THE NEWS.

It is reported that freight steamers have been chartered to load grain at Boston at an early date for the United Kingdom. These ships were chartered by two prominent grain brokers, owing to their being unable to obtain room in the regular liners and because more advantageous rates were made.

The stockholders of the Central National Bank of New York have voted to reduce the eapital of the bank from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000. One-half the par value will be returned to the stockholders

The funeral of Sir Joseph Fickson, formerly general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, was one of the largest ever seen in Toronto. A feature was a floral engine, which cost \$600. It was the tribute of the Grand Trunk employes.

The Electric Grain Elevator Company of Buffalo was incorporated with a capital stock of \$350,000 to operate grain elevators. The directors are Edward W. Eames, Buffalo; Ya'e Kneeland, F. E. Kneeland, C. M. Nitchell and Ruleman Muller, of New York.

The Times of India says that owing to the exodus on account of the plague the populalation of Bombay has been reduced to onehalf. The weekly mortality is 200 per 1,000, and more shops are closed than open in the pative quarter.

The convention of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has been called to be held in Peopla, Ill., on May 17.

John L. Webber, of Clinton, Me., is dead, and his wife lies in a critical condition, as the result of Webber's attempt to end the lives of both. Jen'ousy was the cause.

A bill is about to be introduced in the New York State Legislature limiting the height of building to 175 feet. It will have the indorsment of the city authorities of New York, and will probably be passed.

The executive committee of the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons has notified Dr. Irving C. Ross, of Washington, that he has been chosen to represent the American Neurological Association.

George Crocker, the California millionaire, has purchased the property 70, 72 and 74 Broadway, and 9, 11 and 13 New street, New York, from Peter Marie and William Alexander Smith for \$1.00 .000 He proposes to erect a modern fire-proof office building.

John Summers, the lad who, in New York, killed John Gaynor in a scuffle for the possession of a pocket knife, was acquitted of eriminal intent in the affair, the coroner's jury finding that Gaynor's death was due to accident

H. D. Eddy, of the Eddy Manufacturing Company, of Hull, Que, with H. S Cane, of Newmarket, Ont., appeared before the tariff committee at Ottawa, Ont, and asked an increase of the duty on woodenware from 25 per cent to 35 per cent, so as to make it the same as the duty now imposed by the United

The entire division of the National Guard of Pennsylvania will be taken to Washington wext March to take part in the inaugucation of President-Elect McKinley.

The will of the late Augustus D. Manson, of Bangor, Me., bequeaths \$5,000 to Hampton Institute, Virginia.

The number of steerage pa-sengers landed tEllis Island during the year 1896 was a There was 99,223 cabin passengers landed at the port of New York during the same period.

Silas A. Holcomb for the second time was maugurated Governor of Nebraska Aside from matters of local interest be discussed the ballot law in the light of the last election, and recommended some amendments that will prevent the use of party designations by bolting factions.

Anthony Henderson was lynched at Unadilla, Ga, for the assassination of old man George Sumner and attempted assault on Summer's daughter. He made a full confes. sion of the crime.

Henry Sabin, arrested in San Francisco, and who claims to be a son of Ex-United States Senator Sabin, of Minnesota, is an impostor. The Senator has no son.

Co. J. P. Canby, chief paymester of the department of Colorado, who has reached the age of 64 years, retires from the service after an experience of nearly 33 years in the United States army.

The inauguration of Governor Llewellyn Powers, of Maine, and other State officials took place Thursday. The exercises were witnessed by an unusually large gathering and were attended with the usual formalities-Good progress is being made by the Bering Sea Claims Commission, ovidence now being complete in the cases of the Carolina, Onward, Sayward, Dolphin, Grace and Anna.

MURDERED FOUR.

A South Carolina Desperado and His Terrible Record.

At an emancipation celebration at Magnolia, Sumter county, January 1, Simon Cooper, colored, killed Henry Davis. The solored people immediately got a warrant and a posse of them attempted to arrest Cooper. He opened fire with two pistols, shooting down six, all wounded. Later Cooper armed himself with a rifle and defled arrest. The officials made no further efforts

at his capture. Thursday Governor Evans was telegraphed by Citizens of Macnolia, saying Cooper had killed four whites, and asking him to take action. The Governor ordered the Sheriff of Sumter County to capture the desperado at all hazards. At daylight Cooper appeared at the house of West Wilson, a farmer living near Magnolia, Wilson, his wife and father, a man over 70, were the three occupants. As if he had thoroughly determined upon his sourse, the outlaw immediately shot and instantly killed the Wilsons, father and son. Then with the probable desire of saving ammunition, he seized an axe and pursued Mrs. Wilson, who was endeavoring to escape-She was batchered in the most horrible man-

The murderer had rilden to the house on a stolen horse. This he proceeded to harness to Wilson's buggy. He loaded the vehicle with provisions and portable articles of the most value and started off, taking the bloody axe with him. Within a rod of where bis three latest victims lay, Cooper met Preston Smith There is no evidence that Smith made an effort to molest him, but Cooper killed him, again using the axe, which he left buried in his skull. The country is wild with excitement.

BIG CYCLONE.

Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana Swept by Storms,

LIFE AND PROPERTY LOST.

Four Members of One Family Killed at Mooringsport-A Boy, Seeing a Train Approaching a Place Where Trees Had Been Blown Down, Got a Lantern and Signaled to it.

Southern Arkansas, Northern Texas and Northwestern Louisiana were swept by a terrible wind and rain-storm, causing the loss of a number of lives and the destruction of a great deal of property.

So far as heard from the greatest destruction occurred at Mooringsport, La., about 30 miles from Texarkana, where four persons were killed and many were injured by a cyclone.

In Arkansas the storm was severest in the southern portion of the State, and it is likely that a number of casualties occurred in some of the numerous lumber camps in that section. All the towns between Little Rock and Texarkana suffered damage. Reports from the country give instances of damage to farmhouses and cabins.

The Cannon-Ball train, which was held at Benton, had a narrow escape from being wrecked, and but for a country lad a terrible disaster might have occurred. The train was late and was running at a high rate of speed when nearing Benton. Five minutes before it would have reached the town the storm struck a farmhouse near the track and demolished it Trees were blown across the track. A boy, realizing the danger, got a lantern and signaled to the trai, just in time. The passengers made up a purse and presented it to him.

New Orleans, La. - A cyclone descended upon the little town of Mooringsport, La., at 2.80 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The reports from the stricken town are meagre owing to the prostration of telegraph wires, but it is known that four persons were killed outright, three were fatally injured and twenty others were more or less hurt.

Four children of Mr. Jesse Goodman were killed. W. J. Morgan was hurt by falling debris. Two of his little children were crushed and cannot recover, and his motherin-law received fatal injuries.

Mr. Goodman was injured with his daughter Alice; his wife and his nephew Claude. Their home is a wreck.

A relief train was sent from Shreveport to the stricken town. The train was supplied with cots' bandages, surgeons' appliances and instruments.

Mooringsport is an old town, situated on Caddo Lake, about twenty-two miles northwest of Shreveport. The building of the Kansas City Railroad through the town had the effect of booming it, and it has lately inreased largely in popu

Two of the four Goodman children who were killed were found one hundred vards from their homes, with their clothes stripped from their bodies, which were bruished and mangled. The wounded are receiving all the attention and care that can be given, The residence of J. S. Noel and the Methodist church have been converted into temporary hospitals. The path of the storm was parrow and short. A number of horses, cattle and hogs were killed. The body of a man who was blown from a bridge has been recovered, but is not identified. A man whose name is not given is missing. It is believed he was killed, but the body has not been found. A number of ladies visited the hospital and provided garments for the unfortunates. A volunteer subscription will be raised to help the suffering and those who have lost all their possessions.

St. Louis, Mo. - Dispatches from different portions of Missouri show that this State is storm-awept. Every stream in the vicinity of Sedalia is out of its banks. Rallway washouts are numerous. A blizzard, with snow sicet and rain intermingled, raged in the western portion of the State. There is every indication that the storm is the worst of the

THIRTY FEET OF GOLD. Rich Ore Found Two Thousand Feet Under the

Euríace in Grass Valley, Cala.

The mining world has been set by the ears by the development in the Kennedy Mine, in Grass Valley, within the past few days

At a perpendicular depth of over 2,100 feet a body of rich ore, fully 3) feet in width, has been discovered. In magnitude the ore body will compare favorably with any yet found, and the great depth at which it lies explodes a long cherished tradition counseled with the

search for gold on the Pacific coast. it is an old theory which age has almost crystallized into a formula, that gold ore disappears after a certain depth has been attained. This is a creed of every old prospector from the Yakon to the Papama Isth-

The developments in the Kennedy not only topples over this old-time belief, but may lead to a revolution in mining in this state, for the deeper progress is made in the Ken, nedy the wider grows the ora body.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Carpegie Company offers to seil its armor plant to the government at cost. The President has sent the nomination of Leonard C. H Schlem of New York, Consul of the United States at Cape Haytien, Hayti,

to the Senate. The grand jury has returned an indictment for criminal libel against ex-Representative Charles G. Conn. of Indiana, the former proprietor of the Washington Times. A bench

warrant for his arrest was issued. The President has sent to the Senate the correspondence between the Secretary of State and Consui-General Lee relative to the death of Charles Govin, a newspaper correspondent. The correspondence contains nothing of importance that has not been made public heretofore.

Commander A. T. Iverson, lately on duty at the Beston Navy-yard, has been retired

WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION.

The Interior of the Mansion Lovishly and Prettily Decorated.

The annual New Year show at the White House took place according to long-established custom. It constitutes the year y ordeal of the President and the mistress of the White House, for they must shake hands with many hundred-several thousand, in fact-of their fellow-citizens and a large number of distinguished foreigners. They smiled and bowed and beamed through it all day and stifled the winces that unconsciously followed the hearty grasp of some young subaltran fresh from the frontier or the grip of some horny hand that had done service in the late political campaign. It was one continual round of hand shaking and exchanging the compliments of the season. People do not realize the terrible strain on nerves, mind and body that the President and Mrs. Bleveland were required by conventional precedent to undergo. They bore their part heroically, however, and looked as fresh at be ending as they did at the beginning.

As on last New Year's Day the crowd that participated in and witnessed the reception was very large. It was the last function of the sort in which Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland will figure as the principal characters, and this may have been responsible in part for the throng that paraded corridors and apartments during the time set apart for the reception. The interior of the mansion had been lavishly decorated for the occasion under the supervision of Gardener Fister, of the White House conservatories.

Eleven o'clock was the hour set for the beginning of the reception. Before that time members of the Diplomatic Corps, Ambassadors, Ministers, attaches and their wives and daughters had begun to arrive, and were ushered into the Red Room, where they awaited the signal to pass along the line-Out in the public lobby the United States Marine Band, under the leadership of Professor Fancuilli, waited the signal to play. Suddenly Fancuilli waved his baton and the various instruments burst forth into the well-known air of "Hail to the Chief." Down the private staircase came the President, Mrs. Cleveland, the members of the Cabinet and their ladies, led by Colonel John M. Wilson, United States Army, Commiscloner of Public Buildings and Grounds, and Master of ceremonies. Colonel Wilson was attired in the uniform of a Colonel of Engineers. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland, Vice-President and Mrs. Stevenson, Secretary and Mrs. Olney, Secretary and Mrs. Carlisle, Attorney General and Mrs Harmon, Postmaster General and Mrs Wilson, Secretary and Miss Herbert, Secretary and Mrs. Lamont, Secretary and Miss Morton, and Secretary and Mrs. Francis, an imposing procession, passed along the corridor in the Blue Room and took their places, the President and Mrs. Cleveland at one end, with Secretary Olney and Colonel Wilson at their right, and the ladies forming a line across the apartment. The Cabinet Officers modestly dropped to the rear and entered into conversa ion with some of the ladies who composed that contingent commonly designated "behind the line."

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

Senate. 11TH DAY. - The Senate passed the House dil abolishing the death penalty in a larve comber of cases. The bill reduces capital offenses to five-treason, rape, murder and two offenses applicable to the army and navy. Mr. Call introduced resolutions calling for information as to the condemnation of Julio Sanguilly at Havana to life imprisment, and also directing the Secretary of State to demand Sanguilly's immediate re Mr. Peffer (Populist, of Kansas) delivered a lengthy speech in support of his resolution for a national monetary commis-

12TH DAY, -In the Senate Mr. Call made a peech charging that American citizens imprisoned in Cuba are ill-treated. ate passed House bills amending the laws relading to timber culture and authorizing brevets to active or retired officers of the army or navy. The joint resolution request-ing the British government to pardon Mrs. Florence Maybrick was indefinitely post The bill exempting settlers on public iands from paying the original government price fixed on the lands was debated, but a final vote was not reached.

13rn Day -The Senate passed a number of bills on the calendar, including several amendments to the law of navigation also the bill authorizing the President to appoint to the navy Commander Quackenbush whose case has occasioned much contro A joint resolution was off-red by Mr. Mills (democrat, of Texas) declaring that the power of recognizing a new republic resid s in tongress, recognizing the independence of Cuba and appropriating \$10,000 for a United S ates minister to the republic

House.

11TH DAY,- The House took up the Loud till to amend the plaws relating to secondclass mall matter. The whole day was de oted to general debate on the measure. The principal features of the bill are the denial to the mail of serial book publications at one cent per pound rates and the stoppage of the newspaper sample copy privilege. 12TH DAY, -- The Loud bill to amend the

law relating to second-class mail matter was passed by the House' after two days of deportant provision of the bill denies the serial cations admission to the mails at one ent per pound rates. The bill also denies o newspapers the "sample copy" privilege and the privilege enjoyed by newsdealers of returning unsold publications at the secondcines rate.

13TH DAY -The Pacific Railroad funding bill, which is considered the most important piece of legislation that will come before ongress at this session, was discussed in the House under a special order which allows two days for general debate, with provision for a final vote next week,

THIRTEEN MINERS ENTOMBED.

Fire in a Mexican Silver Mine Cut off Their Means of Escape.

A terrible disaster has occurred in the Santa Gertrusi mine, at Pachuca, one of the most famous sliver mines in the City of Mexico. From some cause not known fire broke out in one of the lev-is of the old Southern workings, shutting off the exit of thi teen Lexican miners. Miners on the outside went to work and try to put out the fire and save the men. One Englishman, Ned Richards, an experienced miner, went down in charge of the rescue operations, but per shed from sufficiation. All the Mexicans sted from the same cause or from burning.

Preparations are proceeding to proclaim Doctor Pelligrini a candidate for the presidence of Argentian.

COMMODORE SINKS.

Eight Persons Believed Eave Been Lost

Thrilling Escape of Stephen Crane and Several Others in a Small Boat Which Was Tossed High by the Waves-They Used the Captain's Overcoat as a Sail.

A special dispatch from Jacksonville, Fla. says:-The steamer Commodore, which cleared from this port for Cienfuegos, Cuba, with a cargo of arms and ammunition, foundered off New Smyrna early Saturday morning

Twenty-eight men were on board of the steamer. Eight are unaccounted for and have been given up for lost.

The vessel struck twice while crossing the bar at the mouth of the river, and had been leaking almost from the start.

The pumps did not work Friday night and the men set to work to ball out the steamer. This proved ineffectual, and soon the engineer reported that it was impossible to go any further, as the water had put out the fires in the engines

When it was seen that nothing could save the vessel from sinking Captain Murphy gave orders to take to the boats. A panic ensued among the excitable Cubans. Twelve of them hurried y entered one of the large surfboats and pulled away for Mosquito Inlet light without any thought apparently of those left behind,

A second boat was lowered, into which twelve more of the crew hastly crowded, and had scarcely left the steamer when the boat was swamped in the heavy sea that was

running. Captain Murphy. Stephen Crane, the novelist, C. B. Montgomery and Wm. Higgins, who remained aboard after the launching and swamping of the second boat, gathered together a quantity of timber, spars and railings, and, lashing them together, threw overboard the bastily improvised raft. A small 10-foot dingy was the only boat left on the steamer and this was launched and entered by the remaining members of the expedition only a moment before the vessel finally settled below the waves.

After rowing about for some time in search of the others they were finally given up as lost and the four men in the dingy resumed their laborious pull for the shore. The oars were carried away after going a short distance and a sail was improvised by each of the four taking turns at holding up the cap-

The boat successfully rode the mountainous waves until it struck the surf in shore, when it capsized. Captain Murphy, Crane track, deeply engrossed in a letter. and Montgomery, after a hard fight, sucof the first boat without any accident.

A late dispatch from Port Orange, near Daytons, says that a boat containing four and help arrived. men succeeded in landing there. No particulars are given. They are supposed to the overturned surfboat

The Cubans charge treachery in the wreck of the steamer, saying that so soon as it was discovered that the vessel was leaking the pumps were tried, but were found to have been tampered with and were useless.

The men were then set at work balling out the ressel with buckets, a futile task that was soon abandoned.

WEYLER'S NEW EDICT.

Matanzas and Pinar del Rio to Be Put Under Military Rule-Restrictions on Pereigners.

Under date of Wednesday Captain-General Weyler has issued another edict, giving orders that within a period of eight days all owners of estates, managers and tenants in the Province of Pinar del Rio, Favana and Matanzas, shall appear before the mayors of the nearest fortified town and present a police passport and document proving their ownership and the payment of their last

The papers being found all in order, they will be allowed to return upon showing their certificates and documents to the troops which they pass on the way. Those who do comply with the above requirements must concentrate in the towns.

At the expiration of the term of eight days the troops will pass through the farms and will conduct to the towns those not presenting the above required certificates, and they will be proceeded against according to ins ructions received.

Foreigners engaged in cultivation or pursuing any industry under the conditions above required must prove their nationality as well as show the number of employes under their control, and must guarantee all information as to their origin and must show their police documents under the same terms as above required.

An owner of livestock must present documents proving his ownership and the location of the stock.

RIVAL OF THE BELL COMPANY. St. Louis is to Have a Telephone System Coustracted on a New Plan.

A great number of canvassers have been engaged by the Kinloch Telephone Company, which was recently incorporated with a capital of several million dollars by prominent St. Louis business men. They will solicit telephone subscripers. Ma nager H. J. Han-

"We expect to have our plant in operation within 18 months. The system will be different from the one now in use at St. Louis. It will be necessary only to take the receiver from the hook and call the number wanted. "The mere act of taking the receiver from

the book calls the central office. The rates of the Kinloch Company will be \$60 a year for business houses, \$50 for physicians and \$36 for private residencea.

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

Epitoms of News Gleanel Pron Various Parts of the State

Ernest Zantzinger brought suit in the Com mon Pleas Court at Media to recover damages against the Wayne Electric Light Company, for the erection of eleven poles in front of his country seat, at Wayne. The court instructed the jury to give a verdict for the plaintiff and assess the damage at 6 cents; the defendant company to file a bond within ten days in the sum of \$2,000 to pay all damages from the time the poles were erected, and upon failure to do this a new trial will be granted.

Tuberculosis has broken out among the ows at the County Almshouse, which necessitated the slaughter of the entire herd at Pottsville. Some thirty cows were killed under the direction of the State Veterinary, J. W. Sailade, of Pottsville. The State will refund to the county nearly \$800 for the loss of the cows.

Harry T. Huford, of Kennett Square, has lost five head of fine cows and several others of his herd are sick and will likely die. The

ause of death is supposed to be lead poison. Minnis Roth, the eight-year-old daughter f Max Roth, of Catasauqua, was fatally burned by a bondre which she and three ompanions had started in a field adjoining er home. The flames ignited the girl's frees and quickly enveloped her entire ody. John Bowden and Thomas Wilson who came to her a sistance, were badly ourned about the arm and hands. All the lothes were burged off the little one's body. The physicians have no hopes for her re-

covery. Henry Norton, the New York man who ame to Ailentown to sell greengoods to Ell leger, a well-known citizen of Coplay, and who was trapped by the police authorities, was found guilty at Allentown. He was senenced to two years and six months' im. orfsonment, a fine of \$20) and the costs of prosecution.

The Borough Council has purchased a hemical fire engine of 8) gallons capacity. it a cost of \$700. The engine will be delivred in sixty days and a fire company will be rganized

With a view of providing ways and means of bettering and increasing the town's water upply a special meeting of the West Chester council was held. Figures were submitted which indicated that a new water plant could be located at the junction of Brandywine and Valley Creeks, three miles from town, at a total outlay of \$75,000. No definite action was taken.

The body of David Mongose was found near Kilgore, Mercer county, and foul play is suspected. He had been peddling medicine in the vicinity of that place, and had considerable money with him. When found his pockets had been rifled. The body was lying along the rondside, and there were marks of violence on the head.

Miss Nora Reed, a well-known young woman of Musgrove, was struck by a passenger train and instantly killed, near that place. She was walking along the railroad

While engaged in loading ice on Berger's WHEAT-No. 2 Red. ceeded in getting safely to shore. Higgins dam, near Pine Grove, Isaac Beuchler and was drowned and his body was cast upon his team were precipitated into the deep the sands. The three men made their way water and narrowly escaped drowning. to Dayrona, arriving there late in the morn- Beuchler was saved by a fellow workman, ing. They then learned of the safe landing and the horses assisted in keeping their beads above water by a rail placed under their necks uptil the harness could be cut

A son of Levi Berger, of Lausdale, who is employed in the brick yards of Seth L. have been those who were washed overboard Scholl, was caught between the large iron from the raft and who succeeded in righting rolls used for crushing clay and had a leg frightfully mangled, the flesh being entirely stripped from the bone up to the knee, and the tors crushed. It is feared the leg will

have to be amputated. Thomas Tomsioni will probably die from a beating which he says he received at the hands of William Snyder and Simon Karparwitez in the Farmer's Sulcon, Shenandoah. Suyder and Karnarwitez have been accepted Snyder is one of the most prominent and wealthy Polish residents of the town.

Thomas Doyle, aged 22 years, of Locust Gap, near Shamokin, blew off the left side of his face by the accidental discharge of his gun while on a New Year's hunting trip. He may not recover.

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

St Clair McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn "Eagle," writes from Rome that he has recovered his health, and will soon return to active duty.

Queen Christina of Spain is at present the only sovereign who possesses a motor car. This car was on exhibition in London, and is now probably on the way to Spain.

Miss Jane Addams, the founder and heaof the social settlement in Chicago known as huli House, is one of the three women street inspectors of that city who voluntarily watch and report on the condition of the streets.

The Prince of Wales, president of the St. John Ambulance Association, has sanctioned a grand ambulance fete and demonstration to be held at the Crystal Palace in May or June next, in commemoration of the Queen's long reign.

H. Helm Clayton, the observer in charge of the Blue Hill (Mass.) Meteorological Observatory, and his assistant Mr. S. P. Ferguson recently performed a novel feat of interest to aeronautists and ornithologista. While making simultaneous observations of cloud heights they took measurements of a flight of ducks and by means of trigonome try discovered the ducks were flying 958 feet above the ground at the rate of 47.7 miles an

Uncommon manifestations of honor were given to Franz von Lenbach, the German portrait painter, in Aunich, on his 60th birthday. The Munich Society of Artists unanimously elected him to membership; congratulations were received from Prince Bismarck, whose portraits by Lenbach are famous; the Prince Regent Luitpold, of Bavaria, also sent his congratulations; the City of Munich deputed its two Burgomasters to greet him, and finally Lepbach received visits in person from the Grand Duches Victoria of Hesse and the Crown Princess of

The Madrid Epoca publishes a formal denial that the government bas any intention ceneral of Cuba

SUICIDE IN A CHURCL.

George Wilkins, a Belma, Ala., Banker, Eista Himself.

A despatch from Montgomery, Ala, says: -George B. Wilkins, Vice President of the Commercial National Bank of Selma, which failed for \$500,000 Wednesday, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head n the Episcopal Church, at Selma, at 4 o'clock in the morning. He had been Vice President of the bank for years, and was one of the best known men in the State.

Mr. Wilkins was treasurer of the Episco pal Diocess of Alabama, and a devoted church nember. In his distress he sought refuge in his church, where he remained all night, and on the appearance of searching friends at the church door, he fired the bullet into his brain. His accounts with the bank are thought to be all right, and distress at the faflure is ascribed as the cause of his selfdestruction.

Mr. Wilkins was treasurer of the principal liocese of Alabama, of St. Paul's Parish, of the St. Andrew Brotherhood, of the Odd Fellows, and Y. M. C. A. Funds belonsing to each of these societies were deposited in the bank, and it is known that when the crash came it was suggested to him that he withdraw these funds or certain amounts of them, and he replied, regretfully, it was impossible. Besides these moneys he had individual funds on deposit, and his friends and relatives were heavy depositors and owned stock in the bank. It is known that one depositor, a lady, reproached him bitterly for not advising her of the bank's condition, a thing which he could not honorably do as an official of the institution.

LOOKED FOR HIM IN THE CHURCH. Mr. Wilkins, after a conference with officers of the bank, left for home, saying he would try to get much needed rest. His wife, who shared her husband's anxiety, sat up for him, and became alarmed at 2 a. m., and sent friends in search of him. After a visit to the bank his friends, knowing Mr. Wilkins' love and attachment for his church.

As they were entering there was a report near the altar, and a few seconds later the banker was found lying at full length upon the floor inside the chancel railing, with a pistol ball wound through the back of his head, and the pistol, with which the act had been committed, still smoking and grasped tightly in his band. Mr. Wilkins died shortly after being taken to his home. He left no letter explaining his rash act, but it is beleved it was the result of intense mental strain through which he had passed.

Mr. Wilkins was forty years of age. H came to Selma more than twenty years ago. and has been in the employ of the Commercial Bank, of which he was recently elected Vice President, since 1881. He leaves a widow and one child.

MARKETS.

PALTIMORE

FLOUR-Batto. Best Pat. 9 CORN-No. 2 White. Oats-Southern & Penn. HAY----Choice Timothy ... Good to Prime 13 00 STRAW-Rye in car lds Wheat Blocks 8 50 Oat Blocks CANNED GOODS.

TOMATOES-Sind No. 3.4 No. 2. PEAS—Standards. 125 CORN-Dry Pack. CITY STREES..... Southern No. 2. POTATOES AND VEGETABLES.

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BUTTER-Fine Crmy 9 Creamery Rolls. CHEERE. 10% @ CHEESE-N. Y. Fancy. . . 9 N. Y. Flats ... Skim Cheese. EGGS. RGGS_State 100 North Carolina.

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Mink Otter NEW YORK FLOUE-Southern WHEAT-No. 2 Red

BUTTER-State .. CHEESE-State PHILADELPHIA FLOUR-Southern ... WHEAT-No. 2 Red. COBN-No. 3..... OATS-No. 2.....

EGGS-Penna ft..... The newspaper press of Bolivia continues its bitter comment and attacks upon Peru. The assertion is made in the press that Chili will provide the Bolivian Government with

of supers ding General Weyler as captain- | 40,00 Mannilcher riff-s in case of an outbreak of hosti ities with Peru.