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THE LANDTAG CONVENES.

EMPEROR WILLIAM REVIEWS THE CONDITION OF THE EMPIRE.

Germany's Foreign Relations Pronounced Friendly—Trade Improving and Taxation Reduced—A Bill Introduced to Increase the Pay of Clergymen of all Creeds.

BERLIN, Jan. 14—The Landtag was opened to day.

In his opening speech the emperor said that Germany's foreign relations were friendly.

He said that during his recent visits to friendly sovereigns he was convinced that Germany might confidently cherish the hope of peace.

That trade has improved, is shown by the large increase in the savings banks. Owing to the satisfactory condition of the country's finances, the government was enabled to reduce taxation.

The emperor announced several measures to be introduced in the Landtag. Among them were bills to further increase the emoluments of the clergy of all denominations; to improve the positions of teachers of the national elementary schools, and to regulate the stamp tax.

Bills will also be introduced asking for the assignment of extraordinary resources for the purpose of further extending the railways, and for money to relieve the sufferers by the floods of 1888.

A measure will be introduced, dealing with the general administration of Posen.

The opening of the Landtag was observed with great ceremony, many nobles being present. The emperor was enthusiastically cheered when he entered and when he left the hall. Cheering was frequent throughout his speech, and loud applause followed its close.

Prince Bismarck was absent.

SALE OF STOCKS AT THE COOPER HOUSE

The Prices That Turnpike, Bank and Market House Securities Brought.

At the Cooper house this afternoon Jacob B. Long, broker, held his first stock sale of the season. Sam Matt Fridy was the auctioneer, and there was a large crowd in attendance. The following were sold:

For the estate of Patrick Kelly, deceased, four shares of Lititz turnpike to Dr. P. J. Roebuck, at $75 per share and two shares of Lancaster and Fruitville turnpike to Dr. P. W. Hiestand, at $50

For different parties the following were sold:

Ten shares of Lancaster, Mt. Joy and Elizabethtown turnpike to E. G. Reist, at $60.

Five shares of same to same at $54 50.

Nine shares of same to David Graybill at $52.

Twenty shares of Mt. Joy and Marietta turnpike to J. S. Patterson at $25.

Ten shares of Northern National bank to John Hess at $127.25

Thirteen shares of Northern Market to John Hess at $78.

Ten shares of Eastern market to W. D. Weaver, at $61 25.

Ten shares of Southern market to J. F. Sener at $45.

Four shares of Western market to Christian Stiffel at $51.

Ten shares Lancaster steam radiator to to John Shant at $38.

John Rehman, auctioneer, sold at the same place the following for the estate of Jacob Brubaker, deceased, late of Upper Leacock:

Seven shares of Lititz National bank to Ezra Burkholder at $160 per share.

Eight $100 4 per cent. government bonds, due in 1907, to Dr. P. J. Roebuck at $126 50 per $100.

Arrested for Bad Behavior in Columbia.

George Watson, a colored man, was prosecuted before Squire Evans for being drunk and disorderly and engaging in an affray at Columbia on the day before the election. Before the warrant could be served on him he ran away. Officer Wittick has been on the lookout for him since, and he caught him to-day at the Pennsylvania station in this city. He went quietly along to jail, and will be held for a hearing. Watson has the reputation of being a very bad darkey. Although his home is in Columbia, he spends the time he is out of jail roaming around the country. He had been bragging that he was going to do Wittick harm if he attempted to take him, but he made no such effort this morning. When arrested Watson had $20 in his clothes, and carried a fine new bango.

Mrs. Jay Gould Dies.

Mrs. Jay Gould died at 8 50 o'clock on Sunday night. Around her bedside and in the Gould mansion, on the northeast corner of Fifth avenue and Forty-seventh street, New York, were Jay Gould and her children, George J., Edwin, Helen, Howard and Anna Gould; her three sisters, Mrs. Wm. D. Harris, Mrs. Julia F. Noyes and Mrs. Fred. Dickinson and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. George J. Gould. Her youngest son, Frank, who is only 10 years old, was asleep, and was not called into the death chamber.

Mrs. Gould became entirely unconscious Saturday evening, and Dr. Jared G. Baldwin announced that the end was approaching. He did not leave the house again until she died. Mr. Gould himself was almost incessantly in attendance.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice, Lancaster, Monday, January 14, 1889:

Ladies' List.—Mrs. Kate Kaufelt, Mrs. Mary Longacker, Mrs. Annie Martin, Barbara Fenstermacher.

Gent's List.—John Brady, H. K. Foster, Samuel Geyer, (2), John R. Johnston, Frank A. Lesen, John H. Martin, L. Schoonmaker, William Scott, Adam Stewart.

She Was a Native of This County.

Mrs. Rebecca F. Murphy, mother of Hon. John A. J. Creswell, died in Port Deposit, Md., on Friday, aged 85. Mrs. Murphy was the daughter of Jonathan and Rachel Webb, of Lancaster county, Pa. She married first John Creswell, father of Hon. J. A. J. Creswell, who died at the age of, 29, leaving one son and three daughters and afterwards married Mr. Murphy.

Cases Disposed Of.

Abraham L. Snavely and J. C. Sickman, the two young men arrested for acting suspiciously around the house of Jas. Ritchie, on Beaver street, one evening last week, were before Alderman Spurrier on Saturday evening. The case was dismissed, as the prosecutor did not wish to push them and the accused paid the costs.

A Young Man's Death.

Thornton L. Weller, son of Mrs. Weller proprietress of the Washington hotel, at Quarryville, died on Saturday after a long illness. He was 25 years of age and lived at home. The funeral takes place Tuesday morning and the interment will be made at New Providence.

Taken to the House of Refuge.

Kate Miller, committed by Judges Livingston and Patterson to the House of Refuge on Friday, was taken to that institution this morning by Constable Shaub.

Elected President.

The directors of the Lancaster Chemical company met this afternoon and organized by the election of Charles F. Miller as president.

A LONDON "TIMES" AGENT DUPED.

A Special Detective From Scotland Yard Sent to This Country to Get Evidence, Supposed to be in Possession of Two Irishmen.

The Buffalo *Courier* created a profound sensation Sunday morning by publishing a letter and a number of telegrams, written by a special detective from Scotland Yard, sent out in the interests of the London *Times*, to procure evidence that would implicate Charles Stewart Parnell in the Phœnix Park murders.

It appears that in August last a Black Rock mechanic, just naturalized, being out of work and in need of money, conceived the scheme of making something out of the London *Times*. He wrote a letter to the publishers of that paper to the effect that, while working as a mason on the New York aqueduct, he came across two Irishmen who were in possession of documentary evidence that would prove the letters on which the *Times* relies in the present investigation to be perfectly genuine. His language was:

"There is two Irishmen here that was indirectly in the combine to murder Cavendish and Burke where I can get all the proof you want for very little." This person received a cablegram from the London *Times*, telling him "to hold on to the men at all hazards," and that an English detective would soon be on American soil. The detective duly came in the person of J. T. Kerby, or "Cris Thomas," and was said to be accompanied by a female agent as sharp as himself. Kerby's first letter to the Buffalo man was written from New York, and directed a reply to be sent to C. Thomas, care Major Rice, 1,237 Broadway. It said that the writer was authorized to see him and others well compensated who are willing to give undoubted proofs, and, also, if necessary, go to England and give, link by link, testimony that would be accepted by the courts of Great Britain and also by the royal commission. He guaranteed that not only would the rewards be liberal to all who would serve in procuring proof, but the protection would be ample. He requested the Buffalo man to proceed to New York with his documents to avoid mixing with any one in the city, and to keep a closed mouth. This was written on August 23. The Buffalo man did not go to New York, and his replies to Kerby were opened at Major Rice's by some third party. Thereupon Kerby changed his name to "Cris Thomas," and shifted his address to room 34, Gedney house, Fortieth street and Broadway. This solitude was making things warm for the Buffalo man, especially when he proposed a meeting at the Tifft house. He was equal to the occasion, and warned the English detective that their game had been discovered, advising him to leave the city. Kerby and his fair companion thereupon crossed over to Toronto. From Toronto he went to Montreal, and thence to Chicago, where his headquarters were with George Harvey & Co., 179 Lasalle street, all the time imploring the Buffalo man to hasten to procure his proofs, and paying out money in sums of $25 to $75 at a time, aggregating in all about $500. In his last letter from the Gedney house he said that he was authorized to assure both of the apposititious Irishmen comfortable farms of their own and secure them in competence for their lives. He was willing to pay $500 apiece in cash if they would give up the papers. Writing from room 572, Palmer house, Chicago, on November 23, he began to show petulance, suspecting that he was being duped, and declared that he would not pay out another dollar until he could see the papers in his own hands. Besides, he had got so much other evidence that he could afford to go without them. Still he was willing to get $400. "Any way, he would not want either of them or H to come here. All I want is the paper and letters after I see them with my own eyes. If, after I get them and he has money, he then consents to go and give evidence for a further sum, well and good, but you can tell H what I say, and nothing will induce me to pay out another dollar until I get the papers. This is final. The papers once in my hands, I'll do as I have said above for them, and all I have said in my previous letter for yourself and more, too, but only when I'm getting the papers." The correspondence ceased with the thirteenth letter, written on the Dec 1st, from the Palmer House, Chicago, announcing his intention of proceeding to Niagara Falls. In the course of his wanderings after proof, the Scotland Yard man went to Mavenwood Ill., where he said his son lived, and thence he wrote, offering to give the Buffalo man $500 if he would make success certain, and the same to each of the other men. There was, of course, no evidence whatever of the nature sought by the agent of the *Times* and the British government. At the meeting of the Irish National League, in Stephens hall, Sunday afternoon, the exposure made by the *Courier* was discussed, and the course of the *Times* is endeavoring to trump up evidence against Parnell was emphatically denounced in speeches and resolutions. "The rottenness of the *Times'* case against Parnell and the other Irish leaders was never better illustrated than in Kerby's famous mission to suborn perjured and mercenary evidence before the royal commission," said President Gallahan in introducing the subject.

A CHILD'S WONDERFUL MEMORY.

Achievements of a Blind Colored Boy of Three Years.

Oscar Moore, a blind colored boy, gave an exhibition of memory in New York on Saturday. According to his guardian, he was born of poor parents on a farm near Waco, Texas, August 19, 1885, and should, therefore, be only 3 years and 5 months old, and he does not appear to be much older. In spite of his babyhood he knows his multiplication table perfectly, knows the capital of every state in the Union and of every country in the world, with their respective populations; rattles off the presidents from Washington to Cleveland, or names each according to his number in the succession; counts 20 in 14 different languages, possesses a fund of historical, political, geographical, and scientific statistics, and would put any Yankee deacon to shame with his mass of information about biblical subjects, from the number of verses and words to the number of Solomon's wives. He will sing in English, German, Danish, or almost any other tongue. He added Spanish to his repertory yesterday morning.

Oscar's wonderful memory was discovered about two years ago. One of his older brothers while repeating the multiplication table blundered at 4 times 12, which he said made 58. "Four times 12 are 48," piped Oscar with precision from his perch on the table. He is a very bright looking boy, with irrepressible good spirits, a singularly strong little body, and a face that is nearer yellow than black. His eyes seem perfect, but they are absolutely sightless. He shows that he has a logical mind as well as a good memory, for he answers unexpected questions in a bright, prompt and intelligent manner, and sometimes asks very unexpected questions himself. However, he likes playmates of his own age as well as older. Like Blind Tom, he applauds himself with great glee, especially after reciting a poem by Whittier, Longfellow, or singing a German song.

New Providence Castle Officers.

The following are the officers of New Providence Castle, No. 236, of New Providence for the ensuing six months' term: P. C., Madison Edwards; N. C., E. G. Book; V. C., B. F. Smith; H. P., Jno. F. Tweed; V. H., Wm. H. McClain; M. of R., Clayton Eckman; C. of E., Wm. F. Eckman; K. of E., H. R. Heagy; S. R., S. Frank Long; W. B., Harry Edwards; W. C., Henry Redman; Es., ——; Esq., Simon Gochenaur; first guardsman, Hardy Steel; second guardsman, Jacob Frank; trustees, M. M. Sensenig, A. L. Winters, C. Eckman; representative to the Grand Castle, H. R. Heagy.

The membership is 51 and the amount of funds on hand and invested is $309 62

Horse Holds His Horse.

A dispatch from Manheim to the *Press* says: "Four hundred persons purchased chances in the drawing of a horse, buggy and set of harness from Samuel Horst, Unionville. Many of them went there Saturday night to witness the drawing, but Horst failed to appear. There is much indignation."

NO COBWEBS ON LAUR.

A MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES DESIRES TO FIGHT FLOQUET.

The Premier Meets Him in the Lobby of the Chamber and Characterizes Laur's Comments as Mere Calumnies, But Refuses an Invitation to Fight a Duel.

PARIS, June 14.—Premier Floquet met Deputy Laur, to-day, in the lobby of the Chamber of Deputies, and told him that his article commenting upon the application of a secret service fund by the government during elections, was filled with base calumnies.

M. Floquet challenged Deputy Laur to justify his accusations from the tribune of the Chamber.

M. Laur retorted that he would refer his charges to a jury of deputies and declared that he would send seconds to the premier to arrange a duel unless the latter retracted his statements.

Premier Floquet replied that he would neither receive any seconds sent by M. Laur nor retract anything he had said.

He then repeated his challenge for M. Laur to justify his accusations from the tribune.

French Editors Fight a Duel.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—M. Rochefort, editor of *L'Intransigeant*, fought a duel to day with M. Lissagary, editor of *La Bataille*. Swords were the weapons used. Both combatants were wounded, M. Lissagary seriously.

HIGH LICENSE IN ST. PAUL.

It Has Bid the City of More Than Half Its Saloons.

During the year 1888, 361 liquor licenses were issued in St. Paul, Minn., at $1,000 each. During the year 1887, 763 licenses were issued at $100. The amount received into the city treasury during the first year of the high license law in excess of the preceding year was $284,700, and the number of saloons diminished by 402.

The St. Paul saloon-keepers maintain that the high license has rendered a great deal of property of less value. It was fitted up for saloon purposes, and the occupants being thrown out by the one thousand-dollar license, the places have become untenanted and have greatly depreciated in value. However, the men now engaged in saloon business do not want anything said about the license law as it exists. The fact is, they are fairly well satisfied with the law, which, while it is perhaps somewhat costly to them, might be replaced with something worse. For this reason they are submitting with all the grace possible to its onerous conditions.

The Prohibitionists growl about the law and are secretly chagrined at the partial success it appears to have achieved by ridding the liquor traffic of some objectionable features, and many low-class dealers and saloons. The general public feels fairly well satisfied with the present state of affairs, and is not at all inclined to kick against high license. As for the alleged increase in the consumption of beer, it is regarded with as much complacency as the reported increase in the consumption of tea.

Paying $120,000 Indemnity.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A special in the *Mail and Express* this afternoon dated Port-au-Prince, January 8 says: "The indemnity asked for by the owners of the Haytien Republic has at last been settled. The amount is $120,000. Of this $50,000 was paid to-day in cash, $30,000 is due March 1 and $40,000 June 1. The steamer will leave here Jan. 20 and expects to arrive at New York February 1."

In two battles fought the North was victorious. A blocade exists at the north ports.

American schooners have been warned to keep off.

FOR VIOLATING REVENUE LAWS.

The Liquor Store of Jacob F. Sheaffer Seized by Government Officers.

This afternoon officers connected with the internal revenue service, seized the liquor store of Jacob F. Sheaffer, wholesale liquor dealer and distiller, whose place of business is in Centre Square. There are several charges of violation of the revenue laws against Mr. Sheaffer. He is alleged to have been rectifying without license, using barrels more than once for liquors with the same stamps, etc. The discovery was made by officers, who came here last week from Washington. The store is now in the hands of the government, and a force of men from the revenue collector's office are busy taking account of stock.

Four Fingers Cut.

Gust. Kauffman, a young man who lives on Manor street, met with a painful accident at Krauskop's cigar box factory on Mulberry street, where he is employed, on Saturday. He was working at a dressing machine when he had his hand caught in a saw, four fingers were almost cut off, and at one time it was thought that they would have to be amputated. They were sewed up by Dr. Overfield and are doing well.

In Town.

W. H. Higgins, the well-known ball player, and a graduate of the Ironsides club, is in this city on a visit. He is accompanied by Joseph J. Dugan, a friend, and is looking well. "Hig" plays second base for the Detroit club, which will be in the International League next year. He played last in Boston, but they have engaged Hardy Richardson, late of the Detroit League team, to cover second bag.

A Pocketbook Lost and Found.

John Bair, a drover of Mechanicsburg, was in Lancaster on Saturday. He lost his pocketbook containing $65 in money and papers valued at $1,000. A boy afterwards found the pocketbook and returned it to the owner.

The Turner's Ball.

The Lancaster Germania Turner society will hold their first ball in Mannerchor hall this evening and they expect a big time. There will also be an athletic performance and the Leiderkranz and Mannerchor societies will sing. The Iroquois band has been engaged to furnish the music.

Writing Up Bowmansville's Troubles.

A correspondent of the New York *World* devotes two columns and a half to the slander suit brought recently by Deacon Bowman, of Bowmansville, against Levi Weltner. The article appears in five chapters.

The Soup House.

During the past week 1,796 rations were distributed at the soup house.

A large number of tickets have been sold for the concert to-morrow evening, and a handsome sum will be realized for the fund.

Closed Her Engagement.

Ada Gilman closed a three nights engagement in "Bubbling Over" in Fulton opera house on Saturday evening. The audience was only fair.

Flags in the School Room.

The school board will consider the petition of the American Mechanics and Sons of America, about the placing of American flags in the public schools upon Washington's Birthday, at a special meeting to be held this evening, instead of Thursday evening, as intended.

A SUCCESSFUL COMPANY.

Geo. H. Adams With a Troupe Who Draw Big Audiences Wherever They Appear.

George H. Adams, the actor, has many friends in Lancaster who will be pleased to learn of his great success in the comedy which he calls, "He, She, Him and Her." The piece drew heavily in the West and when it was brought to New York the week before Christmas it made an instantaneous hit. Thursday evening last it drew the largest house in Columbia that the town has seen in a long time and Saturday night a week's big business in this state closed at Harrisburg, the company jumping from there to Fredericksburg, Va., where they commence a Southern tour this evening. In the play Mr. Adams has a speaking part, which is something new for him. His character is that of a boy and he does splendid work, keeping the audience constantly laughing by his witty sayings, comical acrobatic feats, &c. He introduces many new and startling tricks. Miss Toma Hanlon, the charming young soubrette, has a part that suits her in *Tootsie Brandt*; she makes fun all the time and her sweet voice is heard in a number of songs, one of which, the "Last Rose of Summer," always pleases. Sam. Bernard, a young German comedian, has also made a great hit with the show, which includes a number of funny people, all of hom are good singers.

The company is under the management of Mr. Keeler, a bright young gentleman, who for years was connected with the Danbury *News*.

Mr. Greely on the Weather.

According to the following extract from a letter received in Providence, R. I., the weather department apparently does not believe that the present mild weather indicates a late winter and a cold spring:

SIGNAL OFFICE, Washington, Jan. 10.

The significance of the unusual weather conditions for the past seven months can be explained only with reference to the abnormal distribution of atmosphere pressure over the Northern Hemisphere.

Under the doctrine of averages we could reasonably look for an open, mild winter, since the late spring and summer were cooler than usual, and to counterbalance the deficiency or temperature in the spring and summer there should be an excess in winter just now occurring. This, however, cannot be regarded as responsible for future prophecies since the scientific use of average can only refer to very prolonged periods and cannot safely be referred to in special, short periods, such as six months or a year in case of temperature and rainfall.

My personal opinion is that no one has reasonable ground for predicting a late spring on the simple basis of the present winter being so far mild and open.

A. W. GREELY, Chief Signal Officer.

AN EATING CONTEST.

The Brobdingnaggian Meal to Be Eaten by a Media Colored Man.

Everybody in Media, Pa., who had heard of it are laughing over a wager that was made on Saturday between a well-known business man of the town and two other parties, who are backing Winfield Blakes, a colored driver for Brodhead's line of stages, in regard to his ability to eat a very large amount at one meal or sitting.

A bet of $10 has been made and the money put up, that Blakes will eat in one hour half a bushel of turnips, half a peck of white potatoes, six cups of coffee, four loaves of bread, half a pound of stewed prunes, four pounds of beef, six small pies, three spring chickens, three oyster stews, fifty raw oysters, one can of salmon, and wash all this down with a pint of whisky.

The bet was made in good faith and articles of agreement drawn up. The turnips and potatoes are to be measured whole; and, of course afterwards cooked and meshed. The loser of the wager is also to pay for the provisions. The feat is set down for February 22. Blakes will make an attack upon the big pile of provisions at 1 o'clock p. m., and to win will have to clear the table by 2 o'clock. The parties who are backing Blakes offered to put up $50 that he would get away with the stuff in the time allowed him. He is reported to have done some big eating recently with pies and oysters and is said to have never yet got enough. He is a young man of 24 or 25, tall and angular, with nothing about him to indicate his big feeding qualities.

Is the County Liable?

County Solicitor Lane last week approved bills for three witnesses in dismissed cases heard by Alderman Halbach and the county treasurer paid the same. The solicitor's opinion is that each witness is entitled to 50 cents and mileage for attending magistrates' hearings. The county had never paid any such bills before and the amount that will be taken from the treasury to pay such bills will reach many thousand dollars annually. The commissioners have heretofore taken the position that the county was not liable for witness fees in dismissed cases. Whether they will continue to pay them remains to be seen. If they refuse to pay the question will be raised by a suit and the court will have to decide whether or not the county is liable.

The Kirkwood Detective Association.

The annual meeting of the Kirkwood Detective association was held on Saturday and the following were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. H. Hogg; secretary, J. R. Jackson; treasurer, Dr. T. H. Wentz; directors, A. B. Worth, John W. Whiteside, G. W. Collins; auditor, Edwin Hogg. The annual entertainment will be on Thursday, January 24, at 6 p. m. at Joseph Hoop's hotel, at which time the members and their wives will enjoy a supper.

Tenants Ordered to Vacate.

The tenants on the property of Robert Coleman at Watts' Station have been notified to vacate the premises by the Pennsylvania Trust company, of Philadelphia, who have charge of the same, and thirty families are preparing to move. These properties were occupied by former employes of the Watts furnace, which suspended operations some years ago, and rumor has it that the works have been sold and will soon be started with a large force of workmen.

The Northern Market.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Northern market held this afternoon the following directors were elected: John Herr, John Buckwalter, B. L. Landis, Isaac L. Hess, B. L. Herr, John K. Stoner, Israel L. Landis, Jonas Brubaker, Levi S. Gross. An organization was effected as follows: President, Israel L. Landis; secretary, Isaac L. Hess; treasurer, B. L. Landis; janitor, William Richardson.

The board of directors were authorized to issue by-laws and distribute them to the stockholders.

Visiting Councilmen.

E. Shissler, M. Merkle and T. Mohan, members of the town council of Minersville, Schuylkill county, were in the city on Saturday looking at the electric system in use here. They expressed themselves as pleased with it and pronounce it to be the best light they saw on their trip.

Official Visit to the Water Works.

The water committee of city council's paid an official visit to the water works this afternoon, after which they will elect officers to serve until the first Monday of April.

A Welcome Visitor.

The pay car of the Pennsylvania railroad passed west through this city this afternoon and the employes were paid off for the month.

BOUNTY ON SUGAR.

MR. ALLISON, OF IOWA, AMENDS THE SENATE TARIFF BILL.

A Cent a Pound Proposed to be Paid—The House Adopts the Report of the Committee on Rules Deciding to Rescind the Rule for Daily Adjournment.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—A bill was passed by the Senate to-day, authorising the entry of 320 acres of land, for township purposes, for the town of Flagstaff, Arizona.

Mr. Hoar introduced in the Senate a concurrent resolution which was referred, providing for the counting of the votes for president and vice president in the hall of the House of Representatives Wednesday, February 13.

Mr. Allison, from the committee on finance, introduced in the Senate to-day an amendment to the tariff bill providing a bounty of one cent a pound on sugar.

A UNANIMOUS REPORT.

The House committee on rules held today a meeting at 11:35 a. m., and directed Mr. Randall to report to the House a resolution rescinding the special order of the House providing for adjournment each day at 5 o'clock p. m. The committee report was unanimous.

Mr. Randall reported to the House a resolution from the committee on rules, rescinding the rule requiring a daily adjournment at 5 o'clock. After a general debate the resolution was finally agreed to. Routine business was then proceeded with.

The sub-committee of the Senate having in charge the investigation of Supervising Architect Freret and his office continued the examination of witnesses this morning. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Maynard and George O. Van Nerta were examined this morning and they explained at length the method of letting out contracts for plans. The force in the supervising architect's office, they said, was entirely insufficient for the work. Several suggestions were made for the selection of sites for public building.

Mr. Van Nerta was questioned about the practice of draughtsmen in the architect's office, doing work for other architects or government plans. He said it was common practice for government draughtsmen to work out of hours for anyone who offered them work to do. The committee adjourned subject to call of the chairman.

The president sent to the Senate to-day the following nominations: Wm. B. Webb, of the District of Columbia, to be a commissioner of the District of Columbia; Thomas C. Anderson, of Iowa, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the territory of Utah; Henry S. Nunn, of North Carolina, to be collector of customs for the district of Pamlico, South Carolina; Passed Assistant Surgeon Presley M. Pixey, of Virginia, to be a surgeon in the navy.

Mrs. Josephine E. Poe Dead.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 14.—Mrs. Josephine E. Poe, widow of Judge Nelson Poe, died here yesterday. Her maiden name was Josephine Clemm, and she was a daughter of William Clemm, of Virginia. Her sister was the lovely Virginia Clemm, the wife of the poet, Edgar Allan Poe, and the Lenore of "The Raven," whose life and death at the little cottage at Fordham, N. Y., was one of the most romantic and touching incidents of the poet's life. Mrs. Josephine Poe and her sister Virginia married cousins. Their father was Wm. Clemm, who was a brother of Jas. S. Clemm, the father of W. T. D. Clemm, the well known Methodist minister. Mrs. Josephine Poe was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. Six children survive her, of whom Messrs. John Prentiss and Charles Poe are among the widest known attorneys of the Baltimore bar.

The Postal Savings Bank System.

OTTAWA, Ont, Jan. 14.—The report of the postmaster general demonstrates the value of the postal savings bank system in encouraging mechanics and laborers to save their surplus earnings. The system was established in 1868 at which the time to be held on deposit was unlimited. The limit was afterwards fixed at $10,000 and was subsequently reduced to $3,000. Last year the government lowered the limit of deposits to be received from any one depositor to $300 in any one year, and $1,000 in all. On the 30th of June last there were 4,333 offices in operation and 115,798 deposits had been made during the year, which closed with $20,679,032 on deposit. Farmers appear to take the lead. The average cost of each transaction of withdrawal on deposit is about 20¼ cents.

Maybe They Are Needed at Panama.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The officials of the state and navy departments are reticent as to the meaning of the recent orders to prepare war vessels for sea. In some quarters it is believed they will be ordered to Panama to protect American interests which might be endangered by riots likely to occur there in consequence of the stoppage of work on the Panama canal and the large discharge of laborers caused thereby, who are reported to be in a destitute condition.

The Atlanta is expected to be ready for sea by the middle of the week.

What Gov. Hovey Recommends.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 14.—Gov. Hovey was inaugurated this afternoon with impressive ceremonies. He recommends better election laws, local option, measures against monopolies and carriers' trusts, road improvements from the proceeds of the liquor and dog taxes, school books at the cost of production, for which the people now pay $1,222,000 per year, relief for the supreme court and the non-partisan control of state benevolent institutions.

New York's Postal Business.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The heads of departments in the postoffice have presented their annual reports of the office to Postmaster Pearson to day. The total receipts of the office were $5,162,968.81, and the total expenditures $1,891,922 48, giving a net revenue of $3,270,986. The receipts for the last quarter showed an increase of $121,034.65 over, those of the corresponding part of the previous year.

Kennedy Will Rule the Roost.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 14.—Montana's upper legislative body will, in all probability, enter into a deadlock over the organization to day. Will Kennedy, councilman-elect from Jefferson county, proposes to vote with the Democrats, thus making it a tie. Kennedy desires to be made speaker by the Republicans, who say they will be defeated rather than submit to him.

Refused to Testify.

DUBLIN, Jan. 14.—In Judge Boyd's court here to-day a newspaper reporter named Reeves, who is also the agent at Limerick for several Cork newspapers, refused to testify from notes he had taken of speeches delivered by Parnellites. He said that he did not desire the notoriety of an informer. If the court wanted to know what the speeches referred to contained let it search the newspapers and find out. Reeves was committed to prison for contempt of court.

A FINE ENTERTAINMENT.

The Ladies of the Normal School Render an Excellent Programme.

MILLERSVILLE, Jan. 14.—The ladies of the two literary societies connected with the Normal school gave to the school and to the public a literary and musical entertainment on Saturday evening. The people of Millersville and surrounding neighborhood turned out en masse and filled the large chapel.

The performances were very creditable and were much appreciated by the audience. The costumes were handsome and well suited to the various characters. The following is the programme:

Music, "Peasant's Wedding March," Nonpareil Glee club; president's address, Miss Alice Bricker; oration, "Our Nation's Future," Miss Ethel Brown; quartette, "Pussy Cat and the Owl," Misses Early, Monies, Twitmire and Hostetter; recitation, "The Jinera," Miss Shaud; essay, "Gossip," Miss Alice Tripple; vocal duet, Misses Twitmire and Hostetter; recitation, "Brier Rose," Miss Mary W. Neel; fan drill, by Japanese Sisters; instrumental solo, Miss Patsman.

The following were the characters in the operetta entitled "The Seven Old Ladies of Lavender Town": Lightning Haskins, Jennie Hartin; George Washington, Lydia Worth; Julius Cæsar, Kathryn Hostetter; Alexander the Great, Carrie Kauffman; John Smith, Mary Bowman; Charles C. Confucius, Sallie Wapels; Henry the Eighth, Lila Beard; Napoleon Bonaparte, Alice Campbell; the Fairy Aunty Maroseme and the Duchess of Tidytown, Miss Hall. The Seven Old Ladies of Lavender Town—Mrs. Smith, Annie Danner; Mrs. Brown, Fannie Twitmire; Mrs. Jones, Bertha Herring; Mrs. Robinson, Amy Sprague; Mrs. Simpkins, Hattie Davidson; Mrs. Timpkins, Ella King; Mrs. Traisis de Monimorenci, Mary Tshudy; a page, Mary Monies.

Large Funerals.

Christian R. Lefevre, son of Christian Lefevre, of West Lampeter, who died on Wednesday in Philadelphia, where he was attending a veterinary college, was buried yesterday. The funeral was one of the largest seen in that section in a long time and many people from this city were in attendance. Services were held in the "Brick" meeting house near Willow Street and the interment was made at Willow Street.

The funeral of Albert R. Williams, the young puddler of this city who was killed at the Sanbury nail works, took place Sunday afternoon from the residence of Samuel Jones, his father-in-law, at No. 241 North Cherry street. A very large crowd attended, including many iron workers. The interment was made at Lancaster cemetery.

Spelling Bee at Millersville.

MILLERSVILLE, Jan. 14.—On Saturday evening the principal of the grammar school of this village held a spelling bee in Union hall. Owing to the entertainment at the Normal school the classes were smaller than they would otherwise have been. The receipts, however, paid all expenses including the prizes, some of which were very handsome, and left a small profit to the credit of the school.

Seven prizes were given: 1st prize, 5 volume History of England, won by D. A. Lehman; 2d prize, Wood's Natural History, won by Ike Witmer; 3d prize, Life of A. Lincoln, won by Milton Wallick; 4th prize, Bryant's Poems, won by Willie Brown. Harry Shenk, Bessie Wertz and Charles Spayd also won prizes.

Powderly's Accusation.

General Master Workman T. V. Powderly, of the Knights of Labor, addressed a public meeting of district assembly No. 152, in Binghamton, N. Y., on Saturday. After the public meeting Mr. Powderly made a long address on national topics pertaining to the K. of L. Among other things he stated that one of the four alleged founders of the Knights of Labor, who are trying to establish a new order in Philadelphia, recently offered to sell out the new order to him for $100, and he had satisfactory proof that the same person had previously offered to sell out to John Wanamaker.

To Amend The Marriage Law.

A bill amending the marriage license law will be introduced in the House by Representative Hall, of Mercer, permitting either one of the parties about to contract marriage to apply for and secure a license on answering the necessary questions. At present in a number of counties the officials require that both the man and woman must apply in person. This is not the rule in all counties, however, and Mr. Hall desires to make the practice uniform.

Death of Catherine Weiser.

Catherine, wife of Stephen Weiler, died at their home near Collins Postoffice, Colerain township, on Friday. She was 35 years of age and besides a husband left six children, the youngest of which is but one year old. The body was brought to Lancaster on the 10 o'clock train this morning and was met at the King street depot by an undertaker, who took it to Landis Valley, where the interment was made this afternoon. The deceased formerly resided in that neighborhood.

Before the Mayor.

The mayor disposed of seven cases this morning. Five were lodgers and were discharged. The sixth case was Harry King, only 16 years old, who was very drunk and disorderly on Saturday night. He was on Church street and tried to break several windows. The mayor discharged him with a reprimand. The last case disposed of was Frank Trainor. He lives on Plum street, and was under the influence of liquor on Saturday night. He was so full that he did not know where he lived, and he stumbled into the house of John Connelly, on East King street. Officer Cramer was notified to take him away and he spent the night in the station house. This morning the mayor discharged him upon the payment of costs.

The Funeral of J. M. Johnston.

The body of J. M. Johnston will arrive in this city from Carlisle to-morrow at 11:30 instead of 12:58, as published on Saturday. The funeral will upon the arrival of the train proceed to the house of Samuel J. Pool, at the Lancaster cemetery, where services will be held by Rev. J. Max Hark. The school board will meet specially this evening to take action as to his death.

Corner Loungers.

Complaint has been made at the station house about gangs of young men congregating on the corners of Conestoga and Beaver, Love Lane and Manor streets, and making a great noise. The police have been notified to arrest all parties found lounging on these and other corners.

Millersville Drunks.

Frank Kenny and John Rine were arrested on Sunday by Constable Dern for drunkenness and disorderly conduct at Millersville. Justice Lintner committed them to jail.

The Electric Lights.

Twenty-six of the electric lights were reported as not burning on Saturday night.

Gored to Death by a Bull.

James Barber, a prominent farmer of Spring Hill, Kansas, was killed on Friday by a Holstein bull which he was leading to the barn. Mr. Barber was horribly gored in the abdomen and chest by the infuriated animal.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 14.—For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, nearly stationary temperature; winds generally northerly.

A DOZEN PERSONS KILLED.

TERRIBLE WRECK ON THE NEW YORK PENNSYLVANIA & OHIO RAILROAD.

A Passenger Train Strikes a Freight Cause the Death of Trainmen and Passengers—One of the Cars Burns—Names of Some of the Victims.

KENT, O., Jan. 14.—Train 8 on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio railroad wrecked two and one-half miles east of this village this morning. The killed are Robert Huntington, engineer; William W. Thomas, fireman; Zeph Thomas, baggageman; William Landy, express messenger, and from ten to twelve passengers whose names have not yet been learned.

The wreck was caused by the breaking in two of freight train No. 82. It was a rear end collision, taking place while the broken section was being picked up.

A correct report of the wreck at Tallmadge is as follows:

Killed—Robert Huntington, engineer; W. J. Thomas, baggagemaster; W. Landy, express manager; Walters, fireman; a little girl and two Chinamen, all unknown.

The engineer and fireman of the freight train escaped with slight injuries.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 14.—Official information, received at the New York Pennsylvania & Ohio general offices at 10 this morning, placed the number of dead at eight and six wounded. Later news from the scene of the accident will probably increase both figures.

The collision took place at a point about two miles from Tallmadge. The tracks on both sides are bounded by a heavy growth of trees and the country in the vicinity is sparsely inhabited.

A few minutes after the accident had occurred, almost before the passengers in the rear car had succeeded in collecting their wits, flames had begun to shoot out of the baggage car and smoker. The passengers and trainmen immediately began the work of rescuing the injured and dead from the wreck. The coach in the rear of the smoker was badly damaged and the end of the baggage car had crushed far into the smoker. The dead men were in the front end of the smoker and they were instantly killed, their bodies being horribly mangled. One or two persons in the ladies' passenger car were hurt and several were injured. The telegraph operator at Tallmadge places the number injured at twelve, but the company officials think he exaggerated. As soon as the injured and dead were removed from the second coach, which caught fire, the two sleepers were detached and pushed back by hand out of reach of the flames. None of the passengers in the sleepers was injured and all the passengers who escaped death were placed in the sleepers and an extra engine conveyed them to a side track where the next east bound train coupled to them and proceeded to Leavittsburg. The train bearing the people arrived in Cleveland ninety minutes later. The officials at the general office refused to give the names of the injured.

As soon as the news of the accident received at Kent, linemen were placed at work and a wire was run down the road to the scene of the accident. One operator was placed at work near the wreck, and his time was taken up so completely in dispatching trains that he was unable to obtain full particulars.

Coming Closer to the Treaty.

BOSTON, Jan. 14.—An Ottawa special to the *Herald* says it is indicated that the British government will require Sir John Macdonald to recede from his policy of restricting Chinese immigration as being inconsistent with treaty obligations. The government of China has directed the attention of the British government to the hostile attitude of Australia