TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

The Legislative Commission Swoops Down Unheralded Upon the

MOUNT JOY ORPHANS' SCHOOL.

Representative Kauffman Gives His Views on the Institution.

NOT ENOUGH TOWELS TO GO AROUND.

The Boys Are Overcrowded in Bed and Toothbrushes Are Common Property.

A legislative commission yesterday paid a visit to the syndicate school at Mount Joy. Representative Kauffman finds considerable room there for improvement, and is not averse to saying so. A scarcity of towels and overcrowding is held to be responsible for sore eyes and cutaneous affections. The other syndicate schools are yet to be investigated.

MOUNT JOY, July 5.—The syndicate soldiers orphans' school here was taken completely by surprise this afternoon. The commission appointed in pursuance of the action of the Legislature started out on an investigating tour this morning and swooped down upon the institution just as the officials were about to take dinner. Formalities were at once dispensed with and the management postponed its meals. The commission ransacked the place from top to bottom.

Representative C. C. Kauffman, of Lancaster, gave his impressions of the visit in these words: "The occasion for my particular activity in pursuing the investigation in this school is the fact that it being in my representative district, I was especially desirous of showing that it is not the intention that this investigation shall be

A WHITEWASHING INQUIRY.

"The purpose of this inspection is to get down to the exact condition of all the schools. While we are desirous of having a school in our section, we do not want the the present one to be continued if it does not compare favorably with the others. I don't know in what condition the others are: whether they are better or worse. Our visit to-day shows there is room for much improvement here. The building is greatly in need of repairs, the ventilation is poor and in some of the dormitories should be attended to at once. The health of some of the children is imperiled thereby. They need more running water. This could be cheaply remedied. It is a wonder that there is not more sickness. The outhouses are outrageously small considering the number of children, and until more improved methods can be introduced, disinfectants should be liberally used. Another source of danger is the inadequate conveniences in the boys washroom. Think of it, only half a dozen towels for 100 boys and four hair brushes. The talk of a tooth brush being provided for each boy is a farce. Scarcely any of them have their own tooth brushes. The girls fare better in this particular.

A SOLEMN MYSTERY.

"It is a mystery to me how anybody could hope to keep a lot of boys in good health with them tumbling in two in a bed without any night shirts, all wearing the calico shirts worn during the day. To this and the neglect to provide towels we must largely attribute the fact that so many of the boys have been troubled with sore eyes. The commission should at once adopt a rule requiring separate towels to be provided for each of the children.

"It is due to the management of the school to say that the girls' department makes a better showing; that they are generally a bright lot of children; that the food was fair, and that the girls' clothing, as far as we could judge from a hasty examination, was in pretty good condition. The commission found much that will demand serious attention in the work of reforming the institution if it shall be decided to continue this instead of others. Of course we must see them all before we can determine that question."

IT MAY BECOME HISTORICAL.

Jailer Birdsong's Fine Causes Sensational Indignation in Georgia.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

ATLANTA, July 5.—Jailer Birdsong, of Macon, and the fine put upon him by Judge Speer for putting a chain around the neck of an unruly negro, are becoming famous. The whole matter will be brought up again by a bill which Senator Bartlett and Representative Hardeman introduced simultaneously to-day. The bill is for the purpose of repealing the present law, which compels jailers to receive United States prisoners in their jails, and giving to sheriffs and jailers the right to reject any and all United States prisoners. In other words, the jailers are to be given the right to accept or reject such prisoners. The bill is for the protection of jailers.

Senator Bartlett said to-day that in his opinion Judge Speer had overstepped his authority when he fined Jailer Birdsong for tying the negro counterfeiter to the wall. It is against a repetition of such arbitrary conduct on the part of United States Judges that the bill has been introduced. Representative Hardeman was of the same opinion. He thought the present law was a hardship to the jailer, as it forces him to take all United States prisoners offered and puts him in the power of the United States for trying to keep order in the jail. As to the facts in the case Messrs. Hardeman and Bartlett are agreed that Birdsong's conduct was not cruel. It was impossible to keep the negro quiet. He was noisy and insubordinate. The jailer, to keep him quiet, put a light chain around his neck and chained him to the wall. The effect was to keep him from sitting down. It is quite probable that the fine and the little incident in the cell will be famous soon.

THE LATEST CRONIN SUSPECT.

He is Released From Jail After a Very Brief Confinement.

CHICAGO, July 5.—The mysterious Cronin suspect about whom the police made so much ado last night and to-day, has been released after being in close confinement 20 hours. Notwithstanding the reports that he bore the striking resemblance to Patrick Cooney, "The Fox," it turns out that the ex-prisoner is a Frenchman named Frank Tremble. Frank separated from his wife not long ago, and has been resorting to various outlandish expedients to conceal his whereabouts. In his cups he talked about Dr. Cronin in a way that, coupled with other matters, led to a suspicion that the young Frenchman was in some manner connected with the great Clan-na-Gael conspiracy.

A dispatch from Winnipeg says: The Burke extradition trial is proceeding here to-day. George A. H. Baker, Assistant States Attorney, occupied the stand during all the morning. He gave evidence respecting the manner of procedure in murder trials in Chicago, and verified and authenticated the documentary evidence brought here from Chicago and submitted to the Canadian court. The case, it is thought, will be completed by to-night or to-morrow. Extradition is regarded as certain.

A Victory for Home Rule.

LONDON, July 5.—An election was held to-day in the West Division of Fife to fill the Parliamentary seat made vacant by the resignation of Mr. R. P. Bruce. The election resulted in favor of Mr. Birrell, the Gladstonian candidate, who received 3,551 votes against 2,758 polled by his opponent, Mr. Wemyss, a Radical Unionist.

STOPPING THE FIGHT.

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was the warmest-looking man in the St Charles Hotel this evening. "What do you think of Arthur Chambers?" he remarked to THE DISPATCH reporter. "He won't come on and second Sullivan unless we send him a dispatch signed by Sullivan, Johnson and myself. He has got the biggest kind of a swelled head, and he can stay where he is."

Then Chambers will not be Mike Cleary's associate?"

"No, we wouldn't have him at all now."

"Have you any idea who will take his place?"

"No, I haven't had time to consult those who are interested with me as yet."

KILRAIN'S FRIENDS

Are Still Confident of His Success—They Say Sullivan's Heart is Weak—John's Record, They Consider, Makes Good Odds a Condition for Betting.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

NEW ORLEANS, July 5.—The arrival of Sullivan and the enthusiasm exhibited by his friends in this city, has in no wise dampened the ardor of the friends of Kilrain, and instead of detracting from their number, Sullivan's arrival appears to have increased them. It is a noticeable fact that while the center portion of the city is disposed to side with Sullivan, the upper sections of the city are largely in favor of Kilrain.

A visit was paid to the rooms of the Southern Athletic Club to-day, and quite a number of the members were found, all of whom expressed themselves as confident of Kilrain's success in the forthcoming battle. McHale, who is matched to fight Duffy on Sunday next, was seen at the gymnasium. He said that in his opinion Kilrain would be the winner, although he had seen neither of the men. He based his opinion on the newspaper accounts of the two men, which, if true, and he had every reason to believe they were so—would make Kilrain a sure winner. He said further, that as regarded the odds offered in the bets which had been made, that it was natural that Sullivan should be the favorite. No one would bet even on a horse with a record of 2:40 against one with a record of 2:20, though the latter might be out of training and the other had developed greater speed than his previous record.

Willing to Take Odds.

A prominent member of the club, who is somewhat of an authority in pugilistic affairs, said that Sullivan was not in the trim he expected him to be, and that it was a well-known fact that he could stand but little if any punishment about the heart or stomach. He would not, of course, like to bet even on the result, though he felt sure that Kilrain would come off the victor, but he thought 100 to 80 fair odds on Sullivan, and would not hesitate to take such odds when the proper time came.

Others members of the club, in support of their opinion, said that men like Arthur Chambers and Dominick McCaffrey, all of whom knew both men well, would not be found on the side of Kilrain if they did not know what they were doing. Both Madden and Chambers were with Sullivan in his figut with Ryan, and McCaffrey fought six rounds with him when he was supposed to b in his best days, and they surely do not underrate Sullivan. According to reports received, Sullivan has not near the wind Kilrain has, and he is besides entirely too heavy about the hips.

Preparing for Kilrain's Reception.

Prof. Dennis Butler, also a firm friend of the Baltimore boy, last evening received a telegram from Kilrain, saying he would be in the city at about 11 o'clock to-morrow forenoon. His friend is confident of winning the fight, he said, and he had all faith in his prowess.

The train on which Kilrain arrives will be met outside of the city, as was the Sullivan train; and Kilrain, Mitchell, Donovan and Murphy will be conducted to carriages and conveyed to their quarters at the Southern Athletic Club, corner of Washington and Prytania streets.

The rooms which have been set apart for Kilrain and his seconds are very cool and pleasant, and are situated in a handsome two-story frame dwelling adjoining to and owned by the club. They are gallery rooms, have a southern exposure, and are elegantly fitted up with victoria bedroom sets trimmed with blue silk.

The gymnasium is fitted up with all the apparatus for the development of the chest, arms and legs, and has a course for pedestrian exercises, as well as fine swimming, shower and tub baths.

Kilrain and his seconds will be able to enjoy greater seclusion than do Sullivan and his trainers, as they will not have to go out into the street at all to go to and from the gymnasium. Kilrain will remain in his quarters until he leaves for the scene of the battle on Monday next. The interest in the fight is unabated, and as an evidence of this, the Western Union Telegraph Company on Thursday night last sent about 40,000 words of special dispatches, not including the regular Associated Press reports.

SULLIVAN AT WORK.

He Skips the Rope 1,000 Times and Performs Other Almost Marvelous Feats—In the Most Perfect Condition—His Friends Very Confident.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

NEW ORLEANS, July 5.—John L. Sullivan and his immediate retinue are comfortably established at a private boarding house, No. 29 North Rampart street, opposite the rooms of the gymnastic club, where the redoubtable fighter takes his daily work. The house is besieged from morning till night by a crowd of curious men and boys, who patiently wait for hours for the bare possibility of catching a glimpse of the world-renowned pugilist, who is as difficult of access as the Czar of Russia and receives absolutely no visitors.

The faithful Muldoon, whose skillful and patient training has brought him to his present state of physical perfection, never leaves him for an instant, and allows no one but Mike Cleary, his devoted assistant trainer, and Dan Murphy, a Boston friend, to converse with him except in his presence. Sullivan now weighs 202 pounds, and the severe training he underwent before he arrived here has been abandoned, although he will take more exercise than an ordinary man could endure without complete exhaustion.

This morning he rose at 7 o'clock, and after a sponge bath and a good rubbing, breakfasted on broiled chicken, oatmeal tea and stale bread. At 10 o'clock, accompanied by Muldoon and Cleary, he walked across the way to the rooms of the Gymnastic Club and spent hours there in exercise that caused the perspiration to drip from him as if he had just stepped out of a bath.

Some Very Lively Work.

No one was admitted to see his work but a half dozen friends, who accompanied him from New York. In his dressing room Sullivan stripped to his heels. Then he got into a pair of green trunks held in position by a belt fastened tight. A pair of shoes and heavy grey woolen socks was his only other apparel. Muldoon and Cleary wore tights. Then the proceedings began. A football filled with flour or meal, and weighing 25 pounds, was tossed from Sullivan to Muldoon and then back again, a distance of 25 feet.

The pet of Boston delivered and received this heavy ball for 40 minutes without betraying any signs of weakness. Neither Muldoon nor Cleary could stand the test of endurance, so they alternated, taking ten minutes of the work each, while Sullivan finished fresh as a daisy after his long stand against both of them. Those who saw Sullivan hurl that ball with one hand with the velocity and force that made Muldoon stagger as he received it, were reminded of the John L. Sullivan of old, whose blows struck men with the force of a pile driver.

After two minutes' rest, Sullivan began skipping the rope. To those who can only see him in fancy there is doubtless something ludicrous in the idea of a man of Sullivan's massive frame indulging in such school girl pastime, but to an actual eye witness there is no suggestion of absurdity in the spectacle. He skips one foot at a time, and he does it with the grace and airiness of a ballet girl.

Something of a Skipper.

He skipped a thousand times without stopping and was not audibly or visibly puffing when he got through. "That ought to settle the question of weakness in the legs," suggested a bystander, and so, indeed, it would seem. Sullivan is reported to be the only man who ever accomplished the feat. The nearest approach to it is 650 skips by a man weighing 140 pounds.

Sullivan perspired so profusedly during this exercise that the water fell from him in big drops on either side and left a parallel track of moisture throughout the length of the 25-foot distance traveled by him in making the skips. Then after a minute's interval came dumb bell exercise, consisting of three movements upward as far as the arm would reach, then downward until the dumb bells touched the floor; then backward through the legs as far as the arm would reach.

This was repeated 50 times, causing Cleary and Muldoon to pant and blow, while Sullivan scarcely breathed hard. A little ball punching followed. The force and celerity of the blows amazed all who witnessed them. They demonstrated two things conclusively—first, that Sullivan can hit as hard as ever, and, second, that he has lost none of his old-time lightning rapidity. Once he hit the ball so hard as to break the thin rope by which it was suspended; a second time he split the tether. If he can get in a couple of those terrific right-handers on Kilrain's head the fight will be pretty near over.

Sullivan in Perfect Condition.

The ball punching terminated the morning's work. While the "big fellow," as he is familiarly called, was dressing for dinner, the reporter had an opportunity to inspect him critically. He is in the pink of condition, better than ever before in his life. He measures 42 inches around the chest, and is as deep through from breast to back as he is from side to side. There does not appear to be an ounce of superfluous flesh on him.

His flesh glows with the color of health and his back is covered with prickly heat, which causes him, however, no inconvenience. His legs from the waist to the knee are the perfection of symmetry. Below the knee they are not so perfect. His calves are not developed in proportion to the upper half of the leg. Experts say, however, that his skipping exercises prove him to be very firm on his pins. His muscles are hard and firm, and his biceps measure 16½ inches. Altogether, his friends are jubilant over his condition and predict an easy victory.

Joe Coburn says there is no doubt whatever that Sullivan will win; that he has seen him in all his fights, but never in as perfect condition as now. Barney McGuire, of New York, says he has had an experience of 30 years in witnessing fights, and never saw as perfect a man as Sullivan now is to enter the ring.

Not a Very Long Battle.

He thinks that if Kilrain will stand up and fight it will be over in 15 minutes. Mr. Lavell, of the Sullivan party from New York, don't think the fight will last over five rounds, and that Sullivan will be the victor. These opinions prevail largely here now, where Kilrain has not recently been seen. The betting is all the one way, 10 to 7 on Sullivan. When Kilrain and his crowd arrive, however, there may be a change.

At 1 o'clock Sullivan dined in company with Muldoon and Dan Murphy. The bill of fare was chicken broth, stewed chicken, rice and watermelon. This was washed down with a glass of ale. At 4 o'clock the party again proceeded to the clubrooms, where the exercises of the morning were repeated with this difference—that the rope was only skipped 645 times. To-morrow will be the last day of active training. Sunday will be devoted to absolute rest.

KILRAIN SHADOWED.

An Ohio Detective on His Train Who Forgets to Get Off at His Alleged Destination—Jake Denies the Story That He Drank Too Much Beer.

CINCINNATI, July 5.—Kilrain and his party left this morning on the regular train for New Orleans on the Queen and Crescent route. A goodly party assembled at the passenger station to see them off. Kilrain arrived early, and was very animated in his talk concerning the report printed in a morning paper that he had yesterday indulged in nine or ten rounds of beer with his party at a saloon, and never decreased the size of his glass. He said it was a mean lie, intended to injure him in the estimation of his friends in the East.

He declared that he was in excellent condition; that he had not been fairly treated in this Sullivan town, but that they would all hurrah for him after he had whipped Sullivan, as he proposed to do. Other members of the party denied the drinking story, except that on the assurance of Dr. Wainright that it would do him good, Kilrain did drink one glass of beer.

The party was somewhat troubled this morning by the appearance in the car of John T. Morris, a somewhat well-known Ohio detective. The notion seized them that he was going to ride with them to Mississippi, and there make an arrest in the hope of getting a reward. They questioned him, and found him pretending ignorance of the Kilrain party, but he afterward said he was only going to Lexington to arrest a man. The party cheered lustily as the train moved out, and a faint response came from the spectators.

A telegram from Chattanooga to-night says: The Kilrain party passed through this city to-night, en route to New Orleans. Detective Norris, of the Pinkerton force, was on the train, and the impression prevails that he is going to accompany them to Mississippi and arrest Kilrain in order to get the reward offered by the Governor of Mississippi.

A PRICE ON THEIR HEADS.

Governor Lowry Offers $1,000 Reward for the Arrest of the Two Principals.

JACKSON, Miss., July 6.—Governor Lowry has sent the following telegram to all sheriffs on the southern border of Mississippi, where it is possible for the Sullivan-Kilrain fight to take place:

Do not allow the prize fight to take place in your county. Take steps to be at State line, if necessary, on both the Northeastern and Nashville and Louisville roads. Send a reliable man to New Orleans to telegraph you on what road and what moment the excursion starts. If your force is distant from telegraph office, have relays to give you the information. If you wish, will have armed troops at easy distance from you, to aid you in preserving the peace or arresting the parties. If the fight takes place on Mississippi soil, I will pay $1,000 for the arrest and delivery of Sullivan and Kilrain to the Sheriff of the county of its occurrence. The payment of this reward applies to officers as well as private citizens. Reply at my expense.

ROBERT LOWRY, Governor.

SOLDIERS ORDERED OUT.

The Adjutant General of Louisiana Takes a Stand in the Matter.

NEW ORLEANS, July 5.—A. E. Ferris, Adjutant General of the State militia, arrived in New Orleans this afternoon, and was driven post haste to the office of Captain A. H. Behnam, commander of the Louisiana Artillery. He ordered Captain Behnam to call out his company to prevent the Kilrain-Sullivan fight taking place in the State of Louisiana.

It is said that Governor Nicholls will not permit the importunities of the Sheriff to overcome his proclamation forbidding the fight.

FIGHT WITH TRAMPS.

Two Special Railroad Officers Run Into a Very Tough Gang.

SOME MURDEROUS SHOTS FIRED.

An Attempt is Made to Dynamite a Newspaper at Bradford.

REPRESENTATIVE BROWN'S BOARD BILL.

A 16-Year-Old Boys Kills His Father With a Ball Bat in a Struggle.

Two railroad officers tried to arrest some tramps near Reading. The latter fired on them, and both are wounded. One may die. An attempt was made to blow up two buildings in Bradford with dynamite. Representative Brown's board bill case has been decided in his favor on a question of privilege.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

READING, July 5.—A desperate battle with tramps, in which two Reading Railroad special officers were shot, took place near Monocacy station, five miles below Reading, this afternoon. The officers, Joseph E. Kaucher and George Wartman, had received information that a large number of tramps were on a coal train which left Reading about 5 o'clock. They immediately took a passenger train in order to intercept the illegal car riders, and jumped off near Monocacy station.

The coal train stopped nearby, and the officers ran along to where they knew the tramps were. When the latter saw the officers they fled to the wood, only two of them maintaining a stand. Officer Wartman made for one of them, when the tramp yelled to the officer to throw up his hands, and the officer refused to do so. The tramp fired two shots at him, one of them striking him in the leg. The officer fell to the ground, unable to render Officer Kaucher any assistance. The latter was engaged in a hand-to-hand struggle with a powerfully built tramp, and in the melee was shot in the head.

He was set upon by his assailant and beaten almost into insensibility. The wounded officers were brought to Reading to-night and Officer Kaucher's nearest friends were barely able to recognize him. He is injured internally and his head is one mass of cuts, bruises and gashes, and his face terribly disfigured. The two tramps escaped and have not yet been captured. Their descriptions have been telegraphed to all nearby points. Officer Wartman will probably lose his leg, while Officer Kaucher's condition is regarded as extremely critical.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

That Board Bill Case is Decided in Favor of Representative Brown.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

HARRISBURG, July 5.—At the adjournment of the Legislature Representative Brown, of Beaver, was arrested at the instance of Miss Hannah M. Ross for the alleged non-payment of a board bill. At the beginning of the session Representative Brown engaged board for himself and son and a transcribing clerk named Bliss. Brown and Bliss left the boarding house on February 28 and paid the amount due from them, except that the member from Beaver declined to pay a claim for board against his son during a three weeks' absence from this city. Miss Ross held Representative Brown for board for the entire session for the three persons indicated, amounting to $201, outside of that paid to her. Alderman Maurer gave judgment against the Representative, and an appeal was made to the Dauphin County Court by the defendant.

Judge Simonton to-day reversed the action of the Alderman in an opinion in which he says: "A member of the General Assembly is undoubtedly privileged from arrest during his attendance on public business confided to him. This privilege continues to exist for such reasonable time as is necessary for the member to return from the capital to his residence after the end of the session. In this case the summons was served within less than 24 hours after the session had ended, and a reasonable time had not therefore elapsed."

KILLED HIS FATHER.

The Deed of a 16-Year-Old Boy in Defending His Mother.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

SCRANTON, July 5.—The particulars of a terrible tragedy committed in this city Tuesday night came to light this morning. Charles Shaffer, a glassblower, who lives on Marion street, came home intoxicated on Tuesday evening. After throwing everything about in the room he went to bed. Mrs. Shaffer went to a room occupied by some of her children. In a short time Shaffer got up and staggered to the clothes press, from which he took the clothes and threw them upon the floor. Then he picked up a lamp. He declared that he was going to get his revolver, and would fix the family. As he started down he kicked a chair from the head of the stairs to the bottom.

His son Walter, aged 16 years, to prevent him from getting the revolver, started down after him. At the foot of the stairs Shaffer caught up the chair and made an effort to strike the boy with it. The boy grasped a baseball bat behind the door and struck him on the head, fracturing his skull and felling him to the floor. Shaffer lived about ten hours. It was attempted to hush up the matter, but this morning it leaked out and the boy was arrested.

Rifle Practice in the National Guard.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

HARRISBURG, July 5.—The Inspectors of Rifle Practice of the three brigades and the regiments in the National Guard held a largely attended meeting at the Adjutant General's Department this evening and resolved to have the annual rifle practice at Mt. Gretna, beginning on September 2 and ending on September 7. The advisability of sending a team to the Creedmoor shooting match in the fall was discussed, but no definite understanding was reached. The State will likely be represented.

They Want to Keep the School.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

MIFFLINTOWN, July 5.—The Grand Army Post of this place has instructed its regular Soldiers' Orphan Committee to meet the State Committee and urge the continuance of the McAllisterville Soldiers Orphans' School. They also appointed Congressman Atkinson and General John K. Robinson a special committee for the same purpose. Since ex-Senator Wright and the syndicate are not to control it, the people are a unit for the continuance of the school.

A General Raid of Thieves.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WHEELING, W. VA., July 5.—Between midnight and daylight this morning 11 houses in the Sixth ward were raided by thieves, and quite a large amount of stuff carried off. The raid seems to be an organized effort, and in some instances the operators were exceedingly bold.

He Tried to Hit a Snake.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

STEUBENVILLE, July 5.—To-day William McEldowney, 18 years of age, while camping near Reed's Mill, O., struck at a snake with a Winchester shotgun. The gun was discharged and the contents were buried in his left groin. He was brought home this evening. His recovery is doubtful.

THE MUSIC TEACHERS

Close Their Association Meeting With a Grand Farewell Concert.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

PHILADELPHIA, July 5.—The closing sessions of the thirteenth annual convention of the Music Teachers' National Association were held in the Academy of Music to-day, and the final business of the meeting was concluded with a rush. All the members were tired and wanted to get home, and, therefore, very little opposition was raised to any of the final proceedings. At the morning session considerable time was devoted to a thorough discussion of the tonic sol-fa method of teaching by a system of musical notation. Several papers full of technical terms were read, and the friends and opponents of the system mustered about equal numbers.

Superintendent McAlister made a short address on the importance of music as an elementary branch of public education. A chamber concert preceded the afternoon session. The business portion of the session was confined principally to hearing partial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer and the various committees. In the evening the convention was closed with a grand farewell concert of American and miscellaneous works.

DYNAMITERS AT WORK.

Attempt Made to Blow Up a Newspaper and a Policeman's House.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BRADFORD, July 5.—An attempt was made last night to blow up the office of the *Evening Star*, of this city, with dynamite. A dynamite cartridge with a fuse and cap attached to it was thrown over the transom of the office door, but did not explode. The fire which was applied to the fuse failed to burn and an explosion was averted.

The police are looking up the case and hope to find the perpetrators of the outrage. Edward Ronan, a sanitary policeman, was also visited by dynamiters and his front stoop shattered by an explosive. The windows of the building were all broken by the concussion.

Another Signature to the Scale.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

YOUNGSTOWN, July 5.—The Hubbard Iron Company signed the Amalgamated scale this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and will resume operations in the puddling department on Monday. The finishing mill will be started the latter part of the week. No additional signers have been secured among the mills of the Mahoning Valley. Those who have not signed are busily engaged in making repairs, and it is probable some additional signatures will be secured tomorrow.

A Narrow Escape From Death.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WHEELING, W. Va., July 5.—Just before the 11 o'clock train on the Wheeling and Elm Grove road was due at Fulton, one mile east of this city, last night, two men piled ties on the track at two different points with the intent to cause a wreck. The engine struck the first pile but fortunately was not derailed. The second obstruction was on a trestle. There were 200 passengers on board and a frightful wreck might have ensued.

Arrested for Robbery.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

YOUNGSTOWN, July 5.—Louis Waymer was arrested to-night by Detective Moyer and placed in jail on the charge of stealing $400 from Michael Sullivan, proprietor of a suburban resort. Waymer disappeared and was traced to Fort Wayne and back here, where he was captured. Waymer came here a month ago from New Castle. Sullivan has identified him as the robber.

A Slaughter of Hogs.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, PA., July 5.—A stock train on the Waynesburg and Washington Railroad was wrecked this afternoon by the breaking of a bridge at Hackney. Seven carloads of hogs went down, 50 of which were killed.

AFTER THE BROKER.

A Little Transaction in Lead Causes Considerable Trouble.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, July 5.—The dingy offices of Alfred Carr & Co., in Pine street, were empty to-day of even the sturdy little office boy, who wants to get even. J. A. Yates, on whose complaint Judge O'Brien issued the attachment, also proposes to make it hot for Mr. George D. Bancroft, the broker of the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange, who was supposed to execute Mr. Carr's orders.

In a letter to President Wilson, of the Exchange, sent to-day by Leopold Wallach, Mr. Yates' lawyer, an investigation of Mr. Bancroft's proceedings was asked for. Mr. Yates charged Mr. Bancroft with a peculiar transaction whereby he (Yates) is out, he says, $1,500. He says that he ordered Mr. Carr to buy for him 400 shares of National Lead Trust. The fluctuations in the stock at the time were rapid, and Mr. Yates says he got a note from Mr. Carr to Mr. Bancroft, with instructions that Mr. Bancroft was to obey his (Mr. Yates') order concerning the disposition of the 400 shares. Mr. Yates says that Mr. Bancroft told him he had bought the 400 shares ordered. One day not long ago Mr. Yates was at the rail in the Exchange and Lead Trust was scooting around like sixty. It showed Yates a profit of $1,500 on the 400 shares, and he says he ordered Mr. Bancroft to sell. He adds that Bancroft did sell, but has never turned over the money to him. He holds that he and Mr. Bancroft were dealing directly with each other that time.

Mr. Bancroft says he was dealing for Alfred Carr & Co., and that the firm got the proceeds of the sale. All this will be investigated by the Complaint Committee of the Exchange.

IN AMERICA NEXT TIME.

The International Sunday School Convention Meets Here in Four Years.

LONDON, July 5.—At the morning session of the World's Sunday School Convention to-day, Dr. MacFadyen and Rev. Woodruff read papers on "The Field That Invites Us." Mr. Kelley, Secretary of the Wesleyan Sunday School Union, Mr. Jacobs and Mr. McNeill spoke on a resolution declaring that every school should inculcate temperance principles in order to fit the rising generation for active and aggressive efforts in every department of Christian work. At the afternoon session Mr. Jacobs moved that the next convention be held in America in 1893, the decision as to the exact date and location to be left to the General Committee. After an amendment in favor of Montreal as the place for the convention had been lost, Mr. Jacobs' motion was adopted.

The closing meeting was held this evening in Exeter Hall. Lord Kinnaird presided. There was a large attendance. Count Bernstorff, of Berlin; Messrs. Hitchcock and McKilligan, Dr. John Hall, of New York, and Mr. Jacobs made addresses. Sixty-five pounds sterling was collected for the fund to send a secretary to India.

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THOSE NEW STATES.

The Convention in Montana is Organized by the Democrats.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS NOMINEES

Are Mainly Successful in the Remaining Three Bodies.

A LITTLE RITCH IN NORTH DAKOTA.

The Man With the Most Votes Does Not Get the Seat in Washington.

The Constitutional Conventions of the four new States are getting down to work in a very lively manner. With the exception of Montana, the Republicans have been successful in securing the organizations. There is trouble in the party ranks in North Dakota, however. A peculiar contest case was decided in favor of the man who got the least votes in Washington.

BISMARCK, N. D., July 5.—The Constitutional Convention convened at 10:45 this morning. The report of the Committee on Credentials was read and a short recess was taken to secure some correction in the report, which was then adopted. The election of a permanent chairman was the next business. Campbell, of Stutsman, presented the name of F. B. Fancher, the Republican caucus nominee, and it was seconded. W. E. Purcell, of Wahpeton, presented the name of John E. Carland, of Bismarck, as the Democratic nominee. The oath was taken by the delegates before further proceedings. Fancher was elected on the first ballot. Carland asked that the election be made unanimous, and his motion prevailed. Fancher made a litte speech. A committee of seven on rules was appointed and the convention adjourned until 2 P. M. to-morrow.

A caucus of the Republican members will be held to select the remaining permanent offices. It promises to be a lively affair, as there are several candidates for each place and sectional feeling is pretty certain to be engendered. The Republican leaders are anxious to prevent any ill feeling and will use every effort to distribute the various plums in order to suit all sections and factions.

PLENTY OF CANDIDATES.

Major Hamilton's friends think he has a sure thing on the Secretaryship, but opposition is likely to develop. D. B. Wellman, ex-Territorial Representative, and Editor Fred Falley, of the Wahpeton *Globe*, are in the field to-day for Sergeant-at-Arms, and the contest promises to be lively. At the meeting of the Republican State Constitutional Committee to-night, it is probable that August 1 will be the date fixed for holding the State Convention. The appointment decided up to last night's meeting is satisfactory to all.

At Helena, Mont., the Constitutional Convention met at 2 o'clock this afternoon. After brief preliminaries, permanent organization was effected, the following officers and attaches being elected: Hon. W. A. Clark, President; W. H. Todd, Chief Clerk; C. H. Stanton, Enrolling Clerk; Samuel Alexander, Sergeant at Arms; Rev. H. E. Clews, Chaplain. All are Democrats.

Seventy-three of 75 members answered to the roll call, divided as follows: 39 Democrats, 32 Republican, 2 scattering. No further action of importance was taken, and the convention soon adjourned until to-morrow.

IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

At Sioux Falls, in the South Dakota Convention, the Committee on Rules, J. L. Jolly, Chairman, met this morning and prepared its report on the number of committees necessary and the number of delegates of which they shall consist. The Judiciary Committee will consist of 13 members, the Executive of seven and the Legislative of 25. There are about 50 other committees, to which will be offered all matters pertaining to the Constitution.

The committee recommended a commission of seven to go to Bismarck to divide the Territories properly. The members of these committees will probably be appointed by President Edgerton. The work of the convention will be largely done in committee. The convention met at 2 o'clock this afternoon and ratified the nominations for officers made by the Republican caucus last night. The Committee on Rules had not finished its work, and members of committees are not likely to be named by Judge Edgerton before Monday.

There was considerable objection in the convention to a conference committee of seven, as being too large, and the question was made a special order for to-morrow, when the conference committee on the boundary line will also be appointed. It is held that there are two distinct seventh standard parallels and that it is necessary to determine which to adopt in order to avoid confusion. The Constitution of the United States was unanimously adopted as a part of the State Constitution.

A CURIOUS DECISION.

At Olimpia the Washington Constitutional Convention reconvened at 10 o'clock this morning. After a long discussion the report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted. This seats Wallman, who bears a certificate of election, though the returns in the Secretary's office show that he received ten less votes than Travis, his opponent. This fact was not discovered until very recently. Travis is not aware of it yet, and is not here to enter a contest. It was agreed that on his appearance his case would be heard by the convention. The oath of office was administered to the delegates by Chief Justice Hanford.

Hon. John P. Hoyt, of King county, was chosen President. During the recess President Hoyt sent a message of sympathy to the sufferers from the fire at Ellensburg, embodying a resolution adopted by the convention. The convention elected for the remaining officers the nominees of the Republican caucus.

An Epidemic of Black Diphtheria.

ST. CLOUD, MINN., July 5.—The report comes from the village of Albany, 20 miles west on the Manitoba road, that black diphtheria has broken out in 113 families. Both churches and the schools have been closed, and the celebration yesterday, which had been arranged, was abandoned. No deaths have occurred so far.

It is a Teller This Time.

NEW YORK, July 5.—Frank Hoyt, paying teller of the First National Bank, of Hoboken, was arrested shortly after 10 o'clock to-day by Chief Donovan, of the Hoboken police department, at the instance of the officers of the bank, on a charge of being a defaulter to the extent of $18,000.

Excursion to Johnstown.

B. & O. R. R. will sell excursion tickets to Johnstown to-morrow, Sunday, July 7, at rate $2 35 the round trip. Special trains leave at 8 A. M.

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CONCERNING COBWEBS.

Prof. Claypes Tells How the Spider Makes Her Home.

[The Swiss Cross.]

Each individual spider is endowed with a spinneret, or natural spinning machine, through which can be drawn innumerable strands, so fine that they can be seen only under a powerful microscope (Leeuwenhoeck claims that it takes 4,000,000 of these strands to make a thread as thick as a hair from a man's head). First, our spider begins to draw from out her spinneret a cord of as many of these strands as seem to her good, and fastens it to some leaf or twig, then runs on another leaf, spinning all the while; fastens again to that; and to another and another; continuing until a circle is formed inclosing as large a space as she designs for the outer boundary of her web. Then she passes back and forth over her work, adding fresh threads, and strengthening this outer line, which she secures to every possible object. Finally she stops, fastens her thread with special care, and begins to run around the circle, spinning as she goes; but now carrying her fresh threads carefully raised upon one hind foot, thus keeping it from touching the older strands and becoming glued to them. When half way around she stops, pulls her thread tight, fastens it very strongly, and a firm line is drawn straight across the center of the circle. She runs down this center line to the middle, fastens another thread to it there, carries it to a new point on the outer edge, fastens it, and we now see that she is engaged in making those lines in the web that look so like the spokes of a wheel.

She repeats this operation again and again, until all the radii or spokes are formed. When they are done she carefully tests each thread by pulling, to make sure that it is firm and strong; and, if one proves unsatisfactory, she either strengthens or remakes it altogether. Now that the main lines are built, our spider goes once more to the center point, and begins to spin again—this time in circles—fastening to each radius as she passes. At first these circles, or more correctly spirals, are placed quite close together, but she leaves ever a wider and wider space between as she approaches the outer edge. The outer circle and the radii where spun of silk which becomes dry directly after leaving the spider's body, is of great strength and very firm; but these spirals are formed of a substance which differs essentially.

When first drawn from the spinneret it is extremely glutinous—a most important property, as by this it is enabled to adhere tenaciously to the radii—and it is, besides, so highly elastic as to be capable of being pulled far out of place without breaking. When the spirals are finished, the spider returns again to the center, and proceeds to bite off the points of all the radii close to the first encircling line, by which she much increases the elasticity of her web. It is in or beneath this central opening that the spider usually sits and watches for the coming of her prey.

SNAKE TALK FROM TEXAS.

A Little Girl Charmed