subdued

NATURAL GAS DID IT.

A Sudden Increase in Pressure Sets Fire to

-A Plucky Watchman.

mated at \$20,000, Covered by Insurance

The Continental Tube Works, Second av-

nue, operated by T. B. Everson, was dam-

Night Watchman Alexander Campbell

was in the machine shop about 7 o'clock

when a sudden increase in the natural gas

pressure blew a valve out of one of the stoves and the flames shot up to the ceiling. He replaced the valve and it was again

blown out. He persevered until his hands were terribly burned, and in the meantime

the engineer had turned off the gas, but it was too late, the building was on fire and

burning briskly. An alarm was turned in, and after an hour's hard work the fire was

The pattern shop, with all the valuable

patents, was entirely destroyed, and the store-house and all its contents, consisting of new tools, a large supply of oil and other stores.

The most necessary and valuable plant o

the works, the machine shop, was also de-stroyed. This department was thoroughly

equipped, and many valuable machines and tools were burned. The engine which was

in this department was injured and the

dynamo destroyed. In other words,

Many of the men lost their tools and non-

At the lower end of the mill is a row of ouses occupied by workingmen and the oc-

the dirt and snow, hose was run through some of the houses and the loss by water

and breakage to the neighbors will be con-

The property of the Continental Tube Works is insured for \$20,000 in the follow-

JURIGO IN BAD SHAPE.

Have Gone Insane.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 - It is now said that

requently of late Shibuva Jurigo, the Jap-

anese sailor who is under sentence to die by

electricity within the week beginning Jan

uary 19, is insane. Lawyer John Heinzel-

nan received from the Japanese Consul

Seneral to-day a letter, which the Consul

General had received from Warden Brush, of Sing Sing, where Jurigo is imprisoned. In this letter Warden Brush says:

For the last three weeks Jurigo has been sullen, refusing to eat, and in fact taking very sittle nourishment. As we have no one who

sullen, refusing to eat, and in fact taking very little neurishment. As we have no one who can talk to him, I should be much pleased if you, yourself, or some one representing your office would visit him. Of course, you would have to obtain an order from the court, but I think you will have no trouble in this respect,

Mr. Heinzelman says ne will apply to the

Court of Oyer and Terminer, or to anothe

part of the Supreme Court, asking that a commission be appointed to determine Jurigo's mental condition.

KING KALAKAU'S VISIT.

Contradictory Reports as to Just Why He

Comes to the States.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 .- A dispatch

from Washington published here vesterday

intimated that the real object of King Kal-

akau's visit to this country was to open ne-

gotiations for the annexation of the Hawaiin

Islands by the United States, Colonel George W. MacFarland, the King's cham-

berlain, who, with the King, is now in this city has made a statement in regard to the matter in which he denies that Kalakua's

On the other hand interviews are pub-

lished here with several other Hawaiian

residents in which they declare that there is some ground for this report. They claim

that C. R. Bishop, financial agent of the Hawaiian Government, and Hon. H. A.

Widemann, member of the Privy Council, have gone to Washington to pave the way

for the King, and that if any negotiations looking to annexation are to be made, they

COUNCILMAN AMMON'S FUNERAL.

Large Number of Old Friends Follow His

The funeral services of Councilman Adam

Ammon, of Allegheny, were held yesterday

afternoon at the family residence on Shef-field street and at the Union M. E. Church,

City Councils and the majority of the city officials were present. The services were conducted by Rev. C. A. Holmes, pastor of

the church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Izer, of

The casket was carried by six employes of

the firm of which Mr. Ammon was a mem ber. The honorary pallbearers were Will

iam Hamilton, James Arnold, James S. Wilson, J. G. Knox, James Hunter and

Joseph Eichhaum, Mr. Brice Lemmon was

unable to attend his late partner's funera

on account of injuries received in a fall a

CITY PROPERTY AFFAIRS.

ome Arrangements Made by the Custodian

of Allegheny's Buildings.

A meeting of the Allegheny City Prop-

erty Committee was held last night. The

use of Carnegic Hall was granted to Attor-

December 18. The ordinance leasing the

An ordinance allowing the city organis

\$250 for services before his salary was fixed

was also recommended. A request was granted Chief Murphy to convert the stor-

age room under the Postoffice into an as-

The City Milling Company, another new

ocal concern, was chartered at Harrisburg,

resterday. The capital stock is \$150,000, and the directors are David Whitmyer, J. G. Klauss, J. W. Smith, C. S. Klopfer, A.

Our Ulster and Cape Overcont Sale

Yesterday was a grand success at Gusky'

There's nothing strange about it either

when you stop to consider that we were offering coats worth \$20, \$25 and \$30 for just \$15. It was our intention to limit it to one day, Monday, and we so announced it, but in order that

there may be no disappointment among those who did not buy, when they come to see the bargains those obtained that took advantage of our offer, we will give you two

more days, Tuesday and Wednesday, in which to take your choice of any ulster or

cape overcoat in the house. The coats may not last but a single day longer, but that

LADIES' long wraps at a bargain, \$5 to

JOS. HORNE & Co.'s

will not be our fault.

D. Elwood and George Whitmyer.

A Milling Company Chartered.

Company was affirmatively reported.

Remains to the Grave.

visit has any such significance.

Hawaiian Government

Christ Church.

sembly room.

aged \$20,000 by fire yesterday morning.

FARMERS' DEMANDS.

Legislation of Various Kinds That They Want Congress to Enact.

SUB - TREASURIES NEEDED.

While Dealing in Futures on Farm Productions Should be Stopped.

THE SILVER BILL CONDENNED.

Memorial to Congress Asking the Passage of the Pure Food Bill.

SECTIONAL MEASURES DENOUNCED

OCALA, FLA., Dec. 8.-Early in the forenoon session of the Farmers' Alliance the financial policy of the order came up for discussion, under the report of the Committoe on Legislation. This report as to the financial policy contained the following amended demands:

First-We demand the abolition of National Banks; we demand that the Government shall establish sub-treasuries, or depositories in the several States, which shall loan money directly to the people at a low rate of interest, not to exceed 2 per cent per arnum, on non-perishable farm products, and also upon real estate, with proper limitations upon the quantity of land and amount of money. We demand that the amount of circulating medium be speedily in-creased to not less than \$50 per capita.

Dealing in Futures Denounced. Second-We demand that Congress shall pass such laws as shall effectually prevent the dealing in futures on all agricultural and mechanical productions, preserving a stringent system of procedure in trials such as shall secure the compt conviction of offenders and the impost ion of such penalties as shall secure the most

tion of such penalties as shall secure the most perfect compliance with the law.

Third—We condemn the silver bill recently passed by Congress, and, demand in fleu thereof the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Fourth—We demand the passage of the law prohibiting alien's ownership of land, and that tangress take prompt action to devise some plant and that all lands now held by railroads and other corporations to excess of such as is actually used and needed by them be reclaimed by the Government and held for actual settlers only.

Equal Chances for Industries.

Fifth-Believing in the doctrine of equal rights to all, and special privileges to none, we demand that our national legislation shall be so framed in the future as not to build up one industry at the expense of another. We further demand a removal of the existing heavy tariff tax from the necessaries of life that the poor of our land must have. We further demand a of our land must have. We further demand a just and equitable system of graduated tax on mucomes. We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence, we demand that an National and State revenues shall be implied to the necessary expenses of the Government, economically and honestly administered.

sixth—We demand the most rigid, honest and just State and National governmental control and supervision of the means of public communication and transportation, and if this control and supervision does not remove the abuses now existing, we demand the Government of the control and supervision does not remove the abuses now existing, we demand the Government of the control and supervision does not remove the abuses now existing, we demand the Government of the control ment ownership of such means of communica tion and transportation A spirited debate followed the introduc-

tion of this report. A Plea for Pure Food.

Delegate Carr, of North Carolina, pre-sented a memorial of the National Farmers' Alliance to the Congress of the United States, with reference to the Conger land

bill, now pending.
This memorial recites that the delegates to the National Alliance Supreme Council representing the Farmers' Alliance organiz.tions in the various States and Territories ask that Congress enact as soon as possible Senate bill No. 3,991, known as the Padmore food bill, which was introduced by Scuator Paddock, of Nebraska, at the ustance of the Farmers' Alliance of that or the reasons that the delegates be lieve that if the said bill becomes a law it xill prevent adulteration and misbranding of tood preparations and drugs now so generally practiced to the great injury of the agricultural interests of the country, the health of the people and the morals of the business public.

The memorial continues: But while praying for the passage of the Pad-lock pure lood bill as a measure of justice to ill our interests, we desire to most carnestly and emphatically protest against the passage of House Bull No. 11.908, known as the Conger lard Lin, for the reason that it proposes to ex-tend the taking power of the Government and increase the list of articles upon which taxes are levied at a time when the tendency is toward reduced taxation and the demand is being made for the removal of taxes from arti-cles of necessity and daily use among the

Denounced as Sectional Legislation. It is sectional legislation, and therefore the industrial movement declares its open and unfuture, which will be declared by us against alism, the farmer and his friends will be the citadel around which the heaviest battles are to be fought. We are not content in samply making hands across a bloody chasm. Our se many as the waves, but one as the sea Sectionalism must not, shall not, live. Upo-our lanner, written above and below the plow e sheaf and the cotton bale is a new devi-

Some short speeches followed the introduction of the memorial, and then the conamid tremendous applause: Roseived. That we are opposed to the

Conger bill, and that we favor the passage of the Paddock pure food bill." About half of the delegates, with ladies, vent on an excursion to-day to Homosso, the phosphate fields, and the Gult coast. It predicted that the Alliance may re-

main in session for three days longer. SOUTH DAKOTA'S EXPENSES.

A brovement Looking to the Abolishment of Many State Offices.

YANKTON, S. D., Dec. 8 .- A movement is in progress among the members-elect of the Legislature looking to the abolishment of many of the State offices in the interest of economy. The finances of South Dakota are in bad shape. Warrants on the Treasurer remain unpaid, and the expense continues greater than the revenue.

Independents and Democrats will control the State Legislature, and they propose to abotish the offices of Commissioner of Immigration, Bailroad Commissioners and State Veterinary Surgeon, and to cut off the mititia appropriation and reduce the Legislative expenses from \$125,000 to \$75,000 for the session. An effort will also be made to reduce the representation to about 100 members-a greater number than many of the wealthy States possess.

THE UNION PACIFIC.

Director Ames Talks About the Company's Financial Condition. BOSTON, Dec. 8 .- Director F. L. Ames,

of the Union Pacific, says in an interview: The floating debt of the Union Pacific was fully explained in last year's report. It has been reduced the past year by \$4,000,000, and is now about \$11,500,000. We sold \$7,100,000 collateral trust bonds issued against the Oregon Railway and Naviga-tion stock, and could at one time have sold all the \$13,000,000, but thought them worth more, so that on account of the Oregan Railway and Navigation stock purchased we now have \$6,000,000 bonds unsold. We have beside \$2,000,000 Oregon Railway and Navithere has been invested in the Portland and | ued at \$1,000,

Puget Sound road \$1,000,000, and in new equipments \$1,400,000, for which bonds have

"We have also put a large amount of money into sidetracks, new shops at Chey-cane and Denver and the Union passenger station and freight depot at Omaha. Mr. Gould knew all about the floating debt when he entered the directory, and he has discovered nothing new about it. He agreed to take care of it, and provided for the Januarv 1 requirements, which are less than \$2,000,000. Mr. Gould expressed his great satisfaction at the appearance of everything connected with the property. He has no more idea of a receivership for this proper-ty than I have for the Ames building. I to not know of any scheme for funding the Union Pacific debt, Had there been no change in ownershsip or management there would have been no talk of it. We can easily pay it when the railroad bond market

RAILROAD TRAFFIC RATES.

THE COMING MEETING OF THE PRESI-DENTS IN NEW YORK CITY.

Chairman Walker of the Inter-State Association Denounces the Ruinous Rate Wars and Makes Suggestions as to How They May be Stopped.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 .- To-day's Journal f Finance prints a long letter from Chairman Walker, of the Inter-State Association, at Chicago, to the presidents of the Western and Southwestern railroads, and in

connection therewith says: The railroad situation, so far as the Western and Southwestern roads are concerned, seems to be growing brighter daily. The atmosphere is fast clearing, and by the time the presidents of these roads meet in conference with the bankers of this city, it is very probable that there will have been arranged before that time a basis upon which those officials have already agreed, so that in that event the meeting will be not much more than a formal one to officially confirm the action taken.

The letter of Mr. Walker outlines the lifficulties that have been in existence and indicates a way in which these difficulties can be settled and rates restored and maintained on a permanent basis. Mr. Walker does not think that the present legislative attitude of Congress and the States toward the railways of the country have been the sole cause of the difficulties under which they labor. He says that the root of the metter is competition. There is a conflict of interest between the producers and consumers in every industry.

It is not unnatural that the public which buys It is not unnatural that the public which buys transportation should desire to stimulate compelition among the carriers which sell it. As in other industries, the rivalries of individuals have been encouraged and intensified until they have become the occasion of general disaster. Competition as it now exists among carriers is simply war. And the situation pleases the unreflecting public. These two points may as well be accepted at the start.

Mr. Walker then goes on to say that it is an insult to the presidents to say that these things are beyond their control. They have the power to put an end to every unfair species of unfair competition throughout the entire territory between Chicago and the Rocky Mountains. He concludes by suggesting an agreement providing for rate division and a traffic division.

THE CHICAGO EXPOSITION.

Germans Who Will Oppose the Sunday

Closing Movement. CHICAGO, Dec. 8 .- It is rumored at World's Fair headquarters that a number of prominent Germans have protested against paying their subscriptions until such time as they are given positive information as to whether the Exposition is to be closed on Sundays or not. They are decidedly opposed to the closing of the fair on Sunday.

"I do not think the ladies will ask anything of Congress at this session," said Mrs. Palmer, president of the Board of Lady Managers, to-day. "I think," resumed the lady president, "that Congress is not going to interfere with the present national act or

The ladies have arrived at this conclusion within a few days. A little while ago they thought it advisable to appoint a committee of eight to go be ore Congress and prevent if possible any disastrous action upon an amendment to reduce the Board of Lady managers to 20, which amendment, it was understood, Congressman Frank, of Missouri, intended to introduce. They have about come to the conclusion to trust to their masculine friends to take care of their

interests. President Pulmer of the National Commission, is expected to arrive here to-night or to-mor ow, and it is expected by Wednes-day that he and Mr. Peck, of the local directory, will be ready to leave for Wash. iggton to lay before the President the documents on which the chief magistrate will found his proclamation to the nation.

A SLIGHT SKIRMISH.

Indians at Buffalo Gap Try to Capture Several Cowboys.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.-General Miles this morning received a telegram trom Buffalo Gap, under date of December 6, which says: "Yesterday afternoon a party of 15 Sioux, at the entrance to the Bad Lands, endeavored to cut off and capture three cowboys. The ranchmen in the vicinity of the Bad Lands are sending the women and children into this town. There are no rifles or ammunition and none have been received here,

although application has been made for

them in order that the settlers may arm

Shortly after this letter was received a telegram came from the same place, dated to-day, saying: "Ranchmen and Indians had a slight skirmish. The situation is be coming serious, for the settlers are unarmed. Can you supply 50 good rifles and ammuni tion so that settlers can defend themselves? General Miles will leave for the scene of the Indian trouble to-morrow.

SUFFERING IN THE DAKOTAS.

The Northern State Mad at the Resolution

of Congressman Hansbrough. GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 8 .- The Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Association have administered a severe rebuke to Congressman Hansbrough for introducing a resolution in Congress asking for an appropriation of \$500,000 for

destitute citizens of North Dakota. These business bodies insist that North Dakota is able to provide for all its needy,

and protest against the adoption of the Hansbrough resolution.

A dispatch from Pierre, S. D., says that Lieutenant Governor Fletcher states that there is much destitution among the farmers of South Dakota, all the reports to the con-trary notwithstanding. He could not see any good that could be gained by concealing the fact. Among the counties he named as being in a bad way were Brown, McPherson, Campbell, Walworth, Edwards and Spink. There the crops had partly failed.

GAGGED THE WATCHMAN.

San Francisco Burglars Force the Safe in a Theater.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 .- Three masked men last night bound and gagged William Johnson, janitor and night watchman of the Wigwam Theater, and then proceeded to to Johnson, they worked an hour and a half before they succeeded in opening it, whence

they took \$1,900 in cash, several watches and some stage jewelry.

After the robbers left the place Johnson managed, by hard work, to release himself, and notified the police, who are now working on the case. Mr. Meyers, proprietor of gation bonds for construction advances, and | the theater, states that the jewelry was val-

THE FIRST WITNESS

To Return to This Country From Seeing Dr. Koch's Lymph Tested

TELLS OF THE RESULTS OBTAINED. Some Highly Interesting Testimony From

Dr. J. Riddle Goffe. METHOD OF INJECTING THE LYMPH

PETECTAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCHA NEW YORK, Dec. 8 .- Among the first, if not the first, physicians to return to this country after studying the Koch method of consumption in the clinics under the immediate supervision of Dr. Koch in Berlin, is Dr. J. Riddle Goffe, of this city, who arrived to-day on the Saale, of the North German Lloyd Line, Dr. Goffe was in Europe at the time Dr. Koch's announcement was made public, and at once went to Berlin. Having intended to do some work abroad, Dr. Goffe was well supplied with letters of introduction, and easily entered the clinics and hospitals that are under the immediate charge of Dr. Koch. There he studied at first-hand the methods of the investigator. Dr. Goffe gave to a reporter an account of the work of Dr. Koch, of the present state of feeling in Berlin, and the attitude entertained toward the great discoverer by a large number of physicians seen personally by him. Said Dr. Goffe:

Yes, I came directly from Berlin where I ssed some time in study in the clinics of Dr. Bergmann and Dr. Cornet, pupils and representatives of Dr. Koch. They are in fact his assistants and make a practical application of the lymph which he prepares. Dr. Koch, it may be said, does not directly experiment on patients. There I have observed the treatment for both lupus and tuberculosis on people of all ages and conditions, though it should be explained that persons in an advanced stage of consumption are not experimented. sumption are not experimented on.

Method Pursued With Patients. Every patient that is brought into the clinic must have made out a complete table, showing his physical condition, and a diagnosis is then made of his disease. This description is read aloud and changed if necessary after each treatment, in order to show what effect the previous inoculation has had. In this way it is possible for the physicians attending the clinics oget an accurate idea of the effect of the lymph.

an accurate idea of the effect of the lymph.

These clinics present a strange appearance. So great is the interest, that the operating rooms are crowded to the doors, and even in the halls and corridors there are physicians struggling to get in. It is therefore a matter of some difficulty to get near enough to observe carefully the operations. Some of the patients treated are kept at the hospital all the time; others, who are more slightly affected, are permitted to go to their work while awaiting another inoculation.

A very great depression follows the use of the lymph, and while it is usual to inoculate daily, if, by reason of this depression, the patient has not sufficiently rallied, the treatment is deferred. Outdoor and laboring patients are inoculated about noon, and as the reaction begins about six hours after inoculation, it permits the patient to recover from the depression by the following morning.

Injecting the Curative Lymph.

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The inoculation is always made in the back, just over the shoulder blade. This spot is selected by Dr. Koch as being most free from abseess and local irritations. As each patient is treated, it is stated how many injections have been administered and the quantity, together with the results. All the operations are made openly, so as to preclude the idea of fraud, and to give the visiting physicians the best possible means of observation. Everything is done with

the greatest care.

There is, however, not much use in being there, as the system of inoculation is so simple. The essential thing is the lymph. The more advanced the disease, the smaller the quantity advanced the disease, the smaller the quantity of lymph injected and the less frequently was it given, as the dangers of depression and reaction are all the greater. There is a pathetic side of the case. Physicians have come with patients from all over the world. Many of them are in an advanced stage of consumption, and as is well known concerning the character of the disease, they are all hopeful. But rone of these advanced cases are received at the

Danger in Their Hopefulness. rithout doubt a great, though perhaps unavoidable danger, has been occasioned to

the consumptive classes, in their being led by their own hopefulness to journey to Berlin. As regards the attitude of mind of the physicians at Berlin, both resident and from abroad toward the remedy. Dr. Goffe said: abroad, toward the remedy, Dr. Goffe said:

The impression in the clinic is that enough
has been seen to warrant the belief that a great
discovery has been made. It is thought to be a
cure for certain cases within certain limits. I
saw a very large number of people operated
upon in the clinic, and there was great and evident improvement in many of these cases. I
talked with physicians from Scotland, England, Austria and Paris, and the general attitude is one of belief in Dr. Koch and hopefulness in his discovery.

ness in his discovery.

Dr. Koch himself spends all his available Dr. Roca nimself spends all his available time manufacturing the lymph, which is a deli-cate work and demands his constant super-vision. There are always crowds of physicians on hand to talk with him, but after an audi-ence has been given to a few he slips away to his work.

his work.
Nature of the Lymph a Secret. Of course the nature of the lymph is not known. Opinion there is divided. Some think that it is a chemical compound; some that it is a cultivated form of some bacillus; some that t is a kind of virus-like vaccine, and some beit is a kind of virus-like vaccine, and some be-lieve at to be a ptomain—that is, a secretion found in tissue where bacilli have been secreted. One thing is certain, the excitement in the cure must be toned down to reach the exact limitations of its use. People expect too

Just before Dr. Goffe departed from Berlin, the announcement was made that on the 15th of the present month lymph would be sold in small bottles for 25 marks per bottle, a sum representing about \$6 25. The amount will be small, but it will be capa-ble of great dilution, and the quantity will be sufficient to make about 100 injectious. Goffe made arrangements to have more of the lymph sent to him as soon as it was pos-

sible to procure it. At present, Dr. Koch will dispose of more of it to physicians for private use. It must go to some hospital or public institution, where it will be possible to get a large ex-perience and extended results in a brief time, and where many physicians can ob-serve and note the results of its injection.

A HUMAN LEG FOUND.

The Body of a Tenth Victim of the Joliet

Disaster Still Buried. JOLIET, ILL., Dec. 8 .- The workmen en gared in removing the debris where the catastrophe at the blast furnace of the Illinois Steel Company occurred Thursday, were horrified to-day by the discovery

of the leg of a man.

There is no body to match it, and the conclusion is inevitable that there is another body in the ruins of the collapsed furnace. One of the injured, Orluf Johnson, died to day, making the ninth victim.

HAT MAKERS FAIL.

Price, Sherman & Co., of Philadelphia,

Make an Assignment. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8,-The hat manu facturing firm of Price, Sherman & Co. made an assignment to-day. Their assignment precipitated the failure of Frederick S. Sherman, a retail dealer in hats and furs. A judgment note with execution was this alternoon entered in Common Pleas Court No. 1 by Roberts, Cushman & Co., of New York, against C. B. Sherman, Charles T.

Sherman and Price, Sherman & Co. for \$78,-An Important Meeting.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 .- An important meeting is being held here to-day by the officers of the American Export and Trading Comopen the safe with dynamite. According pany with a party of capitalists and Mexican officials, who are negotiating the pur-chase of a block of the company's lands, which it is said will yield to it a net profit of over \$100,000. The company have over \$20,-000,000 worth of property in its possession for development which it is organizing subsidiary companies to manage. These will eventually make the American Company one of the richest and best paying corpora-

FAVORS FREE SILVER.

How a Change in the Standard of Value

Would Help the Farmers. W. A. Douglass, of Gilpin county, Cal., arrived in Pittsburg a few days ago after an absence from the city of 14 years. He was formerly engaged in the lumber business here, and was well and favorably known. He says the city has grown remarkably since he left it, and as he sat in Major Kay's office, on Water street, yesterday, he said he could scarcely recognize some of the old

In speaking of his life in the West, Mr. Douglass said: "I haven't seen an Indian in Colorado, so that we are not bothered by the redskins in that State. The production of gold and silver is as heavy to-day as it was 20 years ago. Leadville is the largest camp, and turns out about \$12,000,000 in silver every year. Gilpin county, where I live, is a gold camp. In Colorado we are all in favor of free silver coinage. At first I thought it was not good policy, but I have changed my mind. As we are calling in the bonds, we must have something sub stantial on which to issue currency. There is not enough gold produced to make it the standard of value. The yearly yield of gold is only \$50,000,000, and this would not be \$1 per head of an addition to the currency of the country. So small an amount added annually would not be sufficient to take care of the increase in busi-

ness,
"If the United States should adopt silver, it is strong enough to force Germany, France and England to use the same standard. England to-day buys our silver at 90 cents per ounce, makes it into dollars and exchanges them for Indian wheat, thereby securing a reduction of 10 cents per bushel over the American farmer. If bushel over the American farmer. the Government makes silver free, it will put a stop to this practice, and place England on the same basis with America. 1 am a Republican, but I must say that the policy of the party has not done much for the grangers. The McKinley bill protects the manufacturer, but leaves the iollowers of Agricola to shift for themselves. There is something radically wrong when a beautiful country like Kansas is in a bankrupt condition. The tarmers are in the majority in the States, but their very strength may break the backbone of their alliance."

HOW FIGLEY MET HIS DEATH.

The Coroner Investigating the Fatality at

the Liberty Street Fire. Coroner McDowell yesterday afternoon began the inquiry into the death of Joseph Elmer Figley, of No. 11 engine company, who was killed by the falling wall at Friday morning's fire on Liberty street.

George J. Lang, a member of No. 11 engine company, was the only witness examined. Mr. Lamb testified that No. 11 company reached the fire shortly after 1 o'clock on November 5. They were ordered by Chief Evans to go into Spring alley with their line and fight the fire from the rear. The witness and Elmer Figley were at the nozzle and were playing on the Harris building when a piece of glass from one of the windows in the Maginn building fell and struck Figley in the hand, drawing blood. The fireman left the line for a few minutes, but soon returned and laughed about being cut. A short time after this they heard an explo-sion in the Harris building and saw the walls totter. Figley told the witness to drop the line and run; the witness ran back toward Garrison alley while Figley ran into Keiter's yard, where his body was found about 5 A. M., under about two feet of debris, by the witness and some others; he was dead when found. They had only been in service about 20 minutes when the wall

After hearing this witness the inquest was continued until Thursday afternoon at

WALKED OVER THE BLUFF.

and Breaks His Neck. Edward Kearney, a well-known resident of Dinwiddie street, was killed yesterday none are fatal. Bones were broken by falls Berlin is filled with these consumptives, and morning by walking over the bluff during a on icy pavements, and some limbs were up about 3 o'clock vesterday morning and told his wife he was going into the next room. Instead of that he left the house, without putting on any clothing. When Mrs. Kearney discovered her husband's absence she notified the police, and Officer Shaffer started to search for him. He hunted for several hours, but without avail. About daylight it occurred to the officer bluff. He started out Second avenue, and when near the Pobinson Coke Works found Kearney's dead body. He had either walked or tallen over the bluff, which at this point is over 100 feet high. His death was instanneous, his neck being broken in the fall. The deceased for some time had been sickly and often showed signs of insanity but was never violent. It is supposed that he was suffering from temporary insanity when he left the house and walked over the bluff and met his death.

WHALERS RESCUED AT SEA.

Six Men Supposed to Have Been Lost Picked Up in the Pacific. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.-The steamer China brought from Hong Kong to-day Mate H. A. Martin, William Griffith, James Cook and John Peters, who, with two others, left the whaling bark Charles W. Morgan in Oknotsk Sea September 1, in pursuit o a whale.

They became lost in a fog, and when the Morgan arrived at this port some weeks ago, they were supposed to have perished. The men, however, succeeded in reaching Vladivostock, where they were transferred to Hong Kong, where two of them have re-

CUT HIS WIFE'S THROAT. A Jealous Negro Then Tries to End His Life

in the Same Manner. St. PAUL, Dec. 8 .- This morning Ed Finley, a colored musician, murdered his wife by cutting her throat from ear to ear

suicide in the same manner. He was discovered in time to save his life. but was very badly wounded. The cause of the tragedy was insane jealousy. After cutting his wife's throat he crushed her skull with a piece of wood. The couple were married in Chicago two years ago, and have quarreled frequently since.

SMALL SCRAPS OF LOCAL NEWS.

ABOUT a dozen Scotch and Welsh people left for Wales and Scotland last evening to spend Christmas at their old homes. A MEETING of persons interested in the repaving of Stanton avenue will be held at the McCandless schoolhouse on Thursday evening. A NEW turn-table is to be placed beside the Panhandle squarehouse by the Union station. The present turn-table is too small for heavy

JAMES ROGERS, of No. 61 Arthur street, fell from a wagon last night and was run over. He had his right arm fractured and sustained in-ONLY 22 deaths were reported in Allegheny

last week, which shows the city to be in ex-tremely good health. There were 12 males and 10 females on the list. THE Iron City Microscopical Society will hold a meeting this evening at its rooms on Seward, an em Sixth street. Prof. J. Gordon Ogden will talk his knee cap. THE alarm from station 18, Allegheny, at 5

o'clock yesterday afternoon, was caused by a slight fire in a dwelling house on California avenue. No damage resulted. A VERDICT of death at the hands of parties unknown was returned yesterday in the case of William Coltman, who died at the West Penn Hospital from a beating received near Mo-Donald station.

FIRE ALARM 162, at 10:40 last night, was caused by a washhouse burning in the rear of Dr. G. B. Sweeny's residence, Allentown. No. 11 Engine Company made the trip to the top of the Knoxville incline in just two minutes. retary of the first named company.

A YOUTHFUL FIEND.

The 15-Year-Old Murderer of Two Companions on Trial

FOR HIS COWARDLY CRIME.

Being With No Visible Idea of Moral Responsibility.

HIS VICTIMS SHOT WHILE ASLEEP

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. CHEYENNE, WYO., Dec. 8.-The trial of Charles Miller, the 15-year-old boy who murdered the young St. Joseph men, Fishbaugh and Emerson, in a box car near here September 27, is pending in the District Court. So far testimony corroborative of the boy's confession to the double murder is all the evidence introduced. He shot the two young men while they slept. One died instantly, the other living several hours with a terrible wound in his right temple.

Miller left the freight and followed his victims to Cheyenne on a passenger train. He left town next day, going to Brather's, near Manhattan, Kan. He was there just two weeks when he told the horrible story of the cowardly double murder. The young men killed had grown up in St. Joseph, and were reputable citizens of good families. They resigned responsible positions to come West, and started tramping with a common purse of \$150. For this money Miller, who joined them on the road, planned their assassination and did the murder.

His court demeanor is a quiet, unconcerned air. He is a being with no idea of moral crime. His mother died when he was born, and his father, a saloon keeper, died nine years ago. The boy was sent to an or-phan asylum, then bound to a farmer in Minnesota, and next to a farmer in Kansas. He proved utterly incorrigible, running away at every opportunity.

There is no claim that he is insane. The plan of counsel is to allow a conviction, then move for a pardon. The court room is crowded. Among the spectators are the father and mother of Emerson, one of the young m en murdered.

HUNDREDS WERE KILLED.

Terrible Explosions and Fires Reported

From Chinese Provinces. SPECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPATCE.] SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1 .- The Shanghai Mercury, received by steamer to-day, gives details of a series of remarkable explosions in several Chinese provinces At Wuhu, in Faiping Foo, the Government powder mills blew up early in November on Sunday morning, with a loss of 300 lives and the wrecking of all the houses in the vicinity. Of the 50 people at work in the mills at the time, only two legs were found. Another disastrous explosion occurred at the same place, which wreeked a thousand houses, but no further details have been given. A gunpowder explosion occurred in Pachow, in the Province of Ahnwei, and as a result one-half of the city was consumed by fire. A fire at Ningpo on November 7 destroyed 70 houses, in-cluding 26 new buildings just erected by the Roman Catholic Mission. The native girl who caused the fire by using kerosene

MISHAPS OF A DAY.

Edward Kearney Falls One Hundred Feet | Three Injured Men Received in the Allegheny General Hospital. The accidents were not few yesterday, but

> in machinery. JOHN THOMPSON-Three injured men were received at the Allegheny General Hospital yesterday afternoon. John Thompson, an emyesterday afternoon. John Thompson, an employe at the Pittsburg and Western Railroad machine shops, was caught in some machinery and badly squeezed and bruised about the body. His injuries are not fatal.
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> JOHN DONAHUE—John Donahue, employed at the Pittsburg Locomotive Works, had his foot crushed by a piece of machinery falling on it.

are now in progress between the State Deon it.
ARTHUR HADLEY—Arthur Hadley, while at work at No. 314 Duquesne way, received a com-pound fracture of the lower part of his leg by some machinery falling on him. WILLIE CONWAY—Willie Conway, a Southside boy, fell on the pavement yesterday and broke his arm.

MRS. NORMAN—Mrs. Norman fell on Butler street and broke an arm.

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.

The First Day's Proceedings of the Annual

Meeting at New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 8 .- The National Board of Trade met here to-day, 75 members being present. A. K. Miller presided and Mayor Shakespeare welcomed the delegates. The report of the Executive Council called attention to the objects and services of the organization, went into a detailed review of what had been done during the past year and suggested subjects to be acted upon at

the present meeting.

An amendment to the constitution mak-Washington the place a for holding the annual meetings of the board was defeated. A number of amendments in relation to membership were agreed to. The reports of the committee on "uniform commercial legislation in the States" and the "trusts" were laid over in the absence of the respec tive chairmen.

TRAIN ROBBERS' PLANS

Nicely Nipped in the Bud by the Arrest of

the Gang's Leader. ALTON, ILL., Dec. 8 .- Henry Levy, alias Samuel Seelig, was arrested in St. Louis Saturday. Seelig and some companions had planned to board the Chicago train on Tueswith a shoe knife, and then tried to commit day, at a point between here and St. Louis. One of the gang was to cut the wires working to St. Louis and to Chicago, and when tue train had started be was to uncouple the engine, which would be boarded by several of the gang and run up to Alton summit. While this was going on the rest of the gang was to rob the express car and the passer

> It was thought that the place selected for the robbery was the cut north of the city, where, on account of the heavy grade, trains going north run slowly. The arrest of See-lig, however, frustrated all the plans.

RAN OVER TWO PERSONS.

The Mercy Hospital Ambulance Injures

Father and Son.

The ambulance of the Mercy Hospital knocked down Anthony Wallet and his 15year-old son just opposite Magee street, on Fifth avenue. The father was thrown to one side, but the horses tramped on the boy, and the wagon went over his arm, breaking it. Neither are dangerously hurt, and were taken to the hospital.

When the accident occurred the ambulance was going to John Murphy & Sons'

B. & O. Companies Re-Elect the Old Boards

of Officers.

The annual meetings of the Pittsburg

undertaking establishment, where John Seward, an employe, had tallen and broken Tablecloths and Napkins for Christmas Put up in nest boxes. Nest designs, beautiful goods; prices from \$3 50 to \$10 50. TWO ANNUAL MEETINGS.

\$15 now for best as, \$15 to \$40 regularly. HUGUS & HACKE. and Allegheny Drove Yard Company and of the Pittsburg and Fairport Terminal were 4 BUTTON length fine French kid, in tans, browns, greys or black, at \$1. Special value. Every pair warranted and fitted to the hand. Jos. HORNE & Co.'s held at the B. & O. depot yesterday.

In both organizations the old board of directors were re-elected. Johns McCleave was elected President and C. S. Wright Sec-

THE NEW TARIFF LAW

the Continental Tube Works-Loss Esti-Chicago Importers Taking a Hand in the Fight Against It.

FIRMS MAY BRING SUITS IN COURT

Merchants Who Claim That the Act of Congress is Void.

THEY WANT THE DUTIES REFUNDED

CHICAGO, Dec. 8 .- The Chicago importers are taking a hand in the war that being waged against the new tariff law, but they are conducting the fight on a plan slightly different from that employed by the importers of New York.

The action is not exactly a concerted one, but interviews with leading merchants here show that they are all proceeding of substantially the basis outlined in the following talk with Mr. Barnhart, who is at the head of the foreign department at Marshal Field & Co.'s. "We have taken the position that the law

most valuable and necessary department of the entire plant was destroyed. Many is void in order to protect ourselves. On every occasion when we have paid valuable patterns were burned and the fire duties under the new law we have done so under protest. This protest acts the same as an appeal to the General Board of Appraisers in New York, was most disastrous in its results. The fire will necessitate the shutting down of the mill for some time, and will throw out about and as soon as that body renders a deciof them had insurance. The boss pattern maker had a kit of tools valued at \$200, and on one of the appeals, the next thing in or der will be to bring suit in the United about 20 men lost tools, each kit of which was valued at from \$60 to \$200. States Circuit Court to recover the difference between the duties under the new law and the tariff rates of the old law, under which, we claim, the duties should be imcupants were badly frightened. The furniure was hastily removed and piled up in

"Will your firm bring suit?" "Yes, we will bring suit to protect our-selves in case the law is declared void by

the courts. "What if Congress should amend the law at once by putting in the omitted clauses. "That might make the bill legal, but i ing companies: Commercial Union, \$5,000; Fire Association, \$2,500; Phoenix, of Hart-ford, \$2,500; Imperial, \$2,500; Union, of Philadelphia, \$2,500; Security, of Connecti-cut, \$2,500; British America, \$2,500. would not alter the claim of the importer for the return of what they have paid in excess of the old duties up to the present time. We would do the best we could to make the Government pay back the

CHICAGO'S NEW DEPOT.

The Japanese Murderer is Thought to Opening of the Northern Pacific and Wis-

consin Central Station. CHICAGO, Dec. 8 .- The new Grand Central Depot at Fifth avenue and Harrison street, erected for the joint use of the Northern Pacific and Wisconsin Central Railroads, was formally opened to-day. It began at noon with the unfurling of the Federal flag from the lofty tower, by a delegation from the Grand Army posts of this city. This was followed by the dedicatory exercises inside the building.

Heav Villard made a short address. He Henry Villard made a short address. gave a history of the Nortnern Pacific, Wisprises, and said that he had known Chicago since 1854 and had watched its onward strides since that time. On his first visit, he said he was not a railway king, as some people were now pleased to call him, but a fresh arrival from Germany. A reception was given at the depot to-night at which there was a large gathering of railway officials and prominent citizens.

Attacked by Alleged Strikers.

Thomas Taylor, a man living at Glenwood, was attacked by a gang of men, supposed to be Baltimore and Ohio strikers, and badly injured at at early hour this morning, when he was walking on the track toward walking on the track toward his home. He was carried away and laid beside the track, where he was found some time later by the police. His jaw was broken, and he was otherwise injured.

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