of trains.

Nearly all the offices in Nebraska are now in working order, although there are still a few keys silent at small stations west of Lincoln, but as the train dispatchers have not gone out, and as many of the members. of the Order of Railway Telegraphers have refused to comply with the order to strike, the road in this section is quite capable of handling passenger trains through freights. The local business is suffering somewhat, but Superintendent Burleigh hopes to get things in perfect working order before Monday when business will go on as if nothing had happened

The operators laugh at the statement that "nearly all" the offices are manned, and say that three out of five all along the line are idle. F. P. Gilliland, who is secretary and treasurer of the division, with headquarters at Council Bluffs, received the following message from Chief Ramsay at 6:40 last night:

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.-F. P. Gilliland, Coun cli Bluffs, Ia.: Your last received. Keep th men out for three weeks if necessary. Ge everybody out. Report progress. D. G. RAMSAY.

Some of the Bulletins.

All day long the men received bulletins from various points along the line. These, of course, are diametrically opposite to the statements made by the company. But the men place greater reliance in them, and find much supporting solace in such statements

as these: DES MOTNES, Ia., Dec. 10.—All Operators— Chief Wilkerson of Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen has wired Chief Ramsay as follows: "Stand firm. We must not and cannot lose this light. I will call out all Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen on Kock Island." DES MOTNES, Ia., Dec. 10.—All Dispatchers and operators—Rock Island officials are going over the line trying to frighten operators by stating the strike is off. This is false, because only passenger trains are running. Be not de-ceived. Freight yards in the west are blocked, and information constantly received shows we

and Kansas City all places are filled. The chief dispatcher at Kansas City chief dispatcher at Kansas City wires that he has many applicants wires that he has many approximate for places but can use none. Reports from General Manager Dunlap of the lines west of the Missouri river state that there are very few places in his territory that are not filled, and that applicants are numerous and everything going as usual. On the 430 willow of the metrors division in Colorado miles of the western division in Colorado, only one place is not filled and it can be at nuv time

Similar reports come from all points on the system. The applications are so numerous that the officials are taking their time and selecting none but the best of them.

Old Men Not Wanted.

Among those seeking reinstatement is J. H. Johnson, a member of the grievance com-mittee, formerly agent at Layden, Ia. He will not get it. Mr. Allen has entertained numerous applicants in his car today, all old men seeking to return. Several of the memers of the grievance committee are ere, but they have not appeared to the canagement, and their visit is regarded as bers

aving no significance. A dispatch from Manager Dunlap this fternoon reads: "You can deny all reports of there having been accidents on lines west of the Missouri river. We have not had a wheel off or mishap of any kind since the strike took place. Only one instance of damage to property is reported. The operator at Victor went out and the instruments were removed from the station. Friday the wires were

found cut in three place near there. At Seymour, Ia., the new operator used his gun last night. He is a small man named Goldsmith. The two strikers there, with a number of sympathizers, assailed him in the denot. He fired three shots. It is not learned that any took effect. Goldsmith at once traded his medium sized revolver for the largest one he could find in Victor and is

All trains are moving as usual through here except for delays by the Kansas blizzard. The lines there are clear now and trains are again closely on time.

TALKING CONFIDENTLY.

Officials at Des Moines Seem to Be Very

Happy Over the Situation. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 10.-|Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The expression of Division Freight Agent Loomis, "We've got em," was revolced by Superintendent Still rell. Superintendent Gilmore and every other Rock Island official approached regard ing the pending strike this evening, officials state that but three-stations operators on the Des Moines & Fort Dodge branch-at Dana, Ripley and Dallas Center, Agents are in charge of these stations, but operators were not supplied until today. On the Keokuk and Des Moines branch it is said there are no vacancies. On the main line Superintendent Stillwell has every office open between Des Moines and Stuart and men at the instruments. Mr. Stillwell met ten operators in the De

Moines office today on his return from Stu-art. Chief Dispatcher Linduer introduced the men, most of whom had struck in the recent Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern crouble. They all wanted work and pre-sented letters. When Mr. Stillwell left a half hour later he took six of these men east with him to supply stations east of Brook-Nearly a score of other applications are

VII. a Mr. Lindner's hands. The officials say they will have an operator as well as an agent at every station between Des Moines and Davenport by morning, Some inconvenience results from putting in an agent who is not an operator, but these cases are rare and will be quickly remedied as competent operators can be had in large numbers

It is reported that a meeting of the Order of Railway Telegraphers has been called for tonight. A member said today that they were anything but disgruntled, and would stand by the order to strike. He declared the Rock Island was not in so fine shape as the officials would have the public believe. He could not say what would be done at to-micht's meating. night's meeting

Trouble is anticipated at Stuart tonight This point has always been one of the mo aggressive for railway employes, and in the present trouble the Order of Railway Telegaphers men have many friends in the other branches of the service. This afternoon notices were sent out for a union meeting of engineers, firemen, brakemen, switchmen and conductors tonight at Stuart, to consider the advisability of standing by the striking operators.

ELOOUENCE FROM DEMOCRATS

Distinguished Speakers at the Banquet of the Reform Club.

WHAT THE VICTORY OF NOVEMBER MEANS

Promises That Must Be Kept-Leading Part Isans Give a Hint of Party Policy-Mr. Cleveland's Speech-Issues of the Day Discussed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- In the concert hall of the Madison Square garden tonight the Reform club gave a dinner to President-elect Grover Cleveland. The prospect of brilliant

oratory and wise counsel from the statesmen speakers filled the boxes and galleries with men and women interested in the welfare of the government. They heard a number of the leading statesmen of the democratic party and of the nation, who gave wise counsel The statesmen aside from President Cleveland who spoke were: Carl Schurz, Senator Roger Q. Mills of Texas, ex-Governor James E. Campbell of Ohio, General Patrick Collins of Massachusetts and Congressman Thomas Johnson of Ohio. William R. Morrison of Illinois was to have made an address. but death in his family prevented* his at-

tendance. Everything was in readiness at 7 o'clock. Flowers and foliage and tropical plants were tastefully arranged about the hall. Mr. Cleveland came half an hour later, accompanied by ex-Secretary Whitney, E. Ellery Anderson and one or two others. As he entered there was a general clapping of hands,

to which he bowed. A noticeable feature of the dinner was the number of out of town statesmen present.

least one-third of the 175 at the table were from out of town. As They Sat at the Table.

Almost every state was represented and at

The speaker's table was on the platform so that not only the diners but the people in the boxes and galleries had no difficulty in seeing and hearing. Fourteen other tables were arranged on the floor, in rows seven wide and two deep, eight aisles, extending lengthwise of the hall. At each table were thirty-seven persons. An additional table was placed in the assembly room at which twenty members of the club sat. The pre siding officer announced the speakers.

It was almost 8 o'clock when the president of the club, E. Ellery Anderson, rapped for order. Divine blessing was then invoked and the dinner was served. While the dinner was in progress the

boxes and galleries were gradually filled and when the last course had been finished there was not a vacant seat in the house The dinner over, President Anderson spoke of the recent victory of the democratic party and said the time demanded that democrats

redeem their pledges. When the applause following the address had ceased Mr. Anderson stepped to the front of the platform and announced that the next speaker was President-elect-. H did not finish this sentence. When the audi-ence heard the words "president-elect" the applause broke out and became almost deaf-ening. When quiet was at length restored Mr Clustered aches of follows: Mr. Cleveland spoke as follows:

Grover Cleveland's Remarks. "A plain feature of this gathering which

I am sure, warms the hearts of all of us, is our celebration of the grandest and most complete victory ever achieved in the struggle for right and justice and our glad greeting of the brightest light of triumph our generation has seen, bursting from the clouds of defeat and discouragement.

"Let me suggest to you, however, that w can contemplate nothing more gratifying in connection with this assemblage than the proof it affords that the American people can be trusted to manage the government which has been given into their keeping. If there are those who have been disappointed eartened by the extent to w

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of trugality and economy and its administra-tion should not depart from these lines. We need no glitter nor show to divert our people from turbulent thoughts. We have a more substantial guaranty against discontent in a plain and simple plan of rule, in which every citizen has a share. In order that this should do its perfect work it is essential that there should exist amongst our people a wholesome and disinterested love for their

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wholesome and disinterested love for their government, for its own sake, and because it is a heritage belonging to all.

Democracy's Course.

"The cultivation of such a sentiment is not only a high duty but an absolute necessity to the consummation of the reforms we enter upon. We shall utterly and disgracefully fall if we attempt these reforms under the influence of petty partian scheming, or the fear of jeopardizing personal political for-tunes. They can only be accomplished when unselfish patriotism, guided by the aspira-tions of our people, regulates the action of their chosen servants.

"We, who are to be charged with the re-onsibility of making and executing the sponsibility laws, should begin our preparation for the task by a rigid self-examination and by a self-purgation from all ignoble and unworthy tendencies, threatening to enter into our motives and designs. Then may we enjoin upon all our countrymen the same duty, and then may we hope to perform faithfully and successfully the work entrusted to our hands by a confiding people." At frequent intervals during his speech

the president-elect was interrupted by hearty applause and when he finished the applause lasted several minutes. Hon. Carl Schurz was introduced and spoke at length on reform in the abstract. After Mr. Schurz finished speaking Hon. T. L. Johnson, congressman from Ohio, was introduced and spoke.

Senator Mills Introduced.

Hon, Roger Q. Mills was the next speaker, He said that while he rejoiced with the club in the splendid democratic victory, his joy was not unalloyed. Their labors were onerous. To fitly discharge the duties onerous. To fitly discharge the duties imposed upon it the incoming govern-ment must keep its pledges. It must substitute for the present tariff system one that has for its sole purpose the raising of revenue for the support of the govern-ment At the same time the legislators ment. At the same time the legislators must see to it that the new tariff bill shall not only not impair the right of the American people to labor and to market the pro ducts of their labor, but that the employ ment of the labor of the whole country shall be the prime object when they prepare their measure.

The next speaker was James B Campbell of Ohio said he did not know just exactly whom he represented. As near as he was able to comprehend from the toast as signed to him he represented the college professors on the one hand and the boys who wanted the postoffices on the ot was in favor of both. He H other favored the professors because as long as they staid in the democratic party the democrats were sure of having somebody who could read and write, which would relieve them of a great deal of the objection that had hurt them in times gone by. He also favored the boys who wanted office because they had made Grover Cleveland president. [Applause.]

Other Speakers.

Congressman Breckinridge of Kentucky and Governor-elect Stone of Missouri made brief addresses and then Senator Carlisle of Kentucky was introduced.

"The democratic party," said Mr. Carlisle, "stood on a tariff platform which embodied a declaration that would stand the closest scrutiny of its opponents now and hereafter That declaration was promulgated and matured of a min whose name would live in the political annals of the country as long as constitutional democracy had a friend in the land-Samuel J. Tilden. [Applause.] Upon that declar-ation Mr. Tilden had received the majority of the popular vote, and ought to have re ceived a majority of the electoral vote lause.] The democracy now had the rtunity of putting that declaration into [Applause,] effect, and they would grasp it bravely and honestly

When Senator Carlisle concluded President Anderson, after thanking the audience for attention, said good night.

Speaker Crisp Offended.

Speaker Crisp was_among those present It was thought he would make an address, but at II o'clock he arose, and left the banquet hall apparently very much disturbed. It was reported that he was ill, but this was not the case. Speaker Crisp was seen by a

OVERLAND PEOPLE OBJECT Union Pacific Officials Not Satisfied with Their Share of Revenue. PRORATING MUST BE DONE AT DENVER

If Through Business is Consigned to That Company at Utah Points Local Rates Must Be the Basis.

SALT LAKE, U. T., Dec. 10 - |Special Telegram to Tag Beg.]-Assistant General Manager Dickinson of the Union Pacific, who is in this city looking after the affairs of the Union Pacific, today made a statement of the difficulty existing between his road and the Rio Grande Western. He says that the Western, Midland and other systems which reach Ogden wanted to prorate with the Union Pacific from' Ogden to points on its own line. His road offered a fair compromise to prorate from Denver, giving one-half of the haul and taking one-half, but this was not acceded to, and consequently the Western will not be able to issue tickets over the Union Pacific.

Mr. Dickinson concluded his statement by saying that his road had decided to decline business on any such basis and will hereafter prorate with no company that does not deliver its business to the Union Pacific at Denver.

A prominent Rio Grande Western official gives his version of the controversy as follows: "Under our old arrangement," said he, "all the tourist travel was by way of That road now proposes t Sait Lake us give it a local rate on business from Ogden nd. We do decline to accede and the result is that Portland. by way of Granger without making Salt Lake at all. We claim that the Union Pacific has no right to demand local rates from us on through tickets. We don't ask a prorate at all but only a fair division such as will give us an opportunity to handle the pusiness. To retaliate we have taken off all tickets over the Union Pacific and trans ferred our business to the Central Pacific Mr. Dickinson is wrong when he says we de mand a prorate."

ROCK ISLAND OFFICIALS SANGUINE.

Important Railroad Meetings to Be Held in Chicago Next Week. CHICAGO, Ili., Dec. 10.-General Manager

St. John of the Rock Island denies the statement of Chief Ramsay of the Order of Railway Telegraphers that 85 per cent of the men in the telegraph department are out and that the road is crippled by the strike. St. John said today: "Here are reports from nearly every station of prominence along our lines and they indicate that trains are running well and that our telegraph system is working as if no operators had contemplated striking. We know nothing of a strike. Ramsay is quoted as saying that we recognize the chiefs of the engineers, train-men and conductors and that he will compel us to recognize him if it takes all winter. We recognize everybody who comes to us bearing the label of the Rock Island road." Several important railroad meetings will heid in Chicago next week. One of these is the regular quarterly session of the West ern Freight association, which in addition to transacting the usual routine business will probably hear the report of the special committee of managers that has been working out a plan fo the establishment of a tonnage pool. Anothe will be the meeting of executive officers of the lines in the territory of the Central Traffic association for the purpose of considering among other things the question of World's fair rates. A third will be that of the general managers of the western roads who have been called together to consider the general question of passenger rates in their territory. More interest is manifested in the last named than in either of the others, because of a feeling that upon the

the Canadian Pacific over any necting road for California or O points via the Canadian Pacific. MADE A SHOW OF THEMSELVES Oregon The latter road has for some time been The latter road has for some time been working up tourist business for northern Californin for the coming season, and it has, it is said, relied upon the Southern Pacific Company's Santa Fe route for connections, but the circular issued by the Southern Pa-cific withdraws the use of the Shasta route form, the Consultan Pacific and what steps from the Canadian Pacific and what steps the latter road will take to get to Benito Cal., remains to be seen.

Spilled the Tea.

CHEVENNE, Wyo., Dec. 10.-[Special Tele-gram to The BEE.]-A tea train on the Union Pacific broke in two at Tioga, forty-seven miles east, today. The train was going down a steep grade and the latter crashed into the front end, destroying several cars and scatter-ing caddles of tea about.

PROBLEMS OF THE TIMES.

Social and Economic Questions Disussed in the Magazines.

specifically stated to be no slugging match, According to Dr. Henry Smith Willwas exceedingly lively and the men iams there is but one disease which, as needed but slight encouragement to turn the soon as he sees it, the physician must stand aside, and, helpless, let it run its

course till the patient is dead. "Of all the diseases that menace the race," Dr. Williams writes in the North American Review, "only a few are absolutely fatal. Indeed, there is but one common disease that invariably brings its victims speedily to the grave. This most ruthless of maladies is that terrib'e form of insanity technically called general paresis or paretic demencia and known to the layman as "softening of the brain." Its unvarying history entitles it to precedence over consump-tion, cancer, Bright's disease, in short, places it peerless in bad pre-eminence. And as if this were not enough, its malignity is emphasized by the way in which it juggles with its victim before it extinguishes his life. It changes his personality, dethrones reason, almost eliminates the mind, and, steadily weakening the body, leaves toward the last a mere skeletal, vegetative being scarce recognizable as the vestige of his forme self; unknowing, unfeeling, mindless, to his friends at once a tearful memory and a terrible objective presence. Finally death comes in a form horrible enough to be the fitting climax of so awful a discase. To make the image yet sadder, and hence truer, it should be added that paresis usually selects for its victims the intellectual members of the community. 'Selects," did I say? Rather, I should have used the passive tense; for paresis

does not come unbidden. Ruthless as it is when once it has seized a victim, it need have no terrors for any one who does not invite it by his actions. And

this, perhaps, is the saddest fact of all in the sad history of this baleful disease. To stand helpless and see a strong man cut down by disease is always appalling; but to feel that his disease was prevent. able; to know that he is but reaping as he has sown; to have the words come unbidden to your lips, 'the wages of sin is death,'-this is indeed a bitter and humiliating experience.

The Need of Large Cities.

W. P. McLoughlin intimates, in the beginning of an article in the Arena, that benevelent people would do better to look nearer at home for suffering to relieve before sending their money to help the evicted people of Ireland.

Then he paints a frightful picture of misery caused by the rapacity of the landlords in New York, who last year dispossessed 29,720 families of their homes. Afterwards he suggested a plan to help the deserving poor, which he thinks might well be applied in any large city

The charities of the city might combine, he thinks, and establish a fund for enlied the relief of such cases as arise in the civil courts where deserving people are

action.

Weir got a blow in the mouth from Car-roll's right hand. There was a scramble and a crash, and tables, chairs and desks fell on a pile on the floor. Weir was down, but

reporter pulled Weir away. Wehr's mouth was bleeding, his hat was smashed and his clothes were torn. When the men were separated Carroll apologized to Mr. Lumley and these torn the men with Callon.

Griffin remonstrated with Carroll for his

Weir has issued a challenge, saying that

he would cover any forfeit that was postal by a featherweight.

Omaha Athletic Club Notes.

Renewed interest is being manifested in all departments of the club.

and is in excellent condition, and patronage

The directory is planning a series of en-tertainments for the winter, with a view to pleasing all and prove incrative to the club.

The Fencers league of the Omaha Athletic club are negotiating for a French teacher, & and interest in this popular branch of ath-letics will be revived.

The services of Prof. Kummerow as di- 9 16

The bowling alleys have been overhauled

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match into a regular fight. McAuliffe's appearance was greeted with and applause from the spectators. He was followed by Meyer who was received by a ousing greeting. Frank Rheims of Chicago was referee. The gloves were said to be five mee, but were larger than that. In the first round the men went at it

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McAuliffe and Meyer Give a Six-Round Ex-

hibition at Chicago.

WERE WILLING TO FIGHT FOR KEEPS

Both Men Inclined to Be a Little Victous in

Their Efforts at a scientific Dis-

play, but Neither One Hurt

in the Least.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.-Jack McAuliffe

champion lightweight of the world, and

Billy Meyer, his old antagonist, came to-

gether at the Second regiment armory for

six rounds tonight. The setto, which was

warily. Meyer got in a hard one on Me-Auliffe's head. The men went to their coracrs breathing as easily as when they left them.

Second Round-Both men sparred for an pening, and McAuliffe got in a good one on the car. Meyer came back at him, but beore he could do anything the timekeepers elled. This round was not over a minute ong and the crowd disapproved in vigorous style

Third Round-McAuliffe led, but was met igorously and jabbed hard in the face; he lucked and slipped, falling to his knees. When he got up he received more hot ones. This was decidedly Meyer's round. Fourth Round – McAuliffe went at Meyer

viciously crowding him around and forcing timon to the ropes. Time was called with the men badly mixed up. Fifth Round-McAuliffe led repeatedly

for Meyer's stomach and got there nearly every time. Neither man would give ground and they battered savagely.

Sixth Round—Both went at it hammer and tongs, and it was give and take. Mac fought savagely and. Meyer went to meet him every time he came on. Clinches were numerous and the men were forced most thick apart twice. Neither man was marked in any way and

oth were fresh when the setto was fin shed.

SMASHED THE SPIDER.

Jimmy Carroll Gives Ike Weir a Blow for a Word.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10,-Ike Weir, the Belfast "spider," and Martin Murphy of San Francisco, Joe Lewis of Boston, George Siddons, the featherweight, and his backer, a well known New York man, met at the office of a sporting paper this afternoon Johnny Griffin and his manager, James F Carroll, who has trained Bob Fitzsimmons for all his contests in America. Weir has

been trying to arrange a fight with Griffin for some time, and the latter has expressed his willingness to meet the "Spider." Weir began to pick Griffin's record to sieces and the two men wrangled for half an nour. Jimmy Carroll, who had been quietly

listening to the wrangling, finally told Weir that he was a "quitter," that he saw him quit in his fight with Billy Murphy. "You're a liar," said the Spider, "I never

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and information constantly received shows we are bound to win. Stand firm and success is OUTS. COMMITTEE. CONWAY SPRINGS, Kan., Dec. 10.—All con-ductors on the Rock Island went out at 4 p. m. Every conductor east of the river is out.

Every conductor east of the river is out. COMMITTER. Des Morxes, Ia., Dec. 9, 4 p. m.-Bother operators: Stay with the O. R. T. Hold out a few days and victory is ours. Come to the meeting at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow (Saturday) at stuart. We have great encouragement from other railrond organizations. We have a del-egation of lifteen Order of Railway Telegra-phers men here today: all are confident of success. Keokuk and Fort Dodge out, with the exception of four hen. Kansas entirely ted up. Come out with us: it is no worse to strike twice than once. If you return to work after once striking you will be shot out afterwards at first opportunity; if we win the world is ourselves; it will always stay with yon. Come with us, and if you need assistance call on the protective fund of \$50.000 at your command. Don't scab. The following message just re-cived: "CHCAD. III. Dec. 9.3:50 p. m.-Do not

ceived: "CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 9, 3:50 p. m.-Do not return to work. All reports show a victory for us.-Ramsay." COMMITTEE.

Some Interest in It.

A member of the operators brotherhood in speaking of the strike says: "It is believed that the Rock Island by

prearranged plan settled on months ago is being aided by all the lines west of Chicago in the present strike. It is a repetition of the method used during the memorable strike of the engineers during the year '88 on the Burlington. In '88 it was nearly proven that the company had the financial support of other roads. The methods then used are being used now. A pool was formed by the western roads. Lots were drawn to see which road would resist the attempt when made of its men to secure concessions. The road being so decided on to receive the backing pro rata of the other lines. Is not the same plan now working?

"It is believed it is, and that months ago before the demands made by the Union Pacific and Santa Fe operators the Rock Isl-and was the one selected as the one to resist the demands of its men it in turn to secure the backing of the other roads. There is every prospect that the scheme will not work as successful in this instance as it did in 1888. The Rock Island is badly tied up, and all reports to the contrary are not based on the facts as they are known to exist." Word received by the local committee from Wichita, Kan., is of the most encouraging

sort. The committee down there says the men employed by the company to take the strikers' places are joining the strikers.

- Denying a Ramor.

Another bulletin was sent out repeating the rumor of the wreck near Horton, Kan., on Friday, but the company denies that there is any foundation for the story in fact. It is said to be the work of a reckless striker, sent out for the purpose of injuring the company. Outside efforts have failed to verify the statement.

In regard to the strike of the conductors company makes the following statement to the Associated press:

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 10.-P. L. Ewing, superin-tendent of the Rock Island, says that the re-port of a strike of coudactors west of the Missouri river is absolutely untrue.

That the brakemen's brotherhood will strike in sympathy is also denied by the company. The BEE has asked its Chicago representative to find Mr. Wilkerson and get statement from him in regard to the matter.

MORE MEN THAN NEEDED.

Operating Officials Claim to Have an Over plus of Telegraphers.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 10.-[Special Telegram to THE BRE.]-As far as the strike of the operators is concerned this city is now the headquarters of the operating department of the Rock Island road. Assistant General Manager Allen's private car is sidetracked here and will be until all indications of trouble are over. This point has been selected because it is the junction of the two lines, and all parts of the system can be commanded from here. A. R. Swift, super intendent of telegraph, and George F. Wilson, superintendent of motive power, are here with Mr. Allen. Telegrams have been pouring in all day, which indicate that the strike is over. Mr. Allen states this evening that between here and Council Bluffs one place is vacant and there are ten men for it. **Between** here

FROM VARIOUS POINTS.

Reports Sent Out by Both Sides Concerning the Status of Affairs. WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 10 .- The following

was sent out this afternoon from the headquarters of the Wichita division, Order of Railway Telegraphers:

Everything this morning looks favorable Organizers are out on all divisions, and the weak ones that had promised to sub for the company are going out. Union meetings are being held at all prominent places and the chances are good for a great strike inside of forty-eight hours. the company says in future they will decline to treat with union men. All those who were engaged in the strike will receive \$30 per month whether they belong to the order

EL RENO, Okl., Dec. 10 .- The telegraph operators who are out remain firm on this end of the Rock Island. A number of new men have been employed by the company, but the train service is still somewhat ir-

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 10.-The places of The six striking operators in the Rock Island freight offices in Kansus City have all been filled. One striker went back to his job. The strikers tried to keep other operators from working for the company, but were un-successful and as far as Kansas City is con-cerned the strike is of no effort cerned the strike is of no effect. ATCHISON, Kan., Dec. 10.-The Rock Island

telegraph operator at Rushville, Mo., who went out on the strike, returned to his key this morning. The operator at East Atchison did not quit.

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Will Hold a Meeting.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 10 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-Secretary McBride issued the following order to the secretaries of the various divisions Order of Railway Conductors, today: "In accordance with article xi, sections 2 and 4, of the constitution of the grand division of the Order of Railway Conductors, the annual meeting of the gen-eral grievance committee for the Union Pa-chie system will be held in Omaha, Neb., on chie system will be held in Omaha, Neb., on January 10, 1893, at Hotel Dellone for the election of officers and such other business as may be lawfully brought before it."

Conductors May Go Out.

CHICAGO, III., Dec. 10. - It is asserted onight that the strike on the Rock Island will spread to the conductors, the latter having, it is alleged, decided to go out tomorrow. The officials of the road flatly deny this statement, while the strikers are as firm in their assertion that they have promises from the conductors to espouse their cause.

Spanish Grants in New Mexico.

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 10 .- In the court of private land claims today confirmations were nnounced in the case of the Sonora Nuestra del Rosario grant, covering 20,000 acres in southern Rio Arriba county, and in the Apache grant of 500 acres near Santa Fe. Both were found to be absolutely perfect Spanish grants, made during the sixteenth century, in which the law has been complied with in every detail.

In Need of Assistance.

PITTEBURG, Pa., Dec. 10 .- The Citizen's Reief association of Homestead has issued a plea for help for nearly 1,000 persons, embraced in 218 families, who are destitute and in immediate need of food and fuel, as a re-sult of the late iron mills strike. Many are said to be actually storedor said to be actually starving.

Judgment Against Mrs. Potter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The sheriff today issued an execution for \$2,696 against Corn Urquhart Potter, the actress, better know as Mrs. James Brown-Potter, in favor of Henry C. Miner, on a judgment obtained on July 11, 1890, for money loaned in 1887.

have been deceived and mis or who, with fear. have seen whee the door of corrupting influences, or who, with sad forebodings, have beheld pop-

ular rule nearing the fatal rocks of bauched suffrage, or who have mourned because appeals to selfishness and promises of unequal advantages were apparently under-mining that patriotism which alone justifies our hope of national perpetuity, let this oc-casion and the events which have led to it reinstate their faith and their confidence in

their countrymen. "If it has seemed to those striving for better public sentiment that the disposition was growing among our people to regard their government as a depository of individual benefits, to be importuned and threat-ened, to be despoiled, let them take heed of the evidences now before our eyes, that there is still abroad in the land a controlling belief that our government should be a source of just and beneficent rule, proudly supported by freemen, protected by their care and watchfulness, and returning to all our people

with equal hand the safety and happiness it holds in store for them.

An Appeal to Patriotism. "If we have learned that an appeal to the patriotism of our countrymen and an honest presentation of political principles to their intelligence and indgment are not in vain the thought must not escape us that while our people will, in the end, repay with their support the political party which addresses their understanding and reason, instead of broad prejudices and selfish interests, they

will surely revenge themselves upon those who deceive or betray them. "The national democracy and its allies in political principle rejoice over the defeat of those whose fate is full of instruction and warning. While we find in our triumph a result of popular intelligence, which we have aroused, and a consequence of popular vigil-ance, which we have stimulated, let us not for a moment forget that our accession to power will find neither this intelligence nor this vigilance dead or slunbering. We are thus brought face to face with the reflection that if we are not to be tormented by the spirits which we ourselves have called up, we must hear, above victorious shouts, the

call of our fellow countrymen to public duty and must put on a garb befitting public servants "The sentiment suggested by this occasion, which should dwarf all others, has relation to the responsibility which awaits those who now rejoice in victory. If we redeem the promises we have made to the voters of our land, the difficulty of our task can hardly be exaggerated. Conditions involving the most important interests must be reviewed and modified, and perplexing problems menacing our safety must be settled. Above all, and

as the ultimate object of all we do, the rights and the welfare of our people in every posi-tion in life must be placed upon a more equal plane of opportunity and advantage. "I am confident the wisdom of the demo

cratic party will be equal to the emergency, and I base my confidence upon the belief that it will be particitically true to its princi-ples and traditions and will follow the path narked out by the true American sentiment. Not in a Spirit of Resentment.

'We should not enter upon our work in the

least spirit of resents at, nor in heedless disregard for the welfare of any portion of our citizens. The miss m of our party and the reforms we conten the do not involve the encouragement of jealous animosities, nor a destructive discrimination between

American interests. "In order that we may begin with free hands we should vigorously oppose all delusions which have their origin in undem-ocratic teachings, or in demagogic attempts to deceive the people. More catch words, which, if they mean anything, have no rela-tion to sound policy, and phrases invented tion to sound policy, and phrases invented to please the ear of the victims of cunning greed ought not to stand in our way. Look-

ing beyond all these things, we shall find just principles furnishing vantage ground on which we can lay out a safe course of action. "Which we can lay out a safe course of action. "We should strive to rid ourselves and our countrymen of the idea that there is any-thing shabby or disgraceful in economy, whether in public or private life. If ex-travagance in public expenditure has pre-valled in the past, it affords no excuse for its continuance; and there is no breach of duty so palpable as the waste of money held by public servants for the people of the United States.

States "Our government was founded in a spirit

representative of the Associated Press as he was leaving the hall. "Are you not going to speak?" he was

asked. "No," he said. "What is the reason: are you ill?"

"I have not been invited to speak." "But the Associated Press has already

sent all the papers in the country the speech you were to deliver." "That is true," said Speaker Crisp. "I was invited to the dinner, and the invitation was such that I thought I was to be called upon to make an address. I prepared one and gave it to the Associated press at its re-quest. The Associated press also seems to quest. have thought that I was to be called upon to However, I have not been asked to speak tonight. Mr. Crisp then excused himself and left

the hall. The Associated Press reporter then asked ex-Secretary Fairchild for some explanation of the withdrawal of Speaker Crisp, Mr. Fairchild frankly said the reason why Mr. Crisp did not speak was that he had not

been invited to speak.

"But Speaker Crisp is a democrat of na-tional importance. Is there any special rea-son why he should not be invited to speak!" "Well," said Mr. Fairchild, with some esitation, "there were so many democrats of prominence present that we could not ask them all to speak, so we had to limit the number of speakers." There was much disappointment in the

banquet hall because Mr. Crisp did not speak.

Why They Are in New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The democratic United States senators, Gorman, Bruce and

Carlisle, who came here to devise means for protecting the senate in the interests of that party, were joined this morning by Dickinson and Harrity of the democratic national campaign committee. They have arranged for a conference this evening, at which the above named, together with Whitney and other leading democrats, will be present. A consultation will be held on the situation in Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota and California, where, it is alleged the republicans are using unfair means to secure control of the state legislatures, with a view of preventing the democrats from electing United States senators, thus preventing them from con-trolling the next United States senate. Martin Maginnis of Montana will be present and give information as to the situation in Mon-tana. Wyoming and Kansas will come in for the greatest share, of attention. The question to be discussed is whether counsel will be employed to assist the state committees in their fight.

It is understood the party's policy on im migration and other, guestions will also be talked over.

Adverse to the Democrats.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 10 .- A Helena, Mont., special to the Pioneer-Press says: The first decision of the supreme court in the legal battle for the control of the Monthe legislature was given today, and was adverse to the democrats. It was on a mo-tion to quash the writ' of mandamus served on the Chouteau county canvasing board, and in no way involved the merits of the question. The case will come up for hearing Monday. Monday.

Kentucky World's Fair Bill Unconstitutional.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 10 .- The decision of the court of appeals, declaring the World's fair bill unconstitutional, has rendered the Kentucky World's fair commission invalid and the office will soon be closed. Should the legislature re-enact the bill it will be necessary for the governor to name another commission.

San Francisco Stockyards

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 10 .- The extensive stockyards of the San Francisco company in San Mateo county have been opened and the slaughter of cattle, hogs and sheep has commenced. It is the largest plant of this kind west of Omaha and was organized by Armour, Swift and other Chicago packers.

The fleeces of ten goats and the work of several men for half a year are re-quired to make a genuine cashmere shawl a yard and a half wide.

result of this conference depends the fate of the Western Passenger association. It was especially called to decide what action should be taken in view of the Atchi-son's request that southwestern Missouri river business be excepted from he agreement. To grant the request vould be to disrupt the association, while to the refuse it would be to force the Atchison out of the association, and the result would be just as bad. The only alternative is to induce the Alton to join the association, in which event the Atchison would withdraw its request.

The provisional freight greement adopted by the transmissouri lines will go into effect January 1. In addition to the establishment of rate committees, to have charge of traffic affairs, the compact provides that on the eastbound freight the rates shall, in all ases, be the same as those on westbound shipments of the same articles.

Granted a Decree of Foreclosure.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 10.-Judge Phillips of the United States court this afternoon granted decrees of foreclosure of mortgages held by the Central Trust company of New York against the Chicago, Kansas City & Texas Railway company for \$475,000 and against the Kansas City Bridge and Terminal

against the Kansas City Bridge and Terminal company for 81.000,000. Walter H. Holmes is appointed master in chancery for the Bridge and Terminal com-pany and Webster Withers is appointed mas-ter in chancery for the Chicago, Kansas & Texas Railway company. Both properties to be sold by the masters in chancery at times to be determined later.

These are the enterprises that were in-augurated by Willard E. Winner, the great boomer, and which were stranded by that

boomer, and which were stranded by that gentleman's failure two years ago. The Chicago, Kansas City & Texas com-part of it is finished and in operation in Clay county. The Bridge & Terminal company had completed the piers and the approach to new bridge over the Missouri river when the crash came. A syndicate of eastern bondholders of

these concerns, headed by Theo C. Bates, will buy in the property under foreclosure sale and then acquire a clear title and complete the work.

Georgia Southern & Florida.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 10 .- The question has seen raised as to the validity of the charter under which the Georgia Southern & Florida railroad operates.

The affairs of this company have occupied the attention of the court for nearly two years. The road is now in the hands of ayears. The road is now in the hands of a receiver. The bondholders, whose majority interests are represented by the Mercantile Trust and Loan company of Baltimore, have endeavored to foreclose the mortgage and have the road sold. This action has been stoutly resisted by the Macon Construction company, which is trying to prevent the sale company, which is trying to prevent the sale of the road. The latter holds \$4,000,000 of common stock among its assets, and thinks if the road is sold this stock will be rendered If the road is sold this stock will be relatively valueless, whereas if not sold at this time they will be able to realize from these assets in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. The ques-tion as to the validity of the charter will delay proceedings until the matter is heard by court.

An application will be made by the bond-olders for a receiver of the bonds, and the court will be requested to appoint the same officer receiver of the Georgia Southern & Florida railroad.

In Favor of the City.

JERSET CITY, N. J., Dec. 10 .- The New Jersey court of errors and appeals has decided the South Cove water front controversy between Jersey City and the Central railroad in favor of the city. The city re-covers property worth \$1,000,000 or more.

Made an Increase in Earnings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The earnings of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic for the month of November were \$142,624, an increase of \$6,100.

Barred from Its Lines.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 10 .- The South ern Pacific company has issued a circular to all general passenger agents and ticket agents setting forth that after January 1, next, it will not honor any tickets issued by

iable to be evicted who owe very small amounts. A responsible man should be placed in each court, and when the justice meets with a case in which he sees direct evidence of deserving want, it might be referred to the representative of the charities, who would investigate and report back to the justice. He then might give a recommendation to the charities to pay the amount required to keep the person investigated in a home, or give the landlord his decree if the circumstances called for such course. "It would be a little step in the direction of relief before the real re-

form comes," says the writer. would save thousands of the luckless victims of poverty from being cast into the streets in the biting colds of winters' snows. It might save many a homeless young woman from desperately partering away her virtue to provide a home for a sick mother, a fretsome, emaclated sister or a starving self. Such sacrifices are horribly frequent, is shown by the records of the night missions and refuges of the slums. The exercise of a little practical philanthropy in the line suggested would help

box of the city's morgue." Why Firecrackers Are Red.

In an interesting sketch of Chinese life in this country in the December Harper's, Henry Burden McDowell ventures a defense of the race. Describing a custom of the people, he says:

"In associating a mystical meaning with the color red, and clesely connecting this meaning with the tree of life. the Chinese have but followed out all analogies to their logical conclusion. The tree of life is the tree of man; and

red is the color not only of mau's blood. out of the universal life. By very defi nition, then, red is the color of salvation operating to secure the health of both body and soul. In Chinatown, therefore, it has actually become a sanitary precaution-a sort of spiritual chloride of lime.

"But it has other uses. No present, for instance, is ever beztowed, even upon

a white barbarian, which is not care fully wrapped up in red paper. The very name for present is ang-pao, red parcel. Red is the color of the 'low gevity candles' and the 'birthday eggs. 'lon-Again, no Chinese gentlemen would ever think of inflicting upon friend or acquaintauce such an omen of death as white visiting eard; it is always red. Red, in fact, is used generally on every joyful occasion, as at marriage or at the

birth of a male child, and is only carefully avoided in cases of decease or mourning. Even the red firecracker is more definitely connected with Chinese sport. In Chinatown firecrackers are used to drive out devils-an employment which, though it brings them into rather general play, must not be con-founded with the use our children make of them upon the glorious Fourth. As a matter of fact, Chinese boys and girls are not allowed to touch these implements of religious warefare."

rector of the gymnasium have been secured, and he will organize classes in physical culto ward off, for a time at least, the in-evitable 'dead wagon' and ghastly pine ture during the coming week. Free to mem-Slavin and Goddard Matched. NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 10.-President Charles Dixon of the Olympic club received the following from New York: Shavin will box Goddard for a \$10,000 purse and expenses. Sall at once if necessary. Ans-ver, naming date. RICUARD K. Fox.

The following answer was sent: We accept; sail him immediately; send God-dard south to train, likewise Slavin; date from 1st to 3d of March. Answer quick. Soud wrestler south. Dixos.

Plenty Excitement at St. Louis.

They had a racing sensation at St. Louis vesterday when Picnty, a 250 to 1 shot, won yesterday when Plenty, a 250 to 1 shot, won the handleap. These are the largest odds ever posted on a winning horse in America, and the finish of yesterday's race was made amidst the most tremendous excitement. Only four bets were on the horse in the books and two of these were made by Arthur White, a Mound City sport, who pulled down just \$500 for his \$2 William.

Talking of an Omaha Match.

Sr. Louis, Mo., Dec. 10 .- Negotiations are 1 in progress for a finish fight between Johnny Daly of this city and Dick Moore of Omaha, who is now in Chicago. Both are welter-weights. An effort is being made to get the Omaha Athletic club to hang up a purse of \$1.000, it having already offered \$700. If suc-cessful the fight will take place at Omaha early in January.

Dawson Away to Train.

Dawson, the Australian welterweight, will

leave shortly for New Orleans, where he is to fight Tommy Ryan of Chicago during Mardi

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