out of harm's way, should the engagement take place.

The reply of President Peixoto to the terms of surrender offered by Admiral da Gama was made known this afternoon. The president will accept no other terms than those of an unconditional surrender of all the rebel ships and forts in and about the bay of Rio de Janeiro. At the expiration of the forty-eight hours' notice given by President Peixoto at noon today the government forts, as previously arranged, opened fire upon the rebel fleet. The insurgents did not reply, and as this dispatch is sent the surrender of the rebel fleet is looked upon as only a question of a few hours.

BEGUN THE BOMBARDMENT.

Today at 12 o'clock precisely, the Bar fortress opened fire upon Fort Villegaignon. In a short time the government forces at Fort Armacao and Fort Gragoal joined in the bombardment. The fire was not returned by the insurgents.

The bombardment was continued until 3 o'clock, when it ceased. Castillo, San Bento, Saude, Curvello and all the city batteries then opened a furious fire upon Fort Villegaignon and the insurgent warship Tamandare. The fire was also directed upon the insurgent works at Cobras island and at other places. The forces at Enchadas lowered the hospital flag and hoisted the insurgent ensign. The garrison at Governor's island also took part in the attack on Fort Villegaignon, which was badly hammered by the government guns. The fort on Cobras island took fire, but the flames were soon extinguished. The firing of the batteries lasted for an hour. No great damage was done. The insurgents did not fire a shot, husbanding their ammunition.

At 4 o'clock the government fleet appeared off the harbor, the torpedo boat Aurora leading. The other vessels in the fleet were the Nictheroy, America, Itaipau, Bahal, Tiradentes and Parahyba and two steamers and five torpedo boats.

Immediately upon the appearance of the squadron the rebels hauled down the white ensign from one of the ships and hoisted a signal, which was answered from shore. A launch containing an officer then went from one insurgent ship to another and each vessel lowered the white flag. Two torpedo boats of the government fleet outside then entered the bay. One of them went to Fort Villegaignon, and it was shortly followed by a launch from the rebel ship. A few minutes later the white ensign came down from the fort and at a quarter to 5 o'clock the government fleet came up the bay, being a welcome sight to the anxious people on shore.

INSTRUCTIONS FROM PORTUGAL.

LISBON, March 13.—Official telegrams received here from Rio de Janeiro confirm the report that Admiral da Gama, the commander of the rebel fleet at Rio, has abandoned his rebellion and sought refuge on board the Portuguese corvette Mindello. The commander of the Mindello has cabled to the Portuguese government the facts in the case, asking for instructions. It is understood that the Portuguese commander has asked whether he shall give Admiral da Gama refuge on board the Mindello or whether he shall refuse and order him to return on board his flagship.

The government has cabled to Captain Castilho, commanding its naval forces at Rio de Janeiro, telling him to follow the instructions given to the Portuguese charge d'affaires, Comte Paraty, ordering the Portuguese representative not to intervene in the Brazilian struggle and to confine themselves to co-operating with the other foreign representatives at Rio in the measures which they may consider opportune and necessary.

According to the dispatches received here from the Portuguese commander at Rio, Admiral da Gama has not sought refuge on board a Portuguese war vessel, although the rebel admiral has asked permission to seek refuge on board of one and has sought the good offices of the Portuguese government in the terms for the surrender of his forces.

ADVICES AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The following telegram has just been received by the State department:

"RIO, March 13.—Gresham, Secretary of State: The local forts commenced firing at noon today. Their fire was not returned by the insurgents. The terms of da Gama have been refused by the government, which will open fire upon him from its batteries this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The city is nearly abandoned and deserted.

"THOMPSON, Minister."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Ex-Governor Chase of Indianapolis is in the city.

Judge Dundy and Elmer Frank will return from Hastings today.

Dr. T. S. Bratton, U. S. A., and Mrs. Bratton and maid are at the Dellone.

Ex-Chief Black of the St. Paul fire department was the guest of Chief Galligan yesterday.

Deputy Surveyor of Customs Phillips was at his desk in the federal building yesterday for the first time in three weeks. He has just recovered from a prolonged sickness.

ARBITER CLARK IS READY

How He Expresses Himself with Respect to the Coming Conference.

WILL HEAR THE CASE IN ALL FAIRNESS

Will Defer Largely to Wishes of Employes as to the Manner of Procedure—Other Receivers Will Not Be Here.

President S. H. H. Clark arrived yesterday afternoon from St. Louis via the Missouri Pacific, accompanied by Attorney Frank P. Ireland, the Missouri Pacific legal representative in Nebraska. There was a healthier look about Mr. Clark than when he left for St. Louis and the east and a more elastic step observable as with grip in hand he walked toward a street car to take him to his hotel, for Mr. Clark is democratic and would rather ride in a street car than patronize one of the four-wheelers which stood in waiting at the curb.

"While my health is better," said Mr. Clark, "I still have a touch of the grip, which I seem to be unable to shake off. However, I feel in fair condition and am ready for the conference to begin."

"Have you signified your choice of officials who will aid you in conducting the conference?" asked the reporter.

"Beyond Mr. Dickinson, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Korty and General Solicitor Thurston, if he is in the city, if not, then Mr. Kelly. I do not know of any others who will be present at this time. None of the receivers will participate in the conference now, although some of them may come west later. As the representative of the court and also of the company I shall hear the representatives of the various trades. I trust in all fairness. I recognize the importance of the trust which the federal court has placed in me and I hope to be able to justify the regard shown by Judges Caldwell and Sanborn in the appointment of myself as arbiter of the questions which may arise. I have thought little of the manner in which the conference shall be conducted, whether to separate the trades or hear them together. I shall defer to the wishes of the men in that regard. Beyond this there is little to say regarding the conference. The Bee as I notice being quite as well acquainted with the situation as myself, well acquainted with the situation as myself."

Upon the question of reorganization President Clark would say but little, remarking, however, that there were many theories in process of incubation and the future would determine whether they were practical or not.

"The railroad situation," said Mr. Clark, "continues very discouraging. Earnings are falling off continuously and I can see little prospect of a change until late summer, if then. I am not a pessimist, but, seriously, the situation is not overly pleasant to contemplate at this time."

MISSOURI PACIFIC DIRECTORS.

Election in St. Louis Today—Other Annual Railroad Meetings.

ST. LOUIS, March 13.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Missouri Pacific Railway company was held at the general offices of that company in this city today. The following directors were chosen: George G. Gould, Russel Sage, Edwin Gould, Louis Fitzgerald, John P. Munn, John G. Moore, Howard Gould, Samuel D. Sloan, Thomas L. Eckert and D. B. Parmlee of New York and S. H. H. Clark, C. G. Warner and D. K. Ferguson of St. Louis. There were represented 382,973½ shares of stock out of a total of 474,365¾.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railway was also held here today, with R. J. Lackland acting as chairman, and S. D. Barlow as secretary. The following directors were chosen: George J. Gould, Russell Sage, Samuel Shethar, John T. Terry, D. B. Parmlee, Victor Morawetz and Howard Gould of New York, Henry Whelan of Philadelphia, A. L. Hopkins of Boston and R. J. Lackland of St. Louis.

The semi-annual meeting of the directors of the St. Louis Southern railway (Cotton Belt) was held here and was a formal affair to comply with provisions of the charter. No business of importance was transacted.

ST. JOSEPH, March 13.—A meeting of the directors of the Hannibal & St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs, Chicago, Burlington & Kansas City and St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwestern railroads was held at the general offices in this city today. All the old officers of the companies were reelected for the ensuing year. Routine business was transacted.

MORE REDUCED RATES.

Kansas City and St. Louis Lines Meet the Recent Cut.

CHICAGO, March 13.—The St. Louis-Kansas City lines today announced the following reduced rates, necessitated by the reduction in rates from Chicago to Kansas City: St. Louis to Kansas City, $6; to Leavenworth, $6.75; Atchison and St. Joseph, $5.15; Council Bluffs and Omaha, $10. The rates will go into effect March 16.

The advisory committee of the Western Passenger association emigration clearing house met today to discuss the best course of action relative to the withdrawal of the Atchison from the clearing house. It was unanimously determined to keep up the emigrant clearing house as long as two lines could be found to stick together on the question.

The Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul & Omaha today gave notice that it would use the reduced rates from the Missouri river gateways to California as basing rates, taking 80 per cent of the double local Sioux City rate as a standard. This will make a round trip rate from St. Paul and Minneapolis to San Francisco and Los Angeles of $40.15.

Missouri Pacific Earnings.

NEW YORK, March 13.—The earnings of the Missouri Pacific system for the year ending December 1 are: Gross, $24,018,338; decrease, $2,326,449. Net, $5,761,170; decrease, $1,345,430. Total income, $3,304,861; decrease, $500,423. Balances, $8,218,582; increase, $108,805.

Missouri Pacific railway proper: Gross earnings, $12,304,870; decrease, $2,350,125. Net, $2,275,456; decrease, $1,541,817. Total income, $3,662,560; decrease, $819,000. Surplus on January 1, $4,248,815; increase, $718,616.

St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern: Gross earnings, $11,713,465; increase, $23,676. Net, $3,485,714; increase, $196,387. Total income, $3,642,331; increase, $329,482. Surplus January 1, $3,880,962; increase, $85,199.

They Say He is Mistaken.

A mail clerk who runs out over the Union Pacific reports that the general opinion out along the line is that in case the present conference does not result satisfactorily to the men a general strike of all classes of employes will follow. The men who are here as representatives of the employes discredit the rumor, and one and all express confidence that the days of strikes are over. If the conference with Mr. Clark should not prove successful, the representatives of the men who are here say that the courts will be called upon to settle it, and that no thought of a strike is in their minds, as they are only too well satisfied with the turn affairs have taken.

Railroad Notes.

Grand Chief Clark of the conductors will arrive in the city tomorrow on the Northwestern to advise with the men in regard to the Union Pacific conference.

Claim Agent Hancock of the Union Pacific has gone to Louisville, Ky., to attend a meeting of the claim agents of the various roads in the country. The meeting is for the purpose if discussing matters of interest to those in that branch of the railway service. Among other things that will be discussed will be the question of car seals. The various ones in use will be examined and discussed and one recommended to the different roads for general adoption.

Miss Edholm's Warrant

Mrs. Julia Crissy, who runs a drug store at Twenty-fourth and Lake streets, telephoned to Secretary Gillan that she had a county warrant for $45 which had been found by a little boy in the street near her store. She was instructed to turn the warrant over to the county treasurer. This is supposed to be the warrant that was stolen from Miss Edholm, the school mistress who was attacked and robbed by a colored man while she was returning from her school last Friday night.

LARGE TEXAS TIME.

Live Experiences of Showmen in a Lone Star Town.

"I was down in Texas about four years ago," said John Turner, the banjoist, to the New York Herald man, "and I want to tell you that I had the liveliest as well as the most pleasing experience of my life. I forget the name of the town we played at, but I know we made a jump from there to Fort Worth.

"Well, we gave a show to the toughest audience I ever struck, all cowboys and the wildest kind. I came on to do my turn. I started in to play a march, when a big fellow in one of the front seats stood up and yelled:

"'Here, that don't go! Play us a jig!'

"The rest of the house began yelling, 'Jig, jig, jig,' until they were all at it, and you couldn't hear yourself talk. When they quieted down I played them a rattling jig. I finished it up in good shape, and it seemed to hit 'em pretty hard, for when I started in to play another tune the same big fellow stood up and yelled:

"'Play that over again!'

"I played it ten times before I got away from them. That wasn't the end of it, either. After the show we were told to catch the 3 o'clock train for Fort Worth. My side partner, good old Tom McQueen, and myself started from the theater about 11:30 o'clock for the depot, and incidentally we thought we would get a drink on the way. We dropped into a place where there was a gang drinking, and walked quietly up to the bar.

"'Give me a little whisky,' says I to the bartender.

"'Set 'em up for the boys!' broke in a voice behind me.

"It was the big fellow who yelled at the theater.

"'Don't have so much to say,' put in Tom, who was rather hasty.

"'Say, you're the fellow that sung that song at the show, ain't you?' asked the big fellow.

"'Yes, I am, and I never sang before such a mob in my life,' said Tom.

"'Well, mister, I ain't a rich man, but I've got a $5 shiner in my pocket for you if you'll sing that song again.'

"'I'll sing you another,' said Tom, and without another word he began 'Home, Sweet Home.' Talk about a time. Why, every one of those big fellows was crying and snivveling around as if their hearts were breaking, and I don't know but what I shed a couple of tears myself. Tom sang it out of sight, anyway. Why, even the bartender was wiping his eyes with his shirt sleeve. As soon as Tom was through the bartender began putting bottles and glasses on the bar.

"'Anything you want, gents. You can have anything in the house.' Everybody wanted to treat. The big fellow insisted on buying us a couple of bottles of whisky each. Then he caught sight of my banjo, and I had to play that old jig over about fifteen times. It was getting near train time, and we had to make a break. Everybody in the saloon went to the depot with us, even the bartender, who locked the place up. You never heard such a mob of yelling Indians in your life. We got on the train all right, and as she pulled out the big fellow yelled:

"'Ha, you singer, and the man with the banjo, come back some time! You can have the town. Whoop!'"

COCKROACHES IN HIS HEAD.

A Nest of the Insects Removed from the Ear of a Young Man.

A man with a nest of cockroaches in his head presented himself at the Emergency hospital in Washington recently. Stories have often been told of snakes and frogs in human stomachs. An instance in regard to the habits of animals which is even more peculiar came to light about a week ago. Cases have often been noticed where bugs have entered the ear and caused excruciating pain by eating the delicate membranes and tissues of the inner ear before they could be driven out. But this is the first case where a roach was permitted to remain in the ear long enough to lay eggs and hatch its young. George Woods, who was the patient, a young man of about 20, is employed on an oyster boat. Like many other boats, this one was infested with big, black cockroaches. One night while Woods was asleep a roach crept in his ear and lodged itself just far enough inside to be out of reach. Woods felt it there next morning, but being unable to poke it out with his finger he permitted it to remain, thinking her reachship would tire of her quarters and move out. But the roach, either because it got in head first and could not turn around and get out, or because it found the accommodations exceedingly comfortable, instead of getting out, proceeded to make its nest right there in the man's ear. Finally it started to tunnel through the head. As it afterward was shown on investigation the roach had eaten its way through the channel to the tympanum and through the drum itself. Here, it seems, it gave up investigations, and from some cause or other died. When Woods found that he was deaf in the right ear he thought he had better have the matter looked into, so he took advantage of his boat being in Washington to visit the hospital. When Dr. Johnson washed out the ear, in addition to the body of the defunct roach, a number of little roaches and some eggs which had failed to hatch were removed.

Water Pressure on Hillpost.

The superintendent of the water works at New Britain, Conn., has recently devised a novel method of obtaining an effective fire pressure at a hydrant on top of a hill up which a six-inch main was laid. The head furnished by the gravity water works which supply New Britain is only great enough to send water to the top of the hill, and a fire stream without an engine was impossible. According to a note in the Engineering Record the top of the hill was 140 feet above the base and about 850 feet from it in a horizontal line. It was too steep for the engines, as it took six horses to drag one up to the summit. An excellent fire stream was obtained, however, by placing a check valve on the main about seventy-five feet up the hill from the base, putting in a hydrant just above this valve, and then connecting an engine at the base of the hill with this hydrant with two lines of hose. At the top of the hill there is a relief valve set at ninety-five pounds, and the pressure obtained by the use of the combination of engine, hose and iron main has several times been enough to raise the valve.

A. P. A.-Catholic Contest.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 13.—Assemblyman Sulzer declared in the assembly last night that the homicide at Troy was the result of a contest between the A. P. A. and the Catholics. Assemblyman Ainsworth held Governor Flower responsible.

Remanded for Further Investigation.

NEW YORK, March 13.—John Kelly, who was arrested early Monday morning, having in his possession a number of dynamite cartridges, was arraigned before Justice Simmons in the Harlem court and remanded until Thursday to allow the police time to make further investigations.

Robbed a Postoffice.

MEXICO, Mo., March 13.—Burglars effected an entrance to the postoffice here last night and blew open the safe with dynamite, securing $300 in cash and stamps, money orders, etc., to the amount of nearly $1,000. There is no clue to the thieves.

Rail Mills to Start Up.

PUEBLO, March 13.—Orders were received by the superintendent of the steel works here to start up the rail mill and converter tomorrow morning. This will employ 400 additional men.

Rubber Works Shut Down.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 13.—The Candee Rubber works will shut down on Saturday until April 23. An overstock of goods is the cause assigned. Fifteen hundred workmen will be thrown idle.

Collar Bone Broken.

A load of hay slipped from a wagon at Seventeenth and Cuming streets last evening, throwing the driver, Chris Olesen, to the pavement. A collar bone was broken and less serious injury sustained

Irish Flag Will Wave.

NEW YORK, March 13.—The green flag of Ireland will after all wave over Brooklyn city hall on St. Patrick's day, the board of aldermen having overruled Mayor Scheiren.

Stays of Execution Granted.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 13.—Governor Stone has granted stays of execution to Charles Wisdom and Jacob Brown from next Thursday to April 13.

Union Seminary Row Revived.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Several young men were yesterday presented to the New York presbytery prior to their admission to the ministry and a commotion was created by a suggestion that they be asked whether they attended a seminary not recommended by the presbytery and the general assembly. Eventually the question of admission was carried with only three dissentient votes.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Domestic.

The republicans carried the town of Hanover, N. H., by a large majority yesterday.

Chief of Police Kellogg of Denver has resigned. Lieutenant John F. Stone has been appointed in his place.

Minister Peralta of Costa Rica denies that there has been recently or is now in progress a revolution in that country.

The president yesterday sent the following nomination to the senate: Clark S. Rowe, register of the land office at Chamberlain, S. D.

A sugar beet convention, composed of sixty delegates from western slope counties of Colorado, was held at Colorado Springs yesterday.

Tramps at Mafa, Tex., captured an eastbound Southern Pacific express, and the sheriff and a posse arrested the wandering anarchists.

Lack of nerve prevented a hold up on the Cannon Ball train near Texas, Kan., yesterday. One of the would-be robbers gave the snap away.

The citizens committee of Gravesend, N. Y., has found many irregularities in the manner in which J. Y. McKane conducted the affairs of the town.

E. R. Walters, chief clerk to Superintendent Bryant of the Colorado Midland railway, was arrested yesterday at Denver charged with embezzling about $15,000.

H. V. Hand, alias S. V. Handley, alias Early, a notorious "bogus check shover" and confidence man, was arrested in Kansas City yesterday for trying to "turn a trick."

A dispatch from Massillon, O., says there is no truth in the report that that city is thronged with tramps who have gone there to join Coxey's "On to Washington" army.

The city of Pueblo and the town of Bessemer, Colo., held elections yesterday and decided by a large majority to consolidate. Highland refused to consolidate by a large majority.

Jeff Evans was captured near Albuquerque, N. M., by J. W. Walker, who has been on his trail a long time for the murder of Nogle and Milleron, ranchmen of Garza county, Texas, in 1888.

The special venire of seventy-five laymen, from which to select a jury for the Little murder trial at Olathe, Kan., was exhausted yesterday and an additional number of forty ordered drawn.

B. F. Clayton of Iowa, president of the national farmers congress, is in Denver for the purpose of conferring with officers of the farmers alliance regarding the feasibility of holding the next national congress in that city.

It has just been discovered that a man named Steward, who was in Wichita, Kan., recently for his health and had $1,000 in drafts cashed by the Wichita National bank, has skipped out and the drafts proved to be forgeries.

At the meeting of the Central Board of Education of Pittsburg, Pa., last night, a resolution was adopted, by a vote of 29 to 2, refusing to pay any teacher appearing in the public schools in the garb of any religious order.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy yesterday made a marked reduction in the number of train and engine crews because of the poor business outlook. The prospect is, the officials say, that business will not improve before September.

Attorneys for the Michigan state officers and clerks indicted for connection with salary frauds yesterday, moved to quash the indictment under the conspiracy counts on the ground of several alleged illegalities in connection with the drawing of the grand jury.

Expert Accountant Charles N. Seidlitz, who was employed by the county court to examine the accounts of county officials of Jackson county, Missouri, has made an official report to the county court, showing an apparent shortage of $19,401 in the accounts of County Clerk Montgomery S. Burr.

James Britton, formerly mayor of St. Louis and at one time president of the State Bank of Missouri, but now a citizen of New York, was arrested at St. Louis yesterday by a United States marshal, charged with being accessory to an embezzlement by his son, Alfred M. Britton, president of the First National bank of Vernon, Tex.

SAID SANDOW WAS A LIAR

Champion Jim Uses Low Down Language in Referring to the Strong Man.

PROMISES TO PARALYZE THE PRUSSIAN

Sandow's Manager Undertakes to Explain a Report to Corbett When the Latter Said a Number of Very Unpretty Things.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Champion Jim Corbett and Eugene Sandow, the strong man, are at loggerheads. Sandow was quoted as saying if he engaged in a contest with Corbett he could easily cripple the champion by simply parrying the latter's leads and rendering his arms useless.

Sandow's manager yesterday told Corbett that Sandow wanted to deny that he ever said he could defeat him or that he could cripple him by parrying his blows.

"Sandow's a liar," was Corbett's quick reply, "and you tell him that I'll bet $2,500 that I can knock him out with a punch. He's a big stiff, and please tell him that for me."

Whether that message was carried to Sandow is not known. At any rate he sent no answer.

Marksmanship Championship

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—One big event in the midwinter shooting festival was decided at Shellmound park and it was an important occurrence in the history of local military marksmanship. The championship of the Pacific states went to the Carson City guards of Nevada. Company C of the First Infantry regiment of the National guards of California, champion of this state, was defeated by four points. The Carson City's had ten men shooting, ten shots each, and made the high score of 443 out of a possible 500. Company C's team was close behind with 439 points. The rest of the ten teams has but slightly lower scores. O. Nolte of Company C made a score of 48 points out of a possible 50. Three others made 47.

Western League Meeting.

MILWAUKEE, March 13.—Delegates to the spring meeting of the Western league began arriving this morning: William Sharsig, Indianapolis and John J. Barnes, Minneapolis were the first to put in an appearance at the Plankington house. President Johnson and other delegates will arive this evening. A number of minor questions will be disposed of when the schedule matter will be taken up. It is almost certain the championship season will open April 25, a majority of the delegates favoring that date. Each club will travel about 12,500 miles.

American Wheelmen's Deliberations.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Executive committee of the League of American Wheelmen adjourned yesterday to meet again within thirty days, when important matters will come up. Next Sunday the racing board meets to arrange the grand circuit. At the grand meeting of the league at Denver, August 27 to September 1, the champions of the various states will compete.

Lavigne Will Meet Dobbs.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 13.—Billy Lavigne of Saginaw, Mich., and Bobby Dobbs (colored) champion light-weight of America, were today matched for a contest before the Twin City Athletic club here March 19.

Moore and McCarthy Draw.

BOSTON, March 13.—Dick Moore of this city and Billy McCarthy, the Australian middleweight, fought ten rounds to a draw here tonight under the auspices of the Cribb club for a $1,800 purse.

Dogs of All Sizes and Shapes.

CHICAGO, March 13.—The bench show of the Mascoutah Kennel club opened today. The display of field dogs is one of the best ever seen in the west.

All but Settled.

LONDON, March 13.—The Sportsman says it is all but settled that Jackson and Corbett will fight at the National Sporting club.

FORCED A DELAY.

Wiley Contingent Prevented Business by the City Council Last Night.

The Wiley contingent forced an adjournment of the council immediately after roll call last evening, and action on the electric lighting franchise was staved off for at least four days, while the mayor's veto of the ordinance abolishing the office of city electrician remains unacted on in the hands of City Clerk Wakeley, where it was placed just before the council was called to order.

Roll call elicited responses from all the councilmen, with the exception of Bechel, for whom an excuse for four days was immediately asked for by Wheeler, and it was granted.

President Howell announced that he would also have to be excused at once, as domestic matters urgently demanded his presence at home.

Parker moved an adjournment until Friday evening at 7 o'clock, and it was so ordered, over the protest of Saunders, who urged that so many matters of importance were pressing that the council should at least hold a session of an hour or two to attend to certain ordinances.

An unusually large crowd had assembled in the lobby to see the expected fun over the Cowgill veto and the lighting franchise, and a number of ladies and their escorts were present in the gallery.

Hascall and Parker were busy on the floor before the meeting was called to order, proselyting votes for adjournment. Aside from the fact that the Thomson-Houston forces were not ready for battle on the lighting franchise, the absence of Bechel left the anti-Cowgill crowd at least one vote shy on the veto question, hence their activity in forcing delay.

CONFESSES TO BURGLARY.

Kane Spencer Says He and Two Others Have Done Six Jobs Recently.

Harry Spencer, Kane Spencer and Fred Miller are now under arrest for burglary. The latter was arrested last night, together with William Botts, but the latter was released when Kane Spencer got through confessing to the police of participation in six burglaries, in which Botts was not implicated. He operated with his brother, Harry, and Fred Miller.

He said they burglarized Martin Shields' saloon Monday night; Jack Beck's grocery store, 213 North Eleventh street, on the same night; Johnson's commission house, 1116 Capitol avenue, a few weeks ago; Ratekin's commission house, in the same block, two weeks afterwards; A. P. Lindquist's tailor shop, Eleventh and Jackson streets, several weeks ago, and Mrs. Lewis' house on Ninth street.

Commercial Club Anniversary.

Secretary Drexel is preparing an extensive program for the anniversary meeting of the Commercial club to be held next Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. A banquet will be one of the many features of the affair. Addresses will be made by Dr. George L. Miller, General J. C. Cowin, Edward Rosewater, W. H. Roberson, John L. Webster, W. H. Alexander, President Gibbon and others. A musical feature will be vocal solos by Walt Wilkins and Lucien Copeland. The Sutorious Mandolin club will add to the pleasures of the evening. Reports will be made by the secretary and heads of the respective bureaus and a general celebration of the club's birthday will follow.

Fell Into Boiling Oil.

George Michal and Walter Bridges, while trying to raise a ladder in the paint room of Murphy, Wasey & Co's. chair factory yesterday afternoon, slipped and fell into a barrell of boiling oil. Both were scalded on the legs. It is thought it will be necessary to amputate Michal's left leg.

Thoma Bound Over.

Paul Thoma, who was arrested yesterday for threatening to shoot, was bound over in the sum of $1,000. William Mason, who was on the witness stand in behalf of Thoma, was arrested himself a few moments after. He has been wanted for some time for the larceny of a shotgun.

Bereaved by Death.

Mary E., 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Buckley, 1009 North Twenty-second street, died yesterday afternoon of spinal meningitis. The funeral will be held at the residence at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Interment at the cemetery of the Holy Sepulcher.

Mass March of Idle Men.

LOS ANGELES, March 13.—Over 800 unemployed organized regiments several weeks ago to join the Coxey march on Washington. They sent a delegation to the city council last night to obtain railroad transportation. General Frye, commander of the army, has sent notice to Secretary of War Lamont of the moving army. A demand is made for rations to be issued to the army from various posts. General Frye significantly states that the army will number 3,000,000 by the time it reaches Washington, and intimates that it would be just as well to accede to the requests.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

In Nebraska Today it Will Be Fair and South Winds Will Blow

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Forecasts for Wednesday: For Nebraska—Fair; southeast or south winds.

For Iowa—Partly cloudy; variable winds; becoming southeast.

For the Dakotas—Partly cloudy; south winds.

For Kansas—Partly cloudy; east winds.

Cattle Owner Killed.

LUSK, Wyo., March 13.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—A shooting affray, the result of a dispute about the range, occurred today near Lost Springs, a station about forty miles west of Lusk, in which Charley McGroskey, a sheep herder, shot Joe Atkinson, a cattle owner, mortally wounding him.