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EIGHT MEN KILLED

Northern.

TREMBLING IN THE BALANCE

Life of Hon. James G. Blaine Almost · Despaired of.

DISTRESSING FEATURES OF THE CASE

Physicians of the Dying Man Admit the Trouble Due to Brights' Disease -In the Sick Chamber Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18 .- All day long the life of James G. Blaine has hung trembling in the balance. For more than an hour in the afternoon hope was abandoned, and the end was momentarily expected by physiclans, family and friends. All simulation was thrown aside in the apparent luminent presence of death, and the suppressed factaof his illness, the long denied, but now admitted Bright's disease, the occasional lastervals of delivium, the times when he has lain incapable of speech or motion (as it is now said was the 'case when Cardinal Cibbons paid him his recent friendly call), these and other distressing features of his illness, all incident to the overpowering organic trouble-Bright's discase-aggravated as it has been of late by a cold contracted while impradently venturing out driving two weeks ago, and by malarial fever, and confronted by a constitution impaired by nearly two years of continual sickness-all these things are now tacitly admitted.

The physicians assert that there have not been any hemorrhages as has been assorred. but this is almost the only alarming symptom which is now denied. The first crisis was reached between 10 and 11 o'clock this | and ten morning, when a sinking spell set in, when the worst was feared. His family was called around the botside and his physicians sent messenger after messenger to the nearest drug store with prescriptions requiring hasty attention

Thought the End Had Come.

The distinguished patient lay unconscious, and to all appearances dying until shortly before lo'clock, when there was a slight rally. His pulse had almost ceased to heat, when there became a perceptible change and consciousness was restored. At 2 o'clock Drs. J. W. Johnson and Hyatt considered him so much improved as to render their constant attendance at the bedside unnecessary. While there had been no change in his condition upon which hopes of ultimate recovery could be based, the immediate crists had passed.

At 2:30 this afternoon a reporter saw James G. Blaine, jr., at the family residence. He said that his father's altack this morn ing was very bad and created the gravest ppprehensions. His condition became so weak that it was feared that in view of his cufeebled condition a recurrence must involve

the gravest consequences. Mrs. Hale, wife of Senator Hale of Maine, one of Mrs. Blaine's closest friends, was at the house for several hours during the day and made a second call late in the afternoon. About 5 o'clock she left and soon Senator Hale called. Mr. Hale's statement as he left the house as to Mr. Blaine's condition was that Mr. Blaine seemed a little more comfortable than he had been earlier in the day, but his condition appeared to be critical.

His Mind Perfectly Clear.

scarcely seemed to breathe and at others gasped for breath. The physicians who had been hastily summoned were in the mean-NO time not tille. They piled him with stimulative cordials

They plied him with stimulative cordials, the trained nurses chafted his extremely cold-hands, and worked with the patient for every an hour, and with the application of every known medical remedy, revived him. But the battle with death found him extremely weak—weaker than it any time when suffer-ing a relapse. He was too weak even to whisper and made no sign of recognition. The family rathered around the bedside, and were all in tears except Mrs. Blaine, She maintained outward composure through out the trying scene and calmity gave such out the trying scene and calmly gave such directions to the attendants as were neces-sary. Her will power, when in fact, her heart was meaking, is described as something pathetic and marvelo

Comfort of a Loving Wile.

Whatever may have been Mrs. Blaine's ispanse or knowledge of her husband's con-tion theored all of the intervening months his illness she has given no cotward sign at would indicate that she did not believe that we his future recovery. It has been her confulness under distressing (freumstances that has souther discussing in discontency. Of late Mr. Blaine's physical condition has been such that he at times has given way to despondency. While manifesting no feer, of death My. Blaine has often said he did not

"In fact," says an intimate friend of the family, "Mr. Bialow has fought death with sublime heroism. The world knows how ambitues he was and also knows how much he accomplished in the pursuit of his amb tion. And, yet he dies a disappointed, and 1 was about to say, heart-broken man. But with the would, perhaps, be putting it too strong I once heard him say that after all anothion was an brais fatuus and that all the world was below outside of one's family. Then he would quote these one's family. Then he would quate these lines by N. P. Willis: "What is ambition?" "Walt are holious chear. The angels of high Walt and so carringly the supplier walls of heaven."

"Mr. Blaine has lived about 62, years, but when you appreciate what he has passed through, he has lived for beyond three score and ten. He has been compared in his public life with Mr. Clay. There is a close resem-blance between Mr. Hlaine and that great tribute of the people. Clay was magnetic so is Blaine. Both were powerful for the people and possessed a genial followship that bound men to them with bands of steel. faited 1 and manifestion to be president, and failed 1 am inclined to believe, however, that Mr. Blaine's public career will stand higher in the esteem of future generations than that of Mr. Clay. Both were countly able men and have left their lasting impresion upon the times in which they lived."

Views of the Physicians.

At 9:30 tonight a reporter had an interview with Mr. Etaine's physicians, Des. dohnson and Hyatt. Speaking for both, Dr. Johnson said: "Mr. Blaine is distinctly better tonight than he was this morning." "What was the nature of the attack, ductor

It was the failure of the heart to perform

"It was the failure of the heart to perform its functions satisfacterily." "His trouble is not in his heart?" "No it is not, but in the general weakness from which Mr. Blaine is suffering, all the organs are affected and the heart makes manifest the weakness of the whole system. Mr. Blaine's condition has been such that when he takes cold as he did ten days or two weeks ago, fever followed, causing a de-terioration of the system. "For some days prior to and including yes-

"For some days prior to and including yes-terday, however, he was recovering from the effects of the cold and fever and last the effects of the cold and fever and last night he was entirely free from fever, his pulse beating strongly and his condition quite gratifying. This norming, however, he had an ill-turn; his heart beats became more indistinct and irregular and he was more languid and less observant. However, he rallied from that condition, those symp-toms disappeared, he has taken nourishment during the affermant and tonicity and 1 say during the afternoon and tonight and 1 say he is better and brighter. His pulse is stronger and the reaction quite marked."

May Prolong His Life.

Congress Not Likely to Consider the Subject at This Session.

EFFECT OF THE MONETARY CONFERENCE

Present Recess Regarded as the Last of the Movement Silver Men Admit That Absolutely Nothing Has Been Done.

WASHINGTON BULEAU OF THE BER.) 514 FOURTEINSTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.

The silver men in Washington are much disappointed at the adjournment of the monetary conference at Brussels. They say that while the adjournment is called only a "recess" until next May, it is their expectation that the commission is will not meet again, as was the case of the Paris international monotary conference when that body adjourned to meet at a later date, but as a matter of fact never reassembled. The silver mon admit that absolutely nothing has been accomplished by the conference; nor do they expect, even in the event of a reassembling of the conference next May, any better results. Mr. Bacon, chaleman of the house committee on banking and currency, says that now the conference is over, his committee will proceed to a discussion of the bills before it for the repeal

of the Sherman law, but it is the opinion of he mancial leaders of both the house and senite that there will be absolutely no silver legislation in this congress. Will Bave Penny Postage.

Mr. Caldwell, a prominent Ohio member of the house committee on postoffices and post-roads, believes that the penny postage pro-position recommended by Postmaster General Wanamalkov in his annual report, is per-fectly feasible, and he will therefore offer an amendment to the postofice appropria-tion bill, robucing the rate of letter postage to Leent for every half ounce. The propa-sition heretofore has been to cut the present rate of one onnce for 2 cents. in half, making a peony carry one ounce. The latest propo-sition, that of a half ounce for a penny, would not reduce the income from letter postage to so large an extent and is, there-fore, not open to the objection that has been

urged against penny postage in the past. Have Confidence in Harrison.

Politicians are already discussing the proposition of the Union League club of Philadelphia to give President Harrison a national dinner shortly after his retirement com the white house, and claim to see in it he inception of a Harrison movement for 1896. They say that it is more than likely that there will be a republican speaker at the Union League banquet board who will place General Harrison in nomi-nation for 1896, just as did the present chairman of the house committee on ways and means nominate Mr. Cleveland at the Thurman banquet shortly after his re-tirement from the white house in 1889. All the national leaders of the party are expected to attend the dinner, and it is supposed by many here that this is the course of action to be pursued by the republican party. It is also expected by many that President Harrison will, in his speech before the club, fore east the future of his party and lay down the lines of policy on which the republicans will make their fight for a return to power

four years hence. No Tariff Legislation.

No tariff agitation of any character can be expected in the present session of congress. The democrat house committee on ways and means has abandoned the "specific" bills for free coal, free iron ore and free tin plate which were still before the committee when congress adjourned last August.

whereby the sugar trust is given free raw SILVER LEGISLATION materials and the consumer taxed for refined sugar, costs the treasury some \$00,000,000 of "This must be made up and could nowhere

"This must be made up and could nowhere be done casics on the people than by an in-crease of the tax on distilled spirits. This proposition does not involve any increase in the expense of collection. It costs no more to collect \$1.25 per gailon than 90 cents does. The government already has all the revenue machinery for this collection. There would therefore be an absolute net increase of about \$35,000.000 annually. "This bill might easily pass this session of

"This bill might easily pass this session of congress unless the senate stands in the way of providing any means of relieving the treasury of the threatened or actual de

Mr Scott also thinks that other large sums may be obtained by a similar increase in the tax on other alcoholic products and tobacco.

READY FOR CHRISTMAS.

National Legislators Thinking More of the Uolidays Than Business Now.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18 -- With the approach of the holidays the attendance in both sections of congress is steadily diminishing and it is doubtful whether a quorum can be maintained in either the senate or the house during the few days that remain before the Christmas exodus begins. In this state of the case, it is improbable that any business that promises to arouse opposition will be undertaken, which negatives the possibility of action on any subject of large popular interest.

In the senate an adjournment will be taken immediately after prayer tomorrow as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Gibson of Louisiana.

In the morning hour, Tuesday, the McGarrahan bill will be further discussed. This measure has been allowed to occupy the morning hour by unanimous consent as long

as anyone cared to speak upon it. Senator Wilson of Iowa has entered the lists, and as he is understood to have made a thorough study of the famous claim, his remarks-to with the rejoinders that will be gether. made-may prevent the senate from rea ing a vote on the proposition to pass the bill over the veto until after the holidays.

As to the Anti-Option Bill,

The anti-option bill still hangs over the heads of the senators as the unfinished busi-ness and will come up for further discussion after the morning hour on each of the three working days remaining before the recess, but it is not expected that a vote can be

reached in that time. The programme of the house has been definitely outlined for three of the four days on which congress will be in session before on which congress while be in session before the holiday recess. Tomorrow is committee suspension day and the roll of committees will be called and an opportunity gives each committee to pass one bill, provided it can secure a two-thirds vote and es ape a point of "no quorum" by even one member. The call rests with the committee on " atents, which at the last suspension day decided to pass a bill for the relief of a patentee named Wimans. The two pension committees and the three

claims committees, viz: claims, war claims and private land claims, are next in order on the committee roll. The temper of the house is not favorable to an increase at this time of the private obligations of the government and it is doubtful if any pension or bill of much importance can get through.

Program for Lomorrow.

Tuesday is made a special order for bills from the committee on public lands, and Wednesday has been similarly allotted to the commerce committee. Chairman McRae of the former committee would like very of the former commutee would like very much to pass his swamp lands bill, but if he finds the opposition to it strong may con-clude that half a loaf is better than no bread, and attempt to pass the timber cul-ture bill, the Des Moines river land grant bill or a bill for classification of lands along acific railron

After the Holidays.

delayed them. The fortifications appropria

tion bill was placed on the calendar vester

day, but will not be taken, up for the present

because of the absence of its manager, Rep

resentative Breckinridge of Kentucky, who

is one of the members of the congressional committee, to attend the funeral services

TROUBLE IN MEXICO.

Removed by the Government.

A dispatch received here last night states

that General Sesten-Rocha, military instruc-

ter at Chapultepec, Mex., is missing and has not been heard from in five days. His ab-

ent administration than any other man i

would be shot on Monday next is incorrect

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Dikota.

Local Record.

Maximum temperature, 365 446 535 Minimum temperature, 265 235 285 Average temperature, 295 346 405 Precipitation *, 2, 15 06 00

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Not to Be shot.

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the republic.

month

Dakota.

Monday.

over the body of the late Senator Gibson.

revenue cutters.

WAITING FOR THE OPENING Politicians Beginning to Flock to Lincoln In Anticipation of the Fray.

THINKS THE COMBINATION IS IMPOSSIBLE

One Student of the Situation 'ays the Independents and Democrats Can Not Pit Togather In Organizing the House - His Reasons.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 18,-(Special Telegram to Tug Bigs |-Lincoln is never really and truly herself but once every two years. and that is when the legislature is in session. Although two full weeks must clapse before the legislature convenes, the corridors and lobby of the old Capitol hotel are already assuming their old time appearance. Many of the members elect have been here in the last day or so, and many of all parties who are not members-elect are here.

The question of the election of a United States senator is overshadowed by the discussion of the Clay and Boyd county legislative contests, now pending in the supreme court, while the probability of the democrats and independents being able to combine in the organization of the legislature comes in for its full share. Concerning the latter question a prominent republican of the state, who is devoting the larger share of his time. to analyzing the political situation, said this evening:

View of the Proposition.

"After so much has been said and written about the combination by which the democratic, and independent members of the coming legislature are to unite for the purpose of organizing the legislature and distribut ing the spoils, a few side lights on the true situation may not come amiss. At a distance the proposed combination of these discordant elements has a forbidding appear-ance. It is apparently so easy for the two parties to hold a few harmonious meetings, decide upon a plan for united action, parcet out the offices, and chuckle over the discomfiture of the republicans. But easy as it seems, it is much easier to talk about than to accomplish. The men who conceived the idea and who have labored so assiduously to shape it into practical form now acknowledge the defeat which has already been predicted.

"In order to insure the success of the pro-posed combination it was necessary to secure the co-operation of every independent and democratic member-cleet of the coming legislature. Te say that no effort has been spared to secure this much needed co-operation is to cast an undescrued aspersion upon the political sagacity of the men who are the acknowledged leaders in both parties. They have tried and failed. They know to a certainty that an even dozen members, lacking one, will refuse to go into the com-bination. These men are all independents and their refusal is based upon their nat-ural distrist of the democrats, who proposed to become their allies.

Who the Men Are.

"For instance there is P. P. Oleson, elected to the legislature from W. H. Dech's own county, an independent born into the party and nurtured under Dech's tenderest solici-fude. He is fearful that the democrats only desire to make use of the independents long enough to secure the election of a democratic "United States senator. He can see no good and sufficient reason why fifty-five inde-pendents should turn in and assist sixteen democrats divide the plunder among them-selves. Rather than this he prefers to see the democrats form the same kind of an alliance with the republicans that he imformered (

Despite a heavy snow a good sized crowd assembled to listen to the exercises. The "Tennessee Scout," a play of war times, will be given at the Kerr Opera house on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thurs-day evenings. About soventy persons are engaged in the rohearsal, among them being a large number of the prominent people of Hastings. The proceeds will be applied to the indebtedness existing on the Grand Army of the Republic hall. Frightful Result of a Wreck on the Great NEBRASKA BANKERS.

They Will Hold a Convention in Lincoln.

Tomorrow, Lascots, Neb., Dec. 18,- (Special to Tur BEE |- The bankers of Nebraska will conyene in Lincoln Tuesday. The local bankers have been preparing to make the meeting one both of pleasure and profit to all concerned and the committee on arrangements, consist ing of John McClay, Charles H. Morrill, F. M. Cook, C. E. Walte and R. S. Outenult have arranged the following program Investation of the bolowing program: Tuesday, December 20, 2 o'clock p. m. - Con-vention called to order by Bon. A. L. Chris, first vice president. Prayer. Address of wel-come by presiding officer. Address by Chan-cellor James H. Canfield. Nebraska State university. Business and discussion. 9 o'clock p. m. Bangnet at Lindell hotel, jendered by Clearing House association of Lincoln.

Wednesday, December 21, 10 o'clock a. m.-Prayer, Address by Hon, J. Sterling Moritou; subject, "Tools of Exchange," Business and discussion, Afternoon excursion provided by Clearing House association. Special motor

1124 1114 In addition to above program, the committee is assured that there will be present. aumber of prominent bankers from Chicago, and others from whom reciponses to invita-tions have not been received in time for program, who may be expected to address convention upon some interesting subject during its two sessions.

The arrangement made with the railcoads for a one and one-third fare for the round rip. Members will be expected to pay the full fare coming and the reduction will be al lowed upon certificate on the return trip Delegates at the time of purchasing tackets will take a receipt from the selling agent for

and of the following gentlen Harwood, I. M. Raymond, John B. Wright S. Rarwood, T.M. Riymon and M. Barner, Stephenson, C. E. Shaw, C. M. Crawford, C. W. Mosher, R. D. Miller, H. J. Walsh, S. H. Burnham, T. E. Sanders, C. E. Walte, E. R. Tingley, C. L. Alger, W. Stull.

West Point News Notes.

WEST POINT, Neb., Dec. 18.-[Special to THE BEE |- Zed Briggs has succeeded Har vey Readinger in the Nebraska State bank There was a party Friday night at W. H. Smith's, north of town, to which many young people were invited. An enjoyable time was had by those present. Prof. Lawrence Bruner of Lincoln come down from Norfolk Weithesday evening and

down from Norfolk Wednesday evening and while here took in the farmers institute. He returned to Lincoln Thursday. Otto Holz, who was down from Hartington to attend the funeral of George Rosker, re-

turned Friday. The next session of the Curning County Teachers association will convene in this city on the first Saturday in March.

erty on the first Saturday in March. Prof. J. A. Collins, accompanied by his daughter, of Heoper, came up on business Friday. While an instructor in the recent normal institute here Mr. Collins made many friends who are glad to greet him. Ira Thomas of Oakhand, late democratic conditions for state transmission and the West candidate for state treasurer, was in West Point Thursday looking none the worse for

his recent deteat. August Henry Rosker died at his home in this city Tuesday of pneumonia.

Scotts Bluff County Real Estate.

GERING, Neb., Dec. 18.-[Special to THE BEE. |-Warranty deed was recorded this week transferring 5,668 acres of land in this county from the receiver of the Union Cattle company to the Goshen Hole Irrigation company. The consideration named was only \$1.00, but as the land is almost entirely subject to irrigation from the Mitchell and Horse Creek canals, its value is fully \$60,000 He The ownership, so far as individuals are concerned, is virtually the same, but the land has been in litigation, ever since the insolv-ency of the Union Cattle company, and it is supposed that this transfer leaves it in shape

FIRE ADDS TERROR TO THE DISASTER Three Victims Burned Beyond Recognition in the Debris. COLLISION OCCURRED ON A CURVE Carelessness of a Wrecking Crew Said to Have Caused the Trouble. THEY PAID FOR IT WITH THEIR LIVES

Worst Accident in the History of the Dive ision Caboose Crowded with Sleepers Smashed and Enveloped in Flames.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. Dec. 18 .- A special to

the Tribune from Alexandria, Minn., says: A frightful accident occurred on the Great Northern railroad this morning at Nelson station, five miles east of here, in which eight men were killed and five were seriously injured. There had been a collision Friday morning at Nelson, and a number of cars were wrecked.

The weeck train had been three days clearing up the week and was making up, preparatory to pulling out for the cast. At about The headquarters of the committee will be the "committee room" on the first floor of the Linceln hotel. The reception committee with a number of analise on the main track, was due about 1:08 o'clock and had orders to sidetrack for the passenger train due here at 1:20. The fireman on the freight train tells the story as follows:

Story of an Eyewitness.

"There is a heavy grade west of the station and as the freight with thirty-six loads under charge of Conductor William Nickey, and Engineer James Maloney approached the switch the engine was shut off and brakes called for. There was no perceptible decrease of speed and Conductor Nickey, climbed out of the caboose where he was and began setting brakes, but the speed was too great to stop. When within a train's length' of the caboose they saw the track was full ahead and the freight crew jumped."

The engine struck the wreck train, threw the caboose on top of the wrecked cars, setting them on fire. There were fourteen men on the car. Five were hurt; three were burned beyond recognition and four were killed. One was totally burned up, not a sign of his remains being found.

List of the Victims.

JOHN ENGSTRAND of Springe Hill

CON BRUMMER of Yankton, S. D.

ONE UNKNOWN.

The injured are:

shoulder dislocated.

in applying the brakes.

serious.

dislocated.

head.

JOHN AKERSON of Spruce Hill.

The names of the killed were: NELS ODEKEN of Nelson. CHRIST MARTENSON of Osakis, OLE MARTENSON of Osakis, brother of the above.

ENGSTRAND'S NEPHEW, name unknown,

A. M. BROSE of St. Paul, back and head,

THOMAS WELCH OF BOSTON, Mass., shoulder

DAVID REED of Nelson, slight injuries to

HENRY Ross, dreman on castbound freight.

The coroner commenced an inquest today,

which will be continued tomorrow, as some

Due to the Heavy Grade.

ever occurred on this division of the roady

and was due to the heavy grade having is

curve, and, perhaps, carelessness in leaving

the caboose on the main, track, or slowness

It is reported that the train was running

about twelve miles per hour when it collided

with the wreck train. The men killed were

wreck train hands and were asleep in the

caboose when the engine struck it. O. Berg-

man, foreman, was the only one awake, and

had barely time to come to his senses, and

jumped, thus saving himself, but the warn-

ing came too late to those who were asleep.

The injured were promptly removed to this

place, where physicians are attending them.

The men that were burned presented a hor-

HELD A SECRET MEETING.

Five Hundred Engineers Discuss Important

Questions in Michigan. GRAND RAPHDS, Mich. Dec. 18,-A special

to the Democrat from Jackson says: Rumors

were rife that the big meeting of locomotive

engineers called here today was to consider

grievances. There were 500 engineers pres-

by summoning physicians, etc.

This was the worst accident which has

of the witnesses could not be found today.

"It may be," he said, "that he will recover, but all those who have interest in him have reason to be alarmed. In fact, his condition is alarming. The trouble is a general physical breaking up. When he takes a cold it brings on a consuming fever and he is not in a condition to withstand it. Besides there are the ordinary complications. His mind is perfectly clear."

The house was lighted up early and all the lower shutters closed. Drs. Hyatt and Johnson, who were to meet at the house for a consultation between 7 and 8 o'clock were sent for just before 5 a'clock.

Dr. Hyatt was the first to arrive. He reached the house about five minutes after 5 and was followed soon by Dr. Johnson, The fact that both Drs. Johnson and Hyatt were summoned gave rise to the rumor that the patient was suffering from another attack of exhaustion. This, however, proved to be an error and the statement was authoritatively made at 7:30 p. m. that nothing in the nature of a relayse had occurred.

While the improvement in Mr. Blaine's condition is but slight and not sufficient to afford any great amount of encouragement to his family and friends, the reaction has seemed to modify the apprehension of any immediate fatal termination.

It is an Ill-Fated Mansion.

James G. Blaine, jr., walked down the ave-nue this afternoon. All day reporters have patrolled the avenue and carefully watched the old red mansion, which has become celebrated for its historical connection and the fatalities which have made it noted. From the Siekles-Keyes tragedy which occurred more than a third of a century ago, followed by the attempted assassination of Secretary Seward during the last year of the civil war down to the present time. the pall of ill-fate has hung over the mansion. During the less than four years' occupancy of this house by the Blaine family, his daughter the wife of Colonel Coppinger. Walter Blaine and Emmons Blaine, the secretary's promising sons, have died.

A little after 6 o'clock both doctors left. Dr. Hyatt saying that Mr. Blaine's condition showed a slight improvement over the morn-ing. They did not consider it necessary to

issue another bulletia. Dr. Hyatt said that he thought there was no doubt that Mr. Blaine would live through the night, but at the same time he is undoubtedly critically ill and any compli-cations that may arise would doubtless cause a fatal termination to his illness,

Statement of His Son.

A little after 6:30 o'clock Mr. James G Blaine, it., came out and said to the report-ers: "We think father is considerably bet-fer than he was this morning. He was dangerously ill this morning. During the after nown, however, he seems to have ralled somewhat. The physicians have, been here this evening and we now think he will liv during the aight and we hope for the best Still, it must be said that he is very dangerously III

These were the strongest statements that had yet been made by the family and paysi cians as to the condition of the ex secret clans as to the condition of the ex-secretary. President Harrison, accompanied by his private secretary, Mr. Halford, walked over from the white house to the ex-secretary's residence this evolution to the ex-secretary's residence this evolution and expressed relief and gratification at being informed that there had been some abatement of the more alarming symptoms.

The excitoment throughout the city was intense as the news of Mr. Blaine's condi-tion spread, and though it was Sunday the apers issued extras, which found a rapid sale.

Thought the End Had Come.

From an intimate friend of the family it was learned that it was only when Mr. Blaine was suddenly selzed with a sinking spell this morning which the atcode for some minutes to terminate in heart failure, that his family fully realized how near having, that bis family fully realized how near he was to death. For a few seconds he scened to be in extremis, and the watchers bent anx-iously over him. The emaciated face of the dying statesman was white as marble and his features sadly drawn. At times he

"You apprehend no danger of immediate dissolution then "No. On the other hand, if he maintains

his present ability to take nourishment and regains his strength enough to overcome or obviate attacks like that of today, there is othing in his disease that should carry him Referring to the alarming runnors that

were current, and some of which had already got into print. Dr. Johnson was asked if he expected that death would occur tonight I have no reason to expect it," he answered

At H p. m. Drs. Johnson and Hyatt saw Mr. Blaine again and gave out for publica-tion the following statement:

then the following statement: "Mr. Blaine seems to have recovered en-thely from his weakness of this morning and appears to be as well as at any time within the past week. While it is not pos-sible to say what changes may take place in his condition, he can be said to be in no imiediate danger." Shortly after 11 p.m. a closed carriage was

driven rapidly to the frent of the Blaine mansion, from which alighted Miss Hattie Blaine, Mrs Dannosch and Miss Abigail Dodge (Gali Hamilton), and Mr. Dannosch. The ladies were closely veiled.

MAINTAINING THE GOLD RESERVE.

Secretary Foster Not Alarmed Over the 1 immetal Situation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18. -Secretary of

the Trensury Charles Foster today expressed himself freely to a reporter respecting the darm felt in financial circles over anticipated large gold exports. He said he looked upon the situation not simply as a spectator awaiting his retirement from office; "I amsecretary of the treasury," he said, "and will be until relieved on the 4th of March next. My duty will be performed in the interest of the public welfare as vicerously as if my time was not soon to end. Every pe-source at my command will be availed of to preserve the gold and silver, as I am com-

How about the reserve in the treasury? "How about the reserve in the treasury?" "No one can obtain gold from the treasury without paying money for it, and with the money thus received I can recoup the gold. There is also the right vested in the secre-tary of the treasury to sell bonds if neces-sary to maintain the gold reserve. The treasury situation as to the cash balance is such as to permit the free use of cash re-ceived for gold to again obtain the gold." "Will the gold reserve be meintained?"

"Will the gold reserve be maintained?" "It will be." This was stated with the ut-most emphasis. "I finally believe that with the resources at the command of the depart-ment I shall not be seriously cubarcassed in maintaining it. I recommend to congress in my annual report that the reserve be increased from \$100,000,000 to \$125,000,000. As the secretary's report was prepared be-fore the present abnormal drain of gold to Europe started, Secretary Foster reasonably claimed credit for fully anticipating present pressure and taking all precautions to meet it.

In the Presidential Class.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.- The following named fourth-class postoffices will be raised to the presidential class January 1, 1893 : Sheldon, III.; Dyersville, Ia.; Grand June-tion, Ia.; Rolfe, Ia.; Seymour, Ia.; Cedar Rapids, Neb.; Lyous, Neb.; Laroy, Wis.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR GIBSON.

Friends of the Dead Statesman Gathering

at Lesington. LUXINOTON, Ky., Dec. 18. The remains of Senator Randall Lee Gibson arrived here at 6 o'clock this afternoon. They were removed to the residence of Colonel Hart. Gibson on the Harreds urg pike, just beyond the city limits, whence they will be taken to St. Paul Catholic church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, where the funeral services wil

take place. The delegation appointed by congress to be present at the burnel and pay the list tribute of respect to Senator Gibson arrived here tonight and registered at the Pheonix hotel. unber of friends from New Orleans and elsewhere are also here.

Whatever time the members of that committee may have during the next committee may have during the next two months they will devote to the examination of the treasury in the hope of discover-ing a deficit. The committee appointed yes bridge of the second strength of the second strength of the second strength of the second second strength of the second s rows are the two republican members. The presence of these two distinguished repub-licans on the committee will make the sessions and the reports of the committee of some interest, for it is quite certain that whatever partison misstatements may be contained in the majority report will be promptly detected and refuted by Reed and

Burrows in their minority report. As to Cleveland's Cabinet.

While President-elect Cleveland has not given any definite information as to the per-sonnel of his cabinet, he has indicated to those whose advice he will ask when i con the members of his official house hold that he does not intend to appoint a single secretary who is not American born. Mr. Cleveland claims that he is led to this determination not by any "narrow spirit of Americanism," but as the result of a careful study of the constitution. As is well known the constitution of the United States pre-scribes that the president and vice president must be native Americans. It says nothing of the amilia there is a state of the states of the second state of the states of the second states of of the qualifications of the men who form sident's cabinet. It therefore is quite possible in view of the

law enacted a few years ago naming the or der in which the various secretaries can sec Prominen General Believed to Have Been ceed to the presidency, that one of them who NEW OBLEANS, La., Dec. 18 .- The Picamight be a foreign born citizen could suc-ceed to the presidential chair. In this event unc's special from Laredo says: Two troops the grave question would immediately arise as to the eligibility of that . secretary of United States cavalry under command of Captains Chase and Hunter arrived in President Harrison was so thoroughly im Laredo tonight from San Antonio. They are the two veteran companies D and K, which were in the lower country during the Garza bued with the American spirit that he cho native born citizens for his cabinet in every instance even though the thought of sac campaign cession may never have occurred to him.

Western Pensions.

Nebraska: Original-John McDonald Rufus M. Pierce, Additional-Lucius C. Vroman, Original wildows, etc.-Cynthia L. Fitch, Mary Ann Sears, Elizabeth Winslade, Lydia T. Morse, Layinia T. Williams. Iowa: Original—Thomas J. Pencock, David Cooper, John H. Smith, Jacob S. Raygor Additional—William H. Scullen, John Clary.

Increase—Gideon S. Riley, Samuel W. Wright, Reissue and increase—William L. Jones, William A. Ford, Original widows, CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 18 .- The report etc.-Jeannette Dow, Margaret Griffin, Eme-line Brown (mother), Eliza Bumgardner (mother), Sarah McClelland. that Colonel Nieves Hernandez, who is charged with having aided Garza to escape,

The case is now of appeal to the supreme military court. The hearing of the appea was originally fixed for Monday, but has South Dakota Additional-Joseph P. ell. Original widows, etc.-Adam Bates PSH (father).

INCREASING THE REVENUE.

Representative Scott's View of Avoiding Future Deficits. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18,-Representa-

tive Owen Scott of Illinois is collecting facts and figures and will immediately after the holidays request the ways and means

committee to accord him a hearing of his bill increasing the internal revenue tax on

chucs.

whisky. Thus far the committee has given no indication of its attitude toward this measure. but it has attracted so much attention throughout the country that Mr. Scott expeets considerable co-operation in pressing

it upon the attention of all those desiring a OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA speedy means of increasing the federal rev Dim rainfall compared with corresponding day of "The bill increases the tax on distilled past four years:

spirits from 80 cents to \$1.25 per gailon. In regard to his bill, Mr. Scott says that the evident desire of the country is to tax the luxuries and, so far as possible, let necessaries go free.

Will Increase the Revenue.

The present tax on whisky produces about \$30,000,000 annually. The increase proposed In this bill will give almost 40 per cent more revenue, or a total of \$125,000,000 from distilled spirits alone. This will partially s e loss of revenue by the sugar schedule McKinley bill.

"This sugar juggle," said Mr. Scott, GEORGE E HUNT, Local Forecast Official,

The committee on commerce will meet to-

Then there is L. H. Suter of Nelloh He interconstructed on commerce with meet to morrow to decide on the list of measures it will attempt to pass. If gives preference in framing the list to bills that apparently have little opposition to fear. The most important bill the committee wish to pass is the omniis one of the independents who refuses to walk into the little parlor that has been so handsomely furnished by the democrats and this in spite of the fact that he was a d crat before he joined the independents. bus lighthouse bill, appropriating more than \$700,000 for new and necessary lighthouses on the great lakes and the Atlantic and Pawill be deterred by the fear that while the combination might possibly give pendents a temporary advantage this winter eithe coasts. It is also anxious to pass a bill it will greatly damage the party in another mpaign. 'W. F. Porter of Merrick county was a construction of several additional

member of the legislature two years ago, and I presume he had his political eye teeth cut, for he is now emphatically opposed to a The hause will $\mathbf{p}_{cohably}$ adjourn on Thursday over the holidays. After the holidays the appropriation bills will begin to monopocoalition with the democrats for any purpose He sees nothing but disaster to the inde lize the time of the house. Thus far the army bill reported by the military commit-tee is the only one of the regular annual aphe sees nothing our disaster to the nam-pendent party in a combination, and is one of the honest men of that party who do not believe in sarrificing principles for spoils. He has never forgiven propriation bills on which action by the house has been had. The appropriation Governor Boyd for his veto of the Newberry bill, and as long as the democratic party committee had expected to pass the fortifiations and District of Columbia appropriadoes not repudiate Boyd he is against the tion bills before the holidays, but the neces sity of rigid economy in their preparation

fusion. "S. Fulton of Alma is another independent S. Futton of Adma is another independent who is opposed to fusion. He is a plain, blunt man and when he characterizes the scheme as d - d poor policy the other fel-lows know just what he means. "G. W. Beal is the editor of the Custer

County Beacon, and a member of the legis-ture. I don't know where he stands, and Brother Dech don't, but Dech classes him with the opposition.

About Marsh Elder.

And let me tell you that ex Speaker Elder is giving his independent brethre more trouble than any member of the flock. He blows hat and cold on the proposition to m a coalition with the democrats, but if 5 M. Elder is not the combination favorite for speaker then S. M. Elder is not for the combination. There are several more inde-pendents who are in disfavor by reason of their refusal to join hands with the domocrats in the proposed raid on the spails You may depend upon it the men wha started the idea have given up all hopes o ring the combination effected." The situation will be much clearer when

the supreme court decides the contests nov sence may be significant in view of the pres-ent oprising. He is a very prominent general in the Mexican armound if he saw proper. pending. A decision is expected Tuesday.

CAUGHT FAST IN A FROG.

Terrible Experience of a Burlington Brake man at Crab Orchard.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 18-|Special Telegram to Tur BEE |-F. C. Morrison, a brakeman on the B. & M., while uncoupling cars at Crab Orchard, twenty miles cast of this city, last evening, caught his foot in a free product, 11 N. Warren. and before he could release it he was run anneal down by a car and his leg terribly mangled. His foot was so badly an examination of his induces was made and amputation decided to be necessary The injured member was removed about mid-night, and the patient is resting easily Merrison is aged about 94 years and is un-WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18 -- Forecast for Monday: For Nebraska and South Dakota married. His home is in Boebe, Ark, has been engaged in railroad work in -Generally fair: north winds: colder, exbraska for about four years, being former connected with the Eikhora at Chadron. H cept in extreme western portion of North For Iowa-Light local snows in eastern ortion: north winds; cold wave during

News Notes from Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 18 - [Special to THE Brg [-Deputy clerk of the district court, A. in Missouri Friday. Socriff George Crane

to be placed on the market. Chased Dis Neighbors with a Gun.

PLATISMOUTH, Neb. Dec. 18 .- [Special to

Time Bug. |-John Dalton, of Wabash was taken before the insanity board vesterday and declared a fit subject for the asylum. Dalton was an inmate once before, but was discharged. Lately he has been chasing the inhabitants of the village of Wabash with a

James Wagner caused the arrest of Fritz James Wagner caused the arrest of FTRZ Krampean yesterday. Both parties live near hore and Wagner is one of Krampean's tenants. Trouble arose over running the farm and Krampean to enforce his rights flourished a revolver. Judge Archer bound him over to the district court in the sum of \$200.

Fight of a Lunatie.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 18.-[Special to THE BEE .- M. J. Delph, the young man who became suddenly insanc a few days ago, was

taken to the asylum at Lincoln today. He was 'very violent, and although heavily round, fought desperately before he could be placed on the train.

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

Cause of an Iowa Trayeling Man Taking His 1 ife. PERRY, In., Dec. 18,-18pcelal Telegram to THE BEE !-- W. E. Walker, a traveling man suleide today by taking morphine. His home is in Des Moines. No motive is known for the deed except a word dropped that he was short a \$390 draft. for the Cottage Organ company, committed

Iowa Red Men Elect Officers. MISSOURI VALLEY, IA., Dec. 18 - [Special to THE BUE |- Cosseyund council No. 39, Inproved Order of Red Men, elected officers as

follows last evening Sachem, R. J. Miller; senior sagamore, R. Robinson; junior saga-more, George Burbanis; chief of records, O

Business Failure.

Missouni Valley, In., Dec. 18- Special to

REFOLUTIONISTS KILLED.

the Border.

Mexicans, well armed and equipped, while

scouting Star county. The Mexicans were

arrested upon suspleion of being builds, but were released as they told an apparently straight story. Immediately upon their re-lease they opened fire on the rangers. The

latter returned the fire with a volicy from tool: Winchesters, which completely riddled both Mexicans, killing them instantly. It

has since been ascertained that the Mexi-cans were members of the band of revolu-

Movements of Ocean Strangers

At New York - Arrived - Seguerancia from

tionists which recently invaded Mexico.

ent, coming on special trains from different points in Indiana and Michigan. The meeting lasted five hours, behind closed doors, and at its close Chief Arthur denied the report that any grievance was considered of that any existed.

His address, he said, related solely to matters concerning the good of the order and to entighten memoers concerning its workings, as well as to imprets on them the necessity of harmony and continued united action. The order throughout the country was described as being in an exceedingly healthy A dispatch received here today states that a condition. The membership is now 35,000, and sixteen new divisions have been organized since April 1. The trouble in the east,

he told his hearers, had been settled with entire satisfaction to them, and he could see

nothing ahead to mar their happiness. "Of course, slight differences have arisen; they do in all organizations, but these have all been amicably adjusted and we feel very happy taken all in all," sold the chief in con-

One question considered at the meeting was relative to the World's fair traffic. engineers want a new scale of wages and a meeting of railway off inis will be held soon to adjust the matter.

Leas Than Last Year. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18-In the chief of the bureau of statistics reports the number of immigrants who arrived in the United Status during the month suded November 30 1803; was 27,402, as compared with 58,615 for the corresponding month last year.

Santos: La Champagne, from Havre, iy in this city. The usual term open inceting of the Whit-therean Liberary solution of Hustings college At Scilly Sighted Scandia, from New

York. At Liverpool-Arrived-Bostonian, from

Turi BER | - L. S. Fluide made an assignmen last evening. He was engaged in the millin-

He was placed on the train and it was hurried to Beatrice as fast as possible, where

has been with the Burlington only a short

Bratton, returned from an extended trip who accompanied him for a large part of the time, returned a day or so belows. The Citizens' Street Ballway company is

The Citizens' Street Railway company is erecting a new car barn on Denser avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets. The new been is designed to accommodate tha increased rolling stock which will be intro-duced on the completion of the ast that line. The United Brethway society is endeavor-ing to obtain a footbold in Hastings. That decomination is new holding meetings gight to initialize its new holding meetings gight LOO I Statement she wing the condition of tem-perature and precivitation at Omaha for the since March 1, 1893, as compared

was held in the college chapel last night. | Boston,

Two Mexicans Riddled by Texas Rangers on NEW OBLEASS, La., Dec. 18, -The Times-Domocrat's special from San Antonio says: state rangers yesterday came upon two

absence of the defendant's counsel. wedged in the frog that it could Later information is to the effect that the only be released with the aid of a pinchbar. case of Colonel Hannadez will be heard in a ery and dry goods business and sceningly doing a large business. Assets, \$7,500; liabilities, somewhat greater. Fair and Colder for Nebraska and South