Democratic Congressmen Worrying About the Condition of the Treasury.

RIVAL COMMITTEES WANT TO DO THE WORK

Sharp Contest in the House Between the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees - Vesterday's Work of the Senate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13,-The house epened today with a sharp contest between the ways and means and appropriations committees, but it was brief and decisive and resulted in a victory for the former committee. For some time there has been a little rivalry between these two great committees of the house, and when the matter of ascertaining the condition of the treasury under the operation of the McKinley law became a pertinent question immediately after election this rivalry was accentuated by the dispute as to which committee should conduct the investigation. Mr. Dockery of the appropriations committee introduced a resolution assigning this duty to the committee of which he is a member, and a few days later Mr. Wilson of the ways and means committee prescuted a resolution directing the committee upon which would fall the burden of originating revenue legislation for the relief of a depleted treasury to conduct the inquiry. Both resolutions went to the committee on rules, and that committee today reported Mr. Wilson's proposition, thus conferring jurisdiction on the ways and means committee.

Immediately after the reading of the report Mr. Breckinridge of Arkansas, a member of the ways and means committee of the last congress, but now of the appropria-tions committee, sought to present a substi-tute resolution dividing the work between the two committees, conferring upon the ways and means committee the inquiry into the effect of the McKinley law and upon the appropriations committee the investigation of the financial condition of the treasury.

Mr. Catchings of the committee on rules promptly objected, stating that Mr. Breckine's resolution should be introduced and referred in the usual way, and declining, on behalf of the committee on rules, to accept any substitute or amendment whatever to the pending resolution.

After some further discussion Mr. Breckin-

ridge withdrew his substitute and the resolution recommended by the committee on rules was unanimously adopted.

Will Begin the Investigation at Once. The members of the ways and means committee were at once informally notified that

a meeting of the committee would be held this week to begin the investigation. The investigation will be made by the

The investigation will be made by the full committee in open session, 'said Mr. Springer, 'and not delegated to a subcommittee. It is important that this investigation should show the condition of the treasury at some particular moment of time. As this is so near the end of the half of the ilscal year, the proper time at which the con-dition of the treasury should turn is the 31st day of December—the end of the first half of the fiscal year. If we know the obligations of the government on that day, the receipts from all sources at that time and the liabilities of the government for the future, we will know exactly how the government stands financially and be enabled to devise a plan for meeting a possible deficit."

Most of the day was consumed in the house in considering the senate bill enlarging the provisions of the act for the distribution of awards made under the conven--the La Abraelaims It was bitterly opposed by Mr. Covert of New York. The bill finally passed by a large vote. The effect of the bill is to refer the whole matter to the ert of claims, with power of appeal by either party.

The remainder of the session was consumed in the consideration of unimportant

George of Mississippi Talks in Favor of the Anti-Option Bill.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The joint resolution for the appointment of a commission to make arrangements with the five civilized Indian tribes for allotments of their lands in severalty and for opening Indian Territory to settlement was discussed in the senate today during the morning hour, then went over without action until to-

The anti-option bill was then taken up and Mr. George of Mississippi in advocacy of of that bill. the rest of the day's session was occupied by Notice was given by Mr. Teller that he

would ask the senate to act tomorrow morning on the president's message (at the close the last session) vetoing the bill for the relief of William McGarraban.

Bills were then introduced and referred as

follows: By Gailinger, for the suspension of immigration under certain circumstances; by Mitchell, to provide for the national eninpment of militia at the World's fair; by allow, to amend the interstate commerce law; by Peffer, to facilitate promotion in the

Mr. George then addressed the senate in Mr. He said it support of the anti-option bill. He said it was alleged on the part of the cotton exchanges that the passage of the bill supportsing speculation in futures would be disastrous to the farmer, but on the other hand, the farmers of Alabama and of other outhern states (as well as the farmers of the west) were so "benighted" that they with almost one voice, demanded the enactnent of a measure to prevent dealing in futures. The cotton growers were every year becoming poorer and poorer, and were becoming the victims of a rapacious policy which had taken their earnings and added the amount to the overgrown wealth of men who used their powers for that purpo Without finishing his argument, Mr. Geo called up a motion for an executive session

and soon afterward the senate adjourned REPUBLICAN SENATORS CAUCUS.

Contests in Doubtful States Considered Washington News Notes.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The republican senators held an hour's caucus this morning relative to the states in which there are doubtful senatorial contests, but reach no conclusion. Owing to the late hour at which the senate adjourned, it was found impracticable to renew the cancus this after noon. Mr. Sherman will call another meeting in a day or two, when the subject will be further considered.

Senator Cullom today proposed an amend-

ment to the interstate commerce law, de signed to meet the recent Counselman decis-The amendment proposes to per-traffic contracts between rail-companies under ecrtain re-ons, reserving the right to the Interstate Commerce commission, however, to cancel them if they produce unreasonable rates or discrimination; to make corporations subject to prosecution under the law; to do away with the imprisonment penalty and to rive witnesses immunity from the results of their testimony.

The president will probably spend the holi-

recess deck shooting on Cherapeake

Justice Lamar is ill again, and will probably start south in a few days.

The senate today confirmed the following nomina tons: P. B. Chency of New Hampshire, eavey extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Switzerland; G. M. Lambertson of Nebraska, assistant secretary of the treasury. I. A. Peaton, United States marshal for the Torritory of Utah. M.R. Rose of Ohio, assistant commissioner of the general land office, Judge of probate in Ctah, Charles Foote, Just county; W. W.

ANXIOUS TO INVESTIGATE Wallace, Sevier county; C. A. Herman,

Soldiers at the World's Fair. Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.-Senator Mitchell today introduced a bill to establish a temperary camp for military instruction for the army and volunteer forces at Chicago during August, 1893, The bill authorizes the president to accept as volunteers in the United States ser vice for instruction, not exceeding 50,000, state militia for fifteen days. The president is further authorized to notify the governors of states and request them to inform him before May I, of the number of organizations and men that will volunteer for service. The bill appropriates \$1,500,000 for the camp.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Contributions to the Homestead Defense Fund - Yesterday's Proceedings.

Philaonlenia, Pa., Dec. 13.—At this morning's session of the Pederation of Labor various committees reported progress and and in a way dramatic enough, at the rules were adopted. Resolutions were introduced on the saloon question, the militia. question, the standing of the Knights of Labor in the federation, political action, granting charters to central bodies, compulsory arbitration, interference of courts and military, Chinese sailors on Pacific mail steamers, assisted immigration, calling out armed bodies during strikes, to amend the alien contract labor law, universal label, to establish a sinking fund, for the pardon of the Chicago Haymarket anarchists, for a national eight-hour law, for the inauguration of education by the federation, favoring the abolishment of trusts and speculation in food products, for trusts and speculation in food products, for the organization into national bodies of the unions of freight handlers and broom makers, and a number of others of minor im-portance. It was agreed to take up the question of the celebration of "Homestead ay" at the afternoon session.
Additional resolutions from one of the

Chicago delegates, cilling for a special session of congress, was introduced.

At the afternoon session the question of making an appropriation for the Hemestead sufferers was discussed.

Delegate Skeffington of Boston presented.

Delegate Sacinagion of Boston presented the report of the committee on president's report, recommending that the convention donate \$1,000 to aid in the defense of the ar-rested strikers. This was adopted. Delegate Morgan moved that \$500 addi-tional be contributed to the relief fund. Car-vied.

President Weihe of the Amalgamated association made a detailed statement of the trouble and said 225 men are now under in-dictment, of whom five are charged with murder, over thirty with treason and the remainder with conspixacy and riot. Four hundred thousand dollars have been given in ball bonds for the release of a number of the accused. Although many of the old employes are now at work, 2,200 have not gone back. The amount contributed during the strike was \$41,000. The cases against the arrested strikers have cost the association \$10,000 for lawyers and witnesses

First Vice President McGuire of Phila-delphia moved that \$500 be contributed to the defense fund of the Cour d'Alene miners.

Delegate Teltenhausen of Knoxville, Tenn., made a motion that 8500 be appropriated to the support of the Temessee miners. Some of the delegates thought the matter was eing carried too far, and they objected.

Delegate Benlow of Cleveland, succeeded a having the fourth appropriation of the

day granted by suggesting that there be "less Then at 5:50 p. m. the convention adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow, when the third day's ession will be begun in the common council

SEVERAL UNION PACIFIC WRECKS.

Intense Cold of the Last Few Days Responsible for the Trouble. CHEVENNE Wee Dec 13 - Special Tele-

gram to The Bee. |—There have been a number |

of small wrecks on the Union Pacific during

the past few days. The intense cold of

the last week has been snapping the steel rails like pipe stems and almost daily accidents were the result. terday morning a broken rail caused the ditching of a train at Hallville, a small station on the Green river. Several coaches are piled up and a number of people were more or less seriously injured. They are: Frank Rosetti, Mrs. L. Gatelli, lacob Guelemani, Pio Cartegrasse, Jacob Guglemani, Pio Cartegrasse, Marie Pagoni and Lingi Gaincoli, are all Italians. They were severely shaken up, in addition to which bruises and broken limbs are im-partially distributed among them. Passeners in the other coaches escaped uninjured Early in the afternoon another train was ditched west of Granger on account of a broken rail. The train was slightly demol-ished, but no one injured. Sunday a head-end collision occurred between Rawlins and end collision occurred between Rawins and Green River. An castbound stock train met a regular westbound freight. Both were moving at the usual rate of speed and a collision was unavoidable. Seeing this the engine crews jumped for their lives and escaped unburt. They were just in time, for the force of the impact was so great that both of the engines were completely demalished, while some were completely demolished, while some thirteen cars had their drawheads broken, ends stove in, and were otherwise more or ess broken up. Other trains have been par-ially derailed, and in some instances escaped derailment by ranning slowly and

HOMESTEAD'S POISON CASE.

Carnegie Officials Declare They Bave Important Revelations to Make. Pirrsnuko, Pa., Dec. 13.—Charles Stan-

ord, who died in Toronto last night from supposed poison, administered at Homestead during the strike, is not known by the Carnegie officials. Secretary Lovejoy said the company sent several sick men home, but kent my record of them.

The cook, Gallagher, who is said to have been the man who made the confession im-plicating Beatty and others, is in Pittsburg, ut is hiding, through fear, it is said, that

The officials and members of the Homestead advisory board continue to denounce the poison plea as a scheme to further in-jure them, but that the company has some revelations which are sensational there is little doubt, and under members of the Carogie firm say that the end is not yet

The coroner's inquest into death of Isaac Jury, who, as a non-union comploye of the Carnegie company at Homestead, was supposed to have been poisoned by the strikers, shows that death was the result of

Alcoholism.
Lorisville, Ky., Dec. 13.—Judge Toney has refused to issue a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Robert Beatty, the alleged Homestead poison conspirator.
Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 12.—Deputy Sheriff Farriel of Allegheny, Pa., arrived in this city this afternoon with a requisition for Robert Beatty, the alleged Homestead pois-oner, now in fall in Louisville, and Governor

Brown issued the necessary warrants. RAIDED BY GARZI'S MEN.

Mexican Soldlers Killed and Their Barracks Burned

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 13.—The News' advices from the Mexican border indicate that the Garra outbreak is only the ragged end of the revolution. It is doubtful if the conspirators really contemplate a revolution. They seem to be bent mostly on blunder Since Garza fled, every act of robbery or since Garga Red, every act of robbery or depredation has been attributed to his fol-lowers. On the Mexican side, opposite San Ignacio, one lieutenant and eight men were killed. The barracks in which these troops were garrisoned was burned over their heads. All their traps were stolen, includ-ing a large number of carbines, revolvers, otc. After the fight the bandits crossed to this ade. Mexican troops have gone down this aide. Mexican troops have gone down from New Laredo, but no United States troops have been sent out.

WORSE PICKLE THAN EVER

Politics in France Becoming More and More Perplexed and Murky.

M. ROUVIER'S DRAMATIC RESIGNATION

He Acknowledged His Falsehood from the Tribune Shake Position of President Carnot and His Cabinet-Bigh Places in Danger.

[Copyrighted 1892 by James Gurdon Bennett.] Panis, Dec. 13.- | New York Herald Cable-Special to Tue Bee. The crisis which I predicted in my dispatches of yesterday has happened. M. Rouvier, minister of finance, has handed in his resignation. session of the Chamber. All that he said proves nothing, for what he said was contrary to fact. He confessed that he had been at the house of the late Baron de Reinach, and because he was Ignorant of the prosecutions, But the prosecutions had been decided upon in the ministerial council at which M. Rouvier assisted eight days before the suicide of the Baron de Reinach.

M. Clemenceru was upon the point of speaking in order to explain his own conduct but he was restrained by his friends. That was a mistake, for an explanation had been expected.

Some Singular Statements.

I am advised that the situation of the ministry generally is shaky. It is inadmissible that the other ministers did not know of the conduct of their colleague, the minister of finance. More than that, they have lied from the beginning, since every one of them has declared from the tribune that de Reinach was not poisoned, when they knew to the contrary. Should the whole cabinet resign it is impossible to say who will succeed. Nobody wants to take the responsibility.

The position of President Carnot is also very shaky. It must not be forgotten that he also knew all about the poisoning through the prefect of police, and that he knew of the situation in which M. Rouvier was placed from the latter's own confession. It was his duty to have prevented him taking office in the new government. and from continuing to tell falsehoods, but the difficulty is greater for the republic than for the president of the council. The candidate having the greatest is M. Henry Brisson, but he evinces no presidential quality.

Splendid Chance for Trouble. As I have kept the readers of the Herald well informed from day to day of the course

of events since December 2, they know that the situation in France is bad. The bourgeoise and the people are republican enough, but let us see if we are going to assist at an evolution, either reactionary or socialistic. Anti-semitism stands for disorder, and if it believes that its hour was at hand, it would bring about a new scandal greater and more disgusting than any and things would end up in the death of liberty.

There is one anti-semite who is jubilant, He is M. Drumont, who has for years past been denouncing as scandalous the conduct of deputies, financiers and ministers.

The committee of inquiry will temorrow hear M. Rouvier, M. Constans and M. Clem-

The successor of M. Rouvier as minister of finance will be M. Tirard, formerly president of the council. The nomination will be made officially tomorrow, when the republican groups will try to reorganize.

MURDERED THEIR PRISONERS. Captive Republican Military Chiefs at San

Borja Killed. (Congrighted 189? by James Gordon Bennett.)

Vallaraiso, Chili (via Galveston, Tex. Dec. 13.— By Mexican Cable to the New York Herald - Special to THE BEE. - The Herald's correspondent at Santa Anna telegraphs that the residents there are in terror, expecting an invasion of the province by federals. Barricades have been erected to assist in the defense. The garrison stationed there hope that aid will be sent by Colonel Portugal of the republican force.

Several high military chiefs of the republicans who had been imprisoned in San Borja, preparatory to their removal to Porto Alexeo. were killed by the guards escorting them to the capitol of the province. It is also said that many barbarities were practiced on the women and children in San Borja by the

The Herald's correspondent in Montevideo wires that frequent skirmishes between federal and republican forces have occurred in Rio Grande do Sul. It is believed that a serious battle is imminent. Both sides are accused of cruelty. The federals are indignant at the government of Uruguay for permitting alleged violations of neutrality in allowing purchases of arms and ammunition

in their territory. Secret meetings have been held in Montesideo with a view of initiating a revolution against Hemera. It is proposed to force him to resign if possible. The financial outlook

of the republic is brighter. The Herald's correspondent in Buenes Ayres writes that a private navigation company has ordered five steamers of 10,000 tons measurement each. They will receive subsidies from the government, and will be constructed so as to be used as armed cruisers

in case of necessity. Troops have been despatched to the fron-tier to maintain neutrality of the territory and prevent refugees from Rio Grande enter-

United States Consul Barre called or Admiral Costello and other navy chiefs in Valparaiso yesterday. He was received with great courtesy. The Herald's correspondent at Iquique wires that in the lawsuit against McKenna relative to the ownership of mines which an American syndicate proposed to purchase a decision has been rendered against McKenna.

CRISIS IN GERMANY.

Conviction of Ahlwardt Fails to Bring Con-

fidence-In the Reichstag. BEHLIN, Dec. 13 .- New York Herald Cable -Special to The Bee. |-Hamburger correspondents say that officers of the highest rank had declared it would be advisable to return all Loewe rifles, and goes on: We are perfectly free from political sympathy with Ahiwardt, but are compelled to take the view that it would be well if the high officers were brought forward with their reasons. We consider the evidence of the excellence of the guns on which the sentence of Ahlwardt was based was not sufficient to allay the doubts the case has raised in the minds of army men. Caprivi is doing everything in his power to gain time in hopes of winning over the

center party, but everything points to the abandonment of the army bill. The socialists are actively organizing in view of the dissolution of the Reichstag, and declare they are certain of an enormous

meeting here this evening, and will ENTERTAINED THEIR CHIEF have a monster gathering two days hence. It is reported that the Berlin magistrates are instructed to have the voting lists ready for January 20. If true this points to the conviction in government circles that the dissolution of the Reichstag is not only imminent but nesessary.

Great amusement has been caused by the discovery in the government printing office of new military regulations beginning with the words: "The new army bill having be-

Gives Over Poland. [Copyrighted 1892 by James Gordon Bennett.] Rosse, Dec. 13 - New York Herald Cable Special to THE BEE. |- Within the last few weeks, as is well known, the relations between the vatican and Russia, though not grown so close as to warrant belief in the near reunion of the Greek and Latin churches. have become extremely cordial. The visit of Grand Duke Serguis was a symptom of this friendliness. I now learn that the good will of the vatican Ioward the government of the ezar has not been confined to words, but he has found practical expression in a brief to the Polish bishops, in which they are exorted to abandon and discourage all insurrectionary tendencies and submit to the will of Providence, which has made them subjects of the ezar. MELTZER

ROUVIER DEFENDS HIMSELF.

Questioned, He Explains His Connection

with Baron de Reinach. Paurs, Dec. 13 .- In the Chamber of Deputies today M. Rouvier confirmed the statement made by M. Clemenceau that he and Baron de Reinach visited M. Clemenceau on the eve of the baron's death. In his statement M. Clemenceau said M. Rouvier had explained to him in the lobby of the Chamber of Deputies that Baron de Reinach was being driven mad by the campaign organized by the papers against him, that it was for him a question of life or death, and that the three visited M. Herz to induce him to use his influence to stop the attacks that were being made upon Baron de Reinach. M. Herz informed them that it was not in his power to stop these attacks, and his vis-

M. Rouvier, in acknowledging that the statement of M. Clemenceau was true, said that he had done nothing to repreach him-self for, and that his conscience was easy. M. Paul de Roulde, former president of the suppressed Patriot league, made a violent attack upon M. Rouvier, declaring that he ought to be compelled to appear before the high court to answer charges made against him in connection with his conduct while

olding a ministerial position.

M. Rouvier responded to M. de Roulde. saying that he was ready to answer in any court any charge that had been or might be made against him, and that he would only re-peat what he had said, M. Rouvier added that he had visited Baron de Reinach solely from motives of humanity. He declared that a section of the press was taking advantage of the Panama affair to throw slurs upon all republicans who are in a ver. He would be able to resume his place as a simple deputy and could hold his head high, with the sense that his honor had not been sullied. This closed the incident, though it was thought at the time that it might lead to serious con-

equences.
The lobbies and galleries of the chamber were crowded throughout the sitting, every-one expecting a crisis that would result in the overthrow of the government. The resignation of M. Rouvier will prob-ably result in an extension of official life to

the Ribot cabinet.
Shortly after M. Rouvier's visit—to—President Carnot it was officially announced that the finance minister's resignation had been accepted, and that M. Tierard, ex-minister of finance, and at present representing France at the Brussels monetary conference, had been appointed to succeed him.

DEADLY WINDS.

Several People Killed in a Cyclone Near

Summit, Miss. Summit, Miss., Dec. 13.-A terrible cyclone passed two miles above here at 3:30 this morning, carrying death and destruction in its path. The house of Rev. Young, a Baptist minister, was completely demolished and the occupants were buried in the ruins. Relief parties were organized at once and a earch made for the victims.

Mr. Young and his family were rescued from the ruins of the residence, all dangerously wounded. The following is a list of the killed as far as known:

A 6-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER of S. A Lowe, W. M. FREEMAN, colored. A COLORED WOMAN, name unknown. A COLORED BABY, not identified.

The wounded were as follows: S. R. Young, left arm broken and inter-Mrs. S. R. Young, seriously injured internally.

DAUGHTER OF S. R. YOUNG, both legs broken SON OF S. R. YOUNG. Mrs. S. A. Lowe, seriously injured inter-

NEGRO WOMAN AND CHILD, seriously in The cyclone cut a path 300 yards wide, carrying everything near it. Large pine

trees were uprooted and snapped in pieces like pipe stems. residence of S. A. Lowe was completely destroyed and his household effects were scattered for miles.

UNDER A BLANKET OF SNOW.

Kansas Experiences a Severe Snow Storm

Trains Delayed, Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 13-The heaviest nowfall of the season covers Kansas today. The storm was of short duration, but was extremely severe while it lasted. It began snowing early in the morning and stopped before noon. During that time, however, a depth of from eight inches to a foot was reached in various parts of the state. This morning's railway trains were all on time, but tonight trains from the west are scheduled as being from a half hour to two hours late. The Kansas Central road tied up for a greater part of the day, but traffic was resumed this afternoon. The snow was very heavy and gathered in masses upon telegraph wires, bearing them to the earth in some instances and seriously interrupting telegraphic communication with the west. In this city telegraph and telephone wires were broken and mixed themselves up in an almost hopeless tangle which has not yet been entirely straightened out.

GARZA'S BOLD RAIDERS. They Attack and Rura a Mexican Barracks

and Kill Forty-Seven People.
Lanebo, Tex., Dec. 13.—This evening a force of United States cavalry, consisting of sixty men, under Lieutenant Hedike, were ordered from Fort McIntosh bound for Zapaka county on a scouting expedition on the Rio Grande in search of Garza bandits. Seven deputy marshals will follow the sol-

Information is received here that at the time of the attack at San Ignacio, Captain Seguero, Lieutenant Arsa and a citizen were killed while sitting in the captain's quarters The Mexican soldiers, forty-five in a er, were called on to surrender. They fused and were burned alive in the build Five bandits were killed and severa

Alleged Blackmailer Arrested.

SIGUR CITY, Ia., Dec. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—F. G. Crosby, correspondent of a sensational Chicago publica tion, was arrested today for extorting money by threats from Dave Hattenbach, a local jeweler. Crosby, it is alleged, demanded and received \$35 as the price of his silence concerning an indiscretion of Hattenbach's

Grand Island Veterans Welcome National Commander Weissart and Staff.

GRAND ARMY ORGANIZATION DISCUSSED

Several Appointments Made Since the Trip Was Undertaken - Details of the Reception Tendered the Distinguished Guests-Other Nebraska Notes.

GHAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 13,-[Special Telegram to Tue Ben |-The Grand Army party arrived in this city this afternoon and was escorted to the hall by the band. The party consisted of National Commander A. G. Weissart of Milwaukee, Department Commander Dilworth of Hastings, Colonel C. J. Russell of Schuyler, Adjutant A. J. Bowen of Lincoln, J. R. Meagher of Columbus, Colonel Brad P. Cook of Lincoln, Colonel A. J. Gulver of Milford, John Barsby of Fairmont B. R. Ball of Omaha, Mrs. Tisdale department president of Woman's Relief corps, Mr. Tisdale and Mrs. Spade of Kear-

Tonight a grand campfire was held in the hall. Colonel Russell presided. Mayor Boyden made an address of welcome. Commander Weissart addressed the audience on the subject of "Grand Army Organization." Shorter addresses were made by Colonel Russell, Commandant Dilworth, Mrs. Tisdale and B. R. Ball. Commander Weissurt has made several appointments since he began his trip over the state but no official announcement is given.

CONCERNING FREE SHAVER.

State Grange Delegates Discuss the Subject

At Length.
Kearney, Neb., Dec. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Ber.]—About seventy-five delegates are in attendance at the State grange which began here today. The following is the personnel of its officers: O. E. Hall, Pawnee City, worthy master; John R. Cantlin, Webster, secretary; S. R. Spiker, Spiker, treasurer; A. P. Jobe, Tekamah, assistant steward; L. R. Fletcher, Blair, and H. Jague of Craige, executive committee. The meeting is being held in the city hall, which was among included a constant of the citizens for ing is being held in the city hall, which was appropriately decorated by the citizens for the occasion. Among the decorations is the first plow turned out by the Kearney plow factory, seeds, fruits and flowers arranged. in the room.

The secretary reports the membership of the state to be 5,000, confined principally the eastern and southeastern part of the state At a meeting tonight resolutions, demanding the enactment of a law for the free coinage of silver was introduced and its features were discussed until a late hour. The ma-jority of the delegates favor the resolution, although it has not been adopted. The ownership of land by aliens was another matter that demanded attention. The freight rate problem was also discussed in all its phases, and it was the sentiment of all delegates that rates should be reduced. The patrons will hold a business session in the morning, after which a public reception will be given them by the citizens. A ride over the city will be in order in the afternoon.

WORK OF A WOULD-BE ASSASSIN. How a Grand Island Man Narrowly Escaped

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bre.]—As M. Sherman, a Fourth street groceryman, sat in his private office about 11 o'clock last night, a man with a large handkerchief tied over his face pened the door, at the same time leveling a large six shooter at Mr. Sherman's head and fired, but missed his mark by a few inches. Sherman grabbed a chair and started for his would-be slaver, who ran, pulling the door shut and made his escape. The police, while not having any direct clew, think it ome local party and may be able to bring him to justice.

After Fist's Property.

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 13.—[Special to The Bee.]—A creditor's bill was filed yesterday to set aside deeds, with the title H. H. Warner & Co., a copartnership, etc., plaintiff, against Emanuel Fist, Rebecca Fist, B. Oppenheimer and A. L. Clarke, trustee, defendants. The petition alleges that in 1887 Fist failed in business, and was then pos sessed of some seventy-four lots in various parts of town, which a conservative estimate would value at \$20,000. In one way and another this property found its way into the possession of the defendants, a good part of the being held by Emanuel Fist's wife, Rebecca. The petition claims that although the defendants may hold a legal title to the property, that in equity and good conscience the transfers were fraudulent, and it is still the property of Emanuel Fist and subject to execution. The plaintiff, the "safe cure" company, holds a judgment againts Flst which was returned unsatisfied.

Which was returned unsatished.

This means a big fight and may be regarded as a test case. Mr Fist gained considerable notoriety by his connection with the Adams county treasurer's office. When the deficit of \$55,000 was discovered in the last administration. Fist, as deputy treas-urer, was charged with complicity. After a lengthy trial he was acquitted.

Printing Contracts Awarded.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 13. - Special to Tur-Bgg. |-The State Board of Printing met this afternoon to let the contract for printing the various state reports. The successful bidders were Pace, Williams & North, State Journal company and Calhoun & Woodruff, all of Lincoln. The reports will be printed as follows: Pace, Williams & North, and itor's report, \$2.05 per page; secretary of state's report \$1.97 per page; state treasurer's report, \$2.60 per page; commissioner of pub-lic lands and buildings, \$1.30 per page; su-perintendent of public instruction, \$1.25 per age; state librarian, \$1.25; State Board of Agriculture, \$1.89.
State Journal company, State Board of Transportation, \$1.48 per page; attorney gen-

Calhoun & Woodraff, report of bureau of Calhoun & Wooderin, report of bareau callindustrial statistics at \$1.64 per page.

The contract for printing the house and senate files was let to Pace, Williams & North, at the rate of \$1 cents per page for first 300 pages and 7 cents per page for addi-

Kansas City Visitors Entertaine BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 13.-[Special Tele gram to The Bee. |- The Kansas City Comnercial club consisting of fifty four repre sentative business men, arrived here at o'clock this evening by special train. The visitors were met by a committee of citizens and the Beatrice club with carriages and were escorted about the city. Following the ride they were given a reception and lunch at the Beatrice club rooms and the evening was very enjoyably passed. The Kansus City visitors will leave tomorrow at 9 o'clock

Will Settle an Important Question NIOBRABA, Neb., Dec. 18.—[Special Tele

for Denver,

gram to THE BEE.]-Chester Norton, republican candidate for representative of the Twentieth district, served papers on the county clerk of Knox county today to appear before the supreme court on the 16th ins where application will be made for a writ o mandamus, compelling him to issue Norton his certificate of election as appears on the returns reported from Boyd county—Norton is entitled to and which the clerk refused to grant on the ground that Boyd county does

Nebraska Freachers in Session. Chawford, Neb., Dec. 13 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The preachers' institute convened here today. The session will last two days and is an interesting one.

The day was devoted to appropriate exercises. Sermons will be delivered each evening. The following ministers are present and taking an active part: Rev. Mr. Burley, Gordon; Rev. Mr. Gammen, Rushville; Rev. Mr. Tush, Hay Springs; Rev. Mr. Smith, Whitney; Rev. Mr. Taylor, Crow Butte; Rev. Mr. Glasmer, Harrison; Rev. Mr. Rorick, Chadron; Rev. Mr. Beck, Crawford. Presiding Elder Julian is also present. DR. BRIGGS MAKES ANSWER

County Officers to Be Entertained.

BEE !- There will be a meeting of the clerks

of the district court of the state held here

next Thursday. There will be a meeting of the sheriffs of the state held in this city at the same time. It is expected that there will be a large attendance at both meetings.

TOWA RAILROAD EXTENSION.

Des Moines, Northern & Western to Reach a

New Field.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 13. The prospects

for the extension of the Des Moines, North-

ern & Western railroad to Webster City and

Mason City were never brighter than at

present. All agree that an extension of

this line through this productive portion of

the state would be of inestimable value to

and a party of Webster City men were in this city today and held a conference with Superintendent Hubbell and Manager Mar-

property owners along the proposed route vote the customary tax as an inducement for

the company to make the enormous outlay of

the company to make the enormous outlay of money necessary to carry out such a plan General G. M. Dodge, accompanied by Gen-eral David S. Stanley, a retired capitalist of New York, and Mr. Herman, an eminent business man of the metropolis, arrived in

the city yesterday in a special car, and it is supposed the matter was thoroughly can-

Struck by the Fast Mail.

RAWLINS, Wyo., Doc. 13.- Special Tele-

gram to Tun Bru | Engineer P. M. Byrnes

met with a peculiar accident at 11 o'clock

last night at Buttes. He was looking out of his can window as the fast mall rushed past. The catcher, or stationary crane, struck him on the right side of the head, nearly tearing off the entire scalp.

POISONED THE HEIR.

Interested Parties Alleged to Have Made

Away With an Infant.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 13.—Some four years

igo Joseph Guthrie, a civil engineer, died at

his home on a farm near Latrope, Pa., leav-

ing his property in such a shape that his

little infant son would inherit about \$50,000.

and it was subsequently supposed it was

being slowly poisoned. Great efforts were made to save the little fellow's life. The mother finally took the child to California, hoping that a change in the climate would restore her child to health, but

it was no use, as the little one was doomed, and last week died from

the efforts of pneumonia and abscess of the stomach. The abscess is supposed to be the result of the poison administered.

Mrs. Cathrie is on her way home from the

west with the corpse, which will be brought to this city. When the child first took ill she acknowledged that some one had given him a peculiar liquid to drink, but would

not tell who the person was. There will not rikely be any investigation.

SOUTH DAKOTA BANK FAILURE.

Rapid City Institution Suspends Payment on

an Unexpected Demand.
RAPID CITY, S. D., Dec. 13.—[Special Tele-

gram to The Bee. |- Upon the presentation

Result of an Indian Spree.

GREAT FALLS, Mout., Dec. 13.—News from

Fort Belknap Indian agency is to the effect

that an Assinaboine Indian named Big Mouth

was shot by another buck; that the latter

fortified bimself in a cabin and when

the agent went there fired on him.

wounding him in the calf of the leg. It was

evidently a drunken row and no fears are en-

tertained of an Indian outbreak. A news-paper courier has gone to the scene and is

expected back this evening.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Indian offi-cials here have received no information as

to the cause of the recent shooting at Fort Belknap, Mont. A telegram just received says the Indian police have shot two other

dians and that the agent received a wound

Consulted With the Road's Officials.

New York, Dec. 13.—Chief Arthur of the

Brotherhood of Locomotive engineers, with

Chairman Childs and members of the en-

gineers grievance committee from the Van-

derbilt lines east of Buffalo, had a confer-

ence with Mr. Buchanan, superintendent of motive power of the New York Central rail-road today. Chairman Childs and members

of the committee went back to Mr. Buchanan's office, but when they returned they re-fused to say whether or not they have ac-

At Lizard-Passed-France, for New

At Brow Head—Pacsed—City of New

At Boston - Arrived - Columbian, from

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 13.- Hon. James

Faran, formerly one of the proprietors of the

Cincinnati Enquirer, died last night, aged 98.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 13. - Mrs. Selone H.

Jackson, wife of General W. H. Jackson, pro-prietor of the celebrated Belle Meade farm,

WEATHER FORECISTS.

Northwest Winds and Palling Temperature

Predicted for Nebraska Today.

Wednesday: For Nebraska and Iowa-Fair.

northwest winds; falling temperature. For the Dakotas-Generally fair; winds

Orrien of the Weather Business. Omana. Dec. 13.—On the record of temperature and rainfall compared with corresponding day of

| 1692 1891 1890 1889 | Maximum temperature 33 5 58 54 54 50 50 Minmum temperature 39 33 2 27 94 54 40 30 9 Precipitation 12 04 00 00

GEORGE E. HUNT, Local Forecast Official.

with general average:

Normal temperature
Excess for the day
Deficiency since March i
Normal precipitation
Deficiency for the day
Deficiency since March I

Local Record.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 13.—Forecast for

York, from New York.
At Copenhagen—Arrived—Steinhoff, from

The Death Roll.

further trouble is expected.

cepted the road's proposition.

died today,

Everything is quiet now and no

morrow.

A year or more ago, the child became ill,

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 13.—[Special to Time

Many People Listen to His Arguments in His Own Defense.

SEVERELY ARRAIGNS THE PROSECUTION The weather is threatening this evening.

> He Declares the Methods Adopted by His Accusers Are Illegal and Dishonorable-His Argument One of Unusual Brilliancy and Erudition.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The Briggs heresy trial was resumed today. The galleries of throld Scotch church were crowded, and the attendance of the brethren forming the court was unusually large. Among the prominent people in the galleries was Mrs. Cleveland, wife of the president-elect, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Wilton M. Smith, pastor of the Central church. The large attendance was due to the fact that Dr. Briggs was to answer the charges brought against

him by the prosecuting committee. farmers and business alike. W. C. Wilson Dr. Briggs read from a printed pamphlet. He began by calling upon the judiciatory to dismiss all prejudices from their minds and the relative to the proposed extension. The position of the railroad company is that they stand ready to build the line providing the consider the case in the spirit of Christ and under His influence

Dr. Briggs proceeded to consider the points of the prosecuting committee's argument and asserted that the line of prosecution adopted by them was illegal and dishonorable. The rulings made by the judiciatory precluded them from the line of argument pursued and showed a contempt of the judiciatory. If the latter sustain their own rulings, as they must, then these charges must be thrown out vassed, but the conclusion, if any, was not made known. General Dodge and party left on a western four this evening.

Much of Mr. McCook's argument, said Much of Mr. McCook's argument, said Dr. Briggs, was devoted to an exposition of the fourth and seventh charges, which were ruled out by the presbytery. By thus defying the presbytery, the prosecution succeeded in the scheme of sending to the higher court hereafter, an argument in support of the truth of the charges. The defendant argued that no evidence had been advanced by the prosecuting committee to sustain charges 1, 4, 5 and 6, and these charges should be thrown out.

He Has Not Retracted.

"Mr. McCook has said that I have not re-"Mr. Mctook has said that I have not re-tracted any of the statements made by me in the inaugural address," continued Dr. Briggs. "But why should I? When it is shown that I have made erromeous state-ments, then I will retract, but not before. There has been no proof offered yet that I have been guilty of heretical teachings and if this were a will come I should star with if this were a civil court I should stop right here and ask that the case be dismissed. But I recognize the fact that this trial is merely for the purpose of carrying these charges to a higher ecclesiastical tribunal, and so I am forced to consider them on their

cessively the charges and specifications, and to give a categorical response in his argu-ment, which was remarkable for its wide research, profound crudition and close rea-

Dr. Briggs first called attention to the proliminary principles which regulate all trials for heresy in the Presbyterian church of the United States of America, which, he said, have been entirely disregarded by the prosecution in its arguments upon the charges and specifications. Presbyterian law requires that the charges should set forth that certain teachings are in conflict with certain doctrines which are essential to the Westminster standard and the holy scriptures. As to dangerous errors, not in conflict with necessary articles of the West-minster confession, this presbytery has not the constitutional right to deal with them.

A Double Rule of Faith.

of a certificate for \$7,500 by an eastern depositor today the Black Hills National bank double rule of faith, in the Presbyterian of Rapid City was found short in funds and church. It affirms that the holy scriptures are the only infallible rule of faith and practice. therefore suspended payment this afternoon. The affairs of the institution are in the hands of State Bank Examiner Diamond, But it also declares that the Westminster confessional and catechisms constitute the official rule of faith in the Presbyterian church. The holy scripture is the infallible text of every statement in the Westminster who arrived this morning to investigate matters. The bank has been embarrassed for some time. Its late reports showed con-siderable weakness. The stockholders are sound financially and the probability is that standard, and no man can be proven guilty of heresy or sin who is not in conflict with the holy scriptures. It must be shown that the dectrine against which the charge is the institution will resume payment in a few days if not pressed. It is stated by its offimade is contrary to the holy scripture or to the regulations and practice of the church founded thereon. The Westminster confescers that depositors will be paid. The capital of the bank is \$125,000. The deposits as shown in the last report, were \$60,000. The course of action will be decided by the sion, the ecclesiastical rule of faith, give an official statement of the doctrines which the tockholders at their special meeting to

Presbyterian church finds in holy scripture.

The defendant next considered the system of doctrine. "The Presbyterian church in of doctrine. "The Presbyterian church in the United States of America," he said, "has never attempted to set forth what are the essential and necessary articles of the Westmuster confession, and, therefore, there is room for considerable difference of opinion with reference to any doctrine which may be in debate. Certain historical and exegenial principles, however, guide to a hasty de-cision in most cases. The Presbyterian church is a church with a constitution which is a compact between ministers who consti-tute the church. It restricts the ministers and the church also, thereby protecting the

Other Opportunities for Complaint, "If the inaugural address contains heresy, exactly the same heres; were before the public in my printed lectures three months before the delivery of the address," continued Dr. Briggs. "If my inaugural be heretic all these other writings are still more heretical. You are obliged in law to accept my explanations. You cannot find me guilty, unless you find that the explanations I shall give my statements are con-trary to essential and necessary articles of the Westminster confession and holy scrip-

Dr. Driggs next considered "the bibleal foundation of Divine authority," and replied to parts one and two together. These hold that reason and church were fountains of Divine authority. At this point the de-fendant stopped his argument, and will re-

ume It at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

REV. SMITH SUSPENDED. Findings of the Cincinnati Presbytery in the Celebrated Heresy Case.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 13 .- The Cincinnati presbytery, by a vote of 31 to 27, as unofficially reported, has closed the mouth of one of its brithest scholars until such time as he shall agree to renounce his views upon inspiration and cease to teach them. It was learned from the debate what degree of punishment was intended. Two reports were submitted, one favoring a reprimand and the other suspension. The majority of the committee favored rebuke, but the de-

the committee favored resine, but the de-cision was in favor of his suspension.

The form of the sentence to be pronounced against Rey Dr. Smith is as follows: Dr. Smith is suspended from the ministry of the Presbyterian church until such time as he shall make manifest to the satisfaction of the presbytery his renunciation of the errors he has been found to hold and his solemn purpose no longer to teach or propagate

The acquittal on the first charge, and the closeness of the vote on the other charges and in the sentence, are taken as good reason swhy Prof. Smith should appeal to the Ohio synod and to the general assembly, but, on the other hand, it is said, that the known views of the synod are such that an appeal would be vain, except as a step toward reaching the general assembly.

reaching the general assembly. There is a deep feeling in the Presbyterian church over the progress and result of the trial. Many see in it the opening wedge for a divided church. One member of the presbytery said, after the sentence had been agreed upon: 'I cannot foretell the end of this matter. The good Lord did not see fit to endow us with the power to preach belief without the use of our reason, and I cannot see how the vote of a presbytery can settle such questions that we must decide by such questions that we must decide by