THE HARMEST THE MEN MONTHLY TANKED WITH

as that connected with the old well. They went as far north as the Niobrara river and there found J. B. Berry, an old citizen who has been constantly on the hunt since the tragedy was known. Berry claims that he picked up the trail of the lynchers where Sheriff Hamilton and his posse leat it on the river bank and followed it west to the Whit-ing bridge, which is located thirty miles about due north from O'Neill. The trail led across the bridge and then turned and came back. The current flows swiftly at this point and immediately under the bridge the river is free from ice. The bottom is a quicksand and would soon bury any heavy body. Several large stones are missing from the bridge, and it is Mr. Berry's theory that the isochers brought their victim to the bridge, weighted him with stones and then dropped him into the moving quicksand, where all trace would seen disappear. In case the body is not found in the well as anticipated this theory will probably be

There is some criticism of the fact that no guard was left at the well tonight. It is known that the movements of the scarching party were closely watched by some of the suspected vigilantes in that vicinity, and it is feared that during the night the body may be removed to some place where the officers would not be likely to find it. Sheriff Hamilton says that he has closed the well in such a manner that any tampering with it could be detected, but this would not save the body if the vigilantes should decide

BANDITS KIDNAP A CHILD.

Confession of One of the Outlaws Enables

Chieers to Locate Their Den. LEBANON, Ind., Jan. 6.-While enroute to his father's office the little 6-year-old son of Charles C. Wiekham was kidnaped at of whom placed him on his horse and drove pieces, missing from his table. rapidly away. The kidnaping occurred at District court is still grinding When the child's absence became known Wickham and a party of men organized and commerce describing the surrounding country. All night they kept up their search, but no trace of the missing child could be found. A party of reprehers came across a negro on the road near Mechanicsburg, eight miles north of here. His actions were suspicious, and when brought to this city and put in the sweat box he broke down and corfessed that he was a member of a gang of cutlaws whose rendezvous was in a cave in the banks of Sugar creek about half way between Thornton and Mechanicaburg. He says the child had been abducted for the purpose of securing a handsome ransom. known Wickham and a party of men organ-

A posse was at once organized, and from the information obtained from the negro had little trouble in locating the den. Therethey found the child asleep. The bandits had evidently been warned of their coming and had flown. A brief description of the members was given by the child and the officers mashed on in pursuit. cers pushed on in pursuit.

A messenger who arrived from the vicin-

A messenger who arrived from the vicinity toxight reports a running fight as having taken place between the officers and outlaws. He says that when he left the bandits were surrounded in the swamp and their capture is but a question of a few boors.

EXONERATED AFTER MANY YEARS. Interesting Story of the Pardon of Jacob

M. Fareber of Colorado. DENVER, Jan. 6.—Jacob M. Fareber, who to Mexico, and to whom Governo. Watte has granted a full pardon, is known in Mexico, where he has become rich and held imwhere he has become rich and held important public offices, as Miguel Latz. He is the head of the firm of M. Latz & Bro. of Magdalena, state of Sonora, which is well known in the commercial circles of New York, San Francisco and Hamburg. He has been meyor of the city of Magdalena, deputy governor of that portion of the state of Sonora, fiscal agent of the federal and state governments, and enjoys the condidence and friendship of the best people in that part of Mexico. He became a citizen of Mexico in order to marry Donna Anita, the belle of Magdalena. Twelve years ago General Warner P. Sutton of Washington, D. C., for ten years corsul general to Mexico, met Fareber and became interested in his case, it was through his efforts that Fareber's innocence was established and a pardon obtained for him.

CHESS CONTEST BY CABLE.

Elaborate Arrangements for Transmitting the Details of the Matches.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.-The arrangements transmitting the moves in the match between the representatives of the Manhattan spector General Davis were present, the latter Chess club and the British Chess club are acting as mustering officer. After the cereconnected by special wires through the cable office with the western end of the Commercial company's ocean cables at Canso, Nova Scotia. Similarly at London, the rooms of the British Chess club will be connected through the cable office with the eastern end of the company's cables. Practically instantaneous communications will

thus be established between the forms of the competing clubs.

As soon as the first move is made it will be transmitted by a cable operator from New York to Canso, a distance of 80 miles, thence by one of the main Atlantic cables to Waterville, on the southwest extremity of Ireland, a distance of 2,161 miles, thence to the rooms of the British club, a distance of 471 miles. Elaborate arrangements have been made to prevent confusion between the different pairs of players. CHARGED WITH MURDERING WOMEN

Denver Man Alleged to Be Gullty of a Series of Cr mes.

DENVER, Jan. 6.-Alphonse Lamar, one of the Frenchmen arrested on suspicion of having strangled three Market street women, today made an alleged confession, charging Victor Monchereaux, also under arrest, with the murders. He claims that Monchereaux tried to persuade him to do the killing, and upon his refusing did it himself. He says that Monchereaux told him the details of how each woman was strangled, and said that he would kill a number of others. On Friday Monchereaux dictated a confession, in which he charged Lamar with the murders, in almost the same language that Lamar uses in his confession. The police are suspicious that both Lamar and Monchereaux are only figure-heads put forward by the organization mentioned by French parasites in the low quarter, and that they are attracting as much attention as possible, so as to draw off investigation in other directions. There is not sufficient evidence against either to hold him at the preliminary hearing.

Valley lodge No. 89, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, met at their hall Wedneshammetry in the low quarters. C. F. Bee, N. G.; J. O. Perce, V. G.; F. L. Cook, secretary; J. K. Adams, treasurer. The following officers were appointed by the noble grand: Frank Clements, R. S.; M. I. Rix, L. S.; John Pifer, W.; R. S. Hart, I. G.; A. L. Welfe, O. G.; M. M. Warner, C. ASHLAND, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The installation of officers in Ashland lodge No. 119, Ancient Order United Workmen, for the ensuing year occurred at their hall Wednesham the preliminary hearing.

C. Altkin, foreman; W. A. Fowler, overseer: Monchereaux tried to persuade him to do

SEAMEN LOSE THEIR LIVES.

Three of the Crew of the Wrecker Samson Washed Overboard.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6 .- Three of the rew of the wrecker Samson lost their lives Litchfield Priday when the schooner was driven united Workmen, installed officers for the against the rocks at Point Bonita light-house. They were divers Backer and Dolan vited friends. Ceremonies were conducted by nouse. They were divers Backer and Dolan and Watchman Johnson. When the schooner went ashore Baker and Dolan got into a small boat, and while waiting for the others to get into the boat, were swept away by the sea. Johnson, with three others, clung to the rigging, but he became exhausted and was washed off into the sea. The others got ashore when the tide went down.

WANT DANCING PROHIBITED.

City Council of Goldfield In . Petitioned by as we happen to be this year, almost in the the Ladies of the Town.

the Ladies of the Town.
CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 6.—(Special WESTO) CEDAR RAPIDS, In., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The city council of Goldfield, at its last meeting, received a remarkable petition, and one which caused much commodien. On New Year's evening the firement gave a ball, which did not meet with the approbation of a number of the ladies of the town, who held a meeting, which resulted in a petition being sent to the city council praying for the enactment of an ordinance prohibiting dancing. Just what action will be taken by the city council is not yet known.

Saloon Keepers Avala Paying License. CLEVELAND, Jan. 6.-The police have just completed a saloon census, and the fact | Reefe's saloon building at 2 o'clock spread is developed that 451 saloons in this city | north and south and destroyed the stocks of have been operated during the past year without having paid the Dow tax of \$250 per annum. The salcon keepers who have thus evaded parments are now indebted to the city and county over \$112,009. Vigorous measures will immediately be adopted to bring the delinquents to time.

Attempted to Commit Suicide.

Johnstown Again Threatened. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 6.—Thunder and lightning ushered in a cold rain this morning, which continues tonight. The river is rising with a rush and much uneasiness is felt throughout this entire section over the river.

Settled the Topeka Pension Board. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 6 .- Commissioner of Pensions Lochren has appointed Dr. Munn member of the pension board at Topeka.

This ends a long contest for the place.

PUZZLED THE PHYSICIANS

Mrs. Curtis of Grand Island Dies Under Peculiar Circumstances.

IGNORED RETRENCHMENT RESOLUTIONS

Councilmen Who Talked of Small Salaries Refore Election and Later Insisted on Drawing Everything in Sight.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 6 .- (Special.) -Mrs. Curtis, a young woman employed in a photograph gallery of this city, died under rather peculiar circumstances last night.

Friday morning about 9 o'clock her nose began to bleed. She paid no particular attention to it, but became alarmed when it still continued to bleed until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

It required the efforts of two physicians to stop the hemorrhage, by plugging the nostrils. Yesterday morning she was much worse, and last night blood pole-ning set in, from the effects of which she died.

H. A. Edwards, assistant clerk of the senate of the last legislature, is a wiser but poerer man today. A few days ago upon leaving his office he left his key in the door, and upon returning a few minutes later, he Thornton yesterday by two strangers, one found his purse, containing two \$10 gold

District court is still grinding away slowly. A large number of cases, growing out of the failure of the Citizens' National bank, and the shortinge of the defaulting treasurers, are still holding them in session. Clerk of the House W. M. Geddes,

Senator G. H. Caldwell and Representatives H. H. Harrison and George Rouse are spendng Sunday at home with their families. The advisory board of the Nebraska Sol-

diers' Home, consisting of M. H. Barber of Fullerton, president; Mrs. Bates of Aurora, scretary; Mrs. O. A. Abbott of this city, W. Morgan of Scotia and A. H. Brown of Hastings was in session at the home yesterday and Friday, in the trasaction of routine Never before in the history of this city has

such energetic charity work been done as is being done this year by the Associated Charities, assisted by the city authorities and citi-B. F. Merrill, secretary. zens generally. B. F. Merrill, secretary, has distributed large amounts of clothing and provisions among the needy, and as soon as a case of destitution or want is made known, it is looked after at once.

The ladies of the different churches are in turn devoting one afternoon of their time by meeting at the city hall and taking part in making quilts for the poor. Up to the pres-ent time thirty new quilts have been turned

The pay roll of the city council presents was sentenced to the penitentiary in this rather peculiar aspect. It contains convinc-state in 1874 for manulaughter, but escaped ing proof, at least as far as "salary" is concerned, Grand Island has councilmen of the first and second class, of low and high degree. Two of the councilmen draw \$250 per year, while pix draw only \$150. About the time of the last city election retrenchment was the ataxy. ataxy. death r ized, a majority of the council carried the motion to take only \$150. Though the law Though the law states that the emolument of no officer shall be increased or diminished while he is holding office, it was generally expected that the three councilmen who opposed the motion would abide by the majority's decision. Only one of them, James A. Rourke, has done so and while he and others are drawing \$150 per year, Councilmen Owens and McLaughlin are drawing \$250. And no one would, at this time, be warranted in saying that they carned more than the others.

LOUGE OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Societies Induct Their New Leaders in Format Manner.

CRETE, Jan. 6 .- (Special.)-Holland post No. 75, Grand Army of the Republic, held public installation exercises last night in the opera house. Department Commander Church Howe, Adjutant General Trimble and Inspector General Davis were present, the latter almost completed. The chess room of the monies Commander Howe addressed a large Manhattan Chess club at New York will be and very attentive audience for over an hour. connected by special wires through the Mr. Howe gave a graphic illustration of the pension policy of the present administration, showing that the Grand Army of the Republic did not ask for any more than was rooms of the British Chess club will be acted through the cable office with the ern end of the company's cables. Praclly instantaneous communications will be established between the rooms of Competing clubs.

Soon as the first move is made it will be replaced out for as to any more than was stalled: C. E. Shilling; S. V. C. J. O. Goodwin; J. V. C., M. B. Wisner; adjutant, M. Lovelt; surgeon, E. McLloray; chaplain, L. M. Beals; Q. M. H. We W. Bell; O. D.

J. W. Grewell; O. G., C. Christians.
WAUNETA, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The
newly elected officers of Wauneta lodge No. 265, Ancient Order of United Workmen, were publicly installed at their hall Jacuary 2. The ceremony was most impressive, and was witnessed by nearly every person in Wauneta, F. T. Dimick of this place acting as installing officer, assisted by other prominent mem-bers of the local lodge. Prior to the installa-tion exercises a social and literary program consisting of music by the Ancient Order of United Workmen quartet, speeches, recitations and select reading was well rendered after which the members of the order and their families went to the Falls hotel for supper. From there all who wished re-paired to Library hall and enjoyed the remaining hours of the night in dancing. LYONS, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Logan Valley lodge No. 89, Independent Order of

stalled: J. W. Moon, master workman; J. C. Altkin, foreman; W. A. Powler, overseer; E. J. Whipple, recorder; J. A. Bowen, financier; B. S. Clark, receiver; J. H. Granger, guide; S. L. Graham, inside watch; Johnson

Knight, outside watch. LITCHFIELD, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Spec al.)— itchfield ledge No. 131, Ancient Order until a late hour, every one going home feeling that there surely are great things in fra-ternalism and sociability, even to us, situated

PONCA. Neb., Jan. 6 .- (Special.) -- Fire in north and south and destroyed the stocks of

NEBRASKA CITY, Jan. 6 .- (Special.)-

above the knee. He stepped from his engine while in motion near the depot to enter a hotel for a lunch and slipped under the wheels. A special train brought his wife, baby and brother here from Wymore just fifteen minutes before he died. The body was taken to his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoppe, who live about a mile and a half west of the city. His parents live in Iowa and will attend the funeral, which will take place Tuesday. He leaves a wife and a 3-months-old baby.

ARGABRIGHT FOUND GUILTY.

Jury Returns a Verdict of Manslaughter Against Smeltzer's Slayer. AUBURN, Jan. 6 .- (Special Telegram.)-The jury returned a verdiet this afternoon against J. W. Argabright of manslaughter. Court will convene in the morning for the purpose of hearing motions for a new trial and passing sentence, and will then adjourn

YORK, Neb., Jan. 6 .- (Special.) -The last meeting of the old county board was held here yesterday. In remembrance of this sented to Chairman Probaska, in the name of the members of the board, a handsome gold watch. Mr. Probaska, although plainly taken by surprise, made a neat speech of ac-ceptance. The work of this board has given general satisfaction throughout. The first meeting of the new board will be held Tuesday, and until that time the county will be without a board of supervisors.

The Soldiers Colony company of York county met in the court house yesterday. The meeting was adjourned till next Satur Mrs. A. B. Taylor and daughters arrived

from Imperial, this state, yesterday, and will, in the future, make this their home. Mr. Taylor arrived a few days ago.
Miss Alice Small left today for Thayer, which place she will take charge of the school taught by her sister, until she is able once more resume her work.

Mr. J. C. Compton and family, accom-panied by his mother, Mrs. Ellen C. Compton, left yesterday for Perry, Mich., at which place they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. J. Sampson of Knox county arrived here yesterday and will for few days remain here, visiting the sister of

Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. W. E. Johnson.
At the home of Mrs. E. A. Warner, Mesdames E. A. Warner, G. P. Chessman and Harrison entertained about seventy-five of their lady friends on Friday afternoon. The iouse was beautifully decorated. The terms of court for the Fifth district of Nebraska for the year of 1895 will be as follows: Saunders county, January 21, May 13, October 7; Butler, February 25, June 3, November 1; Polk, March 25, June 24, December 9; Seward, January 21, May 6, October 7 York, February 18, May 27, November 11

Wheeler of Osceola will preside Demise of Three Exeter Citizens.

Hamilton, March 18, June 17, December

Hon, Edward Bates of York and Hon, Rober

EXETER, Neb., Jan. 6 .- (Special.) -- Exeter lost three of her citizens last week by death. David H. Mulholland died at his home Friday morning, after being confined to his bed for nearly eight months with that peculiar and incurable disease known as locomtor ataxy. For almost fifty days prior to his death not a particle of food or other nourishment passed his lips. He was 36 years of age, came to Exeter from Louisville, N. Y., in 1881, engaged in the mercantlle business until 1886, when he became a member of the grain firm of E. Sandrock & Co., in which he retained an interest until 1893, when the firm dissolved. He was a leading figure in all business, social and political matters up to the beginning of his illness, a year ago, and was extremely popular with all classes, His funeral occurred this afternoon from the Congregational church, Rev. C. H. Huestis of which he was an honored member, had charge of his burial.

Mrs. Christine Sweely died at the home of her son-in-law, John Redfern, December 29, and was buried January 1 She was 83 years of age.
Mrs. Nancy Rolan dled January 1 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Brown, and was buried Wednesday in the Center cemetery. She was 78 years of age.

committed suicids by shooting himself Wednesday. Exeter lodge No. 88, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: N. G., Palmer Rico; V. W. S. Dimick; secretary, F. M. Ziska;

reasurer, C. A. Songster. Exeter camp No. 887, Modern Woodmen of America, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: V. C., E. H. Lancaster: W. A. William Dyer; E., George H. Steele; W. C. G. J. Clauss; S. Bert Dyer; delegate, F. O.

Possibly the greatest event to commence the new year was the dinner and supper given by the Workmen lodge and its Degree of Honor Tuesday for the benefit of the west-ern drouth sufferers. An excellent dinner and supper was given at the remarkably low price

Nebraska City Church Dedicated. NEBRASKA CITY, Jan. 6 .- (Special.)-The new Baptist church was dedicated today, Rev. A. O. Williams, a former pastor, preaching the sermon. An elaborate program was observed at both morning and evening service and services will continue throughout the week. The structure is a handsome one, built of vitrified brick with appropriate trimmings. The auditorium is an octagonal shaped room with raised seats and a seating capacity of 700. Separate from the auditorium is a lecture room with a seating capacity of about 250. The pews are of solid oak in natural finish, and the rest of the wood work corresponds. The cost of the building was about \$10,000.

DUEL OFER A CRAP GAME.

One Man Fatally Wounded and Three Others Seriously Injured.

CLARKSTOWN, Mo., Jan. 6.-A duel with pistols took place late yesterday afternoon between two negroes on the main business street. There were 500 people in the immediate vicinity at the time, but the two belligerents blazed away at each other, totally regardless of those about them. As a result regardless of those about them. As a result one man was probably fatally and three others more or less seriously wounded. The duellists were Joe Edwards and Breck Crawford. They had trouble over a crap game and the dozen shots they fired did more damage to outsiders than to the shooters. Lawrence Glover, a prominent young man, received one of the bullets in the bowels, and his recovery is doubtful. Deputy Marshal John Dickmeyer was shot through the thigh while attempting to arrest the two negroes. Edwards received a bullet in his arm and Crawford's scalp was cut by another. Both men were arrested and lodged in jail. The friends of the wounded men talk strongly of lynching the prisoners.

STRIKERS BLAMED FOR A FIRE.

Large General Store at Dupais, Pa., Dostroyed by Flames. DUBOIS, Pa., Jan. 6.—The large general store of Bell & Lewis at this place was to conform with this ruling. The board burned to the first story today and the granted the request, instructing the petitioners was rulined by water. The loss will tioners "to furnish duly authenticated copies reach \$75,000. The establishment was known thought to have been owned by Bell, Lewis & Yates, the coal operators, whose miners are out on a strike. It is the prevailing belief the fire was incendiary in its origin, It was learned here today that the miners who are out on a strike held a secret meeting at Reynoldsville yesterday afternoon. What was done at the meeting cannot be learned further than a call was issued for a general meeting of miners and citizens to be held at the opera house in this city tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, at which time the strikers will publicly define their grievances and ask for aid and sympathy from the public. Fifteen hundred men are out. as "the company's store," and is generally

THREE PERSONS MURDERED.

Ghastly Evidence of Terrible Work Near

Falls City, Tex.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 6.—A special to the Express from Falls City says: Last to the Express from Falls City says: Last that all the railway officials filing tariff or rate sheets, in order that the issue might to the Express from Falls City says: Last the met squarely, had been required to subscribe to the following oath: "I, —, being duly sworn, do, on my own knowledge, after man, and a prominent farmer, Will Duran, a colored farm hand, and A. C. Bundis, a life now in torce upon the shove named rail-mexican laborer, were found deed on the Ghastly Evidence of Terrible Work Near last evening with suicidal intent. A stomach pump kept him on this side of the dark river.

Engineer Killed at Faits City.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Last night William Rowley of Wymore, engineer on the run from Wymore to St. Joseph, was run over and both legs severed

WILL THE JOWA RATE FALL

Question in Which Hawkeye Shippers and Haulers Are Deeply Interested.

FULL REVIEW OF THE RECENT HEARING

History of the Commissioners' Schedule an the Efforts of the Railroads to Resist or Overtura the Rates Estab-· Hiched by It.

DES MOINES, Jan. 6 .- (Special.) -- On the 10th day of May, 1888, the Board of Railroad provisions of a law enacted by the Twentysecond general assembly, established and promulgated a schedule of freight charges for the government of all the railroads doing business in Iowa. The classification so made Chairman Probaska gave an oyster supper to the old board on Friday evening. An elegant time was enjoyed by all. During the course of the evening Supervisor Kelso prereduction from the then existing rates, run ,ning on some bulky commodities and "short hauls" as much as 50 to 75 per cent. The railroad managers stoutly resisted the enforcement of this order and exhausted every device suggested by the ablest and brainlest array of legal talent that money could command before yielding to the supervision of the commissioners. The rates promulgated were finally accepted in 1889, and for five years past have governed all shipments be-

tween local points.

The annual reports of the railway commis sioners for these intervening years showed a healthy and steady growth in Iowa business and a corresponding increase of net profits to the railroads. The people, especially the jobbing and manufacturing interests, were

To the Honorable, the Board of Railroad Commissioners of the State of Iowa: Your settlioners, the Illinois Central Railway Sompany, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. petitioners, the Illinois Central Rallway company, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company, the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company, and the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway company, respectfully represent that they are corporations now owning and operating railroads in and through the state of Iowa, and that they have so owned and operated their respective railroads for many years last past, and are common carriers in said state under authority of the laws thereof. Your petitioners respectfully represent Your petitioners respectfully represent that the rates they charge and receive upor shipments between Iowa points have beer and are so charged and received pursuant to the classification and schedule of rates

and are so charged and received pursuant to the classification and schedule of rates promulgated by the order of your honorable board under date of May 10, 1888, together with the several amendments thereto and revisions thereof from time to time made, and that these rates have been so charged and received as the maximum rates for the service rendered.

And your petitioners complain and say that the rates have proven by long experience to be inadequate and unremunerative, and to yield to your petitioners an inadequate compensation for the service rendered. And they respectfully petition your honorable board of revise the schedules and classifications now in force and to increase the maximum rates which may be charged in Iowal by your petitioners, so that your petitioners may receive a reasonable, fair and just compensation for the service to be rendered in each particular case, and your petitioners will ever pray. our petitioners will ever pray.

WHEN THE HEARING OPENED. August 21 was set by the commissioner for a hearing of the above petition, on which date all of the above named railroads were represented by their general officers and by Congregational church, Rev. C. H. Huestis their special attorney, J. W. Blythe of Bur-officiating. The Independent Order of Odd lington. Ex-Railroad Commissioner Frank T. Campbell also appeared as representing the State Farmers alliance, the State Jobbers association and Pertain coal and manufactur State Jobbers association and certain coal and manufacturing interests. Joined with Mr. Campbell in opposing any increase in freight rates were ex-Commissioner Spencer Smith, representing the shipperg of Council Bluffs, and S. F. Prouty of Des Moines, representing the Commercial club of this city. A large number of ousiness men representing the manufacturing interests of Burlington, Ottumwa, Dubuque, having been read, Mr. Campbell moved that the railroads be required to file a "mor specific statement" of what they desired o what they expected the commissioners to grant, naming each commodity and the per

cent of increase on each class. After considerable sparring between Messrs. Campbell and Blythe, the board sustained this motion and the case was continued. On the same day the railroads filed an amended petition giving what purported to be the actual rates then in force in the adjoining states of Illinois, Wisconsia, Minnesota and Dakota, and also in Michigan, in parallel columns with the commissioners' rates in Iowa, and with the proposed rates asked by the railroads written in red ink between. This voluminous document showed that the railroads were asking for a general increase on all classes of goods and carload lots of from 16 to 35 per cent—asking in effect to be allowed to re-establish the old rates in force before the commissioners' schedule took effect. For 100 pounds of merchandise for transportation 100 miles the increase petitioned for on first-class goods was from 24 to 33 cents; second, 20 to 28 cents; third, 16 to 21 cents; fourth, 12 to 16 cents, with a corresponding change in carload rates. The shipping and jobbing interests re

quested further time to prepare to meet this ssue and the case was postponed till the 18th of September. On that day Mr. Campbell filed a further objection to the form of the evidence submitted by the railroads. He enied that the printed tariff sheets filed by the corporations were the rates actually in force in the states named. Campbell said the railroads had come before the commis-sioners with a petition stating, first, that the Iowa commissioners' rates were not remunerative and compelled them to do busi-ness at a loss; second, that the schedule in force in this state was very much below the rates in adjoining states. As to the first proposition, Mr. Campbell called the attention of the commissioners to the reports of the railroads filed with the board in pursuance of law and proved conclusively that there had been a steady increase in both gross and net carnings ever since the commissioners' rates went into operation. He read from the commissioners' report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, that the net profits of the railroads by their own admissions footed up to about \$14,500,000, being nearly 5 per cent on the entire valuation of th railroads, watered stock included.

RAILROADS ASK FOR TIME. He further insisted that, as the burden of proof rested with the corporations, and that petition, all the evidence submitted should be duly verified by the proper officers and all witnesses should be examined under oath; This motion being also sustained by the board, the railroads, led by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, asked for leave to with-draw all documents submitted in evidence of rates and tariffs now actually in force in adjoining states for the past year, all the

to the fact that no special or interstate tariffs and no statement of concessions or rebates had been filed.

Mr. Campbell, in behalf of the shippers. road, or that have been in force during the past year, and that the same is a complete list of all the tariffs, general, special and commodity, and that the freight over our various lines in the different states has been handled at the price set out in said tariff sheets, and at no lower rate during the time

made any concessions from above rates to any one by rebate or otherwise."

No affidavits in this form had been filed and it looked to him as if the corporations

were seeking to evade the orders of the com-In reply to this statement, Chairman Luke said that the board had made the order, and it remained for the railroads to comply, it

A copy of these statements was sent to the petitioners, and, after some further preliminary sparring, the issues were fully made up and the case set for final hearing Decem

At this hearing every railroad doing bust ness in lowa was represented by its presi-dent, general manager or other high official. The attorney for the petitioners, Mr. Blythe, after a few preliminary remarks, said all the railroads asked for at the hands of the people and the commissioners was fair treat-ment. The commissioners' schedule had been Commissioners of this state, acting under the tried for five years, and had proven unremu nerative. The railroads, he continued, should not be required to conduct business at an Money invested in ought to earn some profit, and the dividends from this source ought to equal the net profits of other legitlmate business enterprises documentary evidence submitted would fully sustain the allegations of the petitioners, and hoped the commission would grant them the desired relief.

IN BEHALF OF THE JOBBERS. The opponents of an incrase in freight rates at this hearing were led by ex-Senator J. G. Hutchinson, now engaged in the whole sale grocery business in Ottumwa. He thought the railroads could not have chosen a more inopportune time to make this de-mand. While all other lines of business was stagnant and paralyzed, and a general scaling down in prices was the rule in every department of human activity, he thought the railroads should be very thankful if permit ted to charge the old rates established when the country was happy and prosperous. He quoted from the commissioners' annual report, showing the net earnings on Iowa business was \$11,860,000 for 1889, \$12,800,000 for 1890 \$14,460,000 for 1891, and \$14,545,000 in 1892, and could not see in the face of these facts therefore somewhat surprised when, on and figures how it was possible to prove that August 2, 1894, the following petition was the prevailing rates in this state were not remunerative. The people of Iowa would no longer submit to be taxed by the corporations to pay large dividends on fictitious cap ital and watered stock, and if the corporations desired to inaugurate another anti-railroad crusade and foin issues with the business interests of the state on this proposition they were starting out on the right course.

Mr. Hutchinson boldly asserted that this movement was largely in the interest of Chicago and other outside cities and was calculated to break down all the manufacturing and lobbing interests in the interior of the state. He was followed by ex-Commissioner Spencer Smith of Council Bluffs, who contended that the prevailing rates were not only remunera tive, but relatively lower than those in the

surrounding states.
Frank T. Campbell followed in a lengthy address, defending the present rates as being both just and reasonable, fair alike to the vailroads and the shippers. He charged that the railroads had not filed anything but their minimum rates, and were seeking to impos on the commissioners. He then proceeded to read sheet after sheet of rates, which he dared the managers to deny had been actu-ally in force within the past year in other states and which were much lower than the Iowa rates. The statement was admitted by the attorneys for the petitioners, coupled with he excuse that the rates were "forced" by oo sharp competition and were only between

S. F. Prouty of Des Moines closed the argument for the shippers. He said the peti-tioners had abandoned the principal point of ontention and no longer argued that the commissioners' rates were not remunerative The sole question at issue, then, is this: Arc the rates charged for local traffic in this state less than those in adjoining states? Even if this could be proven he could not see that it would justify an increase in rates at the present time. In closing he said the people of Iowa desired to be just; they had submitted for many years to railroad extortion and discrimination against both the farming and business interests, but when paionce was exhausted the state, calling to he assistance the best legal talent at her com mand, had enacted a law to prevent further encroachments upon the rights of her citizens, and while dealing out equal and exact ousness men representing the manufacturing interests of Burlington, Ottumwa, Dubuque, justice to all the business interests of her company's line, another link in the system Marshalltown and other cities were also prescare and keeping of railroad corporations. ARGUMENT OF THE ROADS. E. P. Ripley, general manager of the Mil-

waukee, said the rates quoted by Mr. Camp-bell were correct, but they were for long hauls and between competing points. thought it was obviously unfair to apply these rates to local business. Mr. Markham, traffic manager of the Illinois Central, spoke at length along the same lines. He said it was impossible to figure on the exact cost of transportation, and the attempt had been abandoned by the Inter-J. W. Blythe, general solicitor for the 1851, when he removed to New York and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, closed the argument before the board, reviewing at length the entire history of railroad legislation. He state Commerce commission. gument before the board, reviewing at length the entire history of railroad legislation. He thought the lowt law was a masterpiece of its kind, and embraced all the statutes ever enacted anywhere for the restriction and conacted anywhere for the restriction and con-trol of railroads. He maintained that the has been engaged in numerous enterprises trol of railroads. He maintained that the state has no right to take from the railroads what they could earn under business November 4, 1811. He came to New York conditions existing without the law. He in 1861. said that competition, and competition alone, should be allowed to settle the rate prob-

lem. If this proscriptive policy is to be continued he would welcome the day when the government relieved the railroad stockholders from the burden of ownership and pay for the roads what the courts would lecide they were actually worth. In closing he exhorted the commissioners not to be turned aside from their duty by popular clamor, and felt assured if the documents submitted were carefully considered that the prayer of the petitioners would be

This closed the hearing, and the board took the case under advisement. A decision will certainly be rendered within a week. It is rumored on good authority that Commissioner Dey, the outgoing member of the board, is preparing a new schedule, allowing an average increase of 10 per cent out half what the railroads ask. The prevailing opinion is, however, that if any change is made at all it will not be over 5 per cent on certain commodities that will bear heavier charges, and that the general manufacturing and jobbing interests will remain undisturbed.

THREATENED BY SNOW BANKS.

Pennsylvania Trains Almost Crushed Be neath a Montain of lee. RENO. Pa., Jan. 6.-Snowslides covering five miles, a few miles west of Lock Haven, on the Philadelphia & Erie railroad blocked traffic this morning. While in order to sustain the allegations in their freight train, east-bound, was running along the base of the snow capped Alleghenies, with the icebound Susquehanna below, it was submerged by an avalanche of dry, sleety snow. The train was covered almost its entire length. Crews from the cast and west to the number of several hundred men came to the rescue and worked the train through the snowslide and for a distance of five miles. Meanwhile the Eric mail train, with a large number of passengers, lay at this place eight hours. The mail train ran the gauntlet and scraped the white wall, which pressed threateningly against either side, almost crushing the train. The train was in imminent danger of being engulfed or hurled down the bank into the river. Hundreds of men are standing ready to rush to assist engulfed trains tonight. along the base of the snow capped Alle-

CALIFORNIA'S SENATORIAL FIGHT.

Today Expected to Be Warm. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 6.-The Call fornia state legislature meets tomorrow, and the session promises to be peculiarly lively very interesting one. The election of the United States senator and the proposed contest over the governorship are matters that will demand immediate attention. For the senatorship George A. Perkins, the present incumbent, and M. H. De Young, proprietor of the San Francisco Chronicle, are the ones most mentioned, and as the legislature is largely republican, of course a republican will be elected.

The republican state committee will ask the legislature to pass a bill at the beginning of the session resiraining the speaker of the house from canvassing the vote for governor on the ground that Governor elect Budd was elected by fraud. Governor Markham has signified his intention of turning the office over to Budd. the United States senator and the proposed

Decision of Wagner's Family. BERLIN, Jan. 6.—Wagner's family have decided that there shall be no performance

PIONEER NEWS RUSTLER DEAD

Dr. Craig, Who Laid the Foundation for the Present News Service.

BROKE THE FIRST TELLGRAPH MONOPOLY

Exciting Incidents in His Early Career While Engaged in Transmitting European News to the New York Papers-He Organized the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.-Many stories have

een told in connection with Dr. Craig, the

ploneer news gatherer in the United States.

When in 1844 the telegraph line from Boston

was completed to Calais, Me., Mr. Craig established a pony news express, covering the 150 miles between Halifax and Digby, N. S., and engaged an express steamer thence for fifty miles across the bay of Fundy to St. Johns, N. B. This enabled him to distance competitors and put it in his power to command extravagant prices for his budget of news. It also earned for him the position of European news agent of the New York press. John T. Smith was at this time Craig's most formidable competitor. The rivalries of the two men constituted a subject of frequent interest to residents of Halifax, who enjoyed watching the races from the steamer to the telegraph office.
On one occasion Smith succeeded in catching one of Craig's packages as it was tossed by the ship's purser from the paddle box to

the dock and a few minutes later it was being transmitted by the only wire from Halifax to Smith's patrons in New York. Craig's revenge came a few weeks at ward and it was carefully prearranged. instructed his Liverpool agent to send by special messenger by succeeding steamers duplicate copies of latest European journals and news summaries; one parcel to be thrown over to his rewsboat five miles below the city and the other to be thrown over to another newsboat stationed opposite and near to the telegraph office, one mile from the steamer's wharf. AND THE SCHEME WORKED. A week before the next steamer was due Craig engaged his two newsboats and arranged for a fast horse express from a point

five miles below the city, and caused the secret to leak out to Smith that his news par cels were to be thrown over to his boat as the steamer neared the city. The evening before the steamer was due Craig made up a lot of parcels of European journals, including Wilmer & Smith's European Times, ther a noted paper of Liverpool, taking care to have a portion of the name outside the wrap per, but carefully concealing the date. trusty agent was employed to stand with this parcel by the water's edge, and as the steamer passed up the harbor this parcel was thrown into the water and recovered, and the messenger rushed at the top of his speed t the telegraph office and deposited the dripping bogus parcel upon the table of the office with breathless announcement: "Here's Craig's parcel of European news.'

Fifteen minutes afterward Smith, driving a fast horse, rushed from the steamer's wharf to the telegraph office, before the horse had fairly stopped, Smith had cleared the carriage at one bound, and was at the top of the flight of stairs, which led to the operating room The clerk pointed to the package on the tabl and told him he was beaten. With a single glance at the dripping package, and a male diction upon his competitor, Smith turned upon his heel, drove to his hotel, and in half an hour afterwards was steaming our of the harbor on board the steamer for Boston, having been houxed into leaving his rival the wires undisputed. Craig, in the menatime, proceeded at his leisure, after recelving his parcel from the steamer, to pre pare the news for the telegraph. APPEALED TO MONOPOLY.

After this Smith, who was the largest stockholder in the New England Morse lines ndertook to shut out his rival from the use of that company's lines, which extended from Portland to Boston. Craig retaliated by inducing the managers of the Maine Telegraph land until his own press and other European members were served at that point. then ran a locomotive express over the East ern railroad from Portland to Boston, carry ing his press news and other messages, an at Boston they were telegraphed by the Bain line to New York. This was only a tempor-ary expedient, but it served until the Bain line could be extended to Portland, establish-York and Hallfax. This was the first telegraph monopoly broken. Craig remained at Halifax in charge of the press and Commer-Mr. Craig was born in Rumney, N.

His death resulted from heart disease while he was sitting in a chair. He leaves a widow, one daughter, Mrs. J. B. Brown, and one son, W. L. Craig, who is connected with the New York health department.

FATAL FIGHT OF MEXICANS.

danor, Tex., the Scene of a Lively Shooting Affray Over Domestic Affairs.

MANOR, Tex., Jan. 6.—A tragedy oc urred last night on the Henry Butler place, about four miles east of town, in which two men lost their lives. A statement of the surviving participants is as follows: Robert Hernandez, returning home from Rockdale, missed connection and walked in from Elgin. Arriving at an unexpected hour, he found Jose Oliber in bed with his wife. He claimed Oliber commenced shooting at him. He returned the fire, killing Oliber. Antonio Channarai, a stepson of Hernandez, who was also in the house, then commenced shooting, taking the pistol away from Hernandez, who then got the pistol from the dead man, Oliber, and killed Channarai. All the participants are Mexicans. Hernandez has a slight bullet wound in the breast and some bruises on the head. He gave himself up to the officers. It is said the woman gives a different version of the affair, which makes it look worse for Hernandez. Constable Kirkland left on the evening train with Hernandez, bound for the Austin Jail. dale, missed connection and walked in

KANSAS POLITICAL SITUATION.

Legislature Very Largely Divided on the Choice of a Senator. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 6.—The Kansas po itical situation changes every twenty-fou hours, and no man can predict with any degree of accuracy the result of any of the contests now attracting public attention, but it looks tonight as if the fight for state it looks tonight as if the fight for state and legislative offices was ended. It is now almost a certainty that C. E. Lobdell will be selected for speaker of the lower house at tomorrow's caucus, which will be held about 4 p. m.

Figures on the senatorial situation were given out tonight for the first time. A well known conservative politician of this city has been looking the ground over carefully for a week, and makes the following estimate of the strength of the several candidates at the present time; J. R. Burton, 28 votes; Calvin Hood, 19; Cyrus Leland, 19; Joseph W. Ady, 16; Solemon Thayer, 16; A. W. Smith, 5; J. J. Ingalls, 4; Rudolph Hatfield of Wichita, 1. This makes a total of 104 votes. Necessary for choice, 53.

TO DEVELOP FOREIGN TRADE. Proposed Meeting of the National Organization of Manufacturers in Cincinnati. CINCINNATI, Jan. 6.—The responses re ceived indicate that the meeting of the National Organization of Manufacturers, January 22, 23 and 24, will be well attended.

After the election of officers a selection will be made for headquarters. In addition to developing foreign trade, it is proposed to have expositions in South American capitals and urge control of the Nicaraguan canal by the United States. Elaborate programs have been arranged for each day, with royal entertainments in the evenings. While national legislation will be considered, the association is nonpolitical, nonpartisan and nonsectional. Among the speakers are Governor McKinley, Senator Sherman, Mayor Caidwell, Warner Miller, ex-Governor J. D. Cox, President M. E. Ingalis, Speaker Crisp and Secretary Herbert. January 22, 23 and 24, will be well attended.

States district court a motion for the sale of the Toledo, Ann Arbor & North Michigan railway was made before Judge Ricks. This was agreed to by all the parties interested. The motion for the sale was on the ground of a default in the payment of about \$459,000 interest on the first mortgage bonds. Judge Ricks will hand down his decision on the 15th inst.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRAINS COLLIDE.

Error of a Train Dispatcher Causes a Frightful Wreck.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.-The collision in Altamount tunnel between the Los An-seles express and a work train resulted in the loss of three lives, instead of two, as was at first thought. Engineer Harry P. Hubbard was pinned under his engine and

Hubbard was pinned under his engine and for three hours was slowly cooked to death by the escaping steam. Henry Schramm, his fireman, was instantly killed, as was H. J. Cooper, who was working his way on the engine.

The wreck was caused by Train Dispatcher Sims, who gave both trains the right of way on the track. He ordered the Overland out from Brentwood and the work train from Livermore in opposite directions. After he had wired the order he realized the mistake, but there was no telegraph office between the stations and he had to wait for news of the wreck.

Started on the Rope Route.

Saturday night Nellie Robinson, an old esident of the proscribed district, was arrested on the charge of being drunk and isorderly. About 3 o'clock yesterday morndisorderly. About 3 o'clock yesterday morning the woman tried to commit suicide by hanging herself to a water pipe running through the top of her cell. She had managed to secure a towel, which she twisted into a rope, and, after tying it around her neck, she stepped off from the bench on which she was standing and swung out into the middle of the cell, slowly strangling, she made so much noise that she attracted the attention of Sergeant Whaten, who ran to her assistance and cut her down, thwarting her desire to present a strange face at St. Peter's gate.

Venezuela Settling with England. CARACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 6.-The queslone which have long been in dispute between Venezuela and England are to have a prompt settlement, it is reported.

The government troops under Colonel Cosco have captured a large band of robbers near Maturin. President Crespo is determined to suppress all bandits.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Miss May Buckingham of the Fast Mail company died at Louisville of gastro

Governor Foster of Louisiana has named committee to gather aid for Nebraski destitute. Ex-Register Kenna of Brooklyn is to be in-

vestigated. He is charged with misapproprinting \$75,000. John McBride has resigned as president of the United Mine Workers and P. H. Penn, vice president, succeeds him.

Texas legislature convene s tomorrow Horace Chilton will be elected to the United States senate without opposition. Wage difficulties in the works of the American Axe and Tool company at Beaver Falls, Pa., have been settled and the works will

W. R. E. Elliott has been appointed receiver for the Jefferson Iron works at Steubenville, O. The liabilties are put at \$18,000. B. C. Charlton, a New York diamond bro-ker, is missing and his store is in the hands

of the sheriff. Nothing is known of his affairs yet. James Cook and Charles Hudnall, New Orleans politicians, fought a duel in a bar room and both are dead. Cook had betrayed Hudnall's daughter.

Vancouver police are convinced that Hein-

rich Zachow, whose body was found New Year's eve, was murdered to prevent his receiving an estate in Germany. Henry Spanlding, wanted at Boston for embezzling \$15,000 from Wheeler, Blodgett & Co., was arrested at New Orleans, Spaulding was bookkeeper for the Boston firm.

Senator Lexow will make an effort in the New York senate to get the life of his committee extended. It will be opposed, and a plan to give Mayor Strong power to condict the investigation may be substituted. Sam Alliance, late manager of the Northasked for a receiver for the concern. says the works are mortgaged for \$125,000, and that concern's assert are held at \$300.

000, but are really worth only \$70,000. Other

officers of the company tell a different story.

It is the result of a disagreement among

Mr. George W. Tuley Benjamin, Missouri.

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