By the Present Situation on the New Apportionment Question,

WHICH IS NOT PROMISING

To Their Side of the House Under Existing Circumstances.

PARTY LEADERS ARE PERPLEXED

Over the Stand Taken by Some of the Southern Members.

A FARMERS' ALLIANCE SENSATION

ITROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.I WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 .- The Democrats of the House are much more concerned shout the apportionment than about the Federal elections bill. They do not expect to have any show for the majority of this year two years from now, and an apportionment upon a basis that would give the Republicans a substantial advantage might Brean the loss to them of the majority. It still remains to be settled whether or not the critics of the census will be able to so diseredit Mr. Porter's work as to defeat a respportionment at this session. Democrats think that the hearing to-day before the Ceusus Committee on the New York City case will have a decided influence on the question. If they should succeed in compelling a recount of New York City, it might send the whole apportionment question over until next Congress.

Small Chance for a Recount.

There is little chance, however, that a recount will be ordered in New York, and if it be, it will certainly be rushed through in time for a reapportionment. It is a question whether a reapportionment bill need wait on a recount. In any event, it is certain an apportionment bill will be passed at this session. There is little enthusiasm among the Southern Democrats in regard to New York, as they admit that the census of their sestion has been as fairly taken as could be expected.

The Democrats are not a little annoved by the lack of interest on the part of some individual members and even whole delegations. The number at which the membership of the House could be held to the best interest of the Democrats-all things considered-according to Mr. Holman, a member of the Committee, is the present number, 332. But it seems almost impossible to unite the Democrats in support of a measure fixing this as the number, for the reason that Indiana, Maryland, Kentucky, Tennessee and South Carolina would each lose a

Democrats are Much Perplexed. The Democrats from these States do not see their way clear to voting for the reduction of their State delegation, though it would benefit the whole South. The Republicans are expected to take advantage of this state of affairs, and propose to fix the membership at 354, which will save these States from any loss, but give the Republicans an immense advantage. It will be difficult to in-duce the Democrats of the States affected to re-rain from voting for the larger number. and the party leaders are greatly perplexed by the situation in which they find them-

Upon a basis of 354 members, Alabama, California, Colorado, Kansas, Massachu-Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin would gain one member each; Illinois, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Texas would gain two each, and Nebraska three, while Virginia

DENOUNCING THE BILL.

SENATOR GRAY VIGOROUSLY OPPOSES THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS MEASURE,

And Makes an Onslaught on Some of Its Leading Provisions-The House to House Inspection Clauses Arouses His Particuby Wrath Without Reason.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.-The Federal elections bill was again taken up in the Senate to day, and Senator Gray made a long speech in opposition to it. He said that the bill was one that once in a subterranean world of threatened the integrity of American wonders. A vast chamber spread out was fraught with the greatest danger to the future prosperity of the whole country; and that it menaced the liberties of the nea ple of all the States. It was the first time the history of the Government that a measure was proposed on the theory that its States were no longer able to provide for, and that the people of the States were no longer fitted to be in-trusted with the control of their own elec-

Coming to the section which provides that a supervisor of election, to be selected as a iscreet man," may make a house to house visitation to inquire as to the names, poli ties, nationality, etc., of its male inmates, Mr. Gray characterized that official as "that Czar that is to be; this satrap of a province,'

In all the measures which provoked and goaded our ancestors to resist the tyranny of the British King, there was none that ap-proached the infamy of this provision, and proached the infamy of this provision, and moderate as I am in all my conceptions of my duty as a citizen and a man; law-abiding as I have always been, and respectful to the powers that be, I say now, that when this Supervisor knocks at my door, I pray God that I shall beat bome. [Some applause].
Mr. Spooner (a member of the Committee

on Privileges and Elections) asked Mr. Gray whether he was now referring to what was known as the domiciliary clause. Mr. Gray said that he was. Mr. Spooner said that that clause bad been struck out by

"But," said Mr. Gray, "it is in the bill

Mr. Hour explained that it was in by a mistake, either of the clerk or printer; but he subsequently admitted that the mistake might have been his own.

A SENSATIONAL CHARGE.

The Serious Accusation Brought Against the Farmers' Alliance.

FROM A STAFF COURSPONDENT.1 WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 .- The sensation of the day at the Capitol was the declaration of Representative Sweeney, of the Fourth Iowa district, and, by the way, a native of Warren county, Pa., that certain Democratic Senators had, several hours before the passage of the resolution of condemnation, telegraphed to Democratic leaders in the convention of the Farmers' Alliance, in session at Ocala, their command that the convention should declare against the elections bill. This, if true, would be such direct proof that the Democratic leaders were runing the Alliance through its leaders, that it was propheried that it would lead at once to the disruption of the Alliance, and the degire was great to discover the identity of the Senators and the evidence on which Mr. Sweeney's charge rested. That gentleman

said that the proper place to divulge his in-

formation would be before a committee of

investigation.

That he might give the Alliance a chance to prove his assertion Mr. Sweeney tele-

graphed to Representative Pickler, of South Dakota, who is a delegate at the Alliance convention, offering to appear before a committee of investigation. It is understood thas the Senators involved are Vance, of North Carolina, who is a warm friend of Polk, the President of the Al-liance, and Morgan and Pugh, of Alabama, who hold the Alliance of that State in the

NO ACTION TAKEN

By the Senate Caucus Committee on Change of the Ruies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.-The Republican Senatorial Caucus Committee was to-day in session for some time, considering the subject of a cloture rule. The deliberations of the committee were confined to a discussion of the question as to when the rules should be presented to the Senate. In view of the fact that no obstructive purpose had yet been shown by the minority and that certain prominent Democratic Senators had assured members of the com-mittee that the elections bill would be allowed to proceed to a final determination, the caucus committee refrained from taking

EFFICACY OF PRAYER.

T ENABLES A HITHERTO IGNORANT COLORED MAN TO READ,

Where Before He Did Not Know One Letter From Another-The Remarkable Case is Vonched for by Numbers of Witnesser Colored People Excited.

PAPECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPATCE. JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec. 5 .- Samuel Bowth is a quiet, polite colored man, who for a long time has been employed in the umber yards of John Desroche, of this city. He has resided here for a number of years, and although ignorant, to a certain extent, he has always been respected on account of his natural good sense. Bowth has taken great interest in religious matters, but his greatest drawback was that he could not read. Mr. Desroche was surprised the other morning when he noticed that Samuel was exceedingly happy, and with great exultation, he told Mr. Desroche that he could read, and upon being furnished the Bible, he could read with perfect case, but somewhat slowly, like a new beginner. Samuel was well known, and, of course, his riends soon learned of the fact and gathered around him to extend congratulations. To your reporter, Samuel

told the following: "Well, I never had any education and I always envied the ministers and I determined to learn how to read. I studied and studied. to learn how to read. I studied and studied, but it was all Greek to me. I never could learn one word. So I took to my knees and prayed that I would be made able to read. I prayed and prayed. Every night I was on my knees asking God to learn me how to read. The other night I felt a curious feeling like an old rag being unwrapped from around my brain, and something told me I could read, so I got the Bible from a neighbor and it was all plain to me. I can read it very plainly and can pronounce all the words right, so everybody says. I tell you, boss, I believe in prayer."

Mr. Despoche his comployer says Samuel

Mr. Desroche, his employer, says Samuel is a truthful negro, polite and industrious, and he has never detected him in anything wrong. His friends, who have known him for years, claim he never could read before, in consequence Sam's experience has greatly added to the length in quality and quantity of the progress of a number of the colored brethren. The negroes are quite excited over this marvel, and several colored churches have great revivals in consequence. Anyway Sam can read now very well, while a fortnight ago he did not know one letter

THE medicine men are treated entertainingly for THE DISPATCH to-morrow by Frank G. Carpenter. The stories told illustrate the causes which have led up to the present Indian troubles. A newspaper for the people, always up with the times. Twenty-four pages, 192 columns.

CAVERNS FILLED WITH ONYX.

The Result of Some Explorations in the

REPORAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR . STEELEVILLE, Mo., Dec. 5 .- The discovery of vast caverns filled with onvx in this (Crawford) county has created great excitement. To-day THE DISPATCH correspondent, in company with Captain Forguson, the well-known mineralogist, explored one of the largest caverns which is in a large hill near the Meramee river. The cavern is two miles long. The entrance was of barely sufficient height for easy ingress, but soon widened out into a vast chamber. About 100 feet from the mouth of the chamber stand two immense stalagmites of onyx 3 feet in diameter and reaching to the top of the cavern some 20 feet. Three hundred yards further on is a cavern filled with scores of stalagmites. Proceeding down a sharp declivity, we found a pool of water 5 feet deep and 15

wide. Crossing this on planks brought before the explorers, from the roof of which hung thousands of stalactites of purest onyx which caught and reflected the light of our torches in prismatic hues outrivaling those of a rainbow. The walls were covered with a formation like hoar frost, while the floor was a veritable forest of stalagmites.

Passing onward a few hundred feet, the

explorer sees an arch spanning the dark passage before him. Above this arch was a miniature lake, three feet deep, enclosed by a natural wall of transluceut stone. Taking the left fork of the cavern and following down the bed of the stream, the explorers reached a beauti ul chamber which they christened the Queen of Sheba's boudoir. Balconies of onyx ran along the walls and in the distance a stalagmite shaped like a woman's figure shone resplendent. Tons upon tons of the invaluable stone was found on every side, and this cavern alone contains enough onyx to supply the markets of

192 COLUMNS of news and reading in THE DISPATCH to-morrow. Get it and see

These Two Surprises for Gentleme In need of shoes, will be offered by Kauf-manns' to-day. No. 1: 425 pairs men's A calf lace and congress shoes, seamless, sizes 6 to 11, smooth inner soles, worth 62, at only \$1 25. No. 2: 375 pairs fine calf shoes, comfortable and glove fitting, regular \$3 50 goods, for only \$2 49. KAUFMANNS' SHOE DEPARTMENT.

Christmas, 1890.

What's more appropriate or more acceptable than a black silk dress for a Christmas present to wife or mother or sister, or some other fellow's sister?
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NO REPLY RETURNED By Gladstone to the Irish Delegates Who Waited on Him

AS A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Parnell is Credited With Having Scored

an Important Point, HEALY AND SEXTON ARE SATISFIED

IBY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH. LONDON, Dec. 5 .- At 4 o'clock this afteroon the members of the Nationalist party again assembled in the conference room and occeded to business. A resolution was dopted empowering four delegates to negotiate with Gladstone in connection with the questions relative to the constabulary and the agrarian difficulties. It is understood that Gladstone-to-day suggested this course with a view to placing the negotiations which may follow the conference that took place to-day between himself and the

Irish delegates on an authorized footing. Before appointing the committee of four, the meeting unanimously rescinded Clancy's amendment, which was approved yesterday.
Although no formal division was taken on the amendment yesterday, Clancy's proposal was practically adopted by a show of hands. It is surmised that the action of the meeting in rescinding the amendment was taken at the request of Gladstone, in order to permit of a freer basis for negotiations.

Gladstone's Action a Secret. Gladstone gave the delegates appointed to confer with him a cordial reception. He discussed the whole provision of the Liberals, the present political situation and the probable effect of Parnell's retention of the Irish leadersnip on the Liberal party. Arnold Morley was present at the confer-ence, and when it was over he remained in conversation with Mr. Gladstone. Subsequently be told them Gladstone did not intend to publish anything regarding the meeting. The delegates were also reluctant to give the particulars of the interview, which they regarded as strictly confidential.

It is doubtful whether Parnell will consider that Gladstone's reception of the delegates without the presence of Morley and Har-court fulfills the conditions of the arrange-

ment for the meeting. Healy and Sexton, the anti-Parnell members of the delegation, are satisfied with the result of the interview with Gladstone. The Liberal leader gave no definite promise regarding the points submitted, but he said sufficient, in their opinion, to justify the majority of the party in considering his assurances satisfactory.

Parnell Scores a Point. The fact that Parnell scored a point at the meeting of the Irish members of Parliament resterday is now admitted on all hands. The Daily News says that both sides of the House regard the adoption of the Clancy compromise as a decisive triumph for the Irish leader. The Pall Mall Gazette, which has been especially violent in denouncing him, says:

him, says:

Mr. Parnell scored a great victory. Mr. Healey said something about perishing in the stench of the divorce court, but it now seems more likely that the Irish leader may retire in a blaze of glory. Considering that Mr. Parnell succeeded in dictating his own terms and occupied himself with mere abuse of Mr. Gladstone, we cannot bring ourselves to adopt the meck attitude of the Daily News. No. Mr. Parnell scored heavily. We see no use in denying the fact. The patriots stood up to him well until the last moment, when they ran over to his side and left him in possession of the field. They were out-maneuvered, but by whatever means the victory was won, it remains.

Still a Popular Leader.

No matter what the issue is now come to be, Parnell holds the fort, as it is generally agreed that even if Gladstone gives the pledges asked and the member for Cork retires in consequence, he will, as the Times says, "not cease to be the most popular leader in Ireland, though he were to resume the position of a private member." assume the position of a private member

His vast influence could be thrown into the scale against the establishment of limited home rule under Gladstone, and nothing could be done without him. Mr. Parnell is an incomparable tactician, and a master of the lucid statement, who would translate th stonians subtleties into plain language for the benefit of the Irish people, and fasten upon his opponents the responsibility of assenting to a opponents the responsibility of assenting to policy that ignores the demands they then

MYSTERIOUS RICHES

Flowing In to a Man Accused of Selling

Bogus Koch Lymph. [BY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.] BERLIN, Dec. 5 .- Every day furnishes new proof that Prof. Koch's wonderful invention is being utilized by those not professionally associated with the professor in his work, to benefit themselves. Another instance of this kind occurred to-day. A janitor named Meyer, employed in the Cen-tral Hotel, was accused of selling to some foreign doctors five grammes of fluid, which it

is alleged, was Koch lymph, for the sum of 300 marks. Meyer indignantly denied the theft. Still he lives in good style in the same house as Prof. Koch and spends money with a lavish hand. Report claims that Meyer is worth \$500,000 marks, which it is clear he has not earned in the regular service of the

A TRUE HERO.

He Sacrifices His Life to Save a Train From Destruction.

IBY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANT. BERLIN, Dec. 5 .- The express train be tween Hamburg and Berlin was saved by the heroism of a carpenter named Scholz, who gave his life in order to prevent the wreck. As the train was entering the station at Paudan, Scholz saw an iron bar lying across the rails, which would undoubtedly have thrown the engine off the

He jumped forward and managed to tear it away almost from under the wheels of the locomotive, but in doing this he was struck, thrown forward and his head severed from

his body. The unfortunate man leaves a wife and three children.

ANOTHER MEDICAL TRIUMPH. A Scotch Physician Discovers the True Source of the Cancer.

IBY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY. 1 EDINBURGH, Dec. 5 .- Dr. Russell, the senior pathologist of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, after studying cancer for many years, and testing between 40 and 50 cases, has at length secured the parasite, and traced its life history. He finds it to be a fungus

of the yeast type.
In an interview with a Dunlap correspondent, Dr. Russell expressed himself very cautiously and said that the discovery couldn't be definitely accepted until tested by others; then if confirmed, the doctors would know what to attack and kill.

POPE LEO'S SUCCESSOR. French and Spanish Cardinals Said to be

Combining.
IBY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANT.) ROME, Dec 5 .- It is learned that the French and Spanish Cardinals are combining for the nomination of Cardinal Zigliani as successor to His Holiness Leo XIII in the chair of St. Peter. The Leo XIII in the chair of St. Peter. The feeling is general that the election of a foreigner to the office of the Supreme Pontiff would be an impossibility, the only available members of the Sacred College being the Swiss Cardinal, Marmillod, and the American Cardinal, Gibbons.

As it is most improbable and contrary to all experience that either of these prelates,

worthy as they undoubtedly are, should be chosen, and as, in view of His Holiness' extreme age and failing health, a selection seemly dispute, there is little doubt that the choice of the Sacred College is a Dominican monk, and very highly respected and es-

A DIPHTHERIA CURE

Discovered by a Simple Shepherd to be Given a Test.

I BY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY. 1 BERLIN, Dec. 5 .- On Sunday the Em peror received a barber named Rieger, who ives in Glogan, in order to obtain from him the report of Rieger's secret diphtheria cure, which it is stated worked wonders among the patients of Glogan and the neighbor hood, as has been authoritatively proved. The discovery was made by Rieger's father, who is a shepherd. The Kaiser has promised Rieger an opportunity of making experiments with his remedy at the Charite Hospital, under the supervision of Profs

SELIVERSKOFF'S FUNERAL.

The Church Where it is Held Guarded Against a Nihilistic Plot.

PARIS, Dec. 5 .- The funeral services on the remains of General Seliverskoff, the Russian agent in France who was shot in his room in the Hotel de Bade November 18, and for whose killing several motives have been ascribed, took place to-day in the Russian Church.

The deceased was accorded the military onors due his rank in the Russian army. President Carnot was represented at the ceremony. A strong guard was stationed about the church, owing to the fact that the Russian embassy had received a note stating that the church would be blown up during the services. The United States Tariff Did It. LISBON-The cork factories in the district

of Algarve are idle. The reason assigned for the stoppage of work is that since the new tariff law went into effect in the United States, exports of manufactured cork to that country have ceased. The Salvation Army is Protected. GHENT-The Catholic magistrates of this city have recognized the Salvation Army as of lupus for treatment, describes the effects a sect, and have fixed a number of persons

with having created a disturbance at meetings held by the army. The Kurds Will Protect Christians. CONSTANTINOPLE-A number of Kurdish chiefs held a meeting at Erzeroum and signed a document in which they promise to abstain from molesting the Armenians, and to keep peace among the tribes and punish all marauders.

who were brought before them, charged

Russia Strengthening Her Navy. decided to expedite the building of several iron clads now in course of construction or the Black Sea, and also to increase the num-ber of torpedo boats in the navy. Public Education in Prussia.

BERLIN-In the lower House of the Prussian Diet to-day Dr. Von Gossler, Minister of Public Instruction, introduced a bill placing elementary schools under a communal administration. Mr. Balfour's Bill Makes Progress. LONDON-Mr. Balfour's Irish relief bill,

seed potatoes for distressed farmers, passed the committee stage in the House of mons to-day. Preparing for Delagoa Bay Arbitration. LISBON-Counsellor Soaras has gone on a special mission to Switzerland in connection with the arbitration of the dispute arising from the seizure by Portugal of the Delagoa

Bay Railway. Queen Natalie Tells Her Story. BELGRADE-Ex-Queen Natalie has presented to the Skuptschina a statement concerning the differences between herself and ex-King Milan, her divorced husband.

SUBMITTED TO THE ENVOYS.

Details of the Parnell Compromise For warded for Their Approval. CHICAGO, Dec. 5 .- This afternoon the Irish envoys in Chicago received a cablegram, presumably from Justin McCarthy, saying that the Irish party in session in London have arranged a compromise which

would be satisfactory to all parties interested in Europe and America; also, that the full details are to be forwarded at once to the envoys here, who are to await them in Chicago.

If these details are satisfactory to the envoys, they are instructed to send their approval at once and in the meantime all

COLORED SOUTHERN METHODISTS.

await the action of the envoys,

A Branch of the M. E. Church South Meets in Conference.

SEARCY, ARK., Dec. 5 .- The colored M E. Church Conterence, a set-off colored organization from the M. E. Church South, convened here to-day with Right Rev. J. A. Bebee, of North Carolina, as President. Conference will continue for one week. A committee was appointed to make an investigation of the character of one of its members, who was accused of the murder

HE WRECKED HIS COMPANY.

Disappearance of a Chicago Milli

Causes an Assignment. CHICAGO, Dec. 5 .- The mysterious disappearance of B. H. Campbell, the millionaire, was the direct cause of the assignment in the County Court this afternoon of the Chicago Safe and Lock Company, of which corporation the missing man was President and principal stockholder and creditor. The assests were scheduled at \$700,000 and

INDIAN PROMISES DISTRUSTED.

They Say They Will Come in and Talk With General Brooks. PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., Dec. 5. Agent Royer made special issue of 90 head of beeves to Indians at the agency to-day. Father Jute brought news from the Bad Lands to-day that the Indians had promised him to come in on horseback and talk with

General Brooke, but little confidence is placed in the promise by the authorities. Music Teachers And others who buy sheet music, music books, instruments, etc., will save money and learn something interesting by sending a postal card asking for our large 40-page catalogue free, containing cut rates on all musical goods. Address Will L. Thomp-son & Co., No. 259 Wabash ave., Chicago,

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is imperatively necessary in order to preserve harmony in the church, and to avoid all un-

by American Physicians. THREE PERSONS BEING TREATED,

And the Results in Each Instance Are

Highly Satisfactory. GROWING INTEREST IN THE METHOD

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) NEW HAVEN, Dec. 5 .- The interest in lymph which has been created by the receipt of the wonder'ul cure in this city, and the treatment of three patients by Dr. Foster. increases every day. The physicians who have charge of the different cases are besieged daily with callers, anxious to learn the details of the experiments. Not only are the people in general interested, but many physicians living in towns adjacent to the city have made a special trip here to learn something of the new elixir.

The three patients under treatment are progressing finely, especially the gentleman who was first treated. The first experiment has given good grounds, so the doctors state, to believe that the lymph will accomplish all that is claimed for it. As regards the two patients inoculated this afternoon, sufficient time has not elapsed to form any definite opinions, but in each of these cases the symptoms as previously described were apparent. The two latest cases were much improved to-day. The first case experi-mented upon has reached a more marked state of improvement simply because it has had a longer time of de-velopment. There has been a steady improvement in this case and the patient shows every evidence of a continued gain toward relapse, the effects of the medicine being still apparent and continuing the good work that commenced after the first inoculation. The two cases treated to-day were entirely dif-ferent from the first case, and it is hardly expected that the effect of the lymph will be

Dr. Francis Bacon, who provided the case of the lymph on the patient in much the same manner as it has already been re-ported in description by Dr. Koch. Dr. Henry L. Swain also speaks of the case of laryngitis in about the same way pro-fessionally as it has been treated heretofore. All physicians connected with the cases are somewhat reticent in regard to the matter, but the slightest changes are noted and extensive notes made of the condition of patients during every hour of the day and night. One of the patients is G. M. Bradley, of North Haven, and the others are thought to be C. A. Lucas, an employe ST. PETERSBURG-The Government has at the Winchester Arms Company, and S. F. Bradley, a merchant.

> CABLE LETTERS from all over Europe are special features of TO-MORROW'S DIS-PATCH. See for yourself. Twenty-four

MINERS' OFFICIALS FIRM. The Long Strike at Irwin Will be Continu

for Some Time. PPRCIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 COLUMBUS, Dec. 5.- There was an imin which he asks a vote of £5,000 to provide ortant conference to-day at the office of the United Mine Workers in this city. Vice President Turner, who has been managing the strike at Irwin, Pa., was in consultation with President Rae, Secretary Watchorn and senior member of the Executive Board. Patrick McBryde. It was unanimously de cided to continue the strike until the Penn Gas Coal Company and Westmoreland Coal Company pay the prices for mining asked by the miners. The organization decided to stand firm, so long :as there is a cent

available to support the strikers.

Vice President Turner says the two coal companies estimate their loss since the strike was inaugurated on May 1 at \$2,000,-000. The companies operate seven mines. the output of which before the strike was 7,000 tons a day. The number of men then employed was 2,700. Now the companies are employing only 1,100 men, and are mining 1,300 tons of coal a day. President Rae says all the coal which the companies have mined since the beginning of the trouble has cost \$3 a ton. The miners asked 65 cents a ton, and the companies insisted on paying 60 cents. Vice President Turner will return to Irwin to-morrow, prepared to encourage the strikers. The officers of the United Miners feel confident of ultimate

victory. Word was received from Alabama that six mines in that State had agreed to pay the scale of prices, and that 2,000 of the 8,000 men out on a strike would return to proceedings in London will be postponed to

work. CUT HIS OWN TONGUE OUT.

Strange Self-Mutilation of an Apparently Sane Unknown Man. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 5 .- A strange case of self-mutilation came to fight to-day. in which a man who is not suspected of in-

sanity cut his tongue out with a razor. The act was committed on Sunday morning in a boarding-house on Broadway, where the stranger, who gave the name of Wilson but refused to give his initials, took room three weeks ago. During his stay he lived on bread and water, although he was known to have had plenty of money. On Sunday, for the first time since his arrival, he rang his bell, and the landlady, in responding, found on the outside of his door a newspaper, on the margin of which had been scribbled: "Sent for a surgeon to stop the bleeding." On the room being entered the lodger was found bending over a wash hasin with blood pouring from his mouth. He was perfectly calm and was attempting to stop the hemorrhage with a wet handker-chief. A bloody razor lay on the bed and spots of blood were on the carpet.

A doctor was called, and the man's in-

juries were dressed. He stood the painful ordeal with wonderful nerve, for while the flesh quivered under the surgeon's needle the man himself gave no indication of suffering. The severed portion of the tongue had been thrown away by the man, whose every act showed the utmost deliberation.

JUDGE THURMAN ACCEPTS.

The Old Roman Names the Day for a Bar quet in His Honor.

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATORAL COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 5 .- Seventy members of the Columbus Club, the leading social organization of the city, some days since addressed a letter to Judge Thurman and wife, expressing their appreciation of them as neighbors and asking the "old Roman" to name a date for a bauquet to be given in his honor. The reply of Judg Thurman was received this evening as fol MY DEAR FRIENDS: I am sure that

MY DEAR FRIENDS: I am sure that no one could be more truly sensible and profoundly grateful than are Mrs. Thurman and myself for your most kind tribute and invitation. I have always thought that of all the testimonials of friendship and favor that a man can receive, that which he should most cherish and value is an expression of esteem by his neighbors and intimate acquaintances. Such a testimonial is your letter, and my descendants will, I have no doubt, preserve it as an heirloom, to which they can always refer with honorable pride. You ask me to name a time for the dinner. If it will suit your convenience I would suggest the IT-h instant. Mrs. Thurman desires me to present her grateful acknowledgement, and with my own, I am truly, affectionately, your old friend and neighbor. A. G. Thurman.

NEW ATHLETIC CLUB.

Sportsmen of Pittsburg and Allegheny to Form an Association. A movement is on foot to organize a new athletic club for Pitteburg and Allegheny, with headquarters at the latter city, to be

known as the New York Puritan Athletic Club. Among those who are interesting LIVELY AS COULD BE. Club. Among those who are interesting themselves in the scheme are William Glesy, Charles Richardson, E. C. Mc-Clelland, the runner, who together with

others are to be charter members.

The Huckenstein building, on Cedar avenue, Allegheny, is talked of as the home of the new club. The organizers propose to the new club. The organizers propose to conduct walking matches, sparring and other athletic contests. They expect to be ready for opening by the first of the year.

STRIKE ON THE B. & O.

YARDMEN SUDDENLY WALK AWAY FROM THEIR TRAINS. .

Trouble Over an Office Used as a Lunch Room-Three Arrested and One Fined -Road Tied Up Between This City and

A strike occurred on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad last evening that resulted in blocking the road between the city and Gienwood. The men did not wait to go through the course prescribed by the Switchmens' Aid Association before entering into strikes, but simply walked away, leaving their cars on the main tracks and sidings. The cause of the trouble is best explained in the following special telegram from Braddock, received last night:

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A short time ago a new yard master was placed in charge of affairs at Glenwood, and at the outset seems to have received the ill will of every man under him. This morning Yardmaster Dettrich discovered that his office had been broken open and a number of lanterns taken from the place, and his desk smashed. He immediately had three brakemen arrested for the alleged burglary. The men arrested were members of the Brotherhood of Brakemen, and immediately that organization held a meeting and resolved to demand the release of the men, and their reinstatement. This Detrich refused to de, but offered to have the men tried before a tribunal composed of railroad men. The brakemen refused this compromise and struck.

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No other work was done to-day, nor have any freight trains gone out over either the Wheeling or Connellsville divisions. This evening the engineers held a meeting at the house of one of their number to discuss the situation, Nothing, however, could be learned of the results, as none of the men would talk. Affairs look ominous, and a general strike is not improbable. It is asserted by some of the officials that the men are merely making the Dietrich affair a pretense for a sirike, as some of the men have been dissatified with their wages. Passenger traffic is not affected.

The three men arrested for breaking open Dietrich's office were John Weiman, P. Mo-Dietrich's office were John Weiman, P. Mc-Gill and George Fisher. They had a bear-ing yesterday before Magistrate Gripp, where McGill was fined \$10 and costs.

The latest information that could be obtained around the Baltimore and Ohio depot was to the effect that 37 day men had been paid their wages, and the company was looking for new men. None of the night men went on duty. The side tracks between Pittsburg and Connellsville are filled with through freight. Most of the freight was from Philadelphia and Baltimore, bound for Western points.

Detective Sheppard sought police protection yesterday evening, and a number of officers took charge of the yards at Glenwood. The men say this was entirely un-necessary as they will stay away from the company's property until the difficulty is settled. The whole number of employes affected will not exceed 200, but the stand they have taken seems to indicate a firmness that will be hard for the company to shake. The company's officials say the grievance is based upon prejudice, and as the strike has been precipitated irregularly they do not fear the results, as the strikers cannot expect the support of their association.

STRANGLED TO DEATH.

LEWIS WATSON, A COLORED GEORGIA MURDERER, SLOWLY EXECUTED.

The Victim of the Law Works Himself Inte a Religious Frenzy Before Being Dropped to Eternity-Strange Scenes Attending the Hanging.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCEL ALBANY, GA., Dec. 5 .- Two thousand Watson, colored, at Isabella, to-day. On September 21, at about dusk, he wavlaid Jack Curry as he neared his house, shot him and fled. Curry drew his piotol, and, firing at Watson, hit him in the back as he ran. He was convicted two weeks after the murder. He confessed the crime. At 10:45 o'clock this morning the proces-

sion started from the jail. In a two-horse wagon was Watson, sitting upon his coffin, accompanied by Sheriff Cox and Dep-uty Sheriff Nelson. Following in double file came 18 guards, armed with Winchester rifles. They proceeded about a half mile, to where the gallows had been erected, in the center of a large natural amphitheater. Amid silence, Watson was conducted upon the gallows, from which he gave an incoherent address for half an hour, which he said that the Lord had forgiven him. He warned his hea ers against hasty actions and not to put their trust in anyone. He singled out a negro in the crowd, and said that he was talking to him. Watson was then brought down to the ground and his spiritual adviser, the Rev. Jordan Mer-ritt, colored, offered up prayer. The negro joined with fervor. A rope had been stretched around the gallows, within which were the officers, guards and reporters. The condemned murderer gave a last goodby to his friends. He was wrought up into a religious frenzy before he finished and his cries were suffused with tears.

He was again conducted to the gallows his hands fastened behind him, his feet tied together. The noose was slipped over his neck and the black cap placed upon his head. He cried out to the assembled multitude to meet him in heaven. At 12:30 o'clock Sheriff Cox sprung the trap and Watson's body shot down 514 feet. There were several convulsive strug gles, at the first of which he drew up his hands and feet with terrible strength. A minute after he feil. He died from strangulation, and life was declared extinct in 30 minutes.

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A Hair-Raising Session of an Allegheny Council Committee.

THE LIE PASSED BACK AND FORTH.

Attorney Pier Makes Some Pointed Statements, Under Protest.

PRESIDENT HUNTER RATHER RILED UP

W. S. Pier, the attorney of this city, lent his presence to the Allegheny Street Railway Committee meeting last night, and the result was a shaking up of the dry bones all along the line that fairly delighted the spectators. The action on the ordinance granting the Pittsburg and Bellevue Street Railway Company certain rights and privileges, caused all the commotion and some very plain allegatives were made before Mr. Pier and other gentleman had had

This matter has been referred to a sub-

committee, and Mr. Neeb presented the re-

port of the sub-committee, which covered

two pages of ty pe-written reasons why they

decided to return the ordinances with a neg-

ative recommendation. The reason given

their say.

was that the city was now trying to do away with toll roads, and the placing of an electric or street car line on the Brighton road would be a detriment to the undertaking. Attorney Pier, who represented the projectors of the road, asked to be heard on the matter, and Mr. Bader protested against his being heard. When asked for reasons Mr. Bader stated that he was not a stockholder in the Pleasant V alley, or any other road, and that Mr. Pier was a corporation lawyer and his words might have undue influence. Mr. Bader then read an extract from a paper of remarks made by Mr. Pier in court, while acting as attorney for the Turnpike Company. In these remarks Mr. Pier is alleged to have stated that the Pleasant Valley Company secured their rights through the corrupt actions of certain councilmen who were stockholders in the

MR. HUNTER WAXES WROTH. Mr. James Hunter then arose, and in very forcible language said: "I am a stock-holder in the Pleasant Valley Company, and never denied it. I wish to say for myself that whoever made that assertion, its an in amous lie. I don't speak for the entire body, but for Mr. Hunter. I will say that

Pleasant Valley line.

I have never voted for a Pleasant Valley ordinance.' Mr. Pier-At the last meeting of this committee Mr. Wertheimer was about to make a motion that this ordinance be re-turned to Councils with an affirmative recommendation. The gentleman who just de-clared that he is a stockholder in the Pleasant Valley Company moved that this par-ticular ordinance be referred back to the sub-committee that had just reported adversely on the matter. I can only infer what the gentleman's reasons were.

Mr. Hunter—I deny the assertion.

Mr. Pier-This sub-committee presents to you an elaborate report that means nothing, and to my mind there is something back of Mr. Hunter-I object to the gentleman reflecting on the members of the sub-com-

This committee has never allowed

such a thing.

Mr. Pier—I am here to criticise the commutee if I see fit, and if they don't want to hear me why all they need to do is to shut Mr. Werthelmer-I move that Mr. Pier be heard further. If he tramps on anybody's

ACTION TAKEN BY CITIZENS. Mr. Lowe insisted that Mr. Pier had a set olutions adopted by some citizens of Tenth and Eleventh wards in favor of the Bellevue line. Mr. Lowe then read another set of resolutions adopted at a second persons witnessed the execution of Lewis | meeting indorsing the action of Councils in negatively recommending the Pittsburg and Bellevue ordinances. Mr. Hunter insisted that there was only

corns they have got to stand it.

one Eleventh ward citizen present at the meeting of the citizens that indorsed the railway, while the second meeting was a representative one.

Mr. Pier then continued his talk and stated that what they wanted to start was a competitive line. The people want competition, as it would insure lower fares and better roads. He reminded the committee that they were elected to represent the peo-ple, and not the Pleasant Valley Company.

The committee's report was received and filed, and on motion the ordinance was nega-

tively returned to Councils.

Councilman Streipecke, of the Third ward, complained that the P. A. & M. people were putting up inferior posts in his ward. He threatened to cut one down that had been put up in front of his property, and said the company seemed to think any thing was good enough for the Dutch. An ordinance granting the Pleasant Valley Company the right to lay tracks on Charles and other streets so as to get into their car sheds, was opposed by Mr. Henry Kreiling, who stated that the company in laying tracks was damaging his property and he asked to be protected. Mr. Wert-heimer advised that the matter be compromised by appointing three outside persons who would look into the matter and assess a

An ordinance for the regulation of the speed of Pleasant Valley electric cars, and compelling motor men not to apply the elec-tricity on all down grade streets, but to allow the car to go of its own momentum under a penalty of a fine of \$5 was affirma-tively returned to Councils. LILLIAN SPENCER, who is doing Europe on foot and sending THE DISPATCH ac-counts of her experience, will describe the sights of Brussels in her letter to-morrow

fair amount of damages. This was agreed

to and the ordinance was held over.

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Newsy Notes Fresh From the Wires of all Sorts of Happenings MRS. CUSTER will ask for a larger pens THE Cree Indians in Canada are reported to

be quiet.

New suits to oust the Wabash from leased lines wili be filed to-day. Six tramps were arrested in Goshen, Ind. for robbing and burning a store. DELINQUENT subscribers to the World's Fair are being punched up by a dunning circular. PROMINENT railroad officials were indicted n Chicago yesterday for giving illegal rebate. A SUB-CONGRESSIONAL committee at San Francisco is investigating Chinese immigra-

Indian ghost dancers lately arrested at the

Lower Brule Agency will be confined at Fort Snelling.

A schooner went ashore near San Francisco. Four men embarked in a small boat and are missing. FIVE incendiary attempts were made at Greensburg, Ind., Thursday night and three LOCKWOOD, W. VA., was badly shaken up by

GOVERNOR THAYER, of Nebraska, protests against appeals for aid outside of the State for the drought-stricken counties. THE Undine, a small steam schooner, was wrecked in San Francisco Bay Thursday night and her crew of three men drowned. THE British steamer James Turple, from

editerranean ports, arrived at New York yes-

THE Chicago scaman's union ask their representatives in Congress to oppose the passage of a law compelling coasting vessels to sign crews before United States Commissioners

terday badly damaged by a terrific storm. She

. NEW ON THE FORCE.

Two Men Locked Up Last Night for Impersonating Detectives. A pair of stalwart countrymen, giving their names as Adam Kensley and J. R. Thompson, were arrested last night at No. 8 Third avenue for personating detectives. The two men went into the house, and stating that they were detectives, started to search the house. Officer Sumerville was called and placed both

men under arrest. The prisoners gave their home as Thora Hill, Pa., and on Thompson's person was found a letter directed to the Pinkerton Agency asking to be appointed on the force. Both prisoners were well supplied with money.

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