suspect as a dangerous crook

TROUBLES OF THE SANTA FE

By an Order of the Court it Yesterday Went Into Receivers' Hands.

THIS ACTION HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED

Its Culmination Hastened by the Death of George C. Magoun-A Statement of the Company's Indebtedness-

Who the Receivers Are.

Lattie Rock, Dec. 23.—The expected in the railroad world has happened today. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and St. Louis & San Francisco railroads and branches, comprising the Santa Fe proper, have been placed in the hands of three receivers, the order being made by United States Circuit Court Judge Caldwell in chambers at this city at 5:30 o'clock this evening. The applicatlon was made by the Union Trust company of New York, trustees of the bondholders of the Santa F's, and the Mercandle Trust company of New York, trust holders of the bondholders of the St. Louis & San Francisco.

First Intimation Received.

Although the press of the country has anticipated the result for some time past, not until the death of Chairman George C. Magoun last week was any immediate action contemplated. The first intimation of decisive action was received at 2 o'clock this afternoon, when it was learned that a special, the Catosa, with a baggage car attached, which had left St. Louis this morning at 2 c'clock, arrived over the Iron prominent railroad Mountain with attorneys and officials on board, who to the federal court house and were soon closeted with United States Circuit Court Judge Caldwell, who had arrived from St. Louis the night before. The distinguished party included George F. Sharett, clerk of the United States circuit court of Kansas and Texas; George R. Peck, general solicitor of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe of Chicago; E. D. Kenna, general solicitor of the St. Louis & San Francisco of St. Louis; H. L. Morrill, general manager and second-vice president of the 'Frisco of St. Louis: Charles K. Alexander and W. W. Green of the firm of Alexander & Green, New York, counsel for the Mercantile Trust company of New York, and A. A. Rosington of Topeka, coun-sel for the Union Trust company of New

Who the Receivers Are.

The party remained closely closeted behind closed doors with Judge Caldwell until 5 o'clock when an order was agreed upon appointing three receivers for the Santa Fe system—J. W. Reinhart, president of the Santa Fe system; J. J. McCook, general cousel of the Santa Fe system, and Joseph C. Wilson, clerk of the United States dis-trict court at Topeka, the latter being a compromise receiver, the railroad having recommended Reinhart, McCook and George Nickerson, the latter a director of the system, but who was objected to by the complainants. The receivers met with no complainants. The receivers met with no resistance on the part of the railroad companies and an agreement was easily

The bills in both cases were the same and showed that the roads were heavily involved with maturing obligations coming on soon and that the interest due January 1 could not be paid and would be foreclosed. In both cases the complainant's bills went claborately into figures and were very full and voluminous. The bonded indebtedness aggregates \$232,000,000, as follows: \$150,000. first mortgage bonds; \$77,000,000, "A" second mortgage; \$5,000,000, class "B

mortgage bonds.
The interest due January 1 will aggregate nearly \$3,000,000 and the floating debt is \$5,000,000, making a total liability of about \$240,000,000.

A. J. Reinhart and J. J. McCook, two of the receivers, are well known in railroad circles throughout the country. The other receiver, Joseph C. Wilson, has been twice mayor of Topeka and is considered a very level-headed man.

Will File a Supplementary Blil

susplementary bill will likely be filed at Topeka January 5, which will be tanta-mount to foreclosure of the bended indebt-edness, in which event the branch lines, which have been sapping the-life blood from the main lines will be lopped off. The order in each of the two cases is the same, and directs that the receivers be "authorized and directed to take immediate possession of all the railroads and properties (including 3,346 miles of operated lines) and to run, manage and operate them and to execute the authority and franchises of the road and conduct systematically their business.

The receivers are ordered to execute each a bond for \$50,000 within the next thirty days and the order contains an injunction requiring the roads to be turned over to the The order gives full directions to the receivers to employ and discharge em-ployes, bring suits and have authority over the matters that come into their hands; to pay expenses for operating the property unts due for operating the rolds and fo track service and car mileages, and the order is made upon the express condition that all legal debts now due and which were contracted in the operation of the road, and including damages and money and work furnished and done in the tion, repair and equipment of the roads, shall be a first lieu upon the road, including all liability to persons or corporations who may become surety for the company or inderse or guarantee for it. The receivers are also required to pay judgments which are found against them which are not ap-pealed from, and all payments of the re-ceivers are to be audited and allowed by the receivers, so that they need not come into court on every occasion. The lien so created for such ciaims shall continue unvacated by an order of the court on notice to the persons interested. The complainants are required to prosecute the suit to final erce without delay, otherwise the court will discharge the receivers.

The distinguished party left on the cannon ball at 7:35 for St. Louis, Clerk Sharott taking the papers in the case with him to Topeka to be preperly filed in the United States circuit court.

Report of Directors.

Boston, Dec 23 —The meeting of Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe directors has been postponed until Tuesday next.
The following statement has been issued to the board of stockholders and creditors of the Atchison, Topoka & Santa Fe railroad

System:

The directors of the Atchison, Topicka & Santa Fe rai way and the St. Louis & San Francisco company, comprising, with their auxiliary owned and controlled times, the railibratisystem of the Atchison, Topicka & Santa Fe system are compelled to announce that the sudden termination during the current week of pendion negotiations for financial relief has caused temporary contains assument to the computers and will prevent facther payments of horrowed among the minimum factors companies on the several companies partners of the granted dail bands or funded, direct and guaranteed on ligations, including the compones of the general system: all bands or funded, direct and guaranteed and ligations, including the compone of the general martizage bands of the Atchison, To peka & Santa Fe company, and of the St. Louis & San Francisco company. The continuation of the financial depression in America and Europe, with a corresponding shrinkage in barket prices of securities owned by the company and used as calinteral has brought an enforced reduction of the floating debt, causing excessive tenores upon the cash available from not carriings for interest requirements. Under these circumstances in becomes the only of the directors to take but is repeated in the conserve and protect the interests of the companies, their band and stockholders and creditors, and protect the historiegration of the railroad system.

Protection of the Courts Secessary.

Protection of the Courts Seressary, In view of the comparatively small and rem-perary relief required in the present emer-gency considering the magnitude of the rail-way system involved, its carming power and resources, satisfactory physical condition and working organizations, which relief cannot be working arganizations, which relief cannot be speedily secured in the present depressed condition of financial affairs generally, the directors halleve that the protection of the courts should be invoked and the executive and begal officers of the several companies have been natherized and instructed but in resist application for receivers, but to make answer setting forth the facts and admitting the situations and the temporary embarrassment of the companies.

the St. Louis and San Francisco and auxiliary lines comprising 3.345 miles of a frond is amply able, under the present adverse conditions to carn a safe balance above its fixed charges, if relieved from its floating debt, which is not greater at this time than eighteen months ago. The changed floancial conditions and lower prices prices of securities owned by the companies and used as collateral have brought about the situation now reported. The obligations of the companies are as follows:

Obligations of the Companies

interest and other fixed obligations due January 1, 1894, prox. 23,900.000.

The western accounts are about normal with the remittances for interest payments turned back to provide for November pay rolls and other current requirements, with ordinary financial conditions provailing in America and Europe, the market value of these securities owned by the companies and used as collateral is atout equal to the entire amount of the obligations.

The directors will promptly prepare and submit to the security holders and creditors of the company for their approval plans for their relief from the existing embarrassment, which should be considered as temporary.

By order of the directors.

J. W. REKMBART, President.

In addition to the above, President Rein-

In addition to the above, President Rein part said this evening that up to last Mon

day the management was confident of secur-ing the necessary funds to carry the road

that Mr. Magoun would not survive and it was believed his death would be followed by

renewed attacks upon the securities of the company that would lower the prices of its collateral pledged to secure the floating

lebt and compel the company to use a part

of the money practically promised to protect those loans. As this would manifestly be unfair to those who have undertaken to help

he company over the first of the year, since

t would simply bring them into a situation that could not be remedied by their action,

t was decided to take the course set fourth

Mr. Reinhart said further that his state

was warranted by the state of nego

ment made upon his arrival from Europe that the interest due January I would be

tiations at that time, and that he did not

assert, as has been reported, that the money

for that purpose was on hand. In the usual

course of business it has not been the prac-

tice of the company to have all the money

to meet the interest in bank in the east earlier than a week before payment is re-quired, funds being remitted from the west.

Thinks it Will Be a Benefit.

arrived in Topeka today from Chicago. He was seen at his home this evening, after the

news of the receivership was received. Mr.

Frey was very positive that the appointment of the receivers would result in amarked im-

provement in the physical condition of the

"As you probably know," he

"the step became necessary because of the

road's inability to meet the interest due Jan-

interest, and the entire income under the re-

ceivership will be expended on the operation and betterment of the road's property.

"While the road's property at present is in better condition than for several years,

we shall now be able to still further improve

it, so that it will, in the near future, un-doubtedly become the best railroad property

in the world. I do not say this in a spirit of

braggadocio, for I know the facts will bear

out the assertion. Besides the additional

olling stock, much of which has already been ordered, the road will now be able to

build new depots and other contemplated

"As to the policy of the new receivers, I

Mr. Frey could not say what, if any,

hanges would follow among the officials of

General Manager Frey of the Santa Fe

said tonight that they would begin the pay-

push the matter until all the employes are

JOKED ABOUT IT.

Union Pacific Officials Doubt the Gulf's

Ability to Make Improvements.

The reply of ex-Governor John Evans to

the laterview published in THE BEE with E.

Effery Anderson caused considerable talk

about Union Pacific headquarters yesterday.

While officials were very chary of answer

ing the governor scriatim sufficient was

learned to throw a rather different light

upon the position assumed by the dictator

of the Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf. It was

a standing joke about headquarters as to the

ability of the independent road to build a port at Galveston capable of "floating the navies of the world." In fact it was very

much doubted if the road would pay operat-

ing expenses, let alone constructing a harbor

that would be able to compete with eastern

Governor Evans' statement, published ex-

clusively in THE BEE this morning, fought

shy of the proposition, but finally said he was glad to hear of the contemplated improvements. "The Union Pacific," said he.

has between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000 led up in the Union Pacific, Denver

& Golf and naturally any improvement the road makes will enhance the value of Union Pacific securities. Beyond this there is

nothing to say, as we are in court, to speak

A well known officialsof the Union Pacific.

speaking of the reply to Receiver Anderson, said that the matter could not be settled

said he, "JudgeHailett recegnized the position

Denver was in through the slump in the silver market. Denver needed the help of the Union Pacific. Denver & Gulf as an in-

dependent corporation and got it through the

judge's order. It may be a temporary benefit to Denver, but I have my doubts as to its being

TRUMBULL'S LATEST.

His Last Petition to the Courts in the In

terest of the Guit System.

DENVER, Dec. 23.-Frank Trumbull, re

ceiver of the Union Pacific, Denver & Guif

railway system, this morning petitioned

Judge Hallett for the conveyance to him of

all properties and lines of the system in Wy-

case was set for bearing January 3.

oming, Nebraska and New Mexico. The

the object of the petition is to prevent the bringing of attachments and other actions

in courts outside of Colorado, which has nov

treasurer of the Gulf road under the receiver

Sr. Louis, Dec. 29. - Colonel James F. How,

second vice president of the Wassah rail-

way, it is just now learned, has handed in

his resignation, to take effect February 1.

At a meeting of the directors held in New

York recently his resignation was accepted and Charles M. Hays, general manager, elected to succeed him. Colonel How thus

ends twenty-live years of service, which be-

Enised Its Employes' Wages.

DETROIT, Dec 23.-The Detroit, Lansing &

Northern and Chicago & West Ningara sys-

tem made a general reduction in wages last

August and now have augustaced that they

ness does not warrant it the general mana-ger says, but the reads are going to try it anyway in the hope that an increase of bust-

ness and added zear of employes may help

Will Answer Them on Tuesday.

Pacific employes met to bear from the offi-

cials in answer to their protest against the

proposed reduction in wages they were told

that insufficient time had clapsed for reach-ing a decision, and the men will wait until

Tuesday, when a final answer to their pro-

Rilliany Notes.

H. G. CtarS, general superintendent of the

Missemi Pacific, is in the city, accompanied

by C. M. Rathbun, superintendent of the

central division of the same read.

All the railway offices will be closed. Mon-

St. Paul, Dec. 28.- When the Northern

resume the old scale January I. Bus

continued with its successors.

them to make it permanent.

test will be given.

Resigned from Office.

This property is distributed over Colorado, ew Mexico, Wyoming and Nebraska and

risdiction over the system. Charles Wheeler was today appointed

through the newspapers. "The facts are

a legal phrase.

Solicitor Thurston when asked to reply so

ment of wages for November on the 3d

paid in full up to the first of the year

the road.

know nothing. They are men who have been identified with the road's affairs, and know

Of course this action will stop all

TOPEKA, Dec. 23.—General Manager Frey

January I. On that day it became plain

for Life.

Time notes and loans on collateral due December, 1893, to June, 1894, 44, 100,000, notes and loans on collateral on call, \$2,200,000; total, notes and loans \$6,300,000. Conponinterest and other fixed obligations due January 1, 1894, prox. \$3,900,000.

The western accounts are about normal with HURRIED TO THE STATE PENITENTIARY

oner must suffer life imprisonment in the

Nebraska ponitontiary. The agreement was reached this afternoon shortly before 3 o'clock, Judge Chapman and the prisoner were immediately summoned and the foreman of the jury handed the verdict to Clerk Dearing, who read the

missive, as follows: THE STATE OF NEBRASKA VS. JOHN BENWELL We, the jury in this case, being duly empaneled and sworn to try the Issues joined between de fendant and the state of Nebraska, do find the defendant not guilty as he stands charged if the third count in the Information, and guilty as he stands charged in the second count if the information, and assess his punishment a imprisonment in the penitentiary quring life JOHN A. GUTSCHE, FORMAN.

After the reading of the verdict the jurors were polled and all responded that that was their verdict. Judge Chapman then commanded the prisoner to arise, and in re sponse to the customary interrogation, if he had anything to sny as to why sentence should not be passed, Benwell replied in the

Sentenced the Prisoner.

the court upon you. "A jury from the men of Cass county has here returned a verdict finding you guilty of murder in the first degree and assessed your murder; that you armed yourself with for the purpose of robbery and there murdered your victim.

"The court has listened to the story of your life from your own lips and that story at least does not appeal in your behalf. Your crime is one deserving of the heaviest penalty of aw, but jurors are merciful and fortunate. Had this verdict, like the one against your accomplice, been that you suf-fer leath. I could have pronounced that rgainst you without a conscientions scruple r your crime has nothing in it to appeal to the elemency of the law.

"The sentence of the court is that you be taken hence to the penitentiary of the state, and that you there be confined at hard labor its business theroughly, but as to what course they will pursue in their manage-ment. I have no information." furing your natural life, and that you pay

Immediately after the sentence had been pronounced the commitment was issued and Benwell was hurriedly taken to the B. & M depot, followed by a large crowd. When the accompanied by Deputy Sheriff John Tighe and Sheriff Eikenbary, was taken to the penttentiary. This measure was decided on ecause it was feared that the verdict of the jury would not be exactly satisfactory to a large number of people, who might take it into their heads to avenge the murder of Matthew Akeson.

The verdiet lacks considerable of satisfyprisoner at the county jail over night would for hanging and then nine for hanging and three for life imprisonment.

Mathew Gering, Benwell's counsel, was well pleased with the verdict, as it was the most he hoped for during the trial. He has to the supreme court.

Judge Chapman before adjournment this fternoon unnounced that on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock he would fix the date of Hill's execution. From this it is inferred that Hill's motion for a new trial will be overruled, as such motious must be first passed upon before the date of the execution

Grand Island Store Closed. GRAND ISLAND, Dec. 23 .- [Special Tele-& Sons, dealers in dry goods, was closed to-Bro., Weid, Haskell & Co., Tootle, Wheeler & Slatter, James Elliott & Co. and D. B. Fisk & Co. The aggregate amount is given of thef ailure have been extant for several days

a permanent good. In fact, I question very much if Denver will be able to heid the offices of the segregated company for any great length of time after the reorganization committee has perfected its scheme." Sincerity of Mormon Promises Leaves no

Judge Baskin of Salt Lake was in the city for a few hours yesterday afternoon on his way home from Washington, where he has been for several weeks. The judge is one of the most prominent politicians in Utah and has been a prominent figure in territorial and national politics for a number of years. He was the first gentile representative of the territory in congress and for years was the most bitter enemy and hardest fighter the Mormon church had. He did more than any other one man to secure the passage of the Edmunds bill, and has until recently been the leader in the opposition to the admission of Utah to statchood. Speaking on this subject, the judge said: "There is but little doubt that the bill

admitting Utah to statchood will be passed at a very early date after the holiday reeces of congress. There is some talk of joining the territory in statehood with Arizona, but the scheme does not meet with ary favor in the west and I do not consider it practicable. I have not opposed the ad-mission of the territory this time. The majority of our people are in favor of the measure and I have withdrawn acy opposition to the measure. I am convinced that the piedges of the Mormon people have been made in good faith and will be kept. This being the case there exists no valid objec-tion to the numission of the territory. Under the present condition of affairs the gentiles nothing to fear from the admission to

arty in the territory, Judge Baskin said: There is no question of the action of the party being sincero and final, but a renewal of the old practices of the Mormon church would cause a re-organization of the party and I do not think that there is any danger on that score." Judge Baskin was elected mayor of Salt Lake at the last election by a handsome majority and is the second gentile who has been elected to that office. He has been a bitter opponent of the Mormons, but his well known conservatism and integrity secured him the support of the Mormons, who threw

Referring to the dissolution of the liberal

their support to him. Carried Skeleton Keys. York was placed under arrest by Chief Detective Huze last night as a suspicious character, near Fourteenth and Douglas streets. On the road to the station the prisoner managed to throw something out of the wagon, which evidently he wanted to conecal. When searched at the station about a cozen different kinds of keys were

strange design. The police look upon the

DIED OF STARFATION. Story of Suffering from the Vicinity of

THE PROMINED AND ALL ALL STATE ALL ALL WOLLD'S THE

Pittsburg, Pa. Prir suna, Dec. 23.-Within the past twenty-four hours three deaths have occured in this vicinity from starvation. Their names were:

ANTHONY DOMINICK, an Austrian aged 60 years, died in Pittsburg at 6 this morning.

MARY WEISMAN, daughter of Henry Weisman of Allegheny, aged 3 years.

MRS DICEA ARTHUR, a widow, aged 50 years, died vesterday at Homestead.

WERE GREEN HANDS.

With a Large Stock of Blaff Eight Men Try to Hold Up the New Orleans Express. St. Louis, Dec. 23.-With the most serious intent in the world eight men attempted tonight to rob the New Orleans express of the Mobile & Ohlo system, which leaves this city at 8:35 p. m. Boarding the train at Pittsburg crossing and bearing a frowning mien and presumably empty pockets, with well loaded revolvers, the eight would-be imitators of Jim Cummings clustered about the express car's forward end and the engine's tender. As the train bowled along they put their plans on the way to execution by attempting to frighten Messenger Robertson, of the Southern Express company, into admitting them to his sacred precincts. He did not scare worth a cent and as the train slowed up for the Forest Lawn, Ill., "stop" the robbers slid off into the darkness and disappeared from view. At Forest Lawn the train officers notified their chief, and also set the local nawkshaws upon the trail, but, with descriptions entirely lacking, pursuit is well nigh hopeless.

MRS. IRVINE'S CONFESSION. When it Was Introduced During the Trial

the Woman Wept. SALT LAKE, Dec 23 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- In the Irvine divorce trial today Mrs. Irvine was on the stand until court ad journed under strict cross-examination. When she left the stand she looked pale and haggard from the strain; however, her former testimony was not materially

broken and she still has sympathy with her From the testimony on cross-examination t appears that she made another confession n the hotel at Omaha in order to ease the and of Irvine, who said he was haunted by dontgomery's ghost. He prayed with for a long time and was very loving. At the same hotel, she alleged, they renewed relations of husband and wife and had agreed first, to live together, and second, that a divorce should be secured and she would enter a convent. Upon her promise o do so Irvine called her a noble woman and said it would be a grand deed. She denied all guilt, even in the face of the confession which says she slept with Montgomery Chicago, and denies having confessed to rregularities in Omaha. There are several witnesses to come whose testimony will be taken on Tuesday.

The only feature of particular interest in the case today was the introduction by the plaintiff, during Mrs. Irvine's cross examination, of the written confession made by her at Omaha on November 19, 1892. It was as

follows:

"To W. H. Invine: I hereby release you from all claims and obligations that I may have had against you as your wife because I. Mantagore." had sexual intercourse with C. E. Montgom ery in Lancoin, Neb., while we lived there and also I had in Chicago at Grace hotel by steeping with him. The witness wept for some time when the confession was read.

HE ROBBED A BANK.

Daring Work of a Lone Desperado in Missouri Town. GREENRIDGE, Mo., Dec. 23 .- A daring but unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the Farmers and Traders bank of this place today. Cashier E. F. Durand, alone in the bank, was suddenly confounded to find himself looking into the muzzle of a revolver held by a masked man, who said: "Hand over the money, and be quick about it."

Instead of complying the cashler droppe under the counter and made his way on his hands and knees to a rear door. Hurriedly he gave the alarm. Returning, the cashier ound the robber ransacking papers and He was again covered, but dodged books. behind a partition wall and the thief beat hasty retreat through the front door.

By the time the robber reached the street fifty men were hurrying in search him. He walked deliberately down main street, pistol in hand, mounted his horse and leisurely galloped away. In ten minutes fifty men were in pursuit, and in less than two hours the fugitive was captured and brought back. He refuses to give his

He was brought to Sedalia tonight by Officers P. J. Murphy and J. W. Black and lodged in the county jait. He gave his name as Edward Smith, and his home Haworth county, Illinois. He is about 35 years old, five feet nine inches tall, and well dressed. He did not have any tapers or money in his He did not have any papers or money in his possession, and the horse he rode had been stolen from McIntyre's livery stable at stolen from McIntyre's livery stable at Windsor the night before. Another stranger who fled from Greenridge when the alarm was given was also overtaken and placed in jail as an accomplice. He gave his name as A. G. Stevens, and will give no information about himself.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM.

George R. Woodworth of Algona, In., Dies Under Suspicious Circumstances. Chicago, Dec. 23.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-George R. Woodworth, a well to do merchant, formerly of Algona, Ia., was found dead in his room at the Briggs house today. Heart disease is believed to have been the cause. He had been in Chicago for the past three years. Mr. Woodworth was about the city vestorday with R. H. Spencer of Algona. The latter was appointed some weeks ago assignee for a firm of Bancroft. Ia. Mr. Woodworth was negotiating for the purchase of the stock. About 6 o'clock last evening the two men

entered the Briggs louse slightly under the influence of liquor. Mr. Woodworth registered as Alexander Genham. He was shown to room 421. At 8 o'clock this morning the chambermald opened the door and nd the guest derid on the floor. The fact that he had registered under an assumed name and that he carried letters addressed to Mr. Spencer led to some confusion as to his identity. A. N. Recco of the firm of H. W. King & Co. turnfished the identifica-

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

Coung Man Locked Up for Signing an Unitertaking Frem's Name to Chocks. George Woolridge, attas Charles Wiliams, who was formerly in the employ of Heafey & Haafey, was arrested last evening, charged with uttering forged instruments. The prisoner, up to last September, resided in On.aha, but about that time he concluded to try his fortune in extracting a living out of the soil and went to a place near Bennington. There he raised a check from \$8 to \$180, and a \$0 order to \$90, with-

out encountering any difficulty.
Yesterday, however, the charms of city life caused him to revisit Omaba, and while here he is alleged to have given a check amounting to \$5 to the Ideal chop house, another in the sum of \$5 to the Diamond and a third one to William Neve for \$8, for all of which he received good coin in part. These order, bore the signature of Heafey & Heafey, who now dispute Woolridge's authority to sign the firm's name to any order whatever, and hence his arrest.

ONE WEEK OF GOOD WORKS

What Oitigens of Omaba Have Recently Done for Rescue Hall.

More Facts About Those Who Are Being Helped-Advisory Board Appointed to Superintend Distribution of Donations-Services Today.

ple of Omaha. Prompt and generous rewho are wriggling under the heel of mis

are from Omaha. The representation is as follows: Omaha 35, Chicago 23, No Home 26, Denver and Colorado points 20, Lincoln 4, Sloux City 6, Des Moines 2, Fremont, North Platte, Weeping Water and Cass county one each, Wyoming 4, North Dakota 3. South Dakota 3, St. Louis 3, Peoria 1 Germany 2, Denmark 1, St. Paul 1, Cieveland 1. Kansas 2. Wisconsin 1. Massachusetts 1. California 1. Detroit 1. Rock Island 2 on 3, Pennsylvania 1, and other local-

Of the above number all the men have retend divine services conducted at the hall every evening. The Methodist and Catholic religions predominate among those who have South Dakota, who has passed his 65th milestone, and H. E. Wilkie of Des Moines, a painter who has witnessed 61 birthdays and spent his last one in utter destitution.

All Trades Represented, All walks of industrial life are represented in the pauper registration. The building trades and unskilled labor predominate. This includes miners from the crippled in dustries of Colorado, railroad men, machinists, painters, clerks, bookkeepers, car-penters, bricklayers and butchers from vari-ous localities. Many of the unemployed are the driftwood of the World's fair—men who earned a living as cooks and waiters in Chicago until the Columbian gates closed and

low regards the four walls of Rescue hall as his only home, is T. Corp, a boy from Denver, who is only 12 years of age. In nativities, Americans and Irishmen predominate, while the Germans and Swede are not very far behind in numerical strength.

Before relief arrived for the indigent guests amid many glances of envy from less fortu

Cash, fuel, food, clothing and blankets were sent to Rescue hall, and there was many a hearty "Amen" from the lips of the destitute at the evening service, when Mr. Clark gave thanks to God that the doors of Rescue hall would still remain open and a releame hand would be extended to home less and hunger-stricken humanity.

Girl's Selt-Dental to Help. The responses from benevolent citizens ranged in cash from \$100 to 90 cents. the most striking instances of self-denia siderable perseverance and several sacrifices This little girl had looked forward to Christ-mas with many bright anticipations and had saved her mite to invest in a Christmas Last Wednesday, when she heard her mother read the account of the suffering a Superintendent Clark at the hall. the latter heard of the circumstances he did not want to accept the donation, but the little donor insisted, and said that she would rather go without the Christmas present than see those poor people suffer."

A canvass among the men who are now at the mercy of public sympathy disclosed the fact that the prime cause of their idleness is due to the industrial depression throughout the country. There are a few tramps among ority of the unfortunates are men who are eager for work and have muscles develope by hard labor in the past.

One young man from St. Louis, whose glistening prince albert and manner presented fading memories of better days, frankly stated that his present condition, was a discontinuous and the state of the st condition was due to his ambilion to lead an elephant life on a mosquito income. He was a bookkeeper by occupation and had held a position in St. Louis which paid \$60 He "deadheaded" his way on the trains and birth" at Rescue hall and brushed elbows

the, week. He was in hard luck. Musi hath charms to soothe the savage breast. but in his case it had no persuasive influence over a salary or a meal ticket. He his musical instrument and fived at taurants and a cheap lodging house for a few weeks, but the employment that he looked for never came. His last recourse was suicide or Rescue hall. He chose the latter. Soup to him now is dearer than symphony of Beetboven, while a slice of 1 f generous dimensions is greater to his taste than a Wagnerian opera.

His Hardest Role.

Among the arrivals at the poor man's paradise Tuursday night was a voung man from the cast, who said, somewhat huskily, that he was from Chicago and that he was an actor. He gazed around the hall, which was once a theater, and with a sorrowful shake of his head, said that this was the hardest role he had ever played in life. actor were a huge fur overcost and to all appearances was well equipped in dress. A stik hat, which bore the imprint of a hard winter, was the crowning glory of his per-

surprise. He was better dressed, to all ap-

his personal trappings. He was taken in out of the cold, and slept with one eye open for fear that some one would abscond with his overcoat. He says that Chicago and New York are filled with many of "the profession who are at liberty and vainly seeking an

engagement.' A Par lament of Religious.

The religious services in the evening at Rescue hall will be continued. Rev. Clark and "Brother Richards" conduct them. The congregation constitutes a parliament of religions. No collection is taken up. Catholic sits next to the Protestant. odists brush against Unitarians, while the Baptist and Presbyterian sing from the same hymnal. Standing collars are a scarcity and jewelry is an unknown quan-tity. While the congregation was singing "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight!" at a recent service a young man about 18 years of age, who said that he was from Denver, arose with moistened eyes and left the hall. As he passed out the door a re-porter asked him the ause of his grief and was told with suppressed emotion by the young man that the song brought back recol-lections of his dead mother whose grave had been kissed by Colorado sunshine for three years. He said that if he had followed her advice be would not now be without a home, money and friends.
These are only a few of the many stories hear1 at Rascue hall. Every man has his history. In many instances the men have been architects of their own misfortunes.

Recent Donations. Many donations were received yesterday Among the number not heretofore published was a check for \$40 from the Byron Reed Company, \$10 from Omaha Lodge 18, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and \$10 from the Continental Clothing house. The Paxton, Millard and Merchants hotels send down Milard and Merchants hotels send down food daily, while other donations come from all over the city. Gespel services will be held at 3:30 p. m. today. Dr. Duryea will participate. A Christmas eve supper will be served to the poverty-stricken boarders at the ball today. Among the delicacies will be pie and cake. Most of the men are glad to only a change from some men are glad to enjoy a change from soup. Mr. John Dale tells of one instance where a hungry applicant actually ate ten bowls of soup and three loaves of bread at one sit-ting last week. Since then soup nauseates

him and he prefers other refreshments. The improvement in sleeping accommoda tions and table service is being perfected as rapidly as donations justify and it is thought that three meals daily will be served. Yesthat three meals daily will be served. Yes-terday an advisory board consisting of A. U. Wyman, G. M. Tibbs and H. D. Penfold was selected to supervise receipts and disbuese ments at the hall. Superintendent Clark will have active charge of the work and he will be assisted by O. H. Richards.

WILLING TO TESTIFY.

Attorney Suilivan Willing to Testify What He Knows of the Cronin Murder. CHICAGO, Dec. 23. -In view of the reference to Alexander Sullivan in the Testimony of

Mrs. Foy and of the more or less general impression that he has never made any statement in reference to his alleged connection with the case, Mr. Sullivan was called upon today at his law office and asked why he had never made any denial of the knowledge of the case. Mr. Sullivan indignantly denied that he

had been silent and said: "When Croning was first reported to be missing I stated repeatedly to reporters and others that knew nothing concerning his whereabouts When his body was discovered 1 expressed regret for his terrible fate and hope that the guilty ones would be discovered and brought to justice.
"During the coroner's inquest I requested

Dr. John Lane, the well known reporter, to inform Coroner Heriz that I was willing to testify at the inquest. Mr. Lane informed me that he did so state to Mr. Hertz, but I was not called. Later, when the grand jurors were investigating the case. Mr Henry Greenbaum met me on the street and expressed regret that I did not testify before the grand jury. I told him the state's attorney had control of the investigation and I was not subpornaed, but would have gone promptly and was ready to testify at any time. Mr. Green-baum inquired if he had permission to re-peat the subject of our conversation to State's Attorney Longenecker, I replied promptly in the affirmative. Subsequently Mr. Greenbaum informed me that he had repeated the conversation to Mr. Longenecker and suggested that he (Longenecker) interre gate me, but Longenecker, he said, declined to do so. I am ready now to testify, but am powerless to force my appearance in a case to which I am not a party.

'So far as Mrs. Foy's testimony refers to me, it is infamously false. She has made a statement for publication recently in which she ascribed to another the authorship of the imaginary letter which she now pretends to ascribe to me."

It was gossip around the court today that Michael Davitt, the Irish leader, may figure in the Coughlin trial as a witness, either in person or by a deposition taken in London According to Mrs. Foy it is said a letter represented by Coughlin to have been re-ceived from Mr. Davitt was made to serve as Dr. Cronin's death warrant. Friends of Davitt are satisfied of the utter impossibility of his having written such a letter, and he will be asked to make a statement ander oath concerning the matter. It was first proposed that he should come here to testify but it is said the plan is now to have him appear before a magistrate in London and make afficavit to the effect that he never wrote a letter advising the "removal" of Dr. Cronin or any one else. He will also be asked to make a full explanation of any letter may have written to any one in America containing the phrase "to remove at all hazards, but use your own discretion

The supposed crank, James A Bowers hotel menial, who caused a sensation in the Coughlin case by attempting for I the fun of the thing," as he said, to talk to the jury on the Clark street bridge last night, was brought before Judge Tuthill to answer for his conduct. He was profuse in his apologies. The court ordered him to take the stand and make an

explanation. Bowers told the court that he knew noth ing of the Coughlin case, had no money with which to bribe anyone and had merely snouted at the jury as they were passing along the crowded streets for the fun of the thing."

His appearance and manner was that of a crank, and after a severe lecture by Judge Tuthill be was allowed to go.

Dr. James K. Enbert, who held the autopsy, testified that he could not determine whether the wounds upon the body found in the catch basin were made before death, but believed death was caused by the

wounds on the head and neck.
On cross-examination witness admitted that neath might have been caused by oison and said that, owing to decomposition the effect of the blows on the brain could

Justice of the Peace Mahoney testified re-Iceman O'Sullivan's garding with Dr. Cronin for medical attendance,

Adjourned until Tuesday. ASKED TO WITHDRAW.

Committee Wants No More of Shoemaker in Tracy-Sackett Contest Case. At a meeting of the contest committee of

the Jacksonian club held last night Mr. W. S. Shoemaker's connection with the Tracy-Sackett contest was talked over and it was unanimously decided to request him to withdraw. Information of the committee's ac-tion was mailed to him last evening. It is stated that Mr. T. J. Mahoney will hence-

orth conduct the case.
The committee will have a conference with the officers of the Jacksonian chib view to having a special meeting called for next Saturday aight for the purpose of dis-cussing Mr. Shoemaker's conduct and consulting as to further steps to be taken in the contest proceedings.

Steam Engineers' Ball.

The second annual ball of David Gilbert council No. 2. American Order of Steam Engineers, will be given at Washington hall on the evening of January I. The committee on arrangements consists of Messrs, Miller, Garilek and Austin, Music will be furnished by Thiele's orchestra. Prof. Mathews will act as prompter.

Burt While in a Fit. Albert Moody, a laborer residing at 1535 North Eighteenth street, was found by Officer Piint at the Webster street depot about 3 o'clock restorday. While in a fit he had sustained savere injuries to his head and a conveyance was ordered to take him to his

TO IGNORE HIS EXCELLENCY

Managers of the Duval Club Preparing to Have the Fight Anyhow.

NO LAW TO PREVENT THE MEETING

Attorneys Inform the Club that the Statute Book is Barren on the Subject

and that the Battle May

Proceed.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 23.-In spite of Governor Mitchell's expressod determination to prevent the Corbett-Mitchell fight, the men who are trying to bring about the contest are going ahead with the preparations. Work on the arena is being pushed and everything will soon be in readiness for the contest. A. W. Cockrill, attorney for the Duval Athletic club, expressed the opinion today that there was no law on the Florida statute books by which the governor

could stop the contest. The Southern Associated press correspondent visited Mayport and inspected Corbett after he had undergone his first week's training. Corbett was found in the dressing room stretched upon the rubbing-down table and standing over him were Delaney, Prof. Donaldson and Tom Corbett, all of whom were imparting to the body of the champion that friction supposed to be necesary to good condition. Corbett's muscles stood out in magnificent relief and his skin glowed with the hue of perfect health. Ho had just finished wrestling with McVey, and his kness, clows and collar bone showed the abraisions received in the strengte. As alcohol touched these, the champion's face would be distorted into a grimace of pain from the smarting, but he explained they would soon become bardened to the work.

Corbett's first work this morning was with dumb bells, then came breakfast and a four-mile spin upon the beach and back; after a rub-down he punched the bag for half an hour and then put on the gloves for a boot with Donaldson. Then came dinner, and in the afternoon the champion indulged in pool and hand ball. Corbett seems to be getting fit rapidly and there is no doubt, if no mischance occurs, that he will enter the ring fit to fight for his life. Mitchell will arrive Tuesday.

Buffalo Will Not Come Back. Valpanaiso, Ind., Dec. 23. - Martin Costello,

the pugilist, whose case was before the court at Crown Point for prize fighting, has writ-ten from his home in Canada saying he had no intention of returning to the United States Detroit Will Play.

DETROIT, Dec. 23.-Today ex-Manager Leadley received a letter from R. J. Glenalvin, representative of Vanderbeck, denying the story that Detroit's franchise in the Western league would be played in St. Paul.

IN SOCIAL SESSION.

Omaha Etks Entertain a Number of Wan dering Brethren. The Elks' lodge rooms were the scene of mirth and revelry last night, the occasion

being a stag social. At 10:30 Mr. Beach Taylor called the neeting to order and appointed Richard Smith chairman. Upon assuming control of the meeting he enarged that the occasion was one of mirth and merriment. The first

number was a toast to those Elks who were George F. Marion of the Brass Monkey company started the entertainment with a recitation, giving an Italian's view of a base ball game between the "Spaghetti" base ball club and "The Fruit Venders Pro-tective Association," followed later in the

evening by an imitation of "Washington Crossing the Delaware." Joe Natus of the same company, one of the sweetest ballid singers in the country, ren-dered "The Girl I Left Behind" and "Bon-

Arvillo of the Howard Athenceum compan gave imitations of a brass band, banjo and Spanish guitar and his latest, being a con-versation between himself and wife upon his return from a round with the boys. His rendition was amusing and called for an en-

Coursy and Fox of the same company proved themselves the princes of entertain-ers. Mr. Conrov sang "Rastling Jack," followed by Mr. Fox with the sweet Irish ballad "Shamrock." Later in the evening they sang "Charley You Can't Lose Me," which evoked so much applause that they were forced to rive several Irish imitations.

Marion, Hayes and Marion of the Howard Marion, Hayes and Marion of the Howard
Athenaeum company related the atory of
"McCarty's Sunday Clothes." They were
enforced by Conroy and Fox and Conroy
assisted by the others told the story of the
stealing of "McCarty's Wife."

Hugh I. Ward of the Brass Monkey company

filled his part of the program by reciting the "Voluntary Organist," followed by an Irish recitation, "The Excursion to Coney Island," Later in the evening he proved his right to the claim of a comedian by telling "The Troubles of an Italian Saloon Keeper" and Image Vender."
The social ended with Conroy and Fox.

Marion, Hayes and Marion, Joe Natus and others in a grand potpourri.
Thunks of the lodge are due to Messrs, L. P. Pheips and S. Cooney, managers of the Brass Monkey company and Howard Athenaeum company for their courtesies.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Hon. L. M. Oaborne of Blair was in the ity vesterday. J. M. Hutchins, attorney of Madrid, Neb. accompanied by Miss Helen A. Hutchins and Master Ben, arrived yesterday and will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hutchins, at 4504 Parnam street.

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JOHN BENWELL'S NECK SAVED

THERE PAR

One of the Akeson Murderers Goes Up

Same Apprehension Felt for His Safety if Left lu the Cass County Jail Over Night-When Bill Will Be

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 23 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE . - After a session of almost forty-eight hours, in which public attention has been wrought up to an intense degree, the jury in the prosecution charging John Benweil Kearns, alias John Bonwell, with complicity in the murder of old Matthew Akeson has decreed that the pris-

Executed.

The judge then said: "It becomes my duty to pronounce the sentence and judgment of

punishment at imprisonment in the state penitentiary during life. The jury has been very lenient with you, for after listening patiently and carefully to all the testimony in the case, I fail to find a single extenuat ing circumstance to appeal in your behalf. The evidence without conflict shows that you were a party to a cold-blooded and crue deadly weapon, disguised yourself with a mask and entered the peaceful home of one of Cass county's best citizens as an assassin

the cost of this prosecution.'

Harried to the Penitertiary.

ing the general public, as the wish was widespread that Benwell should suffer hanging along with Hill. There are good grounds for believing that to have left the simply have been to invite a lynching. The jury cast twenty-three ballots, and at one time during the long deliberation the vote stood nine for life imprisonment and three

avowed his intention of carrying Hill's case

gram to THE BRE. |-The store of E. Walker night by the sheriff by virtue of chattel mortgages in favor of Switzer, Pembroke & Co., Henry W. King & Co., M. E. Smith & Co., Troolich, Dunker & Co., Neuenberg, Kraus, Sander & Co., George A Clark &

BASKIN ON UTAH STATEHOOD.

Objections to the Plan.

found upon his person, including several skeleton keys, and a screwdriver of a

RETOLD PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Rescue hall has been rescued by the peosponses to the appeal for ald have turned the anticipations of a cheerless Christmas into those of a day of rejoicing among the men fortune at Rescue hall. The number of men now lodging at that institution is 165. Of this number only 35

ligious preferences except sixteen. registered their faith. Among the oldest men on the list are G. Fellmuth, an Omaha carpenter, 59 years of age; P. Flaherty o

threw them out of employment.
The youngest applicant for shelter, who

Before Relief Came.

at Rescue hall the scenes incidental to the two nights when the fate of the institution was trembling in the balance was a panorama of pitiful poverty, which has been detailed in previous issues of The Bee. At that time boots constituted pillows, and newspapers were substituted for mattresses. The dis-mal flickering of the fire in the two large stoves cast a somewhat weird ray over the forms of prostrate paupers prostrate paupers the floor and other unfortun-in chairs—all seeking sleep on the installment plan, as personal discomfort caused by cramped conditions precluded any possibility of a full night's rest. It was such trying times as these that tested physical endurance and powers of invention Necessity prompted one mam to tear out the sleeve lining of his ragged jacket, which he subsequently filled with sawdust and after sewing up the ends, he utilized it as a pillow,

nate comrades in misery. The appeal for alleviation of distress and the disclosure of the lamentable condition of affairs at the hall, as published in Tas Bas, brought many responses from the people of Omaha. The mass meeting held at the Commercial club, at which \$665 was raised and the work of Superintendent Clark endorsed, started a popular movement, which will be the basis of permanent maintenance of the

and the charitable impulse of a childish heart was that of little Moneta Meikle. This child lives at 1720 North Twenty-first street with her parents. Moneta, by conhad saved \$1 in nickels and dimes received at various times during the past few months. at Rescue half, she sacrificed the anticipated pleasures of Christmas, and sent her savings

Cause of Their Destitution.

them who have not been on speaking terms with honest work for some time, but the ma-

per month. He was fond of society, liked to peep through the opera giass several times a week enjoyed good clothes and good living. He not only spent all he could earn, but all he could borrow. The result was that when he lost his position, his assets resembled a cipher with the circle obliterated. struck Omaha with 35 cents in his pocket. Reduced to his last nickel he took a "lower with an ex-section hand from Wyoming.

A musician strolled into the half during

sonal appearance.
Superintendent Clark viewed him with

pearsuces, than the average applicant for soup and shelter. When the gentleman of theatrical tendencies opened his coat, how-ever, he did some scene shifting that changed the look of surprise on the superin-tendent's face to one of pity. The overcoat covered a multitude of poverty. The actor had no coat, vest or shirt. A pair of hand painted suspenders, somewhat infirm with age, seemed to realize the responsibility of sustaming a pair of fadel striped trousers. In the nocket of the latter were a few theatrical papers, while a thin undershirt completed