CONGRESS OF CATHOLICS

Call for Its Assembling at the World's Fair in 1893 Issued.

ITS OBJECTS AND PURPOSES SET FORTH

Kind Words from Catholic Dignitaries Concerning America's Great Exposition—Program Which Will Be Carried Out—Recommendations by the Bishops.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24.—The call for a congress of the Catholics of the United States to be held in Chicago during the World's fair was issued this evening. It is signed by Archbishop Feehan, chairman of the committee on organization, and William J. Onahan, secretary. Following is the full text:

THE COLUMBIAN CATHOLIC CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES—OFFICIAL CALL. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24, 1892.—The happy occasion of the World's Columbian exposition to be held in the city of Chicago from May to November, 1893, is certain to be an event of world-wide and permanent interest.

In determining to celebrate the anniversary of the discovery of the new world, the government of the United States decided to inaugurate a great world's exposition of arts and industries and accordingly selected Chicago as the place where the exposition should be held. The dedication of the buildings last October with imposing public ceremonies called the attention of the civilized world to the splendid fulfillment and realization of the stupendous work undertaken by the city of Chicago in providing within a limited period of time the vast buildings and accommodations demanded for the occasion.

In these great structures are now being fathered and grouped the most extensive, varied and wonderful productions of human genius and skill, brought thither from every land which will later testify to the marvelous progress and the creative intelligence and capacity of the men and women of the nineteenth century.

Will Draw Upon All Sections of the Globe.

This great exposition will naturally attract to Chicago visitors from every part of America, as well as from Europe and the more distant quarters of the world.

In connection with the World's Columbian exposition, and equally under the organization of the government, a series of world's congresses have been projected, commencing May 1 and extending to October 31. These congresses are designed to be representative of and to include almost every form and phase of human activity, moral, social and industrial and the moral program is to "influence for good the prosperity, unity and happiness of the world."

Catholics have every reason and incentive to enter heartily into the spirit of the Columbian celebrations and take part when and wherever fitting in the activities and demonstrations which accompany and characterize them. Our holy father, Pope Leo XIII, has, in the most signal manner, already given proofs of the warm interest he feels in the Chicago exposition and its various distinctive features. The historic event commemorated by the coming World's Columbian exposition—the discovery of the new world—is of concern and interest to all; it is naturally of deep and special significance and pride to Catholics. The great Genoese navigator was a zealous and devoted Catholic, a man of ardent and religious faith. The supreme genius that inspired his great mission and undertaking, and the indomitable strength and resolution that bravely enabled him to overcome every obstacle and danger, were supplemented by a constant and generous zeal for good and greater glory, and heartfelt effort for the propagation of religion, and his daring enterprise was made possible and its success assured by the exalted enthusiasm of the glorious Queen Isabella, the Catholic, who, urged by religion, gave to Columbus her royal support and courage. It is most appropriate, therefore, that Catholics should honor these memories and give testimony to the worth, pride and interest they feel in the memorable anniversary, as well as in the Columbian celebrations at Chicago and elsewhere.

Has the Approval of the Bishops.

With the approval then of the most reverend archbishop of the United States, it has been determined to provide for a general congress of the Catholics of the United States during the progress of the World's Columbian exposition, and the committee of organization, to whom the undertaking has been committed, accordingly give official notice that the Columbian Catholic congress of the United States will be convened in the city of Chicago Monday, September 4, 1893, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m. for the consideration of questions embraced in the official program under the considerations therein provided. The congress will be under the honorary presidency of his eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore.

The congress will be composed of delegates from the different dioceses and vicarates of the United States, viz: For each diocese and vicarate, ten delegates at large and five additional for every 25,000 of Catholic population in such diocese and vicarate, as shown by the Catholic directory (Sadlier's) for 1893; and proportionately for fractions of 25,000. These delegates shall be selected and appointed by the bishop or acting ecclesiastical superior of the diocese or vicarate, and the delegates so chosen are to be reported to the committee on organization on or before August 1, 1893.

In addition to the foregoing, every Catholic university, college and seminary for young men shall be entitled to seven delegates-at-large, and one additional delegate for every 100 students regularly enrolled in such institution for the collegiate year 1892-3. The delegates shall be chosen by the president and faculty of the several institutions.

Will Be Cordially Welcomed to the Congress.

Catholics from other countries, provided they present recommendatory letters for the purpose, duly signed by the bishop of the diocese from which they came, shall be submitted to the committee on organization prior to the assembling of the congress.

P. A. FEEHAN, Archbishop of Chicago,
Chairman of Committe on Organization.
W. J. ONAHAN, Secretary.

Program of Subjects.

The decision arrived at by the committee of organization, which is concurred in by the most reverend archbishops of the United States defines and limits the scope of the congress as follows:

To the consideration of the "Social Question," as outlined by our holy father, Leo XIII., in his encyclical to which shall be added the question of Catholic education, and the question of the independence of the holy see, according to the papers to be prepared in advance to be read in the congress, will be devoted to the subjects, under the above limitations that shall be laid down by the committee on papers. It is, however, conceded that it will be most appropriate and fitting that the opening address at the congress, and the first papers submitted shall be devoted to the present and historic character commemorated by the World's Columbian exposition; hence, a series of papers on the discovery of America, Columbus and Queen Isabella, as well as the result and consequence of the Columbian discovery will be a fitting preliminary to the program. The following is suggested as the order and subdivision of the subjects for the different papers, viz:

First—The Discovery of the New World.
Second—Columbus—His Character and Mission.
Third—The Results and Consequences to Religion and to Civilization of the Discovery.
Fourth—The Missionary Work of the Church in the New World.
Fifth—The Influence of the Catholic Church on the Political, Civil and Social Institutions of the United States.
Sixth—"Isabella, the Catholic."
Seventh—The Social Question.

Divisions of the Subject.

First—The Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII. on this Question.
Second—The Rights of Labor; the Duties of Capital.
Third—Pauperism and the Remedy.
Fourth—Public and Private Charities—How to Make Them More Effective and Beneficial.
Fifth—Workingmen's Societies and Societies for Young Men.
Sixth—Life Insurance and Pension Funds for Wage Workers.
Seventh—Trade Combinations and Strikes.
Eighth—Immigration and Colonization.
Ninth—Intemperance.
Tenth—The Condition and Future of the Indians in the United States.
Eleventh—The Condition and Future of the Negro Race.
Twelfth—The Work of Women in Religion and in the World.

Supplementary Questions.

First—Catholic Education in the United States.
Second—The Independence of the Holy See.

The foregoing is submitted as a general outline of the subjects to be brought before the congress. These will admit of variation as to the titles. The object sought and desired is to cover as fully as practicable, within reasonable limitation as to time and circumstances, the important questions and issues involved, and at the same time bring out and propose for consideration practical remedies and suggestions bearing on the matters under discussion. This matter is all important—nay, is indispensable for the congress, and deliberations are to command attention and respect.

The congress must be prepared to propose practical reforms. It will not suffice that it shall have been the medium and opportunity for the delivery of clever essays and eloquent addresses on the various themes. Much more will be expected from it. The highest capacities of trained scholars and thinkers, it is expected, will be enlisted in the consideration and treatment of the subjects proposed to the congress. Undoubtedly, it will be a great and memorable occasion and opportunity presented to American Catholic laymen to demonstrate to the world their power and capacity to deal thoughtfully and thoroughly with questions of world-wide concern; of permanent interest and of paramount social and religious importance.

Problems of Pressing Gravity.

The problems involved in the social question are everywhere of pressing gravity—nowhere more so than in the United States. The attention of all classes and interests will be drawn in a special manner to the deliberations and conclusions of the Columbian Catholic congress, in the hope that there will come from it the suggestions of reasonable and practical "ways and means" to deal with recognized evils and burdens of existing labor and social conditions. They will look for a solution of the problem—a remedy for the grievance. All men feel and admit that the present relations of labor and capital are strained and unreasonable; that civil and social order are seriously menaced; trade and business hampered.

An entente cordial is to be sought, and assuredly to be found somewhere. Why not in and by the Catholic church? That church is the friend of the poor and oppressed; the inflexible foe to injustice, of whatever kind, wherever found, and is recognized by all as the synonym for authority, the champion of law and order; hence the public will watch with interest the deliberations of this congress and look to it as more especially affording public proofs and demonstration of the intellectual capacity of the Catholic laymen of the United States. These expectations must not be disappointed. Nor will the gentlemen who shall be assigned to the respective tasks fail to faithfully and conscientiously perform their duty.

The occasion offers opportunity to bring forth the best fruits of Catholic intellectual powers. The utmost freedom of discussion is invited in the sections, and when the results of the deliberations and conclusions arrived at shall be formulated and presented to the congress, embodying as these will the best thought and the deliberate conclusions of wise and thoughtful men, the affirmation of these by the congress, with the practical remedies proposed, cannot but profoundly influence public opinion at home and abroad. Our holy father, Pope Leo XIII, has shown in a striking manner his deep solicitude to bring about a solution consistent with Christian principles, of suppressing social evils and his eloquent appeal to all men who are possessed by generous ardour to unite in presenting a remedy. Now is the time—here is the opportunity. Surely we may hope the Catholic laity of the United States will demonstrate their fitness and capacity to meet the emergency and prove themselves equal to the great occasion.

CRESTON'S MUNICIPAL FIGHT.

Mayor Derr Wins and the Saloons Are Wide Open.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—After a year of contest Mayor Derr, who has been obstinately opposed by a majority of the city aldermen, has a firm grasp on the reins of the city government and he today appointed as chief of police John Pilgrim, who was deposed a year ago for cause by the city council. Maxwell, who was elected city marshal last spring in opposition to the liberal element, was forced to resign to get his salary, the mayor refusing to endorse his warrants until he did. The saloons are now running and a fine of $50 a month is collected.

Heavy Damages Demanded.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Action was begun today by a farmer named Ford of this county against Dr. Puckett for alleged alienation of the affections of Ford's wife, claiming $10,000 damage. Ford is an invalid and owns property valued at $7,000. Thinking he had not long to live he deeded his property to his wife and daughter without signing it. Dr. Puckett was called in for medical attendance, became enamoured of Mrs. Ford, and got possession of the deed. He afterwards executed a couple of notes for large amounts which he induced Mrs. Ford to sign and tried to sell them by which means his plans were discovered and Ford informed. Ford also asks for divorce and partition of the estate in his daughter's interest.

Looks Like a Combination.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 24.—The plant of the United States Electric company was sold this afternoon to a local syndicate. The price is understood to be $100,000.—This is believed to mean the consolidation of all electric companies in the city.

CLEVELAND CANED.

Presented With a Beautiful Stick Voted Him at a Church Fair.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Christmas came to President-elect Cleveland today in various forms, but there was one thing which was rather expected, and which he got. Rev. Father Kessel of the Church of the Holy Redeemer, State Senator Rosch and Henry W. Wolf waited upon Mr. Cleveland at his residence at 10 a. m. today and, without preface, presented to him a beautiful gold-headed cane, which had been voted to him at a fair held by Father Kessel's congregation some time previous to the election.

The presentation committee, without any formality, explained to the president-elect that the cane has been voted him as being the most popular presidential candidate, and gave the handsome stick into his hands. The president-elect responded in a few words and the episode was concluded.

America's Contributions to Russia.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Now that the Russian government has announced that a continuance of foreign assistance is unnecessary for the relief of the famine sufferers, the executive committee of the American Relief fund has issued a statement detailing the work done in America. Gifts from America amounted to over $100,000, of which $8,000 should be credited to the New York Chamber of Commerce; $5,000 and over to the Iowa commission; $7,000 to Russian settlers in Nebraska; $3,810 to the South Dakota commission and $10,000 to the American Red Cross society.

The reception of gifts by Russia was unprecedented in its hospitality and kindly appreciation.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

It Will Be Generally Fair Throughout the State Today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Forecast for Sunday: For Nebraska—Generally fair; variable winds.

For Iowa—Occasional light flurries of snow; variable winds.

For the Dakotas—Generally fair; north to east winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 24.—Omaha record of temperature and rainfall compared with corresponding day of past four years:

	1892.	1891.	1890.	1889.
Maximum temperature.	15°	43°	30°	68°
Minimum temperature.	0°	26°	20°	47°
Average temperature.	8°	39°	25°	58°
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00	.00

Statement showing the condition of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for the day and since March 1, 1892, as compared with general average:

Normal temperature	24°
Deficiency for the day	16°
Deficiency since March 1	276°
Normal precipitation	.03 inches
Deficiency for the day	.03 inches
Deficiency since March 1	3.07 inches

GEORGE E. HUNT, Local Forecast Official.

LINCOLN PRINTERS STRIKE

Union Force on the Journal and Call Walk Out.

WOULD NOT INCREASE THE SCALE

H. D. Hathaway Insists That Snap Judgment Was Taken by the Compositors and Appeals to the International Union.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—By a vote of 67 to 12 a strike on the Journal and Call was ordered tonight by the Lincoln Typographical union, the proprietors refusing to grant an increase from 35 to 38 cents. Three union men stayed with the Journal, but they all went out on the Call. H. D. Hathaway is holding down slug one on the Journal, while Managing Editor Jones, Associate Editor Bixby, one man from the business office and three kids are holding down cases. Two nonunion men are at work on the Call. Mr. Hathaway asserts that snap judgment was taken on him and that his business would not warrant paying the increase. President White of the union bases the demand on the fact that Sioux City and Topeka, cities in Lincoln's class, pay the new scale. The Journal has telegraphed Omaha for printers and sent a protest to the International union at Indianapolis.

Chadron's Progressive Movement.

CHADRON, Neb., Dec. 24.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The efficient chief of the Chadron fire department, J. C. Hartzell, has been for the past week working up interest in the hope of getting the next state firemen's tournament held here. It will require about $2,000, and he confidently expects to be able to raise that amount easily. Chadron is amply able to take care of the visitors, and should it be located here it is a foregone conclusion that all of the visitors will leave with a most pleasant and lasting remembrance of this part of the state and of Chadron and her citizens in particular.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the Chadron-Chicago cowboy race. Hon. A. McKinley of Sioux county, owner of the well known J A horse ranch, was in the city a few days ago looking the matter up. He will in all probability furnish horses to those who have none of their own providing the race is a go. It is quite an undertaking for a city of this size to get up such a race, but there are some very energetic rustlers behind it and they say it will be carried out sure.

Fremont News Notes.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 24.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Official notice from Washington has been received by C. R. de la Matyr of this city, who is supervising architect for the new government postoffice building, that the contract for its erection in this city had been let to William T. White of St. Joseph, Mo., for $26,883. It is to be constructed of Warrensburg, Mo., sandstone and the trimmings are to be Red Cloud, Minn., granite. It is to be completed by October 1, 1893.

Judge William Marshall held a short term of district court this forenoon and adjourned until the 9th of next January. Judgment was rendered against Flo Bennett for $100 and costs for selling liquor without license. James Golder, for assault and battery, was given a fine of $100 and costs.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Charles A. Lauth was largely attended yesterday.

G. G. Martin seems to be the choice of the attorneys for county judge to succeed W. H. Hunter, deceased. A petition is being circulated to that effect.

Nebraska's Death Roll.

FORT ROBINSON, Neb., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The many army and other friends of Lieutenant Colonel Reuben F. Bernard, Ninth cavalry, will be pained to learn that Mrs. Bernard died this evening after a short illness, leaving a baby boy less than a week old. The colonel has been only a short time with the Ninth, yet long enough to gain the love and esteem of the whole post.

Closed the Shop.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—G. M. Hein's paper, Der Herald, was closed today by George Bartenbach, who holds a chattel mortgage of $1,200. It is expected that there will be a large number of other creditors, as the failure has been looked for for many months.

Bound Over at David City.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Dec. 24.—[Special to THE BEE.]—David Cook had a preliminary hearing yesterday before Judge E. R. Dean, and was bound over to appear at the next term of the district court to answer to the charge of seduction preferred by Anna Redman.

Injured While Coasting.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Nov. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The 10-year-old son of J. N. Summers of this city, while coasting this evening was run into by a sled and was taken home in an unconscious condition. It is feared he is injured internally.

Killed by the Cars.

PLATTSMOUTH, Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—John Kinnaman was run over by the cars last night and had both legs cut off above the knees. The accident occurred about 8:30 p. m. and he lived until 1:30. He leaves a wife and two small children.

RODE WITH A MANIAC.

Exciting Experience of Passengers on a Connecticut Railroad.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24.—Shortly before arriving in this city passengers on the local express, due here at 5:05, were startled at seeing a fashionably dressed young man rushing through the cars and shouting "Merry Christmas," and at the same time throwing handsful of money right and left as he passed.

His face was blanched and his eyes wore a strange glassy stare. Many of the ladies became frightened at the young man's strange antics. Just before he reached the last car he was overtaken by the conductor, who held him in custody until the train arrived at New Haven station, when he was turned over to the police.

At police headquarters he exhibited unmistakable signs of insanity. He gave his name as Carl Bullock, and said that he was a student at Williams college.

In his waistcoat was a society pin which contained eighteen diamonds. He also had a check for $50, a loaded revolver, gold watch and other valuables.

Bullock became so demonstrative that he had to be locked up.

TERRIBLE ELEVATOR ACCIDENT.

Two Ladies at Fort Wayne, Ind., Meet an Awful Death.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 24.—A special to the Sentinel from Fort Wayne, Ind., says: A terrible accident occurred in the Pierson book store this afternoon. Two ladies, Mrs. Swaigner and her daughter, Mrs. Noonan, were passengers in the elevator between the third and fourth floors, when they became frightened and leaped from the car on a narrow landing. They fell backward down the shaft, a distance of forty feet. Mrs. Swaigner died immediately and Mrs. Noonan died at 11 o'clock tonight. The remains were not identified until midnight. The store was crowded when the accident occurred, and a panic ensued.

Oregon's Snow Blockade Raised.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—A heavy rain began falling this afternoon which caused the snow to melt rapidly. The blockade on the Union Pacific between this city and The Dalles has been broken and delayed trains arrived tonight overland. The Union Pacific left on time tonight and the Northern Pacific trains are running on time.

Theatricals at National Hall.

The members of the Tel. Jed. sokol this evening will repeat their entertainment of last Sunday evening, at the hall on the corner of Thirteenth and Williams streets. The last presentation of the play, "The Duke's Marriage," was of a high order, and those who attended it were well repaid. The sokol is endeavoring to raise a fund with which to build a hall, and these entertainments are given for that purpose.

Insists on Being a Private.

Colonel Frank P. Ireland of Nebraska City was in the city a few hours last evening. He goes to St. Louis the first of the week, and rumor hath it that the visit has to do with politics, of which he is believed to dream continually these cold winter nights. It was supposed until within the past few days that Colonel Ireland aspired to the United States marshalship, and now that he has declared that he would not have the place if it was offered to him, it is given out that he desires to go abroad, and is waiting for an appointment to a consulate. He stated last night, however, that he wanted neither marshalship, consulate nor office or appointment of any kind, and was fully determined to remain a peaceable, law-abiding, private citizen.

Buying Out Gas Companies.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 24.—Senator James McMillan has added to his holdings of the gas companies in this city by the purchase of the Detroit gas works at a price said to be $2,000,000. Recently the senator purchased the Mutual gas works for $1,500,000. It is said that the two companies will be consolidated.

In some quarters there is a strong belief that the purchase of the gas plants is in the interest of the Standard Oil company, as the great monopoly has been engaged for some time in buying out gas companies of other cities, and is thought it is following the same plan, if, for no other reason, for the protection of capital invested in Michigan natural gas companies.

Burned Out By Enemies.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 24.—Mr. W. S. Parkerson, assisted by insurance experts, made a thorough investigation of the cause of the fire which destroyed his residence a few nights ago, and all were convinced that it was the work of an incendiary.

Twice within the past twelve months has the residence of Mr. Parkerson been burned to the ground. The act of the last incendiary nearly resulted in the loss of the lives of Mrs. Parkerson and her children.

Mr. Parkerson's prominence in state popular movements, which were supported by the better element of the community, caused numerous enemies to spring up against him.

St. Louis Catholics Celebrate Christmas.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 25.—In every convent of the city the feast of the nativity and the beginning of the anniversary of the natal day of the son of the Virgin Mary, were celebrated by the nuns and novices, singing masses, beginning at midnight.

The chapels of the various convents were prettily decorated and the beauty of the altars and sanctuaries was heightened by the illumination they underwent from the myriad of burning wax tapers. In all of them the usual Christmas chants were sung by the nuns.

He Failed to Appear.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Edward Simmons, a custom house inspector arrested a few weeks ago for underweighing articles, but released because of certain evidence he had furnished the government, upon which it was proposed to prosecute a number of persons for violating the customs laws, is missing. He was summoned a few days ago to testify in the case brought by the government against alleged violators of the customs laws, but he did not appear.

Peculations of Cleveland's Ex-Treasurer.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 24.—The examination into the peculations of ex-City Treasurer Axworthy was resumed today. His former assistant, C. H. Watkins, was on the stand. The examination elicited the fact that Mr. Watkins was unable to locate $1,000,000 which had been received from tax collections. He was of the opinion that a closer inspection of the records would clear up the matter and he was directed to make the examination.

Died in a Fit.

Last night Charles Lord, a baggage master on the Union Pacific railway, fell in a fit near the corner of Seventeenth and St. Mary's avenue, and was taken to his home, 1713 Chicago street in the patrol wagon. He died a few minutes after reaching home.

Concert Next Month.

The Mockridge Concert company will give one of their very enjoyable concerts in Young Men's Christian association hall, Friday evening, January 6.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

J. L. Roller of Oxford is at the Paxton.

A. J. Kuhn of Louisville is at the Murray.

P. C. Hayes of Ogden, U. T., is at the Dellone.

C. Loweth of Lincoln is a guest at the Merchants.

Henry Lorpin of Fremont is a guest at the Murray.

A. B. Hedbloom of Stromsburg is at the Merchants.

D. P. Cronin of Beatrice is registered at the Arcade.

W. L. Butler of Boone, Ia., is a guest at the Dellone.

C. W. Blockson of St. Louis is registered at the Murray.

W. T. Richardson of David City is a guest at the Paxton.

C. W. Vance of Fremont is registered at the Merchants.

L. J. Hendershalt of Grand Island is a guest at the Arcade.

R. W. Browning of Central City is registered at the Paxton.

A. C. Beckwith of Evanston, Wyo., is stopping at the Millard.

Miss Carson of Lincoln is in the city, a guest at the Millard.

William Spencer and wife of Norfolk were at the Millard yesterday.

Mrs. Frank Dodson of Kearney is in the city, stopping at the Paxton.

Miss Sabra Sargeant of Highland Park, Ill., is visiting Mrs. S. W. Niles.

Mrs. J. E. Himoe is spending the holidays with her parents at Utica, Neb.

T. S. Patton of Elmo, Mo., is visiting his brother, J. C. Patton of this city.

Sam Reggel and wife of Salt Lake City, U. T., are registered at the Dellone.

Theodore Wilson has returned home from Worthington Military academy to spend the holidays.

L. C. Patterson left for Burlington last evening for a few days' visit with the family of Miss Maude Virgin.

Mrs. Ella A. Ittner of Ann Arbor, Mich., is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Myers, at 1716 Nicholas.

A. A. Bebout, city jailer, has gone to Missouri to spend Christmas with relatives. He was accompanied by Captain Foote of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Weakly, jr., of Galesburg, Ill., are visiting Mrs. Weakly's sister, Mrs. T. W. McCullough, at 1444 North Eighteenth street.

Chairman Vroman, chairman of the engineers' grievance committee, who has been in town on business for several days, left for his home in North Platte last evening.

John Cormack of Pittsfield, Mass., who has been visiting his brother, Captain Cormack of the Omaha police force, has returned to his home. Captain Cormack has passed the crisis of his disease and is now on the road to recovery.

Colonel Warner A. Root, traveling representative of the Mining Industry and Tradesman, the leading mining journal of the northwest, came in from Chicago last evening and will spend Christmas with his family in this city. He goes to Denver within a few days.

At the Mercer: C. W Benson, Aurora, Neb.; J. M. Fleming, Lincoln, Neb.; M. Darwin, Grand Island, Neb.; Miss May Maddox, Falls City, Neb.; W. H. Kyser, Salida, Colo.; Miss Minnie Hurst, Kansas City; Louis Dunbar, Lincoln, Neb.; J. W. Baughman, Davenport, Ia.; John A. Saxton, Chicago, Ill.; Lee Burton, Cincinnati, O.; Robert Stevenson, Toronto, Can.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Kearney—W. J. Scoville, New York.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following Nebraskans are registered here today: Grand Pacific—S. Frank, Omaha; Mr. John G. Allen, Lincoln. Auditorium—John M. Fairfield, Omaha.

JACK WAS A TRIFLE TOO GAY

McAuliffe's Arbitrary Actions Queer the Big Purse Match with Burge.

HE WANTED TO NAME ALL THE TERMS

After Reasoning with Him for Some Time Judge Newton for the Club Declined to Sign the Contract—Other Sporting News.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—"Jack McAuliffe the light weight champion, signed his signature to a document late tonight," says an authority on sporting matters, "which is supposed to be the final articles of agreement between the champion and Dick Burge of England, but in reality they are not worth the paper they are written on, so far as contract is concerned.

"McAuliffe signed the alleged agreement to fight Burge at the Coney Island Athletic club, for a purse of $45,000, between March 27 and April 3, the winner to take all.

"Burge was not present at the appointed rendezvous, neither did he have a representative on hand. There was some lively discussion between Newton and McAuliffe before the latter signed. McAuliffe demanded that Burge should post a forfeit of $10,000 to guarantee his appearance and be down to the stipulated weight—133 pounds. Newton said this would be satisfactory to him, but he informed McAuliffe that Burge must be present to agree to such terms. Newton wanted the fight to take place between March 17 and April 3, then occurred a lively spat, and the result was that Newton threw down his pen and refused point blank to complete the contract."

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Judge Newton, the match-maker of the Coney Island Athletic club, today announced that his club had arranged a contest between Billy Murphy of Australia and Johnny Griffin of Braintree, Mass.

Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 24.—Despite the drizzling weather the attendance at the races was good. Grey Duke was the only winning favorite.

First race, selling, six furlongs: John J. I. (3 to 1) won, Texas Star (2 to 1) second, Etta Parker (15 to 1) third. Time, 1:26¾.

Second race, selling, five furlongs: Sam Farmer, (2 to 1) won, Sansaba, (5 to 2) second, Kitty Cherry (7 to 5) third. Time, 1:11.

Third race, five furlongs, selling: Duke of Kent (5 to 1) won, Heloise (2 to 1) second, Hoodoo (even) third. Time: 1:10.

Fourth race, selling, seven and one-half furlongs: Grey Duke (1 to 3) won, Beeswing (5 to 1) second, Quarter Deck (6 to 1) third. Time: 1:25½.

Fifth race, handicap, one mile and seventy yards: Zampost, (5 to 2) won, Larghetta, (3 to 1) second, Sight Draft (2 to 1) third. Time: 2:05¾.

John L. Sullivan Very Ill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Ex-Champion John L. Sullivan, who has been here during the week, playing in "The Man from Boston" at one of the theaters, and who has not been particularly careful of his health, was taken seriously sick during last night, and it is reported that his physicians, after an examination, say that he has a very decided tendency toward fatty degeneration of the heart. It is stated as the physicians' opinion that if he lives moderately and temperately, refrains from all violent exertions and all undue excitement he may go along very comfortably for years, but if he indulges in excesses of any kind, and especially liquid excesses, he is liable to die suddenly.

Bay Track Results.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—Results:

First race, five and one-half furlongs: Queen won, Patrico second, Prince third. Time: 1:12.

Second race, three-quarters of a mile: Iris filly won, Joshua second, Wicklow third. Time: 1:16½.

Third race, two miles: Democrat won, Centilla second, Mero third. Time: 3:41½.

Fourth race, five furlongs: Bessie won, Wolverton second, Cyclone third. Time: 1:41½.

Fifth race, five furlongs: Jack the Ripper won, Ida Glen second, St. Croix third. Time: 1:05.

Briggs' Horse Won.

A number of local admirers of horse flesh congregated on North Eighteenth street yesterday afternoon to see a lively race to cutters between Clinton Briggs' gray horse and William Snyder's "Charley S." The race was for $100 a side and was won by Briggs' horse.

O. A. C. Notes.

The club will within a day or two announce the finest boxing show ever given in the state.

Prof. Komerow finds his time pretty well occupied between his classes and individual instructions.

The club billiard tables have been rebuilt and fitted up with new cloth and cushions, and are now second to none in the city.

Colonel Butler has returned from Montana and takes his constitutional with a regularity that is commended to some of the younger and more pretentious members.

The Fencers' league is becoming a prominent factor in this stalwart institution. Prof. Dennis, late of Paris, France, will instruct the league in the gentlemanly art.

President Ames is very much elated over the interest taken in fencing, and thinks now that Prof. Dennis has come on that there will be a better showing made with the foils than during the summer.

"What would become of the club if the striking bag should break?" was the query one of the quieter members let fly at another one day last week as he listened to the tatoo some energetic youngster was hammering away on the defenseless ball. And a smile answered.

One of the features of the club that is attracting some little attention is the "Caviar club," a new institution over which Dr. Holovtschiner presides. It is organized for the purpose of discussing topics which do not ordinarily come within the range of an athletic club, yet which can easily be coordinated with gymnastic pursuits. It is the object of the Caviars, when they become sufficiently numerous, to have a series of open sessions, at which members of the athletic club will be highly and intellectually entertained.

Gales on the Atlantic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Owing to the heavy northwest gale which prevailed here all day there have been but two arrivals by way of Sandy Hook. The wind reached a velocity of fifty-five miles an hour in the morning, but gradually diminished toward night, and was blowing strong from the northwest at sunset. As a consequence of the high wind, the water in the harbor has been very much lessened and it was fully six feet lower than its usual low water mark. Small boats and other vessels moving about the harbor became so iced that they were objects of curiosity.

Bold Daylight Robbery.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 24.—A daring robbery was accomplished in this city on the public street in broad daylight this afternoon, by two men, who assaulted and took from Gresham M. Waldo, cashier of the Detroit Lubricating works, $1,100, with which he was to pay off the factory hands. An attempt was made to follow the men, but they held their pursuers at bay by pointing revolvers at them and made good their escape.

Government Telegraph Rates.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—The postmaster general has issued the annual circular prescribing the telegraph rates to be paid for the transmission of government messages during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893. The rates are the same as those promulgated three years ago and which the Western Union objected to. The claims of that company for telegraph services rendered during the past three years have not been settled.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

At Brow Head—Passed—City of Paris from New York.

At Kinsale—Passed—Etruria, from New York.

At Bremen—Arrived—Trave, from New York.

Fulford is Champion Now.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 24.—A. H. Elliott and E. D. Fulford shot the fourth series of the five matches for the world's wing championship here today, resulting in favor of Fulford by a score of 96 to 89. This gives Fulford the championship, as he had won two out of the previous matches shot previously.

How Gothenburg Grows.

Mr. C. E. Byers of Gothenburg, Neb., is stopping at the Mercer. He is one of the leading stockholders in the Gothenburg overall and shirt factory. "We are planning to double the capacity of our plant," said Mr. Byers to a BEE reporter yesterday. "We now have a capacity of sixty dozen a day but we shall double that before the 1st of June next. The Gothenburg water power is proving to be a wonderful success in attracting manufactories. There is already a vinegar works located there and in successful operation; the Holton brass works will soon be ready to begin work in a very large establishment filling three large brick buildings; the barbed wire factory is secured, and there are others coming right along. What the town needs most right now is about 200 houses for people to live in. You cannot rent a house in Gothenburg at present for love or money. I cannot take my family to the town because I can find no place for them to live. In the early spring we intend to build a hotel for the accommodation of our own employes. There will be a tremendous building boom in Gothenburg all next summer. The Platte river canal and reservation lake will furnish us with an abundance of water power and there will be practically no limit to the growth of the place. The Burlington road will build a branch from Holdrege to Gothenburg next summer and that will give us another outlet."

Speaking of the demand for Nebraska made goods, Mr. Beyer said: "I saw while in a commission house in Chicago, not long since, three orders for Kearney cotton goods that could not be filled. There is no question about disposing of Nebraska made goods where they can be made cheap enough, and with cheap water power the problem is solved. Kearney and Gothenburg will have no difficulty in finding a market for all the goods the two towns can possibly place upon the market."

Convicted the Train Robber of Murder.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 24.—Thomas Collins, one of the bandits who attempted to hold up the Chesepeake & Ohio vestibule train on the 13th and killed Oscar Dick in the encounter which ensued, was convicted in the circuit court today of murder in the first degree, with a recommendation for life imprisonment. The jury fixed the sentence at life imprisonment because they were not clear about who fired the fatal shot. Forger Collins' partner, will be tried next week.

Off on His Walk.

John Botzum, the pedestrian globe girdler, left at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, after a rest of several days' in Omaha. He will follow the Burlington tracks to an Illinois town, and from there take a train to his home at Akron, O., where he is due January 4 to deliver a lecture upon his travels. He will then return to this Illinois town and complete his trip of walking around the world.

Found Guilty of Murder.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Henry Foster, the slayer of Judge Morgan, has been found guilty as charged and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. The case was tried at Water Valley, Miss. The verdict is a surprise to both sides. One side thought it should have been hanging and the other that it should have been an acquittal.

Accidentally Killed His Friend.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24.—J. D. Lewis, president of the Chicago Coffin company, and a wealthy man, was accidentally killed by John M. McClaughlin, an undertaker, today. McClaughlin was showing Lewis a revolver and just how burglars should be treated. The revolver was discharged and Lewis was mortally wounded.

Express Messenger Hardin Released.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 24.—A Commercial-Gazette special from Louisville says that Charles A. Hardin, the Adams Express messenger who was suspected of abstracting $35,000 from packages between Cincinnati and Nashville, was released by the detectives of Wells-Fargo company in Louisville today. This is taken as an exoneration of Hardin.

Not Expected to Live.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—Notwithstanding the denials from Beaver Falls, it is known that Jacob Henrici, the head of the Economites, is dangerously ill and will probably not recover. He was attacked with paralysis of the throat several days ago and has been in a semi-conscious condition ever since.

Cadets Released from Imprisonment.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 24.—The sixteen naval cadets who were imprisoned in the Santee for escorting Fred Perkins, a dismissed naval cadet, to the main gate, were this afternoon released from imprisonment because of their good conduct while in the Santee.

Republican National Committee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Chairman Carter of the republican national committee has notified the members of the executive committee that a meeting will be held in this city in January. The notices were sent from Helena, Mont.

Struck by a Train.

When a few miles out of the city yesterday morning the St. Louis express struck a buggy containing a male occupant. The vehicle was badly wrecked, but the driver and horse escaped with slight injuries.

Appointed a Receiver.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—The county court today appointed a receiver for the Order of Solon. In making the order the court said if harmony was restored in the order he would discharge the receiver.

Bought a Railroad.

CORNING, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The Rochester, Hornellsville & Lackawanna railway has passed into the possession of the Central New York & Western railway.

Again in Bloomington.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 24.—Vice President-elect Stevenson and party have returned home from their southern tour.

NEWS OF YESTERDAY.

Domestic.

Frank W. Rohl, convicted of the murder of Captain Paulsen, has been