HOLCOMB IS ORTIMISTIC

Says the Populists Will Win a Big Victory Next Year.

EVERYBODY LOOKING TO THEM FOR RELIEF

Allen Scheduled for Re-Election to the Senate and Six Populists Billed to Take Their Seats in the House.

LINCOLN, Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Saturday evening Governor Holcomb received a telegram from the Advocate and News of Topeka asking him to wire his opinion as to "what the reform forces can expect to accomplish during the coming year, and along what lines they can best work." Governor Holcomb sent the following answer:

"Populist principles, ridiculed and despised a few years ago, were indorsed by the votes of 47 per cent of the American people in the presidential election of last year. Disappointed and chagrined at the failure of the present administration to bring about a relief from existing conditions, many thousands who supported plutocratic principles in 1896 are looking to our cause for relief. It should be the duty of honest, patriotic populists during the coming year to harmonize and bring together in united action every element opposed to the single standard and corporation control. Wise, energetic, united action should result in large gains for the advocates of our principles in the congressional delegations and prepare the way for success in the presidential canvass of 1900. Nebraska stands ready to do her share. Every indication points to the re-election of Senator Allen and a solid reform congressional delegation, two of our congressmen at present being republicans. Personal prejudices and partisan animosity should be tempered by patriotic impulses and the great army of reform should march in serried ranks to sure success and overwhelming victories during the approaching year. May the Advocate do its share in discomfiting the political enemy of American liberty and national progress."

KILLED BY A TRAIN.

The body of a man who had been killed by a train was found by a farmer alongside the B. & M. track a mile this side of Denton this morning. The body was badly mutilated, having been dragged under the train for 200 yards. The top of the head was shaved off just above the eyes, and nearly every bone in the body was broken. The railroad officials at this point were notified of the ghastly find, and accompanied by the coroner went down on a special train and brought the remains here, where they are lying in the morgue still unidentified. An inquest will be held in the morning. The man was apparently an Irishman, about 30 years of age. He had black hair and wore no beard. He was dressed in working clothes and wore an ulster overcoat. There were no letters in the pockets to reveal his identity. He was seen at Denton last night and was acting very queerly, at one time lying down across the track. The section hands got him up and conducted him to a place of safety, but he afterwards wandered away down the track toward Lincoln. It is thought he was struck by the eastbound freight which was due at 8 o'clock last night, and that he was lying on the track when the train struck him.

TRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON HESING.

Superintendent of Chicago Postoffice Talks of the Dead Man.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—F. F. Stoll, for four years general superintendent of the Chicago postoffice, learned here this evening of the sudden death of Washington Hesing on Saturday. To a representative of The Bee he said: "I was close to Mr. Hesing during the time I was general superintendent of the Chicago postoffice. Ten days before I left there he complained to me of not feeling right. The campaign he made for mayor of Chicago was a great strain on him and his defeat was the greatest setback he ever had, the hardest blow of his life. He was not the same afterwards. He was a man of most kindly feelings toward his employes and always had their interests at heart. He was especially interested in the welfare of the employes of the Chicago postoffice and was always at their command. He did much to further the interest of the Chicago Letter Carriers' association. To Mr. Hesing is due all credit for the fact that Chicago is now seeing a new $4,000,000 federal building in process of erection, for it was by his personal efforts that the McGann bill was passed. Mr. Hesing was for weeks in correspondence with senators and members of congress in all parts of the country, and when the bill was before the committee of postoffices and post roads he appeared before the committee and made an address of an hour and a half's duration in behalf of the measure. Within an hour of that time the bill was reported for passage. He had labored night and day to achieve this end. He was a most charitable man, his pocket being always open to the call of distress. I have seen him assist many a poor devil, never stopping to inquire into the merits of the case, being satisfied that the man was in want. Had he been elected mayor he would have given Chicago an administration of which Chicago citizens would have been proud. Chicago has lost a citizen she could illy afford to part with."

Mr. Stoll is hurrying back to Chicago to be present at the funeral.

Notes from Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—James Hurst was granted a divorce from his wife, Mary, by Judge Marshal yesterday. The evidence showed that Mary had an ungovernable temper, and immediately after their marriage in 1892 she commenced to make things decidedly interesting for James. She was in the habit of throwing chairs and anything else she could lay her hands on at him and had always refused to mend his clothes or sew buttons on his pants. On September 9 last, while they were stopping at a hotel at Valley, she threw a big paring knife at him. Hurst is a railroad man.

A petition is in circulation among the attorneys praying Governor Holcomb to appoint Hon. C. Hollenbeck to the position of judge of the district court to fill the place now occupied by Judge Sullivan. The opinion here among those well informed is that if a democrat gets the place Mr. Hollenbeck will be the man.

Safe Cracked at Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The safe in the Rock Island depot here was blown open last night and rifled. The officials say that only a small amount of money was secured and that no tickets were taken. Both inner and outer doors were literally blown to pieces. About 8 o'clock this morning two bloodhounds owned here were put on the trail. They followed the scent to Wymore, fourteen miles south, to a Burlington water tank, where it was lost, the men evidently catching a train there. The Burlington people have taken up the matter, have wired their trainmen and others along the line and hope to effect the capture of the safe crackers, in the hopes of checking a work which has been going on in this section almost without interruption for months. That there were two men in the job was shown by the tracks in the snow.

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IRRIGATIONISTS WILL EDUCATE.

Scheme to Inform Farmers Concerning Value of Water.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The officers of the Nebraska Central Irrigation company, now located here, are about ready to start out on a campaign of education and mean to give a lecture on irrigation at every schoolhouse in Platte and adjoining counties the coming winter.

The contest cases will be called in Judge Kilian's court tomorrow morning. These are the cases wherein the offices of sheriff and county clerk are contested by the defeated candidates. The petitions are very lengthy and cite many alleged errors and wrongs and it is generally believed that it will be a long-drawn-out affair.

Large gangs of men are at work here harvesting ice, one firm having the contract to put up 1,200 tons for the Union Pacific at this point.

J. S. Murdock is lying at the point of death at his home in this city, caused by a complication of diseases, chief among which is pneumonia. Mr. Murdock has lived in this city for the last thirty years and is the senior member of Murdock & Son. He is 63 years af age.

The funeral of the late M. J. Drummond was held today at 1 o'clock at the Congregational church.

Kearney News Notes.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—County Superintendent Wilsey has just received and disbursed the state school apportionment, amounting to $8,137.87. There are 7,504 school children in the county, which makes an average of about 81 cents per pupil. Kearney gets $2,002.64, or about twice what the last apportionment was.

The cotton mill is again running on full time.

As an illustration of what Buffalo county farms are worth and are capable of producing, there were shipped from Elm Creek, the first station west of Kearney on the Union Pacific railroad, during the months of September, October and November, 62,300 bushels of wheat, 20,850 bushels of corn, 64,400 bushels of oats, 31,800 bushels of barley and 13,796 bushels of rye, and the farmers received $64,804 for the grain at their home market.

Rev. Alexander G. Sutherland, father of R. R. Sutherland, division superintendent of the Union Pacific, was buried here last Wednesday. He was nearly 81 years of age and had made his home in this city for several months.

There were 137 cars of celery shipped from this point this past season, and the indications are that the output will be much larger next year than this.

Arrested on a Serious Charge.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Clarence Cave and wife, Dan Cave, Claude Carpenter and Myrtle Scott were arrested and lodged in jail last night on a charge of keeping a disorderly house. They were occupying rooms in a business block, the owner of which says he did not know the rooms were occupied, the parties having moved in a few days ago without his knowledge or consent.

Successful College Work.

NELIGH, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The fall term of Gates college closed yesterday, and from all standpoints was one of the most successful terms in the history of the institution. The attendance exceeded expectations, but from indications will fall short of the winter term, which commences January 4.

Flange Breaks on a Curve.

BRADY ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The flange on the rear trucks of the third car from the caboose on train No. 19 broke on a curve about four miles east of here, letting the trucks out from under the car. No one was hurt.

Secures an Ice Contract.

SHELTON, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The Shelton Milling and Grain company has again this year secured the contract to supply the Union Pacific Railway company with several hundred carloads of ice, which will be shipped to North Platte.

Heavy Snow at Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—A heavy snowstorm commenced yesterday and continues with no signs of abating. Already there has been a fall of about twelve inches

Nebraska News Notes.

The Hardy Herald has completed its seventeenth year.

Herman sportsmen to the number of thirty-two engaged in a side hunt last week.

Frank Winnemar of Pender had one hand and his face badly frozen one day during the late cold snap.

The Fullerton Post says that not less than 22,000 head of steers are being fed this winter in Nance county.

The $10,000 of bonds voted by Red Willow county for the erection of a court house have been sold at par.

Owing to a little rivalry last Saturday between two Bloomington merchants, coffee sold at 1 cent a pound.

The columns of the country press are this year filled to overflowing with holiday advertising, a condition which has not existed for several years before.

Range stockmen almost universally agree that the present winter is going to be a hard one. Cattle are in fine condition to withstand it, and there is plenty of feed.

Bloomington sports contemplate having a rabbit hunt and shipping the bunnies killed to the cities to provide a Christmas dinner for the poor.

Warren Dorrence of Fairmont accidentally jabbed a pitchfork into the face of his brother Walter. One tine passed through the cheek and punctured the roof of the mouth.

It has been suggested to us that the residents of Brock set apart one day some time in the near future for the extermination of rats. It is believed that by united efforts a great amount of good can be accomplished, and as the rats are about to "take" things, it is high time to devise some means of ridding the town of them.

Mr. Herout, living about one mile from Verdigre, came home intoxicated, and taking the butcher knife, went for his wife, cutting her arms and face badly and chasing her out of the house over to a neighbor. She went to Verdigre and swore out a warrant for his arrest, but later repented and would not appear against him.

Try to Eliminate Rough Features.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 19.—At a meeting last night of the committee appointed by the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic association to formulate new foot ball rules for next season, the chairman was instructed to write to experts in the north and east and ask for suggestions for modifying foot ball rules by eliminating rough features. It is thought that co-operation will be sought with the athletic associations of the north and east with a view of effecting a general modification of foot ball rules all over the country.

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CORNELL-YALE RACE GOSSIP

Prospects for the Meeting Next Summer Not Very Promising.

FIERCE CONTROVERSY OVER THE MATTER

Exclusiveness of Yale and Harvard Lends to the Suggestion That They Be Allowed to Flock by Themselves.

The Albany council of Captains Colson of Cornell, Whitney of Yale and Goodrich of Harvard relative to another eight-oared boating contest among the crews they represent, has adjourned and there has been no official statement given out from Ithaca, New Haven or Cambridge concerning the results of that conference. Several unofficial statements have purported to give what occurred at Albany, but the captains themselves are keeping their own counsels.

It is pretty well known that the dispute is over the election of the course for the race and over the proposition for the three crews to meet after the race of 1898 in annual contests. Yale and Harvard have a five years' contract and one year of the contract has passed. Last year Cornell was "tolerated" in the race with Yale and Harvard. Harvard had been beaten by Cornell the year before, and hoped with its brand new English coach to get back some of its lost laurels. That is why the Cornell crew was "tolerated." It now looks as though Cornell might have to be "tolerated" for another year, for it ran away from both the Yale and Harvard crews so fast last year that the students of those colleges haven't recovered their breaths or money yet.

All would be well, and the public would probably see another grand contest between three first-class crews, but for the stubborn exclusiveness of Yale and Harvard. Both of these colleges would like mighty well to defeat Cornell, and then let the Ithacans go without a race for another period of twenty years. Harvard has conceded to Yale the right to name the course for next year's race and Coach Cook has very promptly spoken up in favor of the New London course, with the eddies and eel-grass of which he is so very familiar. Cornell has stoutly opposed the New London course, and very properly maintains that the Poughkeepsie course has proved satisfactory to most crews in the last few years, and should be again selected. Cornell's temerity in opposing Yale's choice may be wondered at, but it would appear reasonable in view of the fact that the Cornellians hold the undisputed championship of American intercollegiate aquatics. Yale and Harvard would be quite willing to get Cornell down in the eel-grass of the New London course, where the opportunities for the visiting crew are remote, but Cornell would be more than foolish to accept any such invitation. If Yale and Harvard are willing to row Cornell for five years, or even three years, as rumor has that the Ithacans have asked for, the selection of the New London course might be considered, for even though Cornell should lose in the first year on that course—as it probably would—it would have some chance to get back its laurels the following years.

A result of the present controversy that is not at all unlikely to happen is of interest to lovers of pure amateur sport everywhere, especially in the west. Should Cornell decline the invitation of Yale "to come down to New London for one year only"—as it must needs do if it has any self-respect at all—a grand intercollegiate regatta, including the crews of Cornell, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Naval Cadets, will be in order. Such a regatta would attract the attention of the entire country, possibly excepting a small portion of New England, and would be open to all comers, with a fair course and no favorites, and the best crew would win. If Yale and Harvard want to continue their dual races, where one crew will be sure to win and the other will be certain to finish second, why let them go, and the other colleges will speed them in their going. There are better oarsmen in other American colleges, as several contests have proved, and a contest without Yale and Harvard would not be any small or insignificant affair. Yale and Harvard were not able to keep Pennsylvania from winning first honors in the intercollegiate track and field sports. They could not prevent the ascendency of the Quakers on the foot ball field. They could not prevent Cornell from adding another world's record and victories over Harvard and Yale to its long list of aquatic achievements. No more can Yale and Harvard postpone the coming of other colleges to the front in rowing. If the other colleges will have the backbone to band together and prepare for an "American Henley" at Poughkeepsie, its success is certain, and just as certain it is that Yale and Harvard will later be willing to enter.

Save for a few New York journals, which always incline toward Yale, and some Boston papers that look favorably toward Harvard and its English coach, nearly all the leading eastern papers have severely attacked Yale's attitude in the negotiations pending for another boatrace. Mr. A. G. McVey, who has for the last thirty years been a very able writer on yachting and other aquatic sports, who has for a number of years been associated with the Boston Herald and who is widely recognized as the king of aquatic sporting editors, has the following to say regarding the improved chances of Yale in a race next spring, after commenting rather sharply on Yale's attempt to dictate the New London course to the victorious Cornellians:

> Yale will win next year's race. In securing the services of Kennedy, a man Harvard or Pennsylvania ought to have engaged by all means, Yale has employed the best boat rigger in America. Besides knowing more about how to rig a shell, Kennedy is one of the best teachers of rowing in the world. At Yale, Kennedy, who was secured at Cook's suggestion, will keep his personality in the background, and Cook will shine as the coach so as to maintain the bluff at New Haven of having an amateur coach of which so much has been made of in the past by Yale. But Kennedy, who I even consider superior to Courtney as a coach, and who knows more about rowing and how to rig a shell in five minutes than Cooks knows in a year, will be the man to prepare Yale's crew for next year's race. If Kennedy is permitted to have his own way, he will give Yale a winning crew. Mark the prediction.
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> Cornell has been queen of the water these many years because Courtney could rig a shell better than the coaches at other colleges. One-half the race is in having the shell properly rigged, and that explains why Yale has not been quite so successful the last few years—since Andrew O'Dea left New Haven to accept the position of coach at the University of Wisconsin—as formerly. Robert Cook to this day knows very little about rigging a boat. O'Dea used to do the rigging at Yale, and now Kennedy has been secured to do it. Come to think of it, do you remember the reports sent over from Henley last summer about the measurements for the Yale shell having been lost, and Cook being unable to rig the shell until new measurements which had been cabled for would reach him from the boat builders? Well, that bears out my assertion that Cook, while he can teach a stroke, cannot rig a shell. Kennedy, O'Dea, Courtney and Ellis Ward do not rig boats from measurements furnished by boat builders, and they would not have been in any trouble had they been in Cook's place at Henley.
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> I really consider Kennedy a better man than Courtney, which is the reason why I expect to see Yale defeat Cornell. In rowing, like in foot ball, the college having the best coach must win. Cornell could not lose with Courtney any more than Pennsylvania can lose in foot ball so long as she has Woodruff, unless a better foot ball coach comes to the front, like in aquatics a better man than Courtney has come to the surface in Kennedy. I am willing to take chances of having you call me a false prophet a year hence by going on record now as saying that Kennedy will prove himself to be even superior to Courtney as a rowing coach, and that Yale will defeat Cornell next summer if they come together in a race, which they likely will do. And to have the question fairly decided, I hope Yale will not insist upon rowing at New London, but go to some neutral course like the one at Poughkeepsie, for instance, where no one will have an advantage or be placed at a disadvantage.

The following bit of comment is from the trenchant pen of Horace S. Fogel, the well known sporting editor of the Philadelphia Ledger, who ranks only second to Mr. McVey as an authority on boating matters:

> It seems strange to me that many people interested in intercollegiate sport, especially boat racing, are so "thick-headed," to use that homely expression, as not to comprehend Yale's principal reason for wanting so badly to row at New London, that she cannot even be persuaded to listen to reason and argument in favor of any other course. The ruling power in aquatics at Yale is Robert J. Cook. It is Robert J. Cook who knows every tide, every current, every eddy—in brief, every foot of water—in the Thames course, and this knowledge is a great advantage to Yale if she can get anyone to row her at New London. I may be accused of charging Mr. Cook with not being a good sportsman by making this assertion. I do not want to do that, but since it is the truth I do not care what the charge may be, for Mr. Cook and the other rowing authorities at Yale are certainly not conducting themselves in a manner to commend the respect of sportsmen by the way they are carrying on at present in arranging for next year's race.
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> In enacting the role of dictator Yale challenges Cornell to a race, and then has the audacity to demand the right to name terms and the time and place for the contest to take place. Now, who has ever heard of an aspirant for championship honors challenging a champion and dictating terms? This is establishing a new precedent in sporting customs. In brief, Yale asks Cornell to forsake Poughkeepsie, go a couple of hundred miles out of her way to the inconvenience and extra expense of her students, to row the Blue at New London, where, owing to the bad course, the best crew may not win, and compel her old friends, Pennsylvania and Columbia, to also go there, to the inconvenience and extra expense of their students and friends, or else row one race at New London and the other at Poughkeepsie, thus not only going to great expense in shifting places, but taking great risk of interfering with the training of her crew and losing both races, not to mention the double expense to her students and friends in traveling to both places to see the two races. The demand of Yale is so absolutely unreasonable that Cornell will gain many new friends and add dignity and strength to her prestige as "Queen of the Water" if she politely but firmly declines Yale's challenge and notifies the latter that she can have a race if she comes to Poughkeepsie, where there is a fair course and where no favors need be asked or handicaps granted.

FITZ WILL FIGHT CORBETT AGAIN.

Lanky Bob Says He Has Changed His Mind.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Fitzsimmons and Corbett are to meet again in the prize ring. The date of the battle is indefinite, but the lanky pugilist today declared that he had changed his mind and will give Corbett another chance. Martin Julian, the champion's manager, confirmed the statement.

"Some day before very long we will give Corbett another chance," Julian said. "Not now, that is a certainty, but before long. How long I cannot say."

Asked if that was not a concession on the part of Fitzsimmons, Julian replied it was not, as that idea had been in the mind of "Bob" for a long time.

It is announced that Dan Stuart, who managed the Carson City battle, will meet Fitzsimmons and Julian here this week and endeavor to arrange for a meeting between the big men for next summer.

Charles Byrne Dangerously Ill.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Charles Byrne, president of the Brooklyn Base Ball club, is lying at his home in this city in a very critical condition, and while the attending physicians say there is no immediate danger of death they have little hope of Mr. Byrne's recovery. A complication of diseases has set in, and during the last two days the patient has been unconscious most of the time.

Deals in Ball Players.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Two deals in players were made by Western league ball magnates today. Detroit gave up Bird and Trost in exchange for Buckley and Butler of Columbus, the exchange depending upon the willingness of the players. The other deal makes Campau captain of the Minneapolis club. He is released by Grand Rapids in exchange for Roat and Eustace.

Preaches Against Pugilism.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 19.—Rev. A. W. Wishart of the Central Baptist church preached against bringing outside pugilists here to perform before an athletic club. He will ask other preachers and church people to join him in asking the police to interfere. He also spoke against the practice of giving entertainments with local boxers.

AMUSEMENTS.

Ada Bothner has been seen here time out of mind in that venerable vehicle of amusement "A Bunch of Keys," and although the announcement that she is with us again is not expected to produce either a furore or a panic, it is probable that the present engagement a tthe Creighton, which terminates on Tuesday evening, will be reasonably remunerative, especially in the absence of counter attractions of a theatrical nature. Miss Bothner is supported by George F. Hall and a good sized company.

Rice's "1492," a story of 400 years ago, given in the blended form of burlesque, farce comedy, comic opera and vaudeville, will be seen at Boyd's on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week, with a special matinee on Thursday. The scenic equipment and the costumes are described as exceedingly costly, and the entire production as up to date. The company includes a score of comedians and vocalists and an army of girls. The special features are the living pictures, a Spanish ballet, "six daily hits from Paris," and the "hurrah dudes," "Male Patti," Zelma Rawlston, Thomas Meade, the Herald Square quartet, Frank Gardiner, Marie Conchita, Corine Thompson, Arthur R. Season and Thomas H. Ince.

There will be a good vaudeville entertainment at the Creighton on Christmas and the following Sunday, two performances being announced for each day. The company which appears here by special arrangement with Colonel John D. Hopkins of Chicago includes Mary Norman, Liberati, the cornetist, John Gilbert, Fannie Bloodgood, Cooper and Woodthorpe, in "Editha's Burglar;" a troupe of Japanese acrobats, Ozar, a clown juggler, Keating and Goodwin in a blackface turn, and other well known entertainers.

Merely Players.

Miss Marguerite Pritchard, a young New York society woman, is about to make her debut as a concert soprano under the artistic guidance of Victor Capoul, the old time French tenor.

Some of the Chicago papers are threatening Nat Goodwin with poor business during his engagement there next month if he fails to produce "Nathan Hale" in that city as he agreed to do.

Julia Marlowe's new play, the name and nature of which still remain a profound secret, will probably have its first production in New York during Miss Marlowe's approaching engagement there.

"Secret Service," which (but not with the original company) is booked for four performances at Boyd's next month, had a run of 300 nights in New York City and is now in its seventh month in London.

Lulu Van Cortland, the singer, whose initial effort before a New York audience was brutally hissed, is reported to be slowly recovering from a serious illness, caused by the shock received on that occasion.

"A Ward of France," the new romantic drama by Franklin Fyles and Eugene F. Presbrey, which has met with favor in Philadelphia and elsewhere, had its first New York presentation last Monday night.

James W. Morrissey, for several years manager of the Madison Square garden, is among the latest additions to Charles Frohman's business staff. Mr. Morrissey was here last week in the interest of "Secret Service."

Mme. Niarda, the new Polish emotional actress, appeared last week in New York in the title part of "Deborah," better known in this country as "Leah, the Forsaken." She was supported by E. J. Henley and a strong company.

Lavinia Shannon says that her laugh in "Miss Francis of Yale," which is by all odds the brightest thing in that rather stupid farce, is entirely natural and spontaneous. The laughing scene lasts eight minutes, and is almost always redemanded by the audience.

Virginia Harned is sharing with Mr. Sothern the honors of the production of Anthony Hope's new play, "The Adventure of Lady Ursula." The piece has been so successful that it is likely to be the leading feature of Mr. Sothern's repertory for the remainder of the year.

At the Columbia theater in Washington, certain divisions of seats, which are among the best in the house, are set apart for such men as feel that they must go out between acts. The plan is said to be working ad-

vantageously, and to conduce to the comfort and satisfaction of all concerned.

Maude Adams is not likely to be seen in Omaha this season, although events may turn out otherwise. Her New York success in "The Little Minister" has been so great that Charles Frohman has canceled all her outside contracts, and she is free to remain at the Garrick until spring.

Frank Daniels makes a characteristic but unique entrance in one act of the scenes of "The Idol's Eye." It is a straight fall from his balloon, high above the stage into the sea, which washes the base of an English barrack in India. He declares, as he crawls from the water, "That is the last drop I'll ever take."

Franz Ebert, the Liliputian, springs a new sensation this year by appearing during the performance, in a private box, dressed as a baby and carried by a nurse. He makes a great disturbance, the audience expostulates, and Ebert finally climbs to the stage where he removes his disguise and appears in his proper place in the company.

Commenting on Tim Murphy's assumption of the stage name of Wilkes Barre, the Washington Post is moved to express wonder that Mauch Chunk and Bryn Mawr should be slighted, but presumes "that he has made his choice from the Keystone state so that when the occasion arises he can put 'Pa' after his new name without dislocating the dramatic or geographical unities.

As a means to the long deferred liberation of Mrs. Maybrick it is said that a syndicate—presumably not The Syndicate—intends to bring the matter before the American public by means of a short play, which, accompanied by an enormous petition, will tour the country at the vaudeville houses. "Those who never sympathized with Mrs. Maybrick before," says the Philadelphia Ledger, "will probably do so now."

OBJECTS TO THE ANNEXATION.

National Sugar Growers' Association Is Opposed to Hawaii.

An address has been issued by the National Sugar Growers' association, as follows:

In the name of the farmers of America we respectfully appeal to the honorable senate and house of representatives in congress assembled:

Firstly, we solemnly protest against hasty consideration in congress of the treaty of annexation with Hawaii.

Secondly, we most urgently request that this subject be treated with the deliberation its vital importance deserves, thus affording the people of the United States sufficient time to inform the honorable congress of their views.

Thirdly, the farmers of this country oppose annexation. The sentiment among them against it is well nigh unanimous. Their opposition is based upon the highest patriotism and most disinterested motives—the national welfare, political justice.

Fourthly, in addition to these reasons for its defeat, the farmers recognize that annexation would seriously interfere with the otherwise promising development of our domestic beet sugar and cane sugar industry. Already the bare possibility of annexation has called a halt to numerous sugar factory enterprises which had promised a home market to farmers for a new and profitable crop. Defeat annexation and you remove the last obstacle in the way of enabling American agriculture, capital and labor to produce the $100,000,000 worth of sugar annually imported heretofore.

That the above truthfully and moderately expresses the earnest desires of the farmers of this nation will in due course be respectfully demonstrated to the complete satisfaction of the honorable congress.

Done this thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-seven and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-first and in the first year of the era of our independence of foreign sugar. Respectfully submitted,

THE AMERICAN SUGAR GROWERS' SOCIETY.
By its officers:

R. M. ALLEN,
President, Ames, Neb., also president Nebraska Beet Sugar Growers' association.

C. A. FARWELL,
Vice president, New Orleans, La., also president American Cane Growers' association of the United States.

HERBERT MYRICK,
Treasurer, 52 Lafayette Place, New York City, also president Orange Judd company and editor American Agriculturist of New York, Orange Judd Farmer of Chicago and the New England Homestead of Springfield.

B. W. SNOW,
Secretary, Marquette building, Chicago, also statistician Orange Judd Farmer.

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A severe sprain may be cured in one-third the time usually required by the free application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This liniment is also of great value in the treatment of cuts, bruises, burns and scalds. It is best known, however, for the prompt relief it affords in cases of rheumatism.

ANOTHER MURDER IS SUSPECTED.

Serious Charges Now Attach to a Reported Accident.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The Herald tomorrow will say: Circumstances pointing to a murder of unusual horror were recently brought to the attention of District Attorney Olcott and Captain McCloskey of the detective bureau, the alleged victim in the case having been Peter Doggett, 30 years old, who, if his relatives are justified in their stories, was thrown into a dough mixing vat at 427 West Fifteenth street on August 28 last, and literally cut to pieces.

Doggett's sister, the police have been told by her and her lawyer, has received a letter from her mother in Ireland, in which the writer says the only witness of the crime is now there. The letter sets forth that this witness was in the factory of the New York Biscuit company where Doggett was employed on the morning of August 28 and saw another man shove him into a mixing machine, the bottom of which was swept by flanges moving at high speed. That Doggett was ground to pieces in the factory vat is known, but a coroner's jury on November 15 last decided that his death was due to accident.

Cracker Companies Combine.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 19.—S. S. Marvin, president of the United States Bakery company, returned from New York today and announced that the consolidation of the three great cracker companies of the United States is now an assured fact. The capitalization of the big combine, he says, will be $55,000,000 and it will be in operation by January 1, 1898. The three companies entering the trust are the New York Biscuit company, the American Baking company and the United States Bakery company.

To the Memory of Hesing.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—A meeting of the Press club of Chicago was held today to arrange for attending the funeral of Washington Hesing, who was the club's president. Resolutions eulogistic of the deceased and expressive of regret were adopted and committees appointed to assist in the funeral arrangements.

Fatal Results of Poisoning.

ELK CITY, Kan., Dec. 19.—John Strauss is dead, his two sons are dying, and Mr. Reed and his daughter are critically ill from drinking coffee into which rat poison had dropped accidentally. The unfortunates were participants in a social at the Strauss home.

Strikers' Accept Employers' Terms.

KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 19.—The plate glass strike is over, the 1,600 men in the Kokomo and Elwood plants having accepted the company's proposition for polishers to be paid for piece work. Both factories will resume operations this week.

TENNESSEE'S TALL MAN.

Negro Eight Feet Tall; Weight, 156 Pounds; Reach, Ninety-Six Inches.

It is not generally known outside of Gallatin, Tenn., and not many there are aware of it, that the tallest person in the world, so far as known, resides "in their midst." However, this is a fact. This giant in stature is "Bud" Rogan, colored, who possesses other peculiarities equally as striking as his height.

There are few people, if any, traveling through Gallatin over the Louisville & Nashville railroad for the last ten or twelve years who have not been attracted by this human monstrosity, and fewer still, after having seen him, fully realized that they had seen one of the greatest living wonders of the age. Although "Bud" has been a constant visitor to all the trains for years past, relates the New Orleans Times, the passengers were not aware that they were beholding a man eight feet tall, as he always remained in a little home-made wagon drawn by two full-grown billy goats. On the arrival of each train "Bud" and his goat wagon may be seen at their usual place on the east side of the track and about fifty yards north of the depot. This position places him in full view of the passengers, whose attention is at once attracted by the peculiar sight. They invariably alight from the train and draw up closer to the prodigy, to find that he is something they have never seen before. In the first place the wagon and goats form an unusual sight, but the giant-like appearance of Rogan and his oddly constructed anatomy strike awe to the spectators. They generally question "Bud" as to his history, which is incoherently given them, as he is absolutely ignorant. They ask him about his goats, his wagon, his health, how long he has been in his present condition, etc., and not a few tell him of the fortunes he could make if he would travel. Some want his photograph, and nearly everyone who sees and interviews him gives him money in sums ranging from 5 cents to $1. In this manner "Bud" makes a good living and some days pockets quite a large sum. While en route to the Tennessee Centennial the Brooklyn excursionists' special stopped at the depot here about five minutes, and, as usual, "Bud" and his goats were there. It was one of his special days. The crowd was amazed over the curiosity and before they departed took up a collection. About $10 was contributed, which was one of the best days in "Bud's" business.

Aside from being eight feet tall "Bud" has a reach with each arm extended of ninety-six inches, the greatest in the world, and twenty-one inches more than Fitzsimmons. His hands are each 13½ inches in length and his finger nails are about the size of a 25-cent piece. He is almost a skeleton, yet he weighs 156 pounds.

But the most peculiar and attractive features about him are his feet. They are eighteen inches in length and as large around as an ordinary mans leg. No shoes have ever been found that he could put on and in consequence he has to keep them wrappped in a blanket in cold weather. Another strange thing connected with him is that he cannot walk, step nor stand upon his feet, his nether limbs being too small and weak to support his own weight.

This wonder was born and reared in Gallatin and is about 30 years of age. He was, up to a few years ago, able to go about unaided and could do as much manual labor as any other man, but for the last ten years he has been unable to walk or stand and his only means of locomotion have been his goats, which are well trained and a familiar institution of the town. "Bud" makes a living, however, for himself and aged mother by the strangers who come through here making him donations. If they should fail to voluntarily give him a "skeet," as the negroes term a nickel, "Bud" will remind them of their dereliction.

Deaths of a Day.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Alexander Kitzmiller died here yesterday from a complication of diseases, resulting in heart failure. Mr. Kitzmiller was an old trapper and hunter all through the northwest country.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Job Armstead died at his home in Tecumseh Friday after an illness of ten days, of pneumonia, aged 70 years. He leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Sir Frank Lockwood, liberal member of Parliament for York City since 1885, is dead. Sir Frank Lockwood was a son of Mr. Charles Day Lockwood of Doncaster and was born in 1846. He was educated at the Manchester Grammar school and Caus college, Cambridge, where he took his degree as bachelor of arts in 1868. In 1874 he married Miss Julia Schwabe, daughter of the late Lucius Schwabe. He was called to the bar at Lincoln Inn in 1872. In 1884 he was solicitor general. His knighthood was conferred in 1894. Sir Frank Lockwood accompanied Baron Russell of Killowen, lord chief justice of England, when the latter came to the United States in the summer of 1896 to address the American Bar association at Saratoga.

LINCOLN, Dec. 19.—John Gillespie, territorial auditor of Nebraska and a member of the commission which founded the city of Lincoln and made it the seat of the state government, died here today, aged 65 years.

The Bathless Ages.

Lord Playfair has recalled the fact, says the London Standard, that Queen Elizabeth used to write her lord mayor scolding letters because he allowed the city to grow so fast; it actually contained at the time 160,000 people, who, as the queen wrote, "became heaped together and in a sort smothered," and accordingly she forbade any more houses to be built within three miles of London and Westminster. The rate of mortality was then eighty in 1,000, whereas now it is nineteen, and is being steadily reduced. No one was ever a better hygienist than Moses. The conditions which he enjoined were those which we now seek to attain—clean air, clean water, clean food, clean soil. The Romans also practiced cleanliness and enjoyed good health. Unhappily between the ancients and ourselves there was a period of 1,000 years, when Michelet, the historian of the period, said that not a man or woman in Europe ever took a bath.

Those poor middle ages are suffering from the modern specialist as from the sciolist; the dirty ages Lord Playfair would have them called. And yet they built cathedrals that we cannot even restore becomingly and gave us chivalry and an ideal of woman's purity that is still transforming life. Lord Playfair thinks he has characterized St. Francis when he says that St. Francis knew nothing of the bath; but we wonder what St. Francis would have thought of Lord Playfair and the materialistic ideals that ignore the soul.

Ohio Postoffice Robbed.

CANAL DOVER, O., Dec. 19.—Some time last night robbers effected an entrance into the postoffice here, blew open the safe with dynamite and secured $100 in money order funds, $80 worth of stamps, $75 in money belonging to the postmaster and a diamond ring belonging to his daughter. Although the robbery occurred in the heart of the city, no one heard the explosion and the robbers escaped.

Glass Factories Busy.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 19.—Notices have been posted in the majority of the forty lamp chimney factories of the country that instead of the annual two weeks' shutdown there will be only one day of idleness (Christmas) during the holidays this year. The extra work means thousands of dollars in the aggregate to the workmen in wages and the Christmas gift is highly appreciated.

Original George Harris Buried.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 19.—Lewis George Clarke, colored, distinguished as being the original of the character George Harris in Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was given a notable funeral here today. His body lay in state for five hours and was viewed by hundreds. It will be buried beside his wife's grave at Oberlin, O.

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was held at Beethoven hall, this city, tonight, and a Greater New York bowling team, to tour the west and southwest in March, 1898, was organized. It was decided to make the trip with ten bowlers. These officers were selected: Dr. H. Timm, president; Joseph Wingenfeld, treasurer; and Samuel Karpf, secretary and manager. The trip is not undertaken for pecuniary gain.

Short Fifty Dollars.

Upon later investigation Mrs. Effie Kelley, whose house at 920 North Twenty-second street was entered last night, found that $50 in cash which she considered beyond reach had also disappeared. With the wearing apparel and other property taken the robbery amounts to $100. Detectives are working on the case, but have so far found no important evidence.

Engineer Patterson Killed.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 19.—A Southern Pacific engine running at full speed down the Dragoon mountain east of Benson today came in collision with a double-header freight, killing Engineer Patterson of the freight and smashing the locomotive and many of the freight cars.

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