gone any impairment since that time. Whatever happens, it is understood that the incoming administration will subject the sureties on all of them to a new scrutiny. If they do not require new bonds altogether. These banks, two years ago, had in their possession $627,027.18 of state money. The amount on deposit at present is supposed to be more than twice that sum.

ROADS DENY THE LOW COAST RATES

Passenger Agent of Northern Pacific Tells Another Story.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—General Passenger Agent Fee of the Northern Pacific, who was in Chicago today, declares that the reports of the $25 rate made by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern from St. Paul to north Pacific coast points are without foundation in fact. The same story, he says, was started about one year ago and in both instances it came from land speculators in the state of Washington, who circulated the report of cut rates in the hope that immigration would set in toward their state. There has been, Mr. Fee declared, no change in the rates from St. Paul to north Pacific coast points for two years, or since the organization of the Transcontinental Passenger association, and there is no immediate prospect of any change being made in the present rates. The story had the effect of stirring up the other transcontinental roads to a large extent, however, and there was all kinds of talk about meeting the rates and calling a meeting of the transcontinental lines and other things of a like nature.

Chairman Caldwell of the Transmissouri Passenger association is now making an effort to get a meeting of the transmissouri lines in Denver in the near future. The demoralization among these lines is less at present than it has been for some time, but there are a number of matters that require adjustment and the chairman will call a meeting of all the interested lines as soon as he can find a date on which all of the roads can be represented. There is a probability that the meeting will be held some time next week, but the date is very indefinite.

ARGUMENTS IN SANTA FE CASE.

Judge Myers Listens to Discussions on Questions of Law.

LEAVENWORTH, Dec. 11.—The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe receivership case, which was last Monday remanded to Judge Myers' court by United States Judges Foster and Thayer, came up for argument in the district court here this morning. The entire forenoon was taken up by arguments of Judge Keeler and D. R. Hite for the plaintiffs. In the afternoon, the defendants, who are represented here by Victor Morawitz of New York, Ed Kenna of Chicago, C. Storry of Los Angeles, Cal., ex-Chief Justice Albert H. Horton and A. A. Hurd, began their arguments. No sensational developments arose, and none are expected. Both sides are agreed that there shall be the fullest possible discussion, and as speedy an adjustment as possible. The plaintiff, late last night, filed with Judge Myers a demurrer to the answer and general denial of the defendants, and motion to strike out certain portions of it.

At the close of the arguments Judge Myers announced that he would file a written opinion in the case in the state district court at Oskaloosa on December 28.

MYSTERIOUS CRIME IN KENTUCKY.

Old Man Beaten and Another Man Shot by Fifteen Strange Men.

JACKSON, Ky., Dec. 11.—Thomas Barnett was fatally shot by a mob of fifteen men at his home. No cause is assigned and no arrests have been made. Five masked men last night took from his house George Deaton, aged 65, and administered fifty lashes. No one can conjecture why he was so maltreated. Deaton knows the men, but is threatened with death if he tells.

Deaths of a Day.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Lorenz Blazek, one of the most prominent Polish farmers of Howard county, departed this life yesterday morning at the age of 49 of dropsy. For the last fifteen years Mr. Blazek has taken a prominent part politically and religiously in Howard county, being at his death one of the trustees of the Catholic church. He leaves a family in comfortable circumstances.

BEEMER, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Lydia Sharp, an old settler of this place, died at the old homestead, one-half mile west of Beemer, this morning at 7 o'clock of dropsy, aged nearly 88 years. Grandma Sharp was born in Bedford county, Virginia, March 28, 1809, where a brother five years older still lives in the same house where they were born. The deceased came to Beemer in November, 1885, where she resided till the time of her death. She was the mother of nine sons and five daughters. Ten are now living. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal church.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Frederick Kast, described as groom, and one of the three male defendants in the suit for criminal libel brought by Earl Russell against his mother-in-law, Lady Scott, and others, is dead. He had been confined in Holloway jail from the time of his arrest and his illness caused a postponement of the trial on November 30.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Dennis Donohue, ex-consul general for Great Britain at this port, died today at his suburban residence. He had been in the British consular service since 1857, and was retired a year ago on account of his advanced age.

NORWAY, Me., Dec. 11.—General George W. Beale, member of the board of control of the national Soldiers' Home, ex-pension agent, adjutant general of Maine and ex-state treasurer, died at his home here this morning. General Beale was 71 years of age and had a notable military record as a soldier in the civil war.

JEFFERSON, Ia., Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—J. E. Thorne, postmaster at Rockwell City, was found dead in bed this morning. Heart disease was the cause.

Helped Taylor to Escape.

DENVER, Dec. 11.—D. F. Stone, the convict who sawed a hole through the wall of the jail at Carrollton, Mo., in the fall of 1895, and allowed the escape of himself and the Taylor brothers, then under sentence to be hanged for the murder and cremation of Gus Meeks and family, is in the Canon City penitentiary. He has been identified by Detective Hayes of Kansas City. Stone is serving a sentence for robbing a passenger on a railroad train of his watch and money. His term will expire October 23, 1897, and he will then be taken back to Missouri.

Brigham's Boom Is Persistent.

BELLEFONT, O., Dec. 11.—The Ohio State Grange has adopted a resolution recommending to President-elect McKinley Hon. J. H. Brigham of Ohio for appointment as secretary of agriculture.

Can't Eat

This is the complaint of thousands at this season. They have no appetite; food does not relish. They need the toning up of the stomach and digestive organs, which a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla will give them. It also purifies and enriches the blood, cures that distress after eating and internal misery only a dyspeptic can know, creates an appetite, overcomes that tired feeling and builds up and sustains the whole physical system. It so promptly and efficiently relieves dyspeptic symptoms and cures nervous headaches, that it seems to have almost "a magic touch."

Hood's Sarsaparilla

is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. 25c.

OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED

Carl Schurz is Again President of Civil Service Reform League.

PAPERS ON THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED

Batch of Congratulatory Resolutions Is Adopted by the Delegates at Philadelphia and Further Legislation is Urged.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—At today's session of the Civil Service Reform association the following officers were re-elected: President, Carl Schurz, New York; vice presidents, Charles Francis Adams, Boston; Augustus R. McDonough, New York; J. Hall Pleasants, Baltimore; Henry Hitchcock, St. Louis; Franklin McVeagh, Chicago; William Potts and Rev. Henry C. Potter, New York. Archbishop J. P. Ryan of Philadelphia was also elected a vice president to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rt. Rev. Stephen N. Ryan.

A committee from the National Association of Letter Carriers appeared before the general committee with a petition urging the continuance of a postoffice department order, which provides that no carrier shall be discharged from the service until he shall have had an opportunity for defense; also that for promotions to the office of superintendent of carriers carriers alone shall be eligible; also that if it is intended to establish an inspector force for the supervision of the letter carriers that said inspectors shall serve at least five years in the classified service. The petition was referred to the committee on resolutions.

President Proctor of the civil service commission addressed the delegates on the workings of the civil service law. At the afternoon session a number of papers were read.

Mrs. Charles Russell Lowell of New York spoke on "The Relation of Women to the Reform of the Civil Service." Mrs. Lowell set out with the statement that as New York had the unhappy distinction of having originated the spoils system, it was natural that the first association for civil service reform should have been formed in that state. This was in 1877. The woman's auxiliary to this New York association was formed only a year ago. She declared that, however great may be the cause for gratitude for the many victories won by the cause, the war is not yet over, and the spoilsmen, driven to bay, are, in New York at least, preparing for a determined attack upon the very life of the reform. Mrs. Lowell urged that the objection to the separate existence of women's auxiliaries was not well known because more interest could be aroused by having more than one organization. She argued, however, that the women of other states should reduce the membership fee from $5 to $2 or $1, in order to secure a large membership.

NEED FOR THE COMMISSION.

Dorman B. Eaton spoke on "Civil Service Commission Essential to the Civil Service Reform." Mr. Eaton began his address with the statement that the enemies of civil service reform in the state of New York are preparing for a combined assault upon that system at the next session of the legislature and that if it should prevail, disaster would result to the reform policy of the state. The direct object of the assault is to deprive the state commission of essential power over the examinations, he said, and if possible to supersede the commission altogether. Mr. Eaton continued: "The most difficult cases to deal with have been where—as for example in Baltimore—the local officers and the local party managers out of office, have been side by side in secret co-operation with each other. Therefore, to hand over to either of them the control of the examinations would be the merest stupidity." The speaker concluded as follows: "If Mr. Morton could be governor for two years more the struggle of the spoilsmen for supremacy would be made hopeless and the abiding triumph of reform would be achieved. Much good depends upon whether Mr. Black, the new governor of New York, shall decide to lead the higher or the lower forces of his party; whether he shall take patronage mongering Governor Hill for his model and court his shameless and ignominious fate and that of his party, or shall rise to the level of President Cleveland and President Harrison, of Governor Morton and of all the governors of Massachusetts, the latter of whom vetoed every bill which threatened reform in their state."

Francis E. Leupp of Washington spoke on "Lo, the Poor Spoilsman; His Days Numbered in the Indian Service." Mr. Leupp at the outset told the story of the emergence of the Indian service from "spoils barbarism," adding that the competitive test for appointment to all minor places is undoubtedly so intrenched that no future administration will dare attempt to dislodge it. "But," he added, "in the Indian service, as elsewhere, the steady reduction of the spoilsman's privilege has the effect of concentrating his greed for what remains. For a remedy for this trouble we shall probably have to await two changes—a reform in the method of choosing the higher officers and the more general settlement of the western country."

"FOUR YEARS' TENURE."

Lucius B. Swift of Indianapolis spoke on "Four Years' Tenure." Mr. Swift opened with a recital of the achievements of the merit system in the federal service during the past thirty years under the leadership of this league. He said that one result alone was the transfer from the field of politics to the field of the wageearner of about 100,000 of the best places in that service. "The final establishment of the merit system," said he, "had left much of the federal service in a curious condition, most of the underemployes of high efficiency and long experience, while the heads have less because they were generally appointed within four years and were almost universally without knowledge of their duties. This is because there is always a place to reward real or alleged service in carrying the election." He said in conclusion: "Mr. McKinley is not free in the matter. He is so bound by his platform as to leave his sincerity to be questioned. He must take up the work where his predecessor left it and go forward to the end. To urge that four-year commissions or four-year customs stand in the way would be but childish excuses. The first principle to be laid down by President McKinley is that there are no offices to be divided as spoils. The second principle is the same and the last is like unto it."

"Civil Service Reform in the West" was the subject taken by John Ela of Chicago. The speaker said civil service reform was gradually remodeling primitive political machinery and introducing business methods in the government throughout the middle west. The action of the Illinois legislature in passing the civil service bill a year ago last spring was by no means as spasmodic as it seemed to the gentlemen of the east. One of the most notable effects of the civil service law was that the offices in the city hall were no longer crowded with politicians after places for themselves or friends and so all the officers, from the mayor down, were allowed to devote themselves to the interests of the city; whereas, formerly a very considerable portion of their time was absorbed in parceling out the plunder. "I know you will permit me to say—without implying any discourtesy whatever—that the atmosphere of the west seems more congenial to the growth of civil service reform than that of the east. In the west the growth of the reform in all its aspects seems to be rapid and continuous, and yet healthy, and it is already cropping out in practical legislation in many of the states. In Chicago we shall get the entire city service under the rules within five years after the passage of the law—even if we have to change the political complexion of an administration sometimes on purpose to do it."

ADOPT SOME RESOLUTIONS.

There was a heated discussion this afternoon over one plank in the resolutions when they were offered by Chairman Bonaparte. The plank which caused the trouble was as follows:

The lamentable and well merited defeat of the democratic party at the polls at the recent election is a source of gratification.

There were half a dozen delegates on their feet scrambling for recognition before the last word was out of the speaker's mouth. Colonel Ela of Chicago asked that the paragraph be stricken out, as he knew several persons who voted for William J. Bryan for president who were in hearty accord with civil service reform. N. H. Davis of Cincinnati also opposed the objectionable plank. The resolutions were finally referred back to the committee, and when they came before the convention again the obnoxious paragraph had been stricken out. The resolutions adopted are as follows:

1. The National Civil Service Reform league, assembled in this, its sixteenth annual meeting, is compelled to notice the fact that during the past year, for the first time since its organization, its principles were openly repudiated and a revival of discarded abuses threatened in the platform put forth by a national convention and in the public declarations of a candidate for the presidency. The league cordially endorses the protest published during the contest by its executive committee against these mischievous and misleading utterances. It congratulates itself that the purpose thus foreshadowed to undo the good accomplished by persistent effort during a generation's space have failed of consummation, and records its hopes that it may be called upon to meet no similar reverse in the future.

2. The league heartily congratulates the country on the truly remarkable progress of the reform under the second administration of President Cleveland and especially during the past year. For this great achievement, advancing as it does the fundamental principles of free government, President Cleveland deserves the sincere and heartfelt thanks of all good citizens.

3. The league recognizes in the president-elect a friend to civil service reform, who has rendered eminent service in the past to our cause. His record assures all friends of the reform that it will be his desire, as well as his duty, to end what remains of the practice of using federal offices to reward personal or party service.

4. The league congratulates the state of New York upon the recent classification of its state and departmental service.

5. The league observes with peculiar satisfaction the remarkably increased number and activity of the agencies working for better government throughout the country.

6. The league renews its recommendations that the legislation requisite to place the municipal government and other local offices of the District of Columbia within the operation of the civil service law be enacted.

7. At its last annual meeting the league heard with pleasure of the commendable attempt of the postmaster general to extend the benefits of the classified service to many postmasters of smaller postoffices by consolidating their offices with those of the larger cities in the vicinity. This measure held out the promise of a considerable saving of public money and a marked increase in mail facilities, beside applying the merit system to a portion of the public service wherein its introduction is at once most desirable and attended with serious difficulties. The league has since seen with regret and indignation the practical frustration of this judicious measure through the selfish and unscrupulous hostility of certain senators and representatives, a hostility cloaked under various frivolous pretexts, but which could be inspired only by a desire to use the public patronage as rewards for personal adherents or party workers, and it urges upon congress that this eminently practical reform be no longer delayed.

BANQUET CLOSES THE SESSION.

The session closed tonight with a banquet at the Hotel Walton, tendered to the national association by the Philadelphia branch. There was a number of distinguished men present, prominent among whom were: Secretary of Agriculture Morton, Carl Schurz, Mayor Strong of New York, President Francis J. Patton of Princeton university, Hon. John R. Proctor, Charles J. Bonaparte of Baltimore, Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, Horace E. Deming of New York, General William A. Aiken and Henry Villard. Letters of regret were received from Postmaster General Wilson and others. Herbert Welsh, president of the local branch, presided, and, after an elaborate menu had been discussed, introduced Secretary Morton. The secretary referred to President Cleveland as a "strong civil service reformer," and spoke of the increased efficiency of his subordinates in the Agricultural department as a result of the classification of the service. Mayor Strong told of the successful operation of New York's municipal civil service regulations. Colonel John R. Proctor of Kentucky, chairman of the National Civil Service commission, spoke briefly of the work of the commission. He told of one government official who, under the old system of selection, had been appointed to office upon the very highest recommendations, but who was dismissed for drunkenness after a short incumbency. Subsequent inquiry proved that in his home city he had been a notorious drunkard for ten years. Bishop Foss, Charles J. Bonaparte and Lucius B. Swift of Indianapolis also spoke.

BARONET'S BROTHER LANDS IN JAIL.

Scion of an Aristocratic English Family a Forger and a Drunkard.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—John F. Elliott, a man with a remarkable history, whose brother is a British baronet, has been arrested in Pendleton for forging a check for $30. Elliott was found almost nude and suffering from delirium tremens, and in jail tried repeatedly to commit suicide.

His brother, Sir George Henry Elliott, is now governor of one of the British possessions in Africa, where are located enormously rich gold mines recently developed. He was formerly English ambassador in Madrid, Berlin, Vienna and was ambassador to Constantinople when the Turko-Russian war broke out. Elliott's brother-in-law is now lieutenant governor of Manitoba. His uncle, Sir Gilbert Elliott, was many years ago speaker of the British House of Commons.

Violates the Interstate Commerce Law

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—At the instance of the Interstate Commerce commission a warrant has been issued for the arrest of Alf O'Reilly, commercial agent of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad company, at Indianapolis, on the charge that he violated the interstate commerce law by reducing rates. It is understood the trouble arose over a western shipment in which several lines were involved, and that the warrant for O'Reilly is only the forerunner of several that are to be served in this city.

Co-Operative Insurance Concern Fails

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The Commercial Travelers' Life association of this city, one of the oldest co-operative insurance companies, went into the hands of receivers today. The order was upon the application of the attorney general's office on the ground of insolvency. The assets of the company are $90,000 and the liabilities $100,000. Jacob Amos and James E. Ratchford are the receivers.

Joseph Pierre's Slayer is Hanged.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Dec. 11.—Marshall J. Miller was hanged at the state prison here today for the murder of Joseph Pierre of Marysville last May. Miller and Stuart Greene attempted to rob Pierre's house and during the burglary shot Pierre so severely that he died. Greene received life imprisonment for his share in the crime.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The fifteenth anniversary ball of the Cigarmakers' union will be held this evening at Turner hall, Eighteenth and Harney streets.

The continued warm weather has played havoc with the ice. The river froze over sometime ago, but it has opened and the ice has moved out of the channel.

Henry Mathiesen, deputy in the city clerk's office under Clerk Groves, has been selected by Secretary of State-elect Porter for one of the positions in his office.

The street cleaning force has been taken off of the paved streets of the residence portion of the city, and now the men are devoting their attention to the business districts. The force has been materially reduced.

A cottage occupied by David Rush, colored, at 1208 Capitol avenue, caught fire last night from some burning ashes which had been carelessly heaped against the outside of the building and $25 damage was sustained. The house is owned by Mrs. Pattee.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Omaha club will be held at the club house on Saturday, January 2, 1897, at 8 p. m., at which time the board of directors for the ensuing year will be elected. An amendment to the constitution changing the date of the annual meeting from the first to the third Saturday in January will be voted on.

The Saturday afternoon Sunday school class, conducted by Dr. Warfield, at the Young Men's Christian association, under the auspices of the Omaha Sunday School association, is proving to be a great help to Sunday school teachers and others who are interested in Sunday school work. The class meets at 4 o'clock every Saturday afternoon.

BIKE RIDERS STILL AT IT

Fifth Day of the Long Journey Sees the Positions Unchanged.

FLUCKY IRISH BOY HOLDS THE LEAD

Six-Day Bicycle Race Continues to Attract the Interest of the Wheel Cranks of Gotham.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Teddy Hale still leads the six-day race, but is not so far ahead but he may yet be passed. One change was made in the positions of the riders today. Forster passed Rice, who had been second in the race for three days. Forster gained steadily on Rice, but finally fell back and had to see his exertions go for naught. Rice is also very tired and shows unmistakeable signs of collapse. Reading, fourth in the race, is riding steadily and is holding out much better than was thought possible two days ago. He is secure in his present place and has excellent prospects of improving his standing. Forster's exertions today have exhausted him greatly and it is not certain that he will be able to keep up the terrific gait at which the leaders are pushing. Should either of the three leaders let up Reading is certain to get that place.

When Hale, the Irish rider, completed his 100th hour he had exactly 1,400 miles to his credit. That was about 4 o'clock this morning. His closest rivals, Rice and Forster, were four hours later in making the same number of miles.

All the riders except Hale were out at 9 o'clock. The Irishman was then 140 miles ahead of the record, and the other first eight were also beyond it. Forster rode very erratically during the morning. At 2 o'clock he ran into Schock and both tumbled but remounted quickly and resumed the race. Three hours later Forster collided with Rice, and Maddox, who was a few feet behind, sprawled over both of them. Forster was then warned to ride more carefully and his trainer gave him some stimulants, but he was still wobbly, and rode at a very slow gait for several hours.

Most of the riders were on the track during the latter hours of the morning. Rice dismounted shortly before 11 o'clock. He was looking poorly. Taylor was less cheerful as the morning wore on and even Hale had recourse to a sponge. McLeod seemed in better spirits after he had passed Glick. Schock was riding smoothly and Forster was again in second place at 11 o'clock, having passed Rice while the latter was resting.

Rice was so weak about 1 p. m. that he fell off his wheel, but he pluckily remounted and rode around fast again. Hale turned in for a rest and then reeling off eighteen miles tween 12 and 1 o'clock. He passed the 1,500-mile mark shortly before retiring. At 1 o'clock more than half the contestants in the race had over 1,130 miles to their credit.

ATTENDANCE ON THE INCREASE.

Fully 5,000 people, the largest afternoon crowd of the week, were in the garden at 3:30 o'clock. Peter Grundy, the announcer, mounted the Fourth Avenue bridge at 3 o'clock and made it known that Hale was then leading the record by 135 miles and three laps. Thereupon the crowd cheered wildly. Schock ought to get the first prize for gameness. At 4 o'clock he had been in the saddle continuously for thirty-two hours, and altogether he has not rested more than four and a half hours. It is scarcely to be doubted that had the champion's stomach not gone wrong he would have been Hale's principal rival.

The record-breaking scores of the riders and the interest naturally attaching to the last hours of the race served to bring out an unusually large crowd early tonight. At one minute past 8 it was announced that Hale had made 1,600½ miles. Prolonged cheers greeted the announcement, and a large basket of flowers was handed to the Irishman, which he carried around for a few laps. The former record for six days made by Schock was only 1,600 miles. All the riders spurted for several minutes after this, amid vociferous cheering from the audience.

At 8:15 Moore and McLeod had a collision as they were turning a curve at the eastern end of the track. Both were thrown off and Moore seemed to be hurt by the fall, but in a little while he was able to mount his wheel again. At 8:50 Ashinger and Maddox started a lively spurt. In five minutes Hale, with a sponge in his mouth, was making lap for lap with them. Rice, too, followed suit, and the crowd gave expression to its delight in cheer after cheer. At 8:52 Forster stopped for a rest. He appeared very much exhausted.

The event of the early evening was the half-mile invitation race for professionals. Those who entered in the final heat were Con Baker of Columbus, Albert Weinig of Buffalo, Jay Eaton of Elizabeth and G. Carpenter of Rahway. The result showed Con Baker a winner and handily, by one minute and eight seconds.

Score at 10 a. m.:

Hale	1,456	Smith	1,150
Rice	1,416	Moore	1,303
Forster	1,428	Pierce	1,314
Reading	1,407	Ashinger	1,267
Schock	1,375	Maddox	1,254
Taylor	1,362	Cassidy	1,247

Score at 2 p. m.:

Hale	1,615	Pierce	1,364
Rice	1,570	Ashinger	1,314
Forster	1,485	Maddox	1,305
Reading	1,462	Cassidy	1,287
Schock	1,439	Gannon	1,122
Taylor	1,410	Glick	1,060
Smith	1,393	McLeod	1,041
Moore	1,379		

At 6 o'clock the score was:

Riders	Miles.	Riders.	Miles.
Hale	1,745	Pierce	1,413
Forster	1,529	Ashinger	1,366
Rice	1,529	Maddox	1,351
Reading	1,493	Cassidy	1,333
Schock	1,488	Gannon	1,196
Taylor	1,451	McLeod	1,148
Smith	1,431	Glick	1,029
Moore	1,429		

At midnight the score was:

Riders.	Miles.	Laps.	Riders.	Miles.	Laps.
Hale	1,801	4	Pierce	1,487	6
Rice	1,611	7	Ashinger	1,453	7
Forster	1,594	7	Maddox	1,438	5
Reading	1,572	7	Cassidy	1,376	6
Schock	1,554	7	Gannon	1,198	3
Smith	1,514	8	McLeod	1,148	6
Taylor	1,514	4	Glick	1,040	4
Moore	1,500	0			

At 2 o'clock Saturday morning the score was:

	Miles.	Laps.		Miles.	Laps.
Hale	1,660	8	Pierce	1,515	1
Rice	1,625	9	Ashinger	1,465	2
Forster	1,616	9	Maddox	1,444	8
Reading	1,586	9	Cassidy	1,376	6
Schock	1,571	6	Gannon	1,221	0
Taylor	1,520	9	McLeod	1,159	6
Smith	1,537	1	Glick	1,040	4
Moore	[illegible]	3			

OLYMPIC CLUB MAKES A STATEMENT

Explains Its Offer to Arrange the Corbett-Fitzsimmons Match.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—There have been so many misleading versions published in regard to the Olympic club offer for a fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons that Howard Taylor, captain of the Olympic club, who was authorized by the directors to confer with the pugilists, made the following statement last night:

"In view of the many inaccurate reports in reference to the Olympic club's offer to match Fitzsimmons and Corbett, I wish to explain the relative position of the club and the contestants. The board of directors of the Olympic club has offered a purse of $10,000 and not $15,000 for a ten-round contest between Fitzsimmons and Corbett under the direction of the Olympic club and the following conditions:

"That the selection of the referee be placed in the hands of three well known and reputable citizens, such as Major McLaughlin, W. Greer Harrison and George Newhall. As a matter of illustration, the former to represent Fitzsimmons and Corbett respectively and Mr. Newhall to represent the club. Besides the referee each contestant will be allowed to select a judge and in the event of there being no knock-out the referee will be required to consult with the judges before rendering a decision, but a decision must be rendered at the ringside.

"In regard to the prospects of bringing the big guns together, Corbett has stated his willingness to battle before the Olympic club, but whether he is sincere in the matter we have been unable to prove. Fitzsimmons has refused to enter into a proposition for a limited number of rounds unless he is assured that there is no chance to bring off a finish contest. In that event he will consider the proposition of the Olympic club."

DAN CREEDON GETS A DECISION.

Out-Points Dick O'Brien in Nine Hot Rounds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—At the Broadway Athletic club Dan Creedon of Australia outfought and out-pointed Dick O'Brien of Boston in nine rounds. From the beginning of the bout until the referee interfered and stopped the mill, when the ninth round had nearly expired, the work of both men was very rapid, and they worked so hard that during the last three rounds one good blow would have settled the contest. Creedon was undoubtedly the better man and there was not a word of protest uttered when the referee gave his fiat. There were about 3,500 persons present in the club house to see the fight. Preliminary to the big fight, Eddie Curry of New York and Billy Whistler of Philadelphia, 120-pounders, sparred ten hot rounds. Curry got the decision, and a large majority of the spectators hissed the referee vehemently.

O'Brien was the first to make his appearance for the star event of the night. He was accompanied by his seconds, Danny McBride "Scotty" Faulkner, Tim McGrath and Jack Burns. Creedon followed him a minute later, escorted by Jem Mace, Solly Smith and Benny Murphy. The men were announced to go twenty rounds at catch weights. Both men showed the results of faithful training. When they shook hands at 9:10 o'clock, Creedon easily had the advantage of height and reach.

Round 1—Both opened with light lefts on face. Then they mixed up with left jabs on face and rights on body. Creedon sent the left to the head and body. O'Brien landed a left on the body. Creedon replied with the left on the face. O'Brien slammed right and left on the head and forced Creedon back. After this he planted two good lefts on the face without a return.

Round 2—They blocked cleverly until O'Brien landed a right swing on the back of the head. They then swung rights and lefts on the face and neck without a letup for half a minute. Neither man showed any effects from this rapid work at the call of time.

Round 3—O'Brien opened with a left on the face and a right on the neck. Creedon jabbed a left on the face. Creedon sent his left hard on the face and O'Brien did the same. O'Brien swung for the jaw, but fell short, and Creedon placed his right glove on the cheek. Both jabbed lefts on the face.

Round 4—Creedon opened with a left jab on the face. O'Brien swung his right on head and jabbed left on ear. Creedon landed a heavy right on neck, but the blow did not stagger O'Brien. Creedon uppercut with the left on the neck, but O'Brien was still ready for him. Creedon sent right on the neck and his left on the wind. O'Brien landed a left on face and swung a right on neck.

In the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth rounds the fighting was fast. Both men landed often on face and body, but the blows were ineffective. At the end of the eighth both were seemingly very tired and a good blow would have finished either one.

Round 9—They ran into a clinch at the start. O'Brien landed a left on the face and Creedon backed away. He came back with a left swing on the neck. Dan put three lefts on the face and O'Brien landed a left on the face. Creedon kept up a constant slugging with both hands on O'Brien's head, and O'Brien leaned over the Australian to avoid punishment. Dan still kept smashing O'Brien with both hands on the head and face relentlessly. O'Brien was unable to defend himself and the referee stopped the bout and awarded the fight to Creedon after two minutes and fifty-eight seconds of fighting in this round.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—Jack Bennett of Pittsburg defeated Charles McCarthy in a six-round sparring match at the Tuxedo club, this city, last night. McCarthy tried again and again to land his famous right-hand swings, but Bennett very cleverly blocked all of them. In the fourth round Bennett scored a clean knock down, and McCarthy began to grow very weak. The fifth and sixth rounds were hot ones. McCarthy landed some hard body blows, but Bennett was making a mark of Mac's face. In the sixth round Mac went in with his old do-or-die gait, and hit the westerner a number of terrific body blows. The latter looked very tired, but it was from the fast pace he cut himself, for he showed scarcely a mark. Both judges agreed on Bennett, and the opinion of the majority was that McCarthy had gone back somewhat.

Results on the Running Tracks.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 11.—Weather fine; track good. Summaries:

First race, selling, seven furlongs: Pelleas won, Ida Pickwick second, Van Brunt third. Time: 1:29½.

Second race, selling, one mile: Viscount won, Elyria second, Banquo II third. Time: 1:45¾.

Third race, selling, six furlongs: Willie W. won, Judge Steadman second, Twelve Fifty third. Time: 1:16¾.

Fourth race, handicap, one mile: Stockholm won, John Corr second, Nicolini third. Time: 1:44¾.

Fifth race, selling, one mile: Uncle Abb won, Rossmar second, Cotton King third. Time: 1:45.

Sixth race, selling, seven furlongs: Bryan won, Hallstone second, Buckmore third. Time: 1:30¾.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Weather cloudy at Ingleside today; track fast. Results:

First race, seven furlongs, maidens: Personne won, Sir Andrew second, Zelpha third. Time: 1:29¾.

Second race, seven furlongs: Imported Hardtack won, Rickshah second, Manzanillo third. Time: 1:30½.

Third race, mile and a quarter, selling: Ostler Joe won, Adolph Spreckels second, Semper Lex third. Time: 2:08¾.

Fourth race, one mile, selling: Lucille won, Walter J second, Red Glenn third. Time: 1:43.

Fifth race, six furlongs, selling: Caesarian won, Major Cook second, Toano third. Time: 1:15¼.

Spinks Wins from Mclaughlin.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The 2,500 points billiard match between John A. Spinks and Edward McLaughlin, for $250, was won tonight by Spinks, who scored a total of 2,500 in the four nights' play against McLaughlin's 2,300. Spinks' total tonight was 600; high run, 59; average, 13 32-93, and his grand average for the games was 11 26-224. McLaughlin's total tonight was 423; high run, 110; average, 12 3-35, and his grand average was 10 70-223.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—William Hattley (300) defeated Cyril Gallagher (400) in the Bensinger Silver billiard tournament this afternoon by a score of 300 to 294. Averages: Hattley, 10 20-28; Gallagher, 10½. In the evening game Joe Capron (260) defeated William Harrison (280) by a score of 260 to 64. Averages: Capron, 13; Harrison, 3 7-19.

Toronto to Join the Eastern.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—There is a strong likelihood that Toronto will have a team in the eastern base ball league next year. Arthur Irwin has announced that the Toronto Ferry company will likely take the franchise and have all games played on the Island. Many local enthusiasts have promised to take season boxes at $25 each. A committee is canvassing for subscriptions. Irwin left for the east today.

Jim Den and Young Gardner Matched.

Jim Den of Arapahoe, one of the crack wing shots of the state, and Irvine Gardner of this city will shoot a 100-live-bird match this afternoon on the Omaha Gun club grounds, at the end of the Douglas street bridge. The match is for $100 a side and will be young Gardner's second contest of any importance, his first one being with Plumber Reed of this city, whom he defeated.

Young Pedestrians Start Forth.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Paul Phillips and Frank Marshall, 18 years old, of Brooklyn, left the Eagle office at 8:30 o'clock this morning to walk to San Francisco. They hope to get the autographs of the mayors of all the cities through which they pass. Two years ago the young men walked to Chicago.

Escapes from a Serious Charge.

DENVER, Dec. 11.—The grand jury has unanimously voted not to present a bill for an indictment against Andrew J. Spute, who had been accused of the murder of his wife and four children, who were drowned a few months ago in Smith lake, where they were boating. Spute will now take the necessary steps to collect the $10,000 insurance on his wife's life.

Three Children Burned to Death.

IRWIN, Pa., Dec. 11.—This afternoon while John Pallingwest and his wife were away from their house, three of their children, aged 4 months, 4 and six years, were playing with an oil can in front of the grate, when it caught fire and they were burned to death. Mr. Pallingwest and his wife had gone to a field about two miles from their home.

Combine of Beam Manufacturers.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 11.—The beam manufacturers of the country, composed for the most part of firms already in the Bessemer Steel association, met tonight and formed a combination on practically the same basis as that on which the billet pool is working. It was decided to maintain prices, the minimum to be 1.35 cents per pound.

MINERAL RESOURCES OF SIBERIA.

Russian Scientific Party Makes Some Valuable Discoveries.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—D. V. Ivanov and Peter Kulahoff, members of the Russian geological survey, who have been for sometime past investigating the mineral resources of Siberia along the route of the great Siberian railroad, arrived here on their way to St. Petersburg. They traveled a vast distance of mountain region. Their duty was to explore the country for 100 miles on each side of the strip along which the road runs, or is surveyed, so as to get a good idea of what the country afforded.

"We found it a wonderful country, both in point of scenery and in its resources of gold, silver, copper, lead, coal and other minerals," said one of the gentlemen. "It was all we could have desired. We collected many specimens of different kinds of ore which we are taking back with us to St. Petersburg.

"Besides the minerals there are numerous areas of magnificent agricultural lands, available chiefly for growing wheat, oats, barley and other cereals and vegetables. The great rivers of the country afford fine opportunities for commercial development. It has a thousand interests that can only be alluded to."

Reception to Dr. Burns.

D. Guy Wendall Burns, for many years a resident of this city, though for the last five living in Minneapolis, was tendered a reception last evening at the Commercial club rooms. Dr. Burns has for the period stated been demonstrator at the Minneapolis Institute of Osteopathy. A short time ago he decided to return to this city and assume a similar position in the Omaha Institute of Osteopathy. The club rooms were thronged with friends of the doctor throughout the evening and it proved a most enjoyable occasion, bringing together as it did old acquaintances of many years' standing. The committee having the affair in charge was composed of A. J. Vierling, John S. Knox, Clement Chase, C. M. Wilhelm, Lucien Stephens, Harry Nott, W. H. Alexander. Refreshments were served late in the evening and an orchestra stationed in the hall furnished music.

Atheneum Fraternity Entertainment.

Athens lodge No. 1 of the Atheneum Fraternity gave an entertainment at Masonic hall last evening, which, despite the large number of other attractions in the city, drew a full house. It consisted of an elocutionary recital under the direction of Miss Zulema Fuller, those participating being selected from her classes. The committee of the lodge having charge of the entertainment were Messrs. J. T. Dailey, R. E. McKelvey and J. J. Everingham, Mrs. J. B. Huse and Mrs. A. Crawford.

Chance for a Boy.

Chief Sigwart has received a letter from James Evans of Cassell, Neb., asking if he has any good boys of 10 or 12 years of age for adoption. Mr. Evans recites that he is a farmer near the place named and that he would like to have a boy to do chores and otherwise make himself useful. He prefers a boy of Welsh parentage and says he will send him to school. He also wants a photo of any young fellow who is inclined to learn farming.

High School Junior's Social.

The High school juniors, class of '98, gave a most successful social at the High school last night. It was a brilliant affair, over 200 persons being in attendance. A play was given with much spirit and dramatic skill on the part of the amateur actors during the first part of the evening, after which dancing occupied the time until 12 o'clock.

Brothers to Hang for Murder.

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