Peer Who is Willing to Surrender His Cent with the Lords.

PRECEDENTS CITED TO SUSTAIN HIM

Earl of Selborne Will Raise the Point as to Whether His Seat is Vacated by His Succession to the Peerage.

LONDON, May 13.-Much stir has been created in certain circles by a letter published in the London Times signed by Hon. George N. Curzon, member of Parliament for the Southport division of Lancashire, and Hon. William St. John Fremantle Brodrick, member of Parliament for the Guildford division of Surrey, announcing that the earl of Selborne who succeeded to the title on the death of his father on May 5 and who as Viscount Wolmer represents West Edinburgh in the House of Commons, proposes shortly to raise the question whether a peer of the realm can continue to sit in the House of Commons or be elected a member of the House of Commons.

The earl of Selborne intends, it appears, to continue attending sittings of the House of Commons, contending that until he applies for his seat in the House of Lords his seat in the House of Commons is not forfeited. The letter refers to Lords Palmerston, Castlereagh, Iddesleigh and others, who forwent their seats in the House of Lords in order to retain civil appointments. Curzon and Brod-rick, who are both the eldest sons of peers apparently intend to follow the earl of Selborne's example.

The Times, commenting editorially upon their letters, points out that the lords are divided on the question whether a seat in the House of Commons becomes vacant by the mere fact of the holder's succession to the peerage. The Times supports the earl of Selborne's action, saying that he is entitled to challenge an authoritative decision and that he deserves credit for his determination to bring the question to a definite I sue.

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The St. James's Gazette, on the other hand, seems to be rather frightened at the possible outcome of the earl of Selborne's position, and says: "If he succeeds there will be a demand for a general settlement and recasting of the House of Lords which will mean the introduction of some form or another of an elective element." In conclusion the St. James's Gazette remarks: "The upper house at the present moment is serving the purpose of a much needed dyke, and to begin pulling it about just when the pressure is heavy upon it is to run the risk of letting out the waters."

To China has greatly excited and intensely disappointed the Japanese nation. It is added that the Japanese ministers and the foreign legations are strictly guarded.

BERLIN, May 13.—A dispatch received here from Tokic says an imperial decree dated May 10 announces that, in conformity with the frier 'y advice of Russia, Germany and France's, in order to secure a lasting peace, the p. aado has recommended that the Japanese government conclude a special agreement with China providing for the restoration of the Liao Tong peninsula.

YOKOHAMA, May 13.—The decree of the mikado, dated May 10, calls upon his Japanese

REFERED THE CASE TO A COMMITTEE Selborne Says He Will Seek Re-Flection if the Decision is Against Him.

LONDON, May 13 .- In the House of Commons tolay the earl of Selborne, who, as Viscount Wollner, represented West Edinburgh in the House of Commons, and who succeeded to his title on May 5 by the death of his father, took his seat as usual. Thereupon Mr. Henry Labouchere, member for Northampton, asked the speaker, Mr. William Court Gully, whether the earl was entitled to a seat in the House of Commons. The speaker questioned his lordship on the subject, with the result that he asked him to withdraw below the bar of the house until the question of his right to sit as a member was decided. The earl of Selborne complied with the

speaker's request, and the chancellor of the then briefly explained his view of the situa-tion, which was that after the usual formalities had been gone through, a writ should be issued for a new election for the seat occupied by the earl of Selborne.

A heated discussion followed, in which

Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, member from West Birmingham, and Mr. George Curzon, member for the Southport division of Lan-

Finally the chancellor of the exchequer consented to move to refer the question to a small special committee, when Rt. Hon. Leonard Henry Courtney, member for the Bodmin district of Cornwall, threatened to move for the adjournment of the House. Sir William said he thought the earl of Selborne was being badly advised, and therefore he would move to issue a writ for an election in West Edinburgh and thus end the whole matter. Later, however, the chancellor of the ex-chequer was persuaded to withdraw his motion and the subject was dropped. The friends of the earl of Selborne say that if a special committee decides against him he will seek re-election. The question as to whether a member of the House who becomes peer of the realm can continue to sit in the House of Commons, or whether a peer can be elected to membership of the House of Commons, is exciting the most keen interest.

Steamer Martina Sent to the Bottom the Esmeralda. BREST, France, May 13.-The British steamers Esmeralda and Martina collided to-

day off Armor lighthouse. The Martina

Wreck on the Pacific Coast. VICTORIA, B. C., May 13 .- The San Francisco steamer Puebla, which has arrived here, reports the Mogul ashore near Flattery, and likely to prove a total wreck. The distressed steamer hoisted a flag as the Puebla passed,

but as the Union was up no attention was paid, and the only comment excited was that of surprise. steamer Miorawa, which passed Car manas at 6 p. m., has not yet arrived, and it is expected that she has stopped to render istance to the disabled steamer. Accord-

HAVANA, May 13.—The Spanish troops have defeated the band of rebles in San Lorenzo that was led by Pedro Monoz at Moscanos. The troops captured a number of herses, ammunition, etc., belonging to the rebels. There has been severe fighting with the band ied by General Miro in Camaguan. There has been fighting between the Spanish troops and the rebels near Baracoa, but no details of the engagement have been received here. The troops at Palma de Soriano killed Pablo Ruega, one of the rebel chiefs.

Cholera Epidemie at Mecca. CAIRO, May 13 .- Cholera prevails at Mecca vans of pilgrims in El Hijaz, the "land of pilgrimage." In this region are the sacred cities of Mecca and Medina, and the scaports of Jiddah and Yembo. The number of Egyptian caravans in El Hijaz is smaller

LONDON, May 13 .- Jabez Spencer Balfour, the promoter of the Liberator societies, who was recently extradited from the Argentine Republic, was re-examined at Bow Street

police court today and was questioned at length in regard to his connection with the Liberator concerns. Uproar in the Hungarian Diet.

BUDA PESTH, May 13.-There was stormy session of the lower house of the Hungarian Diet today. Herr Ugrens, member of the left, declared that the government had attacked the papal nuncio without cause, thus dragging the prestige of Hungary into the mire. An uproar followed and the sitting

CITY OF MEXICO, May 13.—Guatemalan finister De Leon is distributing profusely a

PREFERS THE LOWER HOUSE CUBAN REBELS WIN A GREAT PICTORY Thousand Spanish Troops Killed or Cap

TAMPA, Fla., May 13 .- Private advices received here from Cuban revolutionary leaders say a big battle was fought at Boryey, province of Puerto Principe, between Gomez

the Cuban leader, and Salcedo, the Spanish commander. Gomez was victorious, annihilating the Spanish troops, killing and capturing more than 1,000 men and great quantities of ammunition and army stores. The Gomez continued his march through Camaguey. Men from the plantations are

joining the insurgents hourly.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Minister Dupuy de Lome of Spain says the Tampa story as to a bloody battle in which 1,000 or more Spanish troops were slaughtered is absurd. He does not regard a denial as necessary, but he expressed surprise that the public should be misled into crediting a tregedy, which, if true, would be of such magnitude as to be known by the whole world. The minister points out that such a great engagement would not have escaped the attention of the American correspondents on the ground. He says the reports of tele-graph wires being cut are untrue. The wires are in full use and there is no restriction on communicating full information to the outside world. The Spanish government knows of no such battle, nor has word of it reached the minister, as he said would be the case if such a great engagement had occurred. Senor Dupuy de Lome says there can be no battles, as there is no enemy other than small scattered bands, who are carrying on

a guerilla or swamp warfare. The latest reports from Spanish papers re-late to a fierce engagement at Arroyo Hondo, in the province of Santiago, on the 10th instant. The Spanish force was 300 and Cubans 1,200. Several Spanish officers were killed. Members of the best Santiago families are said to be joining the insurgents.

JAPANESE ARE GREATLY EXCITED Populace Has Just Learned of the Grant-

ing of European Demands, LONDON, May 13.—The Times tomorrow will publish a dispatch from Kobe saying the fact of the Japanese government yielding to the representations of Russia, France and Germany in regard to the Liao Tong peninsula and agreeing to restore that territory to China has greatly excited and intensely disappointed the Japanese nation. It is added that the suspension of newspapers continues

ment with China providing for the restoration of the Liao Tong peninsula.

YOKOHAMA, May 13.—The decree of the mikado, dated May 10, calls upon his Japanese subjects to discuss national affairs calmly. The text of the treaty of peace has been published, together with the supplementary convention, with the temporary occupation of Wei-Hai-Tei Wel-Hai-Tel.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 13.—The Chinese legation here has been informed that the convention fixing the indemnity to Japan for her relinquishment of the Liao Tong peninsula will shortly be signed.

GOVERNMENT MEETS DEFEAT AGAIN Reichstag fiuries the Tobacco Tax Measure

Out of Sight. BERLIN, May 13,-The government met with another defeat today. The Reichstag rejected the whole of the proposed tobacco

During the debate which preceded the vote on the tobacco tax bill the spokesmen of all ing John Hoffman. Francis Murphy is exparties, except the conservatives, opposed th bill, insisting strongly against any further disturbance of the tobacco industry. Count von Kardorff alone advocated a higher which, he said, was certain to be voted by the next Reichstag. In his opinion, the present house was incapable of taking any posi-

tion or action.

Count Posadowski, secretary of the imp rial treasury, defended the principle of the bill as being the sole practical path to re-form in imperial taxation. The Reichstag he added, was preparing a common grave for all the government measures, but it was to be hoped the much needed reform in the taxation of the empire would be secured. The vote on the bill was taken by the members rising in their places. Only a few conserva-tives and national liberals supported the measure.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 13.-The steamer Danube, which arrived at this port last night, had on board the passengers of the missionary steamer Glad Things, which left Port Townsend two weeks ago with ten delegates to the Methodist conference now in session here. The Glad Tidings struck a rock and was partially disabled.

New Italian Consul General at Montreal ROME, May 13.-Sig. Solimbergo, fornerly a member of the Milan Chamber of Deputies, has been appointed to the nev post of Italian consul general at Montreal Prominent French Banker Dead.

PARIS, May 13.-M. Jouebert, president of the Banque de Paris et des Pais Bas, is dead. SHEEP AND CATTLE MEN AGREE

Wyoming Range Divined Up to Suit Al Parties. EVANSTON, Wyo., May 13 .- (Special.)-The sheep and cattle men of Uinta county met here Wednesday to formulate plans for an equtable division of the range tween the two interests. A strip of land was set apart for the benefit of the sheep industry and the sheep men agree not to graze their flocks on lands other than those con-tained in the strip. June 15 was set as the date when outside lands should be vacated by the sheep men. The threatened trouble between the two industries will be ended by the americance action of the mastics.

Given a Terrible & lubbing. SHERIDAN, Wyo., May 13.-(Spe-In an altercation at Twin Creek on Monday Joseph Graham was beaten over the head with a club by George Martin and no lies in a critical condition. George Mart and his brother Robert, who took part the fight, are in juil here awaiting the r suit of Graham's injuries. The light o curred over some tools the Martins hi borrowed from Graham and had failed return.

LARAMIE, Wyo., May 13.—(Special.)— Edgar Yelton, a one-legged man, left here yesterday morning on a bleycle to ride to Sidney, Neb., a distance of 160 miles. Yeltor rode to Cheyenne yesterday, and from that place to Sidney today.

Leader of the Buil Bull Miners Killed CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., May 13.-Jack Smith, the famous leader of the Buil Hill miners, was shot and killed by Marshal miners, was shot and killed by Marshal Jack Kelly of Altamont this afternoon. The marshal was also shot by George Post, a miner who was with Smith. The shooting created a reign of terror in the great gold camp. The miners threaten to avenge the death of their late war captain, and all saioons have been closed in Victor and martial law has practically been declared.

Indianapolis Bank Wreckers on Trial. INDIANAPOLIS, May 13.-The trials of Francis A. Coffin, Percival B. Coffin and Schuyler C. Haughey, charged with complicity in wrecking the Indianapolis Na-tional bank, have been postponed by order of Judge Baker of the federal court until September 10. The reason for the court's action is that the appropriation to pay federal witnesses has been exhausted and no more money will be available for the purpose until July.

Texas Cattle Heing Shipped North, DENVER, May 13.—During the next fif een days ten cattle cars will run daily over the Union Pacific, Denver & Gul

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS MEETING

Almost All Delegates to the Convention Now in the City.

MANY VISITORS ARE ALSO HERE

Omaha Club" Entertained Last Evening-St. Paul's Commandery Comes In-Line of March to Cathedral and Convention Hall.

It is conceded on all sides that the "Omaha club" of Cincinnati has played a gracious part in what may be termed the preliminaries to the national convention of the Catholic Knights of America, which opens at Chambers' academy this morning.

This club was organized at Cincinnati about a year and a half ago, after it had been determined six months before at Chicago that the tenth biennial convention of the Catholic Knights of America should be held in this city. But two of the parties who arrived with the club yesterday, and who are at the Millard, are not residents of Cincinnati. They are Frank Hunter, postmaster at Sidney, O., and H. G. Wagner of

goods from the well established rival, which was resdily done, and at the Millard last evening the Cincinnati prople entertained all the delegates and visitors to the convention in the city. The hours were from 8 p. m. to 2 a. m., and to Ohio was awarded another trophy for hospitality and cordial greeting.

FIRST OF THE UNIFORM RANK. Another group arrival yesterday was St. Paul's commandery, uniform rank, Catholic Knights of America, from Vincennes, Ind. This comprises Gerard Relter, who is one of the delegates from Indians, J. W. Nordhaus, William Hehman, John Hoffman, Frank G. Reiter, George Snyder, Tom Hayes, Tom Orr, Frank H. Thuis, Jake Kuhn, Mat Kapps, Francis Murphy, Louis Elmen, Julius Hack, Francis Murphy, Louis Elmen, Julius Hack, John McAndrews, Charles Samoniel, John K. Miller, Henry Scheefers, Joseph A. Frey and Frank J. Kapps. With the company came Charles and Henry La Plonte, Peter Marshino, Lawrence Bey and Henry Prullage.

The company has quarters at the Dellone and gave a drill in front of the hotel on arriving at 1 o'clock yesterday. This company came over the Baitimore & Ohlo to St. Louis, as did the "Omaha club," and joined the latter there, coming to Omaha over the Wabash.

Wabash. The "Omaha club" is composed of members of branch No. 60 of Cincinnati, which claims to be the banner branch in the United States, carrying more insurance than any other, club tarried one day in St. Louis. St. F. commandery is under command of Brigadier

Delegates who are now at the Dellone of ae Paxton are: Alabama—J. B. Simpson, Montgomery, Arkansas—John Hencke, Pocahontas.

California-William F. Garmley, Sacra-Georgia-P. J. O'Connor, Savannab. Idaho-Frank Bailhaar, Boise City. Illinets-L. J. Kadeski, Marshall; A. M.

Indiana-P. S. O'Rourke, Fort Wayne; L. Herman, Evansville. Kentucky-Henry B. Feldhus, W. C. Smith

Maryland-George Landwehr, Cumberland Massachusetts-Bernard J. McLaughlin Michigan-Rev. James J. Gore, St. Joe.

Minnesota—Joseph Willy, Minneapolis, Mississippi—F. J. Maher, Natchez. Missouri-Anton Relsing, St. Louis; Casper Chrhard, St. Charles. Montana-William Stuewe, Helena. Nebraska-Michael C. Harrington, North

New Jersey-Thomas P. McGlynn, Mont New York-Edward Feeney -Louis J. Dolle, Cincinnati; Frank

Hunter, Sidney. Pennsylvania-William Earl, Philadelphia. Rhode Island-D. F. Kelleher and John Jurran, Provider ce. Cormick, Nashville.

Tennessee-J. J. Duffy, Memphis; M. Mc Texas-Charles S. Ott, Galveston; John A. McCormack, San Antonio.

Washington—John Kent, Walla Walla.
Officers who came yesterday are President
M. P. Shine and Medical Director J. A. Averick of Covington, Ky.

CHIEF MATTERS TO COME UP. President Shine was asked last evening what the chief questions before the conven-tion would be. He admitted that the movement for the consolidation of the Catholic Knights and the Young Men's Institute would be one of them, but hazarded no conjecture as to what would be the outcome. He denied the allegation made by some of the dele-gates that the scheme was favored chiefly by delegates from southern states, asserting that it had even more support in the north than in the south. Personally, he is in favor of the amalgamation if it can be properly ac complished. The convention cannot consum-mate the amalgamation. All it can do is to appoint a committee to cenfer with a like committee from the other body.

Although the scheme at present contem-plates only union with the Young Men's in stitute, there is a considerable sentiment in favor of the amalgamation of all Catholic mutual insurance and benevolent societies, and further endeavor to this end is expected at the convention. This scheme will include the Catholic Legion, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Ancient Order of Hibernians nd several other organizations.

Another question will be the advisability of changing the law with reference to eligibility in the matter of age. At present the n the matter of age. At present the minimum is 18 and the maximum 50. There a disposition to reduce the maximum

Another important matter to be decided i the standing that the uniform rank shall have. At present there are only three or four commanderies. At the last convention the rank was practically expoused, but a commit-tee was appointed to suggest rules and regu-lations, and it will report at this session. The chairman of the committee is L. J. Kadeski of Marshall, Ill. Among the visitors are Girard Reiter of St.

Paul's commandery, adjutant general of the uniform rank, and Peter Wallrath of Logansort, Ind., editor of Das Sternenbanner, pres-dent of the Indiana Catholic Knights. Miss Martha White accompanies Delegat Ehrhard and wife from St. Charles, Mo., to the Catholic Knights' convention.

Preceding the opening of the convention his morning the delegates and visitors will attend a pontificial high mass at St. Philo nena's cathedral. Archbishop Gross of Oregon, supreme spiritual director of the society will celebrate the mass, assisted by the local and visiting clergy. The delegates and visitors will move in procession to the cathedral from the Dellone hotel at 9 o'clock. John B. Furay will be marshal, assisted by M. C. Har-rington. The First Infantry band will lead, followed in order by the uniform rank, supreme officers, delegates, visiting Knights

and local Knights. The line of march will be south from the Deliene on Fourteenth to Farnam, east to Eleventh, south to Harney, east to the cathedral, Return—West on Harney to Eleventh, north to Douglas, west to hall at Seventeenth and Döuglas.

This evening a public reception will be given to Hon. P. J. O'Connor, the national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The gathering will be held in St. Philomena's hall, Ninth and Howard streets.

On Thursday evening an informal supper will be given, the delegates, officers and their friends by the local branch at the Commercial club rooms. Music, speaking and a general

club rooms. Music, speaking and a general meeting will follow the supper.

PARADE OF THE TROOPS AT MEMPHIS. Competitive and Exhibition Drills Begin This Afternoon.

MEMPHIS, May 13.- The interstate encampment and drill was formally opened at Montgomery park today. There are twelve infantry militia companies on the ground, besides a battery, a Gatting gun detachment and a battalion of regulars, comprising two infantry companies and two troops of cavalry, about 1,000 men in all, exclusive of the numerous staff.

into the city and paraded through the principal streets in the following order: eral Snowden and staff; Colonel W. L. Kellogg, U. S. A.; third squadron Third United States cavalry and detachment of Battery B.; First Ohio artillery; Third United States cavalry band; Fifth United States master at Sidney, O., and H. G. Wagner of the same place. The other members of the club are Colonel and Mrs. O'Niel, Mr. and Mrs. George Everloge, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hackman, J. H. Mabrey, William F. Ratterman, H. J. Robben, Louis J. Dolle, A. Messmer, P. Mitchell, P. J. Schneider, George Korf, F. W. Keating, H. J. Haarmeyer, F. Macke, L. A. Homan, Joseph Berning and Joseph Roele.

The Catholic Knights are very favorable to a good laugh and they were having it last night The "Omaha club" had the intention on its arrival in the city of affording entertainment to all delegates to the convention and visitors who had arrived, and ordered shipped by express certain cases and bottles. The shipment came alf right, but was carried to the Omaha club building at Twentieth and Douglas streets in good faith. The only trouble was that when the "Omaha club" arrived it was necessary to reclaim the goods from the well established rival, which was resdily done, and at the Millard last was resdily done, and at the Millard last enfantry battalion, Captain W. Bond, U. S. A.; Iowa State band, forty pieces; Third battalion, Captain C. S. Domer of Washington, Captain W. Bond, U. S. A.; Iowa State band, forty pieces; Third battalion, Captain W. Bond, U. S. A.; Iowa State band, forty pieces; Third battalion, Captain W. Bond, U. S. A.; Iowa State band, forty pieces; Third battalion, Captain W. Bond, U. S. A.; Iowa State band, forty pieces; Third battalion, Captain W. Bond, U. S. A.; Iowa State band, forty pieces; Third battalion, Captain W. Bond, U. S. A.; Iowa State band, forty pieces; Third battalion, Captain W. Bond, U. S. A.; Iowa State band, forty pieces; Third battalion, Captain W. Bond, U. S. A.; Iowa State band, forty pieces; Third battalion, Captain W. Bond, U. S. A.; Iowa State band, forty pieces; Third battalion, Captain W. Bond, U. S. A.; Iowa State band, forty pieces; Third battalion, Captain W. Bond, U. S. A.; Iowa Carles, Washington, D. C., Cantalio, Washington, D. C., Captain W. Bond, U. S. A.; Iowa Carles, Washington, D Infantry battalion, Captain H. K. Bailey;

The competitive drills will be followed by xhibition drills and grand dress parade of

Dedicate the Confederate Monument. CHICAGO, May 13 .- A notable reunion of he blue and gray will take place whin the confederate monument at Dakwood is dedicated on Memorial day. Officers who were prominent in the armics both of the north the sent from the southern states to decorate the graves of the 6,000 conf. derate solders who are buried at Oakwood. The expense of entertaining the visitors will be borne by subscriptions raised among some of Chicago's leading citizens.

Every effect will be made to have this the greatest meeting of officers of the armies of the north and south that has ever occurred. Lieutenant General Schofield, commanding the namy of the United States, with his staff and family; Major General Morion T. Hawkins and Brigadier General H. V. Boynton are expected to be present. Lieutenant General Wade Hampton will be the orator of the occasion. Postmater General William L. Wilson, Solicitor General William L. Wilson, Solicitor General William L. Wilson, Solicitor General Conrad. Brigadier General D. W. Flagler, chief of ordrance, U. S. A. and a grat many army officers will also attend. The south will be represented by General John B. Gordon, commanding the Federation of United Confederate Veterans; Lieutenant General James Longstreet, Lieutenant General James Longstreet, Lieutenant General James Longstreet, Lieutenant General James Longstreet, Lieutenant General Fitzhugh Le, Major General E. C. Walthall, Brigadier General Basil W. Duke, Brigadier General Ciffment Evans, Brigadier General Ciffme

others.

Arrangements have been made to attach refrigerator cars filled with 4flowers to passenger trains at Savannah, Charleston and Pensacola and to send them direct to Chicago. Mayor Swift will occupy the chair at the exercises and offer the freedom of the city to the vistors.

Detectives Discredit the Story. DETROIT, May 13.-The statement from Duluth to the effect that Mrs. Samuel D. Smith conspired with her husband to get possession of the money of Mrs. Mary E. Cameron is not believed by the Detroit detectives. The bank certificate upon which Mrs. Cameron's money was procured was endorsed in handwriting precisely similar to that of Mrs. Cameron, and was collected upon through the American Exchange bank of Duluth. All the facts here that to show that Mrs. Smith is innocent and that she was deserted by her husband when he eloped with Mrs. Cameron. The latter was in turn deserted in Buluth by Smith, after he had obtained her money.

Brilliant Array of Musical Celebrities, INDIANAPOLIS, May fi.—The seventh innual Indiana musical festival will begin annual Indiana musical festival will begin tonight, with an enormous sale of seats for the entire season. Bix-concerts will be given, concluding with a Wagner concert. The engagements include the Boston festival orchestra and the following artists: Mme. Nellie Melba, Mme. Lilian Nordica, Mrs. Jule L. Wysan, Miss Gertrude May Stein, Miss Jennie Wallar, Miss Rose Stewart, Den Davies, Watkin Mills, W. H. Rieger, W. H. Clarke, Max Helmrich and W. H. Sherwood. The city is filled with strangers to attend the featival. The festival chorus has 466 singers. Prof. Franz Arens is musical disector.

All Rallows Catholic College on Fire. All Rallows Catholic College on Fire.

CHATTANOOGA, Tehn. May 12.—A special cablegram just received from Dublin to Rev. Father Walsh, integnitional secretary of the All Hallows Alumni association, announces that the great missionary college which has sent over 200 priests into foreign lands—America, Africa, southern Asia, the islands of the ocean and Australia—is enveloped in flames and that the college church is already in asias. The officers of the association are Rt. R.v. Bishops Scannell and McGu'lick, respectively, president and treasurer, and Rev. Father O'Ferrall of Iowa City, with whom Father Walsh is conferring by wire.

Confessed to Firing the Cars CHICAGO, May 13.—Pliny E. White, who claims he has rich and prominent relatives Cincinnati, acknowledged in court today in Cincinnati, acknowledged in court today that he had been guilty of setting fires to freight cars in the Panhandle yards at West Pullman. Detective Johnson arrested White in the yards in the neighborhood of a car that had just been set on fire. White said that his reason for setting fire to the property was that he had been prevented from riding on the cars or crossing the yards. He was held to the criminal court.

HAZLETON, Pa., May 13.—Ex-Senator E. B. Coxe died in his home in Drifton at 10:30 this evening of pneumonia.

Prejudicial to his Efforts at Reorganization-Unwilling to Remain and Face Probable Dismissal.

John Redell, chief of the Omaha fire department, presented his resignation to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in

executive session late last night. The entire evening had been taken up in hearing charges against various officers, and it was nearly 11 o'clock when the board adjourned to the private room to consider the evidence. At this juncture Chief Redell At 9:30 this morning the troops marched handed in a sealed envelope, saying that he had a small matter to submit to the board. He was invited to join in the executive ses sion and remained closeted with the board for more than an hour. At the end of that time the board adjourned, and the letter of resignation was given out with the information that action had been postponed for one week. Chief Redell's letter gives no hint of the reasons for his action, and is as fol-

> To the Honorable Board of Fire and Police To the Honorable Board of Fire and Police Commissioners: Gentlemen—I here most respectfully present to you my resignation as chief of the fire department, the same to to take effect at your earliest convenience, or not later than May 31, if possible to accommodate me.
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> Heartily thanking you, the citizens and members of the fire and police departments for the consideration, kindness, courtesy and able support extended me and with the hope that Omaha may be successful in all her undertakings, I beg leave to remain respectfully yours, JOHN REDELL, WAS A COMPLETE SURPRISE.

WAS A COMPLETE SURPRISE. Up to the time when the resignation was read in the executive session not a person in Omaha outside of the chief knew of his contemplated action. The members of the board were dumbfounded and could at first scarcely believe that it was meant in earnest. The competitive drills will be followed by exhibition drills and grand dress parade of all companies.

Society turned out emasse at Montgomery park in the afternoon. As on Saturday more than two-thirds of those present were ladies. The Neely zounves of Memphis was the first company to crift, and kept the crowd laughing and applianting during the whole time of their complicated and interesting maneuvers. Captain Deffrey's boys are local pets and they aroused a great deal of enthusiasm by their efforts for the \$1,000 offered included in the manual.

The Morton cadets' the youngest company at Camp Schofield, were next called upon to compete for the \$1,000 offered included with a great deal of spirit and remarkable accuracy, but were a little weak in the manual.

The only other competitors in this class are the Thurston Rifles of Omaha.

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TIRED OF THE DISCORD. Although no official information could be btsined either from the chief or the memsurprise party are known to several persons who are familiar with the condition of affairs prominent in the armos both of the north in the department. It is well known that and the south will be present and will do Chief Redell has been materially hampered their utmost to make the occasion meming in the reorganization of the department by crable. Several car foads of flowers will the uncertainty in regard to the future policy e sent from the southers states to decorate of the board which was engendered by the

to have been made to the board by Chief Redell on account of alleged neglect in not keeping the alarm system in repair. The attention of the board was called to the fact that the lines were out of order on several occasions, notably at the time of the fire in the Withnell block, when the arrival of the apparatus was delayed by the failure of the ong to strike the right number.
While Chief Redell has said that he considered the unfounded attacks of an A. P. A organ as unworthy of serious consideration, it known to a few of his intimate friends that he has felt that the continual petty crit-icisms that have emanated from this and kindred sources operated to stir up discord in the department and widen still further the breach that existed before he took command. Beyond this the reports sent out by anscrupulous newspapers went to other cities where the true facts were not so well under-stood, and he was much opposed to being

A prominent insurance man who is well equainted with the situation said last night that he was not surprised at the action of Chief Redell. He had expected it for some time. To his certain knowledge the chief had received some flattering offers since he had been in Omaha. Under present condi-tions he did not know what was before him or how much his policy would be interfered with by the new board. What sane man with by the new board, what sale had would wish to remain under these conditions?
"The people of Omaha," he said, "have only themselves to thank for this result. While Chief Redell has proved himself to be one of the most efficient fire chiefs in the United States and the business men and property owners of the city are jubilant over his cord, these same business men have allowed lot of schemers who have no interest in

the welfare of the city to continually harass

and menace the department until Chief Redell has very naturally declined to longer submit

to such an imposition. Now that the work is done it is easy to see the mistake that has been made, but that does not save us

HAS OTHER OFFERS.

from what every public spirited citizen will concede to be a public misfortune." STARS UNDER A SHADOW. The masterly inactivity of Officers Marshall and Rentfrow, by reason of which two bur-glars were allowed to escape after they had been caged in the commission house at Howard street Saturday night, was cause of the charge of disobedience of orders preferred by Acting Chief Mostyn. The case was immediately taken up and Sergeant Whalen related the circumstances as previously published. After the two burglars had been surprised in the building he had ordered the two officers to guard the rear windows while he entered the building at the front. Instead of going to the windows they had stood at the entrance to the alley while the thieves broke through the window and escaped. He was positive that the bur-glars could not have got away if his orders

couple of male friends. Hostler Cormack was charged with being absent without leave. He pleaded sickness as an excuse and no decision was rendered. Serg ant Thomas Ormsby was allowed six days' pay on account of an error in the January pay roll. This action was vigorously opposed by Strickler, but he was in minority of one.

Officer C. H. Munro asked for three months' pay to cover the time during which he was laid up on account of a broken ankle received in stepping through a hole sidewalk while walking his beat. The claim

Leaves of absence were granted as follows: Engineer S. H. Winslow, ten days; Hoseman E. E. Henderson, ten days; Lieutenant J. H. Henderson, seven days; Officer Glover, five days, and Officer Halter, two days.

PARTY COLLEAGUES ARE NOTIFIED Colorado Republicans Will Vote for No

One Not for Free Silver. DENVER, May 13 .- Following upon the ecture of ex-Congressman Bland in this city, the following editorial published in the Denver Times (rep.) tonight attracted considerable attention: "Senator Henry M. Teller has sounded the keynote for the next national campaign in Cojorado in his short speech at the Bland silver meeting last Saturday night. It was not so much a special war cry to republicans, however, as a general warning to members of all parties to rally round the one flag under which there is hope for a return of national prosperity.

* * When Senator Teller announced that he had cast his last vote for any presidential candidate who was opposed to free silver or lukewarm in its interests, he did it with the knowledge that the republican sarty of Colorado stood as one man at his

"It is free coinage or disruption for the

SIOCX FALLS EDITOR INDICTED Mirk D. Scott of the Journal Charged with Libe .

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Mark D. Scott, editor of the Sioux Falls Journal, this afternoon was indicted by the grand jury for criminal libel on three counts. Scott, in the issue of the Journal of May 4, said that the members of the school board gave out that Prof. A. M. Rowe had bribed two other members of the board to vote for Rowe for re-election as superintendent of the city schools. The indictments are for libeling Rowe, Parmley and Howie. Scott has several civil suits for libel pending against him. The grand jury also indicted Acting Mayor Sampson for embezzling \$765. This was the corruption fund with which Sampson skipped out last week.

Interesting Oratorical Contest.
SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 13.—(Special. -The South Dakota intercollegiate oratori-cal contest will occur on Friday evening of cal contest will occur on Friday evening of this week at the State university at Vermillion. Rev. Mr. Fawell, now pastor of the Jordan Methodist church here, will represent the Baptist university here. He is a good speaker and has some chances of winning the Drake chalcedony slab, the \$300 prize, which goes to the college winning it three times. Yankton now has it, although there is charges of plagiarism hanging over the winner of the last contest. Yankton, Mitchell and Redfield have each won the prize twice and one of the three may this time capture it permanently. Vermillion at one time withdraw from the Intercollegiate association, but has again become a memported. The ground froze in many places. one time withdrew from the Intercollegiate association, but has again become a member. Field day sports will receive considerable attention, as the athletic association meets at Vermillion at the same time. The base ball nine from the Baptist college here will go onto the diamond for glory and prizes.

Was Afraid of Marcied Life. SIOUX FALLS, May 13.-(Special.)-Mr Johnson, brother-in-law of H. J. Erickson arrived from Mankato, Minn., today to make a systematic search for Erickson The latter has been bill clerk in the Mil The latter has been bill clerk in the Milwaukee depot here for the past two years, until Sunday, May 5, when he disappeared as completely as if the earth had swallowed him. He was in the office Sunday afternoon and walked out about 3 o'clock, and has never been seen since. He left his bicycle, clothes and considerable money in the bank. He was a young man of steady habits and no plausible theory has been advanced for his mysterious disappearance. It is said that he was engaged to be married and as the day for the wedding approached he lost his desire for wedded life and took to flight as the easiest way out of it. His books are straight. The story that he has been foully dealt with is generally dishas been foully dealt with is generally dis

Plans of the Omaha. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 13 .- (Special. -Rumors which have apparently a good rigin are to the effect that the Chicago St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway

St. Paul, Minneapoils & Omaha Railway company contemplates extending its line, which now runs from the Twin Cities to Mitchell, on to Wheeler, on the Missouri river in Charles Mix county. This it is said will be done as soon as President Cleveland issues the proclamation opening the Yankton reservation, across which the line aircady surveyed runs. It is also said the Milwaukee will build up the Missouri river from Springfield to Wheeler, or else down from Armour. Head Chief of the Cheyennes Dropped Dead

WICHITA, Lan., May 13.-Whirlwind, the head of the Chevenne Indians, is dead. He dropped dead on hearing the news of his favorite grandchild's death. He was probably the wisest and bravest Indian chief of recent years, in fact, of the century. His phenomenal speed in striking the enemy at different and widely separated places in quick succession was what gave him the name of Whirlwind. He came from royal stock on both sides, his uncle on the mother's side being Black Kettle, whom Custer killed at the Washita fight. His death will create quite a change in the policy of the Cheyeane tribe and from now on the young men will govern. his favorite grandchild's death. He was heralded abroad in a light which was as obnoxious as it was undeserved.

Trappers Arrested for Catching Deer, HENNESSEY, Okl., May 13.—The arrest of five men employed by a Chicago park association to capture fawns for exhibition association to capture fawns for exhibition has caused considerable excitement near the Cheyenne reservation. The federal officers claim deer have been captured on Indian lands. This is strictly forbidden by law. The trappers had fifteen fawns in their possession and claimed they were captured in the strip and old Oklahoma. This is also a violation of Oklahoma laws. The United States authorities have charge of the prisoners, and if cleared they will be tried by state courts. Their names are not given.

Smelter Men's Strike Sett'ed PITTSBURG, Kan., May 13.-The R. Lan yon & Co. works were started up again today, after a week's shut down, an agreement to pay the men the old wages being reached. This will have the effect in all probability of starting the other works. The Pittsburg and St. Louis works are expected to start up tomorrow and it is thought the W. & J. and H. S. Lanyon & Co.'s works will follow suit, thus ending the smelter men's strike, which has affected 700 men.

SALT LAKE, May 13.—Three days' con-ference of the Women's National Sufpresided over by Miss Susan B. Anthony, assisted by Mrs. E. B. Wells and other prominent workers for the cause. Governor West made a speech of welcome. Speeches were made by Rev. Anna Shaw and others, The conference will remain in session three days.

WILMINGTON, Del., May 13 .- Two hunwhile the thieves broke through the window and escaped. He was positive that the burglars could not have got away if his orders had been obeyed.

The excuse offered by the officers was that

FROST KING HELD FULL SWAY

All the Northern States Victims of the Recent Cold Snap.

VIOLENT STORMS ON THE GREAT LAKES

Fruits and Garden Truck Nipped from Minnesota to New York and from Michigan to Tennessee-Snow Fell in Many Parts.

WASHINGTON, May 13 .- The weather bureau furnishes the following special bulletin to the press: The unusually warm weather that prevailed last week throughout the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys, the lower lake region, middle Atlantic states and New England has been followed by a wave of extremely low temperature throughout these same districts, the extremes of low and high temperature exceeding in many cases the record of any previous years for the first ha's of May.

The warm wave began on Wednesday the 8th, in the Missouri valley, with maximum temperatures ranging from 90 degrees to 100 degrees, and moved gradually eastward, reaching the middle Atlantic states and New England on Friday. The cool wave set in in the northwest on Friday night, frosts being reported Saturday morning as far south as Kansas and Missouri and extending to the Atlantic coast by this morning, producing light frosts as far south as Chattanooga and Lynchburg. Killing frosts occurred Sunday morning in Nebraska, Iowa and Michigan and this morning in Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. Warnings of these frosts were sent out by the weather bureau on the day preceding their occurrence to all the dis-

Snows occurred along the lakes in Michigan and Wisconsin. A storm which developed suddenly during the last twenty-four hours and is now central in the Ohio valley will probably cause a still further fall in ten ture as it moves eastward, producing freeznational republican party in 1896. Which ing weather in the lower lake regions and will it choose?" in the norther New England.

CHICAGO, May 13 .- Chicago shivered in a temperature of 40 degrees today with a heavy gale blowing off the lake and a promise of colder weather tonight. The chief of the weather bureau at this point predicted damage for fruits in Michigan and Wisconsin, where snow is scheduled for tonight, with frosts in Indiana and Illinois. No reports had been received here today indicating damage to wheat, and the weather bureau officials did not believe that grain of any kind would be seriously hurt by the cold

wave. NEW YORK, May 13.—Dispatches from various parts of the state report a cold wave with freezing temperature at many points. Ice formed in Rockland, Dutchess and other counties. Fruit trees and early vegetables have been damaged to a considerable extent. CINCINNATI, May 13.—The United States weather bureau reports a killing frost at Pittsburg, Cleveland, Columbus, Parkers-burg, W. Va., and Chattanooga, Tenn., this, morning. Here the minimum thermometer range was 40 degrees. Owing to cloudiness.

ported. The ground froze in many places and the fruit is nearly all killed.

A Times-Star special from Middletown, O., says the whole of Miami county was covered with white frost this morning, killing early vegetables. Corn was injured, but will recover. Many farmers had delayed planting corn, fearing cold weather following the intensely warm weather of the past two weeks. STORMS ON THE LAKES.

MILWAUKEE, May 13 .- A fierce norther is sweeping Lake Michigan today and many disasters will probably be the result. No wrecks have occurred at this port, but a dispatch from Sheboygan says the life-saving crew has gone to the rescue of the Quickstep of this port, which is being driven before the gale and is in danger of going ashore. Snow is reported all through northern Wisconsin is reported all through northern Wisconsinand much damage has been caused by frost.
The entire crew of the Quickstep was,
rescued by the Sheboygan life saving crew.
The vessel lies on the beach south of Sheboygan harbor on a sandy bottom.
PITTSBURG, May 13.—Western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and western Virginia

were visited last night by a heavy frost. The mercury dropped to 32 degrees and in exposed places ice formed a quarter of an inch thick. Garden truck and grapes were nipped, but it is thought no serious damage was done to fruit on account of the heavy foliage. Warmer weather is predicted

GENESEO, N. Y., May 13 .- The mercury

touched 30 here this morning. Yesterday 33 was reached and the temperature did not get above forty all day. Much damage fruit is expected. OSKOSH, Wis., May 13.—An inch of snow fell here today and the thermometer is at freezing. Great damage has been done to early fruit, berries and gardens. Winter wheat and early corn have also suffered to a considerable extent. It is probable a large acreage will have to be replanted.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., May 13.—A killing frost visited this section last night and it is feared injured the fruit crop severely. GREEN BAY, Wis. May 13.—A blizzard prevailed here from midnight until 3 o'clock. Three inches of snow fell accompanied by a wind blowing forty miles an hour. Great damage results to fruits, market gardens and growing grains, Freezing weather tonight will add to the destruction. Trains are not

seriously delayed. MENOMINEE, Mich., May 13.—A howling blizzard passed over the city last night and the snow is three to four inches deep today. All gardens and many fruit and shade trees

DETROIT, Mich., May 13 .- Western Michi gan dispatches received today indicate that fruit was not injured to any extent by the frost last night. Even the tenderest varieties are reported unharmed. In the northern perinsular and in the northern part of the state, however, a heavy snow fell, with a freezing wind from the northeast, badly, damaging vegetables and tender fruit buds,

BELOW THE FREEZING POINT. CLEVELAND, May 13.—Telegrams from numerous points throughout northern Ohio, show that the heavy frost of last night was most disastrous in its effects upon fruit and early vegetables. In many sections all the grapes, apples, peaches, cherries and early garden vegetables were killed. At a number of points it is said that wheat and corn have been severely damaged, and in many places corn will have to be replanted. The temperature fell below the freezing point and ice formed on still water. The damage done

st enormous.

ST. PAUL, May 13.—Frosts last night caused much damage to Minnesota wheat crops, early spring seeming to be a blessing with a string to it. At Virginia, in the northern part of the state, four inches of snow fell yesterday. In the southern part of the state grain and vegetables were well advanced the search help research. advanced, the season being nearly one month earlier this year than usual, and it is feared

that the damage has been very great.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 13.—Last night's frest was the most serious since vegetation began to grow. Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakota all suffered, but North Dakota escaped with but little damage. Snow fell at Ely, Tower and the Iron range Garden truck and small fruits suffer: and grain in a leaser degree. The frost in reported to have done good as well as svil in some quarters, since it killed the tenden shoots of the Russian thistle. Wheat is re-